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Saint Mary's remembers 9/11 tragedies

Campus Ministry and SMC Republicans work in tribute to the attacks of 2001



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Over 3,000 American flags were hand placed on Chapel Lawn in commemoration of 9/11 by the SMC Republicans as Campus Ministry volunteers read victims' names out loud.

by Pablo Armas
Executive Assistant

On September 9 and September 11, the SMC Republicans, along with Campus Ministry, organized various events to remember the attacks on September 11, 2001.

At 9:11 a.m. on Friday, the chapel bell was manually rung and a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the tragedy. Also on Friday, over 3,000 American flags dotted Chapel Lawn as the names of the victims were read. On Sunday, a candle-lighting ceremony was held in front of the statue of John Baptist De La Salle as part of the introductory rites of the 8 p.m. mass.

"Seeing these flags has a very powerful impact," said Lindsey Rosellini '07 after reading the names of those who had died during the attacks.

When asked why she had read the names on the lawn, she said, "to contribute to those that had died and to remember what happened. It feels that people are forgetting what had happened four years ago." She also said that the flags on the lawn were "a very powerful memorial. It was well set up." The flags were placed on Friday and were removed on Monday.

Shandon Griffin '07, President of the SMC Republicans, said her club came up with the idea. "After our election of our

officers in the spring, three of our officers came forward with the idea for the flags. Their idea was approved by the club." From there she says, Jim Sciuto directed them towards Campus Ministry "since they are the ones responsible for the Chapel Lawn." She continued, "They seemed thrilled that we were taking an interest in this. They are the only ones who would put on the memorial masses."

From there, Griffin contacted Sister Ingrid Clemmensen of Campus Ministry to discuss the club's idea.

"Shandon Griffin came to me last spring about the idea for it. At the end of the summer, we came together to solidify it. Also, members of the club will be attending the mass on Sunday. It was a very good collaboration."

Although the flags were placed by the SMC Republicans, they had no part in directing the mass held on Sunday. The mass was coordinated by Campus Ministry and Father Salvatore Ragusa. At the time of the interview, he was still waiting for the details of the mass. He said that the mood of the Sunday service was "going to be more subdued. However, the readings for Sunday just happened to work just fine for the Sunday Mass." All Catholic churches have the same readings for each mass, regardless of where they are.

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Grade inflation data may mean more work for students

Rank and Tenure Committee hopes to strike easy A's

by L. Hua & B. Adragna
News Editor & Assistant News Editor

Grade inflation on Saint Mary's campus is weighing down more heavily on the Rank and Tenure Committee, thanks to the recent availability of grade distribution data. As one of many factors, the volume of high grades awarded is now being more heavily considered when deciding whether to grant a professor tenure.

A professor who has tenure is indefinitely employed by the college, except for "extreme circumstances," said Roy Wensley, a member of the Rank and Tenure Committee.

An unusual grade distribution may be one of many factors contributing to a faculty member not being granted tenure. This is being done in hopes of squashing grade inflation. Professors who are not granted tenure are given one year to find another position, said Wensley.

Tina Sanchez '07 said that professors grade fairly in most classes. "I've only experienced [grade inflation] in seminar, because a lot of people are rewarded for reading Sparknotes."

While Saint Mary's grade inflation is not high like it is at other campuses, the Rank and Tenure Committee is hoping that

by this measure, grade inflation will be diverted.

"Your grades need to communicate that you are requiring of students a high level of achievement," said Wensley. If a professor gives out too many A's, "it's one of those things that raises a flag."

"I do not feel that there is an easy 'A' problem," said Jason McGann '07. "The A's that I have received was a reflection of my effort in the class. I do not feel that there is a grade inflation problem in the classes that I have."

Steve Woolpert, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, said that grades are just one factor in many in the rank and tenure process.

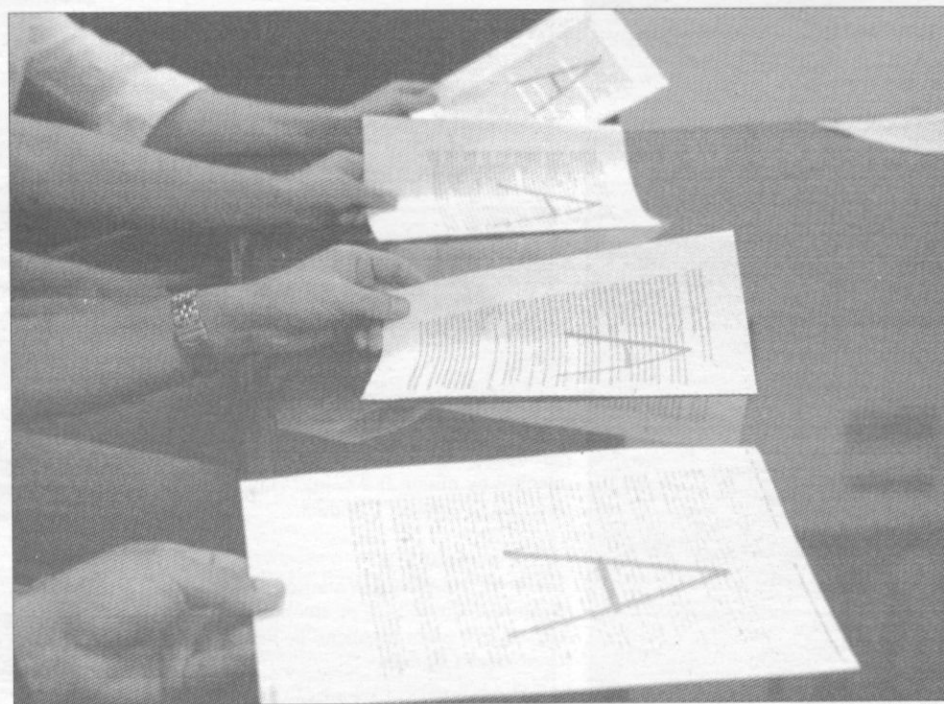
"I don't believe that there is a desired distribution...in any course or series of courses," he said. "That's not the point."

Margaret Field, associate professor and department chair of biology, agreed.

"At Saint Mary's, our class sizes are small enough that we can't expect an even distribution of grades," she said. At the same time, Field holds each student to a high standard.

"My 'A' is a certification that I know the student knows the material at an 'A' level," said Field.

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Katie Menard/COLLEGIAN

The Rank and Tenure Committee evaluates the professors, considering the easy 'A' aspect.

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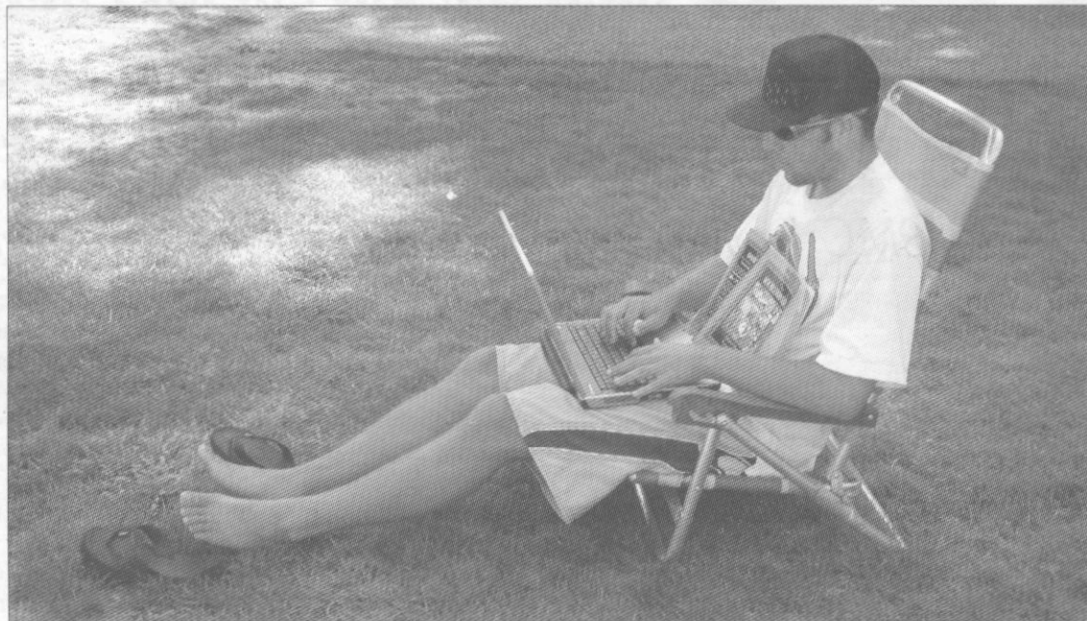
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SNAPSHOT



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Ian Fiske '09 lounges and listens to Bob Marley as he does his homework on the lawn.



JONATHAN MORALES

Why I love baseball

Call me sick, call me boring, call me obsessed, but I love baseball.

I know a lot of people out there join me in my love of America's favorite pastime, but a lot of other people have come up to me over the past few months asking why I chose to watch such a "boring" sport.

My high school physics teacher once described baseball as "fifteen minutes of activity stretched out to three hours."

But baseball is thrilling to those of us who follow the game and know its details. And while I don't claim to be an expert on baseball (nor did my non-athletic self ever play a game of baseball as a kid), I think I can watch a game and enjoy it as someone who truly understands its intricacies.

When a batter steps into the box and the broadcaster tells you that over his entire ten-year career this batter has had only one hit off of the current pitcher, to many that may sound like an attention to detail that would make most English majors cringe. But in that detail lies a powerful story: will the batter finally conquer the demon embodied by this pitcher and launch one into the bleachers, or will the pitcher stand strong and continue his "ownage" over the batter?

That is what baseball is all about. It's about standing strong

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Campus Quotes: What's in your CD player right now?



"Mac Dre: 'Caught You Lookin'"

Alex Pereira '09



"The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill"

Aishlin Hicks '09



"Incubus: Make Yourself."

Monique Mejia '09

Crime Beat

9/2 3:20 p.m.

Incident: Theft

Synopsis: Three books stolen at student bookstore; referred to Student Conduct

9/2 11:00 p.m.

Incident: Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Possession of and drinking alcohol by minor at Aquinas Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

9/3 1:10 a.m.

Incident: Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Possession of alcohol by underage student in Ageno B; referred to Student Conduct.

9/4 12:26 a.m.

Incident: Public Intoxication

Synopsis: Public intoxication at Soda Activity Center; referred to Student Conduct.

9/4 3:02 a.m.

Incident: Fire Alarm

Synopsis: False alarm at Ageno East; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant

9/4 10:56 p.m.

Incident: Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Possession of beer bong and alcohol by minor in Moore Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

9/5 1:12 a.m.

Incident: Intoxicated Student

Synopsis: Intoxicated student at Augustine Hall; transported to CCC Hospital. Referred to Student Conduct and Health & Wellness Center.

9/6 11:15 p.m.

Incident: Fire Alarm Activation

Synopsis: Malfunction of fire alarm at Aquinas Hall; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.

9/7 3:52 p.m.

Incident: Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Beverages

Synopsis: Evidence of marijuana and paraphernalia in Becket Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

9/7 8:11 p.m.

Incident: Burglary

Synopsis: Two pairs of Jordan tennis shoes stolen at South Claeys Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

9/7 8:19 p.m.

Incident: Mentally Unstable Student

Synopsis: Mentally unstable student at bus stop in front of Filippi Hall; referred to the Health & Wellness and Counseling Center.

9/9 3:25 a.m.

