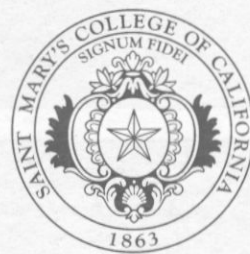


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'Voices' come to campus to talk death penalty

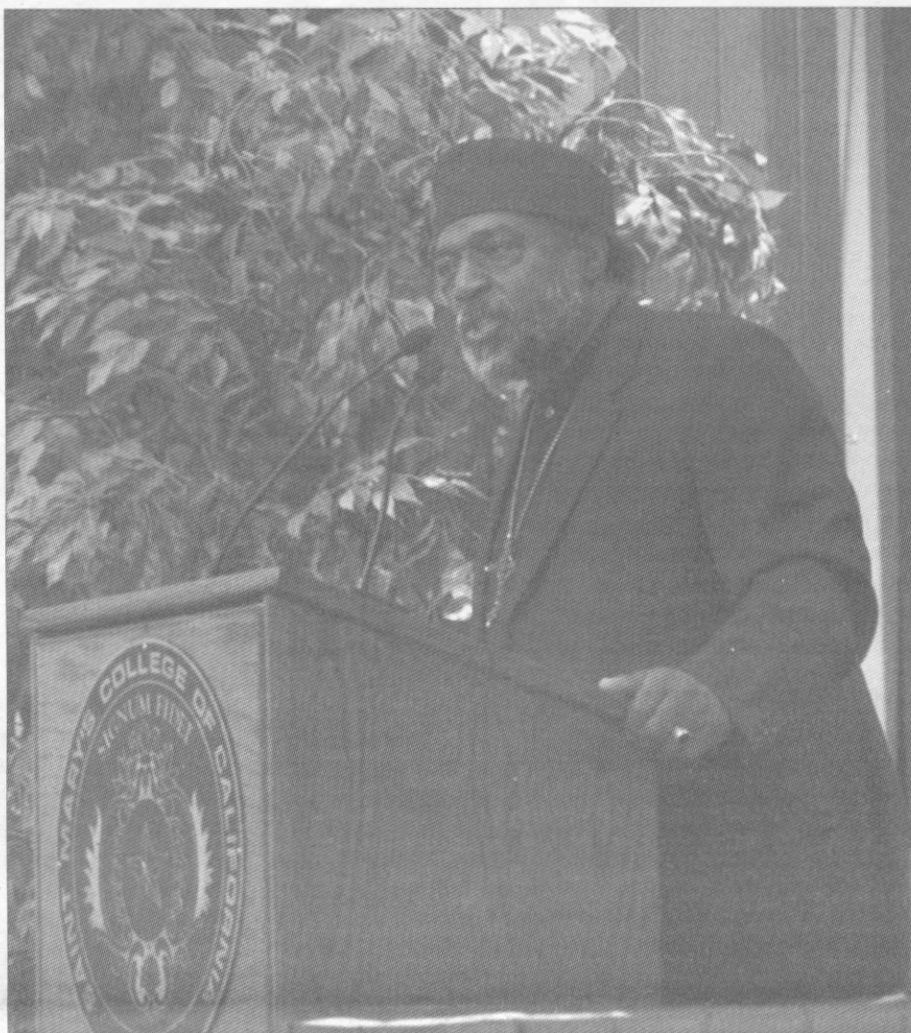
by Julie McAvoy
Staff Writer

Last Monday, October 10, Darby Tillis, Professor Ronald Ahnen, and Alice Kim joined the Saint Mary's community in the Soda Center as speakers for Voices from Death Row. This speaking tour was organized to personalize the death penalty with first-hand experiences.

Devin O'Leary '06, president and founder of Saint Mary's chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, was the main organizer of the event. He was greatly impressed with the crowd and the speakers. "I appreciated the different perspective that this event offered. It is amazing to hear the first hand experience of someone who was on death row."

Another student that attended the event was Talia Reich '08, who agreed with O'Leary and was pleased that she could "get in touch with a more liberal community and fight closed-mindedness." Reich was most moved by Professor Ahnen's presentation, which included the story of his sister's kidnapping, rape, and murder. "It was impressive to know that even though a loved one was killed, he didn't want the death penalty [for the killer]," she said. She also said that the reason she attended the event was that "the first step to change is awareness," which this event surely provided.

Darby Tillis, the first speaker of the evening, was the first of 13 men to be exonerated from Chicago's death row in 1987 after 14 years in jail and five trials. In 1973, Tillis turned down a \$5,000 offer from the police to give a false statement and was thrown into prison as a suspect in a murder. Tillis knew that he had no money and no lawyer and that he was doomed to lose the trial with a public defender. Tillis said,



Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

Darby Tillis, a former death row inmate spoke on the Voices From Death Row Tour that arrived on campus last week.

"My nerves began to go when I saw they were going for the death penalty because I knew there was no way I would win."

The combination of poor public defense, an all white jury, a corrupt judge, and manufactured evidence put Tillis on death row for a crime that he did not commit. Tillis pointed out that, "over 25 judges have been sentenced for accepting bribes in Illinois." One of these judges was the presiding judge at the case that put Tillis on death row and

that judge is now serving time in jail.

In 1987, Tillis finally received a fair trial after 14 years in prison, and was released from death row. However, Tillis still suffers from post traumatic stress disorder and a disapproving society. "I'm not free. I've been released from death row, but death row is still alive in me," said Tillis. He left one bad situa-

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Saint Mary's hosts brother from La.

In California for vacation, Brother Jeff Calligan talks to Saint Mary's about New Orleans

by Darwyn Deyo
Staff Writer

This past week, Brother Jeff Calligan, F.S.C. came to Saint Mary's College. His visit came at the end of a business trip to all the schools in the New Orleans-Santa Fe School District, which is geographically large but has a dispersed population. He gave reports on the status of the Lasallian schools that had been torn apart during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, of which all but one are high schools. Part of the report also focused on the program for the schools' futures and to confirm that no Christian Brothers or lay staff had been killed or wounded, though some of the brothers had stayed behind during Hurricane Katrina and had been rescued by helicopter out of New Orleans from the top of a school building, along with an old caretaker and their librarian.

Calligan arrived at Saint Mary's on Saturday evening so that he could stop by the Books to Bayou 24-Hour Walk-A-Thon and walk a few loops on Sunday morning.

"I think they're doing a great job.... Basically what people need down there is, at the moment, money.... That money will go to an extremely poor elementary school on the edge of pretty much a slum area of New Orleans, run by the Mercy Sisters. They'll get that and that'll be a great gift to them," he said.

Monday night Calligan also had dinner with Shawney Anderson's Jan Term class, "Bridges to the Bayou: Direct Hurricane Relief in New Orleans." He said that while currently the people in New Orleans need to organize themselves before they can be helped, in about a month the need for community assistance will be very present. "This is man's work, not God's work," he emphasized. For now, funds will help buffer the cost of rebuilding the schools while at the same time defraying student tuition and assisting in vaccinations for the students.

He said that the schools' absent students were lending aid to hurricane victims who had fared worse than they had. Volunteers from De La Salle High School in New Orleans, along with other student volunteers began to organize aid within the city. "Kids are working all across the place.... In Lafayette, we've got kids working at

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Darwyn Deyo/COLLEGIAN

Brother Jeff speaks to the community outside of Le Fevre Theater last week.

Obstacles against establishment of a bar in Moraga

Public concerns, investor worries prevent building of student gathering place

by Tony Verutti
Staff Writer

Nine years ago Saint Mary's students lost the only college-friendly bar in Moraga. The Barn was a place for students to blow off steam, watch sports, eat decent, relatively cheap food, and socialize with the people of Moraga and other Gaels outside of campus. Unfortunately, it became too much of a liability so the students of Saint Mary's were once again bar-less.

In today's times the students who attend Saint Mary's can seem like a burden to the people who live in Moraga, and an establishment such as a bar has become a controversial issue for many. Still, while many are hesitant to allow a bar or restaurant, others are supportive.

"The majority of the officers [in Moraga] agree that the Saint Mary's students need such an establishment," said Police Sgt. Julie Valdez. She suggested that Moraga Police Department would prefer this bar as opposed to breaking up house parties every weekend.

"An establishment somewhere in between McCovey's and the Round-up," is possible, said City Manager Phillip Vince. An establishment like what Vince suggested could serve as a restaurant by day, and a bar on weekend nights, saving students from having to drive into Lafayette or farther.

In addition, with no place for students to congregate in Moraga, they are forced to spend their money elsewhere. However, there are some, including Vince and Town Planning Director Lori Salamak, who are trying to change that.

"Moraga is trying to produce incentives to keep money in Moraga by creating such an establishment and encouraging other shops or stores to stay open later," said Salamak. The idea is to accommodate students who do not want to leave Moraga and at the same time encourage students to keep it local by contributing to Moraga more than Lafayette or Walnut Creek.

Of course, there are many of people who are opposed to a bar or establishment for Saint Mary's students. In a bedroom community of senior citizens and small families, the idea of a gathering place for college students down the street is unappealing.

But while there are many factors that have prevented construction of this bar,

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SNAPSHOT



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Sophomores Bill VanLandingham, Nikki Mulligan, Patrick Carney, Vincent Qu, and Josh Richmond enjoyed a barbecue dinner outside of Ageno B on Sunday evening.



JO-ANN ARQUILLANO

Our Managing Editor: Starcrossed

Those born under the astrological sign of Scorpio are believed to be dark, mysterious, deep, and passionate. Does this description apply to me? While I may like to think that I can be just that profound and intense, whether or not I really am is debatable.

