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Fundraising policy irks clubs

by Jonathan Morales
Editor-in-Chief

Some ASSMC clubs and organizations have recently expressed frustration after running into a new college policy that limits the type of fundraising they can do.

The new policy, instated two months into the fall semester, forbids clubs and organizations from soliciting donations from corporations and alumni and strongly discourages soliciting donations from parents with the hope of curtailing possible club interference with the college's fundraising goals.

"One of the things that's imperative of our office is to, if you will, maintain the donor base for the priorities that the Board of Trustees sets for us," said Br. Stan Sobczyk, interim vice president for Advancement and Planning. Those priorities include unfunded scholarships and new buildings. "We don't want to go to our donor bases for fundraising when it comes to internal club organizations."

The Board of Trustees sets fundraising goals for the college, Sobczyk said, and the policy was put in place so that clubs do not solicit money from someone who is already member of the college's donor base. The Advancement office, however, has little to do with the funding of clubs and organizations, he added.

"I don't know how clubs are funded, but the funding for clubs has nothing to do with this office," he said.

The policy put out by the ASSMC says that by asking for donations from outside the college, clubs "may be inadvertently undermining the College's overall strategic plans" and encourages clubs to participate in internal fundraising activities, such as bake sales and car washes, for club support.

ASSMC Vice President for Finance Dustin Cramer '06 thinks the policy should be changed back to the previous policy, which allowed the ASSMC to submit names of donors to the Advancement office to have them cleared, an idea already

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Social justice speakers highlight Jan Term



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Sister Helen Prejean spoke in the Soda Center last Tuesday on her struggle to reconcile both sides of the death penalty debate

Author of *Dead Man Walking* brings death penalty debate to Saint Mary's

by Jonathan Morales
Editor-in-Chief

The debate over the death penalty is symbolized by the image of the crucifix, speaker Sister Helen Prejean said last Tuesday, with one arm reaching towards the person on death row and the other arm towards the families of crime victims.

It creates, she said, a "conflict of the heart."

Prejean, the author of *Dead Man Walking* and *The Death of Innocents*, spoke to a packed Soda Center on the issue of the death penalty and her experiences as a spiritual advisor to several death row inmates.

Dead Man Walking was made into a film in 1995 starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn and directed by Tim Robbins.

Though opposed herself to the death penalty, Prejean spent much of her talk discussing the difficult task of balancing the humanity of those sentenced to death with the pain and anguish felt by the victims of their crimes.

"Feeling outrage at the loss of innocent life is a morally legitimate view," said Prejean.

Prejean's journey began in Louisiana when she attended a retreat that opened her eyes to the issues surrounding poverty. She soon began working in an underprivileged neighborhood.

"Geographically I probably traveled less than one-sixteenth

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Jim Keady speaks tonight on his experiences in a Nike sweatshop

by Julie McAvoy
Assistant News Editor

Social activist Jim Keady combines his Catholic values, first-hand experience, and education to speak out against exploitation of factory workers in "Behind the Swoosh: Sweatshops and Social Justice" in the Soda Center tonight at 7:00 p.m. Keady is the founder and co-director of a non-profit organization called Educating for Justice (EFJ), which distributes justice-related information to campuses nationwide in order to raise awareness about human rights and inspire social change.

This presentation will include first hand experiences of the horrendous living conditions of factory workers in third world countries. "We lived in a nine foot by nine foot cement box and slept on thin mats. Open sewers lined the streets outside our house," detailed Keady. Keady also learned that he had to make some difficult choices when living on only \$1.25 a day. "I bought a bar of soap and that meant that I had to skip a meal or two."

In the summer of 2000, Keady and EFJ Co-Director Leslie Kretzu started the Olympic Living Wage Project. The two Americans wanted to increase awareness on issues such as labor abuses by companies like Nike that sponsored Olympic athletes. After losing 25 pounds and starving on the \$1.25 a day wages of the factory workers for a month, Keady and Kretzu brought their

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CaTS chokes file-sharing bandwidth in order to deter illegal file swapping

Illegal use of peer-to-peer file sharing slows on-campus Internet speed, says Chief Technology Officer Biglin

by Linda Hua
News Editor

Lately, file sharers may notice a slowdown in illegal file sharing programs such as LimeWire and Gnutella. All the while, others may gripe about the extreme slowness and inconvenience of Saint Mary's Internet services.

"It's slow and there's too many [sic] disruptions," said Yoern Koeu '06.

Prior to winter break, Saint Mary's Computer and Technology Services (CaTS)

implemented a choke on "the bandwidth for file-sharing programs," said Ed Biglin, chief technology officer at Saint Mary's.

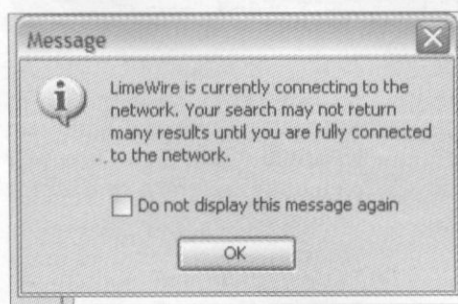
"We don't block LimeWire or any other services, but we do limit the bandwidth that those services run on," Biglin said. "So much of our bandwidth is used to file sharing that doing other things is delayed or slowed."

Biglin said that the problem with slow Internet on campus is not Comcast's fault or low bandwidth. The fault is in fact fellow students.

"It's a community issue. The Internet is a community resource," Biglin said. When students are illegally uploading and downloading multiple files, they cause heavy traffic over the bandwidth, which is capped at 11 megabits per second (mps).

While Biglin said that the Internet on campus is "the fastest the students have ever probably experienced at home," it may not seem so as so much traffic is caused by the use of these peer-to-peer programs.

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Students who access LimeWire to utilize its services may come upon this message.

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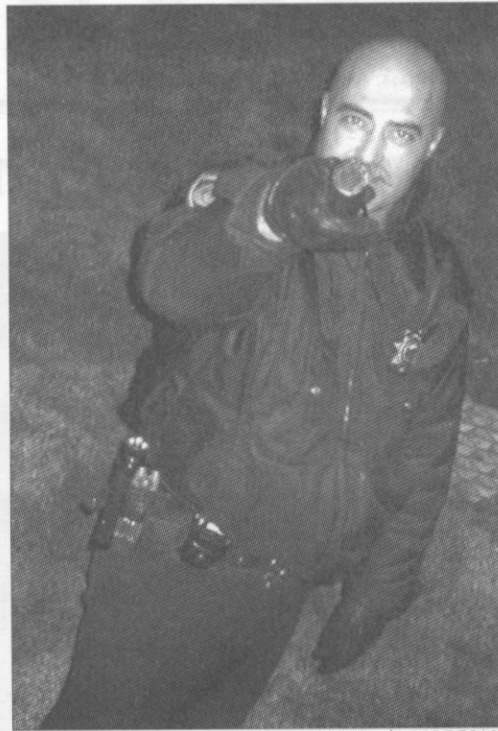
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SNAPSHOT



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Public Safety is legit.



JONATHAN MORALES

Facebookin' it

There are so many ways of ranking colleges. Well-known and respected organizations such as The Princeton Review and The College Board can tell you exactly how Saint Mary's College compares to schools across the nation.

