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Incoming students fill hills and halls

Class of '09 largest ever, more diverse, with a record number of first-generation college students; residence halls feel the crunch

by Bettina Adragna
Assistant News Editor

The Chapel lawn was covered with freshmen Thursday afternoon, move-in day for incoming students, and this year it was fuller than usual.

That's because a record number of freshmen decided to make Saint Mary's their home, according to Michael Beseda, vice provost for enrollment.

"We don't know exactly who's here yet," said Beseda, explaining that many students decide at the last minute not to attend.

So far, 675 freshmen are expected to roam the halls this fall. About 118 transfer students are also expected.

"The reason we have so many is not that we admitted more," said Beseda. "It's that more decided to come."

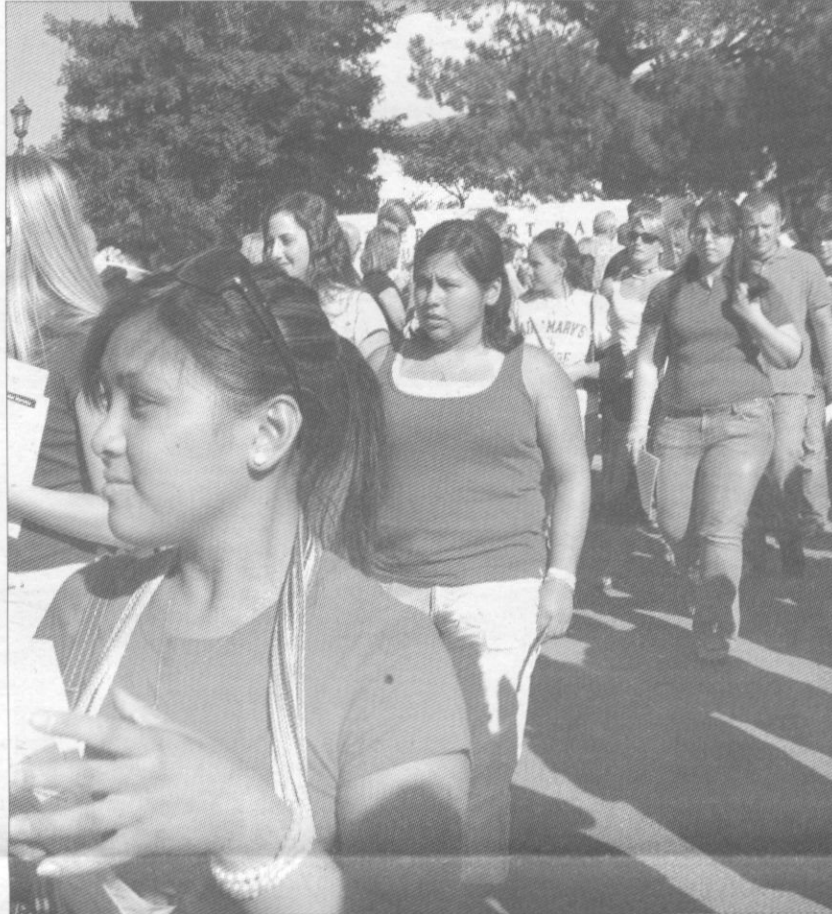
"What was really interesting this summer is that students who had initially made a commitment to other, really good schools, changed their minds."

Chris Carter, assistant director of Admissions, said, "I feel like we did a really good job of taking the admitted student population and making them excited about Saint Mary's." He credited several "yield events," designed to encourage admitted students to enroll, such as "Gael for a Day," overnight visits, and area receptions for students who couldn't visit Saint Mary's directly.

He also credited the school as a whole.

"It really is a campus-wide thing," Carter said. "Everybody is really a part of the admissions process."

The class of '09 is unique not just because of its size. Thirty-seven percent of the freshman class will be first-



Jackie Bernardo/COLLEGIAN

Numerous freshmen filed en masse onto campus last Thursday. This year's freshmen class is the biggest ever for Saint Mary's College.

generation students. According to Beseda and Carter, a first-generation student is defined as someone whose parents have not graduated from college. Carter said that first-generation students face additional challenges.

"There's a lot more trepidation. There's a lot more confusion" because parents haven't gone through the process of going to college themselves, he said.

Esther Lopez, associate director of Admissions, said of the higher number of first-generation students, "That's pretty significant.... That's definitely aligned with the Lasallian mission of the college."

Another feature of the class of '09 is a little more balance than previous years. Last year's entering freshmen was 36% male and 64% female, according

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Familiar face leaves Student Involvement and Leadership

Jim Sciuto moves to Res Life, among several staff changes across campus

by Julie McAvoy
Staff Writer

Jim Sciuto moved over the summer from Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) to the Office of Residence Life and will take on a new position, Associate Director of Community Life.

Prior to the move, Sciuto spent the past five years as the Assistant Director of SIL. He graduated from Saint Mary's College in 2000. His new position was created to tie programming within the residence halls to the rest of campus and create more of a community within each residence hall by modifying the discipline system and implementing new programs such as Residence Hall Associations and Peer Counseling.

Sciuto says that his main agenda is to find "how we can enliven the residence halls to enliven the rest of campus."

The changes in the discipline system will be designed to help the student learn more from the punishment.

"The discipline system is looking out for the health of the community and health of the student. There has to be an educational component," Sciuto said. "If there is a health issue involved, like alcohol or drugs, we are still addressing the behavior, but more importantly, we are getting you the help that you need to get through an issue that may be going on in your life that caused you to make that bad choice. It goes back to being Lasallian, that we are here to build the whole student and translating that through the discipline process." Residence Hall Associations will be a brand new program to Saint Mary's College and will be introduced as early as the 2006-2007 school year. This program will include a group of students from each residence hall that will work with the resident advisors, senate, and other leadership groups on campus to localize programming so that each building will have their own needs met.

"Each building has their own needs. The freshmen will have very different programming needs than seniors in the town houses," Sciuto said.

As the Assistant Director of Student Involvement and Leadership, Sciuto advised the (Associated Students of Saint Mary's College) ASSMC Senate, program board, and executive team, as well as oversaw campus clubs and media. On the topic of his new position, Sciuto said, "It was a very good opportunity for me to grow professionally. It offers some real new challenges for me, which is exciting. I was fortunate enough to be approached for it."

Saint Mary's also welcomes new blood as Russ Tiberii steps in as the new Saint Mary's College Dean of

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Gatehouse to become Brousseau Hall

by Lauren Becker
Staff Writer



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Late Brother Alfred Brousseau's work with Fibonacci numbers can be seen here, on the floor of Gatehouse lobby

The science center at Saint Mary's now known as J.C. Gatehouse will be renamed in the not so distant future, most likely after the late professor Alfred Brousseau. The official name change stems from a highly publicized phantom donor scandal in August of 2004 which surrounded this building bought and paid for by unrealized pledge money.

Since J.C. Gatehouse stands for the initials of the first names of the two donors, a negative association was formed that was "no longer appropriate to be tied

to," said Director of Media Relations Debra Holtz. It is even less acceptable to have that connection when the independent investigation on the issue concluded that the investment deal was "an act of deception" of Saint Mary's, and lacked evidence incriminating any college officials, said Holtz.

By removing the title from the science building, administrators hope that the remaining traces of the incident can be erased. According to President Brother Ron Gallagher, requesting this name removal was one of the first orders of business he had as new president. He and his colleagues had to deliberate for quite some time before finally settling on Brousseau as the new name.

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SNAPSHOT



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The Fenn family finds a resting spot in the shade during registration.



JONATHAN MORALES

Big changes at the Collegian

Well it's here. The upcoming new school year is both exciting and nerve-wracking. Exciting for all of the possibilities it holds, and nerve-wracking because, as it is my senior year, I'll have to eventually graduate and figure out what I want to do with myself for awhile.

But in moving on, as the Editor-in-Chief of *The Collegian*, I'd like to welcome all of our new students for the first time and welcome back all of our returning students. Here at *The Collegian*, we're all extremely excited for a new year of providing campus news. We've taken last year's Media of the Year and made it even better.

First, we've added four more pages, every week. This year's *The Collegian* will feature five pages of News, two of Opinion, two of Detour, and three of Sports. This will allow us to cover the Saint Mary's campus effectively and more thoroughly.

Second, we've tinkered with the design. Take a look at the top of the page. We wanted to distinguish *The Collegian* as the official newspaper of the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College, and we came up with a great way to do that. Each page features a different set of pictures that shows off our beautiful campus and the students who populate it.

We're also working on making the paper more consistent from section to section so that it is easier for you to read.

Most exciting is the expansion of the Sports section. Three pages of Sports will allow us to cover every sport, every week. Treat the back page of *The Collegian* as a second front page: the lead sports stories take you into the rest of the section.

Third, we've enhanced and added features in each section, especially on this page. Page two is for all the "odds and ends" of *The Collegian*, including old standbys such as Crime Beat and Beyond the Bubble, and new features like Campus Quotes.

Also new is this weekly column that I will be sharing with Jo-Ann Arquillano, who is the Managing Editor of *The Collegian*. This column is our chance to (selfishly) occupy a space on a News page for whatever we happen to think of. Look for a variety of topics (that I have yet to come up with) here in the coming months.

Finally, I want to invite anybody who has any comments, questions, or concerns to contact us at x4279. *The Collegian* is your paper, and we value your input.

It's going to be a great year!

Campus Quotes

What are you looking forward to this school year?



"Meeting new people."
 Ashley Wilson '09



"Harassing my teacher (lovingly of course)."
 David King '07



"Sports season."
 Dunya Stankovic '07



"Our volleyball season."
 From left: Brittany Barker '09, Lyndsey Parker '09, Taylor Gruess '09, and Ashleigh Lee '09

Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

TONY VALA-HAYNES

EZULWINI VALLEY, Swaziland - Princess Sikhanyiso, 17, the daughter of King Mswati III was whipped by a palace official during a festival in which Mswati III will choose his 13th wife. Sikhanyiso was asked to turn down the music and when she refused the official punished her publicly. Over 50,000 virgins will dance topless for the King in hopes of becoming his next wife. Critics of the ancient ceremony claim the festivities are simply a convenient way for Mswati, 37, to window shop for a new wife.

PARIS, France - A recent report shows that more journalists have perished in Iraq than those who died during the Vietnam War. Since the war in Iraq began on March 20, 2003, 66 journalists have been killed compared to the 63 that were killed in the 20 years during the Vietnam conflict. As a result of the study, Iraq has been labeled as the most dangerous place in the world for journalists.

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana - The mayor of New Orleans evacuated the city early Sunday morning after Hurricane Katrina reached class five status. The hurricane is now boasting winds of 150 mph with gusts up to 190 mph. While the mayor stressed the seriousness of the situation, he encouraged residents to be calm while evacuating the city in order to ensure the safety of citizens.

SAN FRANCISCO, California - California Attorney General Bill Lockyer has filed a lawsuit against makers of french fries and potato chips to warn consumers of a cancer-causing chemical found in both foods. High levels of acrylamide have been found in fries and chips. Scientists say the chemical is created when foods with significant amounts of starch are cooked at high temperatures.

