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Clothesline Project puts reality on display

T-shirts on display outside Women's Resource Center mark beginning of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

by Jessie Heying
Staff Writer

Red. Yellow. Blue. Tan. Green. The colors fly in the wind outside De LaSalle Hall.

A menagerie of color sways patiently from a simple rope displaying visual hope for change; sentient of the reality of sexual assault.

Saint Mary's Clothesline Project is empowering individuals affected by rape. Survivors, secondary survivors, and advocates against assault leave their message on a shirt, pair of pants, or other article of clothing for the world to see.

The Clothesline Project is the kick-off of April's Sexual Assault Awareness month, said Sharon Sobotta, Director of the Women's Resource Center.

Sex Signals was performed on campus earlier this week. Later this month, students and staff will take part in Take Back the Night, a march on campus for those who



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The T-Shirts outside of the Women Resource Center are part of the Center's effort to raise awareness about sexual assault. They will be on display through the end of this week.

have been affected by rape or wish to support survivors.

"Sexual assault needs to be talked about," said Robin Kobrin, who serves as a victim

advocate at Community Violence Solutions, a partner who has aided the Women's Resource Center in the implementation of this program.

"The affect has been astronomical," said Kobrin about the Clothesline Project

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The waltz: an SMC tradition

Annual integral dance began in the 1970s, adopted from Saint John's College

by Jo-Ann Arquillano
Assistant News Editor

On Thursday, April 7, 2005, students gathered at the Soda Center to celebrate Saint Mary's annual Integral Waltz. Integral professor, Denis Kelly, recalls the history of the dance at Saint Mary's. Kelly estimates that the dance, also known as the Integral Ball, has been a part of the Integral tradition since the 70's, around the same time that women were admitted to the college. The dance was introduced to the Saint Mary's campus by Integral students and faculty who decided to adopt the celebration from Saint John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. The Integral Program, said Kelly, is somewhat based on Saint John's study of the great books, and students and faculty decided to additionally include the waltz into their tradition.

"Part of the tradition here in Integral...is the feeling of wanting to create a kind of community and celebration" said Kelly. "It's a way for us...to celebrate the spring and have some sort of a dress-up affair."

Kelly shares the history of the waltz, recalling its origins at Saint John's College, where it was held in the same ballroom that George Washington is said to have danced in. "So there's a kind of tradition of the formal ball, a sort of a place where people get together." The Integral Waltz has become a staple in the program's history, and it has continued to evolve since its introduction to Saint Mary's some 30 years ago. The dance aims to not only encourage a sense of community but also encourage the appreciation of tradition and historical and formal forms of celebration. For the past seven years, dance instructor Jim Brosnahan has been teaching at the dance, familiarizing students with the steps of the waltz and swing dance and continuing the traditional theme of the dance.

This year marked the first time that Program Board has co-sponsored the event with the Integral department. This collaboration, according to Kelly, was a welcome development to the dance

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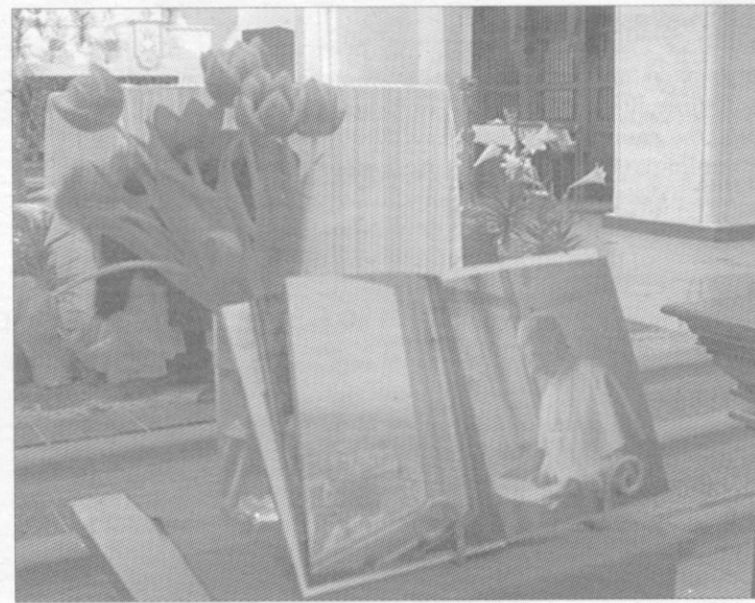
Masses held in conjunction with pope's funeral

