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Students enjoy improved Gaelstock

Great bands, more activities, inflatable toys make 2005 Gaelstock a hit

by Bettina Adragna
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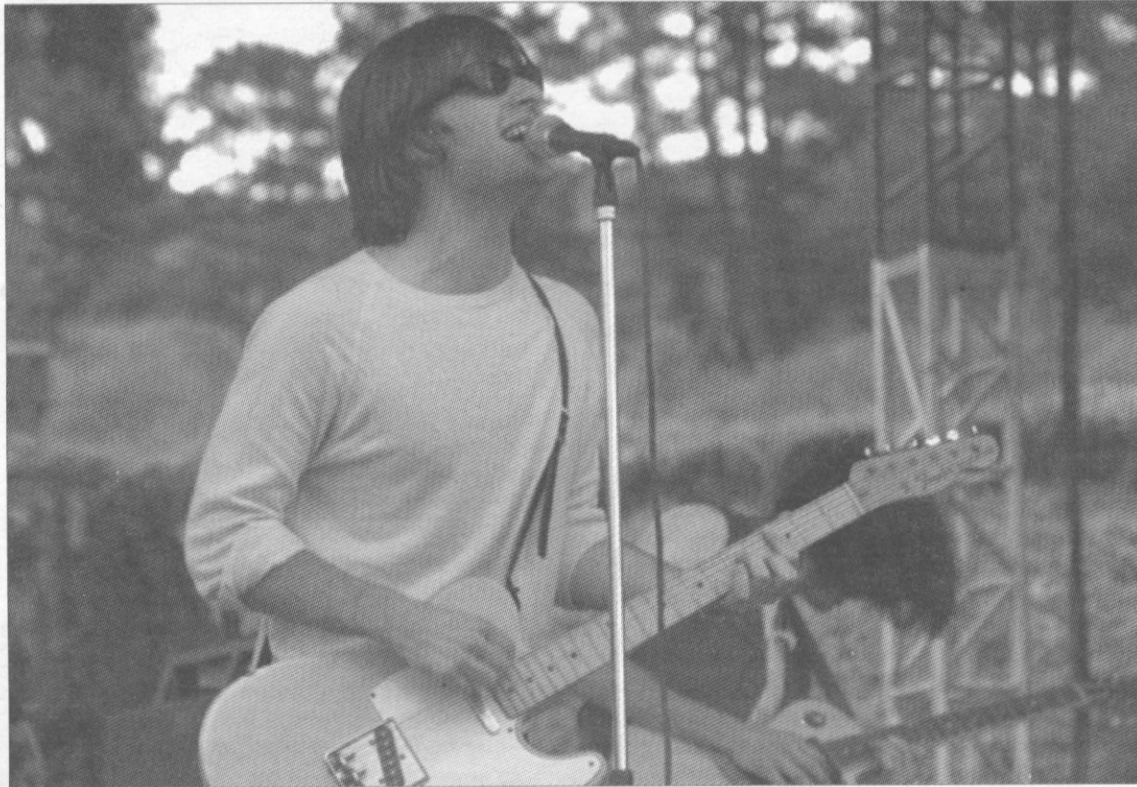
On Saturday, April 23, Gaelstock 2005 took place in the practice athletic field at Saint Mary's College, featuring the bands Rooney and The Redwalls, as well as acoustic singer Jason Levasseur.

The event started with a hip hop DJ and activities, including 3D holographic cards, caricature portraits, and inflatable games. There were food and beverages offered by clubs, and a beer garden for students who were 21 and older.

After the DJ, singer Jason Levasseur played original songs mixed with covers of well-known songs such as "No Scrubs" by TLC. The field was not very full until about 1:15 p.m., when more students began to come.

At around 1:00 p.m., the opening band, The Redwalls, played to a sizable group of people.

Finally, Rooney came on at about 2:30 p.m. Their songs included favorites such as "I'm Shakin'" and "Blueside" as well as new songs such as "Enough's Enough" and "The Juice."



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Robert Carmine and Rooney entertained SMC students at Gaelstock for about an hour last Saturday

After Rooney finished playing, some students remained on the field, waiting in line for caricature portraits or playing on the inflatables.

"I thought Rooney was really good," said Liz Johnson '06, adding, "The festivities were really fun. I liked the bouncy houses."

Annie Douglass '07 also commented on the inflatable games. She said that Gaelstock

2005 was "much better than last year. I guess it's because the [inflatables] showed up this year."

Some students offered suggestions for future years. Mike Gregory '06 said, "They should allow us to bring more than one guest, and it should be later in the day." Todd Callahan '05 said, "Beers were too expensive," but that "otherwise, it was good." Ryan Teran '05

said, "The security is way too strict."

Most students, however, seemed to have a good time. "It's a lot of fun. It was a good time to see everybody," said Sadie Thuet '06.

Katrina Andrade '06 added, "It was just great to be out there and forget all the stress of school."

Liz Garcia '06 said, "It was probably the best Gaelstock I've been to for a while."

Faculty rank and tenure: how is it granted?

Fired English professor asks questions about promotion process

by Jonathan Morales
News Editor

The issue of faculty rank and tenure is one few students know anything about, yet one that affects all of us. What determines whether a professor is promoted or not? Why do we sometimes watch a popular professor leave SMC?

The Faculty Rank and Tenure Committee, which consists of representatives from each of the schools at Saint Mary's, has the difficult job of deciding which professors are promoted or not. They meet for three hours every Tuesday.

"It's a huge responsibility, and they don't take it lightly," said Anne Perce, of Academic Advising.

When a professor is hired, their review years are set and their tenure year is also set. Professor levels are Assistant Professor, with six steps; Associate Professor, also with six steps; and full professor, with seven levels. The school's dean and the department chair determine at which level a professor is hired.

"It usually takes six years to get to tenure. That's generally the rule," Perce said.

The Rank and Tenure Committee begins meeting in the beginning of October and completes its review of cases by May. The final say goes to the president, currently Br. Ron Gallagher.

The tenure process is not without its critics, however. Chris Stroffolino, a professor in the English department, was informed last year that 2004-2005 would be his last year at Saint Mary's College.

"I think there's questions about how they go about the process of granting teachers tenure and keeping them on board," Stroffolino said. He expressed concern about faculty observations of class.

"They come in and see one class. They don't see the way I teach the whole semester," Stroffolino said. "I'll be the first to admit this, that when I had teachers coming to observe me, I didn't teach as well."

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Collin Pugh selected as 2004-2005 valedictorian

Pugh is chosen from field of twelve to deliver speech at Commencement in May

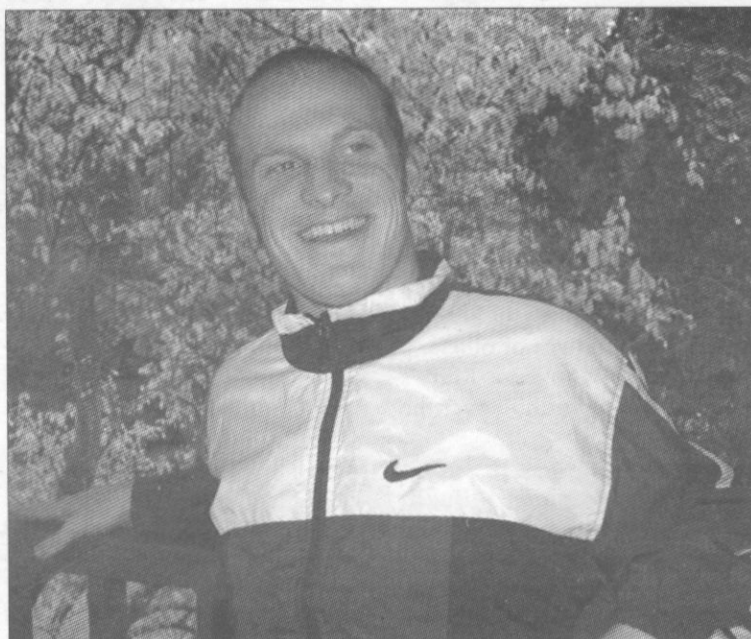
by Jessie Heying
Staff Writer

In three weeks the graduating class of 2005 will don their caps and gowns to happily receive their diplomas after four years at Saint Mary's College of California.