Incident: Vandalism

Synopsis: Broken windows at Aquinas Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES



TONY VALA-HAYNES

-NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana—According to Lt. General Russel Honore, the estimation that 10,000 died in New Orleans is false. Honore commented that the number dead will be a "heck of a lot lower" than the original estimation given by the Mayor of New Orleans.

-DETROIT, Michigan—The owner of a German shepherd pit-bull was forced to shoot her dog when it attacked her neighbor's daughter. Lajoy Morgan, the mother of Rebecca, said her child was playing in their backyard when the dog came over the fence and attacked her. Morgan commented, "When I seen my child, it's just blood running everywhere, from her legs, from her chest, from her side." The owner of the animal reportedly beat the dog with sticks and a chair before she was forced to shoot her dog. While Rebecca received 38 stitches, no criminal charges have been filed.

-TOPEKA, Kansas—Attorney General Phil Kline is trying to get access to the medical records of 90 women who received abortions. Kline claims that access to the records will help him prosecute two clinics that may have violated the law in reporting sexual abuse as well as performing "late-term procedures."

-COPENHAGEN, Denmark—New research shows that high stress decreases chances for breast cancer in women. Scientists claim that although the estrogen-suppressing effects of high stress may lower chances of breast cancer, women should not immediately increase the stress in their lives as the study is still in its' early stages. (Sources Cnn.com, *The New York Times*)

Freshmen Senate race

Big class, big competition

by Arthur Curley
Copy Editor

Saint Mary's Associated Students has been taken by storm and it's called the freshman class. This year Saint Mary's has the largest freshman class ever, and with it comes many potential leaders, as an astounding nineteen freshman are up for election for Senate this year.

"It's very exciting to see so many students getting involved," said Laci Jackson, Vice President of Administration for Associated Students of Saint Mary's College. "I believe the way orientation went this year got the freshman excited about being involved," she said.

Derek Morgan '09, who is running for class president, said, "I think that it is a good thing that there are so many people running. It shows that a lot of students have pride in their school." Campaigning started midnight on Thursday, September 9. By 7 a.m. Friday morning flyers for candidates had already been posted covering pillars from top to bottom.

Even with the restrictions given to the candidates on publicity and campaigning, for many it's not a problem. "I agree with it, I think the restrictions are a good thing, they let people know that this is serious," said An Tran '09, also running for President of his class.

Some of the candidates aren't worried about the election. To

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Improvements to Internet connections

New computer networking installed on campus

by Julie McAvoy
Staff Writer

Computer and Technology Services (CaTS) Director of Infrastructure Dennis Rice has been dealing with an increased amount of Internet and networking problems since the beginning of the school year. This year has been especially difficult because of all the work Rice and his team have been doing to update the residence hall networks. Rice said, "We have been doing architectural remodeling by replacing hardware in the residence halls that eliminated the shared network, which leads to less viruses spreading." New networks are being installed throughout campus so that infected computers will not spread viruses as easily to the other computers on the network. Rice estimates that about half of the residence halls have this new limited network, while the other half of the buildings remain on the older version.

The CaTS team has been replacing the switches in Guerrieri East, Guerrieri West, Freitas, the Claeys and Agenos. Sabatte, Syufy, and Thille have all had their internal wiring replaced as well. These changes should make the network and computers run more smoothly throughout the residence halls.

Rice explained that when all of the residence halls are on a shared network similar to the old version at Saint Mary's, a virus, worm, or BOT can access all of the other computers on that network, infecting even more computers. This has been the cause for many networking problems



Bettina Adragna/COLLEGIAN

Alexis Jemerson '06 soon will no longer have to trek to the library's computer lab to gain Internet access.

on campus and is the reason behind the "Protect Before You Connect" campaign.

"Protect Before You Connect" uses posters and informational web pages to urge students to install anti-virus programs with automatic updates so that the network can run more smoothly. Rice said that the number one problem on campus is "when students ignore the 'Protect Before You Connect Rules' and come into the network without anti-virus protection or updated patch systems." This leaves the computer vulnerable to viruses and can spread these viruses to other computers on the Saint Mary's network.

Viruses are also one of the main reasons for slowing down the Internet for other users. Rice said, "Infected computers put out so much traffic that it obstructs other computers from connecting with the Internet." The CaTS website states, "We all want a network that is fast and always available, but we can only achieve that goal when everyone acts res-

ponsibly and takes the measures outlined below." These measures include never sharing your password, installing anti-virus programs, never opening email attachments from an unknown sender, keeping patches updated, and eliminating adware and spy ware from your computer.

Rice said that his team "has been going through the complaints one by one, going out to the dorms, and finding the infected computers." But sometimes this can take a while, especially with the amount of complaints that are filed in the beginning of the school year. "We only have two technicians to go out to the computers right now," said Rice. "There are over 1,650 connections in the dormitories, over 100 switches, and 10,000 miles of wire involved. It is a very big system and each problem needs to be dealt with individually. Networking is extremely complex; you have to be patient when there is a problem."

Fall semester's most-anticipated school dance: the Oasis

Saint Mary's students get ready to show off their original outfits and hula the night away

by Adrienne Gallo
Staff Writer

For those who have waited, the time is finally here! It's Oasis—the tropical-themed dance on campus that is hosted outdoors, allowing students to enjoy the music and bust their moves underneath the stars. It's one of the few times when students can show their hula moves, wear colorful leis, and feel the beat of a hot tropical night, all right here in Moraga.

Some event attendees opt to raid their closets for bright colored shirts. Others opt for minimal outfits and maximize with accessories and festive creativity.

Oasis dances have seen everything from outrageous costumes to itsy bitsy bathing suits. No wonder that this popular tropical fiesta is back again on Friday, September 16 with some new effects and some old favorites.

The Amos Production will return once again this year, providing Saint Mary's with music that just cannot be resisted. If the night's sky does not provide

enough illumination, Luke Kircher, President of Program Board, informs that there will be special lighting effects that will really elevate the energetic mood. The lighting will not be the only change this year.

He adds, "The décor will be a little different and the dance will be differently positioned in the quad."

This ultimate outdoor setting has students anticipating its return. Despite the cool summer air, there is sure to be throngs of people dancing, protruding warmth and enthusiasm.

"There is a lot of excitement and reasons for there to be," Kircher states. There have been changes made by associated students and the Program Board in efforts to boost attendance and ensure fun times.

Both students and their friends are encouraged to attend. And while, the Oasis has been referred to as the "drunk-fest" in previous years, Bill Foley, chief of Public Safety, emphasizes responsibility and insists that both

"students and guests should come to have a good time."

The Oasis comes at a fun time of year. Warm weather and cool breezes allow for great attendance. All rules and campus

regulations still apply if students are planning on drinking before attending. Concerns include binge drinking and students that require medical attention.

Foley added, "it takes the fun away from the other students."

Expectations still remain high, from both Public Safety and stu-

dents that have attended in the past. Seniors Mike Ceccotti and Rene Mendoza both attended last year's Oasis and argue that it is undeniably the best dance of the year. Their memories are sporadic, but great.

"It is a thrilling dance, compelling and rich with student life," said Ceccotti as Mendoza agreed.

"It's the first weekend that our campus is actually alive, a lot of students stay and party," said Mendoza.

Many agree that the enjoyment factor has increased. There is more social interaction. Students want to get out, dance, and have a great time.

Kircher adds, "This is a tradition that has been followed for the last eight years." This year should be great, the music will be enjoyable, and the memories are what you make of them.

Foley is just as optimistic as the students, and said, "Do take it seriously, have fun too. We encourage responsibility, for people to be smart, come to have a great time, make it a memory."

Campus Calendar

KSMC Informational Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.
Dante 116
Contact Mily Vasquez, x8435

ASSMC Online Voting

September 13 - September 14

Free and Confidential HIV Testing

Wednesday, September 13, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Asian Pacific American Student Association 1st Meeting & Barbecue

Tuesday, September 13, 5:30 p.m.
Justin/Mitty Quad;
Delphine Lounge
Contact: x8071

Gay Straight Alliance Cultural Night Informational Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 8:00 p.m.
Delphine Lounge
Contact x8418

"Goal-Setting" Leadership Workshop

Wednesday, September 14, 4:00 p.m.
Delphine Lounge

"Hotel Rwanda" Film Viewing

Wednesday, September 14, 6:45 p.m.
Soda Center, Lafayette Room
Contact: x5836

Program Board Coffeehouse

Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.
Ferroggiaro Quad
Contact: x4146

Julie Orringer and Michelle Richmond Reading and Book Signing

Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.
Soda Activity Center, Claeys Room
Contact: x4088

Stress Reduction Workshop

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.
Delphine Lounge

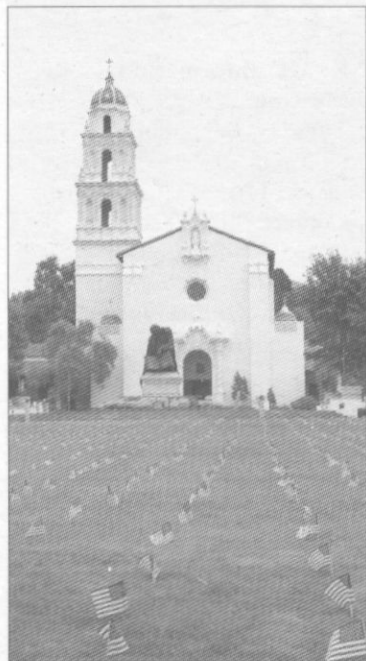
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Sorry, but due to space limitations we cannot list individual club meetings.

9/11: Saint Mary's Gaels remember the tragedies of 2001

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"We expect a lot of people to come to attendance," said Father Sal, noting how the recent masses have been packed and the significance of the event that occurred.

"We can't forget what happened. But the question then becomes 'Where do we go from here and what do we learn out of this? Will we be a nation of vengeance or mercy?'"

Father Sal also hopes that the remembrance of the event will help people realize life's fragility.

Sister Ingrid shared the same thoughts as well: "Hopefully this event will have a unifying effect upon the campus community."

When asked about the potential problems that may occur to campus ministry due to the collaboration that they had with the SMC Republicans, she said, "I really hope we don't have that. This has nothing to do with taking a teaching of the church and

setting a stance about it with the club. It's not a Catholic, Republican, or Democratic issue. This is about remembrance. It's important to remember what happen on that day. It was an event that changed us and still effects us to this very day. If the cause is good I would welcome collaboration with other groups as well."

She also went on to say, "Perhaps people will see that despite various differences that we have between the two groups we are able to found some common ground. Hopefully people will focus more on what unites us then what divides us."

Griffin also hopes that this will also give more positive attention to her club. "We are not 'we like Bush' club. We are a club of respect and class—one that cares about the country and the community."

INFLATION: Grades playing a part in tenure

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The criteria for tenure includes factors such as possession of a doctorate or its equivalent, a high level of teaching effectiveness, service to the college, scholarly achievement, and a commitment to the aims and ideals of the college, according to the Faculty Handbook.

Grade distribution data is "not going to show up directly" in the tenure guidelines, said Wensley. That doesn't mean that a professor's grading patterns are not important.

"I think [grade distribution summaries] are a valuable source of information to supplement all the other sources of information that we have," said Rebecca Proehl, chair of the Rank and Tenure Committee.

The idea of using a professor's grading patterns as a factor in the rank and tenure process has existed since data about it has been available. Such data has only been available in the past few years.

Greg Smith, a biology professor who worked on the Rank and Tenure Committee

from the fall of 2001 to the spring of 2004, said he had "a difficult time" evaluating faculty members' rank and tenure files because, in his experience, faculty members who give higher grades tend to get better student evaluations.