Classes are not cancelled during Wednesday, Friday services

by Pablo Armas
Executive Assistant

On Wednesday April 6 and Friday April 8, Saint Mary's held two memorial Masses in honor of Pope John Paul II. The masses were held by Campus Ministry. The first one was held in Delphine Multicultural Lounge, the second in the chapel. The second one was held in solidarity with the Vatican as they were performing the Pope's funeral mass in St. Peter's Basilica. Despite the masses, class schedules were unaltered which may have played a key role in the low turnout of students for the two masses.

Christopher Kreuslich '05 and a member of Campus Pastoral Team commented on the turnout on the mass on Wednesday. "I was really disappointed with the turnout that we had on Wednesday." He continued, saying, "I saw people reading the sign and looking inside Delphine while we were celebrating mass and yet never bothered coming in. It was



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Masses in memory of the pope were held last Wednesday and Friday.

very disheartening to see." Kreuslich also felt that the school should have done more to commemorate the life and death of the pope, saying, "The leader of the Catholic Church has just died. I would have liked to have seen some kind of modified schedule to help accommodate for those that wanted to attend the masses. I'm not saying cancel

classes, but do something like we would for the Convocation or Mass of the Holy Spirit."

Father Tom McElligott, who co-celebrated the Wednesday mass with Father Sal Ragusa, felt that the masses were very hopeful, celebrating the life of a man who was "a clear voice of justice,

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Annual Asian Cultural Night kicks off APA heritage month

by Chris Mateo
Editor-in-chief

April at Saint Mary's College is Asian Heritage Month. On April 5, the Asian Pacific American community of SMC kicked off the month's celebrations with the Annual Asian Cultural Night (A.C.N.) in the Soda Activity Center.

The Asian Pacific American (APA) community celebrated the event's eighth year on the campus and unofficially introduced Asian Heritage Month to the community with a buffet dinner and cultural performances. "I was really excited for this year's A.C.N.," said Duyen Pham '05, President of APASA. "This year we don't have the same backbone and support from our past APA mentors, but we do have support from Student Involvement and Leadership and strong, dedicated members."

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APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Tuesday, March 29 — Friday, April 15, 2005



The Office of Admissions is pleased to announce the recruitment of Saint Mary's 2005-06 Ambassador staff. Dedicated Gaels are needed to lead campus tours, call prospective students and assist with campus events. Ambassadors work 8-10 hours per week and are paid standard college wages.

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Spring production looks at modern American society

by Bettina Adragna
 Staff Writer

The Performing Arts Department will be presenting three one-act plays by Edward Albee Thursday to Saturday, April 14-16 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m. in LeFevre Theatre. The plays are "The American Dream," "The Zoo Story," and "The Sandbox."

Dan Cawthon, director of "The Zoo Story," called Albee "America's most prominent playwright." Albee is the author of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "The Goat, Or, Who Is Sylvia?"

"Each [of the plays] has to do with the way we, as Americans, kill a part of ourselves in order to get all the material wealth and success that we want," said Cawthon.

"We're under a great, great pressure in this country to achieve financial and material success."

Sandra Alassio, director of "The American Dream" and "The Sandbox," said, "The American Dream is about the expectations that we have for life to be always happy, always work for us, [and] that we are consumed in our own

expectations of how it should work."

"I think it's really done to look at what influences us and the choices that we make, and what we are buying into in terms of the notion of the American Dream," said Alassio.

Michael Estes '05, who will play Daddy in "The American Dream" and "The Sandbox," said, "I definitely see the message as sitting down and thinking about what, as a whole society, we are doing [. . .] It's made me at least reexamine some of my beliefs and feelings about what it is we value the most and what makes the American dream happen for each person."