Four years of friends, parties, classes, Christian Brothers, and sporting events at a college surrounded by hills.

For Collin Pugh, valedictorian for this year's graduating class, hard work was the key.

Pugh, a Communication Major with a Religious Studies Minor, was one of 26 students eligible for the honor. Twelve students applied for the honor, which included both a written application and a speech deliverable to an audience for the May 21 commencement ceremony.



Jessie Heying/COLLEGIAN

Pugh described as a 'qualified and motivated' valedictorian speaker

A panel, which included staff and senior class officers, were responsible for choosing the valedictorian for the class of 2005.

"It was a surreal experience to be there that night, to hear twelve qualified individuals each give their own speech—each with unique attributes and qualities,"

said Senior Class President Jerrad Fanucchi. "To choose just one was an extremely difficult task."

"But in the end, a qualified and very motivating speaker was chosen," said Fanucchi. "I think we all tried to envision ourselves at graduation."

"Collin best represents our class not only in the speech he gave, but also in his actions both on and off campus," said Senior Class Officer Jessica DeAngelo.

"It made graduation seem so much closer," said DeAngelo of listening to the twelve dynamic applicants.

This year's valedictorian boasts a G.P.A. of 3.825.

"There are still academic pressures," said Pugh. "I would be doing the honor a disservice if I was complacent for the rest of the semester."

Pugh is trying to budget his time before leaving Saint Mary's

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Carnival for Kids returns to SMC

by Pablo Armas
Executive Assistant

This Friday, CILSA, with help from other groups on campus, will be hosting the third annual Carnival for Kids. A number of schools and organizations that deal with inner city children such as the De Marillac Middle school and the LEO Center will be bringing them to Saint Mary's for a on campus carnival hosted by various school clubs and organizations such as Campus Ministry, and Habitat for Humanity.

In an email to the Collegian, Theresa Traynor, Assistant Director for CILSA said that "The Carnival is an exciting chance to link the campus with children from a number of community agencies where students serve." All the clubs will be having booths where the children play and win prizes.

Lyone Harris, Residence Community Coordinator, has helped out with the Carnival in the previous years and remember how she got involved with it.

"One of the RAs that I was with was really pushing the Carnival for Kids and asked my floor to sponsor a booth," said Harris. "It was amazing. In the first year, rather than picking out small trinkets from a catalog, I had asked my residents to buy a small toy or gift that they would have picked for a little brother or sister. This one girl won a doll from our booth and the look that she had, my residents saw it just hit them because they realized that they just made a difference in someone's life. I enjoyed the carnival and appreciated the fact that one of the students in charge of the event asked me for feedback from someone that had sponsored a booth."

Harris is also glad that the Carnival was started by a student,

saying that "it gives students inspiration to use their creativity to think of something big and lasting so that it can be passed down."

Although the carnival is designed for children, Traynor asked that the faculty and staff not bring their children to the event.

"Unfortunately, we can't accommodate other children because the mission and budget of the Carnival orients us to welcoming children from our community partners."

All in all, the carnival should be a memorable experience for all.

"For the 250 children, 400 Saint Mary's students, and numerous faculty and staff participants, it will be an afternoon of fun and friendship" said Traynor. Harris thinks it'll be more than that.

"I hope that the day reminds student of what they are here for and what is important in life."

TENURE: What role do student evals play?

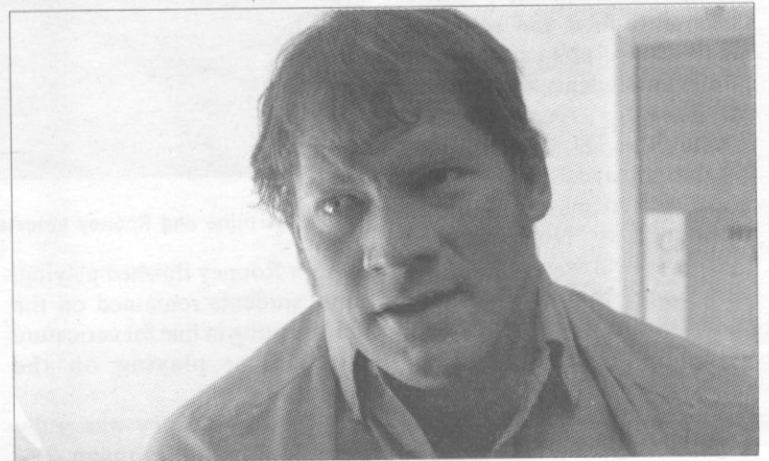
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He also expressed concern that student evaluations weren't considered heavily enough in promoting teachers and granting them tenure.

"What the student had to say about me ultimately mattered less than what my other teachers had to say about me. I found that to be kind of unfair for several reasons," he said. "If the vote on me is in May, what they're looking at is not the students who actually took me this semester. They're looking at what the teacher who came in said."

Stroffolino added that he felt it was more important to spend time with students than with other faculty.

"I...spent a lot of time with office hours with students, but



English Professor Chris Stroffolino

Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

what I didn't do, I didn't schmooze with the other faculty members, because I've never had to do that before," Stroffolino said.

Perce said that the student evaluations are a part of the rank

and tenure process. Student evaluations for professors up for tenure are sent to the Rank and Tenure Committee, not just the professor's department.

"They do definitely take them into consideration," Perce said.

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College and entering the job market.

Although he dreams of a career as a sports broadcaster, he is pursuing a job in management.

"It's the interpersonal relationships involved," said Pugh, who recognizes the benefits of affecting the lives of others; a key aspect to why Saint Mary's became a home for him over the last four years.

"Overall, I've had great professors," said Pugh,

"Somehow for me, [Communication Professor] Ed Tywoniak went beyond this. He has a knack for understanding students."

"He wants you to succeed," said Pugh, who took the understanding and amiability of the Communication Department chair to heart.

Pugh believes professors at Saint Mary's help create a sense of community.

"Here, you're a person, someone with a name, someone with unique characteristics," said

Pugh of the community known as Saint Mary's. "We're not just people, but individuals."

"It was a good fit for me to come here after high school...and it has slowly blossomed into a great fit," said Pugh.

The speech Pugh will deliver at graduation is a tribute to this fact, his speech exemplifies the importance of being surrounded by community.

A community he calls Saint Mary's College.

"I'm 100% happy to say I'm a Gael," said Pugh.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

TODAY

Organ concert - 11:30 a.m.
Prayer and mass with Brothers - 5 p.m.

De La Salle Week "Let Us Remember..." Celebrating De La Salle and Our Lasallian Heritage - April 25-29

WEDNESDAY

Denim Day
Social Justice Contributions of SMC API Women - Delphine - 11:30 p.m.
International Food Fair/ Music in the Quad - 12 p.m.
Take Back the Night - Quad - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Soup and Substance - Alemany - 11:30 p.m.
Hike and Story at the Cross - 3 p.m.
Dinner with Brothers - Oliver Hall - 6 p.m.
Asian Heritage Month Closing Ceremony - Delphine - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

BBQ at De La Salle Statue - 11:30 a.m.
Carnival 4 Kids - 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Admissions Open College Fair
Diversity Dance - Scott's Seafood, Oakland - 7 p.m.