Smith also believes in setting high standards for students.

"One of the things I say a lot to my students is... you're going to have a person's life in your hands. Don't you think you should understand this information?"

"I actually believe I have a responsibility to have my standards high," he said.

Other students didn't see grade inflation as a problem. "I think the teachers are pretty fair," said Adam Fauvre '06.

"I don't think that teachers should give lower grades because they're under pressure to do that—they should be fair," said Fauvre. However, he said, "I'm not too worried about them cracking down, because the teachers know what they're teaching and how they should grade."

SENATE RACE: biggest election ever; ASSMC is excited to see so many involved candidates



Jackie Bernardo/COLLEGIAN

Twenty-six freshmen turned in full petitions for this year's Senate race.

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candidates like Danny Giddings '09, a student in the High Potential program along with three other candidates, "It's too easy. They don't stand a chance with my [High Potential] family behind me."

Briana Breen '09, a freshman running for Vice President and

Senator, already has ideas of what she plans to do if elected. "I want to see changes happen, more activities and events. I've done fundraisers before and raised money when I was in high school, so I know that I can do it again and get the money that we need."

When asked what he thought about the freshman class this year, ASSMC President John

Zabala said, "We can't really predict what they will do." He said, "It's a good thing" that we have such a big freshman class that want to be involved.

The elections begin today, September 13 and continue tomorrow, September 14 on <http://smcnet.stmarys-ca.edu>. With so many students running, "the need for a run-off election is a big possibility," said Zabala at a meeting with the candidates in the Student Involvement and Leadership Conference room this past Thursday.

But along with the freshman, there are potential Senate members from other classes as well. Four sophomores run to fill the three Senator open spaces as Christopher Young '07 and John Meister '07 run a head-to-head race for Vice President of the junior class.

This race brings many different types of candidates together, from different backgrounds and different hometowns to different ideas and views.

However the election goes it will definitely go down as one of the biggest senate elections in Saint Mary's history.

MORALES: So what if I'm a bit obsessed? Baseball is a metaphor for life's little, improbable pipe dreams

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when we have to, and, on the flip side, about never letting the odds get to you. It's a game where any team can beat any other team on any given day. How else would the lowly Tampa Bay Devil Rays, last in their division, be 11-5 this year over the mighty New York Yankees?

What makes it all even more thrilling is that the Yankees, with the Cleveland Indians and our own Oakland A's, are currently fighting for one of the last up-for-grabs playoff spots in the American league. And the Yankees start

a series with the Devil Rays tonight.

Compelling stories like these are all across baseball. Can Boston win the AL East and repeat as World Series champions, erasing any thought that their improbable run to the title last year was a fluke? Will the Chicago White Sox, without a World Series longer than the Red Sox were, finally run away with it all? And can the return of Barry Bonds, the lone superstar on my team of choice, the San Francisco Giants, do anything to salvage a dismal Giants season in an even more

dismal division? Talk about a story: Bonds returns to Giants and leads them to a title.

Pipe dream? Probably, but life is full of little dreams. Some of them we achieve, some of them we don't, but sometimes it doesn't really matter. And that is what is great about baseball. While football is compared to war, baseball is compared to life. Life throws you a curveball, but maybe this time you'll hit a home run.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have fifteen minutes of sports to watch. I'll be back in three hours.

News Briefs

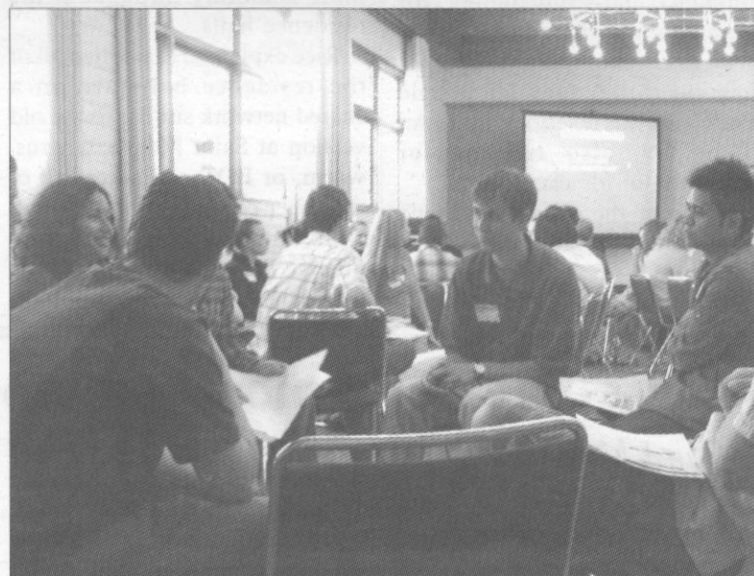


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Student leaders participate in a discussion about what talents they bring to Saint Mary's at last Saturday's leadership summit

Student Leaders attend revamped summit

Last Saturday, student leaders of clubs and organizations attended the Fall Leadership Summit, held in the Soda Center and throughout campus.

Put on by Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) and the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College, the summit included presentations by alumni, faculty, staff members and students on topics such as "Creating Culturally Competent Organizations," "Leadership Styles" and "Effective Executive Boards."

Roundtable discussions were also held later in the afternoon to allow leaders of clubs and organizations to network and share ideas.

In the evening, a dinner open to all was held in the Soda Center to culminate the day's activities.

Bridges to Bayou Campaign kicks off

Last Wednesday, the first Bridges to Bayou meeting took place in Hagerty Lounge. A little over 10 representatives from clubs including the Business Club, Latin American Student Association, Campaign to End the Death Penalty and the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship joined ASSMC President John Zabala and Campus Minister Pamela Thomas to begin coordinating the semester's efforts to provide relief to Lasallian schools in New Orleans.

News briefs for this issue were compiled by Jonathan Morales, editor-in-chief.

The Collegian
NEWS

Peering outside the Saint Mary's bubble

This week's feature:

Travel abroad: the panacea?

by **A. Oldfield & A. McConnell**
Staff Writers

Saint Mary's is a unique educational experience that many students appreciate. However, many students think that once they arrive here they must stay "inside the bubble" for all four years. Not true. Study abroad programs are an excellent way for students to get exposure to other cultures, places and people while still graduating on time with their friends.

There are many different programs available through Saint Mary's, but if a country or specification is not available, the school can help by arranging other options through a Lasallian International Program or even a program not affiliated with the college. Dino Pruccoli, associate director for the Center for International Programs, said that Saint Mary's forms a "partnership with the students to find out which program is best for them."

In the past, Saint Mary's students have traveled to Italy, Spain, England, South Africa, Mexico, and Australia. However, there are many different things to consider when deciding where to go. There are some countries that have certain requirements such as GPA qualifications and a certain level of language proficiency, al-

though students such as Ashley Hawkins '06 came back fluent from Italy after just one semester with no previous Italian classes.

Last Thursday, September 8, a formal dinner was held at the Soda Center for both returning study abroad students and international students. About 90 students greeted each other with huge hugs and smiles while reconnecting with long lost friends who had not seen each other since their travels. They gathered around a poster filled with entries from the travel abroad photo contest, each exclaiming "That's us!" or "Ooh, I've been there!"

Marissa Nichols '06 who traveled through the Saint Mary's program to Rome, said, "We were there when the Pope died, and it was interesting to be right in the middle of such a great historical event... You really just have to [go travel]. You have to get out of here for at least one semester."

Kristy Laird '06 traveled to Avignon, France through an outside program. The experience inspired her to travel more, not only abroad, but in the US.

"It made me realize how much more there is to see, even in my own country," she said.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors are allowed to travel throughout the year at Saint Mary's, but many who are appre-

hensive at the idea of being away from home or school for a full semester often choose to travel during January Term for a shorter time. However, everyone who was interviewed wished they could have stayed longer.

Nikki Hunt '06, who went to Rome, Italy for an entire year plans to live and work there after she graduates.

One emphasis that the Center for International Programs wanted to emphasize to the newest students of Saint Mary's was to start planning early. There are many things to keep in mind when thinking about traveling abroad to make sure that everyone gets the best experience possible, whether you want to a big metropolis or a quiet town in the countryside. The application is extensive, but the essay portion should help students organize what is most important to them.

Whether students just want to go help children in Cape Town, Africa or simply see what's outside the Moraga community, study abroad is an option that everyone should look into. For more specific information on the different programs available and their costs, contact the Center for International Programs in De La Salle Hall (x4352) or visit the Study Abroad Fair on Thursday September 29, 2005 in the Dante Quad from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Don't be afraid to peer outside the bubble!



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Have we learned nothing since September 11?

From Thursday to Sunday of last week Saint Mary's campus worked to remember the victims of September 11, 2001. Over 3,000 flags were planted in Chapel Lawn and the real bell tolled from 9 a.m. until 9:11 a.m. on Thursday. Nonetheless, we as a country should not be as concerned with the disaster of four years ago as with the one flooding our doorstep.

While I tried to collect facts on the effectiveness of the federal government's response, I have been forced to look at the similarities between September 11 and Hurricane Katrina. In both cases there has been a breakdown in communication between federal and local forces. Safety precautions for rescuers in both New York and New Orleans were initially ignored, leaving them exposed to chemical and natural dangers.

The volunteers in New Orleans are starting to work independently because federal forces are unorganized and slow to respond.

I spoke with Myrna Santiago, a history professor, regarding the comparisons between the two disasters. "If this had been a terrorist attack instead of a natural disaster," she said, "it would be a failure."

The fact that the problem is a natural disaster does not explain why we can't respond to people who are in mortal danger, especially when FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration) was moved under Homeland Security after September 11. That decision has caused FEMA to be crippled in its response ability to natural disasters because it must wait for the chain of command to work through Homeland Security.

The SMC Republicans stated they did not "see the need to compare a natural disaster with a terrorist attack." What I am most curious about is why President Bush ever decided to remove all old managers from FEMA and replace them with Republican sponsors.

I am glad that as of Friday, September 8, Michael Brown has been removed from New Orleans and instead, Coast Guard Vice Admiral Thad W. Allen has been installed as head of onsite operations. Perhaps the federal government finally realizes how much trouble they're facing, because no statement of faith in Brown has been made available. Perhaps they'll also realize that for all their promises of improved security and response effectiveness to national crises, it is apparent how little we've progressed since 9/11.

Collegian View

Last Wednesday, Bridges to Bayou held its first meeting aimed at coordinating West Coast Lasallian schools to contribute to the relief effort in New Orleans. Disappointingly, the meeting happened with far less enthusiasm than expected, and only ten or so students were in attendance to support this worthy cause. With a candlelight vigil, mass e-mails and a front-page story in last week's Collegian, the efforts of Bridges to Bayou was a highly publicized event.

For those of you who missed the vigil, or the e-mails, or the Collegian story, Bridges to Bayou is the San Francisco Christian Brothers District's response to Hurricane Katrina. All relief efforts at all 13 Lasallian schools in Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona are combining their efforts to assist three Lasallian schools in the New Orleans area that desperately need our help. Campus Ministry is coordinating the campaign.

The few students that attended the meeting are already active as leaders of other clubs. These dedicated individuals found time to act on their convictions despite their already demanding schedules. The question is, where was everyone else? Apathy is always a challenging obstacle to overcome for those recruiting for a cause, but at a Lasallian institute like Saint Mary's, one would think – or at least hope – that something as tragic and devastating as the destruction left by Hurricane Katrina would elicit more compassion. Why is it that the same students are active on campus while the rest of us sit on the sidelines as passive bystanders? The students who were at the Bridges to Bayou meeting deserve praise for their willingness to donate their already limited time, but let's hope that sooner than later more of us will step up. This is our school, our community, our lives, and it's up to us to keep it alive.