Zach Gholikely '08, who will play Jerry in "The Zoo Story," said, "It's relevant or interesting because it has a lot to do with what the kids are going through right now. A lot of it has to do with trying to make contact with people."

Julie Walsh '08, who will play Grandma in "The American Dream" and "The Sandbox," said that Albee is "trying to show that even though people may seem perfect, they're definitely not, and the things people strive for may not be what's really important."

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because it opened the event up to the wider Saint Mary's community. Additionally, this partnership also divided the cost between the Program Board and the Inte-

gral Program, enabling the waltz to be held despite previous concerns about money, said Kelly.

"The waltz went really well," said Program Board's Ariel Beverly, '06, who also described the event as "well attended," noting that 100 students took part in dinner and 20 more came for the dance. However, while the co-

sponsorship between Program Board and the Integral department was successful, Beverly said that "in future years, we will let Integral take the lead. It is an event they are known for and that they should take pride in, and this was a good kick-start back into their tradition of excellence and of the waltz."

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who spoke out against violence, dictators, those who would exploit the poor for personal gain," according to McElligott. He also felt that the masses helped unify the church as a whole community and showed the wide array of di-

versity that is reflected within the Catholic Church.

When asked about the number of students that attended the masses, he said "I wasn't disappointed at the number that attended. I'm glad that the school was able to do something for the pope, he was a great leader."

He noted that some students who have had the pleasure of having an audience with the pope

"were truly touched and moved by him. He made the church known and led it into the 21st century."

He also noted the brothers also celebrated a memorial mass among themselves in the chapel in the morning, which he himself celebrated.

"He was a good leader and a faithful servant of Christ. Thank God for him."

DEATH OF A POPE: A TIMELINE



John Paul II dies in his apartment

Public viewing begins; thousands pour into Rome

Pope's last will and testament released, including thoughts of resignation in 2000

Funeral held in St. Peter's square; John Paul II buried in St. Peter's grotto

Conclave begins; Cardinals begin voting for next pope

After the voting: the eldest of the College of Cardinals announces "Habemus papem" (we have a pope) and presents the new pope to the public in St. Peter's square

April

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WHAT'S HAPPENING...

TODAY

- Online voting: Senate Elections
- API Career Night - 6 p.m. - Roncalli Lounge
- Admissions overnight program

WEDNESDAY

- Online voting: Senate Elections
- "Life after sexual assault" - 11:30 a.m. - Delphine Lounge
- Music in the Quad - 12 p.m. - Ferroggiaro Quad
- Leadership workshop: "Spirituality in Leadership" - 4 p.m. - Delphine Lounge

THURSDAY

Program Board: Music in the Grove - 5 p.m. - Redwood Grove

FRIDAY

Gaelspot - 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Medival Play - 7:30 p.m. - LeFevre

Don't Forget

Gaelstock guest registration must be turned in by April 15th; Gaelstock is Saturday, April 23.

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(sorry due to space limitations we cannot list club meetings)

SNAPSHOT



Photo courtesy of Ariel Beverly

Saint Mary's students and staff enjoy a night of dinner and dancing at the annual waltz last Thursday, sponsored by Program Board and the Integral Department

APA Month: Career night, movie night also planned

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Regardless of the difference in A.C.N.'s organization, students in the audience enjoyed the event as much as years past. "I thought that it was a well put production," said Joe Esquivel '05. "The food was great and the performances were really cool. The spoken word piece was pretty powerful."

Some alumni returned to watch the current students carry on the A.C.N. tradition. "I thought A.C.N. was good," said Rochelle DeGuzman '03. "It had more of a proactive theme than the previous ones. There were more skits about being Asian American."

To officially celebrate Asian Heritage Month, the weekly Music in the Quad was the setting for the Opening Ceremony. Sodexo provided pan-Asian cuisine during the barbeque including roasted pig, chicken adobo, and teriyaki chicken. The Asian Pacific American Student Association along with Student Involvement and Leadership organized the luncheon entertainment.