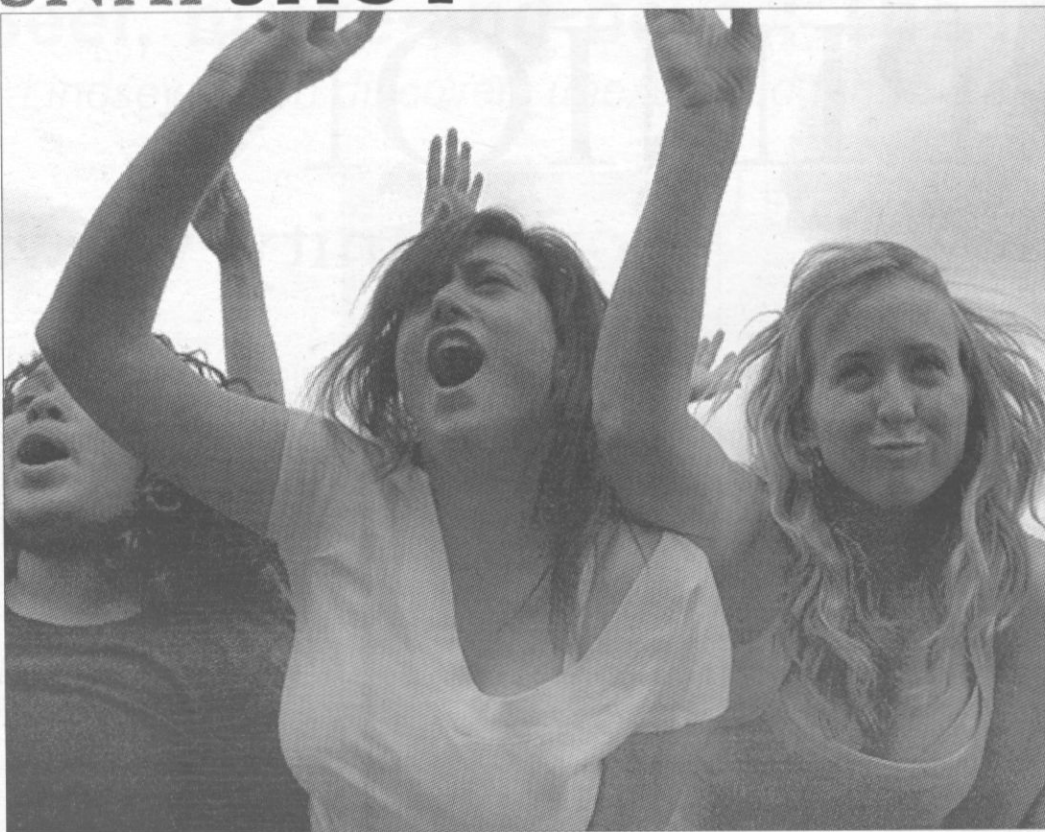
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SNAPSHOT



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The cloudy weather Saturday didn't stop SMC students from enjoying Rooney's Gaelstock performance.

Duyen Pham wins 2004-2005 student affairs award

Senate also readjusts 2005-2006 Enlivenment fund

by Jonathan Morales
News Editor

On Sunday, at the last meeting of the year, the ASSMC Senate chose Duyen Pham '05 as the recipient of the 2004-2005 George R. Milliken Award.

The George R. Milliken award was set up by his brother William J. Milliken to give to a graduating senior who is "most distinguished for unselfish...devotion to student affairs."

Pham is currently the president of APASA, the highest rated club

on campus during this year's club evaluations. Pham is also a member of Campus Ministry, and has been a Bonner Leader.

Other finalists for the award were Stephanie Roybal, Angel Vasquez, and Erik Johnson.

The Senate also spent close to 50 minutes debating the ASSMC budget for next year. According to Jim Sciuto, Enrollment is expecting 20-30 fewer students enrolling for the 2005-2006 school year, leaving a budget gap due to less student body fee money. To make up for the gap, the Senate did not provide Enlivenment funding for new student programs.

Earlier at the meeting the SMC Democrats were chartered by a vote of 21-0, with one abstaining.

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NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

By TONY VALA-HAYNES

-VATICAN CITY--Pope Benedict XVI was inaugurated in front of hundreds of thousands of pilgrims in Saint Peter's Square, officially beginning his papacy. In his homily, he reached out to people of all faiths, saying, "Finally, like a wave gathering force, my thoughts go out to all men and women of today, to believers and nonbelievers alike."

-INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana—Interstate 465 was backed up this past Friday after a tractor-trailer spilled a cheese mixture onto the highway. The driver reportedly told police he was changing the radio station when he noticed his truck was no longer on the road. As a consequence he overcorrected and his truck overturned on the highway. The cheese mixture was said to be for feeding livestock.

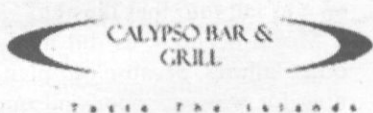
-SAN DIEGO, California—An amusement park in Mission Valley has been forced to close down one of its inflatable slides after a serious protest from a visitor. The "Titanic Adventure" is a giant slide resembling the famous shipwreck. Samuel Livingston declared that one of his relatives helped recover bodies over 90 years ago when 1,500 people were killed after the Titanic sank. His response to the inflatable slide was, "Yes, it was 93 years ago, but I hope in 93 years we don't have inflatable twin towers." The park operator hopes to keep the slide and simply change the title.

-SAN JOSE, California—Anna Ayala, 39, was arrested this past Thursday in her home after lying about finding a finger in her chili at a Wendy's restaurant. Ayala has been charged with grand larceny. Police, however, have yet to find the origin of the finger.

-INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana—The largest "Star Wars" convention is to take place this past weekend. Over 30,000 people from all over the world arrived in anticipation of the final "Star Wars" film to premiere May 19. George Lucas will make his first appearance at a convention in over 15 years.

-NEW YORK, New York—A new study shows that one in five teenagers have tried painkillers such as Vicodin and OxyContin. Doctors are referring to these teenagers as "Generation Rx." This new study shows that teenagers are more likely to abuse painkillers than other drugs such as cocaine, Ecstasy, LSD, and crack.

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The new Pope



by Pablo Armas
Executive Assistant

Like many people, I have only known one pope. Whenever someone says the pope, I would sometimes think of Karol Wojtyla, also known as John Paul II. Now that he's gone, we have a new pope, Benedict XVI. He'll barely be pope for a week and yet already people are making assumptions on the papacy he'll have and judgments on whether he'll be poor or good for the church. Among the common complaints are that he is too old, not from Africa or Latin America and that he is too rigid in his thinking.

The age factor should not be an issue. Granted, he's 78 years old and probably won't reign as long as John Paul II, but one shouldn't worry about how long he reigns, but rather what he does while he's reigning. If he only lasted for five years, but managed to perform extraordinary deeds that help the church out for years to come, that's ok. He did what he felt had to be done.

Also, location of his birth shouldn't be that much of a concern. The Church is universal; it is present in 6 continents and over a hundred countries. Yet from all of these countries, they must pick only one man to be the leader of a faith with over a billion followers. Clearly some people will be upset that their country was not where the next pope came from (by the way, the last time a German was picked to be pope was during the middle ages in the 1300's).

Finally there is the issue of where he stands and what he'll do. All in all, it's safe to say that his views probably fall in line with his predecessor, who asked him to head the Congregation of the faith in 1982. However that is not to say that he may not surprise us. Another pope, John XXIII, caught the faithful in amazement as he called all the cardinals together in what is now known as the Second Vatican council. Nobody expect this man to pull anything that revolutionary upon the church. They expected someone to maintain the status quo, not compel the church to reexamine itself and change. The same can be applied to John Paul II. He too also changed the face of the church. That is evident in the legacy that he left behind. He did things that no one expected the church to do. So all I'm saying is wait and see what Benedict XVI. He may surprise us.