I'm going to use Facebook. For those who don't know, over Christmas Break the ever-inventive folks over at Facebook launched "Pulse," which shows your school's trends and favorite movies, music, etc. and allows you to compare them to Facebook as a whole or any other college currently on Facebook. The results are sometimes interesting, but mostly just funny.

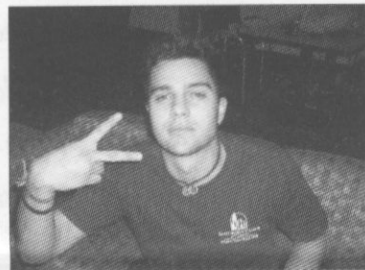
Our music tastes are much the same as the population as a whole (Jack Johnson, Coldplay, Green Day, The Beatles) and so are our movies (*Wedding Crashers*, *The Notebook*, *Anchorman* and *Old School*).

Interestingly enough, *Crash*, pulls in at number seven at SMC, while not appearing in the overall top ten. This makes perfect sense once you remember that many of the freshmen watched it during Week of Welcome.

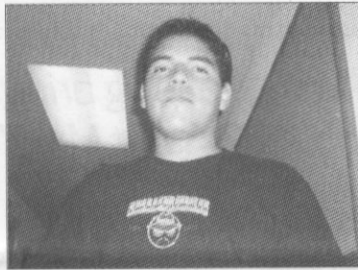
Gael Force is, naturally the largest club listed, compared with the ambiguous "lifeguard" for Facebook. The diversity clubs are next (BSU at #2, LASA at #3, APASA at #5). But how did The see MORALES, p5

Campus Quotes:

If you could rename a building on campus, what building would you rename and what name would you give it?



"I'd call Dryden Hall Ryken Hall, it's a spiritual embodiment."
 -Andrew Ungs '09



"I would rename De la Salle to De la Crap. Even though the workers do a good job, and I would give them a raise."
 -Chepe '09



"I would rename Augustine to Christina's World."
 -Christina Katsaris '09

Campus Quotes and photos compiled by Vince Ochoa

Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES



JULIE McAVOY

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona - At age 64, David Pizer has planned to have his body frozen in liquid nitrogen once he dies along with 1,000 other "cryonics" members. Pizer has also arranged for his money, estate, and stocks to be managed by an estate planner until he wakes up so that he can continue earning interest on his assets. When technology finds a way to reawaken his frozen body, Pizer could be "the richest man in the world." Most people interested in preserving their bodies are elderly, single, wealthy males. Locations in Scottsdale, Arizona and Township, Michigan exist already where 142 bodies and heads are frozen and stored, including baseball sensation Ted Williams.

MILFORD, Massachusetts - Milford police organized a sting to catch men hiring prostitutes from the popular online classifieds site Craig's List. A female state trooper posed as a prostitute and met with five men last Wednesday, who were arrested and charged with sex-for-hire. The police station placed an ad on Craig's List with a physical description of the female state trooper and an e-mail contact. The men and the undercover officer met at a prearranged location on Beaver St. and discussed the sexual acts that were to be performed and the price of the services, which ranged from \$75 to \$125. All men pleaded not guilty and were released without bail Friday.

HUNINGTON BEACH, California - Two-thirds of the male hornyhead turbot and English sole fish feeding near a sewage outlet on the coast have been found to be undergoing a disturbing transformation, thanks in part to suntan lotion that frequents the popular surfing beach. Scientists at the University of California, Riverside have found ovaries growing in the testes of the male fish and have pointed at oxybenzone as the main culprit. Oxybenzone is the main ingredient found in suntan lotion, which is washed down the drain and settles on the seabed.

Crime Beat

1/14 2:43 a.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm
Synopsis: Heat sensor activated in Beckett Hall; referred to Student Conduct

1/14 2:57 a.m.
Incident: Handbook Violations
Synopsis: Cohabitation, minor in possession of alcohol and failure to comply with college officials in De La Salle Hall; referred to Student Conduct

1/14 7:26 p.m.
Incident: Civil Matter
Synopsis: Disturbance by an intoxicated juvenile and uncooperative non-student in Augustine Hall; referred to Student Conduct

1/14 9:54 p.m.
Incident: Handbook Violations
Synopsis: Underage Students in possession of alcohol and possession of a mock AK47 soft air rifle in Beckett Hall; referred to Student Conduct

1/15 7:03 p.m.
Incident: Theft of property
Synopsis: Three digital cameras missing from Justin Hall; referred

to Student Conduct
 1/16 4:20 a.m.
Incident: Informational Report
Synopsis: Unauthorized access to the Program Board Office and Cassin Student Union; referred to the Physical Plant
 1/17 5:45 p.m.
Incident: Petty Theft
Synopsis: Theft of dorm keys from Justin Hall; referred to Student Conduct

1/18 5:00 p.m.
Incident: Petty Theft
Synopsis: Theft of a mountain bike from Ageno B that was later recovered; referred to Student Conduct

1/19 10:30 p.m.
Incident: Hit and Run
Synopsis: Damage to a vehicle in Aquinas parking lot; referred to Student Conduct

1/19 11:05 p.m.
Incident: Handbook Violation
Synopsis: Underage students in possession of alcohol in Justin Hall; referred to Student Conduct

**Weekly
Featured
Profile**

Jan Term Class of the Week

**Two Thumbs Up:
Performance and
Film Criticism**

by Bettina Adragna
Webmaster

English Department Chair David DeRose's Jan Term class, "Two Thumbs Up: Performance and Film Criticism," teaches movie buffs, writers, and others how to develop "the skills to critically watch and write about film and performance," said DeRose.

Readings include *A Short Guide to Writing About Film* by Timothy Corrigan, as well as clips from magazines, newspapers, and Internet sites. However, students are "doing more viewing than reading," said DeRose.

The class has seen movies both in theaters and on their own. In theaters, they have seen *Matchpoint* and *Munich*, as well as a performance of *Cabaret* in Berkeley. Films seen on DVD outside of class have included *Fargo* and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*.

A typical day, according to DeRose, starts out with a discussion on a movie assigned previously. After this, the class will move on to a writing exercise and a ten-minute oral presentation, done in partners, on a film of their choosing.

Another type of oral presentation, "Films in Context," occurs whenever students have scheduled them.

The purpose of all this, said DeRose, is so that "hopefully, when they [students] come away from the class, they come away from the class with sort of a heightened set of skills in terms of not only being able to talk about films, but being more aware of how films work on us and how to write about films."

The course does challenge students to write better, said Natalie Hudgins '06.