"We had outside performers coming in to perform for us," said Pham. "We're having performances such as Taiko drumming and Hula dancing. We didn't have too many students speak at the



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A performer during the opening ceremonies last Wednesday afternoon

Opening Ceremony because Asian Cultural Night was the day before. These performers were here to basically let the campus know that Asian Heritage Month has officially started."

"API Career Night" will take place at 6:00 p.m. in Roncalli tonight, and students will have the chance to meet with various API alumni and other professionals who work in the humanities and social sciences.

April 21 marks API Movie Night and Dinner in Dryden Hall.

Finally, the Asian Heritage Month Closing Ceremony will take place in the Soda Center at 7:00 p.m. on April 28. In contrast to the off-campus performers introducing the month, the closing ceremony will feature students sharing their experiences as API on this campus. "We're asking students to share their views on their own heritage at [the Closing Ceremony]. So we're opening with outside performances and closing with an intimate look at SMC students," said Pham.

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beyond the bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

By TONY VALA-HAYNES

-VATICAN CITY, Rome—The Roman catholic cardinals have adopted a policy of silence when dealing with the media. The cardinals have requested that journalists leave them alone as they prepare to meet in conclave on April 18 to elect the successor to Pope John Paul II.

-MASON, Michigan—An auction of Ku Klux Klan items planned for this past Saturday was canceled after residents of the Mason community found KKK fliers on their doorsteps. Mason is a suburb community where Malcolm X resided for a time. While officials don't believe the fliers to be authentic, they recognized how much time must have gone into such an operation and canceled the auction for safety reasons.

-COLUMBUS, Georgia—Lester Zachary, 45, died Wednesday from internal bleeding after being shot with non-lethal bean bags. Zachary reportedly called a telephone hot line and confessed that he had a gun and was dreaming of killing children and himself. Zachary was shot when police came to apprehend him at his home.

-SAN ANTONIO, Texas—A woman is suing the city of San Antonio for an injury she sustained while attempting to slide down a fire pole at Fire Station No. 10 last October. Grace Estrada, 30, claims the city is responsible that she fell while sliding down the pole and as a consequence has been out of work for 5 months with an injured back.

-DETROIT, Michigan—A warrant was issued Wednesday against a 17-year-old girl accused of stabbing a 15-year-old girl in the face. Mallory Ann Seres is accused of assaulting a 15-year-old with a deadly weapon.

-NEW YORK—Brad Pitt's publicist is denying that the actor is in a romantic relationship with Angelina Jolie. Pitt's publicist claims the story about Jolie and Pitt in US Weekly is "completely untrue." US Weekly, however, stands by their story and issued a statement Thursday saying, "Pitt has long denied stories involving his personal life."

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The Guru speaks

by Colin de Leon-Horton

Opinion Editor

Over the years, I have found that my moods change based on the weather. Now that spring has rolled around, the newly prominent sun we're seeing after months of rain and overcast skies has made me think of when we were seeing sun here during the beginning of the year. I'm beginning to grow nostalgic.

As my last year at Saint Mary's ends, I end up looking back to what things were like before this year started. My summer was the most enjoyable that I ever had. I was living away from home, holding a decent job, and everyday coming home to an apartment with a view of the sunset over a pond full of ducks.

I realize that this column so far reads like so much Hallmark schlock, but it has to be said that, for once, my summer vacation actually served the purpose of relaxing and placing me in a state of happy anticipation for school.

Then again, there was also the fact much of what has transpired during this school year hadn't happened yet. None of the stress of working for this paper had set in yet. Nor had I even begun to think of the thesis that I would eventually leave to the last minute. Sweetest of all was that I still believed that there was a chance that George W. Bush could still be booted out of office for his idiocies. This year was ripe with possibilities and I intended to pluck it and savor. This, I completely failed to do.

Now, of course, looking back to see all the changes that have occurred and all the mistakes that I have made carries a bitter-sweet tinge that reminds me that I could have done much more with the time that I had. But even more discomfoting is looking forward into an uncertain future. The question of what I am doing next year is still unanswered, so I am left to imagine.