OPINION

Collegian View

Here at *The Collegian*, few of us have seen the inside of the infamous Saint Mary's "drunk tank" that is set up during Gaelstock. Nevertheless, the stories that circulate have aroused concern among us. From what has been told to us, it appears that the care that students receive in the "drunk tank" is shoddy and inconsistent. For instance, one student claims to have blown a blood alcohol content level of 0.26. He was admitted at noon, and was released at 1:35 to a Public Safety officer who escorted him home. Upon arriving home, the student opened and consumed a forty-ounce bottle of malt liquor.

Another student, a female, was admitted at one o'clock and blew an inconclusive blood alcohol content level. However, this student was unable to leave until 3:50 PM. According to the "drunk tank" staff, it was not permissible for the student to be released to a male student. After

the sexual assault charges that the school went through a few years ago, this policy at least makes sense. However, it was equally impermissible for Public Safety to escort her home.

This obvious inconsistency of policy bothers is alarming. What is the purpose of the "drunk tank" if it allows for intoxicated students to leave and drink more? And why will the staff not allow those entrusted with the students' safety to escort a student home just because the student is female?

It makes us suspicious of the concern that is displayed for the students, not by the staff, but by the administration when they allow for such circumstances to happen. A student body should not be distrustful of its administration. The "drunk tank" needs to be a place that is actually able to more adequately assist students, or it is nothing more than a figurehead established to keep the school out of legal troubles. The administration needs to find a better way.

Community Views

An article wrote that there is a "popular caricature of feminists." What about the unfair caricature of men? There was talk about jokes. What about jokes on how men are undependable? Unreliable? Horny 24/7? About how all we do is sit in our own garbage playing video games? Aren't "stereotypes like this are ridiculous and harmful"?

Oh, and the assumption that "if a girl gives a guy a dirty look for opening a door for him," it's

simply dirt off the shoulder. This isn't a double standard... not at all. Guys are supposed to hold open doors for girls. After all, guys don't have emotions... the very idea that a man might possibly have feelings that can be hurt is absurd. And on the off chance that he does, "he'll get on with his day."

Oh, but if you hurt a girl's feelings by not saying thank you, you're a male chauvenist pig who believes that women are subservient.

-Billy San Juan, '08

A dispatch from Iraq: The season of peace

From August to December 2004, a U.S. Army lieutenant was stationed in Iraq. During this time, he kept correspondence with his family and friends through e-mails. The following letter was sent on Christmas 2004

I've been working as the Staff Duty Officer today. Due to some scheduling challenges, I was unable to get a flight to see my family until tomorrow, so I decided to delay my block leave by a couple days. Having nothing to do at Christmas, I volunteered to stand duty. This is not as selfless as some of you may be thinking—the fact is, there is no place open to eat on Christmas day. If I'm on post, I can at least eat at the chow hall.

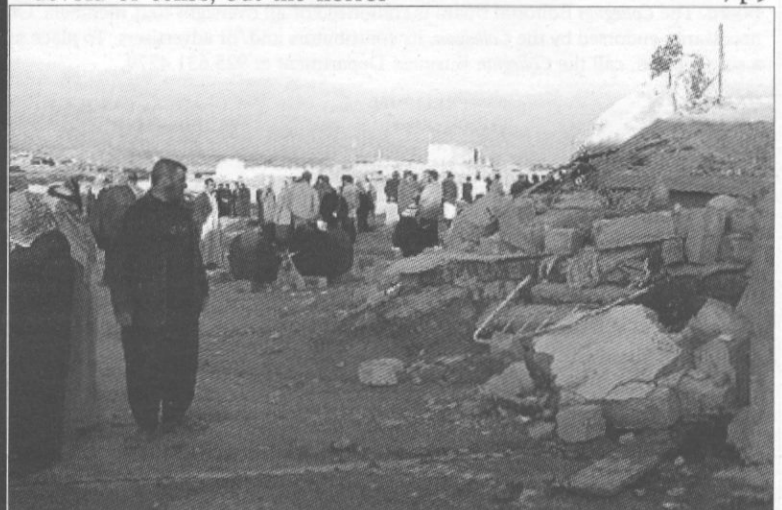
The other reason I don't mind pulling this duty because so many soldiers are spending their Christmas in harm's way. One really can't complain about sitting at a desk in a nice warm office when your friends are getting shot at. I have not yet seen the casualty list for the incident in Mosul, so I do not know if any of the people I know are among the dead or the wounded.

War is unavoidably ugly and devoid of sense, but the horror

seems to be hitting a steeper curve in the past few days. Indeed, this is to be expected, as it is straight out of the insurgent playbook. Those who study unconventional warfare are well aware that insurgents will attempt to strike at weak points to create a sense of vulnerability and destroy credibility. It is tempting, and somewhat comforting, to write off the Mosul attack by taking this sort of big-picture view. It would be a mistake to fall into that illusion.

Mosul occurred, as did many other failures, because our planning for war was poor and our means to conduct it remain inadequate or inappropriate to the fight at hand. I note that despite our heavy-firepower attempts to quash the enemy, they become more effective on a weekly basis. We are attempting to destroy a puddle of mercury by stamping upon it. As long as we remain blind to the failure of our current policies, we will lose. Indeed, I think it is fair to say that we are losing now. In order to win this war, we are tasked with destroying the insurgency, estab-

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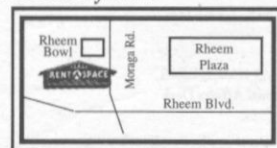
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by Lindsey Owen

Copy Editor

College life has been an improvement upon life in high school in many, many ways. For one, I don't live at home anymore, which means: no curfew, no parents plaguing me to do my work, cookies and milk can constitute a meal, boys can spend the night—err, maybe not the last for those of us still living on campus... At any rate, I can go away over breaks or for the weekend without even running my plans past my parents. More importantly, thanks to the fabulous phenomena that is "suitemates," I have fun places to go for the weekend.

When my suitemate Ali first invited me to her hometown for the annual Red Bluff Round-Up, I was skeptical. Red Bluff is a small town in northern California, and since I grew up in the suburbs of south Jersey and the Bay Area, rodeos were practically a foreign concept to me. However, as the pressures of various class projects, holding two part-time jobs, and editing for the immensely time-consuming Colle-

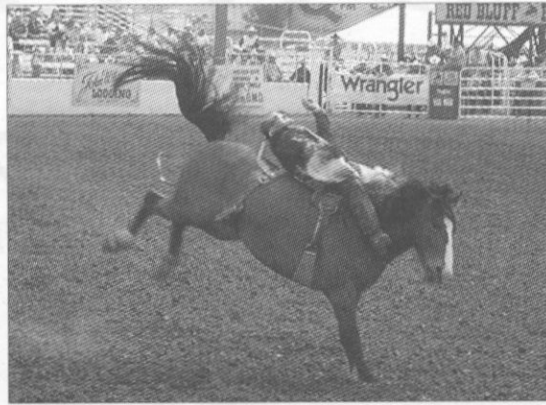


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gian piled on, I began to eagerly anticipate a weekend away from campus.

We started off the big day by going to the parade downtown, where the entire town turned out. Any who weren't lining the sidewalks were participating in the hour long parade, which included every local group from various church groups to miniature donkey breeders. It was a gorgeous day, silly string and candy were flying, and my friend Jenise filled the memory card on her digital camera (it was her first parade—believe it or not).

From the parade, we proceeded on to the fairgrounds, where Ali had gotten us VIP seats for the rodeo. We arrived early to wander through the fair and buy lunch: glorious, tri tip sand-

wiches. I was fairly certain I had died and gone to Heaven. But it got better and better. On our way to the seats I discovered the cocktails tent. The rodeo had a fully stocked bar, with all

drinks only \$3.50! (It's good to be 21.) Our group settled in our seats, Jack Daniels and sodas at hand, to enjoy the show. And what a show it was... Ladies, let me tell you, cowboys are HOT. In fact, they are the very embodiment of the word "sexy." I now adore rodeos.