Community Views

Dear Editor,

I read, with interest, your recent pro/con article on mandatory Mass attendance for the campus RAs and was prompted to respond. I am an alumnus of the Class of 1953, a Christian Brother and spent 12 years as a staff member on the SMC campus - a number of which were as an RD in the residence halls (Justin, Sabbate and Ageno C). During these 12 years, I worked with a number of RAs - some of whom were Catholic and some not. I must say that most of them were very professional, very Christian and a pleasure with whom to work. I know that most of them were regular attendees at Mass but some were not. This latter situation did not, in any way, affect their professionalism nor did it affect their spirit of Christianity. They were wonderful young men and women with whom to work and brought a tremendous Christian spirit to the residence halls.

I believe that attendance at Mass is a very personal matter, especially for adult men and women. Do I think they should attend? Certainly I do. However, faith (and that includes any denomination) is a gift from the Lord and the practice thereof cannot be imposed upon an adult person, regardless of the denomination of the College. I think this is a quick way of turning one against faith and Religion.

Let's build upon the Catholic and Lasallian heritage of our Col-

lege and attempt to inspire and encourage our RAs to attend Mass regularly, rather than turn them off by forcing them to do so.

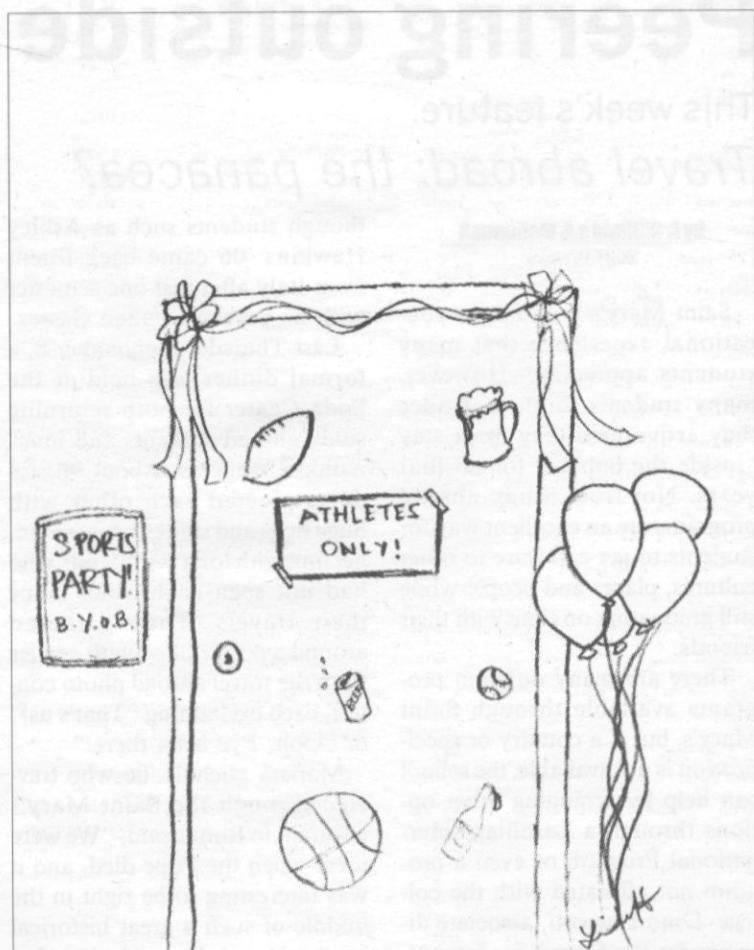
Go Gaels and Live, Jesus, in our hearts!

Brother Arnold Stewart
De La Salle Institute
Napa, Ca.

Dear Editor,

In response to Oscar Orozco's column, I would just like to point out the revenues of a company such as Nike. According to www.nike.com, "In nearly three decades, they've not only seen Nike, Inc.'s annual revenues grow from \$149 million to nearly \$14 billion, they've witnessed many pivotal events in sports history." Nike and numerous companies that use overseas manufacturing still generate profit. Even if workers were paid just one more dollar an hour, it would be making a difference. Nike would still be making a profit. Consumers would still buy the product. We can look at the gas prices right now as evidence. Consumers with SUVs are paying a lot at the pump. And yet they drive. We do see an increasing number of fuel-efficient cars, but just at Saint Mary's many students drive gas-guzzling vehicles.

Orozco finishes with "the question is, would you rather help people in the United States or



The most exclusive club on campus

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people overseas?" We are all human beings and we cannot simply just say help the United States. For a country that is founded on liberty, freedom, and justice for all we are certainly denying these principles for people making our clothes on our backs. It is humanity that we are helping, not just American citizens or overseas citizens. And therefore, because humans' lives are at stake, we all have a stake in improving the lives of those we exploit for our benefit.

Caitlin Hungate '06

Dear Editor,

In his letter to the Editor on September 7, 2005, Scott Cullinane expressed his desire for, "a more persuasive and reflective exploration of ideas." His beliefs seem to stem from his belief that Tony Vala-Haynes does not have any skills of debate beyond simple "sophomoric" personal attacks.

It is interesting to note that the entire claim of Mr. Cullinane's outrage would be mended if our

journalists at the Collegian, "at least attempted to back up claims." He singles out what he believes to be a biased attack on President Bush, which is not worthy of print. Given Mr. Cullinane's apparent outrage on Mr. Vala-Haynes lack of credible argument, I am shocked that He failed to notice errors in Mr. Chin's argument, namely that, "In the United States there have been only two presidents assassinated." The last time I checked there were four: Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, William McKinley, and John F. Kennedy.

If Mr. Cullinane truly was interested in journalistic integrity, he would have noticed the error in both sides of the argument. Instead I am left to believe that Mr. Cullinane's outrage is at best a "sophomoric personal attack" on Mr. Vala-Haynes, and not a crusade of lively debate.

Sincerely,
Patrick McKeon '06

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Did the federal government respond to Hurricane Katrina in a timely manner?

With FEMA under investigation, citizens ponder who is responsible, if anyone, for the slow response to tragedy

The tragedy is larger than Katrina

Danny Acosta

Scott Cullinane

Democrats attack while people suffer

Tragedy is not anything new on the personal, communal or national level. On Monday, August 29, an immense tragedy befell America in New Orleans. The culturally rich city is now inundated with its people dead, dying or missing – well, not all of them.

Many are still left in the city; they are hungry, susceptible to disease, desperate and yet hopeful. The tragedy has become a full fledged blunder as the American government has watched the situation unveil rather than take advantage of what could have been years of preparation for disaster with swift initiative to evacuate everyone. In addition, the proper steps have not been taken pre- or post-disaster.

This fallen city has forced America to view a dire social and political situation in its own backyard.

Like any public American problem, the government has stated it is diligent in working towards resolutions. Its actions indicate otherwise.

The largely black and impoverished city relies on public transportation, but hundreds of school, public and private buses were not used effectively in pre-evacuation even though they were available. This reveals a failure to account for the forty percent of citizens who live below the poverty line.

The government has disappointed many by not responding to Cuba's vast amount of medical aid and 1,500 doctors; this decision is detrimental to the victims and city. It indicates the American government is more interested in upholding political grudges rather than helping its citizens. Not only has America rejected aid, but it has ceased aid in order to stand against "lawlessness." New Orleans is not the L.A. riots, but it does stem from a common frustration with a system that is failing its people.

The public is aware that America is capable of taking fast action. Response to 9/11 was prompt and led to the war in Iraq. Do the discrepancies in governmental action reflect a readiness to dive into a political platform, but hesitance towards issues of race, class and poverty? The money, material and people being exhausted overseas have left America scrambling to internally recover when it could be employing those resources. The greatest tragedy is that race and class are still factors in deciding the safety of citizens of a country where all are believed to be equal. The real tragedy is that the problems in New Orleans and across the country are only seen in the wake of a natural disaster.



The White House is feeling a bit under the weather itself.

After Katrina hit the Gulf Coast and America had just begun the recovery process, the Democratic Party leadership did what it normally does: attack.

In an attempt to gain political points off the suffering of millions of citizens, the Democrats have tried to shift blame about the mishandling of the hurricane recovery from the Democrat Mayor of New Orleans, and the Democrat Governor, Kathleen Blanco, to the federal government and the President.

While the rescue of stranded people is still ongoing, Democrats Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi launched into a shameless and illogical diatribe. They insinuated that the reason Blanco did not do her job was somehow due to Bush being in Texas or his FEMA appointments. They fail to recognize that FEMA has little autonomous authority and was responding to Blanco's orders. Pelosi said that the President was "oblivious," even though Bush had declared a state of emergency even before

Katrina struck. This has led others to speculate whether all of Pelosi's facelifts are cutting off circulation to her head.

While the response to Katrina will be investigated, it is already clear that the Louisiana State and New Orleans City governments were derelict in their duties.

The City of New Orleans did not use hundreds of city buses to evacuate the indigent or sick even though prearranged plans called for such action. Those buses, less than one mile from the Superdome, could have transported thousands to safety.

The Democrats fail to mention that Blanco stopped FEMA and the Red Cross from bringing in relief supplies to the Superdome. Blanco hesitated to deploy the National Guard and turned down offers from FEMA to have the federal government step in. Where is Reid's and Pelosi's press conference questioning Blanco's actions?

In a city below sea level, near major bodies of water, the local government has the responsibility to be prepared for emergency evacuations. Because the local government offices are held by Democrats, their Democratic colleagues in Washington will not say a word about them. They hope to direct the blame to the President.

Hopefully, valuable lessons about protecting Americans will be derived from this horrific experience.

The Democrats are proving that they are only interested in partisan attacks, not in facts or helping the victims of Katrina.



ALYSE MCCONNELL

Athlete Elitism at St. Mary's

I went to an off campus party the other night and it was the typical SMC scene: drunken girls, randy guys, and the good ol' tunes of Mr. 50 Cent. However, something was missing...everything seemed just a little too homogenous, even for Saint Mary's. Only later did I discover that I had attended an "athletes only" party. For an instant it made me feel real special -- and then I remembered that I am not an athlete. I was only able to attend the party because I'm a former athlete and have athlete friends.

Athletes-only party? Now that just seems silly. To me, it's the equivalent of my brother putting a "No Girls Allowed" sign on his door in elementary school. That is rather juvenile, especially at a school like SMC.

I'm not saying that attitude is intentional. It just comes with the territory, simply paralleling society. It's no secret that our culture teaches us to exalt athletes. NFL and NBA players get million dollar contracts, advertising offers, and occasionally, a get-out-of-jail-free pass (OJ?). Even on the collegiate level, athletes have special distinctions. At Stanford the athletes are completely segregated from the rest of the student body. They have separate and far superior dorms, weight room/training facilities, and even their very own cafeteria.

But Saint Mary's is not Stanford. It isn't the NBA or the NFL. Saint Mary's is a small school in a small town.

No other groups or clubs on campus are quite as segregated. If I desired I could join the BSU or the Dante Club even though I am not black or Italian. Sponsored events by each of the clubs are never discriminatory- the BSU's G-spots are quite popular, and the Diversity Dance encourages *everyone* (regardless of your "diverse-ness" or lack thereof) to come. The Boat Dance is sponsored by the rugby team and the only way you won't get into that dance is if you don't buy your tickets on time.