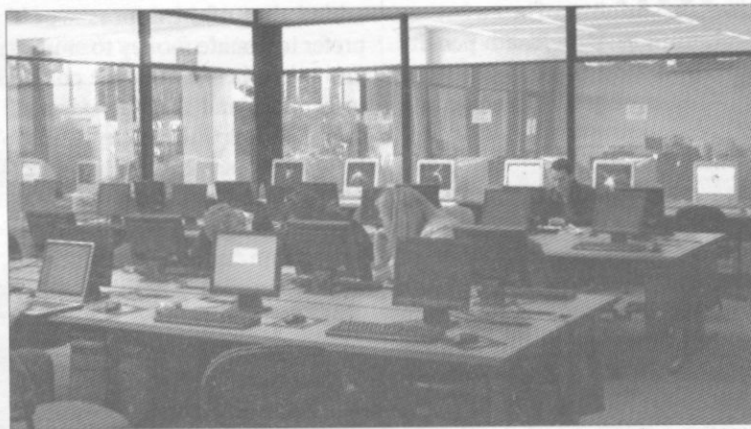
"We figure out how we can embody this whole idea of a film in one or two sentences," she said. "Everything we're talking about has to be stated really well and really concisely."

Hudgins enjoys the course "because the subject material's amazing [and] because the professor makes me think and want to do better and want to impress him, as well as impress the rest of the class." Another student in the class, Bryan Nelson '06, said that he enjoys the class because he has the opportunity "to be around a subject matter that I love, which is movies, and then also it helps me to really develop the ability to voice my opinions in more influential ways," he said.

The class has "forced me to really think about why I like certain movies and why I might prefer certain movies to other movies," said Nelson. "It's fun to compare your own feelings to that of the critics."

Library renovations recently initiated

Saint Albert's Hall to accommodate more students, books, and PC's



Annie Douglas/COLLEGIAN

Saint Albert Hall library renovations such as the reorganization of the computer lab should now better serve students.

by Darwynn Deyo
Staff Writer

Once again there is talk on campus of Saint Albert's Hall Library being renovated. While the building itself is safe and has a newly improved computer lab, the fact remains that the library was designed to serve a much smaller population back when it was first built. However, renovations previously planned for the library had to be put on hold as J.C. Gatehouse was being designed,

and after the college had to recover from the retracted donations, the library was one of the places that suffered.

"For years the college put very little money into the library because it was planned to use some of the anonymous pledges to fund a new building" said Tom Carter, dean for academic resources. "In 2000 an architect was hired, plans and schematic drawings drawn up, even a model created of the new building [since] the one we have was built for 1,100 students and

100,000 books and before PCs were invented. We now have less than 200 seats for 4,000 students, 40,000 of our 220,000 books in storage, and an electrical system that shorts out if we turn on too many lights. When our friend Mr. Banker skipped town all building plans, except for Filippi Academic Hall, were put on hold. Thus, the interest to refurbish the library building." This time, however, the funding comes directly from the college's annual budget for renovations and maintenance.

In light of those facts, the plans to remodel the library are now low-scale, and are designed towards improving conditions as they stand instead of remodeling the whole library, as previously desired. Among the other plans are recarpeting and replacing old furniture with study carrels on the second floor, which will be wired for power with more work space, and making room for more work stations in the first floor reference area. That particular change re-

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BANDWIDTH: Slow Internet due to file-sharing patrons

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"We found one student with over 2,000 currently open connections. We found another student with 1,800 connections currently open," said Biglin, so for the students who complain about the Internet difficulties, "his problem is his fellow students."

However, some students disagree. Koeu said, "There's a lot of people on campus online at once—that's what slows down the Internet. But I don't think it's because of file sharing."

Aside from heavy Internet traffic, file sharing also causes other issues for students, such as lawsuits.

"It's illegal; unless you own the copyright to it, you can't publish it out there on the web," said Biglin.

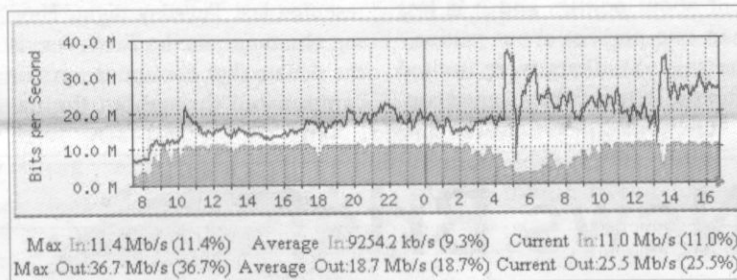
Some students do not think that file sharing should have such an emphasis.

"I personally think [file sharing] is fine; it's not a big deal," said Jherika Martin '08.

The Recording Industry Association of America, Inc. (RIAA) is the watchdog of the music industry that detects these illegal activities. For one incident (i.e. one song illegally uploaded or downloaded), "the average settlement is \$17,000," said Biglin.

For such an incident, the RIAA sends Saint Mary's a copyright infringement letter, which Saint Mary's "must, by law, go into our log and find what student was logged in with this IP address at that time," said Biglin. Upon finding the student, CaTS must then notify the student and enforce necessary discipline. "As officers of the college, if we don't send [on the letter], we have to face the fines."

While legal peer-to-peer pro-



Screenshot courtesy of Computer and Technology Services

CaTS monitors all incoming and outgoing bandwidth activities. The thin line represents the outgoing files, while the bars underneath represent the incoming materials, capped at 11 mps. This monitor from January 10 shows full use of the bandwidth throughout the hours of the day. This high spikes at 5 a.m. show a possible attempt of some students at file sharing, uploading nearly 40 megabits of information.

grams, like Internet gaming (i.e. World of Warcraft) is still available, illegal programs have been significantly blocked. "It's available, but it's slower than it would be at home," said Biglin, "It's not that we block LimeWire, we just get in its way a little. We don't squeeze it enough."

"We provide the Internet so that students can be connected to the world for academic purposes, one. Two, for entertainment, and three, for recreation" said Biglin. However, when students abuse their privileges, he said, they not only put themselves at risk, but their peers as well.

Outages are also results of file sharing as it brings in viruses.

"I feel that they [file sharers] are making the system here at Saint Mary's prone to viruses that causes many Internet outages here," said Jorge Gonzalez '06.

However, viruses have not been a large problem on campus this year, because of a new project started over the summer said Biglin.

A \$480,000 project re-wired nearly all of the connections at Saint Mary's, replacing the Ethernet network jacks with sub-networks where only one computer exists on each subnet. This

allows for a loophole against network-invading viruses and worms.

While for this project, CaTS did receive a \$250,000 grant from the Fletcher Jones Grant, the money ultimately comes from students.

"Ninety-two cents out of every dollar we spend comes from students' tuition," said Biglin. "We are going to buy more megabits and that will most likely come from the students' tuition, but we may at some point start blocking these programs."



What do you think about file-sharing and the Internet on campus?

Share your opinion now at our online messageboard.

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**Campus
Calendar**

Behind the Swoosh: Sweatshops and Social Justice
Tonight

Tuesday, January 24
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: Sue Fallis x4771

Open Mic Night

Tonight
Tuesday, January 24
9:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

Pajama Jam

Tonight
Tuesday, January 24
10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Soda Center \$5
Contact: x4146

Pins and Spins

Bowling and Ice Skating in SF
Wednesday, January 25
6:00 p.m.
\$8
Contact: x4146

Relationship Between Identity & Politics

Artist: Felipe Dulzaides
Wednesday, January 25
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center

New Clothes for the Empress

Wednesday, January 25
7:00 p.m.
LeFevre Theatre
\$6

Midweek Movie & Dinner:

Tim Burton's "Corpse Bride"
Wednesday, January 25
9:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

New Clothes for the Empress

Thursday, January 26
4:00 p.m.
LeFevre Theatre
\$6

Commuter Wake-Up

Thursday, January 26
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall
Contact: Katie x8162

IVCF Movie

Thursday, January 26
7:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

Last Day of Jan Term Classes

Friday, January 27

Spring Recess Begins

Saturday, January 28

Planning an event?