Actually, it wasn't just the tri tip, liquor and hot men. The rodeo itself was as thrilling and exciting as the men competing. We attended day two of the rodeo, where the cowboys had one more chance to score high and make the cut for the final day of competition. Bull riding and bare-back riding both required the cowboys to stay on the animal's back for 8 seconds, and scores were then based on the cowboy's style and how difficult the ride was. This meant the men



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were actually spurring on the horse and hoping for a bad-tempered bull to score higher. When the cowboy got flung off the animal (or dismounted if it could be called that), there were rodeo clowns to distract the bulls/horses and four (hot) men on horseback, armed with lassos, ready to herd the animals out of the stadium. Ali had attended rodeos all her life and laughed each time Jenise and I gasped at what we thought were close calls.

The bull and bare-back riding were my favorite because of tension and excitement running through the crowd, but the steer wrestling and calf roping shocked me with how bold and

how fast with their hands the cowboys were. Steer wrestling means a cowboy on horseback chases a steer out into the stadium, jumps

onto his back while grabbing him by the horns, and wrestles his shoulder to the ground. There were not nearly as many competitors in that event. In calf roping, a cowboy on horseback chases a little calf into the ring, lassos him around the neck, ties the rope to the horse and jumps down, the horse backs up while the cowboy throws down the calf (if it isn't already stunned) and ties its legs together. All in approximately 8 seconds. (Yes, we were drooling at this point.)

By the end of the day, Jenise and I had already begun the cycle of demanding, begging, and bribing that Ali take us back next year. In the mean time, if you know of any rodeos in a 100 mile radius, let us know!

Peace: A soldier in Iraq shares his views on army policy

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lishing a legitimate government, and stabilizing a nation of millions. The insurgency, on the other hand, needs only to disrupt our efforts at every turn, and in this they are being quite successful.

We now know that Mosul was a suicide bomb attack. How the bomber got himself and his explosives through the gate is not yet known, but the latest reports indicate that the bomber was an Iraqi National Guard soldier. We have known for months that the ING is riddled with turncoats and insurgent agents. However, we do not yet have a system for tracking these soldiers who are ostensibly our allies. This is remarkable when you consider that men returning to their homes in Fallujah are being fingerprinted, scanned with a high-tech retinal reading device, and issued ID cards. How is it that we are overlooking the security threat of the ING?

It is also conceivable that the ING soldier who martyred himself and slew some twenty of our soldiers was a recent convert. The recent capture of Fallujah reportedly destroyed several thousand civilians. It is not too hard to imagine an ING soldier breaking down after seeing the bodies of women and children, his own fellow citizens, lying in the streets of Fallujah. Why wouldn't an Iraqi soldier turn against us then? Indeed, we might be more surprised that it hasn't occurred more often—per-

haps it will. This does not bode well for our intent to turn security over to the hastily recruited ING.

I think when we look back on this war in the coming years, Fallujah will be recognized as our turning point—not the latest assault with heavy firepower that left the town in ruins, but the first unsuccessful ground assault. After the very public deaths of four security contractors, we were goaded into a battle that was ill-prepared and ill-conceived. We lost that fight to public opinion and the insurgents were able to establish a strongpoint there. Although we later destroyed that strongpoint, the damage was done. The first battle of Fallujah was a military victory for the insurgents. The second was nominally a military victory for coalition forces (the town is still not fully pacified), but is swiftly proving to be a massive moral defeat. The destruction of the town and many of its citizens has played poorly in the eyes of the world.

I have heard the arguments that the citizens of Fallujah were given an opportunity leave, and therefore any citizens remaining



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must be considered supporters of the insurgency. I have also heard the argument that heavy firepower must be used in Fallujah because the insurgency only respects force. It therefore becomes acceptable to destroy Fallujah and its citizens. The problem with this argument is that we have heard a very similar argument before in the mouth of Osama bin Laden. Recall that he justified the attack on the WTC and the ensuing civilian deaths with almost the same words—the United States only respects force, and all the citizens of the United States are guilty of supporting immoral policies of the United States government.

Therefore the attack on the WTC was a legitimate attack. How are we now to distinguish

ourselves from the terrorists? Our moral compass is failing us.

I'm sure my words are going to anger many people who receive this, but I will note I am not the only military man to claim this. Marine veteran H. John Poole has recently published an analysis of the insurgency entitled "Tactics of the Crescent Moon." In his prologue, he unequivocally states that US forces will only become more effective if they project less force. He argues, in other words, for a counter-insurgency that does not hand the enemy the moral victory through massive, poorly directed force. However, as long as our senior leadership remains blind to this problem we will continue down the same path, and no doubt we will taste

defeat. History is not kind to us in this regard—we attempted to bomb the Vietnamese back to the stone age and still lost.

Meanwhile, soldiers continue to stand and speak the truth about poor planning and shoddy resources. The latest barb is not SPC Wilson's much publicized question about armored vehicles, but a recently published report by one MAJ Isaiah Wilson. MAJ Wilson was in fact one of the men tasked with planning this war, and also acted as the official historian for his unit. MAJ Wilson argues that there was virtually no post-manuever planning to wrap up this war, and that the failure to plan was at the behest of the highest. Given that MAJ Wilson is now assigned to teach at the United States Military Academy, it is hard to see how his argument lacks credibility. The small crowd of retired generals and admirals speaking out is also quite telling.

It is difficult for me to say these things while so many soldiers are still downrange. I do not say these things to dishonor the efforts or their sacrifices. Nor do I wish to be a disobedient soldier. But my silence will serve no good purpose, and I would very much like to see my brothers and sisters out of harm's way. I can only hope that we may see peace in Iraq by this time next year. But that, I fear, will need a miracle.

I hope this letter finds you all well.

Players of the Week

Kevin Trochez

Of all pitchers this year for the Gaels, it has been Trochez that has been the most consistent this season.



Posting good outings day in and day out, his most recent win came on Saturday as the Gaels knocked off the Broncos 5-4. Trochez started the game and pitched 2 1/2 shutout innings.

Stef Ordoveza

On Friday, when the Gaels needed it most, Ordoveza came through winning a huge match against Santa Clara to clinch 4th place for the Gaels in the WCC this year. The freshman has been a staple on the team, playing in the sixth spot all season while posting a solid record for the Gaels.



-Michael Chin, Sports Editor



Softball (7-31)

#9 Oregon State defeats SMC 7-1, 8-0
SMC defeats SCU 3-2
SCU defeats SMC 7-2

Women's Lacrosse (1-12)

George Washington defeats SMC 19-6

Men's Tennis (10-10)

SMC defeats USF 4-0
Portland defeats SMC 6-0

Baseball (14-23)

SMC defeats SCU 5-4
SCU defeats SMC 5-3
SMC defeats Pacific 3-2

Women's Tennis (11-7)

SMC defeats SCU 4-3
Pepperdine defeats SMC

4-0

SPORTS

Clapp and company face new challenges *New assessments offer solutions to aging athletic facilities*

By Sam Adams
Co-Sports Editor

Saint Mary's College Athletic Director Carl Clapp announced that the school has hired Gensler to review the Athletic and Recreational Facilities of the College. Saint Mary's told reporters they have hired Gensler to help develop an Athletic Regional Plan for all the athletic facilities of the College.

Keith Fuchigami and John Parkin are the two consultants from Gensler that will work with Saint Mary's. The two will evaluate current athletic facilities at the College, review various plans that have been discussed during the past several years, and develop a plan for athletic venues, which will be turned into the Saint Mary's building plans. They will also prepare an evaluation matrix for each of the proposed athletic and recreation venues.

"I have confidence in Gensler, and Keith, and John to help get our facilities plan moving in the right direction," Clapp said in a press release. "Once the facilities plan is developed, we will move quickly to begin raising funds to enhance our athletic and recreational facilities."