Which brings me to the Athlete's Dance. I wonder how many students know about this school-sponsored formal dance at the Concord Hilton. It's a really fun event, with a full bar, hors d'oeuvres, and a DJ. However- there is a requirement for attending such an event – you must be an athlete, or the guest of one.

In a place like SMC, there is no room for elitism. Saint Mary's is founded upon the principle of community. There should be less instead of more divisions between the student body. Exclusive parties? Private dances? Funny, I didn't think we had sororities and fraternities at SMC.

Because we are fortunate we have a responsibility to aid victims of tragedy

The recent devastation wreaked by Katrina has me losing sleep. Cuddled up in my warm Ikea bed, I watch the footage with horror and a sense of guilt as to why I and everyone I know have always been spared. Dramatic? Yes. But what really makes us so invincible and immune from losing everything we know and everyone we love?

Call me paranoid, but I have firsthand experience to know how random and precious life truly is.

Last Christmas I was traveling through Thailand. Though north of the coast, I was awakened by a violent earthquake whose subsequent tsunami would kill 200,000 people. As the devastation became apparent I had to question my own mortality. Did I have a right to



KATIE KIMBALL

enjoy this vacation, even as I met with survivors, saw the injured in the Bangkok airport, and was asked to register as alive by the American embassy? I wanted my family. Never in my life have people called my home asking if I was alive. Never before had I worried that my best friend may be dead. Why was our whole group spared, safe to enjoy the rest of our cozy vacation in 5 star hotels? As I wrestled with these questions I made a decision. I decided to be grateful, grateful that my own plans to go to the

beach had fallen through, grateful that God had blessed me with a trip in such a beautiful country. I remained subdued, but determined to enjoy every moment I was given. I started a collection that raised over \$500 for the Thai Red Cross. I spent New Year's Day jet skiing in the very sea whose wrath had killed so many - and I never let it leave my heart that had the tsunami struck just a few days later, I too could have been killed.

Two disasters in rapid succession have many asking the question, are we living in the end times? Having spent a day at Auschwitz, it's obvious to me that suffering is nothing new.

I'm disturbed by the disproportionate effect these natural disasters have on the poor. We must recognize the injustice

in the world and do something to rectify it. Those are not just images on TV - those people could be you. What if SMC had to cancel its fall semester, like the Gulf Coast schools? It is our duty as privileged people to help out.

Although disasters like Katrina must teach us to come together and aid those in need, we must also question what we are doing with our daily lives. What are we doing to make the world a better place at home and at SMC? Make every day your Katrina, your tsunami. Love the people you were given to love. Reach out to those suffering, because you never know when it will be your turn. I hate to close with a cliché, but for those of us lucky enough to only experience the hurricane through CNN - to whom much is given, much will be expected.

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101 students polled

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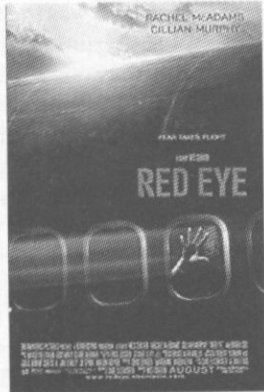


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by **Rochelle Perkins**
Staff Writer

Did anybody else not know what the title, Red Eye, stood for? Thinking that I was going to see killer, Cillian Murphy, in every scene with bloodshot eyes, I was a little surprised that there were no such effects. But if there were, I probably wouldn't have noticed. Rachel McAdams and Murphy pretty much grabbed my face and told me not to blink because the movie was so intense, one second missed would ruin it. True, it ran a little under an hour and half – but a good movie doesn't keep time. It was definitely worth the extra couple bucks.

Oliver Hall- the Dining Experience



Zach Farmer/Collegian

by **Whitney Medved**
Staff Writer

While it may not always be tantalizing to the taste buds, cafeteria food works. Even though some freshmen may have already exhausted their capacity for French Fries, quiche, quesadillas, and the like, others have been able to maintain a comfortable distance from Oliver Hall by nibbling on Top Ramen, cereal, and easy Mac in their rooms, and yet they are still pleasantly surprised by the occasional tater tots for breakfast and various array of pasta at dinner. All in all the folks at Oliver Hall cook up some good grub, and you can always find something appealing to eat, breakfast works anytime!

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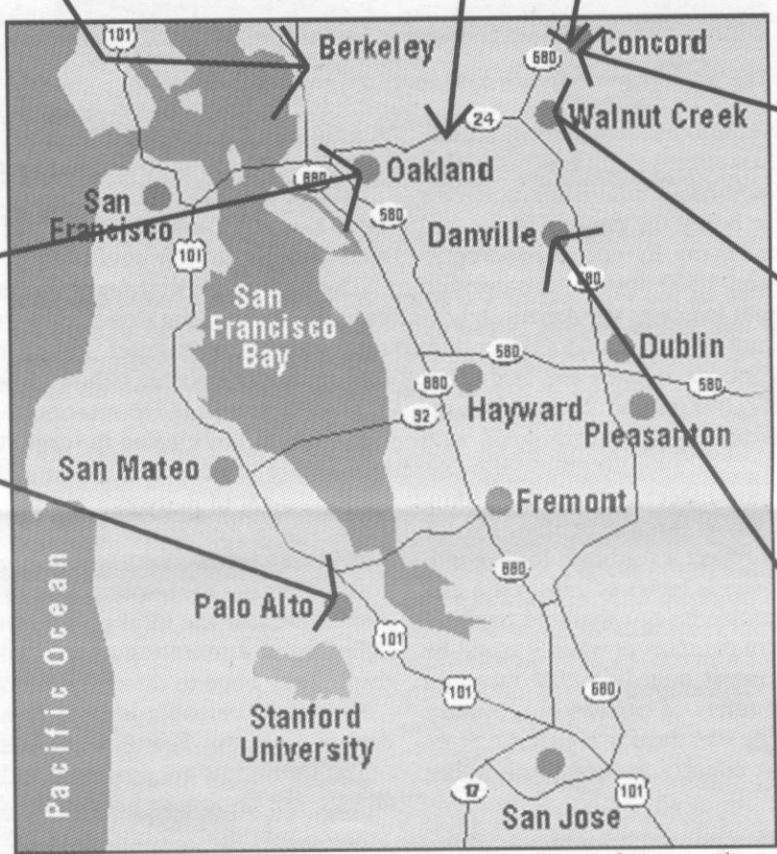


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by **Julie McAvoy**
Staff Writer

"The best things in life are free." Absolutely. These things would include love, friendship, the feeling you get when you hear your favorite song, and now, lunches from Costco. Last Saturday afternoon, I enjoyed one of the most eclectic and randomly diverse lunches since being at Saint Mary's, and on top of that it was free. Bagel bites and laundry detergent, bologna on Ritz crackers and Frisbees, and New York cheesecake and DVD's are all some of the absurd combinations paired together in the vast aisles of Costco.

A normal person would probably not think to go to a large warehouse retailer for lunch on a Saturday afternoon, however, we college students are a different breed of "normal." We get

bored, distracted, and easily excited at the thought of a free lunch not coming from Saga. The tasty, sample-sized snacks that Costco so generously puts out on display for its customers all contribute to a well-rounded meal, complete with an appetizer, entrée, and even dessert.

Getting hungry yet? The closest Costco location is in Concord, a good 15 to 20 minute drive, but well worth it. Dining at Costco requires no table etiquette, manners, or even sitting down. Think of it as a really long buffet line, complete with those cute,

little old women with fishnet stockings in their hair and little white aprons.

There is a catch, though. (Isn't there always?) The secret to dining at Costco is owning a Costco card. However, obtaining one is not as hard as you would think. Represent from Costco made it even more convenient for us lazy students by visiting our campus twice last week.

What if you didn't get a chance to go by that wonderful little stand? I present to you an even easier offer: find a person with a

Costco card, preferably one who has a car as well, and make nice with them. Can't do that? Well then, I'm afraid the answer is simple – just go to Costco already!

There is a small sign-up fee for a one-year membership, but may I remind you of what exactly I dined on this Saturday? Delicate raviolis topped with a creamy pesto sauce and diced tomatoes. Crispy taquitos hot from the oven and drenched in salsa and sour cream. And how could I forget about dessert, a little slice of tiramisu, soaked in coffee and served with whipped cream.

So the next time you are free on a Saturday afternoon with nowhere to go for lunch, head out to Costco with a group of friends and enjoy the free and tasty delicacies waiting for you at each and every sample stand, complete with a friendly elderly person craving your company and simple conversation.



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**Random
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It may seem impossible, but yes, Satan's Kingdom is a recreation area and no, Rosemary isn't hanging out there with her baby. Satan's Kingdom State Recreation Area is located in New Hartford, Connecticut. It dates back to the late-1700s when it gained its name from its high population of prisoners and social rejects. Today, it is the home of an exciting array of water sports including swimming, tubing and whitewater rafting. If you are ever in Connecticut this would be a great photo opportunity that would be perfect for any cynic's Christmas card.

If you still don't believe me check out this website that explains it all.
http://www.frwa.org/recreation/rec_section3.html

-Melanie Linney

Philadelphia, a classic love story with modern-day appeal

Who will she choose? Fiancee or tabloid reporter out to get her?

by **Lauren Becker**
Staff Writer

"The time to make up your mind about people is never." That famous line uttered by (the late great) Katharine Hepburn is just one of many memorable lines in "The Philadelphia Story." It didn't come as a surprise, then, when the film won an Oscar for Best Screenplay Writing, among other awards. This romantic comedy truly deserves them all, and audiences today should see for themselves how classic the movie really is.

The story takes place in you guessed it Philadelphia, during the days before the second marriage of a spoiled little rich girl named Tracy Lord (Hepburn). The ceremony will be the event of the season, and her ex-husband Dexter Haven (Cary Grant) hopes to get even by inviting the loathsome press to her exclusive wedding. Tabloid reporter Mike Connor (Jimmy Stewart) and photographer Liz Imbrie (Ruth Hussey) gain access to the private mansion, escorted by Mr. Haven himself.

Tracy's subsequent horror at the indecency of it all prompts some revenge of her own. The writers want a story? Oh, she'll give them a story alright, but not a word of it will be true. Little does Tracy know that while she's putting on a show for the guests, they aren't fooled by her staged personality. In fact, Dexter and

Mike do their best to let Tracy know that the only one she's kidding is herself.

The verbal sparring that follows is what brings so much modern appeal to the movie. The all-star cast performs this witty dialogue lightning-fast, not unlike the speed seen on "Gilmore Girls." That kind of delivery requires both talent and chemistry between the actors, which comes across clearly in "The Philadelphia Story."

Although this film hails from the 1940's, you could hardly say that it's old-fashioned. Katharine Hepburn's character was the original feminist doing what she wants when she feels like it, not to mention wearing men's pants decades before it became fashionable. Plus, how dated can a classic movie be when the best scenes involve the main characters in a drunken stupor after a night of partying?