Want it in the Collegian?

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

SWEATSHOPS: Nike insider raises awareness of sweatshop issues

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campaign to Sydney, Australia where the Olympics were being held.

Keady and Kretzu shared their digital video, daily journals, and photos from the trip, as well as research, and news articles on the topic. They found that there was more interest than they had expected. The group initially planned to go on a speaking tour for seven months to share their experiences from Indonesia. EFJ has now been helping promote social justice for over five years by visiting over 230 universities and informing more than 50,000 students about the evils of factory sweatshops. "The majority of students have been overwhelmingly positive...when they find out what is going on, they want to help," said Keady.

Keady first got involved in social activism as an NCAA Division I Assistant Soccer Coach and graduate theology student at Saint John's University in New York. While writing a research paper on Nike's labor practices, Keady publicly criticized the company and Saint John's University for being sponsored by Nike. When the university told Keady to either support Nike by wearing their apparel or leave, Keady was forced to resign. Keady said, "as a Catholic university, we should neither be benefiting from Nike, nor be a marketing agent for it. I personally did not want to be a billboard for a company whose business practices are unethical and promote injustice."

EFJ encourages all students to get involved in the fight for justice and human rights. "The best way to help is to get more educated on the issue," said Keady. "Come to the presentation [tonight at 7:00] or visit our website at www.educatingforjustice.org." Keady acknowledges that some people feel that companies like Nike are doing nothing wrong and that low wages for outsourced labor is not an issue, but to these people he asserts, "that is not an adequate response, especially for a Catholic community."



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of a mile. Spiritually I traveled a galaxy," she said. "It didn't seem like charity, it just felt like justice because I began to serve."

In 1982 she was asked to be the pen pal of Patrick Sonnier, a death row inmate. She agreed, never imagining that she would eventually become his spiritual advisor and accompany him to the electric chair.

"I couldn't believe how human his face was," she said, adding that once she saw him she saw that "he [was] a lot more than the worst thing he [has] done."

That experience, and her relationship with Sonnier, became *Dead Man Walking*.

She also highlighted her experiences with the victims' families, including one father who also opposed the death penalty.

"For the first time, I began to make my way on this other arm of the cross," she said, indicating her shift from the side of the death row inmate to the side of the victims' families.

Finally, she addressed issues that she felt made the death penalty unjust, including the fact that 80 percent of people who get the death penalty killed whites.

"The death penalty is 98.5 percent about politics and it is less than two percent about justice," she said. Students were invited after the lecture to buy signed copies of her books and sign a peti-

tion in support of a two-year moratorium on the death penalty in California.

"It kind of puts in perspective everything that death penalty opponents feel. She affirmed my personal beliefs that that the death penalty is not a just cause and unjust punishment," said Devin O'Leary '07, president of the Saint Mary's chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty. "I think she put in her perspective of dealing with both sides, and how she went about that in her own personal affairs and worked with the victims as much as possible, as well as the death row inmate's family."

Some in the audience, however, did not agree with her condemnation of the death penalty.

"[I] think that some crimes are so horrible that the perpetrator is no longer fit to be a member of society and that the only suitable punishment is death," said Scott Cullinane '09. Still, he did express his appreciation for her consideration of both sides.

"I was surprised by the extent to which she thought about the victim's side of the problem," he said.

Both sides of the cross were represented last Tuesday night. Having them reconcile, however, is the debate that continues, on our campus and throughout the nation.

FUNDRAISER: Clubs and organizations encouraged to fundraise internally

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rejected by Sobczyk. Cramer added that often donors would prefer to donate money to student groups, rather than to the college in general, and that any form of donation helps the college.

"Any money that's coming into the [clubs] is broadening the college as a whole," Cramer said. "If you take pressure off the clubs for fundraising, then you're taking pressure off the college as a whole."

He said that the connections that clubs and organizations can make with corporations and alumni can be beneficial to students, something the Business Accounting Latino Association (BALA) recognized and is trying to do.

BALA is hoping to get donations from three non-profit organizations, such as the Latino Business Professionals, to fund student trips to the National Hispanic Business Association Leadership Conference.

"More than just raising money, they give us something more valuable, which is mentorship," said BALA President Lily Cevallos '06. While the club has done a fundraiser with Baja Fresh and hopes to sell tacos or In-n-Out in the future, Cevallos said that with BALA membership currently around 65, donations from outside organizations would help.

Shandon Griffin '07, president of the SMC Republicans, felt

more strongly about the situation. "If they're expecting a club to run solely on bake sales, it's not going to happen," she said. "We're in college, let us do bigger things than when we were in high school."

The SMC Republicans had planned to host a golf tournament as a fundraiser, Griffin said, but were told that they could not because it violated the policy against outside donations. Tickets were going to be sold to members of participating golf clubs as well as family and friends of members of the SMC Republicans.

Griffin believes, however, the reason they were not allowed to was because it would compete with tournaments the college already hosts. The college hosts golf tournaments for alumni in Northern and Southern California.

"Clubs are getting shot down for creative fundraising when they're being asked to come forth with creative ideas," she said.

Ultimately, fundraising comes down to a precarious balance between making sure student clubs can obtain the money necessary to operate and ensuring that the college's donor base is uninterrupted.

The big question of where the money will come from, is one that always has, and probably will for some time, frustrate both the administration and student clubs and organizations.

News Briefs

Pins & Spins

Program Board has organized a trip to San Francisco for ice skating and bowling on Wednesday, January 25th. Students interested in going should meet at the flagpole at 6:00 p.m. and the event should last until 9:00 p.m. This is the last of Program Board's calendar events for January Term. Students will be charged \$8 for both events and transportation. Questions should be directed to the Program Board office at extension 4146.

Pajama Jam

Tonight, the Black Student Union (BSU) and Program Board are co-sponsoring the Pajama Jam dance in the Soda Center. The Pajama Jam used to be a yearly dance co-sponsored by BSU and Program Board, but has been missing for the past few years. Luke Kircher, Program Board President, said, "We're excited to bring back a Saint Mary's classic." Amos Productions, which has been used for numerous other occasions including Oasis will be

DJ-ing the event. "We expect a really big turnout," said Kircher. Many students will be able to enjoy themselves late into the night since it is a Tuesday night and many Jan Term classes have Wednesdays off. The dance will be held from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and costs \$5. Tasteful attire is requested, which means no lingerie. For more information, contact the Program Board office at extension 4214.

LIBRARY: Project was one of many delayed due to the loss of the 'anonymous donor' money

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involves around the reference desk. "We're going to be moving the reference desk from its present location to the center of the lobby area...and hopefully have a friendlier look when people come in" said Susan Birkenseer, a reference and instruction librarian.

For the students who use the library for media purposes, Tom Carter said that "we plan to remodel the Wildenradt Theater into a dual-use facility, to be used both for film projection and as a computerized classroom, similar to the Garaventa classrooms." In addition to technology upgrades, the college will address the lack of quiet study areas by adding a canopy over the atrium to filter ground floor noise.