I absolutely will graduate, but after that, I have no idea. For instance, when I eventually apply to grad school, what the admissions department do when they see the uncommon major of "integral" on my application? Perhaps they'll scratch their heads and then toss my application aside for someone's that made sense to them. Will I get a job? Will I live in somewhere on my own again or will I move back home?

My, oh my.

Somehow, I'm not looking forward to being cast into the world after four years of relative security and an easy path to follow. Am I even ready? I'll be damned if I know even that.

After four years of complaining about school, I find that someone will actually need a lever to pry me away. The freshman year complaints about how bored I was here have dissolved to reveal a love for this college that I never expected upon entering it four years ago.

Maybe the best way is to just get a tent and live in the hills next year giving myself sponge baths when it rains. It sure sounds good when you don't know what else to do.

OPINION

Collegian View

Dear Editor(s):

It has been brought to my attention that there has been a serious lack of your so-called "Community Views." I am not one to be a stickler for such things, but I am, after all, an avid fan and frequent reader of your weekly publication.

Perhaps the apathy that has plagued the students of Saint Mary's College has taken a new shape in that of a community not so easily offended, or just not enthusiastic about submitting opinions. Perhaps the end of the year has brought on so many tasks involving a word processor, per-

sonal thinking, reading, or all of the above that views from this community will, from now on, only be spread via email, Myspace.com, or word of mouth.

These options upset me because, like I mentioned, I read your paper more than I read for seminar. Okay, for the sake of my professors, that last statement was a lie. Moving on, I am hoping that "Community Views" will once again grow and flourish into the beautiful, thought evoking, and debatable forum that I have known and looked forward to time and again.

In an attempt to revive "Community Views" I have come up with several suggestions. First,

call it "Letters to the Editor." By calling it "Letters" as opposed to "Views," readers of the Collegian would be more gregarious. They would understand that it does not take a community discussion to produce these "views." No, they would then understand that editors receive letters regarding either previous topics discussed in the Collegian or topics floating around the SMC campus.

Second, be more controversial. I'm pretty sure that you were all warned that the headline "Gael Football Uncut" would gather several opinions, yet none were voiced. Also, the headline

"Vaginas strike at SMC" caught no response. I was worried for a bit, but realized that I watched the Monologues last year and no striking would actually happen.

Third, write fake ones. Just kidding.

Anyway, I hope you understand where I'm coming from. Keep up the good work, and enjoy.

Sincerely,
Ed E. Tures

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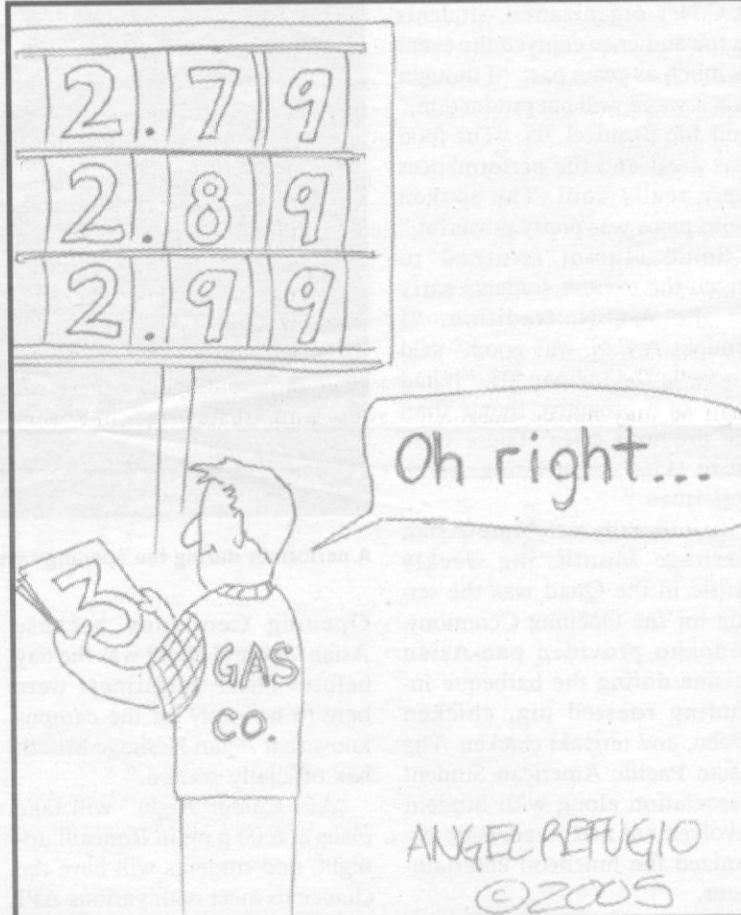
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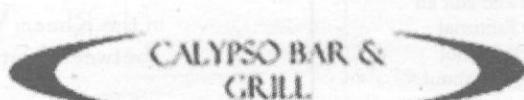
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Pope John Paul II