Overall, I was pretty blown away by "The Philadelphia Story." It was the first time I had watched a love triangle onscreen and I couldn't decide which guy I wanted the girl to be with more. Cary Grant may have been the Jude Law of his day (apart from

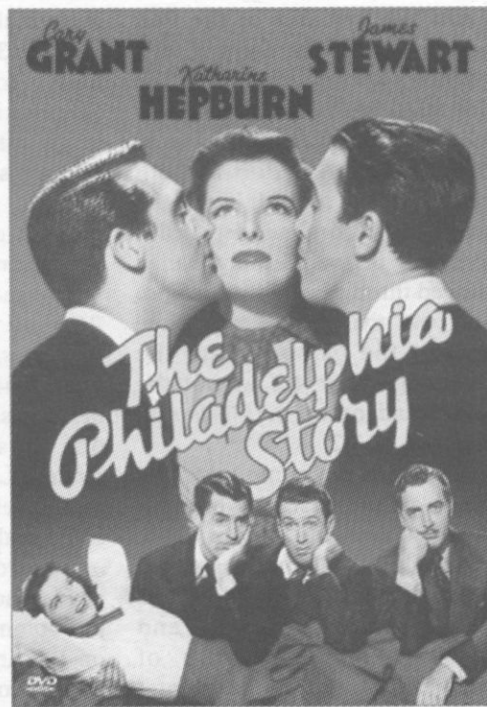


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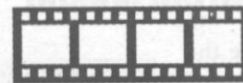
Philadelphia, a setting for love and mischief in this 1940 classic.

the nanny nookie), but Jimmy Stewart was charming in his own way.

When you can't picture anyone else in a movie role, you know that it was well cast. And when you can't think of anything you'd change about a film, you know it was well made. "The Philadelphia Story" has everything you could ask for in a classic. Though it might not be the most action-packed piece of entertainment out there, sometimes you just need to sit back and recognize a good thing when you see it.

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Starring: Gwyneth Paltrow, Anthony Hopkins PG-13

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Starring: Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter PG

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The Bloodhound Gang

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Warfield, S.F.

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Interpol
Civic Center, San Jose
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HP Pavilion, San Jose
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Fillmore, S.F.

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Arcade Fire
Warfield, S.F.

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Selland Arena, Fresno

Willy Wonka meets Freddy Krueger at San Francisco Chocolate Festival

Ghirardelli Square Chocolate Festival a miss in taste

by **Mike Chin**
Sports Editor

Typical San Francisco on a Saturday: tourists frolicking around the usual hotspots, (Fisherman's Warf, North Beach, Chinatown, Union Square) shopping, and most of all being absolutely obnoxious. I needed something different, something sweet and tasty and maybe throw in a little decadence. Luckily my girlfriend looked in the Chronicle's weekly *Datebook* and found the San Francisco Chocolate Festival at Ghirardelli square.

Walking up to the entrance of the festival I could feel my heart racing and the sugar vessels pulsing. Once we got to the door and received our "golden ticket" (actually it was just an eight dollar admission fee) I could have sworn that Willy Wonka and

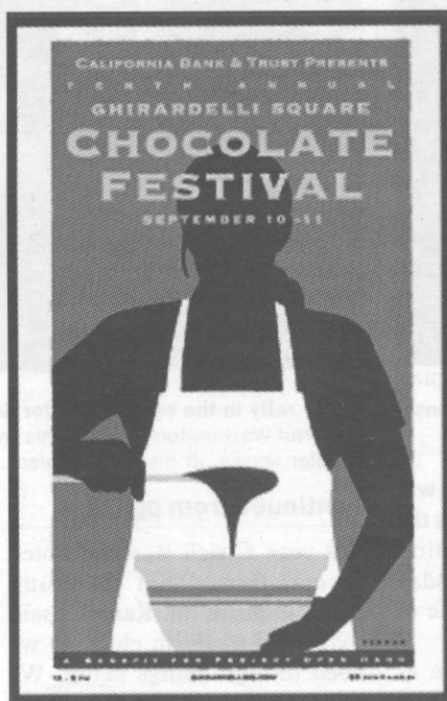


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Ghirardelli's 10th Annual Chocolate Festival, a chocolate lover's dream?

those scary looking Oompa Loompas were on their way. Unfortunately, after we entered into the maze of Cocoa-based

treats the similarities cease to exist.

For the admissions ticket each person was forced to select only five samples from thirty different vendors. Are you kidding me! Not trying to sound like a "gordo" but this is a chocolate fair and I want to try everything. Well at least I thought I did.

Now don't get me wrong there were some good things (chocolate strawberries and hot fudge Sundaes) but the bad far outweighed the good.

For instance this one stand offered a tiramisu that was horrible. The key tasted a bit sour and to top it off, they put strawberry jam on the dessert. Who does that?

Now I know I kind of have high expectations, but isn't that valid? This festival is in San Francisco, the food capital of the west coast.

Needless to say, I expected more. It was as if Saga was cooking in San Francisco. And we all know what that means - one word: N-A-S-T-Y. And if that wasn't enough, I had to wait in a line that must have been a city block long.

After rinsing out my mouth from the "Saga Tiramisu" I thought that these people deserved another shot. Why not, right? This is a chocolate fair and if anybody can get chocolate right, Ghirardelli can. Boy, was I wrong. Two more samples were digested in my belly and twice more my taste buds needed a water cleansing.

Finally, after choking down a milkshake that tasted more like chocolate sludge, we headed home. Now, as I write this article, a delicious white raspberry truffle from Godiva sits in front of me and I can say that despite my hellish experience at Ghirardelli, the Cocoa bean is still a delectable treat if done right.

More info about Ghirardelli Square at www.ghirardellisq.com

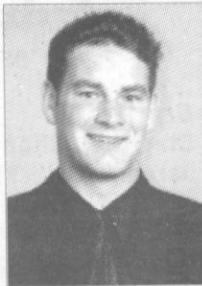


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**Players
of the Week**

Brian Mason

Despite the set of losses credited to the sophomore goalie, Mason has been solid, recording 12 saves this week.



Prior to the losses Mason held Oregon State and Sacramento State scoreless. He has constantly bailed out his defensive teammates with some spectacular saves. With the return of captain David Vedder later this season the Gaels will shore up what appears to be a shaky defense.

Gen Hollis



Thus far this season Hollis has been relatively quiet. In the Gael's last few matches the senior forward has

had several shots on goal but has been unable to finish. On Sunday, however, she broke out of that funk scoring both goals in the win against top twenty-five ranked Dartmouth.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

Gaels fall to SMU but wipe out Big Green

Saint Mary's lose a tough overtime game against SMU; bounce back versus Dartmouth

by Megan Manley
Staff Writer

On the first day of the Fall Soccer Classic, the Saint Mary's women's soccer team faced the Southern Methodist University Mustangs in what turned out to be a well fought effort by both clubs. With 14 seconds left on the clock in the first sudden death overtime period, Kimber Bailey slipped through the SMC defense and beat goalkeeper Andrea Lee to win the game, giving the Mustangs their 4th win of the season and leaving the Gaels with a record of 3-2.

Although the game was very physical, the first half brought little excitement. Bodies were flying as SMU made several questionable fouls. Saint Mary's fought back, however, and dominated the majority of possession.

Going in to the second half tied at 0-0, both teams looked like different ball clubs on the field. The game became more aggressive, despite the referee's sudden decision to start calling fouls.

In the 20 minute mark of the game, the Gaels got a scare when SMU nearly scored a goal after the ball bounced off the goal post, but was saved by Lee before it could make its way in.

Saint Mary's came close to scoring on a few great offensive combinations, but the shots just wouldn't drop despite some great

set-ups from the midfielders and wide forwards. Senior midfielder Gen Hollis lead the Gael's with 6 shots in the game.

With 3:19 left in the second half sophomore defender Stephanie Harrison collided heads with one of the Mustangs. Though she was down for a few minutes, she was helped up and escorted off the field. She would not return to the game.

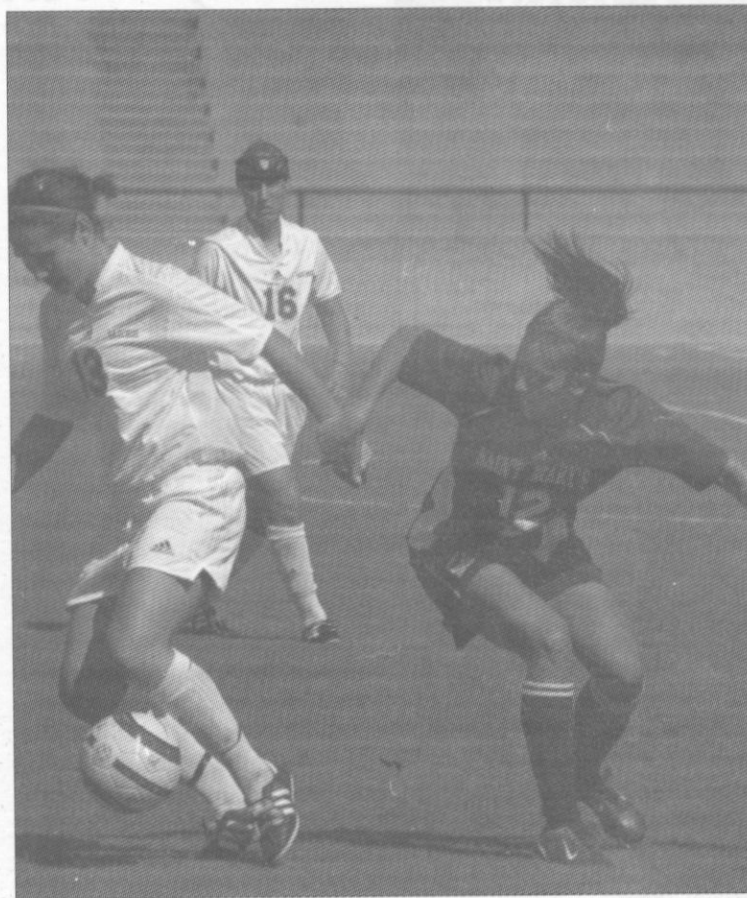
The game went into overtime, the third time in five games for the Gaels, and was neck and neck until Bailey outran the Gael defenders, leaving her in a one on one situation with goalkeeper Andrea Lee. With a strong kick to the left corner of the goal, SMU sealed the deal.

According to Saint Mary's head coach Paul Sapsford, "We just committed too many players on the final attack forward and got beat on the counter attack."

"I am really impressed with the intensity and the energy, you can't ask for more," said Sapsford, "It was unlucky on our part. For the large part of the game we were the better team."

On Sunday September 11, the second day of the Fall Soccer Classic, the Gaels faced #24 Dartmouth in what according to the coach was, "a must win game," and win they did.

The Gaels bounced back on Sunday to take the final game of the tournament 2-0. Gen Hollis paced the Gaels with two goals. The first came only 21:31 into



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

McKenna Belzer(12): The Sophomore forward had an assist in the Gaels win against #24 Dartmouth. She will look to improve upon her performance against #3 UCLA.

the game. She would score again with only thirteen minutes left in the game. Nikki Schrey, McKenna Belzer, and Stephani Rocco each had an assist and Andrea Lee recorded another shutout with six saves.

The Gaels finished the weekend 1-1 and 4-2 overall. The

Dartmouth victory also marks the first time this season that the Gaels have beat a national ranked team (Dartmouth was 25th in the nation).

Saint Mary's will be challenged again next Sunday when they face #3 UCLA at Saint Mary's Stadium.

GAEL ZONE Athletic Schedule

Thursday Sept. 15
Stanford Tournament
Women's Volleyball @ #3 Stanford
7 p.m.

Friday Sept. 16
Men's Soccer @ Delaware
1 p.m.

Stanford Tournament
Volleyball v. #15 UC Santa Barbara
Palo Alto, CA
5 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 17
Cross Country @ Aztec Invitational
San Diego, CA
8 a.m.