SAN DIEGO, California - Pulitzer Prize winning playwright August Wilson announced that he is dying of liver cancer. Wilson, who became famous for winning Pulitzers for "The Piano Lesson" and "Fences" said in a statement that he has lived a blessed life and is now ready to die.

(Sources: Cnn.com, *The New York Times*)



New home for students admitted with honors

Honors students join science majors in Assumption

by Pablo Armas
Executive Assistant

Saint Mary's College is introducing another living community program in Assumption. Called the Honors Living and Learning Community, it will work alongside the Science Themed Living Program (STLP). Those who are accepted with Honors at Entrance are given the opportunity to fill out forms at Residence Life to live in Assumption. Those who are registered in math 3/13/14/27, biology 15/16, or chemistry 8/9 may also apply. "Academically speaking, the students living in the dorms in Assumption are at the same level of those outside of Assumption," said Judd Case, dean of the School of Science. "However, after the second semester of freshman year, there is a higher percentage of A's and B's from Assumption."



Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

Once primarily the home of freshmen science majors, Assumption Hall is now also available for honors students

"Other institutes have living programs as well. What we have isn't that different from other colleges," he added. "It's designed to help students have a good freshman year."

The participating students will have access to several resources including personal librarians for special research assignments, Thursday dinners with guest faculty members, and drop-in

info literacy sessions in the library.

One of the reasons for the new program is to get more students to fill Assumption Hall.

"We had trouble filling the dorm. Before it was about half science majors, about half everything else. Now it's going to be half science, a quarter Honors and quarter other majors," said Chris Jones,

Resident Director. Although this year all of the RAs are going to be science and math majors, they are not directly involved with the Honors Living and Learning Program.

"The RAs will be in charge of events for the whole hall, not simply for the Honors program. This is something that we'll have to be careful about. We want to create an inclusive, not an exclusive community."

Jones said he believes the community developed in Honors living program will last beyond freshmen year.

"I think it [the togetherness of students in the program] will continue after the freshmen year. Before we had this program, not many honor students knew about other students that were around. Now, after freshmen year, they at least aware of the other honor students out there," he said.

Jones also stated that this is his first year in the program and because of that, he doesn't know how it's going to work.

"I hope that this isn't to be just a one-year thing. I would like to see it go on years afterwards."

FRESHMEN: Record entries test housing

Residence life forced to get creative to guarantee all freshmen a spot

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to the Saint Mary's College website. This year, it's 39% male and 61% female, said Beseda. The ratio of many females to fewer males is "pretty close to being what the national average is," said Carter. There will also be more ethnic diversity—forty percent will be students of color.

"I think a diverse student population is important," said Carter. "Having a balance of views...definitely makes for better discussions in the classroom."

There are also more "high-ability" students this year, said Beseda. The class boasted about 30 Presidential Scholars, compared to about a dozen last year.

There were about 80 honors at entrance students, or students who enter with a GPA of 3.7 or above and an SAT score of at least 1200. This is compared to about 50 from last year. The

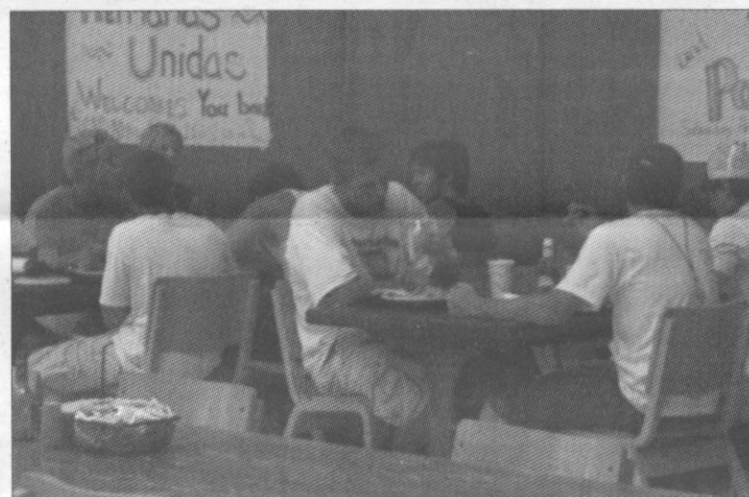
incoming honors students had a chance to room in Assumption Hall as part of a pilot program for honors students, said Lopez. However, she expects the average GPA of this year's class of '09 to remain similar to other classes' GPAs.

In the future, the Admissions Office hopes to improve their recruitment of international students. The class of '09 has students from 18 different countries, said Beseda.

Carter said that recruiting international students for this year was a challenge because "we didn't have someone specifically geared toward that position" throughout the year. He also said, "There's [sic] more things that international students need to do" to study abroad in the U.S., compared to other countries such as Australia. As for the United States, there are students from 22 different states.

Class sizes seem to be unaffected, said Beseda.

"We have added section of course so class [sizes] would not rise," he said. "It appears that



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The record number of freshmen may mean longer lines in Oliver Hall

students have gotten access to the classes they need."

It also appears that the incoming freshmen will have a place to live, at least for this year.

"We had to create some triple rooms" in De La Salle, said Scott Kier, associate dean of Student Life. A lounge on the first floor of Augustine Hall will also be converted into a room for three or four students, he said.

As for the future, "If the same group moves on, it'll definitely take away spots." To address this and other concerns, Residence Life is investigating making its lottery process merit-based, where students who are more involved in the college community have a better chance at housing.

How likely is it that freshmen will get involved this year?

Daniella Malfitano '08, a Week of Welcome leader, said, "I think the freshman class is very energetic, and a lot of students that I've talked to are excited to get involved."

Fellow WOW leader Alex Stillings '08 saw a different side of the freshmen.

"They're not as excited as my class was," he said. "They're still in the high school phase. Of course, that happens to all the classes. They need to break out of it."

Whether apathetic or enthusiastic, the incoming students will soon have their chance to paint their colors, both literally and figuratively, onto the Saint Mary's sign.

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August 29-September 2

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Tuesday, August 30

1:10 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Syufy Hall Dance Studio

Cathy Davalos, x4824

Auditions for Saint Mary's Jazz Ensemble

August 31, 7:00 p.m.

Main rehearsal room in Syufy

Contact: bueg@comcast.net

BSP (Black Student Programs) Welcome Reception

September 1

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Soda Center Moraga Room

Contact Brenda Kiba

Sr. On-Campus Recruiting September 1

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Soda Center Claeys Room

Contact: Patty Bishop

AA Meetings

September 2

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Dante 113

Contact: Leslie Rolland

Sr. On-Campus Recruiting September 2

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Soda Center Claeys Room

Contact: Patty Bishop

Pressing Matters: 500 Years of Wine in Art

September 3 - October 15

Hearst Art Gallery

<http://gallery.stmarys-ca.edu>

Annual Women's Rugby Meeting

September 7, 7:00 p.m.

Sichel 106

Latino Student Welcome Dinner

September 7

5:30 p.m. in Soda Center

RSVP x4349 or

nelopez@stmarys-ca.edu

Oasis Guest Registration Due September 13

Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Meeting

September 21

7:00 p.m. at Campus Ministry

Contact: Sister Ingrid, x4083

Planning an event?
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or call for more information:

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Sorry, but due to space limitations we cannot list individual club meetings.

Coke replaces Pepsi as campus soft drink

New vendor will hopefully bring increased revenue for Saint Mary's

by Pablo Armas
Executive Assistant

Blue Pepsi vendors are disappearing as the school has chosen Coke to be its new soda. All soda machines from Café Louis to Oliver Hall will now sport Coke red.

"Everyone is going to be affected by this," said Mark Chiarucci, assistant director of Development for Athletics, who was also part of the committee that recommended the change of soda to administration. Chiarucci also remembers when Coke was the main soda on campus.

"We were a Coke campus during my time in the '80s. Then when Sodexo came, they changed it to Pepsi," Chiarucci said.

Most colleges and universities have deals with their soda company, ranging from direct funds to certain programs to having giveaways and sweepstakes on campus through sales profits.

"Since that time we haven't received anything from Pepsi," Chiarucci said.

The school is also responsible for signing contracts and receiving additional assistance from Pepsi.

Matt Carroll, director of Sodexo said, "The reason that Pepsi didn't give the school additional money was because

the school never approached Pepsi with a contract to do those things."

Carroll was also a member of the committee that Chiarucci was on. His input, said Chiarucci, "was really hopeful when we were looking over the packages, the companies offered to us."

The committee was put together in October to look over different campuses and the different contracts that they have with the individual soda companies.

"I don't have the numbers, but if you look at other schools such as Penn State, they have received money from whichever company they were with, as well having contests and giveaways for the school as well."

"We sent Coke, Pepsi, and Dr. Pepper Request for Proposal forms asking them to give us a package that they give to different schools," said Chiarucci. "They all replied and we looked over their packages and we found that Coke gave the best deal. So we recommended to the administration to go for Coke and they went with it."

Interested as to which drinks students prefer, Chiarucci conducted a brief straw poll at a men's basketball game and found that 59% of people at the game prefer Coke over Pepsi.



Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

The light from the plugged-in Coca-Cola machine casts the unplugged Pepsi machine into the shadows of Augustine Hall; Coke has replaced Pepsi campus-wide and the new machines are beginning to appear

Chiarucci said, "It's an exciting time for SMC. I know that the student leadership program is going to receive help from Coke. It's going to be more money for the school's coffers."

While it was Sodexo who made the deals with the soda companies in the past, the change means little to them.

"On a national level, Sodexo has a deal with both companies. The change of soda makes no difference to Sodexo. We have contracts with both companies. My only concern is the prices for the soda that it doesn't go up."

Carroll however did note that, "Since we have begun to change to Coke, I was surprised at how

people were reacting to the change," said Carroll.

People, apparently, have reacted positively to the new machines, said Carroll.

"I had people coming up to me and telling me thank you for changing the brand. It was amazing how seriously people take their brands."

Business Office introduces new payment method for SMC

Students can now pay bills and view their accounts online through QuickPAYR and GaelXpress

by A. Gallo and B. Glover
Staff Writers

Over the summer some students may have noticed a new link on the SMCNet Website, which states that students can now pay their bills online. The Business Office has officially announced its new QuickPAYR system. In addition to making easier payments online, students can also view their account status, manage their payment profiles, and authorize others to make payments on their behalf. Students can also receive their billing statements online. This is the first time students have been able to pay their tuition bills through GaelXpress.

While this system offers convenience, there is a small fee if your method of payment is a credit card. A 2.75% interest fee will be charged for credit transactions conducted by this third party, QuikPAYR. In previous years, Saint Mary's has had to directly pay for all credit card fees.

"The school has spent 1.3 million dollars, over the course of five years, in service fees alone," said Laurie Klizos, accounts receivable supervisor at the Business Office. Many colleges do not even accept credit cards as a form of payment. Klizos states that other schools, such as UCSF, have a similar bill pay program that has proven to be very successful. Now credit cards will only be accepted online to pay bills. However, there is the option to pay online using checking information, which would alleviate the fee.

