

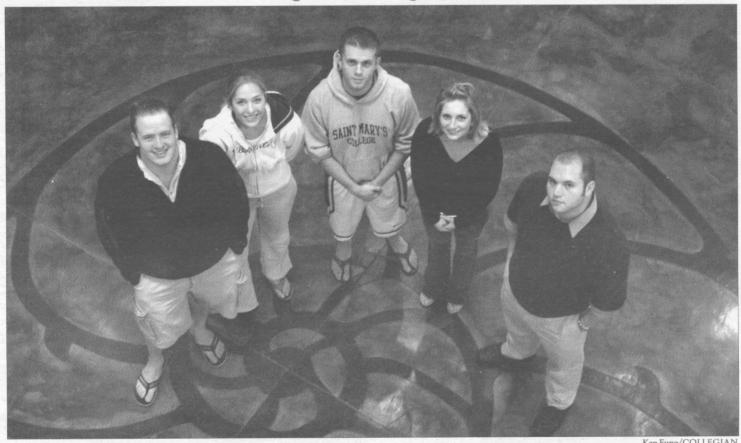
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# Saint Mary's science students sweep competition

All seven entrees win awards at Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research Conference, 2005



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Left to right: Steve Schluchter '06, Annie Regan '06, Scott Rodriguez '07, Ashley Martin '07, and Tom Scarry '07, are five of the seven conference winners. They stand in Brother Alfred Brousseau Hall where science students' research is often displayed.

#### by Darwyyn Deyo

Staff Writer

From November 3 to November 5, seven science students from Saint Mary's attended the Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research Conference. The conference is hosted every year by the Scientific Research Society, an international honor society for

research scientists and engineers. At the conference, undergraduate students present individual and creative research projects to be judged. This year, all the students won awards.

The big winner at this conference was Karl Beutner, a senior mathematics major, whose research was judged to be of publishable value. Though Sigma Xi

will not be doing so, it carries its weighty stamp of approval. His project "Iterative Polynomial Zero Finders: An Optimizational Approach" took a new approach to an old idea.

"There's a classical way of finding where squiggly lines are equal to zero and it's called Newton's method," Beutner said. "We took this optimizational

approach...[and] we rediscovered Newton's method in a new way, but we were also able to improve on it. We made it sixteen times better, which means it takes 1/16 the amount of time to find the roots. And this is an important question, trying to find the same thing but faster."

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# 'SMC Speaks' out about alcohol perception on campus

Students, staff, faculty discuss issues regarding students' alcohol abuse

by Bettina Adragna

Assistant News Editor

SMC Speaks, the first of three chat rooms based on the subject of alcohol, took place on Tuesday, November 8, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The chat room was a merged effort of the Student Senate and four faculty and staff who are part of the Fielding Graduate Institute.

The purpose of the chat room was "to get people talking about what our priorities [about alcohol] are, not to challenge them or change them but to understand them," said Shawny Anderson, associate dean of Liberal Arts and a member of the dialogue committee that was involved.

The other three members of the dialogue committee are communication professor Margaret Dick, Nancy Glenn from the Counseling Center, and Lyone Harris from Residence Life.

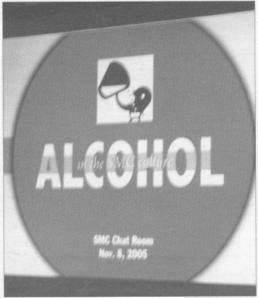
Danny Wecks '08 is the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College Senate chair

for the committee. He said, "It came from the idea that we wanted to create policy based on the student beliefs and student ethics, as opposed to it being handed down from regents and trustees."

The conversation about alcohol started with a survey about attitudes towards alcohol, along with basic information such as year and gender. After this, facilitators of the chat room handed out statistics detailing how attitudes and behaviors of Saint Mary's students were different in terms of alcohol than those of other private colleges. Among the statistics was the fact that this past fall semester alone, there were almost 20 hospital transports because of alcohol, compared to less than half of that for each semester in the previous year.

After the statistics were passed out, chat room participants were encouraged to discuss them as they enjoyed root beer floats. Four questions concerning alcohol at Saint

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## International **Education Week** celebrates global communities

Saint Mary's participates in worldwide commemoration of internationalism

> by Linda Hua News Editor

Marking the sixth annual celebration of diversity, the theme for this year's worldwide International Education Week (IEW) is International Education: Improving Student Achievement Around the World. Taking place this week through Friday, November 18, Saint Mary's will be promoting International Education Week with various events and activi-

Presented to Saint Mary's in collaboration of several student diversity clubs and the Center for International Programs, "IEW is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide," said Dino Pruccoli, director of the Center for International Programs, who was sitting in for Maureen Little, the coordinator of events for International Education Week.

International Education Week is focused on promoting "programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States," states the program's website, http://iew.state.gov/about.htm.

In her statement about this week, Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said, "International Education Week 2005 is a time to celebrate international education and exchange. It is also a time to reflect about America's place in the world and to assess whether we are preparing our students for success in a global environment.'

Pruccoli said that "American students need to know more about the world in order to be global citizens to live, work, and compete in the global economy....We (as a college community) need to attract more international students to Saint Mary's College."

An international student from Hong Kong, Hiroyasu Chih '08, said, "I traveled abroad because I am eager in experiencing abroad lifestyles, values, and education. It helps me learn more about me too, stepping out of my hometown."

"For Americans, the international friendships we enjoy with citizens and governments around the world were never more evident than when Hurricane Katrina struck earlier this year," said Spellings, "when President Bush called on Americans to support the

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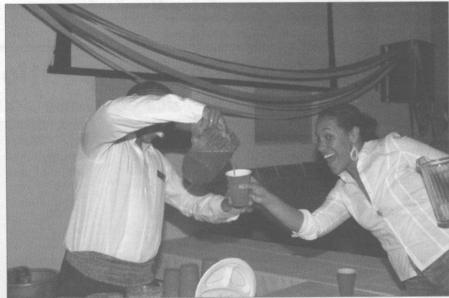
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# SNAPSHOT



Bobby Lopez '06 and Senior Class President Jahmese Myres enjoyed the first annual Novemberfest held in Dryden Hall this weekend. Hot dogs, sausages and beer were sold as part of a senior class fundraiser.

# Campus Quotes: What on-campus necessity should SMC have or fix?

There needs to be a more central meeting place for commuter students. I think the café and the sub shop should be open later and most important, we need a better sports facility for athletes and students. Alex Kirschner '06



Campus Quotes and photos compiled by Vince Ochoa

Jo-Ann Arquillano

#### **Turning 21**

Within days I will (finally) be turning 21. As I'm sure you can imagine, the lifelong anticipation for this day has kept me totally on edge. Twenty-one. The sound rings in my ear as I say the magic number. I've already been hard at work making plans with my friends and family, aiming to keep the celebration going for as long as absolutely possible.

Of course, this isn't necessarily out of the ordinary when it comes to my birthdays. I admit it, when it comes to my birthday I completely revert back to the mentality of a five year old when the world revolved around me, and lose myself in the excitement of colorful balloons, thick pink icing, and shiny ribbons on carefully wrapped presents. I have absolutely no shame in celebrating my special day to the fullest. I plan the festivities days in advance, pampering myself with shopping, favorite foods, and anything else I feel I deserve. Completely unlike every other day, suddenly money and time are no objects and any sense of self-control entirely leaves me.

But this birthday is unlike any other. This is the big one: the big two - one. And while I more than willingly get caught up in the thrilling anticipation of this once in a lifetime event, one question plagues me. Why? Why 21? What is it about this age that is so special? Okay, obviously I understand the whole drinking thing,

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# Beyond the Bubble NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

The school should have better food; it tastes like Ying Yang

twinner. Everyday I go in there and they serve me some horse

crap while they come out the back with food for themselves

that looks like it came out of Iron Chef's Kitchen, they should

serve that same quality food. Also, part of the bathroom stall

in my hall fell on my man Kyle while he was handling his

business on the toilet, puncturing his big toe. The elevator in

Augustine is of low quality. I want justice to be served.

-Ozzie '09



TONY VALA-HAYNES

SALEM, Oregon - Christopher Millis, 37, was shot by police on Saturday after he drove his pickup through the glass doors of the Marion County Courthouse. Millis hid in the courthouse for nearly 3 hours and set at least one fire while hiding before police tracked him to a stairwell and shot

him. The pursuit of Millis began early in the morning when a police officer witnessed him pouring a liquid on cars parked at a police department and then setting the cars on fire. The first officer to pursue Millis was shot at and consequently crashed her vehicle. She suffered only minor injuries and the next time the police caught up with Millis was in the courthouse. Millis underwent surgery Saturday afternoon for his injuries.

AURORA, Colorado - Gregg Jones Jr., 10, who was attacked by pit bulls last week, lost his arm on Monday when doctors were forced to amputate it because it was so badly damaged during the attack. The boy's aunt, Joanna Jones, issued a statement to the Denver Post Monday saying her nephew will also have to undergo severe facial reconstruction surgery. This has prompted her to set up a fund in order to help cover some of the medical costs. Police are still investigating the case and have not yet determined whether any charges will be filed. The Gregg Jones Jr. Recovery Fund has been set up at U.S. Bank and any branch of the bank will accept donations.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee - Army and civilian scientists believe they have the solution for soldiers who are unable to brush their teeth very often while in the Iraqi desert: combat gum. The gum would contain a special bacteria fighting element which would prevent cavities, plaque and gum disease.