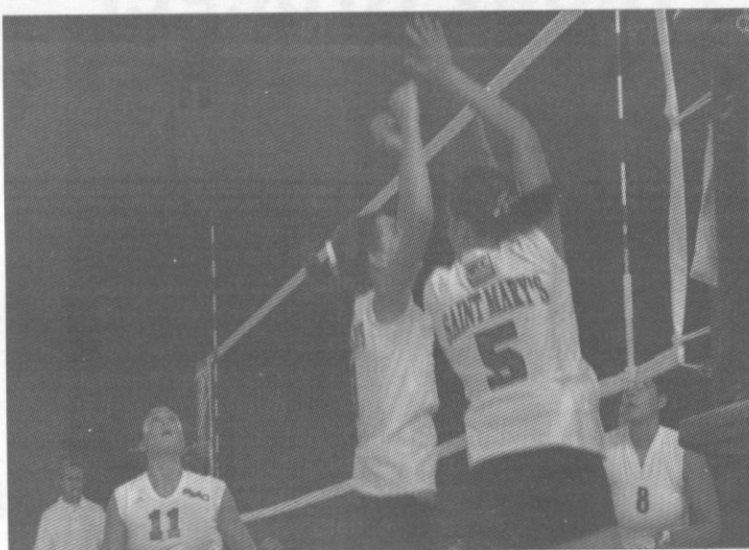
Stanford Tournament
Volleyball v. Utah State
Palo Alto, CA
7 p.m.

Sunday Sept. 18
Men's Soccer @ Philadelphia
1 p.m.

Women's Soccer v. #3 UCLA
1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Gaels tame Rattlers in three games

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Zach Farmer/COLLEGIAN

The Gaels sneak past Florida A&M in three games. Great team defense made up for the Gaels offensive woes on Saturday night.

Senior Lauren Holland was also instrumental for Saint Mary's, hitting several well-placed serves that baffled Florida's defense including two aces.

Junior setter Mandy Bible gave another great performance, dishing 34 assists in three games. Last year's two-time national Player-of-the-Week also added six blocks and ten digs in the winning effort. With the win, the Gaels improve their record to an impressive 6-1 on the season.

Hopefully, their solid play will continue as Saint Mary's faces the defending national champion Stanford Cardinal next Thursday in Palo Alto in the first game of the Stanford Tournament.

The game should be huge as Stanford looks to avenge their two losses to Saint Mary's last season.

SMC will also face UC Santa Barbara and Utah State in the tourney. Stanford, UCSB, and Saint Mary's are all ranked in the top 25 nationally.

Men's Soccer: SMC continues to slump in loss to the Huskies



Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

A late rally in the second half for SMC was not enough to topple the powerful Washington Huskies this weekend. Former baseball player Jerrard Hippler shows off his soccer talent.

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this year. Coach Rammel noted several things that his group could improve on. Rammel said "We need to finish chances, we need to start things better. We need to do the simple things correctly." In the last two matches the Gaels have played much better in the second half, often coming within a few shots of tying the game up.

Should the Gaels have chance to rebound they must be mentally

tougher. "We were not mentally prepared," said Rammel. Defensively, they must also improve. "We need to track guys in the box and mark better," he said.

Luckily for the Gaels the season is early and there is still a lot of soccer to be played. They will get a shot to redeem themselves next week as they take their show on the road to face the Universities of Delaware and Philadelphia.

The Collegian SPORTS

Senior Kauai Salzman already a legacy at SMC Co-Captain aims for 2005 West Coast Conference Title

by Zach Farmer

Assistant Sports Editor

Most great athletes find their passion at a young age. In fact, some did not find their sport until high school. Wilt Chamberlain did not pick up a basketball until high school. Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. Saint Mary's senior Kauai Salzman did not pick up a volleyball until she was in the eighth grade.

When the San Diego native was in middle school, she was very committed to softball. Being a pure athlete, she was up for a challenge and she and her friends started playing volleyball. Even into high school, Salzman focused on softball but she decided to tryout for the junior varsity volleyball team. She made it. From there, she joined club volleyball teams at her school.

Coming from San Diego, Saint Mary's was a big change. But Salzman saw it as an opportunity. When she arrived, the volleyball team was nothing to be proud of. She looked to change all of that. "I expected to win. I wanted to start something," Salzman said.

She started something big. Since she arrived, Saint Mary's has soared. The program started as a sub .500 team but soared to its first Sweet Sixteen berth in school history.

The two-time All-WCC First Teamer has also set school records. In her sophomore season, she set a Saint Mary's record for digs in a season with

406. This year, she became the SMC all-time leader in digs.

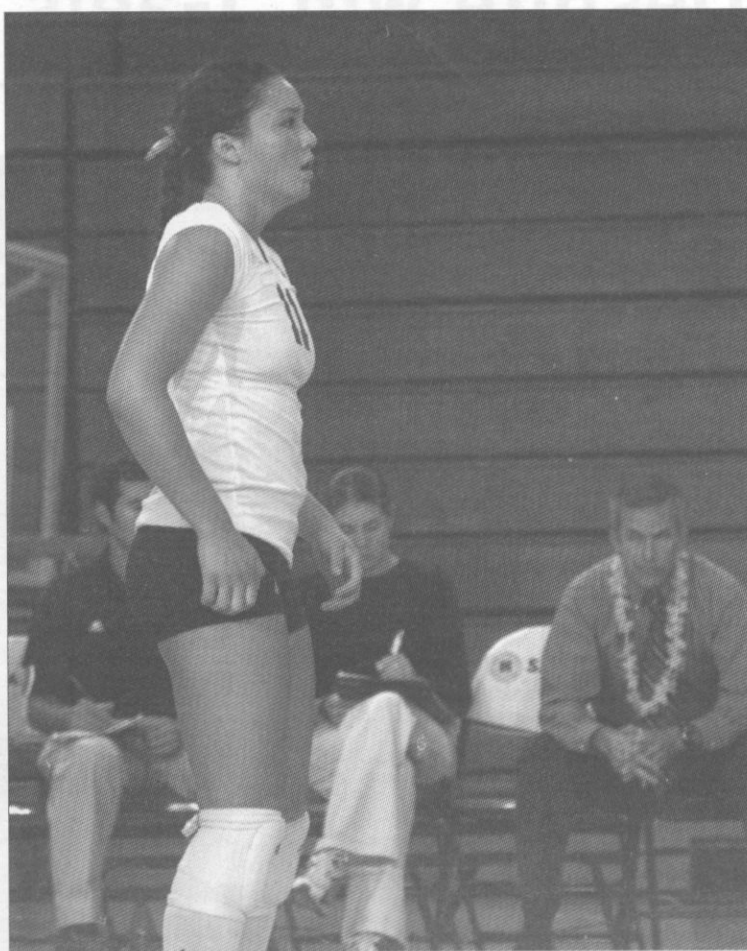
Former SMC coach Jon Stevenson really helped in her development as a player. Salzman said, "He taught me what I need to do to get better every year." Even first-year coach Rob Browning has helped her progression. "He pushes everyday."

Her relationships with her teammates are also important. "Sometimes you get caught up in winning," Salzman said. "(My teammates) helped me see that."

On top of all she has accomplished here at Saint Mary's, she still goes back to her high school and talks to her old coaches. She even plays with the high school players.

Salzman's determination is one of the biggest reasons why she is successful. "My dad has always pushed me," Salzman said. "But people can only tell you so much." Her self-motivation has kept her driving forward. Being her senior year, there are a few goals left unfinished. Last season's run was not enough to satisfy Salzman. "We got to the Sweet Sixteen but we didn't win the conference. That's my goal." With her goals always set high, she is one of the most inspirational players on the team.

Her legacy is cemented into the Saint Mary's record books and her self-determination ensures it will not be the last time we hear from Kauai Salzman.



Zach Farmer/COLLEGIAN

In her four year career at SMC Salzman has been one of the biggest key to the rebuilding process. At times the senior outside hitter has taken the Gaels on her back. Last year she was rewarded by the WCC with a first team all conference selection.

Kauai Salzman: College Statistics

Career Kills: 880	Kills per game: 2.49
Digs: 1203	Digs per game: 3.41
Blocks: 193	Blocks per game: .55



MICHAEL CHIN

The Echoes have awoken for the Fighting Irish

Like any other Catholic school kid, when I was little I loved Fighting Irish football. As I got older you might have called me a "subway alumni" of Notre Dame. I have never been to South Bend nor have I ever attended a Notre Dame event (I finally get to see them however on the 24th of September when I go home to watch them play Washington), but Saturday during the fall I would wake-up and watch them do battle against the likes of Michigan and Ohio State.

I can still remember learning the fight song when I was five and watching the movie "Rudy" for the first time when I was in my early teens. I even attended a high school nicknamed "The Fighting Irish." Yes, it was strange to see a little Chinese kid cheer for the blue and gold, but I loved it all the same.

All those games I watched rooting, praying, believing that one day the Irish may get to a national championship. Cheers could be heard from my bedroom following an Irish victory against Michigan, and the next week a melancholy sigh of despair would hit my lungs as they would drop a game to an unknown team like Boston College. It was not always a great way to live out Saturdays but I just had to keep the faith.

However, this year, my senior year in college, my prayers may have been answered. For all the college football fans that doubted the Fighting Irish, look who's talking now. Last week, after the Irish annihilated Pittsburgh, everyone said "it's a fluke." Tell me that now, after they beat the third highest ranked team in the country.

Coach Weis finally has finally put this team back together. A year ago ESPN and ABC were writing off the Golden Domers saying that the academic standards were too high and that the team lacked the talent to be a national contender.

Yes the season is young. However already two weeks into the season the change is astounding.

Recievers and backs who were deemed "too slow" six months ago are running away from some of the best defenders in college football. A defense that was said to be the Achilles Heel of the Irish just shut down the third highest ranked team in the country. Most importantly, the players are believing in Coach Weis.

I have waited all my life for the moment that Notre Dame Football would once again be in contention for a national championship. With that said, "onward to victory" in 2005.

SMC Standings and Box Scores

Men's Soccer Results

San Francisco(13)	1-0-1
San Diego	1-0-1
Saint Mary's	2-2-0
Santa Clara(4)	2-1-0
Gonzaga	2-1-1
Portland(23)	1-1-1
LMU	1-1-0

Saint Mary's L(2-1) vs. San Jose State(2-1)
Goals: Christlieb 1(1), Assists: Johnson(1), Saves: Mason 7(18)

Saint Mary's L(2-2) vs. University of Washington(4-0)
Saves: Mason 5(23)

Volleyball Results

Saint Mary's(6-1) vs. Florida A&M 30-28, 30-19, 30-25	Santa Clara(25)	6-0
Kills: Stidham 14(91), Assists: Bible 34(271), Digs: Bible 10(51)	Saint Mary's(23)	6-1
	San Diego(20)	6-1
	LMU	5-1
	San Francisco	9-2
	Gonzaga	6-4
	Pepperdine	3-3
	Portland	2-7

Women's Cross Country

Portland	28
San Francisco	81
Gonzaga	102
Santa Clara	104
San Diego	110
LMU	130
Pepperdine	141
Saint Mary's	249

Men's Cross Country

Portland	19
Gonzaga	66
Santa Clara	105
LMU	107
San Francisco	109
San Diego	168
Saint Mary's	185
Pepperdine	188

Women's Soccer Results

Portland(4)	5-0-0
Pepperdine(12)	4-0-0
Santa Clara(6)	3-0-1
Saint Mary's	4-2-0
Gonzaga	2-1-1
San Diego	2-3-0
San Francisco	1-4-0
LMU	0-3-3

Saint Mary's L(3-2) vs. SMU 1-0 OT
Saves: A. Lee 5(16)

Saint Mary's W(4-2) vs. #24 Dartmouth 2-0
Goals: Hollis 2(3), Assists: Belzer 1(2), Schrey 1(1), Rocco 1(2), Saves: A. Lee 6(22)



ZACH FARMER

Pennant Baseball is in the house

For those of you who have not been paying attention to the playoff picture in baseball, here's how it looks. With a little less than three weeks left in the regular season, the portrait is about as clear as it was in April. The Cardinals, Braves, White Sox and Padres (someone has to win the West) already have their divisions wrapped up and there are 10 teams that are vying for the last four playoff spots. In the American League, there are five teams within four games of each other and two of them are division leaders at the moment.