Astrology has become a solid staple within pop culture. Regardless of whether or not you believe in it, you can't deny the presence of this supernatural science in pop society. I myself must admit to being a long-time enthusiast of astrology. Most of my friends can attest to my fascination—or as some might describe it—my obsession with this star-powered school of thought. I have daily astrological readings e-mailed to me (okay, I have two daily astrological readings e-mailed to me) outside of the more generalized and long-term monthly horoscope I also receive. Every time I have access to a magazine, I instantly flip to the horoscope section to find out what the rest of the month has in store for me. Even if it's an out-of-date issue, I insist on perusing the readings just to see if that month's predictions actually came true.

I'm very much aware of the many people that think that astrology is just superstitious drivel that astrology followers simply manipulate in their minds and claim to be accurate. To be perfectly see STARS, p4

Campus Quotes: Talk about your experiences washing your clothes here at school.



"I haven't washed my clothes here at school."
 -Jamie Baldwin '09

"I don't wash here because I live kinda close."
 -Kyle Bonderud '09



"I haven't had any major problems. Some dryers don't work well so you have to dry your clothes twice, and since the washers are small, you have to do multiple loads."
 -Rodney Alcantara '09

"It's okay, but my clothes always smell like bleach and the dryers don't dry; they just spin. The school should get new dryers."
 -Benjamin Petrofsky '09



Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES



TONY VALA-HAYNES

POINT REYES, CA - Marcia and Ken Powers reached Point Reyes on Saturday after a 4,900 mile hike across the country. The couple became the first people to backpack the transcontinental American Discovery Trail in one nonstop trek. They averaged nearly 22 miles a day for eight months on their journey from Delaware to the Pacific Ocean.

WESTMINSTER, CO - Police are still looking for a man who sexually assaulted a female employee of Wal-Mart in the parking lot last Wednesday. The attack occurred at 1:00 a.m. when the woman got off work. Police describe the attacker as in his 50's with salt and pepper hair.

BOSTON, MA - Thirty-eight bags of heroin were found in a two-year-old boy's teddy bear when police found him abandoned in a motel room. The two-year-old was found sleeping on a pillow that concealed a loaded air pistol. Jennifer McInnis, 28, faces various drug charges and reckless abandonment of her child.

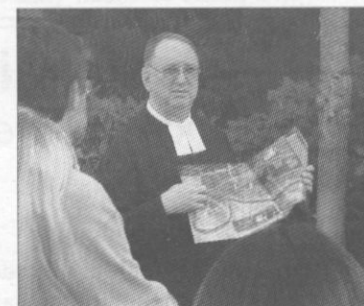
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina - An Argentine prison suffered the death of 17 people Sunday after an uprising occurred over Mother's Day visiting hours. Over 200 inmates joined in the fight before officials could quell the situation. The prisoners reportedly began the uprising to have visiting hours extended on Mother's Day. Witnesses who entered the prison after the revolt claimed they saw corpses "piled on top of one another" and put the death toll at closer to 30 people.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - A Pakistani army helicopter crashed Sunday killing six people. The MI-17 transport helicopter crashed due to bad weather and a technical malfunction after returning from dropping off relief workers in Bagh.

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the Cajun Dome, which is like the Superdome, holding people," he said. They will no longer be able to help the other victims on a large scale though, because both schools in New Orleans and the one in Covington (just north of New Orleans) have been reopened and classes have started. But for Calligan, the problem remained that internally, New Orleans has so little organization, making anything like vaccinations to student redistribution from other schools a promethean task.

"So far we don't know what the infrastructure of the city will be or what kind of jobs there will be...but we've actually gotten a lot of support from the Lasallian schools and colleges around the country," he said. According to Calligan, one of the reasons that the Lasallian schools in New Orleans need pure monetary donations is because each of the Lasallian schools is keeping every one of their teachers at least through January, with benefits.



Darwyn Deyo/COLLEGIAN

Brother Jeff, who is on vacation in California, stops by Saint Mary's to speak of his first-hand account.

Calligan, while on vacation here at Saint Mary's, was going to head out to Berkeley and Concord for more work.

Calligan also runs the Buttmer Institute, an international program, at Saint Mary's every summer, which focuses on the life and writings of Saint John Baptist de la Salle and his mission. For more information on the New Orleans-Santa Fe District, go to: <http://www.cbnsf.org>.

CORRECTION

A Collegian article on October 4th, 2005 misidentified BALA as a chartered club.

**Weekly
Featured
Profile**

Faculty Member of the Week

Richard Lichtmanby David Seidman
Staff Writer

Students planning to study political theory this semester got more than just a replacement for Professor Longo; they received a seasoned veteran of college academia in Dr. Richard Lichtman.

As an undergraduate student at the University of Pennsylvania and a graduate student at Yale, Richard Lichtman studied philosophy and earned his Ph.D. in the field. Upon graduation, he was drafted and stationed on a military base in Columbia, South Carolina by the United States Army. There, his commanding officer, who noted that he was a philosophy major, ordered him to inform the troops about the "Godless Communists." Having done his dissertation on art, Lichtman knew nothing of the subject, and thus began researching Marxism. The first book he read was Sydney Hook's *Marx and the Marxists*; he found the material fascinating. Instead of preaching a one-sided argument to his fellow troops, Lichtman presented both the positive and negative views of Communism.

In 1966, Lichtman was hired by the philosophy department at UC Berkeley to teach classes on political philosophy. He said this was a very "interesting experience" because he was teaching at a university well-known for its political activism, and he was there at the end of the Civil Rights Movement. After five years, Professor Lichtman was denied tenure; he blames his political activism and confrontations with the University's political views as the main reason for his departure. However, the Berkeley students pooled their funds and hired him themselves because they valued his opinions and teaching skills so highly.

In 1974, he became a part-time professor at the Wright Institute and still teaches there, splitting time between them and Saint Mary's. He has written three books: *Production of Desire*, a commentary discussing if Marx's and Freud's ideas could be included in one theory; *Essays in Critical Social Theory*, a collection of essays on social and political themes; and *Dying in America*, which includes an essay about the theories of death and dying and a memoir of his father's death. He has also written numerous Internet essays, including a piece on Dr. Phil.

"My advice to the students here," Professor Lichtman says, "is to understand your place in the world. Understand capitalism. And read a lot for the sake of knowing about the influences that dominate your life. Self-respect as a human being is essential to life."

Lichtman plans to retire in a year and a half, then spend time writing "as much as possible," playing his trumpet, and learning how to ski.

Women's Resource Center holds a movie series for Week Without Violenceby Jonathan Morales
Editor-in-Chief

The Women's Resource Center, in collaboration with several other on-campus organizations, is sponsoring a film festival this week in commemoration of Week Without Violence.

In addition, date-rape survivor Katie Koestner will speak on campus Wednesday night in the Soda Center.

Week Without Violence is an international movement started by the YWCA to address topics such as sexual assault, hate crimes, dating violence, and violence in schools. October is also National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Questioning) History Month.

This is Saint Mary's College fourth year commemorating Week Without Violence, and the film festival differs from past years' events. In previous years, the focus has been on education, such as posting statistics regarding crime and sexual assault across campus.

"We chose the idea of a film

festival because the medium of film can reach a broader audience," said Sharon Sobotta, Director of the Women's Resource Center.

While education is important, said Sobotta, the film festival this year emphasizes a more positive approach. She added that the four films being shown, *Crash*, *28 Days*, *Save the Last Dance* and *Spanglish*, were chosen because they show "healthy, complex human relationships."

In tonight's film, *28 Days*, Sandra Bullock's character is assigned to alcohol rehabilitation, and the film looks at her experiences.

"The film has her examining her interpersonal relationships with others and how alcohol has influenced her relationship with others and her choice," said Joanna Snawder, Coordinator of Sexual Assault Awareness, Outreach and Education in the Women's Resource Center. Mocktails will be served at the event, she added. The film will be shown in Dryden Hall.

Tomorrow evening Koestner will speak in the Soda Center, followed by a showing of *Save the Last Dance*.

Koestner's program, entitled

"No/Yes," tells her survivor's story and looks at the "intricacies of human actions and negotiations when it comes to sexual activity," said Snawder, adding that *Save the Last Dance* was chosen to follow the program because it shows a "positive interracial relationship."

Spanglish, shown Thursday night in Dryden, also looks at the issues surrounding race in a way in which Sobotta thinks Saint Mary's students who are first-generation college students can relate.

"We chose that movie because it does show the complexities of growing up bilingually and biculturally," she said.

Lastly, on Friday an informal dine and discuss event will be held in the Women's Resource Center to commemorate LGBTQ History Month. The film is yet to be chosen.

Yesterday, students viewed *Crash*, a film that highlights the issues of racial tension.

All students are invited to all movies, and food and discussion will follow each showing.

"They can't use Saga as an excuse not to attend, because we'll feed them," said Sobotta.

VOICES: Nation-wide tour against death penalty came to Saint Mary's College campus last week at Soda Center

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tion for another, including no way to get a job. Fortunately for Tillis and his family, he has found peace through giving back to the community and becoming a preacher. "The only thing that is keeping me together is the Holy Spirit," said Tillis.

Throughout all his pain and rebuilding, Tillis has managed to become an inspirational and persuasive speaker, helping to fight the death penalty across the nation. Tillis said that there are five main reasons for abolishing the death penalty. His reasons are that it is racist, it targets the poor, it does not deter crime, it costs more to kill a man than to keep him in prison, and that a man cannot be brought back to life if he is found innocent after his execution. Over and above abolishing the death penalty, Tillis suggested that, "we've got to get the politics out of the justice system" and "create punishment for judges that wrongfully sentence people to death row."

The next speaker of the night was Saint Mary's Politics Professor Ronald Ahnen, who has done extensive research on human rights, is involved in the Saint Mary's chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, and has first hand experience of his own. Professor Ahnen told the horrifying story of how his sister, Rosie, was kidnapped, raped, and murdered in his hometown in Wisconsin when he was only eight years old.