According to Klizos, the response to the new system has been positive. "Everyone who has used e-pay loves it." This e-pay option makes it easier for students and parents to pay college tuition and other expenses instead of waiting in long lines in Filippi Hall.

According to Klizos, there is more to look forward to in the future. Klizos said, "We will be able to move more into the electronic age, become more

progressive by offering more services." She hopes to see campus technology improve so that students can eventually view their current activity in real time, and not wonder if their payment was received or why it was not posted.

"The billing can be confusing...our intent is to avoid frustration," said Klizos. He also hopes that payments across all departments can become centralized so that students only go to a single place to pay their bills. Eventually the Business Office will no longer be sending paper bills in the mail and all tuition bills will be sent via the Internet.

Klizos believes that by passing this transaction fee onto the students, rather than the school, further improvement can be expected.

"We would like to see the money used toward enhancing academic programs, improving campus life, to control increased tuition costs," Klizos said.



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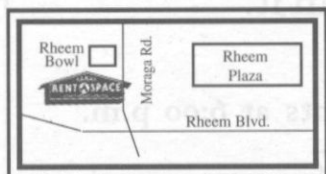
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FACULTY: New Dean of Academic Advising, orientation director, and CILSA staff get to work for fall 2005

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Academic Advising and Achievement for the 2005-2006 academic year, filling the position vacated by Grace Cardenas last August.

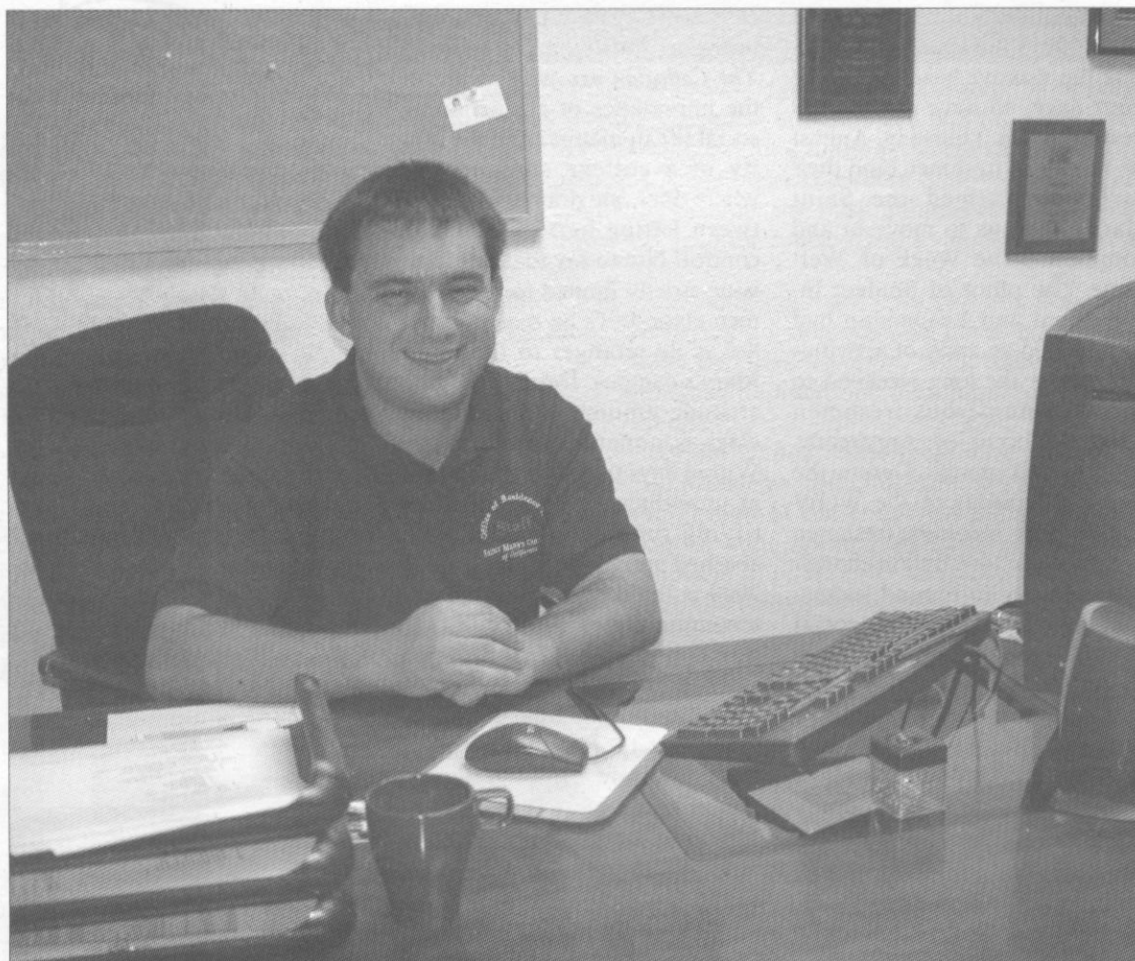
This position's responsibilities include being in charge of academic support programs for minorities, those with learning disabilities, and physical disabilities. Tiberii is also in charge of all tutorial services, academic workshops, and faculty advisor development. "We will do whatever we need to do to support the academic success of our students," Tiberii said. He brings over 30 years of experience in academic advising and tutorial services in universities and colleges ranging from Massachusetts to Florida and most recently Western Washington University.

Future plans for the Academic Advising department include preserving the current strengths and values of the department while introducing new resources to help the college expand its program to reach more students.

"I'm not the type that would come in saying I've got all the answers to things. I've been here a little over a month. I'm learning a lot about Saint Mary's, the culture, how they do things, and what's important to them in terms of their values," Tiberii said.

These Lasallian values are precisely what drew Tiberii to Saint Mary's College in the first place.

"The kind of commitment that this institution has to liberal arts,



Jim Sciuto sits in his new office in Residence Life

Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

community, and the relationship building with students is one of the things that attracted me here."

Student Life and CILSA also have new staff members for the start of the year. Laura Layton, originally an assistant director of Admissions will, like Sciuto, be changing her position on campus beginning September 1. Layton has left the Admissions department for Student Life, where she will act as the director of New Student Programs,

overseeing orientation and Week of Welcome.

CILSA has added both Jennifer Pigza and Claudia Vega to their team. As Associate Director for Faith and Justice Formation, Pigza coordinates the Bonner AmeriCorps program and works with the residential service-learning opportunities, Cummins Summer for the Common Good, the Jumpstart program, and other faith-based social action opportunities.

Looking toward the upcoming year, Pigza hopes recruit even more students to become active in CILSA. She says she aims to "widen the net for more students to know about CILSA and get involved in service and social action" and to "keep people involved and connected to the office and to each other."

Jonathan Morales and Jo-Ann Arquillano contributed to this article.

BROUSSEAU: new name reflects the science center's construction

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But before any real alterations can occur, the Board of Trustees must approve the name. If all goes according to plan, the meeting scheduled for October 13 and 14 will have the committee decide upon re-naming the building after Alfred Brousseau. Only then can Saint Mary's announce publicly that J.C. Gatehouse will be converted into Alfred Brousseau Hall without a doubt.

As it turns out, choosing Alfred Brousseau as the replacement name is no coincidence. The interior design of J.C. Gatehouse pays tribute to his work at Saint Mary's, including a commemorative plaque of him in the foyer.

Brousseau contributed significantly to the fields of math, science, and even art, marking him as truly "a Renaissance man," Holtz said. He taught math and physics at Saint Mary's and served as the Dean of the School of Science until his retirement in 1978. *TIME* magazine profiled his work in the Fibonacci Association, which he founded in 1963 to study the famous mathematical number pattern. He also was an accomplished nature photographer, classifying nearly 2,000 different species of wildflower before his death in 1988.

Both returning students and staff alike plan to honor the new name rather than stick to the original one out of familiarity. Resident Advisor of Assumption Hall Thomas Scarry, '07, said, "Personally, I would call it by Brousseau Hall because I have more respect for that name than the one given with the scandal."

Students agree that they will go along with the imminent name change to J.C. Gatehouse. When asked whether or not she would refer to the building by another name, Psychology major Kristi Otto '08 said, "Probably. I would probably call it that."

Once J.C. Gatehouse changes its name, the college can concentrate on other improvements to the campus. Plans for construction of the 37,000-square-foot Fillipi Academic Hall are taking shape after the funding fiasco in 2004. According to Saint Mary's Magazine, "Of the \$24.2 million needed to complete the project, \$20.5 has already been committed so far, or more than 80 percent of the total."

With any luck, this financial forward motion will have development of Fillipi Hall pick up where J.C. Gatehouse and the rest of the projected additions to Saint Mary's left off last year.

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The Collegian
OPINION

The Anonymous Alcoholic

This column will appear periodically in the Collegian. Because of its nature, no byline will appear.

I am just your average college student.

I am average in that I am broke and constantly calling my parents for cash. I am average because I miss class 20 percent of the time and am late for the rest. I love my friends, spend way too much time on MySpace, and I shudder at even the mention of finals.

I am also a recovering alcoholic.

This makes my standing a little different. And while some of you know who I am, many of you are unaware of my unique status. That I am there, lingering among you at parties, the Anonymous Alcoholic.

Surprising? Yes, I go to parties. Or wait, that I am 20 about to turn 21 and have already sworn off everything college students supposedly do for fun (i.e. get "messed up").

But alcoholics are old, you say. They are men. They are drunk and smell and are on the streets and begging. I am not that person.

I belong to an organization called East Bay Young Peoples in Alcoholics Anonymous (EBYPAA) that has hundreds of members that are under 30.

You would think I wouldn't go to parties. On the contrary. I love parties. Please, I was and am an alcoholic. As an alcoholic, I wanted to be the life of the party and still do today. I am just the life of the party with a different beverage.

But am I? Parties have lost the thrill and excitement that use to draw me in. I no longer desire to go as much. Maybe it is because of the 15 months sobriety under my belt that I see things so differently.

Last night was great. One girl threw up on someone, there were a couple dozen people falling into bushes, and an array of fake conversations dealing with how much one person "loves another" or how great their summer was. The majority of the girls looked like they were going into a strip club, and the ones that didn't were ignored.

Why has life turned into a beer commercial? Everything revolves around alcohol, illegal substances, and sex. Friday nights at SMC are all about who can get hospitalized first. Been there, done that. Good times...

You may look at me and say I am a hypocrite. Fine. I changed my life around and I am really happy. I am also alive. Which is something I wouldn't be if I hadn't stopped drinking and using drugs.