Also, Carter said, "the other major student need is group study spaces, and we plan to construct four group study areas on the third floor, hanging off the existing catwalk."

As to how long the renovations will take, it's unclear. "The reference desk [happens] supposedly before the end of this academic year," Susan Birkenseer said, "but I don't know if that's true."

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Blog from New Orleans: Students moved by devastation

Day Three: Saturday, January 7

Today was a day of shocks to the system: our bodies struggled in many ways, our minds raced as we tried to process all that we were seeing and experiencing, and tears flowed as we faced the magnitude of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina (and the flood that followed) on individual and family lives.

We met Rosie and her friend Lisa Trigo, and we learned that Rosie owns three houses on the same block of North Claiborne St. in the Ninth Ward. All were completely ruined inside. Our job was to strip them down to the floorboards. Though intellectually this is an easy task (get everything out of the house and dump it on the curb), there is no way to ignore the fact that you are throwing away virtually all of the accumulated possessions of an entire family, many of which have significant sentimental value for their owners. Knowing that, it is quite traumatic—even if necessary—to take a flat-headed shovel, scrape it across the floor of someone's bedroom, scoop up a range of contents from papers/books to floor tile, drop everything into a wheelbarrow, and dump it into a pile at the edge of the street.

As soon as we began, we drew a number of visitors all of whom also needed help doing the same for their own houses (or, more likely, for the homes of their aging relatives). It seemed that this was the weekend for many people

to return to New Orleans and figure out what they were going to do with their storm-soaked homes. When they arrived in their neighborhood and saw our crew at work (our bright multi-colored hard hats seemed to help to get us noticed), they approached and asked us how to get on our list and how much we charged. When we said that we would help them within the week and that our services were free, they seemed to barely believe what they were hearing.



They cried, blessed us, thanked us, and told us stories of all that they had endured in the past four months' time. We promised to see them soon, and we will.



Though we had expected to clear only two of Rosie's properties over the course of the whole weekend, we found that our very strong team could finish all three of them in one day. When we had finished Rosie's homes, her immediate

neighbor, Don, asked us to help his family strip its house. We joined their work already in progress, and helped them to move much faster

in clearing the contents out of their house. Sadly, one thing that we found in the house was the puppy that they had hoped someone had rescued. This discovery was an awful one for us, but it was, of course, even more awful for the family. We cried with them over the enormity of their losses, and over the particularly sad loss of this beloved pet. Justin, Shane, and Jorge were quick to respond when they accepted our offer to bury the dog. Don asked some of us to join them in commemorating the moment. As we listened to Don's whispered prayers over the grave, we realized that virtually every person in this entire city is practically incapable of withstanding any further losses.

Despite the range of emotions we experienced today, our spirits remain high, as we continue to discuss how privileged we feel to be here at all.

This excerpt and the photos were taken from the New Orleans Student Relief Workers online journal at www.stmarys-ca.edu/nola. Please visit the site and leave them an encouraging message or sponsor a student relief worker.

In the pictures:

Upper:

From day three. Before we even opened Rosie's second house, this is the debris pile we had accumulated by lunchtime. It is several feet deep. After this shot, a small group of us went to the relief station to collect hot lunches for all. Eight people had to go, as we could only collect four meals per person. We were very glad, though, not to have to deal with preparing food in the conditions that we were experiencing. Lunch was chicken strips, grilled cheese sandwiches, salad (actual green vegetables—wow!), and yams.

Lower:

From day eleven. This house was turned to the side after an intense hit from the collapsed levee. Try to locate the position of the doors.

MORALES: What you can learn about yourself from Facebook

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Collegian, with approximately 20 members, come in at number ten? Either students just aren't listing their organizations, or we just have an uninvolved campus.

The Bible, the number three overall Facebook book, didn't make this Catholic school's top ten.

You can also make comparisons to other schools. At Berkeley, SMC movie listers such as *Wedding Crashers*, *Old School*, *Anchorman*, and *Dumb and Dumber* and others don't make the cut, re-

placed by, in my opinion, smarter movies such as *Lord of the Rings*, *The Shawshank Redemption* and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. No wonder it's so tough to get into Cal!

If you look loftier, some of Harvard University's wicked smart students favor TV shows *24*, *Arrested Development*, *Seinfeld*, *The Daily Show* and *The West Wing*. SMC prefers *Laguna Beach*, *Sex and the City*, *Nip/Tuck* and *Desperate Housewives*. *The OC* makes both lists, and both agree that *Family Guy* is number one (but so do most other schools).

There really isn't a point to me saying all of this (great column, I know) other than it's kind of fun to see what's popular at SMC, and also to see what other schools are up to.

Most of the time this really doesn't give us any information or serve any purpose, but let's face it, Facebook itself doesn't really give us any information or serve any purpose other than let us post embarrassing pictures of our friends that we can then link to them for all to see.

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OPINION



SCOTT CULLINANE

Democrats are defeatists

Democrats may not be huge fans of the Iraq war, but shouldn't they still be at least a little bit reasonable? Apparently the pressure of losing so many elections and having no support outside of Hollywood has caused some of the Democratic leadership to take rather extreme and untenable positions on Iraq. They are tucking tail and running. The Democratic partisanship is so strong, that they cannot recognize any value in this military effort. All rational Americans must oppose their defeatist tactics. The terrorists and insurgents in Iraq cannot defeat us; the greatest threat to our victory against the murderers is our own lack of will.

There is no better example of this than the always irrational, Howard Dean wing of the Democratic Party. Dean said the "idea that we're going to win the war in Iraq is an idea which is just plain wrong." Statements like this only help the enemy. Democrats John Murtha and Nancy Pelosi have both called for our soldiers to get out of Iraq almost immediately. These views do not take into account what is best for our troops, our country, or the Iraqi people. Pelosi's attacks on our military policy seem to be motivated by a desire to score political points,

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without regard of the cost to the current mission. John Kerry, the man who lost the 2004 Presidential election, said that our soldiers are "terrorizing kids and children" in Iraq. When our allies hear these comments, when the Iraqi people, fighting for their freedom hear these comments, what are they to think? What Kerry, Pelosi, Murtha and Dean are doing is emboldening the terrorists. They have gotten so caught up in the political game, that they are now blind to the ultimate goal of victory. It is time for all Americans to see that their posturing is not helping the war on terror and rally around the President and our troops. There is a place for proper opposition, but they have gone well beyond that, advocating a 'cut and run' surrender policy. In some cases the Democrats may give lip service to supporting our troops, but they are actually undermining them. A steadfast commitment to victory is the best course of action and will ultimately lead to more free countries; free countries live in peace.

Collegian View

Whenever the campus loses someone who meant as much to Saint Mary's as Manny Fernandes, it sends waves throughout the campus community.

That's why it was so wonderful to see a packed chapel on January 11th, when the memorial mass for Manny was held. Students took time out of their busy Jan-Term schedules and filed in to pay their last respects to someone who touched us all in his own simple way.

On the other hand, it was sad to see that only a handful of administrators, deans and directors were able to take a mere hour out of their day to honor someone so important to this campus.