## Crime Beat

2:00 p.m. Incident: Grand Theft Synopsis: Hand bag with valuables stolen at Oliver Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

11/4 9:30 a.m. Incident: Vandalism drain gutter off the wall at Ageno C; suspended.

4:40 p.m. 11/5 Incident: Medical Assist Synopsis: Sprained ankle at Augustine basketball court; no transport. Referred to Student Conduct.

11/7 11:40 a.m. Incident: Hit and Run Synopsis: Hit and run with property damage only at Justin Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

11/7 4:00 p.m. Incident: Car on Fire - Assist Synopsis: Car on fire; Public Safety assisted with putting out fire at Saint Mary's College Front Gate. Closed.

11/7 6:00 p.m. Incident: Vandalism to Door Synopsis: Glass shattered on

lower half of northern exterior door at Justin Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

11/7 10:37 p.m. Incident: Disseminating Threatening Information

Synopsis: Threats posted on Synopsis: Ten foot length of website about student living in Aguinas Hall: referred to Student Conduct.

> 11/8 12:00 p.m. Incident: Property Damage Synopsis: Door shut on wheelchair causing minor damage at Augustine Hall; referred to Business Office.

> 11/8 4:49 p.m. Incident: Grand Theft Synopsis: Two Cisco Aeronet 1200 access points digital data units stolen at Garaventa Hall; referred to Business Office.

> 11/9 12:30 a.m. Incident: Threatening Phone Calls

> Synopsis: Threatening phone calls found to be a prank by student at Ageno C; referred to Student Conduct and Moraga Police Department.

## Weekly **Featured Profile**

Organization of the Week

#### Homeless **Awareness Project**

by Ka'iulani Kauahi

Staff Writer

Homeless Awareness Project (HAP) is a "dual" service club that allows students to do direct service as well as advocating other causes, such as helping out SIL, CILSA, Campus Ministry, and Habitat for Humanity.

Last year, HAP almost came to an end when the officers (an all senior board) graduated. Refusing to let that happen, President Valerie Velasquez '06 restarted the club this year. The goal of HAP is to spread awareness.

"Homelessness is such a huge issue that it needs all the attention it can get," said Velasquez. "It's not that [Saint Mary's] students don't care, it's just that a lot of people aren't aware of all the things that contribute to this problem.'

Being such a small group, the members of HAP accept that they may not reach the whole campus, but they hope to reach at least a small portion. That way the work and the concerns can expand out from that small portion and in time reach out even further. Velasquez said, "the most important thing is getting the information out there."

Not only is HAP enthusiastic, but it is also efficient and cautious. Rather than doing exclusively direct projects with the homeless, they raise money and donations behind the scenes, allowing companies with more experience and know how to best utilize HAP's support. By working through shelters and other organizations, HAP volunteers do not need to worry about someone who is looking for hand outs in order to buy a bottle of vodka or re-sell donated clothes; by giving donation money, clothes, and food to shelters, they know that everyone will be screened. That way, they know that there is no one looking to fraudulently profit off of other people's charity

Upcoming events that are sponsored by HAP include Hunger and Homeless Awareness week. Formerly known as "Human Dignity" week, it is nationally recognized. From Sunday, November 13 to Saturday, November 20, different groups will sponsor different days. HAP sponsors the events on Thursday, the Faces of Homeless panel, where people facing the problem of being homeless are brought in to show students how real of a cause this is, and evoke something within them all that makes them want to react.

Members meet briefly every last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in front of the chapel to discuss upcoming events and information distributions. Anyone who wants more information can contact the club at

smchap@stmarys-ca.edu.

# ASSMC recognizes BALA as a club

Associated Students of SMC approve one of largest organizations on campus

by Zach Farmer

Assistant Sports Editor

The Business and Accounting Latino Association (BALA), which was formed late last spring, officially became a club on Sunday, November 6. However, BALA did not become a club without some controversy.

Senators and Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) officers alike did not know what BALA stood for. "We weren't fully aware of the capabilities of BALA," said Mary Barnes '06, ASSMC Vice President of Student Affairs. "Because there was a delay in the process, [the process] was hurried."

Others thought that BALA resembled other clubs on campus. "Whether valid or not, they had similarities to two other clubs; LASA (Latino American Student Association) and the Accounting Association," said John Zabala '06. ASSMC President. "Senators were afraid it would be a division between clubs," Laci Jackson, ASSMC Vice President of Administration, said. "One of the fears was having a LASA and a BALA or a BALA and an Ac-

counting Association wouldn't allow people to join both."

BALA, a nationally chaptered organization and co-sponsor of a number of events on-campus, attempted twice, losing the first time 11-10, to become a club before gaining membership. Senator Connor McNeill '08, was not happy about this. "I was upset because people did not do their homework," McNeill said. "The students' needs should outweigh club procedures."

Senator Arthor Curley '08, wrote a letter to all the senators speaking of the purpose of ASSMC. Jackson said, "It was a big self-examination for the senators." McNeill made a presentation to the senators showing both sides for BALA and the Accounting Association. "All argument aside, the duty of ASSMC is to let students assemble," McNeill said. "The participation [of BALA] is high like BSU [Black Student Association], APASA [Asian Pacific American Student Association]." Barnes said, "Senate should not hinder students."

One of the biggest challenges was to find the difference between the Accounting Association and BALA. "I told BALA the Senate would ask, 'What makes BALA distinct?" said Barnes.

When BALA came up for its second vote, the Senate was much more prepared to vote. "At first, there was a lack of knowledge of the clear purpose [of BALA]," said Barnes.

Jackson said, "[McNeill and Curley] took their time and examined the issue."

As the Senate learned, BALA has many purposes. BALA, as a business and accounting association, tries to connect to the business world outside of the Saint Mary's campus. Not only that, but BALA is branching out to join the real estate game. "This changes peoples' view of diversity," Zabala said. "The average student is more than Asian, Latino, black....They have specific needs, specific desires."

One of the aspects of BALA the senators respected was their persistence. "Even after being voted against the first time, they were still willing to pursue it. There was a lot of work put in," Zabala said. "They were very

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# **News Briefs**

#### Bada Bing Bada Boom

This week Program Board is hosting "Bada Bing Bada Boom," a New York Italian-gangster styled event. Gambling in two rooms will be the theme of the night, with seven tables set up for blackjack, craps, poker, and roulette. This is a place where Saint Mary's students can lose money safely with the potential gain of prizes for top gamblers, including cash. Other awards given to participants of the evening will be a bookstore gift card, Raiders tickets, Great America tickets, a Starbucks card, a chance to be the mascot for one home game, and a variety of gift baskets. This jazzy event is semi-formal, and there will be a wine bar with something for everyone, including mocktails and appetizers. Admission is set at \$6, but bring a hotel card being passed out this next week and get a dollar off the entrance fee. "Bada Bing Bada Boom" will be held on November 17 from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Soda Center.

#### International Education Week

International Education Week will take place from November 14 to November 18 at Saint Mary's College. International films will be shown in the Wildenradt Theater on the second floor of the library, including films from France, China, Vietnam, Italy, Cuba, Argentina, and Germany. Sodexho will recognize the week with its menus, and there will be an international tea for returning South Africa students and others, time and place to be announced. A Global IQ Quiz and Flag & Country Identification with prizes will take place on Thursday, November 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. outside Oliver Hall. Barnes and Noble will recognize International Education Week with a bookstore display. The Women in the World Lecture Series will

present "The Social Justice and Peace Contributions of Ancient and Indigenous Ways" on Wednesday, November 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Delphine Intercultural Lounge. The Women's Studies Program will present photojournalist and professor of journalism at U.C. Berkeley, Mimi Chakarova, with her latest photographic project, "The Trafficking of Women from Eastern Europe," on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Sichel 101. Finally, the Anthropology Department will present "The Future of Food," a film and discussion, on Wednesday, November 16, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Soda Center, and there will be an International Student Retreat from Friday, November 18 to Sunday, November 20 at the Russian River.

#### **America Recycles Day**

November 15, 2005 is America Recycles Day. Recycling is encouraged because it reduces pressure on the nation's landfills, resources, and environment. It also saves on energy and production costs. Putting recyclable products in collection bins is only the first step. The second step is for companies-to use recycled products in their manufacturing. Finally, consumers must create a market for products with recycled materials by buying them. This is called "closing the loop." Some helpful recycling practices include rinsing cans and eeping boxes out of the weather and visiting your municipal website to find out recycling rules for your area. Community resources and guidelines should be consulted to find out how to dispose of hazardous wastes such as paint cans or antifreeze.

Source: http://www.americarecyclesday.org

> News briefs for this issues were compiled by Bettina Adragna, assistant news editor, and Darwyyn Deyo, staff writer.