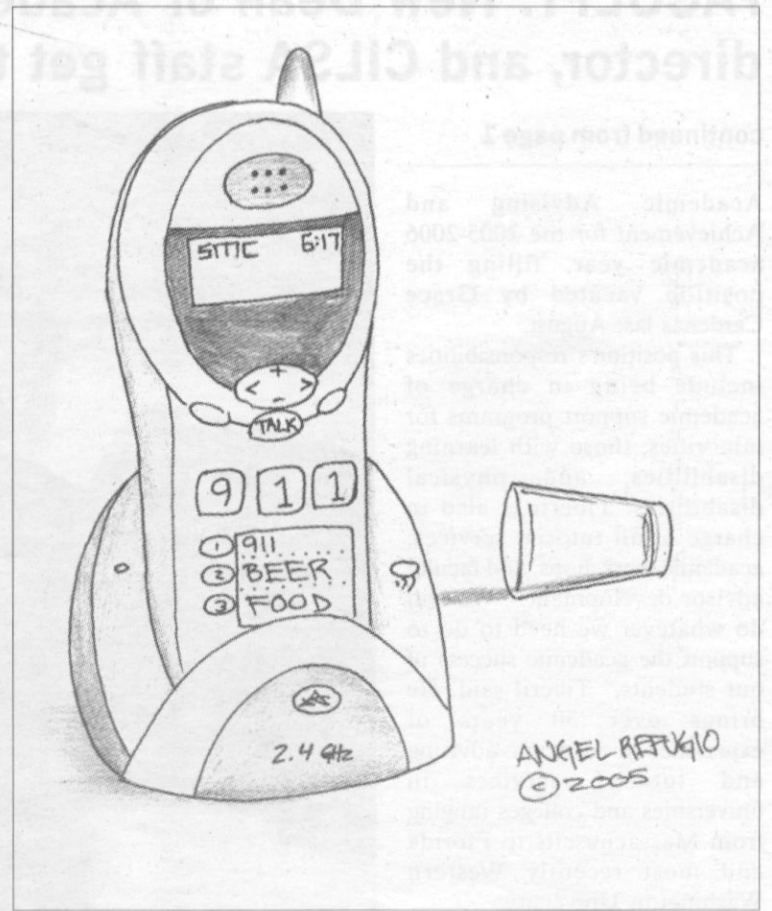
I acknowledge that beer tastes good. Actually, I was more of a vodka drinker. Not that I am promoting.

Ever so often I will appear, the Anonymous Alcoholic, to give my opinion and thoughts about what is going on around campus through a true recovering alcoholics state of mind.

Collegian View

Fall semester has arrived, and just in case you happened to overlook the massive headline on the front page, so have almost 700 freshmen. On Thursday, August 26, hoards of freshmen (and their parents) swarmed the Saint Mary's campus to move in and commence the Week of Welcome. The office of Student Involvement and Leadership had coordinated an array of activities throughout the long weekend to keep the numerous freshmen more than occupied. Apparently, not occupied enough. Despite the day-long agendas of the WOW program, the incoming freshmen had managed to maintain enough excess energy to expend surveying – and creating – the social scene of SMC. Days before classes had yet to start, even before the rest of on-campus students had arrived, the freshmen partying was prematurely set in motion. Already, emergency

calls were placed, including one transport to the hospital. We at *The Collegian* are well aware of the importance of a functioning social life in maintaining the sanity of a college student, but where does one draw the line between letting loose and losing control? Not to say that this is an issue strictly limited to the freshmen class. Let's be honest, alcohol is no stranger to the Saint Mary's campus. Despite this, the attitude among this incoming class is nonetheless alarming. Within days this group has found an unsettling penchant with identifying the campus as an unabashed party scene. The class of 2009 is the largest, most diverse incoming class on record. This class consists of highly intelligent, talented, capable individuals with amazing potential. Let's just hope that the mistakes of few don't adversely affect the reputation of many.



The new freshman phone

Cartoon by Angel Refugio/COLLEGIAN

Community Views

Dear Editor,

I had the privilege my last two summers to work for Orientation and Week of Welcome; seven months programming and facilitating, occasionally having to push through 15 and 20 hour work days. Why did I do this? I did it because I see the potential of the students I meet.

I was crossing Dante quad Friday, when a freshman I had met the previous day during Week of Welcome waved at me and said hello. I greeted him and inquired how his first seminar class went. I could tell from his expression not well, and that he possessed reservations about his first academic year. My words of encouragement that followed I could tell were in vain.

One can easily compare students' empathy towards academics to the empathy some students have towards co-curriculars and being involved. It is as easy to sit down and open your book, as it is to take the first step in becoming involved. I have observed the first hand benefits in being involved myself, fellow classmates and friends. I hope you can say your senior year: If I had the chance to go through college again, I would do nothing less and nothing more.

Mary Barnes '06
VP for Student Affairs

Dear Editor,

For some this is the first week of school, but for our new students, this is the second week of their career in higher education. I just wanted to take a moment to publicly recognize a few people who made these new students' first week at our college, during Week of Welcome, as successful as it was. It should be recognized how much time and devotion staff members like Scott Kier, Bill Sullivan, Larry Dyer, and many others contributed. During this week they showed what it means to be a student centered Lasallian institution. A special thanks to all of our Week of Welcome leaders. Rarely have I seen a group so dedicated and willing to sacrifice. Last and not least, a big thanks to Shawny Anderson and Ete Anderson who took a pilot program and created it into a well oiled machine. Thanks and congratulations to everyone.

John Zabala '06
ASSMC President

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Did you enjoy Week of Welcome?

Yes, I did- 96%
No I didn't- 3%

Do you think the dorms are crowded?

Yes, they are- 23%
No, they aren't- 77%

Gael

compiled by Pablo Armas

The Collegian
OPINION

San Francisco wanting a visit from Bush

Does the City by the Bay deserve a Presidential appearance?



JAIME ZEPEDA

Sweat shop, be aware

Companies like GAP, Nike, and Tommy Hilfiger make their profits off sweatshop toil. I have complained many times about the unsafe working conditions, miserable wages, and hostile factory environment, staples of their third-world plants. Those criticisms still apply, but with a few caveats. I would even encourage you to buy from these companies, but to follow up with a humanitarian heart.

As much as these sweatshops are despicable in their treatment of workers, they are a step up most of the time. Many of those employed in the Bangladesh, China, and Honduras factories, are leaving rural financial and social infernos. The textile workers in Bangladesh are nearly 90% female, the same women who are leaving sexually oppressive rural communities and instead increasing their freedom and opportunities by moving to the urbanized jungle. As shameful as the sweatshops are, they are an improvement from the life the people faced before.

When volatile, good-hearted groups boycott a company that owns sweatshops overseas, they put those offshore jobs at risk, the same that are keeping people off extreme poverty. However, the contemporary idea of a sweatshop should not exist. The conditions those on the other side of the world endure must improve immediately. Many groups know this is the case, and specify their protest. Better wages, a clean and dignified working environment and workers' rights should be the aim, not the debacle of the enterprise.

Some activist groups take this daunting task up and deserve our support. There are also other forms to help. The current President of Brazil, Luis Inacio Lula de Silva, set the precedent that other developing countries have followed: paying the parents to keep their children in school and not in sweatshops. Instead of sending their children (a significant segment of the sweatshop enlistment) to a grueling 10-12 hour shift, the parents are paid to keep their children educated and do not suffer financially. Can more countries follow this example? Certainly. Will they? Not unless influential countries (e.g. the U.S., Western Europe, Japan) pressure them. In the end, the less developed countries benefit because an educated and much more productive workforce emerges where an unskilled one would linger.

Too busy playing

by Tony Vala-Haynes

President Shrub doesn't have time to visit San Francisco. Between mountain biking with the seven time Tour de France champion while vacationing on his ranch in Texas, and thinking about doing his job – and thinking about doing it correctly – a visit to San Francisco...? Right. The second coming is more likely.

The White House claims that Shrub's decision not to visit the city has nothing to do with politics. Despite a less than 20% approval rating for Shrub in the Bay Area, the President's cronies insist politics is not the reason he is making history by never visiting the city. Can we really be surprised when the truth is twisted, distorted, manipulated, or simply absent in a statement from the White House? San Francisco has just become another of the long list of places and people our crusade-leading president refuses to visit. Why? Because 80% of the people here disagree with his "holy war." 80% of the people here don't swallow or choke down what his faith-based leadership spits in our faces. Some of us are ready to spit back.

Just as Shrub refuses to converse with Cindy Sheehan – the mother of a fallen soldier camped outside the president's Texas ranch – he refuses to visit a place like San Francisco where he will be held accountable for his mistakes. Undoubtedly, Shrub's cronies steer him away from war protesters to keep him focused. Cindy Sheehan isn't asking for an apology. Neither is San Francisco. Sheehan only wants to hear the truth.

The truth is, Ms. Sheehan, that you, San Francisco, and every other opposing force in the country just aren't any fun. Shrub operates like a three-year-old. Why be scolded and forced to account for yourself when you can play instead? Would a three-year-old readily face his mother if he did something wrong? No, he'd go play, drool a little bit, and when he got bored, mess himself. Ironically, when he grows tired of sitting in his personal mess, he whines and Karl Rove...ugh excuse me, his *mother* changes his diaper. Shrub will visit San Francisco when he learns to change his own diaper – clean up his own mess. Never.

by Mike Chin

The butt of SF's jokes

Once again the San Francisco media has struck gold; or so they thought. In the Sunday Chronicle in bold black was the statement: BUSH KEEPS S.F. AT BAY referring to the President's lack of presence in San Francisco. Like any typical modern San Franciscan, the Chronicle has continued to mine the Bush administration for bad press. As I sat down and read the article I had to wonder "can you really blame him?"

The argument that Marc Sandalow made consisted of a long, historical banter about every other president coming to the city, essentially that was tradition. Well, there is more than one tradition that the Chronicle must remember.

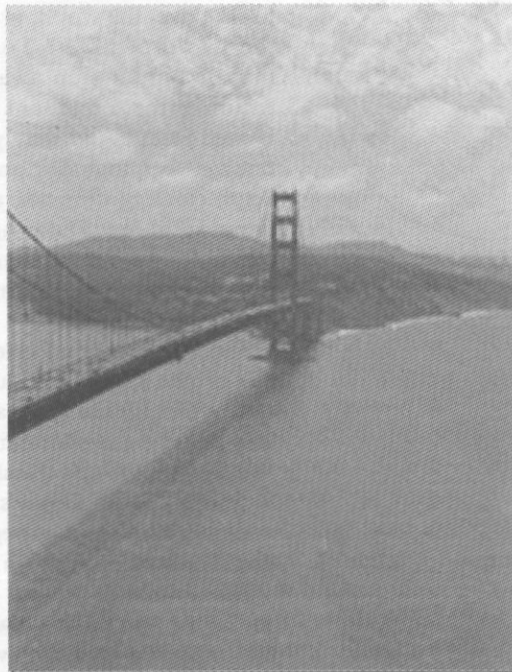
In the United States there have been only two presidents assassinated. Currently we are facing two of the country's greatest social battles: same sex marriage and abortion. As followers of politics, we know that San Francisco and George W. Bush are on opposite spectrums of the rainbow. I liken this to Lincoln going to Atlanta in 1860. Tally another one up for Lee Harvey Oswald and John Wilkes Booth.

