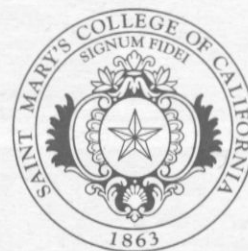


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Senate shows support for Katrina relief

ASSMC puts rhetoric and money behind November Wake-a-Thon fundraiser

by Jonathan Morales
Editor-in-Chief

Over 20 student leaders and club representatives joined the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College Senate in throwing their support behind Hurricane Katrina relief efforts at the Senate's general assembly Sunday.

The Senate unanimously approved to award \$5,700 from the General Fund for use in funding the Wake-a-Thon, a massive inter-club fundraiser to take place in November.

In the presence of high school students visiting from De La Salle High School, Christian Brothers High School, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep, and Saint Mary's College High School, club leaders urged the Senate to support Wake-a-Thon.

"We're going to need funds. These clubs can't do it alone," said June Williams '06, president of the Black Student Union (BSU).

The Wake-a-Thon, supported by dozens of clubs and organizations across campus, is modeled after a successful event of the same title put on last year by BSU, the



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Kristin Mathe '06 (front left) and Sam Westermann '09 sit as the ASSMC deliberates Sunday. Mathe and Westermann were confirmed as justices on the Judicial Tribunal.

Latin American Student Association (LASA) and the Asian Pacific American Student Association (APASA). Participants pledge to stay awake all night, and various events including music and movies will occur to keep students entertained. The event will be held on November 4 in McKeon Pavilion, and students will be required to raise money to be do-

minated to hurricane relief in order to attend.

"If we don't fund this, what does that say about our campus? What does that say about our community?" said Senator Arthor Curley '08.

Far more debated was the awarding of \$2,000 to the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) for a cultural night and a dance which will

be part of National Coming Out Week in October. The money was awarded after a lengthy discussion, as several senators expressed hesitance at granting GSA what they felt was a large amount of money for a dance.

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Starting points for the future

Active seniors have fast pass to career interviews

by Bettina Adragna
Assistant News Editor

Seniors who are hoping to be among the first interviewees in the spring should attend events and workshops held by the Career Center. By attending these events, seniors can earn points, which are used to rank potential interviewees for various firms and organizations.

"If we don't have a method to have students trickle in, then there's a big crush," said Vicki Davis, administrative assistant for the Career Center.

Events and activities that earned points for the month of September included Senior Orientation and turning in an approved resume by September 28. Future events include Career Info Nights, the Career and Internship Fair, resume workshops, interview workshops, and business etiquette workshops. Seniors can also attend a club sponsored career activity that is approved ahead of time by Patty Bishop in order to earn points. Points are tallied up at the end of the fall, said Davis.

The interviewers in the past have mostly been business or accounting oriented, but Davis said that the Career Center is "trying to branch out."

"We're trying to get firms to come that aren't strictly business or accounting related," she said. She cited Sephora attending a Career Info Night as such an example.

The diversity of organizations is somewhat of an issue for Daryl Cruz '06, a Politics major and French minor, who saw the Career Center events as being mostly business-oriented.

"I think that the businesses that they bring to Saint Mary's are going to be for business majors," he said. "It's known as a business school, so the companies that will be coming here will be for business majors, or in search of business majors or accounting majors."

Despite his perceptions, he said that he would be willing to be interviewed "if they're willing to

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Latino Heritage Month spices up campus events

October brings events celebrating Latino culture such as 'El Ritmo Latino' and Salsa Night

by Lauren Becker
Staff Writer

Good food, good music, and good times are expected for this year's Latino Heritage Month at Saint Mary's College. With a host of events scheduled for both on campus and off, the diversity clubs Latin American Student Association (LASA), Business and Accounting Latin Association (BALA), and Hermanas Unidas seek to involve students of all ethnic backgrounds in the cultural activities planned.

Since the types of events will be as diverse as the organizers responsible for them, Program Coordinator of Delphine Intercultural Center Prayda Wright believes that their purpose is to "bring awareness to everyone."

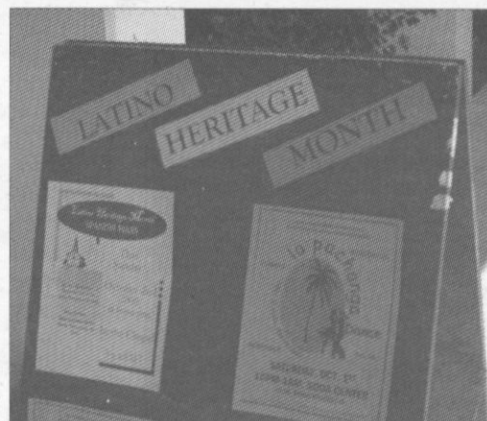
"I am hoping that across campus, all students—not just of Latino descent—feel included in the community," said Wright. That goal should not be hard to reach as long as people understand why Latino Heritage Month exists.

According to the LASA President Alicia Perez '06 and LASA Public Relations Officer Maria Hernandez '08, "Latino Heritage Month promotes an inclusive community by breaking down negative stereotypes in order to reach a better understanding of what it means to be Latino and creates the opportunity to discover shared values."

"As of this academic year, 22% of students identify themselves as Latinos, making this the largest minority group at Saint Mary's College. Because culture is such a significant aspect of these student's lives, it is important that the college recognize the value of ethnic diversity," Perez and Hernandez said in a joint statement.

The small size of the school makes it more essential for the student body to connect in spite of their differences. Therefore, the theme of this year's Latino Heritage Month is "El Ritmo Latino, The Rhythm That Unites Us."

A lot of the activities will feature music to fulfill the rhythmic part of the theme, includ-



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ing Salsa Night in Oliver Hall on October 11 and a Latino luncheon the following day, also in the cafeteria. In addition, the Pulses Dance Club will perform at the LASA club meeting this Thursday in Delphine Lounge at 6 p.m.

Other events to not miss out on are the Día de los Muertos Celebration on October 20 at

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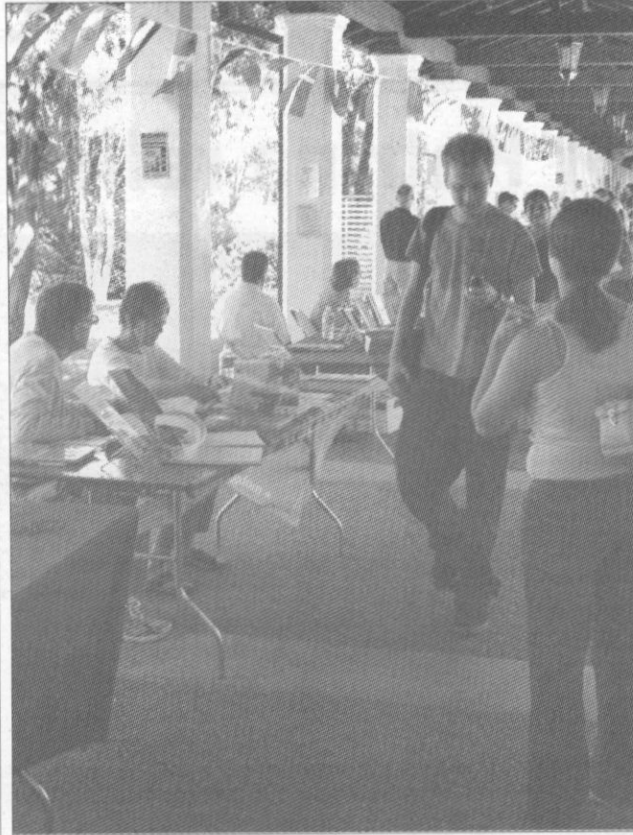
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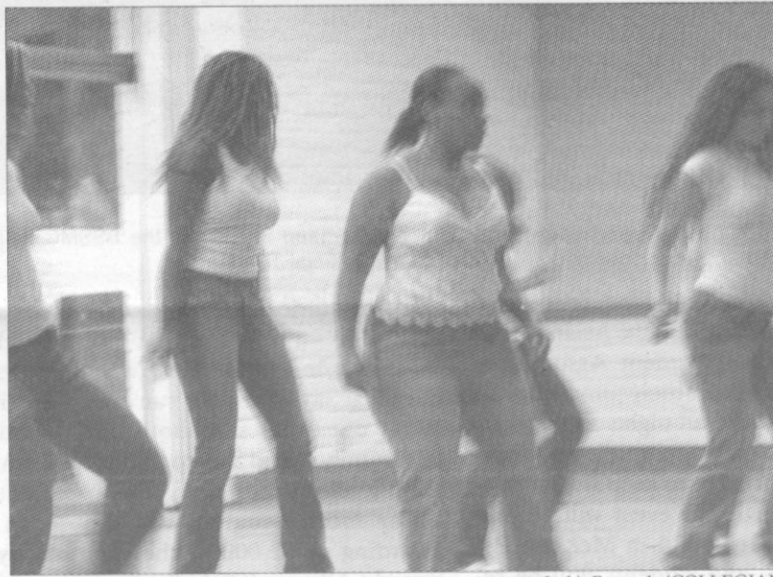
SNAPSHOT



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Students fill the breezeways at the International Fair booths last week.

Pulses entertains the Senate during a performance at Sunday's General Assembly.



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JO-ANN ARQUILLANO

Just a ring away

The other day, I called a friend and left a message on his cell phone voice mail. Within minutes my phone was ringing, and my friend informed me that he just stepped out of mass to return my call. After a quick reprimand on his heathen ways, I told him to call me back *after* the service. My friend's unhesitating ability to interrupt his life—even the sacredness of a religious ceremony—for a mere phone call just illustrates the extent that our lives have become so incredibly dependent on this relatively new gadget. As its popularity rose in the eighties and nineties, I can think about how cell phones gradually permeated the lives around me.

I remember the days when I had to plan meeting times and places with my sister when I wanted to go my separate way in the mall with my friends. I vividly recall the long spans of time I'd lose searching for my mom in the grocery store when we accidentally parted.

Now I hardly go a minute in confusion before I'm dialing to find whoever I'm looking for.

I admit it, I'm a total cell phone junkie. I can't go anywhere without my little wireless friend and whenever I'm without it for more than five minutes, I begin to hyperventilate over the fear that I'm completely cut from the rest of the world.

I'm a huge fan of this convenient device. Having instant ac-

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Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES



TONY VALA-HAYNES

NEW YORK – Police are still searching for the mother of four-year old Valerie Lozada after the girl was found abandoned and shivering on a street in Queens, New York. Lozada claims her father left her on the street and drove away. When asked about her mother, Lozada told police her mother resembled a "princess." Monica Lozada-Rivaineira, 26, has been missing since Valeria was found. Cesar Ascarrunz, 32, Lozada-Rivaineira's live-in boyfriend has been charged with the murder of Lozada's mother and with reckless endangerment, endangering the welfare of a child, and child abandonment.

MOORE, Oklahoma – A Cleveland County Judge denied a motion by two Moore students

to be reinstated in the classroom after being expelled for taking place in the initiation of a fellow student-athlete. A Moore High School sophomore claims he complied with the demands of his football teammates out of "fear." According to the sophomore he was forced to eat vomit and lick up urine. Mike Gassaway, the attorney for the two defendants, issued a public statement saying, "They didn't make this kid do anything. They didn't harass, intimidate, promise—didn't say 'Something bad is going to happen to you.' Did nothing but watch this kid make an absolute fool out of himself." The judge denied the motion to reinstate the students involved in the initiation until the investigation is complete.

AKRON, Ohio – A 94-year-old woman was reportedly thrown to the floor of her home when she was robbed by 21-year-old Steven Raines Jr. Raines reportedly stole the woman's jewelry and was found sleeping behind a neighboring home just hours after the burglary.

Crime Beat

- 9/24 9:30 a.m. Incident: Harassment and Intimidation
 Synopsis: Voyeurism and threatening statements at Guerrieri West; referred to Student Conduct.
- 9/24 3:15 p.m. Incident: Hit and Run
 Synopsis: Hit and run with damage to vehicle at Ageno East; referred to Student Conduct.
- 9/25 1:32 a.m. Incident: Minor in Possession of Alcohol
 Synopsis: Minor in possession of alcohol at Ageno A; referred to Student Conduct.
- 9/25 2:58 a.m. Incident: Damage to College Property
 Synopsis: Exterior side of the double pane glass broken at South Claeys; referred to Student Conduct.
- 9/25 8:30 p.m. Incident: Incident Report
 Synopsis: Dorm room window broken from outside at Justin
- Hall; referred to Student Conduct.
- 9/26 1:50 p.m. Incident: Battery
 Synopsis: Battery at North Claeys; referred to Student Conduct.
- 9/26 3:50 p.m. Incident: Fire Alarm Activation
 Synopsis: False alarm at Aquinas Hall; referred to Student Conduct & Physical Plant.
- 9/28 11:30 a.m. Incident: Moraga PD Assist
 Synopsis: Despondent student, possibly on SMC campus. Suspended.
- 9/29 1:35 p.m. Incident: Fire Alarm
 Synopsis: Cooking set off fire alarm in Ageno B; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.
- 9/29 4:30 p.m. Incident: Battery
 Synopsis: Battery at lacrosse field and Health & Wellness Center; referred to Student Conduct & Athletics.