## Campus Calendar

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Tuesday, November 15

Movies:

Beijing Rocks

4:00 p.m. Library La Cienaga 7:00 p.m. Library **Dryden Presents** Open Mic Night Tuesday, November 15 8:00 p.m. Dryden Hall Food Waste Awareness at Late Nite Tuesday, November 15

9:00 p.m. Oliver Hall Women of the World: Social Justice and Peace Contributions of Ancient and Indigenous Ways Wednesday, November 16 11:30 a.m. Delphine Lounge Future of Food Film and Discussion

Wednesday, November 16 4:00 p.m. Soda Center Movies: Wednesday, November 16

A Tale of Love 4:00 p.m. Library Goodbye Lenin

7:00 p.m. Library Dine and Discuss: Hunger Wednesday, November 16 8:00 p.m.

Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action Movie: Coach Carter Wednesday, November 16 9:00 p.m. Dryden Hall Leadership Workshop: "Spirituality and Leadership"

Thursday, November 17 4:00 p.m. Delphine Lounge Movies:

Thursday, November 17 Il Postino 4:00 p.m. Library Indochine 7:00 p.m. Library Faces of Homelessness Thursday, November 17 7:00 p.m. Dryden Hall Halo Tournament Friday, November 18 2:00 p.m. Dryden Hall Alameda Point

Collaborative: Habitat for Humanity Build Saturday, November 19 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Gaelspot Dance: Prep Academy

Saturday, November 19 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. \$3 before 10:30 p.m., \$5 after x5173

Celebrating our African Partnership Luncheon with Br. Dominic Jordan Monday, November 21 Contacts: Carole Swain, Br. Michael Sanderl, and Sally Jamison

Planning an event? Want it in the Collegian? E-mail us with the details of your event at: collegia@stmarys-ca.edu or call for more information: (925) 631-4279 Sorry, but due to space limitations we cannot list

individual club meetings.



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## SCIENCE: Students win 'excellent' and 'superior'

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Steve Schluchter '06, the other math awardee this year, won an award for the second time, as did Barry Amos '06, who won for physics.

Schluchter's theory, though never intended to be published, took the idea of the "Jumping Champion," and extending the idea from prime number frequency, defined the complex plane of imaginary numbers.

Amos' physics project optimized the Bs to µ+µ- decay search. According to the conference program, Amos studied increasing "the discriminating power in the search for Bs to μ+μdecays [by comparing] an artificial neural network to the likelihood method." He is now "including more input variables...and more monte carlo signal events to further increase the signal to background discrimination."

Another physics student, Tom Scarry '07, was awarded for his astronomy project, entitled "CCD Detection of Minor Bodies Using a Small Aperture Telescope." In it Scarry, as cited from the program, challenged "that small aperture telescopes are not ideal for minor body hunting be-

cause of their limited light gathering properties." Instead, he "used the 0.4 meter Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope and an SBIG ST-10XME CCD camera at the Geissberger Observatory to conduct search for minor bodies...[resulting in] the discovery of a previously unknown minor body."

In the field of biology, Ashley Martin '07 won an award for her project, "Influence of Global Geology on the Evolution of Animals: Breakup of Pangaea and the Molecular Phylogeny of Amphibians." Combing geological movement with its impact on DNA, Martin's work was to "collect and analyze nuclear gene sequences from...three [amphibious] orders to resolve [evolution and geology]." Scott Rodriguez '07, who won in chemistry, "[determined] the influence of atmospherically relevant organic aerosols on the vapor pressure of aqueous solutions." He then went on to prove "that the influence of organic solute quality was the dominant factor in influencing vapor pressure."

The seventh student, Annie Regan '06, conducted a research project that combined health science studies with learning videos.

Titled "Anatomic QuickTime Movies: A Practical Application for Creating an Individual Library of Laboratory Models and Specimens," she demonstrated "that creating QuickTime movies can be accessible to educators at all levels" and would "provide consistence between laboratory experience and extra laboratory study."

Crediting his success, Schluchter said, "It's less my own doing and more the result of the [Science Summer Research Program at Saint Mary's]. You're one-on-one with your advisor, you have the full support of the school's facilities, more or less full access to the academic surrounding your research, and the people that you work with, not just your advisor, but the people around you are also very challenging and very helpful."

As to when Beutner will publish his math theory, details remain hazy. "The biggest problem that I have right now is that my advisor [Aaron Melman] left Saint Mary's and he's now teaching at Santa Clara....The journal that I want to submit it to is the College Math Monthly. It'll take the better part of a year before it actually makes it into a journal."

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and let's just be honest here, that's a big deal. I'd be completely lying to myself if I even began to try to convince anyone that finally being able to legally purchase and consume alcohol isn't something I'm totally juiced about. But really, outside of this single privilege, isn't this just one more year further away from the innocent joys of childhood and one year closer to the frightening responsibility of full-fledged adulthood? Okay, that's a bit of a morose description but my point is, isn't this age just another num-

I wonder how I would be feeling if I were in another country, say one without the 21-year stipulation for drinking. Suppose I wasn't a fan of drinking at all. What then, would I have to look forward to with this upcoming anniversary? I've always been well aware of the emphasis our society places on the consumption of alcohol, but as my 21st birthday nears it suddenly becomes clearer to me. The whole sparkle of this age centers on the legal ability to drink. As I discussed this with one of my friends, he reminds me of the additional allowance to gamble at casinos, but with my experience overseas, I think steering clear from such activity would be the safest bet for both my wallet and my sanity. So yeah, that leaves me with the default festivities for my 21st birthday: taking advantage of my newly inherited prerogative. Let's just hope that there's more to this year than

# a couple of drinks. CHARTERED: BALA is finally official

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organized," Barnes said. "BALA has a great connection with the outside community." Because BALA brings a sense of community and connection to the outside world, they were approved by a vote of 19-1. Many of the issues were worked out. "We had close contact. BALA also had a relationship with the Accounting Association. The financial situation was worked out," McNeil said. "I'm glad my presentation helped but I'm upset that it had to go through the process again."

Despite some frustration, ASSMC followed through with their commitment to the students. With BALA now an official club, they will continue to collaborate with the Accounting Association and service BALA members and Saint Mary's community alike.

BALA meetings are held every other Wednesday and their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 23 in Delphine Multicultural Lounge at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Ete Martinez-Anderson in Student Involvement and Leadership

# Did you know...?

A Monthly Health & Science Tidbit

#### National Smoke Out Day

by Kristin Burstedt

Contributing Writer

The American Cancer Society (ACS) states that "Smoking is the most preventable cause of premature death in our society." This truth may sound redundant and familiar to many. For some, this fact may have helped to prevent them from ever starting the detrimental habit, but for others this statement may serve as a nuisance which seems to attack their smoking habit.

However, those who promote non-smoking do not aim to spark guilt in smokers or potential smokers. They intend to educate and encourage people to seriously think twice.

Think twice about the "more than 60 carcinogens (cancer-causing agents) found in tobacco and tobacco smoke," said ACS, and think twice about other forms of tobacco (clove cigarettes, hookahs, chewing tobacco, etcetera) which cause many of the same effects as smoking.

In order to raise smoking awareness on Saint Mary's Campus, the Peer Educators Network, a student club in association with the Health and Wellness Center, will provide information during lunch in front of CILSA and dinner outside of Oliver Hall on November 17, the day of the Great American Smoke Out. On this day, organized by ACS, smokers of all types attempt to quit smoking.

"According to ACS, more Americans try to quit smoking on this day than any other day of the year, including New Year's Day," said quitsmoking.com.

The Peer Educator's Network invites any smokers who have ever had the inclination to quit smoking to come to their booths on November 17 to get information about quitting and join others around the nation in challenging themselves to live a healthier life.



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<u>ADDRESSES</u> to receive Important Graduation Information.

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#### **INTERNATIONAL:** Global enrichment

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International students make up three percent of Saint Mary's population.

victims of this heart-wrenching tragedy, the international community also answered the call."

International student exchange not only helps to strengthen relationships between different countries, it also helps to circuit revenue, which strengthens the economies of participating na-

"Nearly 600,000 international students from more than 200 countries study in the United States each year. International education is also a vital service industry, bringing more than \$12 billion into our country annually," said Pruccoli.

While Chih said, "I still do not know how [traveling abroad] may help my country and America, but I believe I have experiences that can later be useful for the two countries."

Involving eight departments like the Women's Resource Center, the Barnes & Noble bookstore, the library, Sodexho, the women's studies program, and the anthropology department, IWE will be

incorporated into many regular activities. The library will be running an international film series in their second floor Wildenradt Theater at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. through Thursday. Sodexho will be recognizing different foods and cultures through service and meals. Tomorrow, the Women's Resource Center will be presenting a women in the world lecture series in Delphine from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Thursday, the women's studies program will bring in a guest speaker, Mimi Chakarova, who will be presenting her photographic project on the trafficking of women from Eastern Europe.

Nationally, International Education Week is presented in collaboration of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education.

"I hope students and teachers alike will have the opportunity to participate in an internationally enriching experience during November 14-18, 2005," said Spillings.

ALCOHOL: Review of the first SMC Speaks chat room, first in a running series to discuss alcohol habits on campus

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Mary's followed the statistics discussion, including "What does responsible drinking look like," "Why do people cross the line between responsible and irresponsible drinking," and "What would it take to keep more people on the 'responsible' side of the

At each table, one person was required to take notes from their table's discussion. The notes were collected after each question, and the answers from all the tables were presented to everyone after the third question.