As 2004 indicated, Bush is not wanted in San Francisco. As stated in the article 86% of the city voted against Bush in the 2004 election and over 70% in '98. Going to San Francisco for Bush is like going to a Saint Mary's game and saying "I'm a Santa Clara fan." It just doesn't happen.

The Chronicle has also said that much of this is due to his voting demographic. Okay, if this were last year, I would have bought that. Give me the receipt and charge the Visa, but it's 2005 now. In his last years as a President

one of Bush's primary concerns is his legacy. Would it not help his legacy to say "As the President I visited every major city in the United States." As important as voting demographics are to a politician, not everything is decided by it.

Finally, Sandalow pointed out that the city has reached out to the President, inviting him to several different functions in the city. Though they are outwardly nice gestures, they are like baiting a fish: come feed on this bait so the people of San Francisco can hook you, fry you, and serve you up on Pier 39.



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A new perspective of the world

Study abroad students return with open eyes, ready to see change

Caitlin Hungate
Staff Writer

It is the start of another year for many of us, and a new start for the "fresh" ones. However, for those of us who have studied abroad this past year, especially returning from this past spring abroad, we have come back changed in some way. For me and ten other Saint Mary's students studying in Cape Town, South Africa was an eye-opening experience. Each experience wrote a different story and provided different memories. And we all changed.

We take so much for granted in the United States, let alone in the Moraga bubble. And I am sure many of us came from high school bubbles as well. And thankfully, that bubble was shattered. Al-

though we have some vague idea of what life is like in the rest of the world, it is not until we step out of the bubble that we will actually have a better understanding of what life really is like. When you travel, especially to these places where most people live off a dollar a day, everything you know is thrown out the window.

What made the greatest impact on my life and my experience there was the profound sense of human rights. Particularly in post-apartheid South Africa. Rights are not something that the government has the power to determine who receives them and who does not. The days of state oppression no longer exist. Granted, South Africa has a long way to go until problems that stem from the past

are resolved. Yet they are on a better track than any other new democracy that I can think of. Their constitution is the most progressive constitution in the world. Perhaps because of the history of South Africa and the anti-apartheid struggle, people recognize ALL people are human and deserve all the rights previously granted to the individuals whom the government favored.

Coming back to the United States, and more importantly Moraga, has been such a shock and adjustment. It is hard to think of the life I used to live before and try to go back to that. It is impossible. Some of us volunteered at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital in Cape Town and others at SHAWCO, a University of Cape Town student-run volunteer-ser-

vice. I will never forget why some of the children were in the hospital—one girl I couldn't even pick up because she was so malnourished.

I was always aware of the poverty and the hunger that most of the world faces, but we in the United States are privileged to not be exposed to such atrocities. Now eleven more people have been exposed to such issues and we all take something from our experience as we will. Perhaps we should travel more outside of the U.S. outside of the typical spring break places and see the rest of the world. And when we do, the world might be able to function peacefully because we all have a better understanding of what it means to be human. Call me idealistic, but my eyes have been opened.

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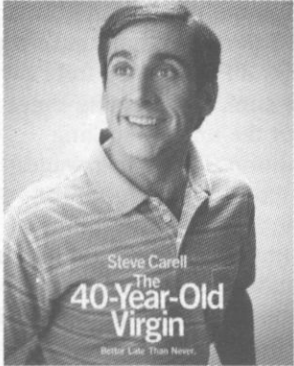
74 freshman polled

Enjoy the cafeteria?
Yes, I did- 66%
No, I didn't- 34%

Looking forward to your first year at St. Mary's College?
Yes, I am- 100%
No- 0%

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**Aged to Perfection
(close at least): *The
40 Year Old Virgin***



courtesy of www.impawards.com

by Zack Farmer
Staff Writer

At first site, I thought *The 40 Year Old Virgin* would be your typical Adam Sandler movie with the plotline of *40 Days and 40 Nights* (I cringe at the thought). However, I would soon be pleasantly surprised.

Steve Carell (Brick Tamland in *Anchorman*) plays Andy Stitzer who, obviously, is a 40-year-old virgin. The movie is all about Andy's adventure toward his first sexual encounter. Sexual innuendoes are everywhere as Andy attempts to 'hit' on women. Andy's biggest problem is his fear of women and sex. Because he is a virgin, he fears he is inadequate to women. Will Andy ever lose his virginity and find love? Tune in to watch Andy stumble his way towards love.

The Redwalls, Bluesy Beatles?



by Jackie Bernardo
Staff Writer

The overlooked act of last year's Gaelstock, the Redwalls, have released their second album, *De Nova*, another well-kept secret for fans of rock n' roll. From the guitar-pounding "Falling Down," a song about the often unfair policies of the FCC, to the mellow "Hung Up on the Way I'm Feeling," the boys show that they can rile up a good 60's-like sound, regardless of the subject matter. And although they've been receiving numerous comparisons to the Beatles, the boys only seem to offer their own twist to Brit rock by adding Chicago blues—a sound that's too good to be hushed.



Green Day walks away with 7 awards

Funky style lands Gwen Moonmen for Choreography & Art Direction



Kanye picks up Moonman for Best Male video



What...no seriously, what is this?

VMAs rockin' at Diddy's house

Green Day sweeps MTV Music Awards in Miami

by Melanie Linney
Detour Editor

Has P.Diddy taken over the world? Oh wait, I mean Diddy. So what is next for the man poised to take over the world, or at least the world of MTV? Truly this man is only a step away from running for President of the United States. And, surely with a resume that includes producer, actor, clothing designer, and all-around Bad Boy, Diddy has what it takes to get the job done, or at least host another all-important Video Music Awards.

Kidding aside, no one could pull off the role of host quite like Diddy. Despite the hurricane that was knocking on Miami's door just days before and the shooting of Shuge Knight, Diddy's energy declared from the very beginning that the show must go on.

His entrance alone in the beginning of the show was one that made most of the evening's performance look similar to those sad mall performances from the late 80's circa Tiffany and New Kids on the Block. Can we say I think we're alone now? But no, not with Diddy. No one knows the definition of showstopper like Diddy, and he proved it with all the craziness that followed him onto the stage on Sunday. Accompanied by waterfalls, dancers and the obligatory onstage fireworks that follow him wherever he goes.

This year it was about the music. Knowing MTV that doesn't mean much. Performances were heavy with seasoned performers like Coldplay, and my personal favorite MC Hammer. Some may say it was a sad attempt to reclaim his old glory days, but I say they're just bitter because they 'can't touch this.' That's right.

Not even Hurricane Katrina could stop Diddy from hosting the VMAs Miami-style

Don't hate. Besides, how many people can say they got to see a once rap-star, now minister, perform one of the hottest songs from the early nineties? At least now all those youngsters who have become religiously devoted to VH1's 'I Love the 90's' will actually know what all of those TV commentators are talking about.

There were some newbies on the VMA stage as well. The Killers not only got to rock out on stage, but also take home a Moonman for Best New Artist. A surprise, when considering their video starring Eric Roberts, usually known for his acting ability - - oh lets face it, he's Julia Roberts brother, is constantly being played. Can we sense the sarcasm? Since MTV hardly ever plays videos these days, The Killers should feel honored to be included amongst the handful that get selected by MTV's network bigwigs.

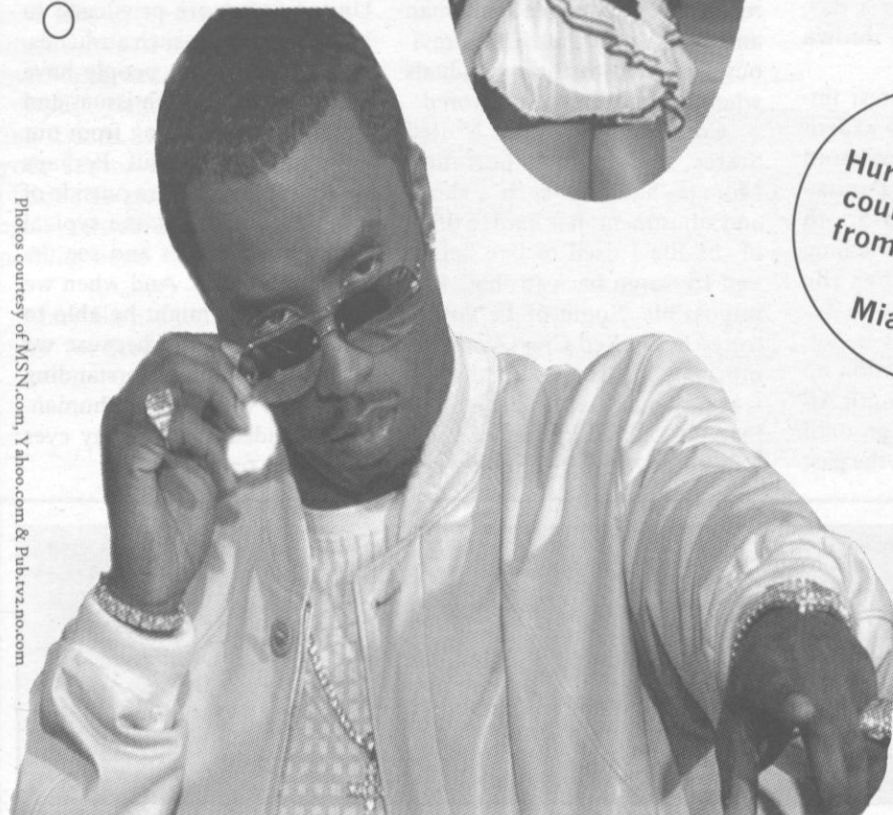
My Chemical Romance, a little band from Jersey, really made it big this year and was also allowed on the stage. Their performance included umbrellas remarkably similar to ones used in their newest video, 'Helena,' which is now in full rotation.

One of the most exciting performances of the evening involved the multi-talented rapper Kanye West, who took the coveted Moonman for Best Male Video, and Academy Award winner Jamie Foxx. The duo sang out Kanye's newest hit gold digger, which includes slices of Jamie Foxx doing his best impression of Ray Charles, which just reiterates his well-deserved Oscar.

On the opposite side of the spectrum, MTV offered us a more humorous and less moving performance from R.Kelly. By the way, what is he still doing on MTV? Trapped in a closet? Are you kidding me? What was he thinking? When I asked a friend her opinions on the song she just gave me a look of despair and shrugged her arms. "I just don't get it." Neither do I!

All in all the show offered a lot to those watching. There were plenty of awards being given out and most of them were given to Green Day, who in my opinion deserved every one of them. Granted there are going to be a few out there that violently disagree, the content in their songs outweighs any special effect or guest appearance. Green Day's opening performance certainly told the audience who's night it truly was. The band took home the Video of the Year and the Viewer's Choice. What does this say about the choices being made in the homes where MTV is on constantly? Who knows? But their taste in music kicks a**.