Has death masked his controversy?

by Mike Chin

Sports Editor

This week I witnessed in my life the greatest outpouring of sympathy for the Roman Catholic Church. For the last few days, millions of people, both Catholics and not, have given their condolences for the loss of Pope John Paul II. However, as I take a step back from all the television commentators and news reports, I must wonder "are American and European Catholics really sad that the Holy Father has passed?"

In the United States, as well as Europe, Catholicism is one of the dominant sects of Christianity (www.census.gov). However both socially and morally the Church's teachings have greatly conflicted with the society of 20th and 21st century western culture. Even the American Catholic Church is in disagreement with the Holy Father's teachings, particularly on three issues: abortion and birth control contraceptives, gay marriage, and women priests.

Although John Paul II is seen as an enlightened Pope, in many ways, particularly doctrinal, he was a hard line conservative. Although he may not be classified



as a Trentine Pope, it is fair to say that John Paul II represents the movement towards Roman Catholic orthodoxy. America in particular has battled for the liberalization of the church, particularly the acceptance of women into the priesthood. In 1994 John Paul II issued a Papal encyclical saying that the priesthood would be reserved for males only.

Quite possibly, a more pressing issue between the Vatican and Americans is the fight over homosexual rights. In America and prior to this Europe, governments and interest groups have battled over the question of gay rights and more specifically homosexual marriages. In the last year the Holy Father came out against these issues and restating that the

Church's position on marriage is that it is the union between a man and a woman.

Issues such as these have created a giant rift for American Catholics between their culture and faith. Such is the case for many politicians such as John Kerry and Ted Kennedy. Both are Roman Catholic, however both are pro choice and for gay marriage. They must walk a very fine line between what their faith tells them to do and what their constituents demand.

Thus, Americans Catholics have entered into a dilemma: are they to do what the Pope dictates or what is easiest and more accepted around the nation. As students of Saint Mary's College, a Roman Catholic school, we face these challenges everyday on an ongoing basis. So, as we continue to celebrate the life of Pope John Paul II, we must ask how is it best to carry on his legacy: Shall we do what he has preached or shall we break with his teachings where they conflict with societal views?

Quest for absolute power

by Jonathan Morales

News Editor

George Bush said he had "political capital," and that he intended to spend it.

Leaving aside the fact that whether or not a 51% victory can be considered "political capital," the Republican Party has certainly embraced the idea, and seems to be on a quest for nothing short of complete control of the American political system.

Rewind almost 200 years, when Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville wrote *Democracy in America*, which analyzed the world's first modern democracy. In the book, de Tocqueville gives his famous warning about the "tyranny of the majority," which he says can make a democracy just as bad as a monarchy. In a democracy, he said, the majority can oppress the minority, and therefore there must be protections against that.

The good news is we have protections against the tyranny of the majority. We have a system of checks and balances, including an independent judiciary. We also have a filibuster rule in the Senate to ensure that the minority power can still wield power in government.