Even though Professor Ahnen went through the heart-wrenching

loss of a loved one, he said that he would never want his sister's killer, Jack Bailey, to be executed. He said, "even if Wisconsin did have the death penalty, I wouldn't want my sister's killer to be on death row, and if he was to be executed, I would probably be there protesting the death penalty."

But Professor Ahnen's lack of desire for revenge wasn't a sign that he was not greatly affected by his sister's death. He said, "Violence was everything that shattered my world...shattered my life." Professor Ahnen does not want to continue that cycle of violence, rather, he wants to forgive the man that killed his sister and avoid hating him. "When I think about what happened to Rosie, I feel sad, depressed, cheated, but I don't hate Jack Bailey. I have come to realize that hate takes a lot of energy and focus."

Another reason for Professor Ahnen's fight against the death penalty is the value of life. He said, "Life is precious and life is sacred and for me that's everybody's life. Jack Bailey does not deserve a lot, but he is a human being and he deserves the respect and the right to not be killed by the state."

The final speaker of the night was Alice Kim, a national anti-death penalty organizer and activist from Chicago. Kim is also the co-editor of *The New Abolitionist*, a newsletter for the campaign, and is on the Campaign to End the Death Penalty National Board of Directors. She informed the crowd with many facts and statistics concerning the death penalty and the United States Justice Sys-

tem. She said that the death penalty has not lived up to its purpose of killing the worst criminals of society.

"It's not the worst criminals that get the death penalty, it's those with the worst lawyers," she said.

However, Kim did not leave the audience with a hopeless message. She motivated the audience by encouraging them to participate in the campaign in any way possible. "We can make a difference and we are the ones that will end the death penalty." She also said, "I encourage you to write to a death row inmate or go visit them. Put a human face on the death penalty and realize that inmates are actually people too."

Another reason for Saint Mary's students to get involved she said, is that, "California has one of the biggest death row populations in the country." She ended her speech saying, "even when it appears that the odds are against you, a small group of people can make a change."

The Saint Mary's College chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty is involved in many different aspects of the fight against the death penalty. Club president and founder, Devin O'Leary, said that the "campaign works to create awareness through education, like the speaking event tonight, and activism, through attending demonstrations." The club always welcomes new members and their next meeting is Monday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Dante 114.

**Campus
Calendar****Hurricane Katrina Supplies Collection, outside ASSMC and in residence halls.**Ongoing
Questions: ebiller@stmarys-ca.edu or ivcf@stmarys-ca.edu.**Thinking About Drinking Week**

October 17 to October 21

Play: The Bacchae

Tuesday, October 18

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Redwood Grove

Dine and Discuss Movie Night: 28 Days

Tuesday, October 18

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dryden Hall

Alcohol Screening Day

Wednesday, October 19

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dante Quad

Panel: Relationships Across Boundaries

Wednesday, October 19

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Delphine Intercultural Center

Contact: x4171

Date Rape Presentation with Katie Koestner

Wednesday, October 19

7:00 p.m.

Soda Center

Reading and Book Signing by Peter Ho Davies

Wednesday, October 19

7:30 p.m.

Soda Center

Movie and Pizza Night: Save the Last Dance

Wednesday, October 19

8:45 p.m.

Soda Center

Día de Los Muertos Celebration

Thursday, October 20

6:00 p.m.

Delphine Intercultural Center

Questions: x3536

"Empower Yourself" Discussion Group

Monday, October 24

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Women's Resource Center

Murder Mystery Party

Monday, October 24

7:00 p.m.

Hagerty Lounge in

De La Salle Hall

Contact: x4146

Randy Bennett Teambuilding and Leadership Talk

Monday, October 24

7:30 p.m.

Claeys Room, Soda Center

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your event at:

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or call for more information:

(925) 631-4279

Sorry, but due to space

limitations we cannot list

individual club meetings.

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honest, I can't say that I totally disagree with them. I am definitely no stranger to those stock readings that are so incredibly vague and indecisive that they could apply to practically anyone at practically any point in time. Case in point, I recently read a horoscope that said "you will endure some hardship in the near future, but eventually everything will turn out for the best and happiness will be yours." Well, I'm certainly no soothsayer but I'm pretty sure most anyone will endure hardship and happiness in his/her life. In fact, I've even been on the other side of things, fabricating horoscope readings with a friend who works for a local special interest magazine.

There is also the argument that all believers choose to make their readings appear true. That is, they pick and choose the events in their life or certain characteristics about their personality that will support that their astrological readings are true.

As an astrology aficionado myself, I obviously find some merit in the idea that the time someone was born affects the kind of person he/she will become. I don't think that these predetermined characteristics apply to everyone, but I do frequently claim to see astrologically-linked traits in those around me. Maybe it's just an inherent need in me to convince myself that I can have some sort of security in knowing what the future has in store for me or some explanation as to why I do the things I do. Call me superstitious or just plain silly, but for now, I'll keep looking to what the stars are telling me.

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it essentially comes down to property.

"The town of Moraga owns no land, meaning it must rely on the private sector to create development," said Salamak. This private sector primarily consists of two families, one of them being the Bruzzone family.

Also, any interested investors have to deal with the fact that land is only available to rent, not buy.

Investors are also skeptical for logical, business reasons. Will the revenue generated cover their costs? Secondly, who would be liable in the event of an accident or crime?

Ultimately, the gap between the town and the college must be bridged before anything can be built. Saint Mary's students want a place to gather. Moraga residents want to be assured that, if students gather in the town, they will not be disruptive, or worse. If anything is to happen, communication and compromise are sure to be crucial elements of the process.

Jonathan Morales contributed to this article.

News Briefs

Inherit the Wind

Saint Mary's College will be marking the 50th anniversary of "Inherit the Wind," a play based on the "Scopes Monkey Trial," with their own production of the play, along with other events. The play, directed by Dan Cawthon, will take place from October 27 to October 29 and from November 4 to November 6 in LeFevre Theatre. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. for all performances, with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on November 6. Call the Performing Arts Department at x4670 for tickets. Other events relating to the play include a lecture by Edward J. Larson, who wrote *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate over Science and Religion*, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26 at the Soda Center; a discussion with David DePew, an expert on Darwin from the University of Iowa at 4:30 p.m. on October 27 in the Soda Center, and a panel of Saint Mary's faculty members who will discuss the Larson and Depew lectures and the play at 4:30 p.m. on October 31 in the Soda Center.

Fall Retreat

The Intervarsity Christian Fellowship is sponsoring their yearly Fall Retreat, which will take place in Alliance Redwoods in Occidental, California. The retreat is a time to make memories, refocus on God away from the business of school, and meet with other Christians from colleges all over northern California and Nevada. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4 and ends at around 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6. Cost is \$69 for first-timers, and \$99 for others. Scholarships are available. The deadline to register is at 12:00 a.m. on Friday, October 28. Register online at <http://ivevents.com/event237>, or with Cheryl at 510-364-3687. For more information, contact Savannah at x8427 or e-mail ivcf@stmarys-ca.edu.

Gaelxpress update

GaelXpress was recently updated with some new features which will be in effect for January Term registration, which began yesterday, October 17. These new features will allow students to register using a "shopping cart feature," which allows them to place classes in their "shopping cart" in advance to their registration day and time. On their registration day and time, they can register directly from their "shopping cart." Students will also be able to view what number they are on a class wait-list, view the number of students enrolled in a class, view the class capacity, and view the number of students on the wait list.

Halloween party

Ghouls and goblins, witches and ghosts! Saint Mary's College will be hosting its annual Halloween Party for Kids from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 28. All students are invited and strongly encouraged to join in the festivities. Whether it's taking children trick-or-treating as Gael Guides, handing out candy as Home Hosts, telling scary stories on the Ghost Walk, scaring kids at the Haunted House, hanging out with kids in Hospitality, or hosting activities at the Harvest Festival, all are welcome. To be a part of this spooktacular event, please sign up in the Campus Ministry office no later than Thursday, October 21. For more information, visit the Halloween website at <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/halloween> or contact Bob Mallon at x4075.

Thinking About Drinking

Thinking About Drinking Week is October 17 to October 21, and will consist of a variety of events. On Tuesday, October 18, there will be a Dine and Discuss Movie Night with the movie *28 Days*, pizza, and mocktails, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Dryden Hall. On Wednesday, October 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be an Alcohol Screening Day and beer goggles program in Dante Quad. Also on Wednesday, there will be a presentation on date rape by Katie Koestner at 7:00 p.m. in the Soda Center. At 8:45 p.m. there will be a movie, *Save the Last Dance*, and pizza, also in the Soda Center. Finally, there will be a beer goggles demonstration at the women's volleyball game at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, October 21 in the McKeon Pavilion.

Book reading

Peter Ho Davies, whose work has appeared in *Harper's*, *Granta*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Paris Review*, and *Ploughshares*, will be reading from his works and signing books for the Creative Writing Reading Series at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19 in the Soda Activity Center. Davies is the author of the story collections *The Ugliest House in the World* and *Equal Love*. His short fiction has been widely anthologized, including the *Best American Short Stories* 1995, 1996, and 2001. *Granta* magazine named him among its twenty Best Young British Novelists of the decade in 2003. He directs the MFA Program in Creative Writing at the University of Michigan.

News briefs for this week were compiled by Bettina Adragna, assistant news editor.

ASSMC Senate votes against club charter for BALA Sunday

Frances Sweeney presents "Community Time" proposal

by Jonathan Morales
Editor-in-Chief

The Associated Students of Saint Mary's College Senate declined to charter the Business Accounting Latino Association at their meeting Sunday by a vote of 10-11-1.

Also at the meeting, Academic Vice Provost Frances Sweeney presented a proposal for scheduled community time for review by the Senate.