Regardless, we heard countless testimonies to Manny's kind heart, undeterred spirit, and most of all, pride in being a Gael.

Here are some of our own favorite memories of Manny.

He would always chat with everyone as they came in about a different subject. Other times he would make a comment about sports, such as how a certain sports team was doing, or say something about something that was going on in the news.

He was always quick to remind students whose meal cards had seen better days that new ones were always available in the Business Office.

His passion for making sure students' time in Oliver Hall was perfect was felt by all who had to stand outside in the cold before Late Night while he carefully arranged all of the napkin holders.

His dedication to everything Saint Mary's was seen in the intensity of his response to anyone who would change the radio from KSMC.

He was friendly all the time to everybody, no matter who you were.

We at The Collegian wonder what our campus community would be like if everyone expressed the friendliness, humility, and selflessness that Manny did. Saint Mary's meant the same to him as he meant to Saint Mary's. We'll miss you Manny. Thanks for everything.

Community Views

Dear Editor,

Though there are some on death row who don't deserve the death penalty, Williams was NOT one of those men. He not only founded one of the worst gangs in the U.S., he also shotgun murdered an innocent person. And you want to give the man a medal. This guy was not innocent and sorrowful as the media makes him out to be. The only reason he even started the good guy routine we because he realized that they were actually going to give him the needle. If he truly felt sorry for what he did then he would have given up any information to any other people he killed, as well as a list of ANY AND ALL illegal activities he did with the Crips Gang. The fact of the matter is he was just a selfish man who didn't want to DIE, he is not a hero. People don't fear the death penalty because they think that somebody will get them off of death row.

The quote from your article (January 10, 2006) "His guilt is irrelevant in the issue" is a horrible statement, you might as well

said that drug dealers should not go to jail for selling drugs, if they are really sorry for it. Williams was guilty and sentenced to death it's the LAW, if you just make exceptions for anybody that is found guilty of something then you create nothing but chaos. You would be sending to murderers out there the message "You Can Get Away With Murder!" I don't come from some nice area where it is safe to go out at night. I live in a bad neighborhood where I don't leave the house unless it's important. By killing Williams you tell those people, that make it unsafe for me, that it could happen to them too.

Daniel Armas '09

Dear Editor:

I first met Manny 45 years ago in September 1960 as we both entered the Freshman class at Saint Mary College. To attend St. Mary's College in Moraga, I came over the East Bay Hills while Manny came across country from Providence, Rhode Island. He

knew my mother and I knew his. Over the years I found him to be an interesting character.

He loved SMC with a passion. With the same intensity he just hated the Prunies. He would curse the Santa Clara Broncos up one side and down the other. Nothing would have made Manny happier than to see SMC in The Final Four. It is highly fitting that Manny's final service

was held in the chapel followed by a lunch in Oliver Hall.

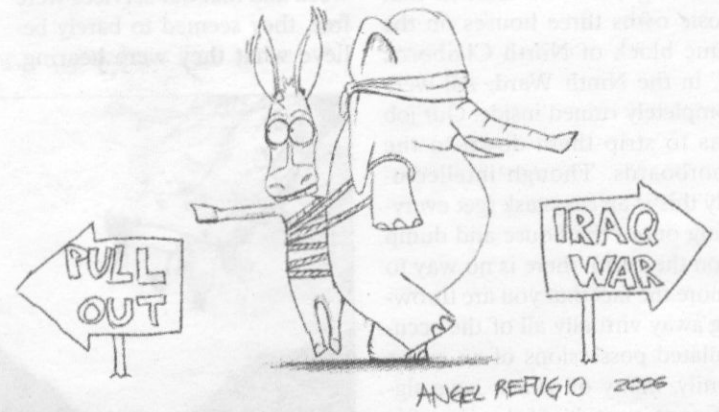
He was a kind and loving person and I thank all of you for giving your love and kindness to him. Manny did not have an easy life, but he is at peace now and I ask the good Lord to grant him eternal rest.

John Collins '64

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Gael

compiled by Pablo Armas

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Opposition to 'God is a Gael' exposes hypocrisy

College claims saying is offensive but condones 'Buck the Broncos'

by Z. Farmer, L. Hua and M. Olson
The Amazing Trio

"God is a Gael." The phrase coined by a Christian brother is not often taken to mean God is only a Gael. Rather, many students take it just as a saying and put little meaning to it. It is a saying supporting our community and our athletics.

Ask this question, have you ever told someone "I am a Gael?" Does this mean you are only a Gael? Perhaps you are the mascot from your high school as well. Perhaps you are also a certain ethnicity that you identify yourself as, but that does not mean you are only that ethnicity—you are also a Gael. By saying "God is a Gael," a person is saying nothing more than they see God as a part of this community.

It is by no means discriminating against anybody because this is not a religious decree pushed upon the people. It is rather an expression of school spirit and tradition. One of the three traditions that this school revolves around is the Catholic tradition. At a Catholic school, where "Catholic" is a tradition, how can someone say God is not part of this community?

Never could one imagine the controversy associated with such a simple phrase.

An idea was brought forward in a group discussion for one of the clubs on campus. A familiar problem was trying to be solved—how does a group fund raise effectively? The common suggestions of dances, morning donut sales, and other ideas were brought forward. Then a small



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stroke of genius: "God is a Gael." The group had seen the saying on license plate covers and on other SMC merchandise, but not on a shirt.

With 300 members in the Facebook group, "God is a Gael," the idea of selling "God is a Gael"

shirts was well accepted in the group and then proposed to the rest of the club. The response had apprehension: it turns out not everyone associated with Saint Mary's likes the phrase "God is a Gael." However, the club decided it would ask ASSMC whether it

felt it was a good idea or not.

In a letter to the club, ASSMC replied that, "In regards to using 'God is a Gael,' however, I would discourage that as I can't fully support that message." The letter went on, "I don't think we send an appropriate message when we box God into a certain category as I can't imagine it would be well received if folks just willed in the 'God is a ___' blank with their preference or affiliation. And I think it may be the opposite of what we are trying to do in our inclusive SMC community."

When this message was received the issue was dropped—that answer made sense. However, that changed when on the eve of the men's basketball game versus Gonzaga, hanging from the chapel steeple was a blue and red sign declaring: "God is a Gael."

A school-supported sign hanging from the chapel on a game day, when representatives from other institutions would be attending, seems a lot more offensive than a t-shirt that someone would choose to purchase and wear with the same phrase.

This campus has allowed the printing of shirts that say "Buck the Broncos," which carries a much more vulgar connotation to our biggest rival: the Santa Clara Broncos.

ASSMC has no problem when we are "bucking" Santa Clara but has a problem with a group on campus using a phrase coined by a Christian brother almost 60 years ago.

If God created everyone in his own image, then God is everyone and everything...including a Gael, but not exclusively so.



DARWYYN DEYO

CNN needs to watch what it says

This past Monday the Iranian government banned CNN from the country for mistranslating President Ahmadinejad's nuclear program speech on Saturday. The president was represented as having stated that the western world should not "deprive us to have nuclear weapons". While CNN corrected and apologized for the error by the time the evening news aired, Iran was unsympathetic to those responsible for the blunder. In actual fact, the translator was an outside employee hired from Lesley Howard Languages.