Finally, the entire audience was encouraged to speak about their reactions to the answers to the questions or to issues raised during their discussions. The issues raised included comparing Saint Mary's College to Chico State, safety versus sanctions, and institutional power to curb irresponsible drinking compared to the responsibility of individual students.

Reactions to the "chat room" were mixed. Zach Miskel '09, speaker for the student senate, said, "I thought it was really good that all of us came together, and the fact that we were able to be open with R.A.'s and R.D.'s and not getting written up. I thought that was huge. It's a big step for-

A Resident Adviser, John Meister '07, agreed that the atmosphere was open and honest.

"I was impressed by everyone's honesty," he said. On the other



hand, he wanted more participation from the student body. "It'd be nice that people weren't here, that weren't represented...I wish these people would come out

Other students did not feel as positive about the chat room.

"We were probably hoping it would be more productive," said P.J. Hainley '08.

Alex Oetken '08 agreed. "It seems that people aren't acknowledging that there's a problem."

Anderson said that while the chat room might not have changed participants' attitudes, the conversation was necessary in order to change College policy.

"I think there were great con-

versations," she said. "I think at this moment, people came in thinking one way and probably left thinking that way still."

She continued, "What we'd like to do is make some real recommendations about how the policy should work and some decisions about what kind of culture we want to have....We can't make decisions until we understand the conversations."

> Watch out for the next chat rooms in the SMC Speaks series, coming soon.



# OPINION OPINION



DANNY ACOSTA

# Say hello to the butt

Fashion trends take the world by storm one minute and fade away the next. A startling trend that remains strong and goes a few years back are ass-pants. For those unfamiliar, these are pants or shorts that have a word that stretches across the butt. The trend is not-so-surprisingly popular among teens and young adults.

The most alarming aspect of the trend is school spirit finding its way to posterior advertising. What better way for females to profess their love for SMC than to have GAELS written across their backsides. This ridiculous form of advertising is not Moraga- specific. My fifteen visits to different campuses all over California have the hot-selling item in stock, but just barely. Now, instead of conversing with a girl about her life, you can simply read her backside.

The most popular of the asspants seems to be Abercrombie. The common brand touts sexual innuendos on its t-shirts. The creative thinkers at Abercrombie must have concluded that bringing attention to the chest was not enough in these modern times. Females fail to realize that Abercrombie is a long word and it does not highlight the backside in a positive manner. Furthermore, Abercrombie is the company that brought us jeans that draws attention to the butt with those horrendous ripped back pockets. They are one step away from fashionable ass-less chaps. It's not only Abercromie though.

There are many catchy slogans that are found on the fanny. The two overtly sexual slogans that females are now featuring across their bums are "juicy" and "pink." These slogans are obvious sexual puns that fall in line with *One Night in Paris*. The lesser known "hot stuff" connotates sexually transmitted infections more than it promotes "hotness." The prevalence of these pants, however, proves that there is a loyal following.

Male ass-pants enthusiasts revel in the opportunity to "read" what their female peers are promoting. There is nothing flattering about pants promotion.

Despite the plethora of reasons to avoid this fashion faux-pas, the ass-pants trend remains popular. Three cheers to the marketing geniuses who linked brand association to an abundance of ass. After all, any catchy slogan or brand name is worn without question as long as it is "in." There is no better way for a female to objectify herself than to turn into a human billboard. History exhibits that all trends must die and it is that time for ass-pants.

# Collegian View

The Collegian always appreciates any letters sent to us in response to our articles. We love to hear about what our readers think. This, of course, is why we include a specific section for Community Views where readers get the ability to share their ideas.

However, lately we have noticed an interesting pattern in the letters we have been receiving. Staff writer Megan Manley's biweekly column "Not So Much" featured in the Detour section has attracted quite a response. We are by no means discrediting the readers who have chosen to share their thoughts, we just want to know where all the other writers are.

This week's issue includes another response to Manley's most recent column. We think it is great that our readers are so inclined to share their opinions

about the paper. We simply wonder why we can get so many reactions about a light entertainment piece yet see hardly any feedback in regards to articles in other sections, for instance the consistently provocative writing found in the Opinion section.

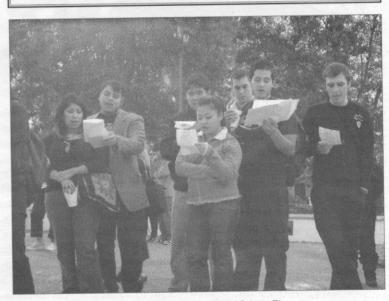
Again, while any and all comments are always welcome, we at the Collegian just cannot help but ask how readers can be moved enough to respond to an article about public displays of affection and driving pet peeves while very opinionated writings about controversial issues from the war in Iraq to Social Security go seemingly disregarded.

Why is it that readers are more attracted to attacking the articles about a writer's personal gripes and than instead sharing their differing opinions on important and controversial political or idealogical issues.

# THE COLLEGIAN

Saint Mary's College of California

Jonathan Morales, Editor-in-Chief Jo-Ann Arquillano, Managing Editor Tony Vala-Haynes, Opinion Editor



Was the SMC walkout for patriots or traitors? (pg. 7)

# Community Views

Dear Editor,

As a visitor on campus last week I read Scott Cullinane's column bashing the United Nations and recommending that we ignore it, even destroy it.

I feel exactly the opposite. I think depending on and working through the UN or something like it is the only way the United States is going to avoid continuing down the doomed path of over-extended, blind and arrogant empire on which we are presently headed

In 1989, after the fall of the Soviet Union, had we made a commitment to turn the UN into an effective force for fighting terrorism and ethnic cleansing and promoting international justice, there would have been no 9/11 and we would live in a much safer and happier world.

Al Galves Las Cruces, NM

Dear Editor,

I honestly fail to see the point to Megan Manley's column, "Not

So Much." Shouldn't a newspaper be delivering news? Rather, we have a newspaper publishing an ongoing article about what one person seems to disagree with. Why should I or anyone else care about what this one individual finds agitating at the particular moment that she is writing this article? There is no depth, no deeper meaning; just common trifles followed by the very unoriginal and bland phrase of "not so much." Please, I beg you, stop writing this column and start writing something that matters. And stop being so unhappy. It is OK to write about something good for a change.

Danny Koss '09

Dear Editor,

As director and writer of Red Umbrellas, I feel some clarification of Darwyyn Deyo's article, "Lisa Price: Metaphor for the Saint Mary's theater department" is necessary.

Our production does not yet

know if it will be invited to perform in Utah at the American College Theater Festival. The results of this award will not be announced until sometime in December. Meanwhile, I am grateful for the support of the school and its cooperation in the possibility that this production may be remounted.

Since Umbrellas is an independent venture, because it is a project created by students, all logistics and planning is not the responsibility of any faculty or staff. While I am grateful for any financial support, I do not believe I am entitled as an alumni to receive aid from certain departments.

I feel honored that people are interested in the future of our show but I would like to make it known that without the support of the Performing Arts Department, English Department, ASSMC, and the student body, our project would have never made the impact it did.

Wish us luck,

Angela Santillo '05

# Anybody there?

Collegian driving you crazy?

Have a different opinion? Let us know. Write a letter.

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Do you like pants with writing on the butt?

56% no

40% yes

Do you own a pair of pants with writing on the butt?

60% no 40% yes

Gael

compiled by Pablo Armas

# OPINION

# Take a closer look at our Lafayette killer

A month ago the front page of The San Francisco Chronicle ran a series of photographs of the teenager in Lafayette accused of killing Pamela Vitale, the wife of TV legal analyst Daniel Horowitz. Beneath the headline that read "16-year-old male arrested in brutal Vitale slaying" were photographs showing the changes in Scott Dyleski's appearance during the past three years of his life.

In eighth grade Dyleski wore a short, clean haircut. In his latest high school photo his hair appears black and shaggy, falling in front of his eyes. The article proceeds to trace Dyleski's bizarre change in behavior from eighth grade up to the night of the killing on October 15.

The first account of Dyleski's personality in the article is given by a fellow student who claims that Dyleski's "personality and demeanor darkened noticeably" in the eighth grade. The remainder of the article refers to Dyleski's choice to wear fancy jewelry with metal spikes and a long, black trench coat. These details, again, come from fellow students. By the end of the article, Dyleski is presumed guilty.

But most Chronicle readers probably didn't even get to the end of the article. They saw the



TONY VALA-HAYNES

evil photograph of the child with stringy black hair, read the headline, and came to the same conclusion.

They likely missed the article that ran two days ago, buried in the local news section, which had a headline that read. "Defendant's friends offer support at court." Besides revealing Dyleski pleaded not guilty to the murder charge, this article traced the history of an outcast who was picked on throughout primary school and all the way into high school. In fifth grade Dyleski earned the nickname Shim -'she' plus 'him' - because he carried a shoulder purse that held his retainer. The friends that had gathered to support him at his first hearing spoke about Dyleski's kindness and how they felt the media was distorting his image to make him appear guilty. By the end of the article Dyleski was described more than once as a "pretty good kid."