BALA's club charter was heavily debated, as many Senators voiced concern that the club would pull members from the Accounting Club and the Latin American Student Association (LASA). Senator Karen Reid '07 read a statement from the Accounting Club asking for BALA to be chartered as an organization under the Accounting Club.

Senator Shane Keane '07 expressed his concern that chartering BALA could lead to further "segregation" of student groups. "From my point of view it seems pointless to segregate clubs," said Keane.

Lily Cevallos '06, president of BALA, stressed that BALA was different from the Accounting Club and served a need not filled by that club.

"We are opening the doors to finance and marketing. It's not

only about accounting," said Cevallos. She also said that BALA serves to motivate Latino students to succeed in the areas of business and accounting.

"We don't get that a lot," she said.

Senator Danny Wecks '08 pointed out that BALA's first-year budget was funded by off-campus organizations, prohibited by college policy. That policy is forthcoming from Advancement and has not yet been announced formally.

Earlier in the meeting, Sweeney presented a proposal to put into place a program that would designate time for the entire Saint Mary's community to come together termed "Saint Mary's Community Time."

"For a number of years we've had different groups on campus wishing we had some time for the whole community to come together," said Sweeney. "This is a direct result of us trying to take some action based on the discussions from last year."

While, several options are on the table, Sweeney specifically mentioned one that involved altering the class schedule beginning next fall to include a 90-minute Monday and Friday class in the middle of the day. That 90-minute period would be used on Wednesdays for Community Time.

A committee was formed to review the proposal and provide feedback within four weeks.

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How do overseas students find out about Saint Mary's?

Saint Mary's boasts a 3% international student population; how did they hear of us when people in the Bay Area haven't?

by **Bettina Adragna**
Assistant News Editor

From Japan to Kenya, from Scotland to Ethiopia, students from all over the world have decided to make Saint Mary's College their undergraduate home. How did humble Moraga become the alma mater for the 70 international students that are currently on campus? Saint Mary's College attracts international students for many of the same reasons that it attracts non-international students, factors such as location, small size, and chance.

"I was actually looking at going to some other universities," said Monica Needoba '06, who grew up in Scotland. "Someone had suggested that I should go to Saint Mary's because it was a really nice campus and a good school."

Once she visited the Saint Mary's campus, Needoba met with Dino Pruccoli, associate director for the Center for International Programs.

"I sat down and had a conversation with Dino, and [Saint Mary's] seemed to meet everything I wanted," said Needoba.

What she wanted included "a really good science program," as well as a small overall size.

"I was looking for a school that



Courtesy of Center for International Studies

Saint Mary's College has 70 international students from several different countries, but how did they end up coming to Saint Mary's? These are some of the international students resting during a trip to San Francisco.

I wouldn't be overwhelmed in," said Needoba.

Pruccoli and Maureen Little, also from the Center for International Programs, said that "a safe community," or a "perceived sense of safety," is one factor that attracts both students and their families to the small town of Moraga.

The fact that Saint Mary's offers merit scholarships is also a factor, said Pruccoli.

Overall, "it's the same way, I would say, as American students," just without visiting the campus, said Pruccoli.

"The family is often making the choice from 10, 15 thousand

miles away," said Little.

In order to help students and their families make Saint Mary's their choice, the Admissions Office has been proactively seeking international students.

Esther Lopez, Associate Director of the Admissions Office, said, "There's [sic] different initiatives, such as outreach and recruitment to international students, participating in international tours, which are recruitment tours, [and] outreaching through e-mail."

The Admissions Office's outreach has extended as far as Guatemala, where Rebecca Kronick '06 found out about the college.

"I was at a college fair in Guatemala, and Saint Mary's was one of the colleges at the fair," said Kronick, who had spent one year at a boarding school in southern California. She liked California in general, and since her application fee was waived, she thought, "It's free to apply, I might as well."

While Kronick didn't start school with any expectations because she had never visited the campus, "I guess you could say I was very happy with my decision," she said.

Chance also played a role for Tedla Kebede '09 from Ethiopia, who found the school through its website. While factors such as

small size and location initially attracted him, he changed his mind about applying to Saint Mary's and other schools as the application deadlines had already passed.

An e-mail exchange with the school in which he learned that he could still apply changed his mind for the last time.

"I just applied to see what would happen, and I got it," said Kebede.

Since becoming enrolled at the school, Kebede has had some of his expectations met, such as small size, "a great location, and a friendly environment." However, there were some things that surprised him.

"I thought we were going to be able to choose our own classes instead of being forced to take Seminar and American culture. That was a little shock for me," he said.

"But basically, it was what I expected," said Kebede.

Another currently enrolled student who learned more about the school through its website is Miwa Hashimoto '06, who found the school in "a kind of college book in Japan." She, too, cited a "nice" location and small class size as factors in her decision to apply.

Once she enrolled in the school, she expected a "different college experience," as well as the opportunities to learn more English and make friends.

Initially, Hashimoto was depressed because she couldn't speak English.

"But as I [got] used to living in America, I was able to communicate with Americans or International students, so I'm fine now," said Hashimoto.

"I think I'm satisfied as a whole. I'm enjoying [school] a lot."

Kwene Kaseje '07, who is from Kenya, also seems to be enjoying herself.

"I made really close friends," she said. "I'm still good friends with my roommates from freshman year, and I developed close relationships with the faculty."

Kaseje heard about Saint Mary's from her high school where there are "a lot of resources" for students wanting to study abroad.

"You get a lot of help from counselors," said Kaseje. "They help you get the credits needed to study."

Kaseje said that inclusiveness influenced both her expectations and experiences of the Saint Mary's community.

"I expected it to be pretty easy, because I came here as a freshman, and I guess most freshmen are in the same boat. They want to make friends, and they're leaving home for the first time, just like us," said Kaseje.

Now that she's here, "It's been like an all-inclusive community."

In Recognition of International Week Without Violence, Thinking About Drinking Week, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month:



Katie Koestner Presents 'No/Yes' An outspoken date-rape survivor and sexual assault prevention advocate will be at SMC on Wed. October 19th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Soda Center (Moraga Room)

Koestner, who appeared on the June 3, 1991 cover of TIME magazine, has received national attention for speaking out against a crime of silence. In 1993, Koestner completed a project with HBO, the Lifestories Docudrama entitled, "No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story." Since graduating, Katie has presented her acclaimed program, entitled "No/Yes," over 1000 times to hundreds of thousands of students at over 800 different colleges, high schools, and military institutions in 48 states and internationally.

There will be a question and answer session immediately following the presentation.

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Hillary Clinton? Moderate? Don't bet on it for a moment

In recent months, I have heard the typical, baseless whining by the likes of Senators Durbin, Kennedy, and Schumer, but where has the Witch of the West Wing, Hillary, been?

She was noticeably absent from the judge filibustering controversy several months ago. She was also M.I.A. when Dick "Turban" Durbin compared Guantanamo Bay to something the Nazis, Pol Pot, or Stalin had done.

Hillary has been lying low, trying to trick people into thinking she has gone moderate in hopes of getting the White House in 2008. At the moment, she appears to be the only hope the Democrats have of ever winning another national election. She is running, and will continue running, a disciplined campaign, avoiding the costly gaffes that permeated Kerry's campaign. She is playing the moderate angle in hopes of capturing the all important center in the general election. Some believe that her moderation will cost her during the primaries, but she will win. Democrats cannot pass up a chance to vote for another Clinton. While Hillary is playing a centrist, she is firmly an extreme left-winger. While on abortion, she sticks to the "safe, legal and rare" line, even going as far as to say that she "respects" those who are pro-life. Hillary has quietly voted to support partial birth abortions, opposed a bill that, when a pregnant mother is killed, a suspect can be charged with two counts or murder, and also opposed a bill against transporting minors across state lines for an abortion without parental consent.

Hillary claims to be "adamantly against illegal immigration" and calls border security "paramount," yet her actions tell a different story. She has opposed stronger passport controls at border crossings on the grounds that it will hurt tourism. She has also supported legislation that would grant permanent status to illegal immigrants that have been here at least five years.

While Hillary did vote for the Iraq war and the follow-up appropriations, she has a long history of criticizing Bush on the war. She is hawkish enough to make herself seem tough on terrorism to the center, but has a shield of partisan attacks that are sure to appease the left. Hillary's presidential victory is by no means certain, but she is positioning herself for a run. All those who don't want Hillary and Slick Willy back as co-presidents had better watch out and not take any chances.