**Weekly
Featured
Profile**

Organization of the week

**Business &
Accounting
Latino
Association**



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by **Arthur Curley**
Staff Writer

The Business and Accounting Latino Association (BALA) was founded by Liliana Cevallos '06 and a group of other students in the spring of 2005. BALA was started at Saint Mary's because the group "felt there was a need to provide students with resources that other schools had that were not provided at Saint Mary's," said Cheryl Morel '06, one of this year's public relations directors.

BALA's mission states that they "strive to enhance the career and leadership growth of students, especially Latinos, through networking and mentoring opportunities...to promote diversity and within accounting and business professionals and to prepare students with the necessary skills to excel in corporate America."

BALA has many activities planned. Last week's co-sponsored event "Meet the Firms," was one of the events. Students had the chance to meet with big businesses and provide their resumes, giving them the opportunity to gain internships and employment. Many of the participants said it was a great event.

Also, BALA's Welcome Back Dance last month gave students the opportunity to have a more intimate interaction with professionals as they were able to sit, have dinner, and one-on-one conversations with professionals.

"It was a great event, had a wonderful conversation with a woman who owned her own business and received a lot of helpful information. The keynote speaker did a great job; he hit everything right on the nail," said an attendee of the event. The evening included dinner, a Power Point presentation about BALA, and a key note speaker, Ed Diaz.

BALA has more planned this year, including collaborations with other BALA organizations at the Berkeley, Stanford, and Santa Clara campuses. This includes professional panels where students can ask questions to professionals and get informed infor-

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Students registering for January Term still affected by new bill payment methods

Visa is not everywhere you want to be, not even during Jan Term

by **Alyse McConnell**
Staff Writer

Last Monday, senior Erin Gravert went to the Business Office to turn in her Jan Term travel course deposit. When her credit card was returned to her, she was surprised to learn that Visa was no longer accepted. "I wasn't aware that Visa was not accepted. The Jan Term program I applied for said that I could use my credit card, and I just assumed, since this is America, that I could use Visa," she said.

Gravert's story highlights the little known fact that Saint Mary's now only accepts Master Card, Discover, or American Express credit card payments for tuition and fees when paid online through GaelXpress. With the service provider infiNET, Saint Mary's adopted the QuikPAY electronic billing system July 1, 2005. With e-billing, an e-mail notification is sent to the student's Saint Mary's account each time a new bill is available. Students can pay their balance online by using a credit card or an e-Check, which is the electronic version of a paper check. When a credit card is used, a convenience fee of 2.75% will be charged and managed by Saint Mary's partner, infiNET. InfiNET Solutions, a third party vendor, does not accept Visa.

However, students still find it bizarre that infiNET does not accept Visa, as many have echoed sophomore Cat Braid's statement: "Honestly, who doesn't accept Visa? It's 'everywhere you want to be.'"

However, other local schools such as Santa Clara and the University of San Francisco (who also use InfiNET) do not accept Visa either. Still, many other schools, such as Sacramento State, do not



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Students using Visa will find it harder to register for January Term travel classes, as the new payment system still refuses the use of Visa. Visa is not everywhere you want to be.

accept credit cards at all. Previously, Visa's stringent service-charge policy dictated that Saint Mary's could not charge the card's holders if they made a payment using their card. Instead, the school was required to assume the cost of these transactions. Thus, each time a payment was made with a Visa card, Saint Mary's was required to foot the 2.5% service fee. Such credit card surcharges were costing the school over a quarter million dollars annually. To recoup these funds in 2005, the Business Office had two options: raise tuition or eliminate credit cards. The e-bill system offered the perfect solution: by automating billing and payment processes through a service provider like infiNET, Saint Mary's still accepts most major credit cards without any extraneous costs for the college. In addition, this can help the school reduce the invoice preparation and mailing costs, receive accurate payments more quickly, and simplify student and parents' access to their accounts.

Sue Hooks, assistant controller in the Business Office, stated that there have been relatively few problems with the changes. "Only a dozen or so students have come in trying to pay with a credit card, and when they did, we simply sent them to the computer out in the hallway [right outside the Business office] to make the transaction online." Hooks added that "only a few" students had tried to pay with their Visa cards. The Business Office had received numerous requests from both parents and students to make accessing the student's account easier by switching to the e-bill system. This is a far more convenient and expedient process, but Hooks still recognized the problem of not accepting Visa cards.

"It is true that most students have Visa. Visa has cornered the student market by offering debit cards with no fees. However, parents usually have multiple credit cards, and now they can use one

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HERITAGE: October is Latino Heritage Month

Saint Mary's celebrates diversity with various organizations

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6 p.m. in Delphine Lounge, the Taco Run on October 26 for some late night Latin food off-campus, and the Halloween for Kids day of trick-or-treating with inner-city children.

There will be quite a few additional events taking place outside of Moraga. On October 30, students can carpool to Oakland to celebrate the Day of the Dead. In San Francisco this Friday the play "Body Revolution from Harlem to Havana" will be presented by El Teatro de la Esperanza at 8 p.m. Also, the Ninth International Latino Film Festival starts this Sunday in San Jose at 5 p.m. for those interested in multi-cultural movies.

Although it is only the beginning of October, Latino Heritage Month has already run several programs. Last week, there was a "Women of the World" discus-



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sion in Delphine Lounge, a Spanish Mass on Sunday, and a La Pachanga Dance on Saturday, co-sponsored by BALA.

Lily Cevallos '06, president of BALA, enjoys the festivities. "When I left Ecuador 12 years ago, I was broken-hearted knowing that I was leaving my culture and family behind. As the years progressed, I became aware of the big celebration that takes place during the month of October. This

is a special moment because the Latino community can show the richness of our culture."

Hermanas Unidas Co-Chair, Nora Garcia '08, agrees on how much potential Latino Heritage Month has. "The Latino organizations on campus have collaborated to make this month a time filled with unity, fun, and knowledge not only of where we came from, but where we as a community will be going."

**Campus
Calendar**

Ongoing
Hurricane Katrina Supplies Collection, outside ASSMC and in residence halls. Questions: ebiller@stmarys-ca.edu or ivcf@stmarys-ca.edu.

Ongoing
Jan Term travel courses still open for registration

Ongoing
Free Massages
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by appointment
Sign up in Health and Wellness Center
For more information, call x4254

Auditions and Interviews for "New Clothes for the Empress"
October 3 to October 5
Info and sign-ups at Lefevre Theatre box office window

Hurricane Katrina Penny Wars Class Competition
Monday, October 3 to Friday, October 14
Donate in front of Student Involvement and Leadership Questions: x4704

Shakespeare Comes to the Big Screen: King Lear, Act II
Tuesday, October 4
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Soda Center

Ice Cream Social
Thursday, October 6
5:30 p.m.
Dryden Hall
Contact: x8468

Alumni Join Freshman Seminar
Friday, October 7

Playstation 2 and Xbox Madden Tournament
Deadline to sign up: October 7, in front of Augustine 101
Augustine first floor
Contact: x5012

Kayaking in Half Moon Bay with Rec Sports
Saturday, October 8
Sign up with Rec Sports at x4949

Campaign to End Death Penalty Speakers
Monday, October 10
7:00 p.m.
Moraga Room, Soda Center

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mation on that particular profession.

This year's officers are President Liliانا Cevallos '06, Vice President Roberto Cabrera '06, Internal Finance Officer Juan Zaragoza '06, External Finance Officer Luis Espinoza '06, Director of Operations Martha Cornejo '06, Fundraising Officer Jose Cano '08, Public Relations Officers Cheryl Morel '06 and Yesenia Galvan '06, Administration Officer Martha Avalos '06, and Underclass Representatives Hugo Leon '07 and Alex Diaz '06.

Meetings are every other Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Delphine Lounge.

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cess to anyone at my fingertips is great. Who doesn't love text messaging for those times when you can't (or don't want to) exert the effort of a full conversation?

And with all the newest developments, cell phones have gone above and beyond being simple communication tools. Equipped with calendars, address books, calculators, alarms, timers, cameras, recorders and Internet access, cell phones are veritable portable offices. I remember when I had committed all of my best friends' phone numbers to heart from dialing them so many times and now I laugh at the fact that I don't even know my own sister's number because I haven't had to memorize a number for years.

My cell phone makes me feel safe and prepared for anything. And at the risk of sounding presumptuous, I don't think I'm the only one who feels this way. But have we become too dependent?

Yes, cellular phones have made many tasks more convenient. Yes, they have kept us all connected with a touch of a button. Yes, I frequently find myself questioning how on earth we survived life without them. But sometimes don't you wonder if maybe things have gotten a little out of hand?

I got my first phone as a senior in high school when I started driving. Now, my eleven-year-old cousin and all her little friends are running around elementary school with their own cell phones calling who knows who, who knows when. And who hasn't heard those phones go off in the middle of class, in restaurants during dinner, at the movies, or even in church?

So I guess the infiltration of cellular phone fever has its pros and cons. It might cause cancer. It might keep us all more connected. The ever-presence of cell phones may be increasingly annoying as ringtones pervade the air more and more, but in my opinion, the slight inconveniences are far outweighed by the benefits of this mobile device. All I know is, without the cell phone, how would I have been able to reach my friend at church and gotten the inspiration to write this column at all?

VISA: Charging January Term is harder due to new payment methods

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of their other credit cards. Previously, only MasterCard and Visa were accepted; so now there are actually more, not less, options for credit card payments."

Although the Jan Term Program might have failed to mention this detail, there has been plenty of notification. Hooks stated that three letters addressing the matter were sent to students' homes, and two separate e-mails were also sent to every student's school e-mail address. In addition, for the last couple of months, students have been receiving both electronic and paper bills, with notifications of the upcoming changes, which include the rejection of Visa cards in the new e-bill system.

POINTS: Seniors begin the race for interview points

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accept a Politics major, or [are] in search of one, or someone in my area."

Business and accounting majors were satisfied with the points system in general.

Antonio Chinaglia '06, an accounting major, said, "everyone should do that stuff [attend the events]."

Despite other students' concerns, Chinaglia believes that the point system is fair.

"A lot of people don't agree with it, because it's a lot of work for seniors who have to go to these events, but I agree because it forces seniors to get prepared for the interviews," he said. "It filters out some people that maybe shouldn't get interviewed if they don't put in the extra work."

However, he said that "you run a risk that if someone who's really good and really qualified doesn't have time to go to those meetings. They might be filtered out."

Davis addressed this problem by saying that if a student can't attend the events, they can make an appointment with a career counselor to go over the content of the missed events.

"We understand and will accommodate students who work or have other commitments that prevent them from coming to a workshop," said Davis.

Whether learned with a counselor or from a workshop, the events have proven useful, at least to Chinaglia. He said that he learned important skills and information because he attended Career Center events.

"I didn't know anything about business etiquette until [attending] two career center workshops last year," he said. "That's the kind of stuff you need to know in a business social setting. It increases the chance of getting the job, and it increases the demeanor of Saint Mary's students."

Another business major, Justin

Albrecht '06, was also satisfied with the points system. He described it as "definitely fair."

"It's better that people who show up and are dedicated get first bids. If you don't make an effort, I think the people who do make an effort [should be able to] make first bids," he added.

While he said that attending the events is "not a big priority," he said that he would try "whenever [he has] free time, to go to as many of the events as possible."

His goal is to "get as many points as possible" in order to interview with a law enforcement agency.

Whether students are interested in law enforcement or other occupations, Davis encouraged everyone to make use of the Career Center.

"Make an appointment with a counselor," said Davis.

"No matter what your major is, coming into the office will benefit."

ASSMC: Three new clubs chartered at General Assembly

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dent John Zabala '06 urged students to participate in hurricane relief efforts and challenged every student in the room to attend the Wake-a-Thon and raise the money required.