I don't know if this kid is guilty of murder. I simply know that the day after he was arrested I sat in class and watched my professor pull out the front page of the Chronicle. He merely held it up and my class responded with laughter and

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nods of approval. One student remarked, "he looks like a sick queer." While some students disagreed with the notion of 'queer,' they agreed that 'sick' was right on the money. The

photograph and headline revealed everything they needed to know.

When I read about the abuse Dyleski experienced and is still experiencing from his peers I felt as though the police had arrested the wrong kid. Arrest the bullies, arrest the teachers that never said anything, arrest the parents who never taught their kids to reach out to others, arrest anyone who tells a 16-year-old he is anything other than okay.

I felt misguided by the newspaper I once relied on for what I

I don't know if this kid is guilty thought to be accurate, un-biased information. But mostly, I felt sad for the students in my class.

They wanted so desperately to believe this kid was capable of stabbing a woman 39 times they read the headline, looked at the

pictures and ran with it. Why not blame the one Goth kid in this white suburbia hell that so many of us call home?

I have no doubt if Dyleski is found guilty that he is in fact sick, like my classmates claim. But please, for a moment consider what

brought about his illness. It wasn't a virus. It was one too many jeering comments at recess. It was one too many nicknames that challenged his sexuality at an age when it is so vulnerable. And it was one too many people like you and me that looked the other way when we knew we could have given him a moment of our time.

Don't tell me he's guilty and everyone else is innocent. In white suburbia hell no one is innocent.



WHITNEY MEDVED

# The trail: a living testimony to the good left in this world

In a day and age where "Emo" and "angst ridden" have become popular epithets for my age demographic, I'm going to have to go ahead and disagree with the notion that all people are shallow and materialistic, or "phony" in the words of Holden Caulfield. Don't get me wrong, I'll be the first to agree that we live in a ridiculous consumer nation where people are allowed to sue people for getting fat (don't even get me started). At the same time though, I am without a doubt convinced that there is still a lot of good out there - you just have to know where to look.

Take any sort of trail for example. When one is out running/ biking/doing whatever floats your boat you may see a lot of people. Often times eye contact is made, which is an anomaly in itself considering today's mile-aminute, running-around-like-achicken-with-it's-head-cut-off paced society. Boom, just like that a connection is forged, and two separate entities have taken that millisecond to consciously recognize the existence of another human being. Sometimes a friendly word or two is exchanged. A quick "good morning," or "hey, how are you?" But lets remember we're exercising here, sometimes lungs are pumpin' so hard that even a three syllable phrase is impossible to eject. No worries though, because that is where the smile comes in. Isn't it so wonderful that a simple rearrangement of one's physiognomy can convey so much? The smile says: hello, how are you?, isn't it a lovely day?, keep up the good work, and so much more - all without making a sound. It is a multi-lingual phenomena, anyone who sees you flash those pearly whites will catch your

A refreshingly eclectic collection of people convene on the trail. There is the Iron Man in training, tricked out head-to-toe in lycra - deep down inside he knows he's cool! Then there is the heart-wrenchingly cute old couple walking their wiener dog Bernie in matching sweat-suits. Though their realities are typically completely different, on the trail they can relate.

Call me sickeningly optimistic, but I just feel like there is way too much out there to be stoked about to mope around like life hurts or something. So the next time you are having an "Ugh" kind of day, go outside, find a stranger, make some eye contact, and for God's sake - SMILE! I promise you'll feel better.

# Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists

The walk out at SMC turns a blind eye to suffering abroad and only focuses on the negative

The anti-war rally at Saint Mary's last week was a pernicious and sorrowful display of anti-American liberalism.

The protest was nothing more than a dim-witted hate-fest of Bush. Operation Iraqi Freedom was called "unjust" and attacked with a litany of illogical and reality-defying propaganda. Not once during the rally was appreciation or respect shown for our troops. Never was anything positive even hinted at about our country or the benefits of freedom. The horrors committed by Saddam were never mentioned. From what was said at the rally, one would think that Bush is the devil incarnate who invaded a utopian candy-land. The suffering that Saddam inflicted on the innocents was totally ignored. Iraq was portrayed as suffering more now, with freedom, than under the Butcher of Baghdad.



SCOTT CULLINANE

The protesters naively ignore the global nature of the terrorist operations - the role of Iraq in this network and the risk posed by letting Saddam remain. It would not be wise to wait for the terrorists to attack American soil again.

If the protesters had their way and the war was never fought Saddam would still be free and in power - Saddam, who killed 50,000-100,000 Kurds and a million Iranians with WMDs. They prefer not to remember that Saddam is responsible for mur-

dering hundreds of thousands of children because food and medicine were withheld. He is responsible for an incalculable number of summary executions, beatings, tortures, and rapes. A minimum of 300,000 Iraqis disappeared into hundreds of mass graves. Saddam also offered cash to suicide bombers and sheltered terrorists like Abu Abbas. Saddam is linked to terrorist bombings and training camps. These substantial facts were absent in the anti-liberty mantra that the rally

Bush had it right when he said, "either you are with us or you are with the terrorists." These protesters don't support the current American agenda of spreading freedom, so their actions can only be construed as support of tyranny. They may claim to want peace and an end to war, but in reality, peace can only come

through the destruction of the evil doers.

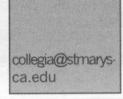
The protesters' solution is surrender to evil. They would prefer that America apologize for our defense of innocents, our self-defense against terrorists, and our leadership in the cause of liberty for all. The very right of self-expression that they are able to exercise so much, they would so quickly deny others.

It is ironic that such an uncompassionate rally would be held at a Catholic institution. Simply wanting peace, no matter how much you must sacrifice, will NOT make peace, it will only embolden our enemies.

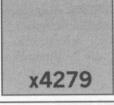
For peace we must act. Thanks to the greatest country in the world Saddam is now facing justice, the Iraqi's are free, and the world is better.

Thank you very much President Bush.





WE WANT OPINIONS



Hate our paper?



Poll

20 said ass-pants look good

iss-pants look good

11 said it depends on the girl

9 said ass-pants look bad

Out of 40 males polled...

101 students polled

## The Collegian DETOUR

It's "Prime" time



by Allison Kop

Sports Editor

Let me be the first to say that I am not a romantic. I do not talk in a baby voice when I see puppies or small children and I think that Extreme Home Makeover with its blubbering, underprivileged families is the most worthless show on TV. But that doesn't mean I don't love a good romantic comedy. One of the best I've seen lately is Prime, starring Uma Thurman as a 37-year-old divorcee, who hooks up with a studly young artist. As you watch you'll find yourself rooting for this unlikely pair, while the ups and downs of their May-December romance are cute, without getting sappy. Not to mention the male lead, Bryan Greenburg, is super hot. A perfect choice for a fun movie night with the girls.

# A Friday night well spent

Medved comments on funny comedians, old jokes, and the all important ability to laugh at one's self

by Whitney Medved Staff Writer

It was a sure sign that it was going to be a great show last Friday night when a whole extra seating section was brought out in order to accommodate those looking to laugh at the comedy show in the Soda Center, put on by Program Board.

After munching on Brie and crackers, and sipping some bubbly (no worries - it was sparkling cider) the audience took their seats so that the show could get under way.

Danny Acosta, '09, an aspiring comedian himself, hosted this laugh-fest. Danny loosened the crowd up by introducing the show, dropping a few punchlines, and setting the pace for the majority of the evening with cracks about sex, drugs, and race. This sort of humor is naturally Danny's style, on stage or amongst friends. For example, in one joke he exclaimed, "she wanted everyone to wear traditional Mexican uniforms. and I said man where can you get 200 prison uniforms?"

It just seemed like most of the comedians were trying to get all



Photo courtesy of Davidsparks.com

Headlining comedian Tony DiJamco closed the night with Nazi midget jokes and an awesome re-enactment of turtle porn.

their laughs from trite themes like race, sex, alcohol, etc. Some of it was funny, but after a while even the auto-laugh ceased to work, as you try to force yourself to chuckle at the millionth Mexicans-are-inferior joke. How many times in one night can you hear that black people are "scary?" And are there any funny people in this world whose father was not an alcoholic trying to impart words of wisdom to his child between blackouts?

Is that really funny? Has all other material been burned up like fossil fuels, and now all that's left in this world are these hackneved punch lines that have been recycled so many times they are starting to fall apart?

Stand up is no easy business. The audience will make or break you. It could be an "on" night, where the audience loves you, and every word spoken they lap up and laugh like idiots! Sometimes they don't bite at alla sort of "I am rubber, you are glue, whatever you say we won't get and will stick to you..."

It is difficult to feel out what the audience will think is funny, are they a bunch of judgmental

moralists, or defensive lesbians? The truly able comedian will also know when to leave material, "drop it like it's hot" and get off of it before it goes out in excruciating death rattles. Keeping people entertained is a precise science.

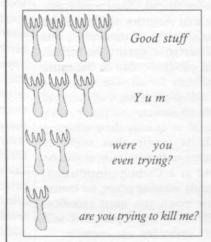
All this said, why is it that comedians feel like they have to pander to the audience with selfslandering, degrading, cliché jokes? The last comedian acknowledged the PC issue, saying that you have to be able to laugh at everything. Right you are, sir, Kahlil Gibran said it best when he said, "a sense of humor is a sense of proportion."