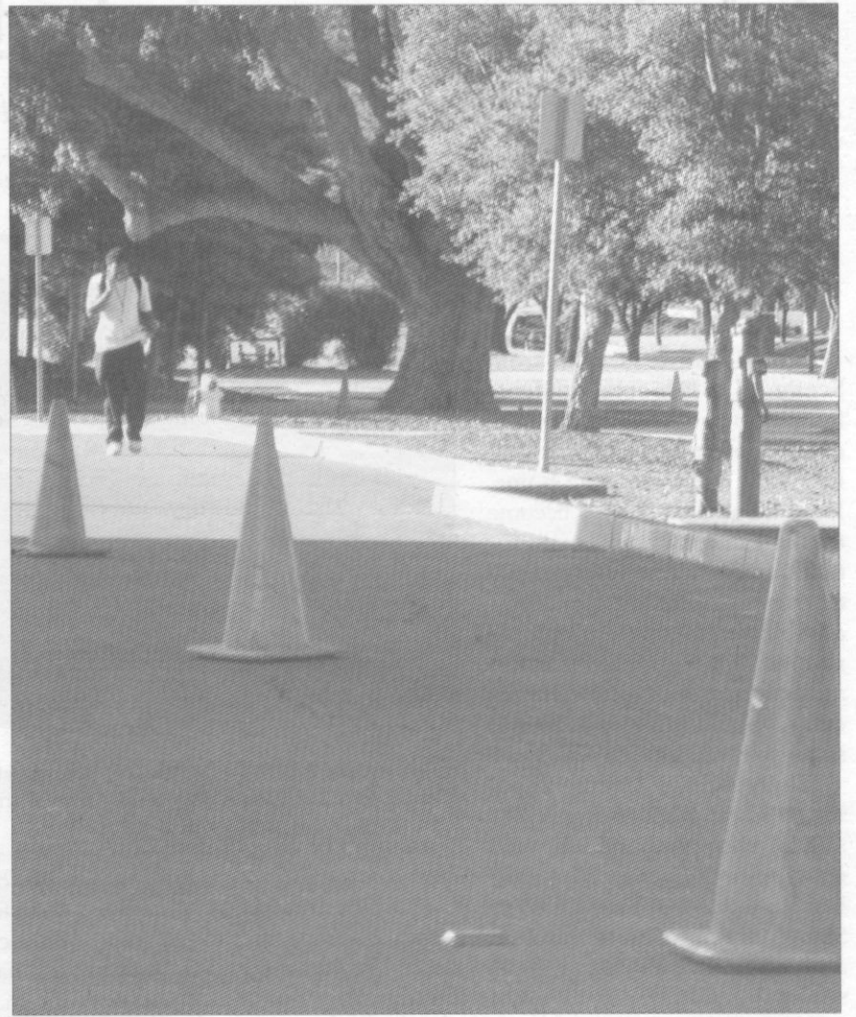
Collegian View

Last week, in an effort to help victims of Hurricane Katrina, a 24-hour Books to the Bayou walk-a-thon was held. About 50 students participated. While it is understandable that no one would particularly like to walk on a Saturday afternoon, no less, 3 a.m. on Sunday, it's an easy way to raise funds. Student clubs and organizations were notified of the event and they all sent a total of 50 students. Yet, just a few clubs participated, including Gael Force, Program Board, and Habitat for Humanity. It was a bit of a flop.

If walk-a-thons work to raise money for cancer research, then why does it not work here on campus for New Orleans? Is it because the New Orleans devastation is somewhat temporary, whereas there is still no cure for cancer? Thousands of lives are still ruined. Just because the effects are less permanent, are they less deserving of our time and money?

The Bridges to Bayou Wake-a-Thon is coming up and that requires a \$15 admission fee. However, more students are expected to show. Why do more students prefer to participate in a fundraising event that requires a ticket, whereas only a handful participated in a free fundraising event? Sure, Wake-a-Thon has more activities to offer, but is that the only reason to participate? What does this say of Saint Mary's Gaels? Does it show that we are selfish; that we only participate in events that benefit us in some way? So much for living up to the Lasallian tradition and providing service to those in need.

This is the general feeling when it comes to organized events. Students complain about there not being enough to do on campus, yet here are our chances, and what do we do? We sit around and complain about there not being anything to do.



Jackie Bernardo/COLLEGIAN

Community Views

Dear Editor,

I was writing in regards to the recent article "The things we do with violence." I found myself reading this story with a heavy heart. I was absolutely horrified reading about the victim and her ordeal. My heart goes out to all of those individuals involved. As I read this story it reminded me of my experience with violence and how it touched my family. In 2000, my uncle was watching the local newscast. A feature story flashed across the screen "homeless man murdered at The Santa Barbara Rescue Mission." Little did we know that it was my father. My dad was bludgeoned to death by another homeless man who suffered from schizophrenia. My mom lost her battle with breast cancer several years before. My dad was never able to get over the devastating loss of his wife. The perpetrator who murdered

my father was caught the following morning. He had a previous criminal history from the Chicago area. My family never knew of my father's living circumstances until we were planning his funeral. The perpetrator was sent away for a few months until he was deemed competent to stand trial. After being medicated, the perpetrator was awaiting to stand trial and the prosecutor was preparing the case. My dad's killer never made it to trial, he decided to plead guilty under the lesser charge of manslaughter and is currently serving time. I find myself having my good and bad days. It's hard to move on, but in some way I have to because life just won't let me stop. I know my parents will always be with me in some way watching over me.

Chris Kreuzlich '06

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U.S. policy on illegal immigration

Should children of immigrants born in the U.S. receive citizenship or driver's licenses?

Trouble is not group specific

Danny Acosta

Michael Chin

The issues are complex

In recent years immigration has been an easy scapegoat for American troubles. Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., advocates the repeal of citizenship to America's natural born citizens with immigrant parents. He believes that reinstating a ridiculous century-old law would somehow fix America's problems. Tancredo's stride supports institutionalized racism that is illogical, immoral and even ironic.

The largest issue dealing with immigration is the U.S. border. The stringent Mexican-American border saw at least 460 people die this past fiscal year – an all-time high. No one takes on these life-threatening adventures for fun – they have to. Why else would they suffer leaving behind their family and way of life? In the case of females, why take the chance of being raped or sold into sexual slavery? The grim realities on the border and the motives behind crossing have nothing to do with wanting to exhaust American resources.

The record number of recorded deaths is indicative of Mexico's faltering economy. Ever since the U.S. ratified NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) in 1994, Mexico's unemployment rate has nearly tripled. Mexico's economy has never been strong or stable, but NAFTA's impact is not mere coincidence. The industrial emphasis of NAFTA has left rural citizens (the majority) unable to compete with American corporations. NAFTA drafted a special fine print that allows for corporations to sue federal governments like Mexico if there is intervention that could impede on profits (i.e. enforcing human rights laws). NAFTA's effects in Mexico are most prevalent in Chiapas where a rebellion to preserve indigenous Mayan culture is taking place. The non-violent demonstration is met with occupation by Mexican officials; however, the forces that are stationed in Chiapas receive funding from American interests. There is no interest in Chiapas' cultural capital – only the wealth of oil under it. Why is it acceptable for America to deplete Mexican resources and create economic dependency, and then accuse immigrants of being the problem when they travel to a new country in hope of escaping such unbearable conditions?

It is immoral to condemn any immigrants without understanding the context of their situations.

This past Thursday, UN reports on immigration policies were deemed "wrongheaded." The consensus on all sides seems to be that there is a problem with immigration, but no one can agree on what the problem is or how to solve it. An integral factor when solving immigration issues is to recall the past. America was founded on immigrants, but more importantly on the idea of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all. All has never been and never should be an exclusive word.

For those currently residing in the United States (I am hesitant to say "citizens") the question of immigration is one of the most hotly debated topics in American politics. Recently in the news two specific aspects have come about, the first regarding driver's licenses and the second focusing on whether or not all people born in the United States are citizens regardless of their familial origins.

As citizens of the most free nation in the world we often forget that driving is not a right. There are age requirements for this privilege as well as tests that must be taken. With that in mind, the question of illegal immigrants with licenses raises a bevy of questions. Will they be insured? If they hit you, what are the legal ramifications? The point is illegal immigrants without the proper visa should not be allowed on the road.

As to the second question of citizenship, there is no clear-cut answer. The fundamental problem that must be talked about is, can a family

who breaks the law then be afforded the privilege of citizenship even if they broke the law to get this right? There is no easy answer to this. However, I would say that the implementation of this law must come down to a case-by-case basis.

Although I cannot totally support each of these individual measures, I can say that they are made with the proper intentions. The most recent census taken in 2000 shows there are over 7 million illegal immigrants in our country, according to the Center of Immigration Studies. Throughout our country citizens of state are in a mode of constant taxation due to increased public education and social costs. These increases are partly due to the substantial burdens the United States faces with the influx of illegal immigrants that tax the system.

The larger question that immigration is tied to is: what does this person add to the United States? We are built upon a nation of immigrants, varying from nationalities and countries from around the globe. Immigration is a great addition to this country, but it must be done in the proper manner, not through illegal means.



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JOSH KREHBIEL

Stop shaming my gaming, Jack

Recently, Jack Thompson, the Florida attorney who is sure that video games train people to kill, has offered \$10,000 to a charity if a company will make a game about the father of a murder victim who goes on a rampage and kills members of the gaming community to avenge his child's death.

In the game, first you kill the members of TakeTwo (producers of "Grand Theft Auto"), including the entire family of the chairman, then you kill the members of a law firm who defended TakeTwo, and finally you viciously murder attendants of E3, the biggest game expo of the year.

What kind of sick, vindictive mind would personally suggest that somebody should go out and kill thousands of people because the murderer of your child "only received life in prison"?

It just blows my mind reading the description of Jack Thompson's game and how dramatically unbalanced he perceives the human mind to be. So much so that he thinks his little "scenario" is believable.

When I play a game, I typically sympathize with the protagonist, the person I'm going to be for a while. This twisted "vengeful father" is no hero; no amount of belly-aching about the loss of a child could possibly make us sympathize with this vicious murderer. It's been obvious for a while, but Jack Thompson really doesn't understand how a video game works.

Games are not murder engines. They are genuine narratives, fantasies of playing the big hero, the defender of the downtrodden and the lowly. No "violent" video game today asks you to kill civilians in cold blood — to kill somebody's entire family; spouses and children. The people you kill are bad people, people who have intentionally hurt you and the people you love. Not a single game rewards you for killing children. Not one.

I guess it would be too much to ask for Jack Thompson to actually play a video game. No, he's got to protect the children and line his pocketbook with ill-earned gains. He's got to base his assessment of the entire industry on one game. He's got to insult and patronize millions of young people by assuming we would go for this bloodlust.

So, sure Mr. Thompson, we'll make your damn game. We'll spend millions to develop and release a terrible game so that you can donate less than one percent of your yearly income to some charity. I hope you enjoy it, to see your vile vision of the world on screen. Be sure to post a review about how much you enjoyed killing the chairman's little girl.