"We have been blessed. These past few months at Saint Mary's have been a blessing. Yet we are facing a situation that is larger

than ourselves," said Zabala. "We have an opportunity to focus our good energy to a common cause and do a great amount of good."

ASSMC Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Barnes '06 also alluded to the drive of student leaders in a moment of reflection that formally opened the assembly.

"Let us recognize the energy in

this room," said Barnes.

In contrast to last Fall's eight new club charters, only three new clubs were chartered by the Senate. The Saint Luke's Pre-Medical Society, the Japanese Popular Club, and the Photography club were all approved.

The evening wasn't all procedural. Pulses entertained the Senate and the galley with a performance during the Public Forum

component of the assembly.

"How do I follow that act?" said Zabala as he approached the podium to introduce this year's judicial tribunal.

Kristin Mathe '06 was approved as the chief justice for the second year in a row. Sander van der Heide '06, Katie Ferguson '07, Whitney Lopez '08 and Sam Westermann '09 were approved as justices.

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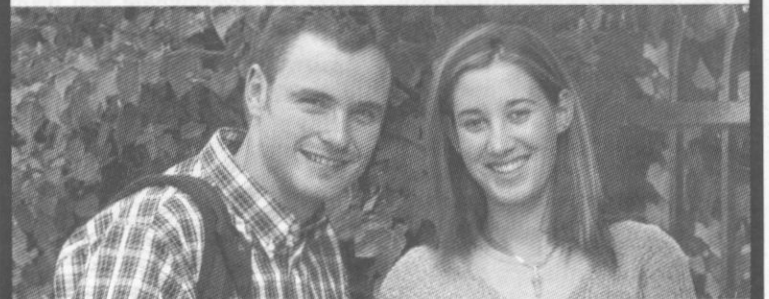
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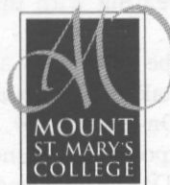
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Asian Cultural Night

Asian Cultural Night is an event dedicated to the education of the Saint Mary's community about the various Asian Pacific cultures through food an entertainment. A sit-down Asia-themed dinner and an evening of entertainment will be the highlights of ACN. The 9th annual Asian Cultural Night will take place on March 7, 2006.

Asian Pacific American Student Programs and Delphine Intercultural Programs is looking for experienced, responsible, creative, and detail-oriented individuals to lead Asian Cultural Night. Executive team members will hold a number of responsibilities, from creating the menu to managing the different set productions. Individuals who have

previous experience working on ACN, other Cultural Nights, or theater productions are encouraged to apply.

Executive Team Member applications are due in the Office of Asian Pacific American Student Programs in the first floor of Del La Salle Hall or in the Intercultural Center Office in Delphine Lounge by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10. All applicants will be notified, and the first Executive Team meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 or Thursday, October 13.

To speak with a past member of the ACN Executive Team, or for more information about the application, call Andrea Lum at x4349 or Pravda Wright at x8545.

Donate Blood

On Wednesday, October 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the American Red Cross, in cooperation with the Student Health and Wellness Center and the Peer Educators Network, will hold a blood drive in the Soda Center. Those who wish to donate blood should sign up either in Student Health and Wellness Center in the ground floor of Augustine Hall or online at www.Beadoner.com. Go to the tab marked find a drive,

put in the sponsor code for Saint Mary's (the code is STMARYS), click on the school, and then click on a desired time to donate. However, one must have an account with the website before signing up for an appointment time. For more information, contact the Red Cross either at 1-800-448-3543 or online at their website www.RedCross.org or the Health and Wellness Center at x 4254.

Collegiate seminar video

Freshmen in Greek Thought and juniors and seniors who are in or finished with 19th and 20th century seminar are invited to participate in a "guinea pig" Collegiate Seminar video project. Prizes will be awarded for the best score on a test of "seminar smarts." There will be two first prizes of \$100 each, four second prizes of \$50 each, and four third prizes of \$25 each. Those who are interested can sign up for one of three times: Tuesday, October 4

from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., or Thursday, October 6, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. The event will take place in Garaventa 240 for all three days. Students can sign up by e-mailing rgrundig@stmarys-ca.edu and including their full name, instructor or seminar section, and desired time; by stopping by the Collegiate Seminar office, or by using the sign-up sheets provided by instructors.

Summer research

Students and faculty members will share the results of their summer research projects at the 2005 Summer Research Program Student Poster Session and Reception. The event will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7 in the atrium of Brousseau Hall. The Dean of the School of Science, Judd Case, will announce the winner of the 2005 Joseph P. McKenna award for the poster that most clearly and concisely represents the best research project results. Refreshments will be served. The event is co-sponsored by the School of Science and Sigma Xi.

News briefs for this issue were compiled by Bettina Adragna, assistant news editor, Pablo Armas, executive assistant, Arthur Curley and Tony Verutti, staff writers.

Walk-a-Thon for Bayou

A 24-hour walk-a-thon, "Relay for Reading: Books to the Bayou," will take place starting at 11:00 a.m. on October 8 and conclude at 11:00 a.m. on October 9. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the Louisiana Library Association Disaster Relief Fund, which will benefit both public and educational libraries. Libraries were chosen in accordance with Saint Mary's strong Lasallian tradition of education and literacy.

Individuals may form teams of at least ten participants or join any team as free agents. Individuals will collect flat sponsorships before the day of the event. Students may bring money to the Campus Ministry office at any time. There will be a designated table on the day of the event to collect all the sponsorships. For more information, contact Campus Ministry.

Wake-a-Thon

One of the biggest collaborations on the Saint Mary's College campus ever, the Wake-a-Thon has everyone talking. Clubs from LASA, APASA, BSU, and GSA to Liberal and Civic Studies Club, KSMC, and Rec Sports are getting together in the relief effort for Hurricane Katrina. In order to raise money of the victims of Hurricane Katrina and the Bridges to Bayou initiative, the various clubs and organizations are coming together to help put on the Wake-a-thon.

The Wake-a-Thon has collaborated over 20 student organizations, who normally would not work together. The fundraiser consists of students getting sponsored to stay awake an entire night. Sponsors are able to donate one flat rate or by the hour. Students must have a minimum of \$50.00 in donations in order to participate. Anyone unable to obtain sponsorships and wish to participate in the Wake-a-thon will be charged admission at the door.

The Wake-a-Thon will have various activities put on by different organizations to keep the students as active as possible. Activities include dancing, video game and poker tournaments, sports activities, coffee, movies, and more.

The Wake-a-Thon will take place from 6 p.m. - 8 a.m. from Friday, November 4 to Saturday, November 5.

Dante parade

Join Dante Club on the streets of North Beach this Sunday, October 9 as they celebrate the 137th annual Italian Heritage Day Parade in San Francisco. This parade, which started in 1868, represents the oldest civic event in San Francisco's history. The Italian Heritage/Christopher Columbus Day Parade is also the oldest parade in Italian American history. With over 400,000 people expected to gather around North Beach, Columbus Avenue, and the Embarcadero, it promises to be an unforgettable day filled with wine-tasting, Italian food, a Ferrari show, and live music. Mama Mia!



The parade will go from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., October 9, starting on Jefferson and Stockton Streets in Fisherman's Wharf. Look for the SMC group!

Questions regarding the Italian Day Parade or the Dante Club in general: contact x 5713 or x 5864.

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Stop by Student Involvement and Leadership for more information.

Write for the Collegian

Meetings Monday nights,

6:00 p.m.
Dante 117

Questions? x4279

The Collegian
OPINION



JOSH KREHBIEL

God help the liberal arts major

My purpose for coming to college was to further my education, to become a scholar. Learning for the sake of learning and all that jazz. I pride myself in not having a damn idea what I'll do after college, and it's a little disheartening for me to go to meetings for seniors.

Why? It's all about getting jobs. And not "helping children and discussing Shakespeare" jobs. Sitting in cubicles and discussing things around water cooler jobs. Staff reports and maternity leave jobs. Basically, the least liberal artsy jobs in the world. Where is the aid for those who decided to go off the deep end? Who decided to follow a passion instead of appease Daddy? I'd imagine somewhere up a tree.

After all, it's a tough world out there, and people need help. The market is getting even harder, and we need to be prepared. And a Saint Mary's education is definitely the best way to prepare for it. I mean, surely you will have a reason to discuss the Odyssey during long business meetings.

Frankly, I just don't see the point of putting so much into this school if all you're getting out of it you could have gotten at any JC. The business world is tough, I know, and with all the hiring assistance the Career Center provides, you're sure to get a good jump on the game. But at such a high down payment, is having a better shot worth it?

I'm sure your parents would love for you to start earning money after this venture, but isn't the point of being Lasallian, of being Liberal Arts, not giving a damn about money? Aren't we supposed to care about art and theory and charity and the basic essence of being? Isn't our education supposed to prepare us for being individuals, not just another cog in the machine?

No.

This is the real world and it can't be improved upon or altered in any way, especially not by free thinkers. In order to survive, you've got to be willing to do the same thing as everyone else, to work in an industry that was created to fuel itself, to forget your dreams and don a suit.

So you, all of you who are trying to figure out just how many points are enough, who spend a great deal of time in Garaventa and Galileo 3rd floor, ask yourself just how well this school is actually preparing you for the real world. And after you've come up with a good number of excuses, tell me if you're actually excited about it. It just sounds positively awful to me.

I'm sure there's a reason there's a lot more of you business majors than anyone else. I just wish that the reason wasn't money.

Collegian View

The Opinion page is meant to express a variety of views from students on campus. While we will never print something that directly attacks an individual on campus, we hope to encourage conversation about controversial issues that arise both on and off campus.

To that end, the Collegian cannot help but print what writers are willing to write. In the past, criticism has been directed at the liberal opinions that find their way to print in our paper. However, we want to stress that we do not show favoritism when it comes to a particular point of view. We respect the many different views that exist on campus and hope to capture any colorful opinions that reach us. However, we cannot print what we do not have. And we will not force a columnist to pretend to hold a particular view in an opinion article if that writer feels otherwise.

If you feel your opinion is not given enough attention in our paper, we encourage you to write a letter. Or, if you have a great deal to say, join the Collegian staff and

write an opinion article. The purpose of the Opinion section is not to attack or push an agenda but to encourage discussion. This school is founded on the art of the round table discussion. A round table is designed to give each student an equal opportunity to express his or her view. At the Collegian we support this practice.

If you are displeased with the lack of variety of opinion in our paper, please do something about it. As a staff, we receive feedback on our newspaper throughout the week, but nothing more comes of it. This past week alone we received a number of comments praising or chastising the articles in our Opinion section. However, we received just one letter.

One is good, but more is even better. A variety of complaints and compliments thrown in our direction help us to make improvements on our paper. Don't just shout at us from across campus. Write to us.

Our meetings take place at 6:00 p.m. on Monday night in Dante 117. Please join us and feel free to express your opinion.

Community Views

Dear Editor,

This letter is responding to the article "no time to let our guard down" written by Scott Cullinane. I think the article was well written and I am pleased to see a staff writer on your paper who is speaking up for other opinions. In the past this paper's staff seemed to have all been of the same opinion, and it is refreshing to hear a voice for the other side. Mr. Cullinane's article was about racial profiling for security matters. I don't think that his points were far off. Is it really necessary to take the nail clippers from the 80-year-old grand-

mother? No, it's not. I feel that Mr. Cullinane brought up a good alternative to those who say that the war on terror is a waste of time and money; use profiling to save money. In his article he stated, "It is important to understand that a profile is not a judgment or an accusation, only a way to quickly shrink the pool of people who must be searched." This would be a tool for saving money and getting things done faster. I applaud Mr. Cullinane for writing this article. Thank you.

Sincerely,
 Shandon Griffin '07

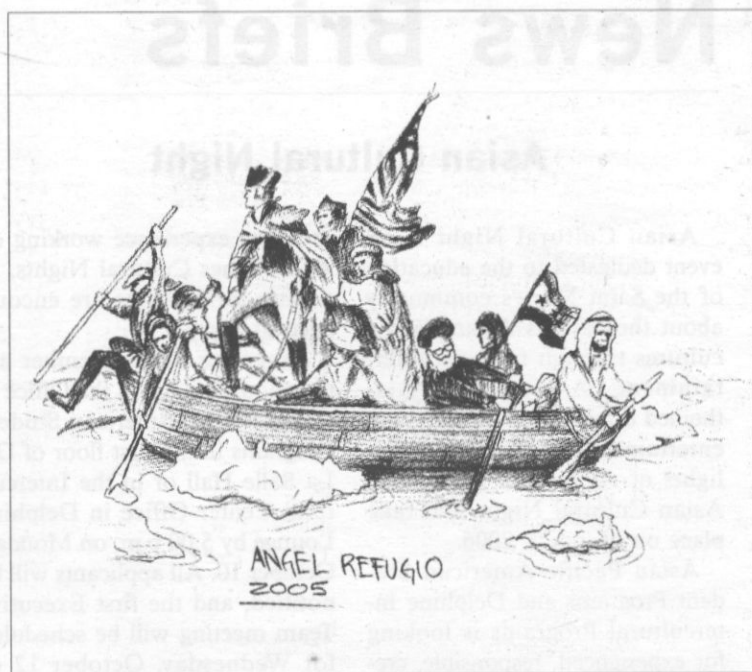
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Please stop by if you have questions or comments!