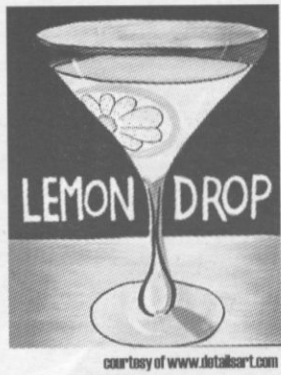
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1 teaspoon sugar

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I tried to bite the "Bullitt" but I couldn't take the pain

Revisiting the Steve McQueen classic "Bullitt"

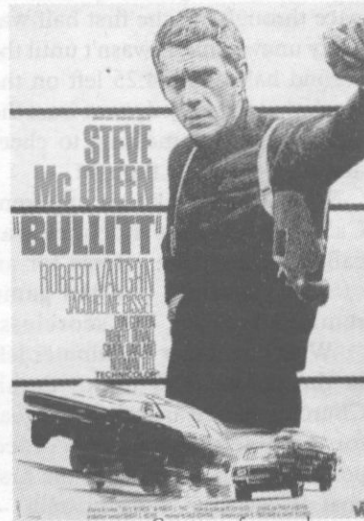
by Megan Manley
Staff Writer

I recently was told that I should watch the 60's film "Bullitt" starring actor and racing enthusiast Steve McQueen. Hyped up as one of the best car chase movies, and set right in the Bay Area's own San Francisco, I was compelled.

According to McQueen, his vision for the film was to have it appear more like reality rather than just any other movie.

Filmed on location in San Francisco, the film highlights police Lieutenant Frank Bullitt and his attempts to track down the leader of a violent crime organization that has succeeded in killing the eyewitness to a high profile crime.

With great cinematography, "Bullitt" exposes the beauty of San Francisco with its wild steep streets and big city chaos, all the while taking the viewer through a mysterious plot full of action, violence, and a hint of romance.



Courtesy of www.alyon.org

The movie has great eye candy with the tons of sexy vintage cars, as well as Steve McQueen, that is, if you like middle aged, slightly balding men in turtlenecks and psychedelic sunglasses. I guess that could add to the appeal of this classic film. Sound appealing? Not so much.

At one point in the film Bullitt says, "Take it slow" in the raspy hero voice we have come to know from so many action flicks of the

past. It seems that the writers and directors took the line a little too much to heart.

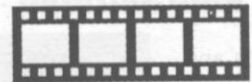
Though there was some very action packed high intensity scenes, they were surrounded by a slow plot line. The fast scenes were really fast but the slow scenes were really slow. Overall the film was overshadowed with slow-paced, over-worded gibberish. After all, any film that uses the phrase "Habeas Corpus" more than once and doesn't take place in a courtroom needs a little help.

And finally when you think the end can't come fast enough, the film ends too abruptly, leaving me more confused by the ending than to why people actually love this film.

"Bullitt" is an awesome movie for its time, no doubt, and understandably loved by many racing enthusiasts. But, although it does do justice in bringing the streets of San Francisco to life, the movie is lost in a plotline so bad that not even a "Bullitt" could capture my attention.

OUT THIS WEEK

FILMS



Wednesday 8/31/05
The Constant Gardener R
Starring: Ralph Fiennes, Rachel Weisz

Friday 9/2/05
Underclassman PG-13
Starring: Nick Cannon

The Transporter 2 PG-13
Starring: Jason Statham, Amber Valletta

Limited Release
@ S.F. Roxie Theater
Assassin NR
Starring: Margaret Cho

ALBUMS



LIVE IN VEGAS
Macy Gray

LATE REGISTRATION
Kanye West

PLANS
Death Cab For Cutie

BACK HOME
Eric Clapton

OH NO
OK Go

SISTERS OF THE RED DEATH
Vendetta Red

WHAAAT!!! OKAAAY!!!
Lil Jon & The Eastside Boyz

MUSIC OF THE SUN
Rihanna

CONCERTS



9/2
The Lovemakers
The Blank Club, San Jose

9/3
Oakland Art & Soul Festival featuring
The Lovemakers, Dredg,
Lyrics Born & more!
Frank Ogawa Plaza,
Oakland

Destiny's Child
Oakland Arena, Oakland

9/4
Kelly Clarkson
Greek Theatre, Berkeley

9/6
John Mayer Trio
Fillmore, San Francisco

9/7
The Posies
Slim's, San Francisco

Mangia, a local slice of Italy

Lafayette pizza place has much more to offer

by Ally Oldfield
Staff Writer

Being new to Saint Mary's College and not having the cafeteria open yet, I found myself starving and wandering around (a horrible combination) the La Fiesta Plaza off Oak Street in Lafayette. I followed the noise of a crowd coming from this restaurant that looked to be a local favorite for excellent traditional Italian. Feeling very European, I decided to dine on the wonderful patio.

From where I was sitting I was able to see their huge pizza ovens, which explains the huge portions that waiters hustled to surrounding tables. Although the rather large Italian man running Mangia was dressed in a Hawaiian shirt, it still felt pretty authentic.

I was looking at the menu and everything made me even hungrier. They have a lot of different selections from salads, risotto, sandwiches, and pasta to the most colossally meaty pizzas, there is sure to be something for even the pickiest of eaters.

I asked what one of the most popular dishes was and with only a smile the waitress brought me their homemade minestrone soup. The menu's description said it was "made the old fashioned way" with carrots, zucchini, yellow squash, Swiss chard, potatoes, pinto beans and

other seasonal vegetables which makes it a "vegetarian delight," which indeed it was, and even for me, a super carnivore.

But the pizza is what Mangia is best known for. You can choose up to six different toppings, which includes everything from jalapenos to pancetta. I usually don't like crust unless it's drenched in ranch dressing, but this was perfectly cooked (thick, yet fluffy) and I ate it all.

And if you're feeling lazy (or hung over), there's take-out and delivery available by calling Takeout Taxi.

People can pick their own freshly made pasta and sauce to create their own perfect meal. I was definitely too full after my feast, but if you are just looking for a little dessert they also have a great selection of true gelato and other tasty treats.

And if you're feeling lazy (or hung over), there's takeout and delivery available by calling Takeout Taxi. It's perfect for parties with a moderately priced menu (most expensive large pizza \$23.50) and everything else averaging around \$10. Everyone should make time for this little slice of Italy. I know I did...twice!

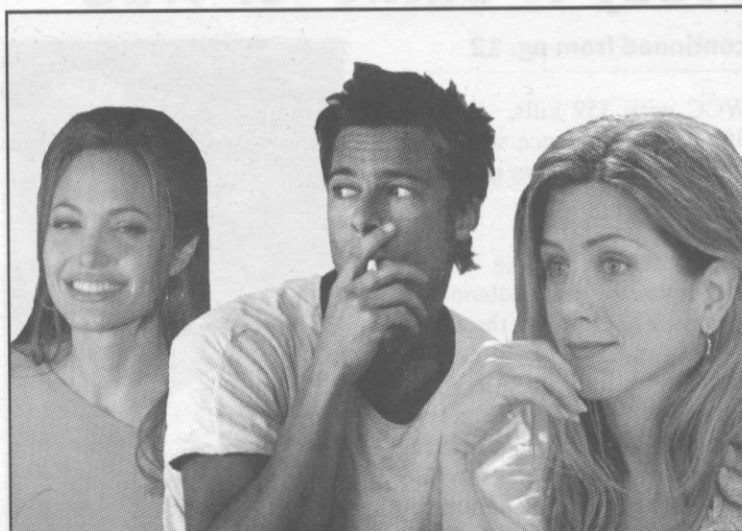
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Players of the Week

Kaui Salzman

43 kills and 38 digs in the Cal State Northridge Tournament earned Salzman MVP honors this weekend. With her



tenth dig on Friday night, she became the Saint Mary's all-time leader in digs. Salzman started her senior year off with a bang and is leading her team in kills and digs.

Sarah Churchill



Despite the double-overtime loss to Cal this week, Churchill had a solid game, including posting the first goal of her career at

Saint Mary's. She also helped lead the defense in the Gaels' overtime win over UC Irvine on Sunday. The junior captain will be a key to this year's success and help to determine the future of this year's squad.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor
-Zach Farmer, Asst. Sports Editor

'Chemistry' the key for women's soccer

Gaels return thirteen players and add nine freshman to this year's squad

by Megan Manley
Sports Writer

Regardless of the sport, team chemistry is an important factor for any successful team. Luckily for the Saint Mary's women's soccer team, chemistry is on their side.

"Our team chemistry is better now than it has ever been in the past," said third-year head coach Paul Sapsford.

Chemistry is just one of the many goals the women's soccer team is working toward this year. According to junior forward Mckenna Belzer, good chemistry is extremely important.

"Everyone needs to feel like they are part of the team," said Belzer "If we act like a team off the field then we work better as a team on the field."

The team faces a difficult schedule this season, matching up against many top ranking opponents in the nation.

According to Sapsford, this season there will be "no easy games." However, with the addition of nine new faces, several of which are expected to make significant contributions, as well as some players returning from injury, the season looks promising.

"There will definitely be challenges ahead, no doubt, but I believe we have the people to deal with it," said Sapsford.

On Friday, Aug. 26, the Saint Mary's women's soccer team

held their season opener at home against the Cal Golden Bears, ranked #19 in the nation.

Although the game kept a steady pace throughout, the first half was fairly uneventful. It wasn't until the second half with 44:25 left on the clock that the crowd, or at least the Cal fans, had something to cheer about...or so they thought.

What looked like an apparent Cal goal from the sidelines was called back by the referee for an offside violation, and the game remained scoreless.

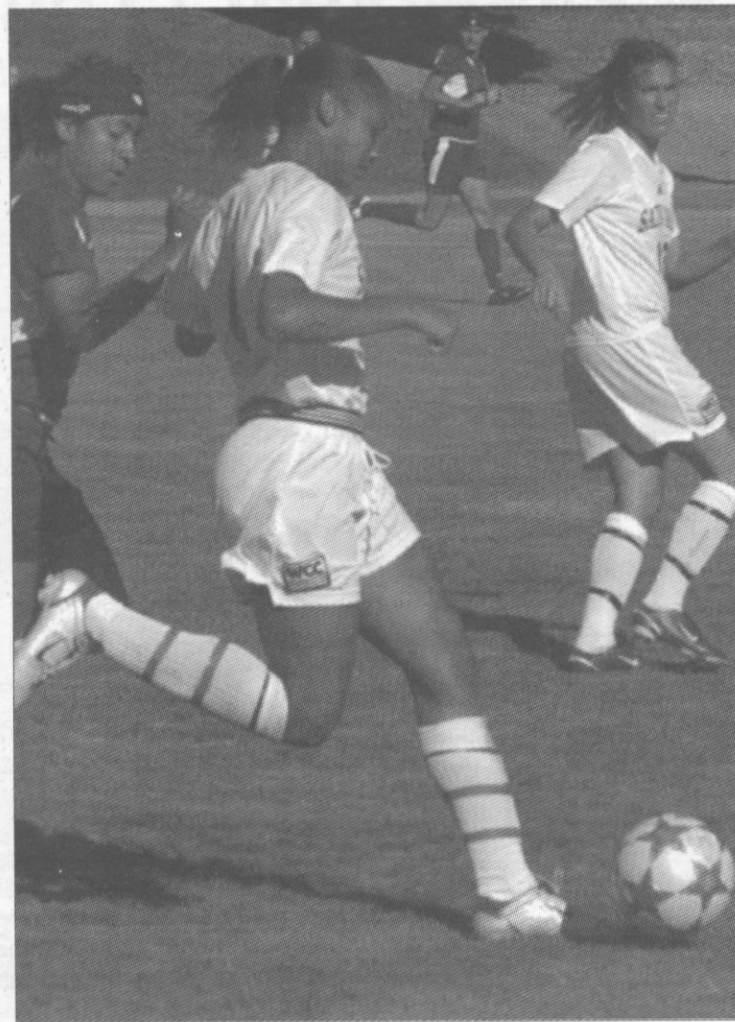
With just under 20 minutes left in the second half junior Sarah Churchill scored an unassisted goal for the Gaels, the first recorded point for either team, and the first goal of her Saint Mary's career.