Don't judge others until you walk in their shoes

After seeing a bumper sticker declaring "you can't be pro-Catholic & pro-abortion," it really got me thinking. Ignore the fact that a male was making this statement, and statistics show that in most situations when a young woman gets pregnant, males jump ship as quickly as they can.

More importantly, the sticker passes judgment on society telling us all who we can and cannot be. We are all entitled to our own opinions and the abortion discussion is particularly a potent one. However, instead of passing judgment as this bumper sticker does, why can we not be more accepting and open to humanity? Do not



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pass judgment on other people over what they personally choose to do. Until you find yourself in a situation where you or your partner might be pregnant, you never know how you may react.

Furthermore, religion is an intensely personal and private matter, and each person decides for his or herself what it means to be

Catholic, atheist or any other faith. Problems arise when someone passes personal mandates onto the masses.

Case in point: while studying abroad in South Africa I had the opportunity to travel on a safari for three weeks alone. However, when I found myself coming back to Cape Town sick with the possibility of malaria looming, I was scared out of my mind.

Thank goodness I didn't have malaria but the point is I never would have imagined finding myself in that situation, but I did. And in that scary event, my perception on traveling by myself, about access to health care and

many other things were challenged.

This is what life is about: how we react when we find ourselves in situations that may not have been expected. In these situations, our perceptions and beliefs are challenged and often shattered.

Until you are forced to face a situation you have no idea what you will do or how you will react. So the bottom line is, perhaps we all should be more open and accepting of each other. You are entitled to believe what you want to believe, but please do not condemn me or other people for their different points of view. Life is about choice.

Poll

101 students polled

84% of students polled said that children of illegal immigrants should be granted citizenship if they were born in the United States.

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**Wallace & Gromit: The
Curse of the Were-Rabbit**

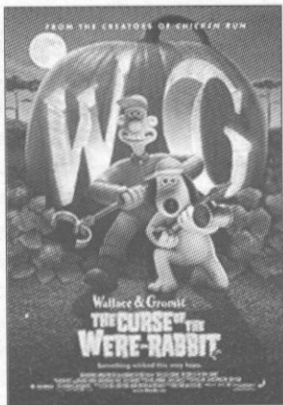


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by Rochelle Perkins
Staff Writer

A vegetable munching were-rabbit. Is there such a thing? There is now! The claymation movie, *Wallace & Gromit and the Curse of the Were-Rabbit*, is really cool - IF you're eight years old! Besides being awed by the production of the movie, the plot of *Wallace & Gromit* attempting to save an annual town vegetable fair from a monstrous were-rabbit was actually quite lame. It was less than an hour and half, the jokes were corny, and the entire movie was predictable! I think I laughed about...once. This movie should have a label: For Children 10 years old and below.

**Into the Blue: Not just
Jessica Alba in a bikini**



Photo courtesy of Filmstarts.de

by Rochelle Perkins
Staff Writer

So is *Into The Blue* really all about body, booty, and breasts? I definitely thought so at first. But what do you expect from a movie with hotties Paul Walker and Jessica Alba as lead roles? However, the hot bathing suit scenes were nowhere near as exciting as the character drama, the nasty shark attacks, and the race against dangerous drug dealers to uncover one of the most famous buried treasures of all time. Yes, it's true. The movie contained more than just scenes of Jessica Alba in a bikini. All in all, not bad. Not bad at all.

Dane Cook's new album is sizzling

Why the super finger is taking over the country

by Danny Acosta
Staff Writer

Dane Cook is the mad man of comedy. In a time where surly comics like Dave Atell and Jim Norton are favorites among young audiences, Cook asserts his position as the college favorite comedian with his sophomore album *Retaliation*.

Dane Cook's first album/DVD, *Harmful If Swallowed* (2003), sold a mere 3,000 copies at its time of release. Cook's growing popularity has now moved over 255,000 copies. *Retaliation* has been a beast, moving 86,000 copies in the first week alone. Since the release of his feature film *Waiting* starring Ryan Reynolds, Cook's album sales increased by 50%.

He retains all the strong elements of his act and puts it behind nearly two hours of hilarious material. This triple disc set is not only worth the money paid, it is also a breakthrough in comedy albums. It debuted at number four on the Billboard top 200 charts. It is the first time in 26 years that a comedy album has broke the top five.

Cook begins *Retaliation* by saying he is going to have "comedy sex" with the audience. "Superbleeder" and "Heist/Monkey" showcase his storytelling ability and sick humor.

Cook improvises a portion of his set where he tells a heckler to

shut his mouth. The crowd falls into an awkward silence, followed by small mutters, when Cook draws out an uproarious laughter by comparing the silence to an incident of domestic violence at the dinner table. And this is just the first disc. Cook sticks to his ridiculous and over-emphasized bits; however, he strays away from his purely physical bits.

The cursing and psychosis that characterizes Cook's material cements his spot on the website that covers "Comedy That Questions Your Morality," www.cringe.com. Although his style is not "cringe" like Greg Giraldo or Nick DiPalo, he is neither sugarcoating or pandering his act like other famous comedians.

Cook has Cringe Humor ethics; he is one of the hardest working comics in the nation. He recently

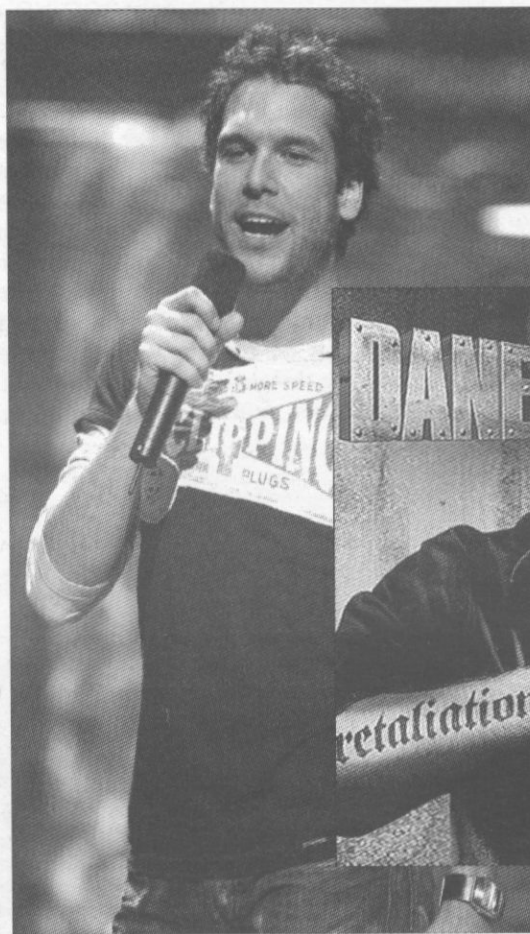


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Mitch Hedberg's *Mitch All Together*, was one of the first to be released on Comedy Central Records. He has received widespread praise from fellow comedians, fans and critics.

In 2003, he won Cringe Humor's comedian of the year



Photo courtesy of Amazon.com

wrapped up his *Tourgasm* tour featuring Robert Kelly, Gary Gulman and Jay Davis. He even had his own tour bus, which is unheard of for a comedian. Cook speaks with his fans through his sea of Myspace friends and his often overloaded website.

Cook's Comedy Central special sparked his career in 2000. His album, released simultaneously with the late

and album of the year. He has appeared on the *Tonight Show*, *Late Night with David Letterman*, *Premium Blend* and *Crank Yankers*. He also has a TV pilot in the works and is pursuing a film career.

The past two years are no mistake. Dane Cook works for his success and now that he is a comedy supernova, he has the power to keep the audiences laughing for years to come. *Retaliation* is a gold record for a reason.

A trigger-happy emotional *Extraordinary Machine*

Apple reprises the same tones on the release of her long-awaited third album

by Kim Dao
Staff Writer

Fiona Apple is a like a loaded trigger-happy shotgun full of emotion. For a few years, fans have been eagerly waiting to take the symphonic bullets of her latest, *Extraordinary Machine*. After a fan-led campaign, a multi-year shelving of recordings due to record company red tape - the album finally sees the light of day as her third album in her six year career.

Apple, as in the great tradition of other songwriters and singers, has a great knack for carving out a story. For her though, everything is more centralized on that one simmering injury that seemed minor. The fact that it even happened makes it even more important. "Criminal" from her debut is remnant of that, a classic symphony of bittersweet betrayal in a tumultuous relationship.

Her vocals and her beatings of the ivories have a trademark emotional appeal. Every syllable of her songs can come off scathing. Things may come of

bitter and the volume of her emotions run high.

But as the age old story with apples goes, there can always be one bad apple in the bunch.

Extraordinary Machine, in its commercial release (compared to the internet leak) trades in long-time producer Jon Brion for Dr. Dre protégé Mike Elizondo on a majority of the tracks. Elizondo overhauls the tracks laid originally by Brion, but in the process some of her magic seems to be lost. While artists are allowed to transcend and grow, as a listener there is a slight problem here. Apple seems to have lost her consistency.

You have to wonder what Apple has left to talk about. It seems as if she is still relegating in the same shoes of her past three albums. "O' Sailor" is a questioning ode to a lover. It has a slightly musical quality, but her voice and piano is centralized in the track. The title track "Extraordinary Machine" is a gem. Apple's vocals get fleshed out into different musical tones, providing a passport to a great musical whiplash of a sore lover.

If you are a fan of Apple, this album is sure to appease you. And while her sound has been manipulated, you can only be angry and bitter after the gin and



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tonics have worn off. The album fits in nicely with her repertoire of albums.

After all this red tape placed on the album by the record

company, it would have been nice to hear something a bit different. A slight blow to my ears, but I'm always willing to accept the slightly bad apple in every bunch.

PDA...



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 Public Displays of Affection or PDA as it is better known. Don't get me wrong I'm not knocking love, but there are levels people...