Angel Refugio/COLLEGIAN

How much American culture will appear in Iraq's new, United States-influenced constitution?

"Stupid Freshmen!"

Why I can't stand my drunk classmates

I am a freshman who hates freshmen. As a first year student at Saint Mary's College, I must be perceptive of my new home for the next four years. The lush campus and fresh air do not bother me. My classes seem challenging enough. It is my peers that make me grind my teeth night after night. Let's start with the obvious - partying.

Contrary to popular belief among freshmen, college is supposed to be an intellectual journey, not a non-stop party. Partying is fine, but I do not see a valid reason as to why it keeps ending up in weekly alcohol poisonings. I would like to think we would learn from the unflattering images of extreme consumption. I dismissed the alcohol problem among freshmen as freak occurrences, but as each drunk stranger wanders into my room it gets slightly harder to ignore.

My seething resentment peaked during the elections for freshmen class officers. Signature forms were not endorsements; they were more like a sign-in sheet. In fact, candidates stopped campaigning and just asked me to sign it. When I asked what their platform was, they responded with a dumb-founded look. After explaining the concept of a platform, I was met with the typical "have fun and raise money for our class!" I did not even like that response in high-school. College is possibly the largest social net-



DANNY ACOSTA

work to interact with other capable people and make a difference, yet all I heard was the same regurgitation of words from different mouths. Do you plan to tackle the issue of textbook prices rising at approximately four times the rate of inflation? Does the alcohol problem relate to the

lack of late night activities on campus? I did not even bother with these questions. This obvious popularity contest deterred my vote. I am not even sure who

won; however, I do challenge the freshmen class president to respond to this column in the prestigious Collegian and answer my questions.

Maybe I am just bitter. Maybe I am just sick of people repeating "good" and "bad" in class. Perhaps, these experiences are common and not even exclusive to freshmen. Whatever the case, I am only certain of one truth. College is a time to step up. Freshmen year is the starting point in a time to make a difference for ourselves, for our community and for our world. Let's not waste college like we waste ourselves.

“As each drunk stranger wanders into my room it gets slightly harder to ignore.”

46% of students have visited the Career Development Center

35% of students do not know where the Career Development Center is located

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compiled by Pablo Armas

The Collegian
OPINION

Hurricane Katrina reminds us not to ignore the environment

Hurricane Katrina has been a terrible human disaster, taking lives, tearing apart communities, and leaving many without a place to call home. Yet Katrina did more than destroy human lives and homes. It awakened us to the idea that we can't continue to brazenly disrespect our environment.

There is no question that our environmental negligence has compounded Katrina's damages. Louisiana's coastal wetlands act as a natural buffer from floods, sucking up excess water and replacing sediment into the soil. However, man-made dams and levees have drastically altered the fragile area around New Orleans, leaving the city abnormally vulnerable to the forces of nature.

By harnessing the Mississippi, man has interrupted its normal flood cycle, and complicated a natural process that would have diminished Katrina's impact. Katrina thus reminded us of the unalterable interconnection between man and nature, blowing away the years of denial about



ALYSE MCCONNELL

America's environmental problems.

Drilling has removed the underbelly of the wetlands, causing the land to literally collapse and erode. The oil refineries further complicate this issue by polluting the local environment and further causing the land to subside. These facts are well-known, yet the ongoing destruction of the Louisiana's wetlands for the Almighty dollar will not cease.

True, the oil rigs of Louisiana's coastline have temporarily been shut down, but they are to be reopened as soon as humanly possible. Our oil-addicted economy depends on this vital region, which brings in 60% of foreign oil imports and provides 10% of the United States' total refining capacity. And until Moraga

moms begin to trade in their gas-guzzling, monster SUVs for more conservative, fuel-efficient cars, this dependence on oil will not change. The only way to reduce this seemingly insatiable appetite for oil is to improve the fuel efficiency of our vehicles (which currently guzzle up about 40% of the nation's oil).

This brings us to another environmental issue brought to light by Katrina: global warming. The presence of global warming should no longer be debated; it's effects are indisputable. The average global temperature has increased 0.6 degrees Celsius since the early 1990s, and sea levels are rising. As the planet warms, many scientists predict more violent and extreme weather, and some argue that Katrina is an early example of this. This is Nature's warning; we should listen.

Finally, Hurricane Katrina not only revealed the years of New Orleans' environmental devastation; it also blew away the mask of Mardi Gras to expose the hidden truth behind poverty, race, and geography. Oil refineries,

toxic chemical plants, and other threats to human health are most often situated next to low-income minority communities -- a fact that is often overlooked. But with New Orleans drowning in a pool of toxic-gumbo, it is difficult not to notice just which people are paying the price.

For these reasons, environmentalism can no longer be just a concern for tree-hugging hippies: this is a universal human issue. It is not about science or money or politics. It is about sustaining human life.

We have the know-how and the technology to prevent another disaster from taking such a serious toll, yet we lack the political will. It is time for America's politicians and its people to readjust their priorities. How many more natural disasters, how many more lives lost, how many more billions of dollars in reparations does it take before we listen to what Nature is screaming at us? It is time to heed Mother Nature's wake-up call. We must learn to take care of our environment if we hope to survive it.



JAIME ZEPEDA

Winning hearts means winning the war in Iraq

Military should focus on victims

In order to defeat an insurgency you need water, not fire. That is the core of Andrew Krepinevich Jr.'s persuasive argument regarding the continual bloodshed in Iraq.

A graduate from West Point and a retired lieutenant colonel who wrote *The Army and Vietnam*, Mr. Krepinevich argues that the Iraqis' hearts need to be won in order to succeed there.

The strategy in Iraq should revolve around the idea of defending the victims, the Iraqi people, in order to defeat the Sunni insurgency and the foreign jihadists. These enemies obtain the majority of their recruits from the discontented Iraqi people, and feed off the fear the other citizens have of the inadequacies of a US-backed government in Iraq. Those who do not directly support the murderous nature of the insurgents keep quiet because they lack faith in the security of their government. The American military's effort to cut down the insurgents is an uphill battle with a flat tire.

The Iraqi people do not overwhelmingly support the insurgency. Those who live in the Green Zone, the secure areas of the country, are considerably safer than those in the Red Zone, the unstable parts of Iraq. The goal of Krepinevich's strategy is to increase the Green, reduce the Red, and eventually withdraw the Red, White and Blue. In order to do this, the US must focus on saving and improving lives, rather than chasing down the assassins.

If American forces can drain the tenuous support the insurgency receives from the Iraqis, and convince them of their good intentions, the insurgency will collapse.

As Krepinevich writes in a recent *Foreign Affairs* article, "The Iraqi people must believe that their government offers them a better life than the insurgents do, and they must think that the government will prevail." As the people see that their government can take care of them, and is a better choice than radical Islam or former Saddam loyalists, they will cooperate with the government. Iraq's citizens will become a new source of intelligence, letting security forces know the whereabouts of the enemies and help destroy the insurgency.

This strategy is possible, although it will take time for it to succeed. The sooner we help the Iraqi people lead ordinary lives and alleviate their fear of further violence, the sooner we can do the same.

Iraqi citizens must rebuild Iraq, not Bush administration

Ever since the Iraqi elections were held to establish the national government, the American media has been clamoring for the constitution to be completed and ratified so that the American military can finally pull out.

However, politicians in both America and Iraq recognize that the Iraqi constitution is nowhere near being satisfactorily completed, in part, because a finished project has now been demanded. This, however, is unreasonable because all governments and the nations they represent are constantly in flux—that is why the United States adopted the U.S. Constitution only after thirteen years of shaky interdependence on the Articles of Confederation. Nonetheless, the colonies had their own government and were running themselves, even if they later decided to adopt a more national political system.

It is not surprising the media points the finger at President Bush, chastizing him for ineffective and sluggish reconstruction. Politics, though, is not an excuse to misrepresent the facts and increase tensions, both domestically and abroad. It is not the job of the Bush administration to rebuild Iraq, though the attempt to do so improves America's image. The responsibility of building a government lies with the Iraqi people and their elected officials



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because they will only keep as democratic a society as they work for. If the Sunnis continue to present roadblocks the proposed democratic society will never exist.

Furthermore, the longer the Iraqis try to please everyone the more opportunities Sunnis and insurgents will have to foil an egalitarian regime.

The nation, if it can yet be called such, is already subject to terrorists coming from both interior groups and national enemies. The more time allotted to quelling uprisings the higher the possibility that Iraq will have to face a civil war. As people tire of instability, they will align themselves with whichever group appears to be the strongest. If civil war does break out, the biased political media of America and its supporters are going to have to reappraise the situation. Bush alone is not omnipotent, and as history shows us, it is not only the leaders who are responsible for conflagrations -- it is the people.

Smile at the man who would beat you up

Well, it finally happened. Someone threatened to "kick the f— s—" out of me. Surprisingly, with all the people I've provoked, all the bridges I've burned in my 22 years, those words have only been directed at me once with sincerity. Others have thought it, I'm certain. But to finally hear those words with the aggressive, stressed expletives and see the raging eyes behind the harsh syllables? Well, it's every artist's dream.

First off, it was not my fault.

This past Saturday morning I went surfing at Lindemar Beach in Pacifica.

As I paddled onto my first wave of the morning I quickly dropped down the glass face, slicing the water with the rails of my board. When I reached the base of the wave I looked at the face that towered a couple feet above my head and realized, while that may have been the perfect drop, this is certainly not the perfect wave. And it ate me.

[A quick lesson for land dwellers: as I'm sure you've noticed from the beach, waves do not always break in a subtle left to right formation. Sometimes a wave breaks all at once. In surfing jargon we call this getting "closed out."]

Tossed to the sandy floor of the ocean I waited out the storm for a few moments and then surfaced.

As my head peered through the white foam I slid my board under my body and began to paddle over the next, incoming wave. A few



TONY VALA-HAYNES

yards from me I noticed a plump man lying on a neon-green board. A fuzzy beard crept around his chin and his nose glowed with neon-green zinc. Cute, I observed to myself, he matches.

I caught his gaze and smiled. Streaks of red rippled up his cheeks into his eyes and the expletives discharged from his mouth with speed and force. Apparently, I suck. It was my fault the wave closed out. My board came within feet of bumping into his buoyant figure and despite the fact that I cannot control the wave...well..I should have anyway.

He yelled and made colorful gestures with his arms until, forced to draw in a breath, a moment of silence graced my ears. What could I do but smile?

Smile because, ugh, no he's not going to kick the s— out of me. There will be no kicking s— out of anyone today as it's a beautiful day. Smile because he's pretty funny looking with all the neon-green on his face and the aggravation is causing red bumps to crawl across his cheeks, which provide for a unique Christmas-theme on his features.

And smile because, damn, that was a great drop.

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102 students polled

17 out of 22

seniors polled said that the Career Development Center was helpful

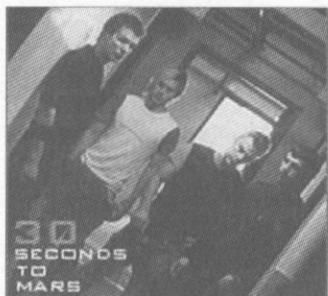
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REVIEWS****Space never sounded so good - Thirty Seconds to Mars takes off**

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by Danny Acosta

Staff Writer

Want to take a journey? Thirty Seconds to Mars will lead you into space. The highly anticipated album *A Beautiful Lie* dismisses any notions of the sophomore curse. If the lead singer looks familiar, it is probably because he is actor Jared Leto (*Requiem for a Dream, Alexander*). The album has been caught between poor sales and welcoming reviews. This does not stop it from conveying their musical growth by keeping the innovative atmosphere, but straying lyrically from the "space-rock" theme. The album is a must-have for those bored with the banal industry and wanting to expand their musical horizons.