These days, however, Republicans are launching a full-out attack on these protections. First, there is the Terry Schiavo case, a tragic situation with sound arguments on both sides. Unable to

Republicans are the ones who have "run amok"



Illustration by Melanie Linney/Collegian

settle the argument on their own, Michael Schiavo and Terry's family took the issue to the courts, which subsequently and consistently ruled against Terry's parents.

Republicans in Congress, however, decided that they didn't like that decision, and passed a special emergency law allowing Schiavo's case to be reviewed yet again in federal court.

Tom DeLay, the Republican Party's pillar of ethics, said that the judiciary had "run amok" and

that judges involved in the decision would pay for their actions. Republican Senator John Cornyn even suggested that judge's political decisions are the reason for recent violence against judges.

Now the Republicans want to eliminate the use of the filibuster, a Senate tradition that has protected minority parties, to block voting on ultra-conservative judges. They forget that the Senate in the past four years has confirmed over 200 of President

Bush's judicial nominees and that Democrats have only blocked 10 of the most right-wing nominees.

What they do realize though, is that eliminating the filibuster would allow Congress to act as a rubberstamp for whatever crazy judge Bush decides to nominate. It's called the "nuclear option" for a reason.

What's next? Eliminating the filibuster in all situations? Declaring null and void all Democratic senator's votes? Let's hope not.

But by attempting the rein the courts under their control and eliminate the most powerful tool the minority party has, the Republican party is clearly attempting to gain absolute control over the government.

There is, of course, a simple solution. Come November 2006, let's all go out there and make the Republican Party a minority again.

Reagan rolls over in his grave

by Jaime Zepeda

Staff Writer

With the death of Ronald Reagan last summer, much of the American right wing leapt on his memory and held him up as symbol for their side. However, Ronald Reagan, the conservative darling idolized by many inside and outside right leaning circles, is only the memory of an older and apparently obsolete conservatism. A man who held government suspicious, he claimed to want a smaller government. Reagan once said the most dangerous words in the English language are, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help." How hollow those words sound today. Apparently, during the Clinton years, the conservatism of old vanished, paving the way for neo-conservatism. I can only assume that "neo" is Latin for "not", since the ideology shares very little, if any, of the principles of traditional conservatism, but then again, I don't know much Latin.

Conservatives were known for being isolationist and fiscal cheapskates. I stress the past tense because those who claim to be "conservative" are not. Instead, like Bush, the cabinet, and many Republican Congresspersons, are neo-conservatives. Bush, Wolfowitz, Rumsfeld, Perle, to name a few, advocate approaches antithetical to Reagan conservatism, or "old/traditional" conservatism.

Their arrogant foreign policy, with its interventionist doctrine, as opposed to the isolationism original conservatism advocates and the immense growth of government, fiscally and socially, speaks the ideological death of Reagan. Even while Reagan dug the American spoon into other countries' business (e.g. Nicaragua, Iran), he did not boast it. He kept quiet, or at least whispered. He also promoted fiscal restraint, even though he led the country into massive debt—a staple of Republicans apparently. Nonetheless, his rhetoric called for a small government. In contrast, I heard more calls to minimize the government during the Clinton years than in Bush Jr.'s tenure.

The limitation of government did not stop with the money in Reagan's eyes, but it included the social, the everyday lives of Americans. Reagan decided to leave the government out of personal issues (even though one of those issues was the AIDS epidemic). Today, the definition of personal issues is blurry enough to include them in the government's jurisdiction. Gay marriage, the right to die, personal invasions in the name of the Patriot Act, all show the government's meddling in the intimate. Reagan, Bush is not.

While these "conservatives" are at odds in foreign policy with old conservatives and create conflict in social and fiscal issues, some traces remain. Privilege to the rich, military build-up, religious tinge, pro-business over pro-working class sentiment: the Republican Party is still intolerable. But, now you can't even argue with them. The fun is gone.

Players of the Week

Liam Kendregon

In a spring season that has been filled with disappointment for Gael sports, the men's golf team has shined and is currently a frontrunner for the WCC title. Much of this is in part to Kendregon who recently led the Gaels with a two under par in their last tournament.