The Red Sox have a four game lead over the Yankees and the Angels have a one game lead over the A's in their divisions, while the Wild Card has really gotten interesting. With only 18-20 games left on their respective schedules, the Indians have a one and a half game lead on the Yankees and the A's. The Indians, who have the easiest schedule of these teams, are the favorite to win the Wild Card. Aside from playing eight more games against the A's and White Sox, the Indians can coast to the Wild Card title with three games against Tampa Bay and seven against the cellar-dwelling Royals.

The NL Wild Card has been back and forth since the beginning of the season. The Astros, Marlins, Phillies, and the Nationals are separated by four games and not one of these teams seems to be pulling away. Each of these teams will have a hard time in the last few weeks but the biggest advantage in the schedule belongs to Houston. The Phillies and Marlins must play each other, the Nationals, or the Braves 12 more times, while the Astros play only five more games against teams with winning records.

The playoff picture looks very clear to me. The National League will have the Padres, Cardinals, Braves, and the Astros and the American League will have the Angels, White Sox, Red Sox, and the Indians.

With no clear-cut favorite, I have no prediction for the World Series match-up. Let me draw a name out of a hat. Let's see...How about the Atlanta Braves? The Braves haven't won a World Series since 1996. I guess anything's possible, even the Yankees not making the playoffs. That's right. The New York Yankees will not make the playoffs.

Despite win, Gaels struggle in opener

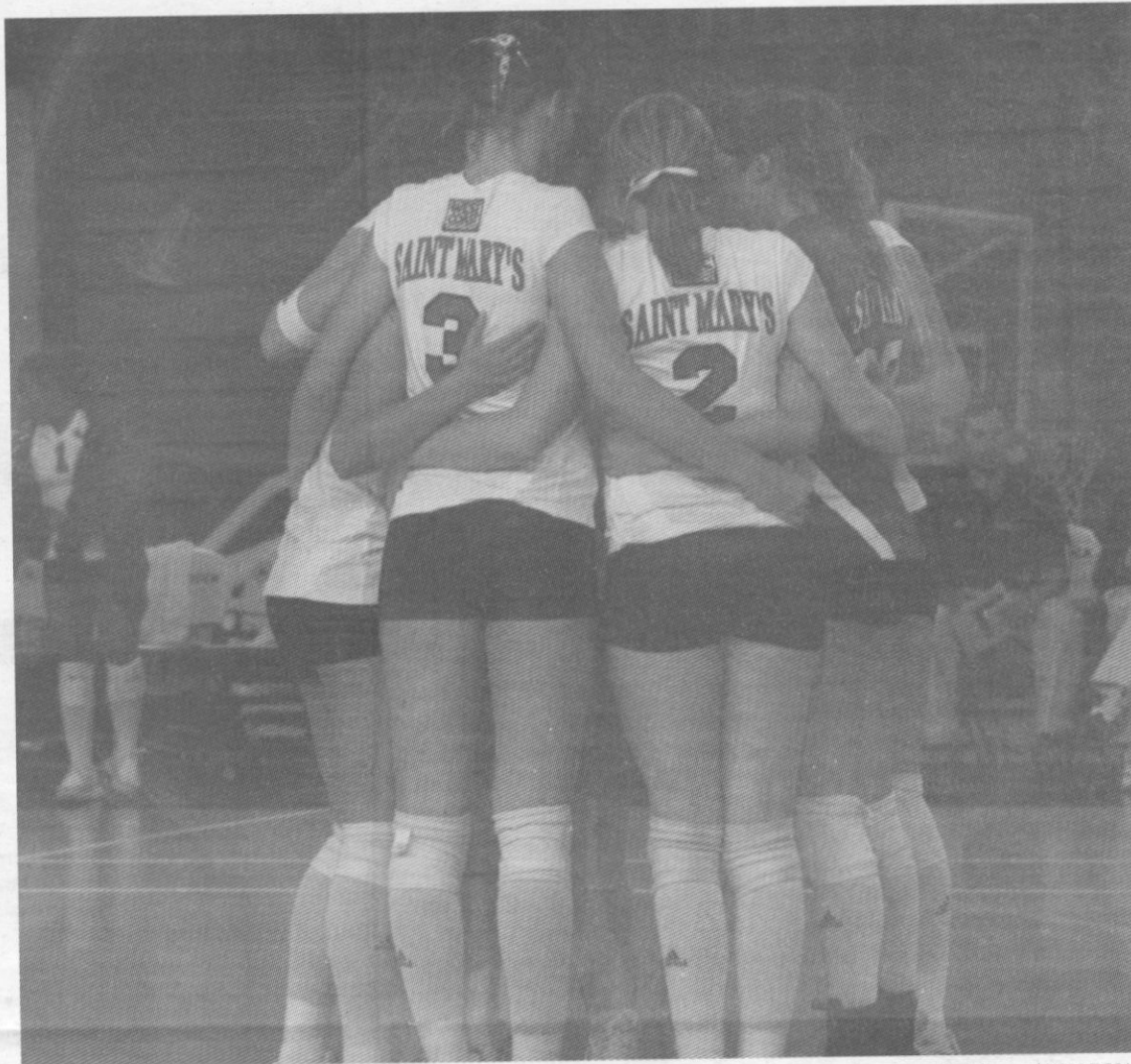
After time off Volleyball looks rusty in win over Florida A&M

by Allison Kop
 Co-Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's volleyball team was in fine form Saturday night, disposing of the visiting Florida A & M Rattlers in just three games in front of their first home crowd of the season. With the victory, SMC improves to 6-1 on the season, while Florida A&M drops their third game in a row after losing tough matches to UC Berkeley and WCC powerhouse University of San Diego.

Game one was a hard-fought battle with each team unable to find a rhythm and break open the scoring. With the score tied at 28-28, junior outside hitter Cassandra Kolkka came up with a huge block to win the serve for Saint Mary's and then finished the Rattlers off with a solid serve to the back court. The Gaels won the game 30-28.

In game two the Gaels seemed to find their mojo and jumped out to an early 8-5 lead. Though overmatched in height at almost every position by the beefy Florida players, the Gaels were not intimidated and dominated play at the net. Freshman Brittany Barker made several key blocks for the Gaels and ended the match with six in total. Despite some great net play from the Gaels, A&M would not go quietly and kept the match relatively close. Sophomore outside hitter Missie Stidham had several outstanding kills and hit a smoking jump serve to help



Zach Farmer/COLLEGIAN

Freshman Brittany Barker (3) and Sophomore Missie Stidham (2) were instrumental in the Gaels victory over Florida A&M. They hope for similar results in the Stanford Tournament this weekend.

Saint Mary's to the 30-19 win. She led all players in the match with 14 kills on the night and also added seven digs.

Saint Mary's continued their winning ways in the final game,

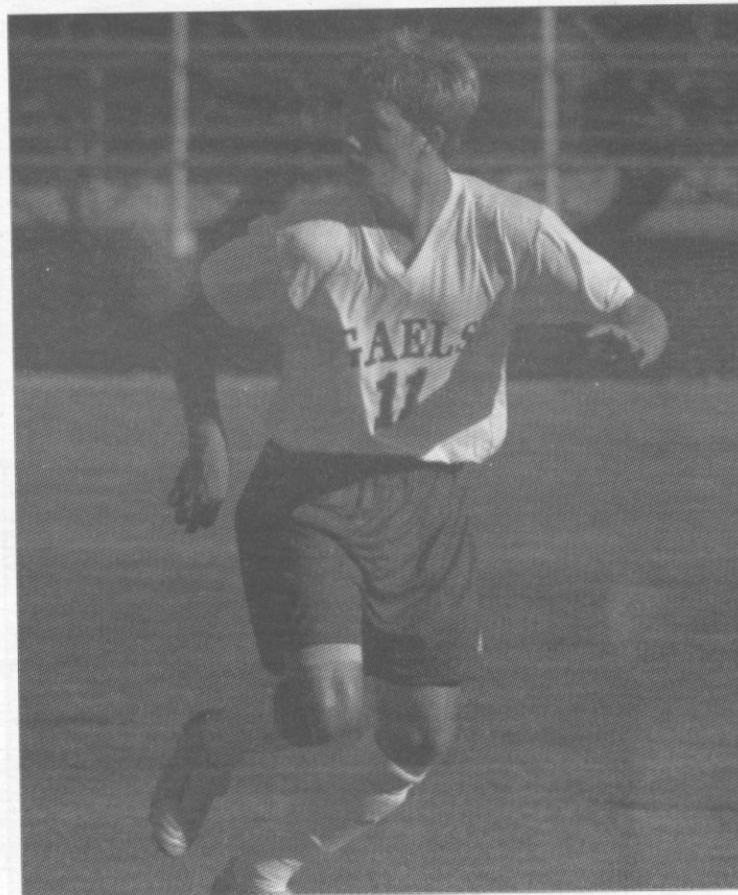
finishing the Rattlers off comfortably with a five point cushion, 30-25. Senior outside hitter Kauai Salzman had a good game hitting several sizzling kills right through the Florida

blockers hands. She ended the match with 9 kills total and eight digs.

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Huskies down Saint Mary's 1-0 at home

Gaels come up empty handed in a hard fought loss to the Washington Huskies



Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

Senior Matt Walker has been a solid contributor in this early season.

by M. Chin & R. Perkins
 Sports Editor & Staff Writer

It's back to drawing board for the men's soccer team. In what seemed to be a great start to the season with back-to-back shutouts last week against Oregon State and Sacramento State, the Gaels took two steps back as they stumbled to two consecutive defeats this week against the San Jose Spartans and Washington Huskies.

In the first contest SMC got off to a fast start playing great defense and moving the ball well. However, in the 39th minute of the game Spartan forward Nelson Diaz got free via through ball pass from Guilherme Fadlalla to break up the scoreless tie.

Following the intermission, Ismael Ibarra added another goal to push the Spartan lead to two goals. Late in the second half, Gael junior Alex Christlieb knocked in a header to bring Saint Mary's within one goal. However, the Spartans were

able to hold off the late rally by SMC.

The Gaels slump continued on Sunday falling to the Washington Huskies 1-0. Although SMC fought hard, they were unable to capitalize on several chances that the Huskies gave them. Last week's hero, freshman Michael Clegg led the Gaels with three shots on goal, while senior Matt Walker added two.

The lone goal of the game came late in the first half when Husky Nick Loveless found the net on a throw in pass from his fellow teammate. In the second half the Gaels battled, but once again were unable to break the Huskies stout defense.

Despite the losses, one bright spot for the Gaels has been the solid play of sophomore goalkeeper Brian Mason. Although Mason gave up all three goals in the last two matches, he has kept the Gaels in games, recording 12 saves this week.

For the Gaels the losses mark a time to rebuild and regroup for

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