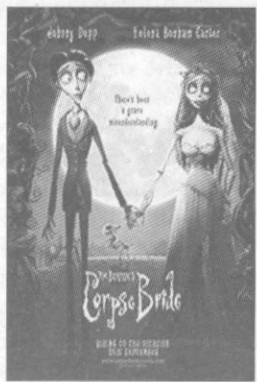
The Wedding Crashers meets The Nightmare Before Christmas

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by Dustin LaLumandiere

Staff Writer

Be prepared for a fast-paced, eye-catching movie that loses some appeal farther into the story, but keeps its sparkle when it ends. Tim Burton's *The Corpse Bride* retains the Goth-like stop-animation of *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and has an appealing caricature style to its main players. The story begins quickly with an original plot that lures the audience in with a bit of foreshadowing, and delights them with a few songs. It then continues as the audience is thrown into a supernatural realm with ghosts and goblins as the story twists. Go see *The Corpse Bride* to be entertained, but do not expect a hit.

My journey into the clergy*Collegian staffer becomes a man of the cloth instantly on the Internet***by Vince Ochoa**

Staff Writer

It says in the Bible that anyone can become a priest, a reverend, or just any follower of God. There is no specification on how you can become a member of the clergy, but you can. A marvelous divine act came from the sky which ignited a bush fire and I heard a voice say, "Vince, become ordained online!" So I became an ordained reverend online by the click of the mouse at www.ulc.org.

All I was asked was to give my full legal name, factual information, and my e-mail and mailing address. As a new reverend, I was added to the free monthly newsletter where I can find training materials, sermons, and courses. Now I belong to the Universal Life Church, whose head quarters are located in Modesto, CA.

The first e-mail sent to me clearly states the things I can do. I must promote freedom of religion and do what is right as long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of people and is within the law. But wait, there's more! I can perform marriages within any U.S. state, following the rules laid out by the state in which I

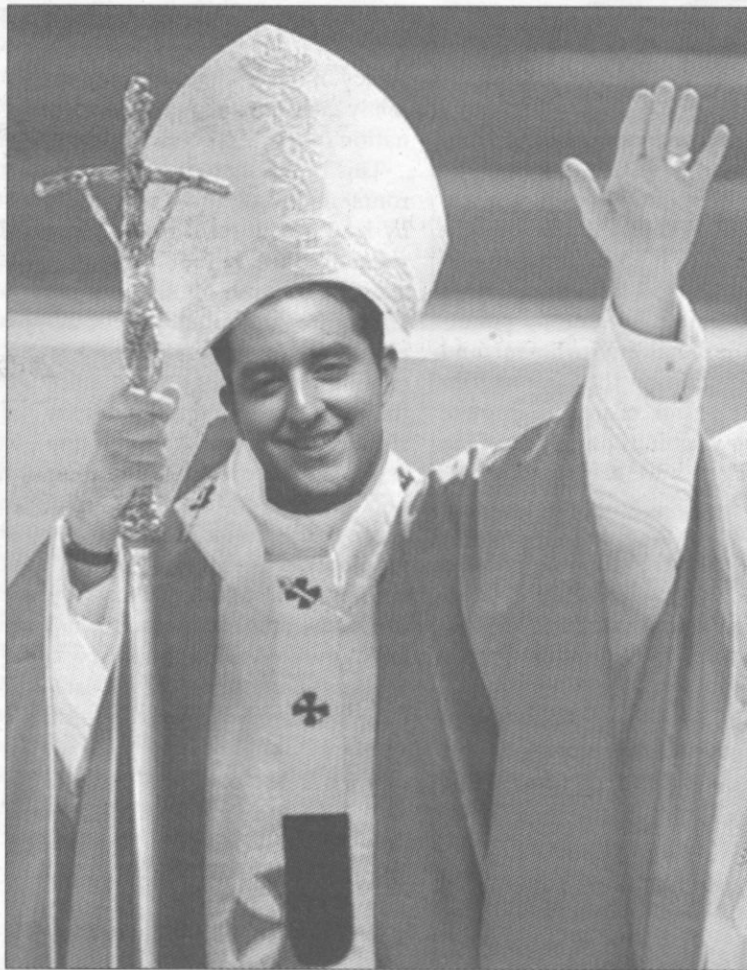


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Reverend Vince Ochoa blesses all who enter the domain of his church/dorm room.

perform the marriage. And I plan on marrying *anyone* in the near future; I'll even fly to Massachusetts if I must. I can perform funerals, baptisms, last rites or any other sort of legal ceremony or ritual I wish to perform...except circumcision,

how tragic. I can absolve others of their sins (even mine!), which sounds like fun. I can start a church anywhere. My dorm room is now a church and because of my religious preference, the church is called The Atheistic Church of Reverend Vince. I now plan to hold mass and pass around the collection plate, and the money will help fund my college education. Unfortunately, I cannot receive tax breaks, which I thought would be a perk of joining the clergy.

The best thing of being a part of the Universal Life Church is that I have access to an online catalog where I can buy expensive materials for my church. In the catalog, there is a "Ministry in a Box" that contains ceremony books, ceremony certificates, and a clergy badge! There even is advice on how to turn my ministry into a business. Now that's taking it too far!

The entire point and overall objective of me becoming a reverend was to ridicule those who actually have websites where people can get ordained. The main root of me becoming a reverend is because I have a disdain for organized religion. I mean no offense to anyone with strong beliefs of their religion, but I became a reverend to show the irony within religions.

Through hell and back, Serenity lives*Fox's cult space-cowboy TV show is back from the dead and on the big screen***by Darwyn Deyo**

Staff Writer

Serenity, the newest science-fiction movie, is engaging and believable. Keeping the humor, insanity, and adventure of Fox's former television series *Firefly*, the movie is understandable and even smart, sexy, and funny to first-time explorers of Joss Whedon's world. It should even be an even bigger success than the DVD was after Fox ended series after only eleven aired episodes. A similar situation was mirrored in *Family Guy*, a case in which the fans raised such an outcry that Fox brought the series back. By the time the studio realized they'd made the same mistake with *Firefly*, they had already sold the rights to Universal to produce what Fox had thought would be a cinematic flunk.

How wrong they were.

The former series *Firefly*, though trashed, has been resurrected with Universal making three movies out of what

is being described as a cult classic.

Set five hundred years in the future, the crew of the *Firefly* model ship *Serenity* have found themselves with two government fugitives — Dr. Simon Tam, and his prodigy sister River.

Captain Mal Reynolds was a sergeant on the losing side of the war that was fought over intergalactic rule, and his personal viewpoint that the Alliance needed to be thwarted never changed. Hence, he runs a smuggling and thieving ship populated by the two fugitives, his first mate from the war, a pilot, mercenary, mechanic, priest (known as a shepherd) and a Companion.

Though the film changes some of the storyline from the TV series, it does so seamlessly and with good reason. It would be impossible to make a good impression on first-time viewers if Whedon insisted on rehashing

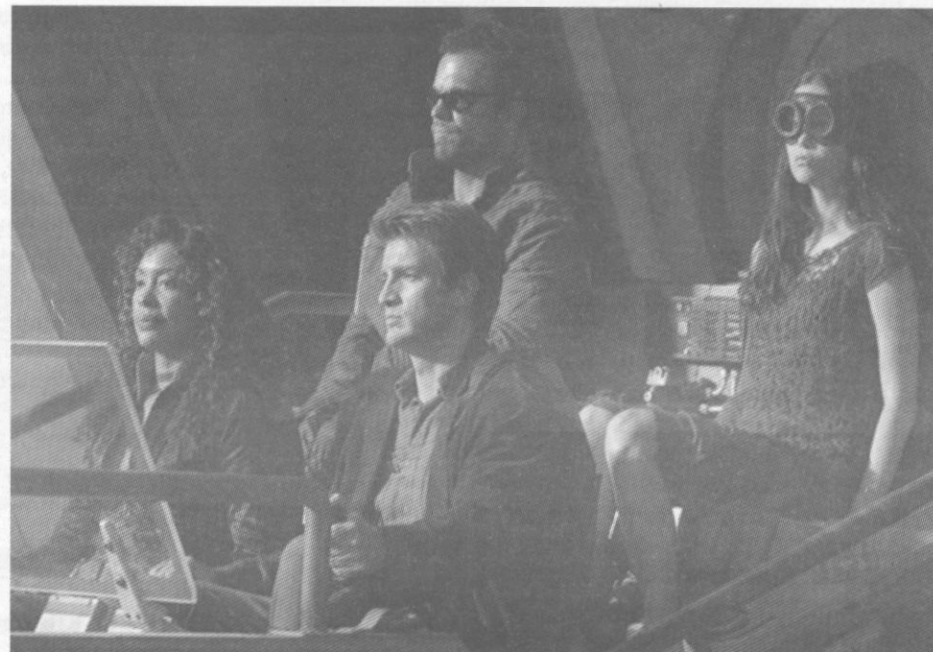


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Crew of Serenity prepare for battle with the Alliance that threatens to wipe out choice and individuality in Joss Whedon's futuristic world.

the same ideas from *Firefly* that were integrated into several episodes.

Instead, the movie is ferocious and sentimental, adventurous and hilarious, and while it is occasionally philosophical, it depends on Mal's cynicism and indeterminable drive to fuel the crew and movie.

Serenity is where Whedon finally lays out why River is so insane, why the government is coming after her, and hints at how

Shepherd Book became so knowledgeable about crime.

Hand over fist, Joss Whedon shows Fox that no power in the "verse" can stop him.

This is in no way a typical *Star Wars* spin-off; it even puts *Buffy* and *Angel* to shame. *Serenity* may be piece-mealed from such oxymoronic characters as Mal and River, but as with the "junkard" that the ship is, take the pieces together and you have *Firefly* reborn.

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DETOUR



...Not So Much

by **Megan Manley**
Staff Writer

Just a warning, what you are about to read is only my opinion. Everyone has things in life that drive them crazy, and well, this week I have chosen to gripe about useless cosmetic products.

Ok, so everyday it seems like companies are coming out with new products that are supposed to better our lives and make them a little less complicated. Well, it seems some companies have gone a little overboard with coming up with stuff that is not just weird, but useless.

For starters, what about the new heated eyelash curlers craze? Seriously, companies like Sephora are selling them for only \$18. Good deal, huh? Nope, not so much. \$18 to possibly singe off your eyelashes, or even more fun, the possibility of impairing your vision permanently. Sound like a must have? Oh wait, not so much. I am scared enough of curling irons. The company should be required to put a warning label saying "Warning: Blindness Imminent."

And then, there's glitter deodorant. Yes, deodorant with glitter in it. Sounds awesome. Nope, not so much. I know I want to walk around with my arms in the air saying "hey, look at my arm pits, they sparkle." Ehh, not so much. My only conclusion for this one is that it must have been designed for strippers.

Ok, now to add to the cosmetics craze, Maybelline has made Dream Matte mousse foundation, which isn't too bad, but they recently added Dream Matte mousse blush to the collection. Mousse on top of mousse? ...Not so much! Do we need a mousse blush that really just looks like something I should be putting on top of my dessert? Not so much.

Speaking of dessert, that is the name of Jessica Simpson's line of flavored body lotions, sprays, and powder. Sure most of the stuff smells good, but does it taste good? Not so much. And for those of you who do like it, you are paying like \$20 for flavored lotions that if it weren't for Jessica's name on the package it would be sold in X-rated stores for half the price. Worth the money? Not so much!

And finally, the world waited in anticipation while Crest tallied the votes for the newest toothpaste flavor to be added to their line. For those who don't know, Lemon Ice won by a landslide, leaving Sweet Berry Punch and Tropica Exotica in the dust. Seriously, do we need toothpaste that tastes more like the mixed drinks I would have on the beach? Not so much. We don't drink this stuff, we spit it out. What's next, Pina Colada flavored toothpaste in a coconut shaped tube? Not so much.

But you know, as always, it is only my opinion.