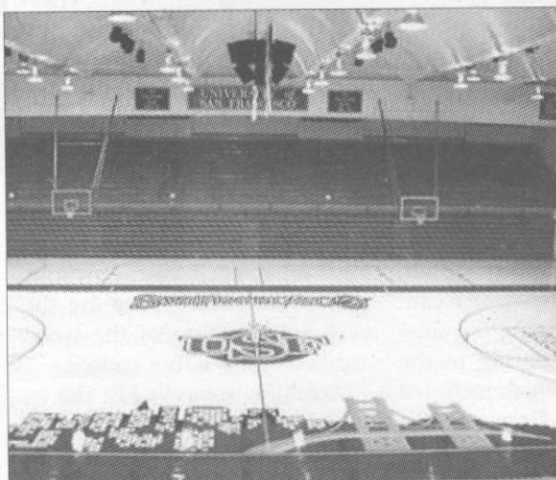


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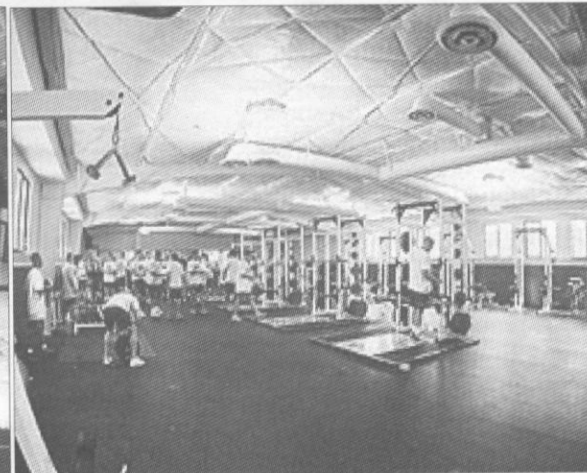


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Gensler group is responsible for several other WCC facilities including USF's War Memorial Center (above left) and San Diego's Jenny Craig Pavilion (above right). Currently Saint Mary's has the lowest amount of square footage for athletic facilities in the conference at just above 2000 square feet.

Fuchigami and Parkin will be looking at things such as the condition of existing venues in terms of code and seismic issues, functional issues, drainage, conditions of the turf, irrigation, noise, and lighting issues. The matrix will help in the decision making as to whether an existing facility should be remodeled or replaced. Other focuses will be suitable locations for additional venues, creations of zones for athletics, recreation, and student life, location of additional parking for the venues, and pedestrian access to the venues.

"I anticipate that we will start fundraising for new facilities or renovations of existing facilities in the next few months," said Clapp. "We are looking forward to working collaboratively with our campus architect, our colleagues in student life, SMC's Advancement Office and the President's Office during this process."

This all comes soon after the re-signing of basketball coach Randy Bennett. Bennett maintained the way that he would stick around is if the school showed a commitment to becoming more committed to

their sports programs, especially through an upgrade in facilities. This is a first step towards that type of commitment.

Fuchigami and Parkin have helped produce athletic facilities at a number of California institutions over the years. Some of their work includes the Pat Malley center at Santa Clara University, the Activities and Recreation Center at UC Davis, the Burns Recreation Center at LMU, and Jenny Craig Pavilion at San Diego. Both have also been involved with buildings at Pepperdine, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Riverside, and USC.

2004 Collegian Athletic Award Ballot

Best Male Athlete:
Daniel Kickert- Basketball
Joe Lanza- Golf
Peter Burns- Lacrosse
Volney Rouse- Rugby

Best Female Athlete:
Mandy Bible- Volleyball
Aude Lambert- Tennis
Triola Jackson- Basketball
Kau Salzman- Volleyball

Senior of the Year:
Paul Marigney- Basketball
Triola Jackson- Basketball
Diego Rovira- Soccer
Lindsey Bogason- Volleyball

Team of the Year
Men's Basketball
Men's Rugby
Golf
Women's Volleyball

Coach of the Year
Randy Bennett- Men's basketball
Scott Hardy- Men's golf
Lisa Alipaz- Women's Tennis

Freshman of the Year:
Missy Stidham- Volleyball
Stef Ordoveza- Women's Tennis
Brian Mason- Men's Soccer

Please Email your votes by May, 7th to mchin@stmarys-ca.edu or collegian@stmarys-ca.edu or bring it by the Collegian Office and drop into the envelop titled Collegian Sports Awards. Results will be revealed in the last issue of the Collegian.



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WCC Tournament brings mixed results for tennis

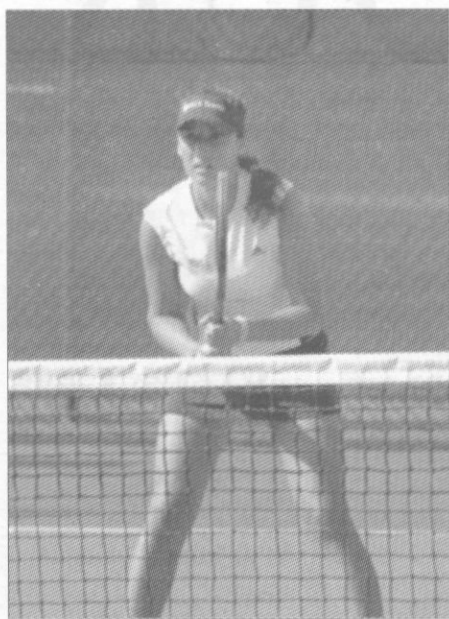
Women's tennis win a against archrival Broncos, men downed the Dons

By Michael Chin
Sports Editor

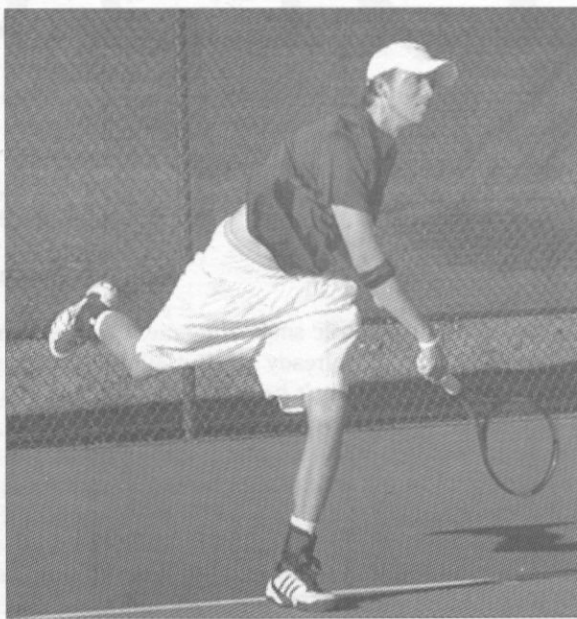
Tennis hit the road this weekend to compete in the West Coast Conference Tournament in southern California. The Gaels were met with mixed results as the men fell to Portland in the first round while the women downed archrival Santa Clara.

The 6th seeded men fought hard against the 3rd seeded Pilots but were unable to keep up with Portland's firepower. Highlights for the Gaels were few and far between as they were not able to pick up a match all day. The lone bright spot for SMC was the play of Julian Tizot at the #3 singles spot. He went down after two tough sets 6-3, 6-3.

On Saturday the Gaels were able to rebound for that disastrous loss rolling past the San Francisco Dons 4-2. Big wins came from Julian Tizot and J.J. Whitlinger who won two tough three set matches to secure the victory for the Gaels. Also posting victories were Andre Sion and Yury Platonov. The win pushed the Gaels



Ken Fung/Collegian



Melanie Linney/Collegian

Both tennis team experienced wins and losses this weekend at the WCC Tournament.

above .500 and ensured them at least a 6th place finish in the WCC.