The game went on with only a few small injuries, some spectacular saves by both goalies, and several yellow cards handed out by the referee.

With just 4:38 left on the clock Cal rallied back when Dania Cabello scored an unassisted goal. The game went into sudden victory overtime and although it was an action packed 10 minutes, neither team was able to outrun the other, forcing the game into a second overtime session. With 2:13 left on the clock, the Bears clinched the game with a goal by Lis Eisenberg.

Though the end result did not go in Saint Mary's favor, the game was a well fought and fast-paced effort.

If this game is a sign of how the season is going to go, then it is



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

Stephanie Harrison is one of the nine freshmen that was added to this year's squad. The freshmen will have the guidance of the thirteen returning players.

looking good for the Gaels. The team looks forward to hosting many other high profile home games this year such as a match-up against the #2 ranked UCLA Bruins on September 18. They next face off against UC Santa Barbara on September 2.

Gael Zone Athletic Schedule

Thursday Sept. 1
Men's Soccer vs. Sacramento State
5 p.m.

Friday Sept. 2
Texas A&M Tournament
Volleyball vs. Lehigh
@ Texas A&M
12 Noon
Volleyball @ Texas A&M
6:30 p.m.

California Tournament
Women's Soccer vs. UC Santa Barbara
@ UC Berkeley
2 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 3
Texas A&M Tournament
Volleyball vs. Virginia
@ Texas A&M
10 a.m.

Cross Country @ USF Invite
@ Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
9 a.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Oregon State
3 p.m.

Sunday Sept. 4
California Tournament
Women's Soccer vs. Montana
@ UC Berkeley
12 Noon

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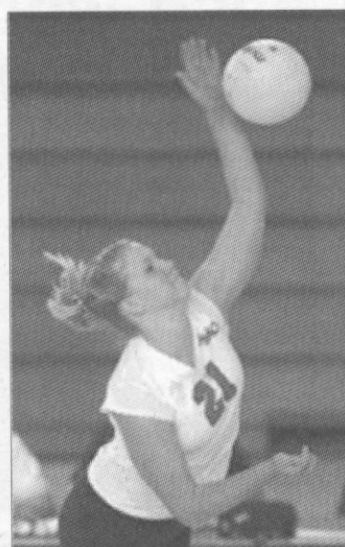
WCC with 359 kills, ranking fifth in the conference, while also averaging 3.42 kills per game and 416.5 points.

Junior outside hitter Cassandra Kolkka and sophomore Missie Stidham will also be a big keys to the Gaels success in 2005. Last season Kolkka earned an All-WCC Honorable Mention selection with 326 kills (2.96 kills per game) and 392 points while Stidham also received honors for last year's play. Both will be counted on to fill the void left by the departure of Lindsey Bogason, one of the Gael's top kill artists a year ago.

However, with only six returning players, the incoming freshmen will have to step up and give the team a boost. Freshmen Brittany Barker, Lyndsey Parker, and Taylor Groess will be asked to improve quickly.

"We have to see where they fit in and what they can bring," Davi said, "The freshmen will contribute."

The schedule will be tough. The volleyball team will have eight games against ranked teams including #3 Stanford. The WCC has two other ranked teams, Pepperdine and San



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Christina Kolkka earned an All-WCC Honorable Mention selection last season. She will be instrumental in the Gaels' success this year.

Diego, who also reached the Sweet Sixteen last year.

Already the Gaels have gotten off on the right foot, winning their first tournament of the season, beating Arizona State, UNLV, and host school Cal State Northridge. Although the season is young, SMC understands that this could be a very special season, topping even last year's Cinderella story.

Volleyball's Next Home Game:

Sat. Sept. 10 vs Florida A & M

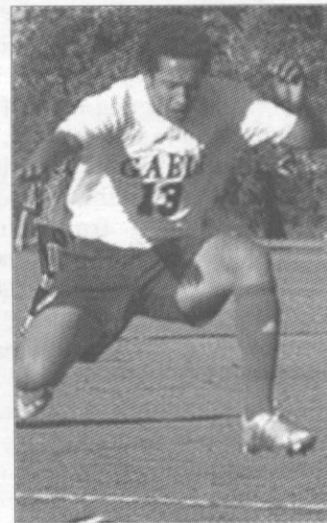
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this year's team consists of twenty-nine players in total. Co-captains, David Vedder and Michael Johnson, were selected and announced on August 25th. They, along with five other returning seniors, have already established leadership among the players and hope to increase the team's confidence and skill.

Their veteran experience will contribute greatly in the Gaels' effort to reach their potential. Other individuals, such as senior Daniel Smith and junior Corey Watts, have shown outstanding personal improvements in their respective games as they enter into the last years of their college careers. Their contributions add another piece of evidence to the big picture: SMC soccer is closing in on its goals.

As they take their first steps into this year's season, the men's soccer team plans to continue focusing on hard work, competitiveness and fearlessness on --and --off the field. A proud coach Rammel enthusiastically commented on the satisfaction of leading a team not only intimidating on the field, but in the classroom, too--something not all coaches



Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

Practice makes perfect. Erik Robert is working hard for the Gaels.

have the pleasure of boasting. It's an inspiring start for Rammel, Cooper, and Edwards as they look forward to escorting the Gaels to the top.

The first opportunity to scope out SMC men's soccer in action will be at 5p.m. this Thursday, Sept. 1, at Saint Mary's own Garaventa Field when the Gaels face Sacramento State. The following Saturday, SMC will face Oregon State at 1p.m., also a home game. The team looks forward to seeing a big welcome-back crowd of fans, pumped up and ready to witness their success.

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Cross Country: Gaels ready to shake, rattle, and run

New blood should bring early energy to squad

by **Belen Garcia**
Sports Writer

Alrighty folks, it's that time again. Time to get out those short shorts and lace up those Asics because Cross Country season has already begun.

Fifth-year head coach Randy Rau led 19 runners into training camp this August. This year brings a new look to the Gaels with the addition of nine new, up and coming runners. Three freshman runners for the men's team and six new faces on the women's side are rearing to join the ranks of collegiate cross country competition.

The Gaels are looking very good in the depth department with 10 returning varsity letter winners, including four seniors, to add to the young talent. On the men's side the Gaels are led by seniors Casey Chadd, Travis Bizorek and James Bolger. Chadd and Bizorek bring experience and talent to the table as both runners ran in all seven races for the SMC last year, and shared time as the number one runner throughout the entire season.

On the women's side Saint Mary's will be led ferociously by senior Jamee Thomson. She hopes to improve upon her junior season, in which she shattered her career-best time three times over. Her talent and leadership will be



Jackie Bernardo/COLLEGIAN

The Cross Country team will look to make improvements and surpass their dismal 2004 season. The new faces on the team could bring life back to the team.

an integral component to success on a talented, yet inexperienced women's lineup.

That lineup of new faces includes, freshmen Karri

Hagedorn and Ruzena Kovacic, sophomores Abigail Harris and Gwen Ortiz, and junior Lisa Vanderwalker, all who hope to

make an immediate impact on the success of the squad.

With the influx of talent and the returning veterans, this year's team is poised to make an

improvement on their 7th place finish in the WCC last year. Their first meet of the year, is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 3 at Golden Gate Park.

Cross Country 2005 Schedule

Sat. 9/3 USF Invitational	GGP	9 a.m.
Sat. 9/10 Aggie Invitational	Davis, CA	9 a.m.
Sat. 9/17 Aztec Invitational	San Diego, CA	8 a.m.
Sat. 9/24 Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, CA	4 p.m.
Sat. 10/1 Willamette Inv.	Willamette, OR	9 a.m.
Sat. 10/15 Bronco Invitational	Sunnyvale, CA	10 a.m.
Sat. 10/29 WCC Championship	Belmont, CA	10 a.m.
Sat. 11/12 NCAA Regionals	TBA	10 a.m.
Mon. 11/21 NCAA Championships	TBA	12 p.m.

SMC Standings and Box Scores

Women's Volleyball

Saint Mary's(23)	3-0
San Francisco	3-0
San Diego(18)	2-0
Gonzaga	1-2
LMU	0-0
Santa Clara	0-0
Portland	0-0
Pepperdine(25)	0-0

Men's Soccer

Gonzaga	0-0
Saint Mary's	0-0
Santa Clara	0-0
San Francisco	0-0
LMU	0-0
San Diego	0-0
Portland	0-0
Pepperdine	0-0

Women's Soccer

Portland(4)	1-0-0
Santa Clara(5)	1-0-0
San Diego(25)	1-0-0
Gonzaga	1-0-0
Pepperdine	1-0-0
Saint Mary's	1-1-0
LMU	0-0-1
San Francisco	0-1-0

Women's Volleyball Results

W (1-0) vs. Arizona State 30-22, 30-27, 30-28
Kills: Salzman 14, Assists: Bible 43, Digs: Stidham/Salzman 12

W (2-0) vs. UNLV 30-18, 30-28, 30-22
Kills: Salzman 13(27), Assists: Bible 32(75), Digs: Stidham 8(20)

W (3-0) vs. Cal State Northridge 30-17, 30-25, 27-30, 32-30
Kills: Salzman 16(43), Assists: Bible 47(122), Digs: Salzman 19(38)