One should be able laugh at their situation under all circumstances. "Your race is funny, your religion is funny." If one chooses to stand on a stage though, and actively try to make others laugh, be cunning, be witty, for the love of God be original, and they'll laugh every

All in all the night was a huge success; the turnout was great, the line-up was funny, and the audience members left with smiles on their faces, and an aching gut from laughing.

# Colibri: Ambience does not equal good food

San Francisco restaurant does not rate high with Detour's restaurant guru.



#### by Mike Chin

Sports Editor

Walking off of Geary Street into Colibri, it was as if I had been transported south of the border to Mexico City. With the warm earthy tones and live music, I felt as though I was at a summer Fiesta. Each room seemed to sing to me. The back dining room, covered in colorful ornaments from Mexico's traditional Day of the Dead ceremony added a beautiful yet eerie feeling to the restaurant.

Colibri is a tapas, or small plates, style restaurant. Thus I was able to sample a large portion of their menu. That would have been a good thing if I had been at a better restaurant.

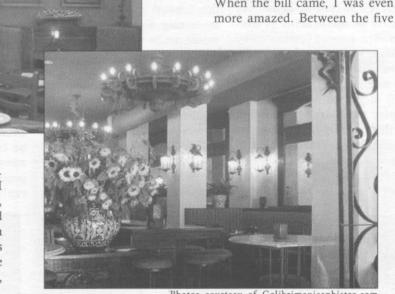
Colibri's cuisine, needless to say, does not rival its ambience. Of the four appetizers that I sampled, only the guacamole,

served tableside, was respectable. Of the other four plates that I sampled; the salmon tacos, tamales, tostadas, quesadillas each had a problem with it. The salmon in the tacos was overcooked, while the tostadas lacked taste. In general, each dish was under salted. However, these dishes were not as bad as the main course.

One of the dishes, their version of filet mignon, resembled a piece of leather. Ordering the steak medium, I expected a succulent, slightly pinkish, piece of heaven. However, what I received might as well have been

The only dish that I found to be tasty was the Chicken Mole had just taken a bite of sponge covered in bacon fat. Horrible. The topper to this terrible tapas expedition was that I found a fly in my Mango Margarita. Kudos to the bartender, not so much. When the bill came, I was even

tasting the corn bread, I thought I



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Pablano. Although the portion was relatively small ( I shouldn't complain, I went for tapas) their sweet and spicy mole sauce was excellent. It had a nice texture and the perfect balance of spices. Along with our entrees came an array of side dishes. Their traditional Mexican rice was nothing spectacular. When

of us, we paid \$160.00. What a rip-off. Walking out of the restaurant, I looked across the way at a small little taqueria and thought "that meal would have been better."

Mike's rating:



Chicken Little got it right



by Bettina Adragna Assistant News Editor

Witty dialogue, disco music, and a variety of animal friends make for a fun film. The beginning is more realistic, with its focus on Chicken Little and the dynamics between him and his father, Buck Cluck. Chicken Little is branded as crazy after his infamous warning, much to the dismay of his father, who was a star football player in high school. A surreal surprise changes the movie, but the conflict between father and son is still salient. Notable characters include the awkward duck-girl Abby Mallard, the freespirited Fish Out of Water, and the porcine Runt of the Litter. Featherlicious!

# Gallo comes back with a vengeance

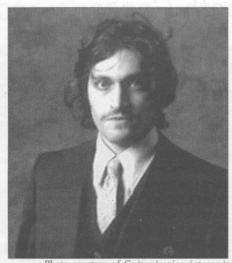
Actor resurfaces with new controversy

> by Danny Acosta Staff Writer

How can a controversial filmmaker/Hollywood figure make amends for all his outrageous actions? Sell his sperm on the internet, of course. This past week Gallo's official merchandising. website, VGmerchandise.com, posted an announcement that makes Gallo's loin juice available to any lucky fan that will pay the cheap, flat rate of one million dollars. What a way to complete a Vincent Gallo fan collection!

There is no question that Gallo's sperm is a good offer. He is a multi-talented and very successful man. He is an accomplished writer, director, actor, model, artist and athlete. In addition, Gallo is a strict vegetarian and in great health at age forty-three. He has a full head of hair with few grays. He has good genes to pass along.

The sperm, however, is not a collectible. The statement specifically states that "Mr.



Gallo will supply sperm for as many attempts as it takes to complete successful fertilization and successful delivery. Sperm is 100% guaranteed to be donated by Mr. Gallo who is drug, alcohol and disease free."

For an additional five-hundredthousand dollars Gallo proposes to inseminate the purchaser naturally. This portion of the statement may be considered prostitution, which is illegal in forty-nine states; however, there is a clause in that declares Gallo has the right to refuse selling it.

Gallo, who has been previously involved with Paris Hilton, reportedly has received one serious offer. There speculation that the announcement falsified.

One downside of being a cult figure like Gallo is the hateful opposition. In the past, his website has been hacked and his personality taken out of context to be a racist.

There have been no official statements issued by Gallo or his representatives at this time.

His official merchandising site does have different items available on the website. There are various rare vinyl recordings that Gallo recorded along with autographed posters of The Brown Bunny and designer jacket complete with Gallo's Ronald Reagan/George W. Bush art. These items are official Vincent Gallo merchandise

This story has prompted a huge buzz and brought out Gallo defenders and haters alike. There is no word yet from Roger Ebert, a devoted Gallo hater. Selling sperm on the internet certainly will keep the public's eye open.

Many think he is crass and they are right; however, the satire in his stunt is thick. In a culture that pines over celebrity gossip and values megastars over educators, the argument could be made that is providing commentary. This may just be another one of Gallo's misunderstood actions.

Conversely, if it is a hoax, it proves that Gallo maintains his position as the most hated man in Hollywood. As those aware anxiously wait to see how the story unfolds, they can view Gallo's enigmatic projects Buffalo 66 and The Brown Bunny. There are also hilarious and chilling Gallo interviews, articles and essays on his official website www.vincentgallo.com or fan site www.galloappreciation.com. Whatever the results, Gallo is still a powerful figure that will not go away.

The action scenes are way

animated

enemy.

fights being banana-ed

and Topper shoots a

chicken with very

expressions right into an

don't stop with Rambo.

Tug (now president) and

an oddly effeminate

Saddam Hussein fight

with lightsabers before

Saddam and his pretty

little pup are frozen by a

fire extinguisher and shattered,

only to melt and morph together

nowhere near the original. But it's

not like Hot Shots! was that great

to begin with anyways. But don't

forget, these movies are for fun.

Be prepared to laugh...a lot.

Part Deux, like most sequels, is

Terminator-style.

The movie references

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Harry Potter & The Goblet of Fire Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint

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Walk The Line Starring: Joaquin Pheonix, Reese Witherspoon

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**Limited Release** Breakfast on Pluto Starring: Cillian Murphy, Liam Neeson

ALBUMS



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Nine Inch Nails w/Queens of the Stone Age Oakland Arena

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The Meters Filmore, SF

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## bad movie feel so good? How can

Hot Shots! & Hot Shots! Part Deux classic guilty pleasure movies

by J. Arquillano & M. Linney Managing Editor & Detour Editor

Starring Charlie Sheen as "The Navy" hero Topper Harley, Hot Shots! takes a cue (or several) from

'80s classic Top Gun with the addition of slapstick super comedy.

This movie definitely isn't what one would call a thinker, but childish, brainless humor is your cup of tea, Hot Shots! is for you. The '91 parody chronicles Topper's struggle with his

father's unfortunate history as he eyed Jim

seemingly serious plotline - with characters like Admiral Tug Benson (Lloyd Bridges) who is so dense that ...well he's just really dense. He runs into things, he's made of metal and other various materials and he's totally the embodiment of the crazy old

grandpa that you lock in the basement.

Then there's antagonist Lt. Kent Gregory (Cary Elwes) who takes part in several rousing battles of "'did not' - 'did too'" with Topper, and token vour sidekick, cross-

"Wash-Out" tries to save a sabotaged mission. Pfaffenbach (John Cryer) who

Don't be fooled by this mistakenly ate Gregory's father thinking he was a deer ("how intense as Drew Carey's Ryan Stiles could you have

> known?") Then comes love

interest Ramada (Valeria Golina) who claims "I'm a virgin. I'm just bad at it."

The love scene between Topper and Ramada is way hot (literally) as he fries bacon and

eggs on her stomach. Of course, with lines like "you have the whitest white part of the eyes I've ever seen," how can you resist

Two years later and they're all back again for Hot Shots! Part Deux. This time, the Rambo-esque mission takes Topper and his new crew to Iraq.

Hot Shots! Line of the week

"Playing to lose is like sleeping with your sister. Sure she's a great piece of tail with a blouse full of goodies, but it's just illegal. Then you get into that whole inbred thing. Kids with no teeth who do nothing but play the banjo... eat applesauce through a straw... pork farm animals."

-Topper Harley

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#### **Michael Clegg**

The Gaels owe much of their turnaround this season to the offensive punch of freshmen tan-



dem Michael Clegg Carlos Diaz. Clegg almost doubled the amount goals scored year's leader with While Clegg is second goals, Diaz ranks first in

assists in the WCC. With three years in front of them, this duo may be one of the most prolific hook ups in SMC history.