On the women's side the Gaels fared much better than their male counterpart. In their first round, a four seed versus five seed match against archrival Santa Clara, the Gaels showed their poise, edging out the Broncos 4-3. The big win came from freshman Stephanie Ordoveza at the #6 singles spot. Tied 3-3 Ordoveza faced Jessie Strunk, who beat her in the

regular season. In a brilliant match that saw a first set nail biter (7-5), the freshman star knocked off her Bronco counterpart to advance to the next round of play in the WCC tournament.

The win was short lived however, as the defending WCC champion Pepperdine Waves washed away the Gael's dreams of winning the WCC, trouncing SMC 4-0. Despite being out of contention for the WCC crown this season has been a turning

point for women's tennis. For the first time in several years, In the coming weeks the SMC women will hope to see their names drawn for an at large birth to the NCAA tournament. Saint Mary's has ensured a record of above .500 and no less than 4th place in the conference. Next year the Gaels will return five of their top six players, including all conference selection Aude Lambert and former team MVP Kate Harden.

SMC hall of fame inductees announced

Six former Gael greats to be inducted into the SMC Hall of Fame this year

By Allison Kop
Assistant Sports Editor

This Sunday the Athletic Department will be honoring six new inductees into the prestigious Saint Mary's Hall of Fame. The Collegian has decided to focus on two inductees each week to showcase their impressive achievements. The first of these are Randy Farris and Ana Robles. HPER professor Randy Farris led the women's soccer team to two national titles in the 1980's, while volleyball player Ana Robles, who led her team to a national championship in 1986.

Ana Robles was a volleyball player for Saint Mary's from 1982-1985. In her four year career she helped her team amass a 118-33 record, equating to a .781 winning percentage. .781 remains the best four year winning percentage in the history of Saint Mary's volleyball. Her senior season, Robles was named an NAIA-All-American and led her team to a NAIA national championship.

If you enjoy anything having to do with soccer at Saint Mary's, be it watching our team play or participating in soccer intramurals, you probably have Randy Farris to thank. Farris is the founder of both the men's and women's soccer programs at SMC, and served as head coach of the women's squad for 15 years. He is now

a professor of HPER and teaches indoor soccer class in the afternoon.

Farris led his team to several national rankings and NAIA national championships in 1984 and 1986. Both of those years he was also named the NAIA National Coach of the Year. But according to Farris, his personal achievements are not that important.

"I have mixed emotions about being inducted," he said. "It's honoring me individually, but everyone contributes in soccer. That was my philosophy while coaching."

Farris says his teams achieved success by emphasizing the importance of every person in the program.

"Every individual is important from the team 'superstar' to the first one cut at training camp," he said. "I always tried to preach that."

Some of Farris' favorite soccer memories include serving as the team liaison for Cameroon during the 1994 World Cup and watching his Saint Mary's team go from NAIA champions in 1986 to a top 20 Division I team the following year, a tough transition to make.

Now that he has retired from coaching Farris spends much of his time planning and taking trips to the Dominican Republic to teach soccer at a local orphanage. He took a group of students to teach there this past Jan Term.

When asked why he has stayed involved in soccer for so long, Farris had a simple answer.

"It's my love of God because soccer keeps me connected with people," he said.



Coach Randy Farris lead the Gaels to their national championship in women's soccer. Photo courtesy of Ken Fung

Baseball splits double header against Broncos

By Michael Chin
Sports Editor

After dropping seven straight games in the last two weeks, the Gaels finally got back on track with two wins against University of the Pacific and long time archrival Santa Clara.

Tuesday brought the Gaels the much needed pitching and defense that had been missing in their seven game losing skid. The Gaels pitching was phenomenal as Dan Lewis and Justin Sloan combined for nine innings and eight strikeouts.

The offensive punch was provided by junior Delany Gallagher who hit a clutch two out double in the first to give the Gaels a 2-0 lead. On the next at bat Adam Bellows brought Gallagher in to record his 15th RBI on the season.

The Gaels continued their winning ways against the Broncos in a double header on Saturday. SMC recieved some solid pitching from senior Kevin Trochez who threw 2 1/3 innings of scoreless baseball.

Offensively the Gaels also continued to swing the bats. Bryan Bryne had the bit hit of the game driving in three RBIs on a 8th inning single.

Saint Mary's however was unable to sweep the week as the Broncos rallied to victory in the second game by a score of 5-4.

In the pair of wins the Gaels improve to 14-22 on the season. Although they are below .500 this year, the Gaels have made great strides on the year almost doubling their win total from a season ago.

SMC will close their season out with series against Loyola Marymount and Gonzaga and finally a single game against the Stanford Cardinal.

2004-2005 Gael athletes rise to the occasion

Ever tell somebody that you go to Saint Mary's and they gave you that dumbfounded look like "where the %\$&# is that?" Three years ago, that was the case. But those days are long gone. Now when I tell somebody I attend SMC they say, "Oh yeah, the Gaels," with a close second response, "they have a pretty good basketball team." It has been a long time coming but finally Saint Mary's College is on the map.

Although we as students and faculty would like to be known for our top notch education (and it is a superb education), it is the surge in athletics that has put the Gaels on the map.

This year has marked a turning for SMC athletics. In recent campaigns the Gaels have been in the mode of constant rebuilding. It seemed as though every year we would hear the same thing: "next year it will be our time." Finally, our time has come. Volleyball got it started off with a Cinderella run to the sweet 16. Basketball continued it with its greatest season in Gael's history, and then in the spring golf, tennis, and rugby made huge pushes, two in the WCC and the other in the national ranks.

When looking back on this season we must thank not only the administration, coaches, and fans, but most importantly the players who gave their all for the Gaels this season. Special thanks need to go to all the seniors who really put SMC back on the map this season. Many of them came into to these programs at a black time for Gael athletics. They should be given credit for not quitting and working to bring SMC to the national prominence. To honor them this year, the Collegian's sports section would like your opinion on who deserves the most accolades on campus.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor-

SMC WEEKLY ATHLETIC SCHEDULE:

- Tuesday**
Softball @ Stanford 2 p.m.
- Wednesday**
W. LAX vs. Longwood, 3 p.m. @ Miramonte
- Friday**
Women's Tennis vs USF, @ USF, 2 p.m.
Baseball vs Portland @ Louis Gusto Field, 3 p.m.
- Saturday**
Baseball vs. Portland @ Louis Gusto, 1p.m.
Softball vs. Portland St. @ Contrell Field, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
Women's LAX vs BC Boston, 1 p.m. EST
Women's Crew @ WCC Championships
- Sunday**
Baseball vs. Portland @ Louis Gusto Field, 1p.m.
Softball vs. Portland St. @ Contrell Field, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Reviews

God of War

Not that you need an excuse to buy a PS2, but this is one more reason to own one. The graphics are astonishing; the in game movies are amazing. Also, I enjoyed the way that they incorporated the various creatures from Greek Mythology, (I really get a kick out of cleaving a Minotaur's head in two). Sadly, despite all the pluses, there are a few flaws within the game. For starters, this game is not for the faint of heart. If you don't like realistic blood or nudity, (Yes there is nudity, but it's just breasts), then don't pick it up. But the biggest flaw had to be with an item in the game. Throughout most of the game, you are urged to pick up an item. It's been hyped throughout the game, everyone saying how powerful it is. But when you finally retrieve it, your response will be, "That's it?" That aside, it is worth the experience.

-Pablo Armas

Sahara

In my mind, "Sahara" was going to be a brainless action flick with bad dialogue and a predictable plot. It exceeded my expectations. The movie stars Penelope Cruz, who plays a World Health Organization doctor who is trying to find the source of a plague in Africa. Her gentle sarcasm makes for an endearing, yet tough, character. Matthew McConaughey plays an explorer who is trying to find a lost ship that sailed from the American South to Africa.

The interaction between McConaughey and Steve Zahn, who plays his sidekick, is hilarious, and witty. The movie mixes action and humor, along with a plot that isn't so predictable after all. The only serious problem I had was with the timing of the movie, which, near the end, went on longer than necessary.