First off, let's start out with the hand holders, you know, those people who holds hands in the hallways. That's cool. You see them and think, "Ahh, how cute." The couples that are so attached that they can't separate hands, ever...so...sweet...not so much.

Come on, do you really need to hold hands in the hall to the point where you end up causing traffic jams? Not so much. Can't you be apart for like two seconds? If the Red Sea could part, I think you can too, seriously. I don't want to ruin your love, I just want to get to class.

Okay, then there are the kissers... You know, the ones that have serious make out sessions that *always* happen to take place in front of the door to the classroom that you are going into...necessary? Not so much. Uncomfortable? So much!

I think you people just might be able to last being away from each other the hour and a half that class keeps you apart. But you know making out before class is always necessary...not so much.

Even better are the ones that kiss while you are trying to eat...oh wait...not so much. I do not want people making out while I am eating, simply because I want to eat, not vomit. The food is already bad enough, I don't need any more reason to get sick. Do you really have no better place to swap spit? Seriously, for that you get a not so much.

And finally there are the gropers. Gotta love them. The ones who find any place on campus suitable for feeling on each other. Sure, showing your affection is fine, but those people give new meaning to the phrase, "get a room." I know that I want to see a visual display of your passionate love for one another...oh wait, not so much.

Some PDA is fine, but to all you excessive PDA-ers out there, you get a big NOT SO MUCH!

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

Disaster on campus: students confined

Two freshmen trapped in first floor dorm in Augustine

by Dustin LaLumandiere
Staff Writer

Sometimes, the average day may not be so ordinary. Things taken for granted may be lost, ways of life changed in an instant. It happened to me. This is the true survival story of Dustin LaLumandiere.

(Due to traumatic stress, recollection of events may not be completely accurate.)

15:00

As I leave Bib-Lit class, I think about the normal day that awaits me. I walk to Saga and I grab a bite to eat, and then casually stroll down Saint Mary's Drive for a nice mid-day walk. I return to my residence hall, Augustine, and try to catch some TRL.

I think about starting homework, but I find myself wandering down the hall to room 108, the room of fellow victim Ian Fiske.

Little did I know as I crossed the threshold into his room that stepping back out would be a greater challenge than ever conceived.

15:37

"Hey, Ian, want to go shoot some hoops?" I ask.

"Sure thing! That would be awesome!" said Ian.

Ian reaches for the door and gives it a good pull. His weak arms are unable to open the door.

"I can't open this door," Ian tells me.

"Are you like, kidding me man?" I ask, as I try to open the door as well.

The door does not move, and it seems like the handle is not releasing the bolt from the door.

"This isn't good," Ian cries out.

17:45

Ian desperately clings to the door screaming, "RON! JEFF! Anyone, please, get us out of here!"

I try to make him feel better. "Man, just chill out. I called Campus Life, and they said that they would be up here in a second."

"Do we have enough food?! Alright, well, I know we have a lot of water, which is good. I'm just freakin' out man. This is like

rainforest. We'll be fine," I calmly reassure him.

18:15

(knock at door)

"Campus Life. Hello?"

"Dustin, shhh, let me handle this," said Ian. "Yeah, we are like locked in here."

"Did you try the deadbolt?" Campus Life asks.

"Yeah, but it didn't do anything," replies Ian.

Impatiently, Ian remarks, "Um, so yeah, what do we do?"

"Well, actually we were just heading out to eat dinner right now. Just sit tight, okay guys?"

"Why me? Why me?!" Ian whimpers.

"Calm down," I tell him.

18:40

"Dustin, do you have any tape? I'm finished making this SOS sign

to put on the window. If Campus Life won't do anything, then I will take action into my own hands!" Ian cries frantically.

"Oh, wait! Here they come now with a ladder to climb up and break open the door!"

At that moment, I knew everything was going to be alright. I knew that my day at Saint Mary's could be put back together. Everything I had taken for

granted had been restored: activities like trips to the cross, debates in seminar, late nights in Saga, and just hanging out in the super cool town of Moraga.

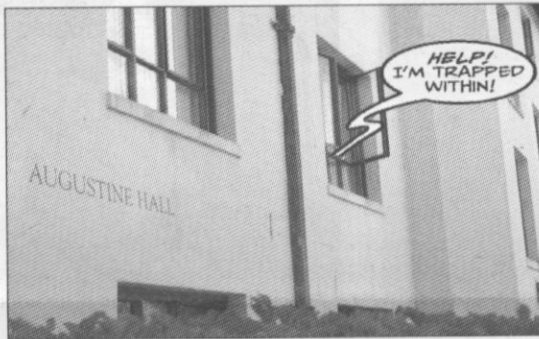


Photo illustration by Melanie Linney

Spawn of Cruise infects Holmes

Cruise/Holmes baby leaves many scratching their heads

by Melanie Linney
Detour Editor

A couple of weeks ago Detour reported on the growing instance of young and old Hollywood starlets producing babies to help boost their careers. The article focused mainly on the females that conveniently popped out babies around their movie's premiere dates.

Sadly, there was little focus on the male gender with the minor exception of Colin Farrell's ex-girlfriend having his child. Is it an actor's fault he does not have the biology to carry an unborn child around for nine months? A couple of weeks ago I would say no, but with the announcement of the Cruise/Holme's baby, I have to change my answer.

I mean, if Cruise can somehow hypnotize some young, up-and-coming actress to fall for him, get her to act all crazy like him, and impregnate her, well, then why can't any other struggling actor have a kid to flash about for publicity's sake?

Granted, there is a lot of speculation about this baby—that Cruise didn't physically get his lady in the "family way."

How else could he get Holmes pregnant then? A deal with the devil? No. I originally leaned towards a pact with Satan, but since all that crazy advancement in modern medicine, in-vitro fertilization was the probable baby making method.

But who cares about that! When is the due date? What a coincidence it would be if the baby is released, I mean, born around or on the same day of the release of Mission Impossible 3?

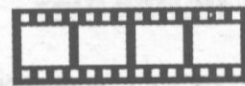
Another thing that puzzles me is why Katie? Was award-winning Nicole Kidman and her womb not good enough Cruise's seed? Is Katie the "lucky girl" only because of her willingness to convert to scientology?

But how and why the baby was conceived no longer matters. The real issue is how they are going to raise this "love" child.

First off, what happens if Holmes gets post-partum depression after their baby is born? Shoot her? Secondly, Cruise jumps on couches and is just plain weird. If I was Katie I would take that baby and run! Who cares if he's friends with Oprah?!

OUT THIS WEEK

FILMS



10/21/05

Doom
Starring: The Rock, Keith Urban R

Dream
Starring: Dakota Fanning, Kurt Russell PG

North County
Starring: Charlize Theron, Sissy Spacek R

Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang
Starring: Val Kilmer, Robert Downey Jr. R

Kids of America
Starring: Nicole Richie PG-13

ALBUMS



Candy Store
Keith Sweat

Playing the Angel
Depeche Mode

Vheissu
Thrice

Gonna Let It Shine
Odetta

A Time 2 Love
Stevie Wonder

I Am Me
Ashlee Simpson

Trill
Bun B

Distortion
Rev Run

Photographs
Mest

CONCERTS



10/18
Gwen Stefani
HP Pavilion, San Jose

10/19
Switchfoot
The Grand Ballroom, SF

10/20
Brooks & Dunn
Shoreline, Mountain View

10/21
Nada Surf
Bimbo's, SF

Sheryl Crow
Greek Theatre, Berkeley

T-Shirt of the week



Photo courtesy of Danny Acosta

You may know Vivid Entertainment's fine feature films from those Friday nights in high school, but now, not only can you see the movies, you can sport their hip apparel.

-Danny Acosta

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SPORTS

**Players
of the Week**

Carlos Diaz



Carlos Diaz, '09, did it all against the Toreros. He scored his second goal of the season and recorded an assist,

his seventh of the season. Diaz will look to avenge the loss when the Gaels travel to San Diego this Friday.

Clare Schwallie

On Saturday Clare Schwallie, '08, became the first Saint Mary's women's runner to break the 19 minute plateau, held since 2003,



recording one of the fastest times in school history with a time of 18:52. Schwallie looks to impress once again at the WCC Championships on October 29.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

**Team
of the Week**

**Men's & Women's
Cross Country**

The Saint Mary's Cross Country team had their best outing of the season as the men and women would finish in fifth and sixth place respectively.



Sophomore Clare Schwallie became the first women's runner to break the 19 minute mark since 2003 with a time of

18:52.

Travis Biziorek, '06, led the men for the second consecutive meet. Junior Sean Hanley posted a personal best of 27:44.

Of the Gaels competing, twelve runners achieved personal best career times.

Next week the Gaels will prepare for their biggest meet of the season as they travel to Belmont to compete in the WCC Championships.

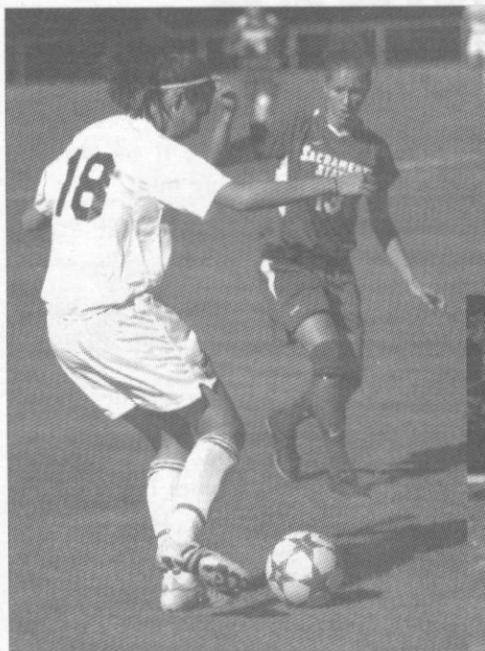
-Zach Farmer, Assistant Sports Editor

Broncos, Toreros slide by Women's Soccer

Tough losses leave Gaels with ground to make up in conference play

by Z. Farmer & M. Manley

Asst. Sports Editor & Staff Writer



It was a tough weekend for the Gaels as they played two highly touted conference games. Thursday night the Saint Mary's Women's Soccer team took on the #5 ranked Santa Clara Broncos under the lights at Buck Shaw Stadium, where they were out hustled and out shot to a 2-0 defeat. Sunday was another tough game for the Gaels as San Diego repeated the Broncos' feat with a 2-0 win.