Women's Soccer Results

L (0-1) vs. Cal 2-1 2OT
Goals: Churchill; Saves: Lee 2

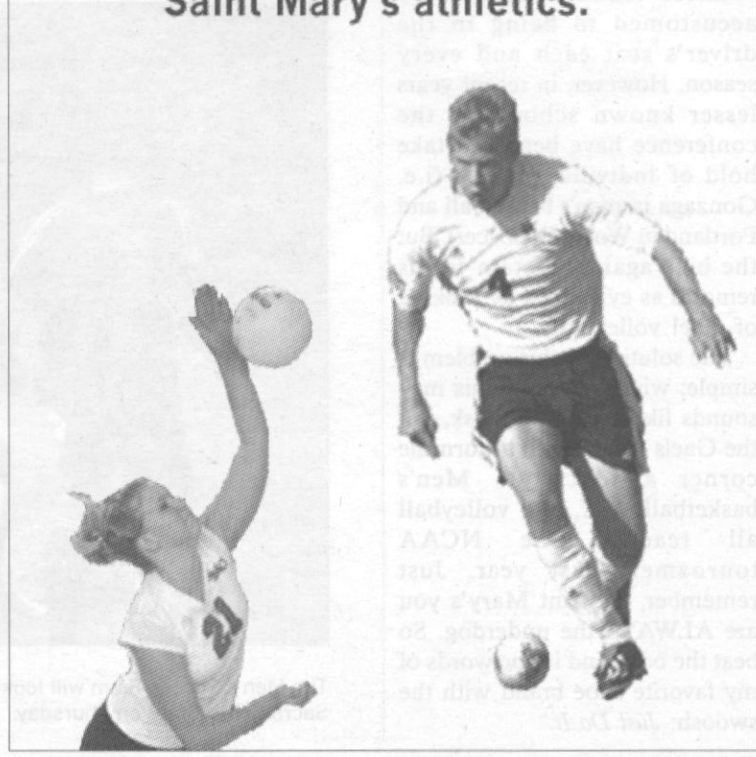
W (1-1) vs. UC Irvine 3-2 OT
Goals: Frattone, Hollis; Assists: Frattone, Rocco; Saves: Lee 4(6)

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MIKE CHIN

No room at the top for SMC

Being a small Catholic school in Moraga, Saint Mary's College has always been considered an underdog in the sports world. Even at the sports book at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, the Gaels are rarely favored by the odds makers.

This fall I was very disheartened by the West Coast Conference's treatment of the women's volleyball team. In the coach's poll, the Gaels were picked to finish sixth in the conference, with four teams that we swept last year ahead of SMC. Now, it is understandable for San Diego to be ahead of the Gaels, but why teams like Pepperdine or Santa Clara? Last year Saint Mary's swept both of them, home and away. Even the NCAA, who are run by the major conferences, ranked the Gaels 23rd in the nation. Only San Diego was ranked higher.

More importantly, the Gaels return an experienced lineup including All-American setter Mandy Bible and All-Conference senior Kauai Salzman. Don't get me wrong, the loss of Lindsey Bogason hurt, but this team is deep and deserving of a much higher ranking. What this says to the Gael faithful, however, is that there is a problem in the WCC, a bias that runs through the veins of the whole conference.

As loyal Gael fans have begun to notice, the rest of the conference cannot begin to fathom a league where Saint Mary's is at the top of the heap. For generations, Pepperdine and Santa Clara have reigned supreme, each year competing for the WCC All Sports trophy, given to the school with overall most successful athletic department.

These teams have become accustomed to being in the driver's seat each and every season. However, in recent years lesser known schools in the conference have begun to take hold of individual sports (i.e. Gonzaga in men's basketball and Portland in Women's Soccer). But the bias against certain teams remains as evidenced by ranking of Gael volleyball.

The solution to this problem is simple: win. For many this may sound like a daunting task, but the Gaels have begun to turn the corner athletically. Men's basketball, golf, and volleyball all reached the NCAA tournament last year. Just remember, at Saint Mary's you are ALWAYS the underdog. So beat the odds and in the words of my favorite shoe brand with the swoosh: *Just Do It.*

Volleyball continues to soar

23rd ranked women's volleyball ready to make a run for the 2005 WCC title

by Zach Farmer

Assistant Sports Editor

One year ago, the national volleyball world received its first wake up call: defending national champion Stanford Cardinal lost to Saint Mary's. It would be the first of many big wins with the message: "The Gaels have arrived."

Posting a 25-4 record last year, the Gaels emerged from the pack to garner a national ranking of #10 in the NCAA, ended the season at #13, and were a mere three victories from a national championship.

Having tasted NCAA Volleyball Tournament success, the Gaels will be no surprise team this year, but they will have to prove the 2004 season was no fluke. They will continue their journey without former head coach Jon Stevenson, but his replacement, Rob Browning, is very enthusiastic about his opportunity at Saint Mary's.

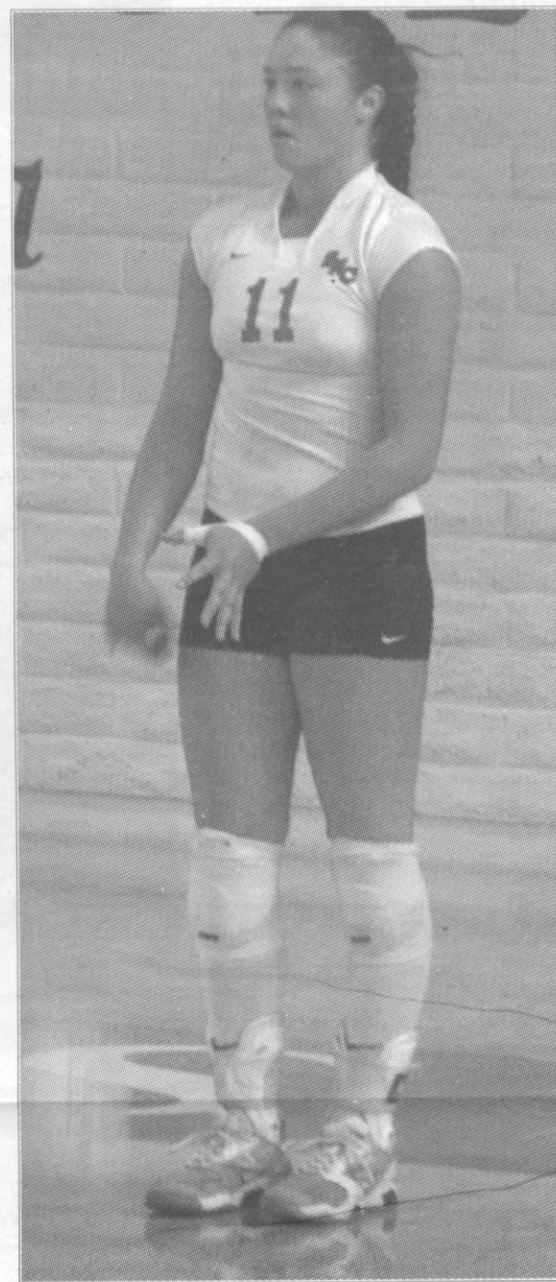
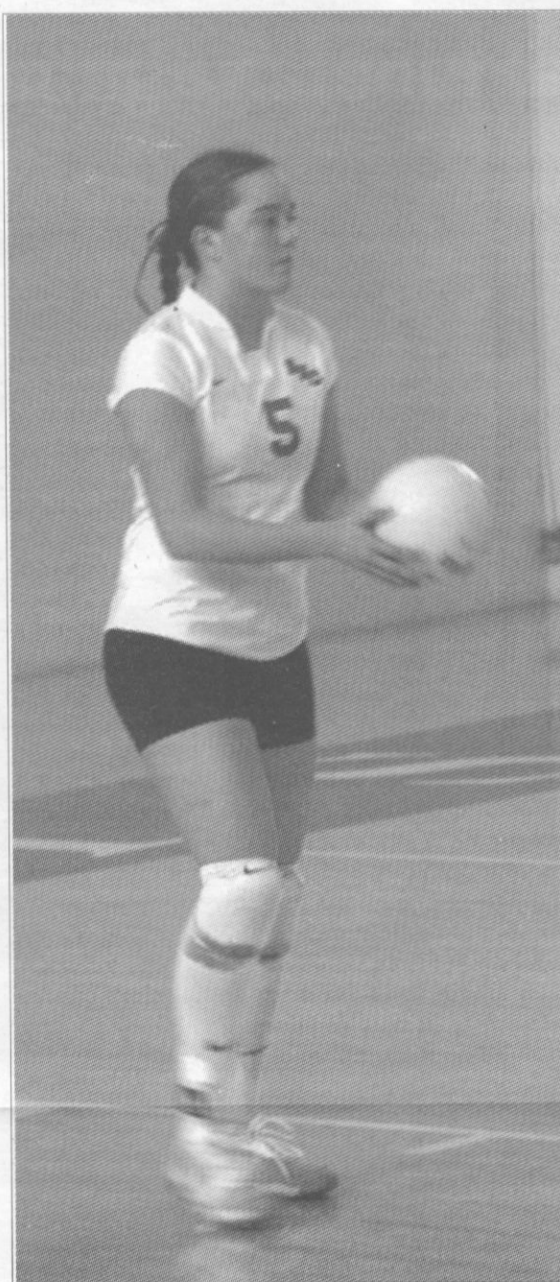
For Browning, the environment at Saint Mary's is an asset.

"I've got a good group of girls, good staff," Browning said.

The volleyball team has pressure to succeed this year, but not from the administration or the students. The pressure comes from the players and coaching staff.

"I have that expectation (to succeed) of myself," said Browning.

Along with quality coaching, other factors must fall into place



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Mandy Bible (left) and Kauai Salzman are the biggest keys to the women's volleyball season. Both earned First Team All-WCC honors.

for SMC to be successful. Rich Davi, Saint Mary's Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations, said, "You have to have a good setter. That's where it all starts."

Luckily for Saint Mary's, the Gaels return junior setter and

two-time national player-of-the-week Mandy Bible.

Bible also received First Team All-WCC honors with 1402 assists, second place on the Saint Mary's all-time list, and a Saint Mary's record 12.98 assists per game, second in the WCC.

Senior outside hitter Kauai Salzman and junior setter Mandy Bible will be looking to improve on their 25-4 season. Last season Salzman was First Team All-

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Despite injuries, Gaels look hopeful for 2005

Senior laden-men's soccer team has the tools for a run to the WCC Championship



Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

The Men's Soccer Team will look to get off to a good start against Sacramento State on Thursday.

by Rochelle Perkins
 Sports Writer

Two weeks into a grueling training camp, the Saint Mary's College men's soccer team looks forward to kicking off their season in their first game this Thursday versus Sacramento State. After bringing in several talented recruits, head coach, Steve Rammel, and assistant coaches Adam Cooper and Carl Edwards feel the need to work on more than just the skills of their team during their practice sessions. Besides working their players back into shape after a long summer, they also hope to help their guys find their rhythm, whether they are new or returning players. The team's overall health is also a concern for coach Rammel as he

continues to train and prepare them for the upcoming season. When asked about the outlook for this year's team, senior defender and co-captain, David Vedder, had nothing but positive things to say. However, his cheerful, confident remarks were spoken from a seat with a good view of the field, as he has struggled the last week of training camp with a knee injury. In fact, almost half of the starters for the men's soccer team, including Vedder, patiently wait to return to the field as injuries limit them to warming the bench during practice.

Although the injuries add to their struggle, the men's soccer team is nonetheless prepared for a breakthrough season. With seven new freshman additions,

see M Soccer, pg. 10