While the company has not been politically penalized, it has declared it will 'of course' not use that interpreter again. However, if the translator was previously of such high value, the claim that he misheard 'weapons' for 'technology' is less probable than that the translator heard what he wanted to hear followed by CNN broadcasting what it wanted to broadcast. Given the current political and economic climates, such a mistake by a major news network is ridiculous.

Though Iran has since lifted the ban on CNN reporters, the country is not one to take such insinuations lightly, especially as the International Atomic Energy Agency prepares to meet on February 2nd to determine the extent of the Iranian nuclear program threat, and how to respond to it. CNN should be grateful it was allowed back into Iran at all. The initial sloppy fact-checking on such a politically sensitive subject should give both reporters and translators pause as they write up sensationalist stories, no matter how those stories may tip public opinion or promote an agenda, whether the reporters do so in subconscious or conscious action.

Other than being a reckless move ensuring that they would be the first with the story, CNN's track record of responsible constructive journalism is not very respectable to begin with. A complaint that has arisen along with the Iranian miscalculation is that CNN is an excessively biased reporting agency in representing autocratic Pakistan more favorably than its democratic neighbor India. The usual problem of deliberate bias in such a tectonic region is inexcusable, especially when exacerbated by professional mistakes.

If CNN cannot be relied upon to analyze countries such as Pakistan that are harbors of terrorism, it certainly cannot be entrusted with reporting on a country under question of developing weapons of mass destruction. The last thing the United States needs is to be misinformed into more military involvement in the Middle East while still engaged elsewhere.

Women of the world: Joining men or leading men?

Chile latest country to elect a woman to the presidency for the first time

by Alana Weinroth
Contributing Writer

Chile, Liberia, Germany: women are taking power all over the world, changing their role in society one by one. Women presidency has now become a not-so-rare occurrence as countries around the globe continue to elect them into office. Michelle Bachelet was elected first woman president of Chile last Sunday, while Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf was elected first woman president of Liberia last Wednesday. With such overdue equalizing and progression of sex roles, it seems possible that any country, even one as patriarchal as the United States, can undergo these changes as well.

Though Chile and Liberia are not the first to elect a woman president (Argentina, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Panama, and many more have already done so), Chile in particular is a very male oriented country which will benefit from the reorganization made by a woman's rule. Bachelet is an agnostic, single parent, and exile who would seem to have all odds against her when leading a deeply religious country. However, Chilean citizens are now beginning to look for change and betterment, erasing all judgment and working for improvement.

Now, this could just be me, but it seems as though with changes such as these, inequality is beginning to lessen as humans are be-

coming more involved in the effort to inflict change and understanding on the ideals of judging on merit and looking past gender. Now don't get me wrong, we have plenty of work to do before equality is accomplished, presuming that it even will, but with approximately thirty women presidents in the history of the world, it seems miraculous that women are assuming this role more frequently, in an era of dominance, power, and war, showing that people can overcome even the greatest hurdles.

However, if the United States is so powerful, fortunate, and free, then why have we yet to elect our first woman president? Especially in a country where we compete

for power and opportunity, it seems only a matter of time before we, as Americans, make some big changes and take equality to the next level.

Though the countries that these presidencies are occurring in are less powerful than the United States, there are many similarities in the level of respect for women. Countries such as the U.S. feed off of competition, and what greater competition than between aggressive, power hungry, yet sympathetic women for the role of presidency?

So start listening to all the women around the world who are stepping up to the plate, because Mrs. Rodham Clinton could be next!

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100 students polled

53% of students polled are opposed to the Death Penalty

79% of students polled said, regardless of their opinion of it, there can be an alternative to the death penalty

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**Casanova - a recycled
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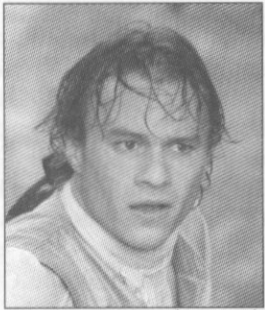


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by **Darwyn Deyo**
Staff Writer

Venetian canals, hot air balloons, and transvestites - what more could a viewer ask for from a movie? Well, maybe a little more intrigue than the Catholic Inquisition can offer, or maybe real tension as opposed to wondering when, not if, Casanova's mother is going to bail him out. Congratulations must be handed out to the actors who managed to keep all of *Casanova's* nom de plume straight - except Casanova himself, who in the end betrays himself in admitting to something he shouldn't know. This wily playboy should have kept bedding the virgins of Venice, instead of chasing after a recycled fairy tale.

**Speaker for the Dead:
some pretty rockin'
Sci-fi, if that's what
flies your spaceship**



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by **Whitney Medved**
Staff Writer

Alien life forms called "piggies," star travel, and social justice contemplation all in one book... what? Orson Scott Card, (*Ender's Game*) brings back Andrew Wiggins (the infamous Ender) in his sequel as the enigmatic "Speaker for the Dead," basically a star hopping eulogizer who tells it like it is. The novel is kick started when Ender is called to the planet Lusitania to speak of the death of the mysteriously murdered Pipo. Driven by past guilt and the desire to undo what was once done, Ender ventures there, and ends up getting more than he bargained for, along with the rest of the planet.

**Stay out of the *Hostel* lest you
be overwhelmed by unoriginality**

Gruesome thriller is less than thrilling...don't waste your money

by **Tony Vala-Haynes**
Opinion Editor

Eli Roth, the director who brought us *Cabin Fever*, returns with twice as much gore and twice as much sex in his latest picture, *Hostel*. Roth's most recent gore-fest is backed by Quentin Tarantino, a director notorious for attaching his name to films so they can receive a wide release. Why Tarantino fought for the release of *Hostel* is nearly as numbing a question as why Roth is allowed to participate in the world of cinema.

The only thing Roth has going for him is a creepy, nearly brilliant premise: business tycoons from around the world travel to a remote village in Eastern Europe to experience the ultimate rush: killing a human being. One must pay according to the nationality and sex of each victim. Not surprisingly Americans are the most expensive prey at fifty-grand each.

Each eventual victim is handcuffed to a steel chair in the middle of a dark room with concrete walls and a single

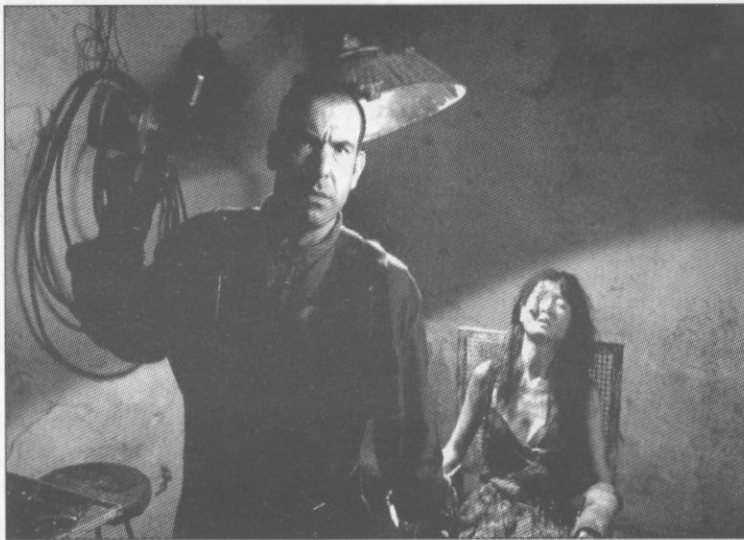


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overhead light. Of course the walls drip with blood and excrement, and at one end of the room rests a table with every prop one could ever imagine to kill someone with. Chainsaw. Drill. Scissors of all shapes and sizes. Scalpels. Firearms. Hammers. And a personal favorite of mine, the blowtorch.