Aude Lambert



Of all the spring sports athletes, it has been Lambert who has been the most valuable to her team. In team's last three matches the sophomore has really taken her to new heights, going undefeated not only in the #1 singles position, but also in doubles.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

Score Card

GAEL ZONE

Men's Tennis (4-9)
SMC defeats USF 5-2

Women's Tennis (8-6)
SCU defeats SMC 4-3

Baseball (12-17)
Pepperdine defeats SMC
6-4 and 9-1

Men's Rugby
#9 SMC defeats WWU 108-0
#9 SMC defeats Chico State

Women's Lacrosse (1-10)
Denver defeats SMC 16-2

Softball (7-31)
Loyola Marymount defeats SMC, 7-6 and 6-0

Women's Rowing
SMC defeats Sonoma State

SPORTS

Former SMC star hits the big leagues

Gael alumnus Mark Teahan starts opening day for KC Royals

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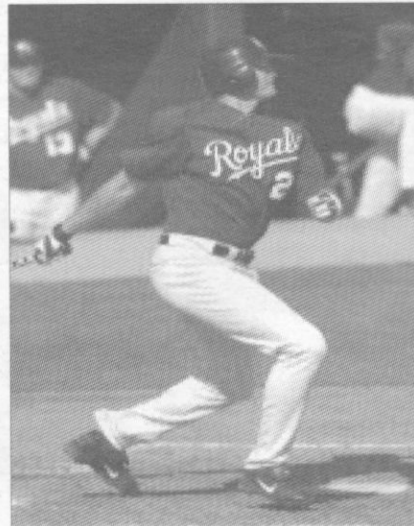
With Gael baseball on the way up this season, an old face popped up in Kansas City - Mark Teahan. The former Gael, who was an all-conference selection in his senior year, is the first player to come out of SMC since James Mouten.

The third base slugger who was drafted by the Oakland A's in the now infamous 2002 "Moneyball" draft, was traded last year to the Kansas City in the deal that netted Oakland Octavio Dotel. A year later, he is the Royal's Opening Day third baseman.

Teahan becomes the third player in Royal's history to make his Major League debut in the starting lineup. The others were left fielder Michael Tucker in 1995 against Baltimore and left fielder Joe Zdeb in 1977 at Detroit. Teahan went hitless in four at-bats.

"I've had better games but it's nice to get here, I guess," Teahan told MLB.com. "No hits but I felt like I got some good at-bats."

Although Teahan has gotten off to a slow start, hitting .182 (2-for-11), he got his first major league hit last week against Detroit reliever Ugueth Urbina.



Saint Mary's Statistics

Year	Batting Statistics					Fielding Statistics					
	AVG	AB	RBI	HITS	HR	SLG%	SO	BB	A	E	FLD%
00	.323	195	38	63	4	.400	34	40	142	12	.949
01	.360	186	33	67	0	.489	23	36	92	10	.929
02	.412	194	36	80	6	.624	17	30	109	4	.974
	.365	575	107	210	10	.504	74	106	343	26	.950

His second hit was against Tigers starter Mike Maroth, when he hit an RBI triple and later scored his first run.

Teahan has some lofty expectations. In Michael Lewis' "Moneyball," his hitting and power potential were compared to Jason Giambi.

Teahan was the first of three Gaels drafted in 2002, when outfielder Jason Waugh was

drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays and shortstop Brett Wayne was taken by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

After being drafted by Oakland, he moved between AA Midland and AAA Sacramento. There he was tagged as one of the top twenty products in the A's organization.

In Teahan's final season as a Gael he hit .412 with 25 extra

base hits and 36 RBIs with a .496 on base percentage.

John Manual of Baseball America called Teahan "a low-cost 3B with the potential to be an average or above-average offensively player." He also said that those in the know like his swing and approach, as well as his defense.

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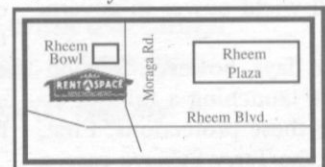
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