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The Gaels went into the game riding high off their recent win against the USF Dons to open conference play.

Santa Clara scored a goal in each half, defeating the Gaels for the fourth straight year. The Broncos took a 1-0 lead when Jordan Angeli added to her 10th goal of the season, a header from about 10 yards out.

The final goal of the game came at the 68:18 minute mark, when Tina Estrada scored an unassisted goal, her fifth goal of the season. It was the fourth shut out in a row for the Broncos. Santa Clara out shot the Gaels 15-2 in the game.

The two shot attempts by the Gaels both came from Senior Gen Hollis. Saint Mary's goalkeeper Alicia Artuso, '06, took the loss for the Gaels leaving her with a record of 2-2 on the season. Artuso had three saves on fifteen shot attempts by the fifth ranked Broncos. With the win Santa Clara now holds a record of 12-2-1 overall and 2-0-0 in the WCC.

Sunday's loss against the Toreros proved similar. The Gaels were shutout for the second straight game and fell to 1-2 in conference play.

The Toreros, who came into the game with a 3-9-1 record, showed why nothing is guaranteed in conference play.

The first half came to a close without a goal having been scored. The game remained that way until 74:44 when midfielder Veronica Ambort blew a shot past Artuso.

The Gaels did not help their case with only one shot on goal in the game. The Toreros put the game away at 87:33, when the Toreros forward Allison Wolters put in her penalty kick.

The loss moves the Gaels back to 7-6-1 overall and 1-2-0 in WCC conference play.

Women's Crew ready to kick off season

by David Seidman
Staff Writer

Loyola Marymount, among others.

Women's Crew is one of the two oldest women's teams on campus, dating back to 1975. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the first crew to row the waters for the Gaels, hence there will be an Anniversary Banquet to honor them on October 29th.

With a strong freshman base, as well as skilled sophomores and juniors rowing this season, the present and future look very bright for SMC Women's Crew.

After a banner year for the Women's Crew team last season, in which they broke a streak of eight straight losing seasons by finishing fourth in the WCC standings and defeating rival Santa Clara, coxswain Amy Bellman and her mighty varsity squad are ready to prove that last year was not a fluke—Saint Mary's Women's Crew is the real deal.

"Our goal is to make it a second straight winning season," third-year coach Pasha Spencer said of her team. "We hope to finish in the top three of the WCC and earn a medal."

The varsity rowers' first meet of the year will be in Boston, Massachusetts on October 23 at the head of the Charles River. Over 200,000 spectators are expected to be present for this big event. However, Coach Spencer says that their big race of the season will be on November 6, at the Newport Autumn Rowing Festival at Newport Beach, CA, because it will be "an indicator of our speed against our conference opponents." They will be facing squads from the University of San Diego and

2005 Quick Facts



- Posted First Place finishes at WIRA Championships and Pacific Coast Rowing Championships

- Top returnees include Lindsey Anderson and Lindsey Jurich
- Finished the 2004 season 4th in the WCC Conference

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Gael cyclers on the path to success

Senior Daniel Kickert reflects on last season and his new role in Saint Mary's basketball

by **Belen Garcia**
Staff Writer

Shiny chrome frames, sleek design, cool sunglasses, cutoff gloves and yes, oh yes SPANDEX. Are you excited yet? Well, after reading this article you sure will be. Because this year marks the return of the Saint Mary's Cycling club.

This year's club is being run by ex-cross country phenom, Andrew Parsel. Parsel and another student had the idea to start the club last year for people on campus that were into cycling and looking to compete.

They had noticed the success of the University of California's cycling club and wanted to bring that opportunity for competitive Cycling to the Saint Mary's community. Last year's club was a success, considering it was the team's first year competing. They had a total of five members with two that competed in the 5-6 races the cycling club entered last year.

This year will be the cycling team's sophomore effort and it looks like they did a good job of getting the word out last year. Parsel said they have "18 -20 people that have contacted [him] about the club and at least 10 solid people that ride every week".

The team plans to race in at least 8-9 races, with 5-6 of the club members entering and competing in the races. Also the



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Andrew Parsul and Tony is the lone returning starter for the Gaels. Last season he led Saint Mary's to their first NCAA Tournament Appearance since 1997.



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club has upped the professional ante by having legitimate SMC jerseys made.

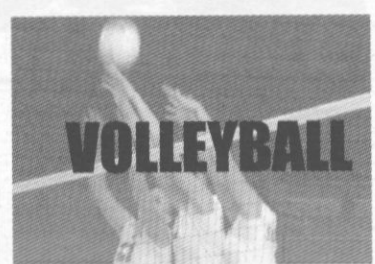
What, you ask? Only 5-6 of the entire 20 person club compete? Yes, that is because as much as the club is about competition, it is more about cycling for the love of it. Parsel said that they have been advertising that "anybody with a bike and helmet can come out and ride," however that does not

mean cycling is to be taken with a grain of salt, because these cycling rides are very competitive. The team will usually meet at around 3:00 p.m. in the rugby field parking lot on Wednesdays and Sundays. The rides range from 20-30 miles depending on the ride that the club chooses for that day.

The first race of the year is scheduled for early February, and the club hopes to bring a good

group of cyclists to the National Championships, which are being held in Kansas this year.

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VOLLEYBALL

The Women's Volleyball team split their games over the weekend with a win at Portland 3-0 but then lost to Gonzaga (10-11, 2-3) 3-1.

The Gaels quickly disposed of the Pilots as Missie Stidham led the Gaels in kills with 20 and added six digs. Senior Kauil Salzman contributed 14 kills in the match. Junior Cassandra Kolkka had a great match against Portland, with 11 kills, a kill percentage of .611 and was one dig short of a double-double.

Saint Mary's ran into problems against the Gaels' northern rival, Gonzaga. The Bulldogs pulled off the huge upset against the Gaels with a 3-1 (30-25, 16-30, 27-30, 25-30) win. Despite the loss, Stidham led the team in kills for the sixth straight match with 25. Meanwhile Kolkka would lead the team in digs for the third straight match.

With the loss against Gonzaga, the Gaels (13-4, 4-1) have fallen out of first place in the West Coast Conference, trailing #14 Santa Clara (16-1, 5-0) by one game.

Next week Saint Mary's will face their biggest test of the year as go head to head with Santa Clara and San Diego at home. Both are ranked in the Top 25 nationally.

-Zach Farmer, Assistant Sports Editor

SMC Standings and Box Scores

Women's Soccer Results

	WCC	PTS	Overall
Portland(1)	2-0-0	6	14-0-0
Santa Clara(7)	2-0-0	6	12-2-1
Pepperdine(7)	1-1-0	3	10-2-1
Gonzaga	1-1-0	3	10-3-1
San Francisco	1-1-0	3	3-10-2
Saint Mary's	1-2-0	3	7-6-1
San Diego	1-2-0	3	4-9-1
LMU	0-2-0	0	4-7-3

L(7-5-1, 1-1) vs. #5 Santa Clara 2-0
Saves: Artuso 3(16)

L(7-6-1, 1-2) vs. San Diego 2-0
Saves: Artuso 2(18)

Men's Golf Results

Fresno State Lexus Golf Classic
12th place
Cocco - 7th place (+6)

Volleyball Results

	WCC	Overall
Santa Clara(14)	5-0	16-1
Saint Mary's(25)	4-1	13-4
San Diego(15)	3-2	14-3
Pepperdine	3-2	10-7
San Francisco	2-3	15-6
Gonzaga	2-3	10-11
LMU	1-4	12-6
Portland	0-5	3-14

W(13-3, 4-0) vs. Portland 30-26, 30-24, 30-24

Kills: Stidham 20(265); Assists: Bible 41(719); Digs: Kolkka 9(143)

L(13-4, 4-1) vs. Gonzaga 30-25, 16-30, 27-30, 25-30

Kills: Stidham 25(290); Assists: Bible 48(767); Digs: Kolkka 17(160)

Men's Soccer Results

	WCC	PTS	Overall
Santa Clara(5)	3-1-0	9	9-3-0
Saint Mary's	3-2-0	9	6-5-1
San Francisco	2-1-1	7	6-3-2
San Diego(21)	2-2-0	6	6-2-2
LMU	2-2-0	6	4-4-3
Portland	1-3-0	3	3-6-1
Gonzaga	0-2-1	1	2-5-3

L(6-5-1, 3-2) vs. San Diego 4-2
Goals: Diaz (2), Youpel (1);
Assists: Christlieb (2), Diaz (7),
Fitzgerald (5), A. Butler (2);
Saves: Mason 6(62)

Cross Country Results

Bronco Invitational @ Santa Clara
Men - 5th Women - 6th

Gael Zone Athletic Schedule

Friday Oct. 21

Women's Soccer vs. LMU
3 p.m.

Men's Soccer @ San Diego
7 p.m.

Volleyball vs. #15 San Diego
7:05 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 22
Volleyball vs. #14 Santa Clara
7:05 p.m.

Women's Crew @ Head of the Charles
Boston, MA

Sunday Oct. 23
Women's Soccer vs. Pepperdine
12 p.m.

Men's Soccer @ LMU
2 p.m.

Women's Crew @ Head of the Charles
Boston, MA