#### Missie Stidham

Last season Stidham emerged as one of the most successful new-

comers of the year. This season she has taken another major step, becoming the offensive fire for the Gaels. This season the sophomore leads the team in kills. With years left in her SMC ca-



reer, look for Stidham to make a legitimate run for the all-time lead in career kills.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor



#### **Men's Soccer**

Of all the Gael teams this year, men's soccer has had the biggest turnaround. Following a disappointing 2004 campaign, the Gaels, led by their six seniors, stepped up



their game, doubling their win total from last season and jumping up five spots in the WCC from last to third. The biggest win for the

Gaels came against the two-time reigning conference champions San Francisco. Although the Gaels lose six seniors, a solid core of players including goalie Brian Mason, leading goal scorer Michael Clegg, and assist leader Carlos Diaz will carry the load. Next year could be a big year for Saint Mary's Soccer.

-Zach Farmer, Assistant Sports

# Volleyball rolls against Northwest Rivals

Gaels easily dispose of both Gonzaga and Portland

SPORTS

by Michael Chin Sports Editor

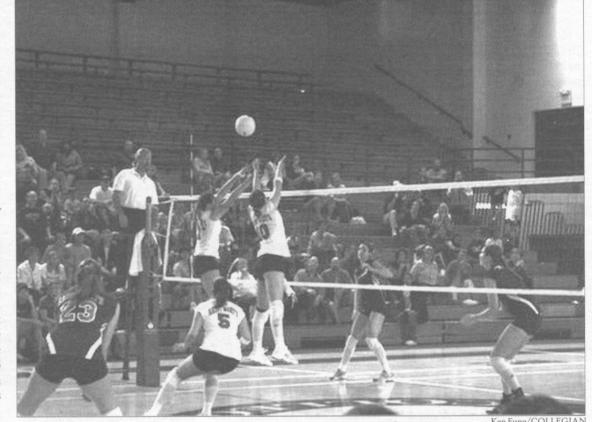
After a week in which the tradewinds in Southern California seemed to throw the Gaels off course, SMC got back on track this weekend beating

both the Portland Pilots and Gonzaga Bulldogs in their last home games of the season. On a weekend that celebrated the career of the Gaels' lone senior, outside hitter Kaui Salzman, Saint Mary's was able to regain their foothold in the top half of the West Coast Conference.

In the first game of the weekend double header, the Gaels made quick work of Gonzaga. In their previous match this year the Bulldogs were able to gut out a five set victory over SMC. Not so on this night. Sophomore Missie Stidham provided the offense and Christina Kirk, who is currently 3rd nationally in blocks, provided the defense as they swept Gonzaga in three sets.

The first game was the closest as SMC battled with the Zags to take a close game 30-27. From that point on the Gaels were in cruise control as they throttled their opponent 30-17 and 30-16. Stidham once again led the Gaels offensively with 16 kills on the day. Salzman added 8 kills.

On Saturday, Saint Mary's started where they left off as they



Mandy Bible (5) and her Gael teammates block a shot against the Portland Pilots. Currently, Saint Mary's is ranked first in overall defense in the WCC.

came out strong and pummeled the Pilots in four sets. In the first two sets the Gaels were on fire, easily winning each by more than 8 points. Up 2-0, SMC gave up a hard fought set to Portland 30-27. However, they were able to quickly regroup and finish the

Kaui Salzman Career Highlights

Service Aces: 83 (T-7th All-time)

Kills: 1126 (4th All-time)

win of 30-18.

Both Missie Stidham and Cassandra Kolkka turned in excellent offensive performances, with Stidham recording 16 kills and Kolkka 13. However, this night belonged to senior Kaui Salzman who finished the night with 11 kills, 8 digs, and 3 aces. With two games left, Salzman is already the Saint Mary's career leader in digs with 1376.

Although the Gaels can no

match strong, posting a fourth set NCAA Tournament. Should they win their final two games against Santa Clara and San Diego, the Gaels can assure themselves a spot in the tournament.

Last season SMC became the Cinderella story of the tournament, making a run through the tournament field before losing the University of Washington in Seattle in the round of sixteen.

Should Saint Mary's return to the tournament, it will be the third consecutive year that they will have made the postseason.

Digs: 1376 (1st All-time) Total Blocks: 267 (8th All-time) longer mathematically win the 2003: 414 Kills (5th All-time), 406 Digs WCC, the pair of wins keeps the (3rd All-time), 490 Points (4th All-time) Gaels in the race for a spot in the

# Gaels struggle in quest for conference titles

With conference crowns within their grasp, SMC fall sports could not come up big

Assistant Sports Editor

In true Bay Area sports fashion, the Saint Mary's Women's Soccer, Volleyball, and Men's Soccer choked coming down the stretch in conference play. Stanford gets close to a national championship in basketball and chokes. The Giants are seven outs away from their first World Series title since 1954 and crumble. The Raiders finally gain the national spotlight in Super Bowl XXXVII and get annihilated. Cal gets close to winning an NCAA football championship and they came up short (horrible BCS system aside). Why should our sports be any different?

Women's soccer went 1-3-2 in their final six WCC games including losses to San Diego and Santa Clara. Despite the loss of senior Gen Hollis and junior McKenna Belzer against Gonzaga, they were still unable to get past the Bulldog defense with their two leading scorers, senior Katie Frattone and pushed to a 0-0 tie. They were at one time second in the conference and tapered off toward the end. A case could be made that expecting more of the team was ridiculous when the conference had four NCAA ranked teams (Portland, Santa Clara, Gonzaga, Pepperdine). But conference play shows us that nothing is impossible because these teams know each other so well. Anybody can beat anybody.

Men's soccer has no excuse. The loss of co-captain David Veddar was a huge loss at the beginning of the season but we were surprised to see the quick development of freshmen Michael Clegg and Carlos Diaz. Clegg was tied for the lead in goals in the conference in goals until the final game of the year when Gonzaga's George Josten

scored his twelveth goal against Santa Clara. But Clegg did lead goals. Diaz is making national the season hurt the Gaels and in assists per game with .58 and is the conference leader in assists with 11. Sophomore Brian Mason is already the school record holder for shutouts and he recorded another six this season while leading the conference in saves with 94. But despite all the individual accomplishments, the Gaels failed to finish off the season strong as they were 2-4 in their final six games. This cost them in the conference as San Francisco pulled off the last weekend victory over Santa Clara to win their second consecutive conference title. They won the WCC title by only three points (or one win).

The formerly nationally ranked volleyball team is the biggest disappointment. After a 25-4 season and a Sweet Sixteen berth, big things were expected

such as their first WCC title in history. Key losses to Gonzaga, the conference in game-winning LMU, and Pepperdine early in freshman Nikki Schrey, and waves as he is fifth in the nation their chance at a conference title has disappeared. On top of that, the only way the Gaels return to the NCAA Tournament is if the Gaels sweep the Broncos and Toreros over the weekend. The difference is not on the home floor but away from McKeon Pavilion. They hold a 4-6 record on the road compared to last season's 11-3 mark. Sophomore outside hitter Missie Stidham is having a career season and Kaui Salzman is having a fantastic senior year, but the Gaels are down a full kill and two assists per game from last

> The harsh truth of the fall season has been that the Gaels could not get it done in conference play. It is when it matters most and the Gaels did not come to play. Bottom line: they choked.

# SPORTS

# Rugby continues to dominate in fall preseason

Gaels score 47 unanswered points in the first period to roll over California Maritime

by Melanie Linney and Allison Kop Detour Editor and Sports Editor

Preseason games have done wonders for the Saint Mary's Rugby Club's record. This past Wednesday the Gaels took on the Cal Maritim Keelhaulers in Vallejo and won. The Gaels demolished the Keelhaulers, who played their first official game of their season, by a score of 57-31.

The game was broken down into three 40-minute periods, instead of the normal two 40minute periods. By the end of the first period Saint Mary's A-side had amassed a 47-0 lead. The Gaels dominated up and down the field and attacked Cal Maritime with a heavy offensive onslaught.

Damien Fatongia, returning to the Gaels after a year off from injury, scored a try after running half the field's length. Mario Gonsalves also scored, running across the goal line twice for two

Key offensive plays were carried out with the assistance of seniors Charlie Smith and Dan Tabacco. Both will have to step up their games this year to help compensate for the loss of last year's All-American scrumhalf. Evan Bariault. Defensively the team did well with strong blocking from seniors Kevin Adams, Bobby Lopez and other key players.

Senior Volney Rouse, who was chosen as an honorable mention selection at the USA Rugby



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

Daniel Tabacco (far right) is one of three new starters for the Gaels this year. Tabacco, a senior will have big shoes to fill as he tries to replace former All-American Evan Bariault.

Collegiate All-American team this past summer, helped the Gaels with the completion of several conversion and drop goal

The Gaels lost momentum during the second period when key players were switched with members of the B-side squad. Saint Mary's went scoreless during the period with the Keelhaulers gaining 23 points.

gaining ten more points with a combination of A-side and B-side players working together.

Saint Mary's rugby is hoping to continue their winning ways from a year ago when they qualified for the National Tournament and advanced all the way to the Sweet Sixteen. Under the continued guidance of experienced coach Tim O' Brien

The third period saw the Gaels the Gaels should have the potential to improve their record from last year. Several key players including Volney Rouse and Damien Fatongia return to the team with a summer of national team play under their belts. Mark your calendars for SMC rugby's first home game season of the on December 3 versus Humboldt State at 1p.m. on Pat Vincent Field.