-Bettina Adragna

Horoscope

Aquarius (1/20-2/18) You will be recovering from, to say the least, an interesting social gathering.

Pisces (2/19-3/20) One step at a time; you're rushing things. Just kidding, go for it. And if you fall hard, don't blame us.

Aries (3/21-4/19) Playtime's over...

Taurus (4/20-5/20) Admit to your failures in life; it's a celebration!

Gemini (5/21-6/21) There will be an unexpected surprise in your future. Here's a hint: it's your future.

Cancer (6/22-7/22) While others have told you about yourself, it's not fair to call them names, you overly-sensitive bitch.

Leo (7/23-8/22) You're so money, baby, and you don't even know it. Psych!

Virgo (8/23-9/22) You will be a success; that pet chimp you always wanted will be at your doorstep with a pizza and a banana cognac.

Libra (9/23-10/22) Don't forget to schedule your appointment; now!

Scorpio (10/23-11/21) The person you've been stalking is finally going to talk to you. Beware of pepper spray and martial arts.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21) You got this. You don't have an option.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19) I don't know, man...I just don't know.

DÉTOUR

...yeah, we're not so sure about the title, either

Shrimp Tacos

by Angel Vasquez

Yeah, I'll say it: I'm a music snob. Hate me. Go ahead. You know you want to. You probably already do. But allow me to explain myself: I think I'm right. Still don't believe me? Okay, ask yourself this: "When has Angel Vasquez ever been wrong?" That's right. Never.

So I've been thinking, VH1 is a pretty cool channel. It's infinitely better than MTV. Now my little teeny boppers I'm not trying to alienate you; I know what you're thinking, "VH1 is for old people." And in my humblest opinion, you're wrong. VH1 is for the more musically inclined. If you enjoy being told what to like, what to wear, and who to worship go ahead and watch MTV. See, VH1 isn't about that. It's more like: if you already like something, come check us out and we'll talk more about it, and even make fun of it." There's absolutely no pressure.

Yet, even though I'm a fan of this channel, there's still a few things they've got wrong, especially in topics concerning the Heavy Metal. "100 Greatest Hard Rock/Metal Bands Of All Time," "100 Most Metal Moments" in particular. I could go on forever about this. But I'm going to keep it simple. I'm just going to create my own top ten list of greatest hard rock/metal bands of all time.

What are my qualifications you ask. Well, I've written essays claiming Heavy Metal is a form of art (I won the argument), compared Metallica and Beethoven in both structure/complexity, corresponded with a couple members of Anthrax, and well I am a musician, so I know a thing or two about writing music, and what great music is.

So if you're still reading, thanks; if you stopped (obviously you're not reading this and turned up the Ashley Simpson on your iPod and flipped to another section) nuts to you.

My List

10. **Judas Priest** - All that goofy leather and spike [explicative] came from this band.
9. **Aerosmith** - An entire generation of kids picked up the guitar because of Joe Perry. And Steven Tyler may be one of the greatest front men of all time.
8. **Iron Maiden** - C'mon, man. It's [explicative] Maiden. Greatest stage spectacle ever.
7. **KISS** - Everyone loves KISS; their music at least. Probably the other greatest stage spectacle.
6. **Van Halen** - No one has been as influential on guitar as Eddie Van Halen.
5. **Pink Floyd** - They put the 'drugs' in "Sex-Drugs-and Rock n' Roll."
4. **AC/DC** - They put Australia on the map. Seriously.
3. **Metallica** - Ozzy Osbourne said it was hard performing after them because they were so good. At the Monsters of Rock Tour, most of the audience showed up only for Metallica and not headliners Van Halen.
2. **Led Zeppelin** - They owned the house of infamous Satan worshipper, Aleister Crowley, and apparently watched ABBA have sex.
1. **Black Sabbath** - They started out as a Blues band. Then they wanted to make their songs like horror movies so they down-tuned the guitars, added an ass load of distortion, and wrote about Satan, Satan worshipping, and drugs. And Metal was born.



VH1's List

10. **KISS**
9. **Guns N' Roses**
8. **The Who**
7. **Van Halen**
6. **Nirvana**
5. **Metallica**
4. **AC/DC**
3. **Jimi Hendrix**
2. **Black Sabbath**
1. **Led Zeppelin**

Reflections

By Chris Mateo

As an English major, I'm used to getting questions from family like, "Where do you plan on teaching?" and not "Do you plan on pursuing a career in creative writing or journalism?" I'm used to the judgmental faces and the "Good luck with that" attitude they project as they find comfort in their Bachelors of Arts in the Nine to Five.

From what I hear, a lot of English majors get the most attitude from their parents: "Why couldn't you be a doctor?" "Hey, at least you've got law school to look forward to." I know, harsh.

My parents have been the most supportive people in my life. They supported me when I wanted to be a psychiatrist, when I wanted to play the drums, when I told them I would grow twelve inches and play professional basketball. I never received the concerns and critiques from my mom and dad that I expected. The saddest part, however, was receiving different comments in their own subtle ways.

Every holiday, Saint Mary's College sends me home for a couple of days. My routine includes reviewing the past couple of months with my parents, seeing my friends, and sleeping-in. In the last two years, I have gained yet another duty - writing greeting card messages for my parents.

For birthday cards in the past I wrote simple things like:

"Dear ____, Happy __th birthday. May you have many more to come. God Bless. Love, [my family]."

Simplicity is the key to life, I believe.

My parents expect more from their one and only son with an English degree. They expect me to write something so elaborate that would probably sound like:

"Dear ____, May your __th birthday be a blessed event, surrounded by family, friends, and a legion of angels willing to help you blow out the numerous candles. You deserve another 365 days of joy, success, and tranquility. Whether in person or in spirit, we wish you the fondest blessings given by God or whatever divine being your soul is promised to. It is with the utmost sincerity that you take this card and feel not only its cardboard elements, but also our love. Enjoy this blessed event and the forty or so more you have left in you. Take care and God bless. Love, [my family]."

Why don't I just write this message during birthdays? Simple, greeting cards do not inspire me. It's bad enough that I am adding words to an already-published piece of paper complete with a cover and an envelope. My writing in something composed by Hallmark is the equivalent to adding an ending to The Da Vinci Code. It doesn't make sense, and as an English major, makes me feel worse about not publishing my own words prior to this "blessed event." Way to kick me when I'm down. Not only do I have to hear the echoes of English major mockery in my head, but I must now live with the fact that greeting my Great Aunt in Florida must be something reflective of my major, my family, and Hallmark.

Oh well, I've already decided where I want to teach.

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NATIONAL AND WORLD METAL BITES

By ANGEL VASQUEZ

Information Super Highway - Corrosion of Conformity's video for the song "Stonebreaker" coming off their latest album "In The Arms of God" is available for viewing on MP3.com. Rest assured, it will most likely not be on heavy rotation on MTV.

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky - The opening ceremonies for the Kentucky Derby Festival, entitled "Thunder Over Louisville," will feature music from Ozzy Osbourne, KISS, Van Halen, Def Leppard, Alice Cooper, Motley Crue, and Deep Purple.

Somewhere in the U.K. - Ozzy, and wife Sharon Osbourne will be allowed to host their own talk show in the U.K. after undergoing a two-hour "no swearing test."

Who knows - Robert Plant is reporting that while recording Led Zeppelin's "In Through the Out Door" album in ABBA's Stockholm, Sweden, studio, he would join ABBA stars Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson at X-Rated clubs and have a drink while they had sex with women who were not their wives. An ABBA spokesperson has denied the story.

Nowhere in particular - Ozzy Osbourne has announced that once he is finished touring he will head back home to spend the rest of his days in his English mansion. It is unclear whether he meant the end of this summer's Ozzfest, or touring in general.

(Sources: blabbermouth.net)