Frou-Frou Assistant News Editor goes shooting

Gun-converted girl

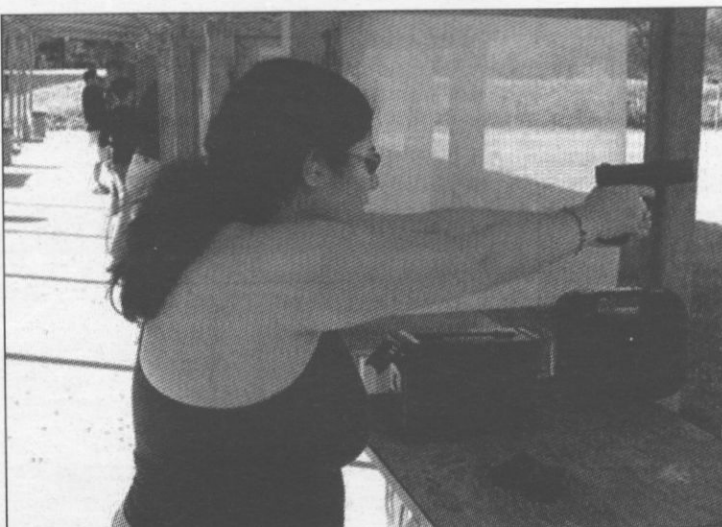
by **Bettina Adragna**
Assistant News Editor

Fairy wings and angel wings are hung up above my bed. On my shelf, you'll see *Moulin Rouge!*, *Reviving Ophelia*, and Disney's *Sleeping Beauty*. I'm not exactly known for being a kick-ass person, or even a tomboy. Now, an "official 50-yard slow fire pistol target" filled with bullet holes graces my front door. What happened?

My friend Pete invited me to go to the Chabot Gun Club, in Chabot Park, to go shooting. I was intrigued, because I had wanted to know how to use a gun since my self-defense instructor at my community college mentioned it. I invited my friend David, and off we went to meet Pete and his friend Eugene at the BART station.

After driving us to the range, we bought orange foam earplugs, cardboard targets, and eye protection from the office. As I observed the various people shooting, I thought, "How do people put the targets up without getting shot?"

As I soon learned, there are fifteen minutes of shooting, then a "cease-fire" where everyone looks at and changes their targets. The range is very strict about safety regulations during this



Bettina Adragna aims her pistol and shoots while at the Chabot Gun Club, a far cry from her world of whimsy and fairies. photo courtesy of David King

time. Shooters are not allowed to pick up or put anything down on the shooting tables, where people lay down their guns.

Pete gave us safety tips, such as "treat a gun as if it's loaded, even if you know it's not." I volunteered to go before David, so I sat down at the table with a Ruger 10/22 rifle, and Pete showed us the different parts of the gun and how to load it.

"Don't put your finger on the trigger until you're ready to shoot," said Pete. I adjusted the gun until I was comfortable - as comfortable as I could be at this point, because I was scared - concentrated on the target, and pulled the trigger.

I concentrated - and shot

again. Soon, I was shooting so rapidly that Pete told me to slow down. "They get grumpy if you shoot more than one shot per second," he said.

My friend David, meanwhile, was taking pictures. After he shot, we went up to look at our targets. Most of mine were within the black part of the target, about four or five inches from the center.

After shooting with a shotgun, two more rifles, and a handgun, we called it a day. It was a lot more fun than I expected, and I'm tempted to do it again. It may not fit my girly reputation, but maybe, just maybe, I'll end up buying a gun (or a few) of my own.

Demi & Ashton's Punk'd Love

Disbelief amongst famed couple's fans and friends.

by **Melanie Linney**
Detour Editor

Last Saturday Demi and Ashton finally tied the knot. I know, why do we care, blah, blah, blah... But, you have to realize that there were a lot of people agonizing over if, and when, the highly anticipated nuptials would take place, myself included. I know I should be stoned or something, but come on, read for class or watch a little E! We all know what the answer is.

The one thing that truly puzzles me is why? Why get married? So what if she's hot—she still is old and eventually all that plastic inside of her will dissolve. One day Ashton's trucker cap won't be some fashion trend for the youth of America, instead it's going to be a clever disguise for some shameful bald spot.

Sooner or later this train wreck of a relationship will fizzle and they'll move on to younger and prettier things (i.e. Hilary Duff and Jesse McCarthy), but now they are stuck with each other...forever, or at least for another five years (which is forever in Hollywood).

Or are they? Anything involving Ashton Kutcher makes you wonder if you're being Punk'd. Apparently,

all of his friends are actually waiting before sending wedding gifts because they're worried about making it onto the candid-camera-prank-a-celeb series' season premiere. I don't blame them. I mean, what if he gives you the shaft and doesn't return the gifts? Then you're out of a blinged out toaster or gravy boat. I don't care who the hell he is, I'd want my stupid gravy boat back!

Not only did they get married, but instead of classing it up all Vegas-style they get all trendy religion on us. Really, a traditional Kabbalah ceremony? I'm sorry to all the "Kabbalahists" out there, I understand according to t-shirts that you "do it better," but I still can't take this religion seriously.

How can a religion hollywood-ized by Madonna (who, I still believe, joined as a last ditch attempt at career revitalization since that husband of hers can't make good movies anymore) have any sort of tradition to it?

So, does this wedding really count, even if we aren't getting Punk'd? We should know better and not trust Hollywood relationships, they only leave us disappointed when the inevitable happens.

Craigslist Free Stuff of the week

FREE: Styrofoam Cooler

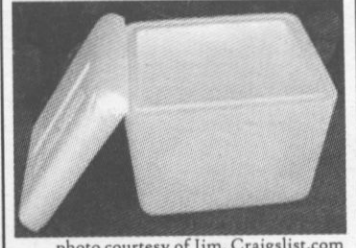


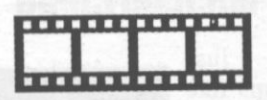
photo courtesy of Jim, Craigslist.com

"This is a Styrofoam cooler, about 16 by 12 inches and about 15 inches tall. Its sides are about 2 inches thick. The top seals completely and snugly. We received some mail-order steaks in this box. They were completely sealed in plastic; the cooler does not have any smell."

-Jim, Petaluma

OUT THIS WEEK

FILMS



9/30/05

In Her Shoes
Starring: Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette PG-13

Two For The Money
Starring: Mathew McConaughey, Al Pacino R

Waiting
Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Justin Long R

Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit
Starring: Peter Sallis, Ralph Fiennes G

ALBUMS



All The Right Reasons
Nickelback

The Day After
Twista

New Whirl Order
Public Enemy

CONCERTS



10/5
Idlewild
Slim's, SF

10/6
Franz Ferdinand
Bill Graham Civic, SF

10/7
The Proclaimers
Slim's, SF

10/8
System Of A Down & The Mars Volta
Oakland Arena

DEVO w/ Bow Wow Wow
Paramount Theatre

The Killers, Arcade Fire, Modest Mouse, The Lovemakers & more
Shoreline Amphitheatre, Mountain View

Thrice w/ Underoath
Warfield, SF

10/9
Two Gallants
The Independent, SF

10/10
Eagles
HP Pavilion, San Jose

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**Players
of the Week**

Michael Clegg

It just seems like every week Michael Clegg gets better and better. The freshman has already tied the mark for most goals last season with seven. Also, he has already helped the Gaels to a 4-3-1 record. Last season, they only won five games all season. With the WCC season just beginning, Clegg will surely be in line for Freshman of the Year.



McKenna Belzer



The junior scored SMC's lone goal against the 24th ranked Cal Poly Mustangs on Friday. Belzer, who has

been relatively quiet this season, was the Gael's 2nd leading scorer last season behind Gen Hollis and tied for the lead in the 2003 season with four.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

GAEL ZONE Athletic Schedule

Today
Women's Soccer vs. Sacramento State
3 p.m.

Friday Oct. 7
Men's Soccer @ Portland (2-4-1)
7 p.m.

Volleyball vs. #20 Loyola Marymount (11-4, 0-2)
7:05 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 8
Volleyball vs. Pepperdine (8-5, 1-0)
7:05 p.m.

Sunday Oct. 9
Men's Soccer @ Gonzaga (2-4-2, 0-1)
1 p.m.

Women's Soccer @ San Francisco (2-9)
1 p.m.

Gaels' defense pounce on Dons in win

Clegg scores his 7th goal as SMC beats WCC Champion USF Dons

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

It has only been a month into his collegiate career but already Michael Clegg has become the star of Saint Mary's men's soccer. In just eight games as a Gael, the freshman has already matched the leading goals scored last season by Derek Youpel with seven.

His knack for the net has already paid dividends this season for SMC. Three times this season he has scored the game-winning goal. According to Coach Steve Rammel, it's all about his attitude. Whether playing in practice or on center stage against Santa Clara, Clegg constantly displays the tenacity to score.

"He's the same guy [in practice and in games]. In practice he wants to score, and if he doesn't he's upset. He wants to win. [It is] the same thing in the game. He wants to score. He wants to win," said Coach Rammel.

It seems that his attitude has become contagious among the entire freshman class this season. Fellow teammates Carlos Diaz and Guillermo Trujillo have both scored this season for SMC. The same can be said for the women's squad as freshman Nikki Schrey is tied for the lead in goals this season with senior Gen Hollis.

Clegg attributed much of his success to his teammates, especially the seniors that have helped him this year.

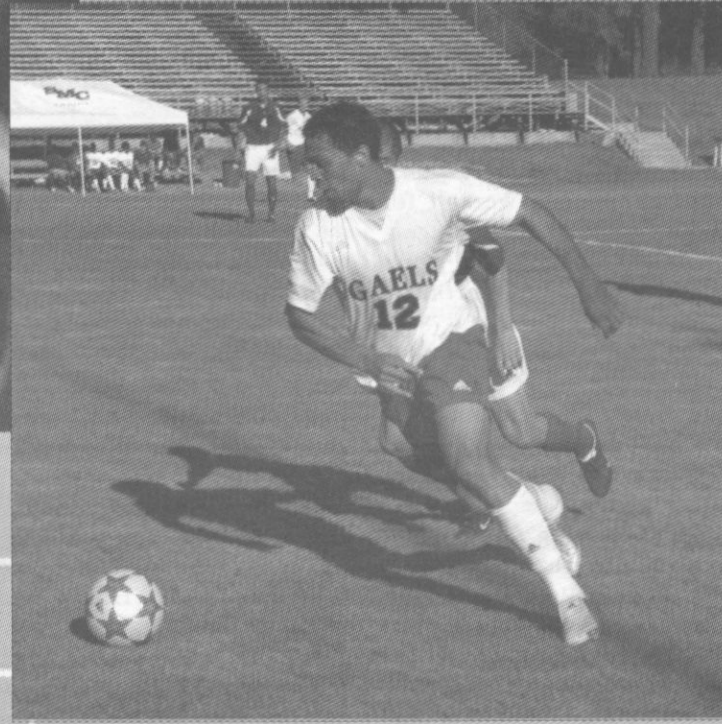
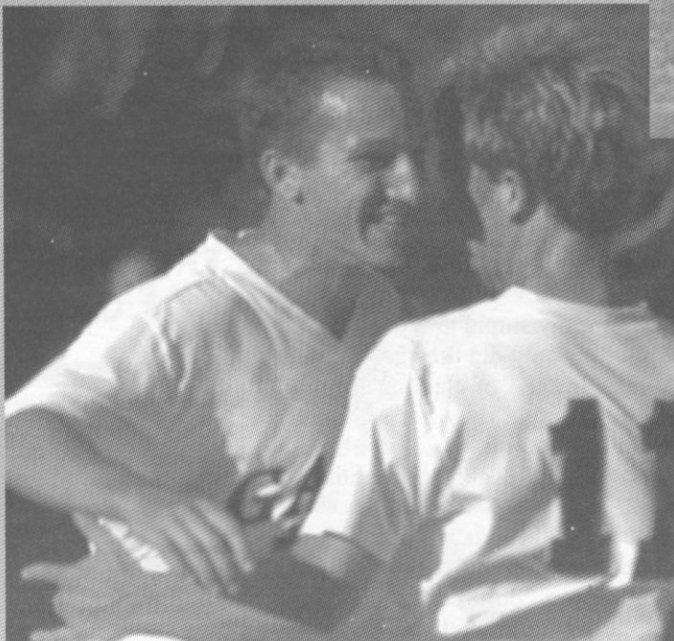
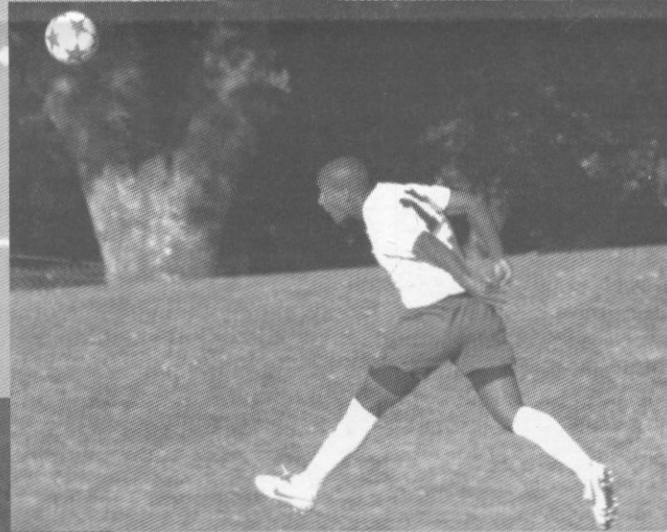
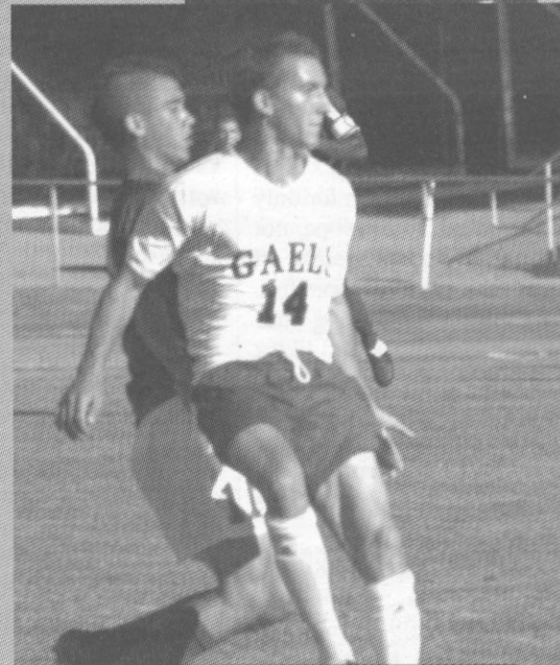
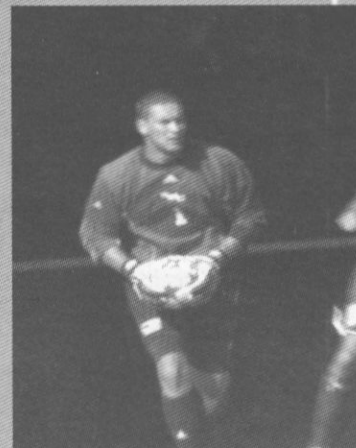
"The team actually works really together. We have a pretty good team. Everybody gets along and works well together at practices," said Clegg.