# SF Celebrates Sain Mary's Football

Today San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsome honored the 1930 Saint Mary's Gaels football team and dubbed this day "Saint Mary's Football Day." Last Sunday Saint Mary's athletics received their first feature story about football in years. However, the article was not about a current sport, but about a blast from our storied past. The story featured the Galloping Gaels football team from the 1930's.

In 1930, the Saint Mary's football team by coach Edward Patrick "Slip" Madigan, played before more than 75,000 people against the Fordham Rams and their infamous "Seven Bricks of Granite" that included future football genius and Green Bay Packers head coach Vince Lombardi. At the time Fordham had won 28 straight games; the equivalent of today's USC.

In a dogfight, the Gaels, led by fullback Angelo Brovelli, upset the Rams 20-12. The game marked the first time in college football history where a team from the western United States beat an eastern power such as Fordham or Army.

One cannot help but think that football is and will always be part of Saint Mary's College.It is ingrained in our tradition not only in athletics, but as a school. The Chronicle article is a testament not only to that great feat in 1930, but also to the undying tradition that is Saint Mary's football. For one day the Gaels were at the top of college

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor



Friday Nov. 18 Women's Basketball @ Eastern Washington 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. UC Santa 7:05 p.m.

Volleyball @ #11 Santa Clara (22-1, 11-0)7:05 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 19 Men's Rugby @ Central Washington 1 p.m.

Volleyball @ #22 San Diego (18-5, 7-4)7:05 p.m.

Sunday Nov. 20 Men's Rugby @ Washington 1 p.m.

> Women's Basketball @ **Washington State**

# tandings and Box Score

#### **Men's Soccer Results**

W(9-9-1, 6-6-0) vs. Loyola Marymount 2-1

Goals: Johnson (3), Christlieb (5); Assists: Youpel (3), Fitzgerald (6); Saves: Mason 4(94)

	WCC	PIS	Overall
USF	6-3-3	21	11-5-4
SCU(5)	6-4-2	20	12-6-2
SMC	6-6-0	18	9-9-1
GON	5-5-2	17	7-9-4
LMU	5-5-1	16	7-8-4
USD	4-4-3	15	8-5-5
PORT	3-8-1	10	6-11-2

#### **WCC Men's Basketball** 2004-05 Leading Scorers (returning players only)

- 1. Adam Morrison '07 GON 19.0 2. Alex Acker '06 PEP 16.6 3. Daniel Kickert '06 SMC 16.6 4. Matt Knight '07 LMU 15.4 5. Pooh Jeter '06 POR 6. Travis Niesen '06 SCU 15.1 7. Derek Raivio '07 GON 13.0
- 8. Nick Lewis '06 USD 12.6 9. J.P. Batista '06 GON 12.4 10. Brandon Worthy '07 LMU 11.8

#### **Men's Rugby Results**

W(2-0) vs. Cal Maritime 57-31

#### **Volleyball Results**

W(7-4) vs. Gonzaga 3-0 (30-25, 30-17, 30-16)Kills: Stidham 16(381); Assists: Bible 35(1030); Digs: Stidham 8(252), Kolkka 8(221)

W(8-4) vs. Portland 3-1 (30-22, 30-17, 27-30, 30-19) Kills: Stidham 15(396); Assists: Bible 48(1078); Digs: Kolkka 10(229)

	MACC	FC1.	Overan
SCU(11)	11-1	.917	22-2
USD(22)	8-4	.667	19-5
PEPP	8-4	.667	15-11
SMC	8-4	.667	17-7
LMU	6-6	.500	18-8
USF	4-8	.333	17-11
GON	2-10	.167	10-19
PORT	1-11	.083	4-20

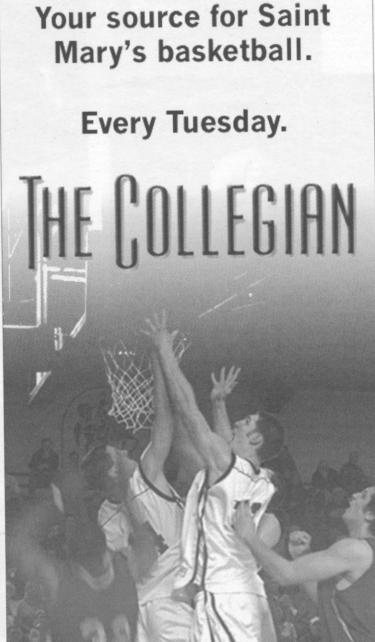
#### **Wemen's Soccer**

All-WCC 2nd Team - Katie Frattone '06 All-WCC Honorable Mention Stephanie Harrison '08, Stefani Rocco '09

All-WCC Freshman Team Stefani Rocco, Nikki Schrey '09

#### **Men's Golf**

Hawaii Fall Intercollegiate T-6th place 895 (+31) Cocco - 217 (+1), 8th place Kelley - 222 (+6), t18th place



Tuesday, November 15, 2005



BELEN GARCIA

#### God Bless "The Pound"

In history we have been exposed to many ways to celebrate sports victory as an enthusiastic spectator. There is the ever poignant, yet slightly vulgar, "F\*\*\* Yeah!" Or the overzealous chest bump, which if you are a girl can be tricky.

Then there is the celebration that has been introduced by America's favorite pastime. No, I'm not talking about the obvious wave at a football stadium. I'm talking about the clever drum-led chant. For example, "Let's go BELEN, da da dada da," and so on.

There is also the fan favorite strip and streak, which is entertaining, but dangerous (all you guys out there know it can get a bit brisk). Finally, there are the ridiculously corpulent fans that brave all weather conditions and shirtlessly display their team colors and name on their bowls full of jelly.

While all of these acts have merit, as a superfan I feel it is my duty to take you one step deeper into the art of victory celebration. I'm speaking of the ever elusive, yet extremely alluring "pound." Yes, the pound. That lovely little hand gesture that seems simple to the untrained observer, but actually involves a lot of skill. If properly performed, it can warm the diehard fan to the depths of their

For those of you who have no clue what I am talking about, "the pound" is the delightful act of making a fist, holding it out to someone, and asking them to "pound" it. To execute the correct pound you must have something to truly celebrate. A game winning goal, shot, or my play of choice, a wonderfully executed beer bong. Next, you pick your poundee. Once eye contact is made and the pounder and poundee have come together, fists are extended and contact is made.

At this moment time stops, you are one with your poundee, and everything is right in the universe. To achieve this effect perfect contact must be made; every knuckle must be aligned in order to achieve that true level of nirvana.

Now, there are many different variations. There is the poundby, the slam pound, the jump pound, the behind the back pound. You name it and you can pound it. Now I leave you, my minions, to pound away, but just remember it's not something to be handed out like last Halloween's candy; it is a celebration only to be used for the most joyful of the joys.

# Gaels send seniors out with a bang

Late goal lifts Saint Mary's to record-tying win over Loyola

Sports Editor

Go Gaels!

It was a beautiful day for some soccer last Thursday as the Saint Mary's men's soccer team defeated the visiting Loyola Marymount Lions 2-1 in their final game of the season.

A little under 15 minutes into the contest, senior Michael Johnson, fresh off his National Team-of-the-Week selection, buried the ball in the back of the net with a header off a wellplaced free kick from fellow senior, Derek Youpel. The goal marked Johnson's third goal in two games, all three of which he has scored by out-jumping his opponents for the

After the early goal the teams took turns trading possession with neither team threatening to score. However, LMU evened the game with 17 minutes left in the half when Trini Gomez, assisted by some sloppy SMC marking, found the net off of an LMU corner kick. The teams left the field tied 1-1 at halftime.

In the second half the Gaels seemed reenergized and created several great scoring chances. With 36 minutes left, Matthew Fitzgerald beat the last LMU defender then made a back pass to Youpel whose shot was deflected. Junior Alex Christlieb collected the rebound and crossed the ball to freshman Carlos Diaz, whose hard and low shot skipped just wide

With about 30 minutes left senior Matt Walker, who has been hampered by a knee injury the last several games, entered the contest and hit a perfectly placed through ball to Youpel who beat the keeper for the score, but the goal was called back on an offside violation.

> The game-winner came with 15 minutes left in the match as Fitzgerald beat the defense and dribbled to the touchline before hitting a low cross across the goal mouth. Christlieb out-hustled his defender and deflected the ball into the net before toppling into the goal himself.

> The Gaels had a scare with only five minutes left when goalkeeper Brian Mason was called for a dangerous hand ball just outside the box. The SMC defense stayed poised, however, and the subsequent shot was deflected.

> Adam Zielske, Michael Johnson, Derek Youpel, Joaquin Jaime, and Matt Walker. Smith and Johnson have been a strong presence in the back helping the Gaels achieve a 1.4 goals/against average. Zielske, Jaime, and Walker have run the midfield this year, while Youpel has two goals and three assists at forward.

> With the win, the Gaels finish the season 9-9-1 overall, tying the Saint Mary's record for most wins in a season. Their 6-6 record in the WCC ranks them in third place in the conference.