This weekend Clegg opened up the WCC Debut with a bang. Following 87 scoreless minutes of action the freshman nailed home a penalty kick to give the Gaels the go ahead goal and Saint Mary's first conference win of the year. Though Clegg stole the offensive show, it was the defense that really won this game for the SMC.

Brian Mason made two saves and recorded his fourth shutout of the year and ninth of his career. Seniors Daniel Smith and Michael Johnson also came up big for the Gaels, holding the Dons to 12 shots on the night. Their physical play, as reflected by a combined seven penalty cards between the Dons and SMC, set the tone for the Gaels throughout the game. USF, last year's WCC champions, were unable to make a dent into the stifling Saint Mary's defense.

For Coach Steve Rammel and company, "every game is big." This one was huge for a Gaels team that had only five wins all of last year. USF won the WCC championship last year. As goalie Brian Mason said after the game "[It's a] great feeling to win."

With the win the Gaels improve to 4-3-1 on the season and 1-0 in the conference. One more win, and Saint Mary's will have tied their total wins from last season with five. This week, the Gaels head north to play Portland and Gonzaga. Last season the Gaels recorded their lone conference win against the Bulldogs.



Clockwise from top: Goalie Brian Mason recorded his 4th shutout of the season; freshman Michael Clegg(14) scores his 7th goal of the season; defenders Desmond Brook(15) and Daniel Smith(12) played valuable minutes on defense; Clegg is congratulated by senior Matt Walker(11).

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World's Fastest Climber Visits SMC

Hans Florine takes time out from climbing to talk with SMC students at Soda Center

by **Zach Farmer**
Assistant Sports Editor

On September 26, the Saint Mary's community was graced by a very special guest speaker. It was not an alumni or a "famous" professional athlete. It was not a Hall of Fame coach. Their guest was a former world champion speed climber, rock climber that is.

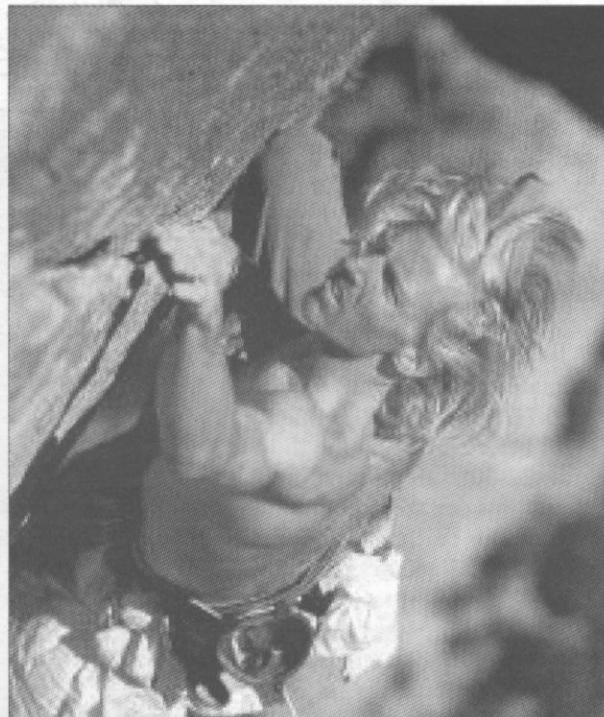
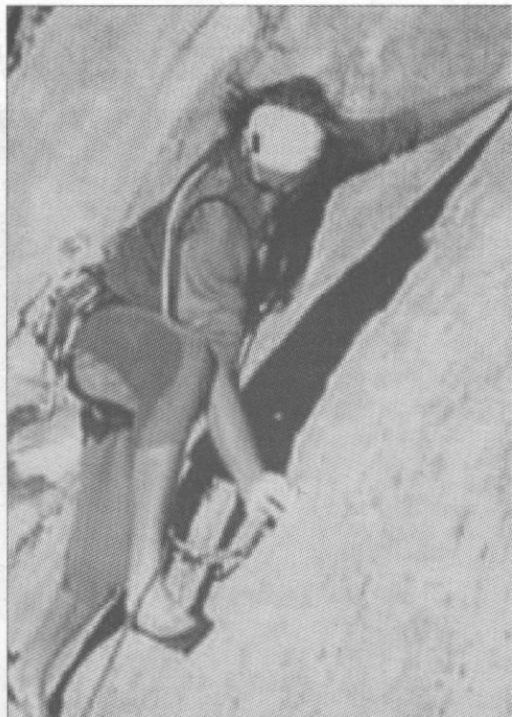
Hans Florine, a graduate of Cal Poly SLO, holds the world record for scaling the face of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park with a time of two hours and forty-eight minutes.

Florine described the rock climbing community as very competitive.

Every climber wants to out perform the next. "I love the pressure," Florine said. Florine started rock climbing in college as he skipped his track and field practice. "I went out (climbing) one time and I loved it," Florine said.

At this time speed climbing was not even a thought. "Speed was sort of a novelty at the beginning," Florine said. "But they actually paid prize money for it. I'd pay for my airfare, gas money. Worked out okay that way."

There is a lot of mental preparation for speed climbing. "It's not something you can do while thinking about other



Courtesy of www.madison.com and www.speedclimbing.com

Hans Florine originally attended Campalindo High School here in Moraga and then went south to Cal Poly SLO for college. Florine's fastest time is two hours and fortyeight minutes up the face of El Capitan.

things," said Florine. "You have to focus 100% on it." He describes this process as "athletic meditation" or a "getaway."

He has climbed in all sorts of weather conditions. His worst weather condition was climbing in 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Mother Nature kind of decides whether or not you're successful in mountaineering, where rock climbing, fair weather, sunny stuff is more your skill," said Florine.

Florine's training regiment is very different from that of most speed climbers. His training consists of swimming, running, rowing, and weight lifting. "I'm kind of odd that way. A lot of climbers don't really cross train," said Florine.

The training has paid off well. He has scaled El Capitan sixty times and is one of only two men to scale 4,000 ft. El Capitan and 4,733 ft. Half-Dome in the same day. Florine was part of the first three X-Games and won three

gold medals in wall speed climbing. He was also the first world speed climbing champion.

But aside from all his accomplishments in climbing, one of the most rewarding activities he has done is public speaking. "One of the most rewarding things I've gotten from climbing is [the fact that] people tell me I inspire them," Florine said. "It's really a great feeling to know you helped somebody make something better of themselves."



BELEN GARCIA

Bounce Houses: The Dark Underbelly Exposed!

Let's talk about the newest extreme sport to hit the scene since urban kayaking. Yes, folks I am talking about bouncing. Now wait a second, I know that in common everyday talk that generally refers to the act of leaving some place. Like, "I'm bouncing from this booty party." That is not the bouncing that I am now referring to; I am talking about hardcore "bounce house bouncing."

This surprisingly athletic activity takes place inside the many inflatable Spidermen, Little Mermaids, castles and dragons that pop up at little kids birthday parties. I was just recently "jumped in" (literally) to this world of bouncing at my little sister's 15th birthday party. You'd think it would be easy to get your bounce on in a contraption designed for the athletic skill level of prepubescent school children, but man, would you be wrong.

First and foremost, you really have to know the proper technique to getting in; it took me three tries and before I was finally able to master the correct deadfish wiggle needed in order to slip in the small entrance. Once I was in, I felt like a baby giraffe that has just emerged from its mother's womb, all wobbly and disconcerted. There were small children flying everywhere and I felt like I had just fallen into a scene from *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*. These kids were defying the laws of physics with their acrobatics, leaving me wide-eyed and in awe.

After being dropped on my rear end for the fifth time by an overzealous second grader I decided that it was time to try "the art of the bounce." I started jumping, and let me tell you, I was getting some major boy-band air, folks. I'm feeling pretty good and starting to get in the respect of the other bouncers, but that smugness cost me and it cost me big time. I was just about to go up for some sick air when all of the sudden, a stray 5-year-old hit me and I lost control. I spun out, hit the top of the house, caught my foot in the side netting, and did a face plant into the bottom of the bounce house.

To my great astonishment, the bounce house went crazy. All the kids were giving me high fives and throwing out "tubulars" and "neatos" like last week's trash. I was the bounce house god and these were my subjects. This leads me to my only real point. Bounce houses aren't just cutesy inflatable toys to keep kids occupied at birthday parties. They are arenas of death, where only the strong make it out to tell the tale. This is just one survivor's story; enter at your own risk.

Standings and Box Scores

Women's Soccer Results

| | Standings | | Overall |
|---------------------|-----------|-----|---------|
| | WCC | PTS | |
| Portland(2) | 0-0 | 0 | 10-0-0 |
| Pepperdine(9) | 0-0 | 0 | 9-0-1 |
| Santa Clara(5) | 0-0 | 0 | 8-2-1 |
| Gonzaga | 0-0 | 0 | 7-2-1 |
| Saint Mary's | 0-0 | 0 | 5-4-1 |
| LMU | 0-0 | 0 | 3-5-3 |
| San Diego | 0-0 | 0 | 3-7-0 |
| San Francisco | 0-0 | 0 | 2-9-0 |

L(5-4-1) vs. #24 Cal Poly 2-1
Goals: Belzer (1), Saves: Artuso 4(12)

Men's Soccer Results

| | Standings | | Overall |
|---------------------|-----------|-----|---------|
| | WCC | PTS | |
| San Diego(24) | 1-0 | 3 | 5-0-2 |
| Saint Mary's | 1-0 | 3 | 4-3-1 |
| LMU | 1-0 | 3 | 3-2-2 |
| Santa Clara(8) | 0-0 | 0 | 6-2-0 |
| Gonzaga | 0-1 | 0 | 2-4-2 |
| Portland | 0-1 | 0 | 2-4-1 |
| San Francisco | 0-1 | 0 | 4-3-1 |

W(4-3-1, WCC 1-0) vs. USF 1-0
Goals: Clegg (7), Saves: Mason 2(43)

Volleyball Results

| | Standings | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| | WCC | Overall |
| Santa Clara(15) | 1-0 | 12-1 |
| Saint Mary's(21) | 1-0 | 10-3 |
| Gonzaga | 1-0 | 9-7 |
| Pepperdine | 1-0 | 8-5 |
| San Diego(12) | 1-1 | 11-2 |
| San Francisco | 0-1 | 12-4 |
| Portland | 0-1 | 3-10 |
| LMU(20) | 0-2 | 11-4 |

W(10-3, WCC 1-0) vs. USF 30-24, 30-20, 22-30, 30-23
Kills: Salzman 16(192), Stidham 16(190), Assists: Bible 50(556), Digs: Parker 16(136)

Saint Mary's All-Time Assist Leader

1. T. Hajdukovich '91: 4305
2. Whitney Hoover '00: 3497
3. Mandy Bible '07: 3488

Cross Country Results

Willamette Inviational

Men - 11th place, Women - 15th place

Men's Cross Country

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Portland | 49 |
| San Francisco | 41 |
| Gonzaga | 35 |
| Santa Clara | 33 |
| LMU | 24 |
| San Diego | 21 |
| Pepperdine | 11 |
| Saint Mary's | 10 |

Women's Cross Country

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Portland | 49 |
| San Francisco | 40 |
| Santa Clara | 34 |
| Gonzaga | 32 |
| LMU | 27 |
| Pepperdine | 20 |
| San Diego | 15 |
| Saint Mary's | 7 |



ZACK FARMER

Grumble in the Bronx

Once again the Yankees have ruined my hopes and dreams of having a Yankee-less playoff year. There hasn't been one in eight years. It's not the fact that the Yankees have won their division eight straight times because the Braves have won theirs for 14 straight years and I have no problem with that. The Yankees upset me because before last year, everything seemed to go their way. In that eight-year span, the Yankees have five AL pennants and four World Series titles.

I don't think it is their success. I think it's their following that upsets me. Wherever you go you will find a Yankee fan. Whenever the Yankees visit Oakland for a regular season series, the stadium sells out and I can guarantee you those aren't 50,000 A's fans.

Unless you were born in New York, this makes absolutely no sense to me. With baseball teams in almost every region in the country, it is beyond me why people would become Yankee fans.

The only possible reason I can think of is that they win. To me, that is the same thing as dumping your family for a stranger with a nicer house. Not only that, coming back to your family and reminding them why you left.

The Yankees make me gag. The first \$200 million payroll squeaks into the postseason. If you spend \$200 million, you should have a nice comfortable lead by the All-Star Break and have the division wrapped up on September 1. The other division winners don't have that type of a payroll. The Angels (\$110 million), White Sox (\$85 million), Cardinals (\$94 million), Braves (\$80 million), and Padres (\$75 million) all spent less and got the same result.

Trying to buy a championship doesn't work. It's been proven in other sports. The Washington Redskins spend more than anybody in the NFL and they haven't made the playoffs since their owner Daniel Snyder took over. The New York Knicks have a payroll of about \$80 million and haven't seen playoffs in five years.

Since the Yankees started buying players in 2001, they have not won a World Series. The Yankees are not a team anymore. They are a group of individuals who are extremely talented and nothing more. Throw out all the numbers you want. History has proven that money doesn't win championships and the blind non-New York Yankee fans don't make it any better.

Volleyball opens WCC with a splash

Kau Salzman and Missie Stidham lead way with 16 kills each

by Alyse McConnell
Staff Writer

Saint Mary's volleyball opened West Coast Conference play on Saturday evening with a win against the USF Dons.

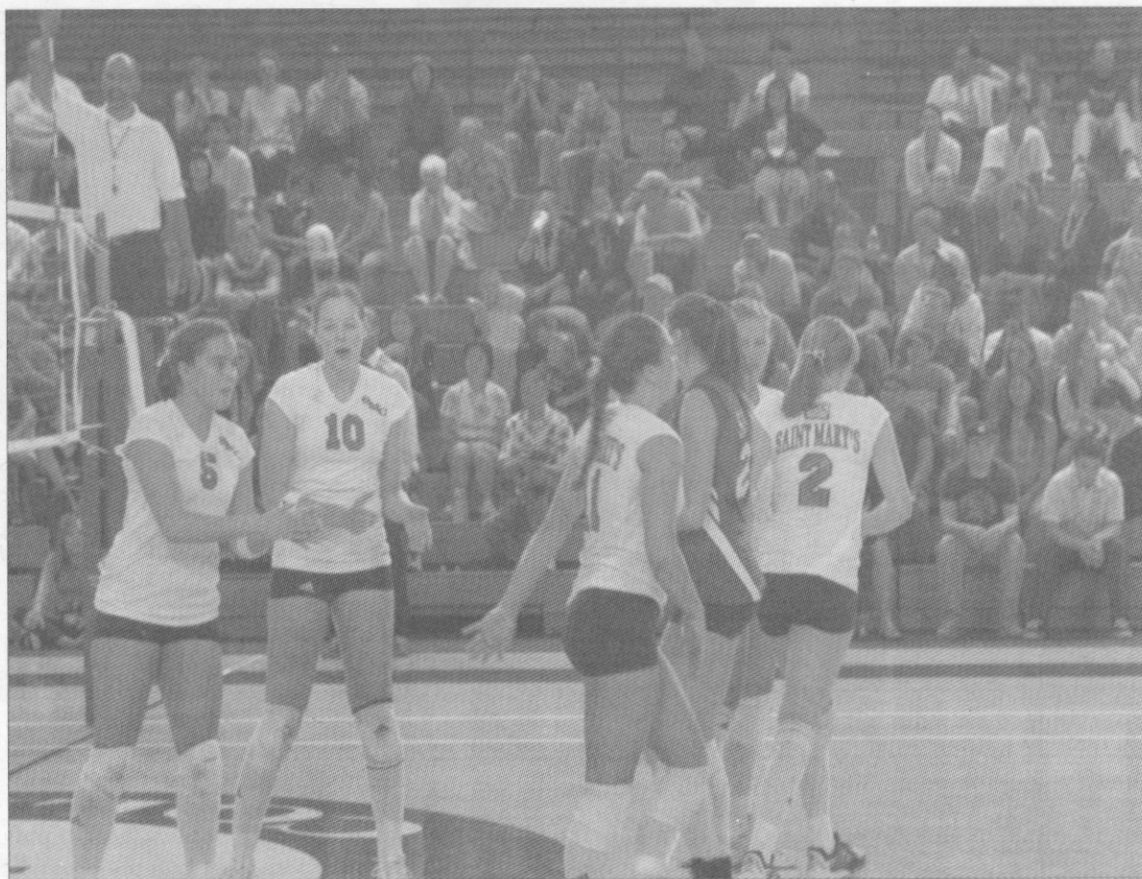
The Gaels charged through a 3-1 match, grabbing two quick games (Game 1: 30-24, Game 2: 30-20) before dropping the third game 22-30. However, Saint Mary's was unfazed, bounding back in the fourth game for a decisive 30-23 victory.

Senior co-captain Kau Salzman said, "We faltered a little bit in the third game," but was quick to note that "we played pretty consistently throughout the whole match. We did the things we've been working on in practice, and it showed."

San Francisco dropped to 12-4 overall and 0-1 in conference play with the loss.

With perfect sets from junior setter Mandy Bible, who recorded a match-high 50 assists, the Gaels offensively dominated the match. Strong outside hitters Missie Stidham and Kau Salzman each recorded 16 kills for the Gaels. Junior middle blocker Christina Kirk added 11 kills.

Saint Mary's also proved off their defensive prowess in the match. The Gaels proved why they are considered one of the best blocking teams in the country, recording 15.5 team



Zach Farmer/COLLEGIAN

Mandy Bible (5) and the Gaels got their first win of the conference schedule against the San Francisco Dons. Bible had 50 assists in the match. Christina Kirk (10) added 11 kills and 9 blocks.

blocks and limiting San Francisco to a .141 hitting percentage.

Freshman middle blocker Brittany Barker assisted in eight key blocks with one solo, and junior Christina Kirk added seven assisted blocks. Freshman libero Lyndsey Parker added 16 digs for the Gaels' defense.

Junior opposite Cassandra Kolkka played well both

offensively and defensively, posting 10 kills, eight digs, five blocks, and three aces.

The Gaels now improve to 10-3 on the season. Be sure to catch the Gaels in action for their first conference home games this weekend.

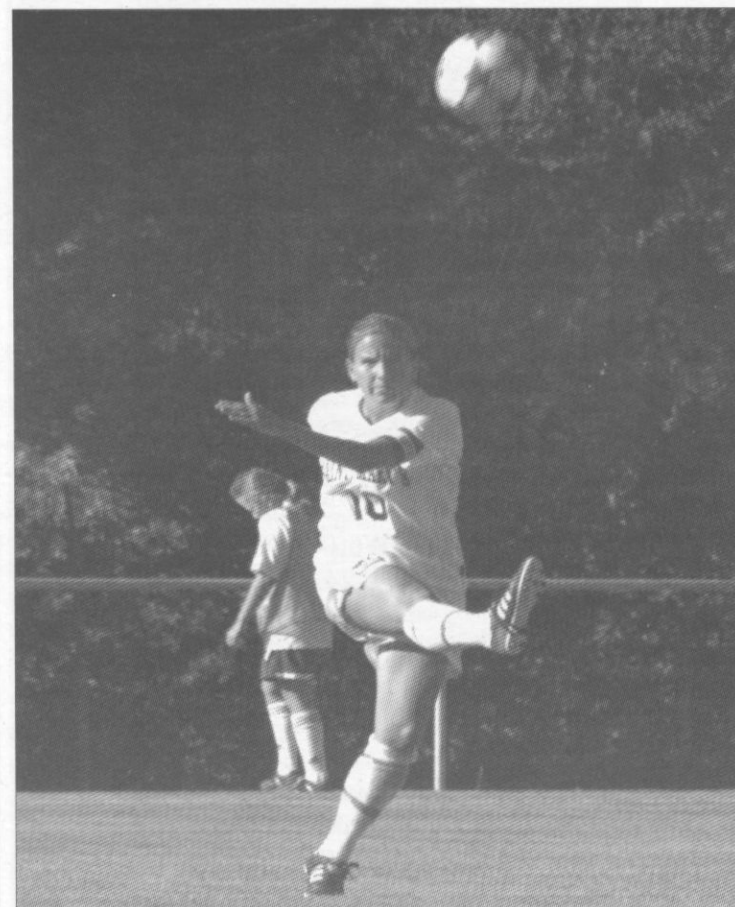
The team will host Loyola Marymount on Friday, October 7 and Pepperdine on Saturday,

October 8. Both matches will begin at 7:05 p.m. in McKeon Pavilion.

The rematch between the Waves and Gaels promises to be an interesting. Last season Saint Mary's swept both the Lions and Waves during the regular season. Prior to 2004 SMC had not beaten Pepperdine, who is a perennial nationally ranked power.

24th ranked Mustangs gallop over Gaels

Belzer scores her first goal of the season but Gaels still fall short of win



Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

Senior Sarah Churchill clears the ball out of Gael territory but it was not enough as #24 Cal Poly won 2-1.

by Megan Manley
Staff Writer

On Friday September 30th, the Saint Mary's Women's soccer team took on the #24 ranked Cal Poly Mustangs in San Luis Obispo at Mustang Stadium. The Gaels were dealt their fourth loss of the season in a hard fought game, losing 2-1 and leaving the Mustangs with a record of 7-1-3.

Both Mustang goals were scored by Kelsey Carroll. Her first goal came with relative ease when she bypassed the Saint Mary's defenders leaving the score 1-0 after only eight minutes of play. Her next goal seemed to be pure luck. First it bounced off the left post, then the right, and finally into the net putting the Mustangs up 2-0.

The Gaels struck back only eight minutes later with junior McKenna Belzer scoring her first goal of the season and the leaving the Gaels down 2-1. Belzer's goal gave the Gaels some fire, starting a stint of many great shot opportunities.

With six minutes left in the second half junior Sarah Churchill fired a shot over the head of Cal Poly goalie Liz Hill, but the ball skimmed the top post, with the Mustangs narrowly dodging a game-tying goal.

The game was a close one, but in the end, Cal Poly outshot the Gaels 14-12 in the match. Despite the loss, the Gaels' defense seemed to show a great deal of heart holding the Mustangs down for most of the second half.

Saint Mary's goal keeper Alicia Artuso had four saves on the night while Liz Hill of Cal Poly had six saves and the respective victory.

The Gaels now hold a record of 5-4-1 and sit 5th in the WCC. They will head home to take on the Sacramento State Hornets on October 4 for the last non-conference game of the season.

The game will take place at 3 p.m. at Saint Mary's Stadium. The Gaels begin conference play on October 9 against the Dons of USF at 1 p.m. in San Francisco.