So Roth has a premise. Under the right direction, this premise could simultaneously frighten while it digs at the heart of human nature. The idea that men

who are locked in a cubicle most of their lives find release in the taking of a human life is fascinating and could be explored with terrifying elegance. But Roth is not interested in exploring the darker side of the human psyche. He makes an abbreviated attempt for just two minutes when the hero, Jay Hernandez, is making his escape from the torture chamber.

Hernandez has disguised himself as a client of the underground killing club and

encounters a man about to go kill a Chinese woman. The man's violent, insane eccentricities are chilling, but he receives so little screen time that Roth never allows him to do more than surprise the audience with his cold-blooded heart.

Roth's film is far too preoccupied with surprise and shock and consequently, it suffers from the director's flare for gross-out scenes. Gross does not necessarily equate to terror. Someone inform Roth before he takes his third crack at the horror genre.

Ultimately, we are left with nothing of substance. The first third of the movie moves from one ridiculous sex romp to the next. The final two-thirds of the film moves from one ridiculous torture scene to the next. Nothing original in all the blood. We've all seen severed limbs, chests splayed open, sawed off heads, and screaming victims.

Someone should give Roth a swirly like the final victim in his terrible movie. Who honestly ends a horror film by drowning an old white guy in a toilet? Roth, unfortunately.

Glasshour: angsty rock done right

*MySpace band rocks an
unprepared Dryden Hall*

by **Jen Utley**
Contributing Writer

The three-piece Bay area rock ensemble called Glasshour approached Saint Mary's Dryden Hall on Saturday, January 21 with their usual deliberate energy. The members of the band, Adam Lasher (vocals and guitar), Dale Cucchiaro (bass), and Michael Behymer (drums) have been playing as a trio for only a year now, yet have already managed to perform on television twice, earn radio play from at least two stations, and produce one record, entitled *In the Light*.

Their unique sound is derived from modern alternative rock bands such as the Foo Fighters, Incubus, A Perfect Circle, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, lending a similar, but decidedly unparalleled tune.

Other influences include, according to the band, Behymer's cat, Patches (a former stray who modeled the notion of "sticking it out through hard times"), Kelly Clarkson (whom Behymer has seen live twice), Lasher's Mom, and her apparent brother, Carlos Santana - a family member of which I am sure was no more than a figment (as well as wish) of Lasher's extensive imagination.

Originally scheduled to begin at 9 pm, the show was delayed when the sound system was reported missing - mysteriously,

some unknown group of athletes were in dire need to swipe the unit, leaving the band with only the set supplied by Dryden Hall.

The initial sound of the performance was shaky, having to resort to the third-rate sound system, Lasher's voice could barely be distinguished over the melodies. Instrumentally, the band rocked; it was only until the real speakers were installed (about an hour into their show) that the crowd could hear Lasher's vocals. At this point, the show began - the lyrics became clear, the band melted into a synchronized set, lasting an additional five songs.

It was clear to the (unfortunately meager) audience, the band showed incredible potential; future shows, perhaps more equipped, include an upcoming performance in Concord, on February 26 at 5:30, which they will be headlining (see their website www.glasshourmusic.com for more details).

Saturday night's show was quite impressive, though the impact would have been more greatly appreciated had word been spread throughout the campus in a more appropriate fashion. Though several of the band's teenaged groupies attended, the Saint Mary's

showing was less than befitting for such talent.

to the evening) added to the poor attendance. Either way, the band certainly deserved far more.

Overall, Glasshour is a worthy band if you're in the mood for angst ridden men (that happen to be rather fun to look at) meets contemporary rock. Though Dryden may not have been the ideal arena

for such a function, the band would be enjoyable in any setting - as long as the sound system is cooperating.

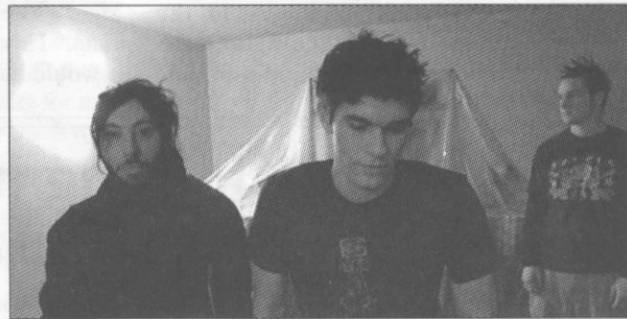


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Perhaps the poor location, unsuitable acoustics and awkward staging or lack of advertisement (I only saw one poster dedicated

**John Hughes
Movie**

Ferris Bueller's Day Off



Photo courtesy of zapboom.com

"Bueller...Bueller...Has anyone seen Bueller?" Well, have you? Cause if you haven't you are missing out on a classic film from the 80s. John Hughes wrote and directed the film which stars Mathew Broderick as the infamous Ferris, Alan Ruck the dopey Cameron, and Mia Sara the delicious Sloane. It's part action (a certain car ride by inept parking attendants), part comedy (just about every scene in the movie) and part drama...uh, just kidding. This light hearted romp is a perfect for those days you decide to take off.

-Melanie Linney

Movies to watch for so you can watch them

2006 films shape up

by Danny Acosta
Staff Writer

2005 proved to be a bewildering year for Hollywood. The highest grossing movie of the summer was an art-house documentary about Penguins. The latest mega-movie, King Kong, did not save the box office. The Oscar favorite appears to be a love story about two gay cowboys. Assuming that Hollywood realizes the potential of all movies, not just formulaic films or the ever-annoying remakes, 2006 may be a great year for Hollywood and audiences alike. Let us take a look at what 2006 holds (release dates subject to change).

January
Writer/director Guy Ritchie's latest project is *Revolver* starring action star Jason Statham

(*Transporter*) and Ray Liotta. The film follows Jack Green (Statham), a gambler with all the luck in the world, until he gambles with a mafia boss.

March
Internationally acclaimed director Werner Herzog will make a mark on Hollywood with his war-epic *Rescue Dawn*. The movie casts Christian Bale, known to many as the Dark Knight, as a fighter pilot striving to survive in Vietnam after his plane is shot down.

Brick promises to be a compelling film released by Focus Features about a love-torn teenager (Joseph-Gordon Levitt) unearthing the whereabouts of his ex-girlfriend in a film-noir mystery.

April
Hard Candy tackles simple subjects like the Internet,

pedophilia, and murder. Thirty-two-year-old Photographer Jeff Kohlver meets a precocious fourteen-year-old, Hayley, in an Internet chat room.

May
While everyone is looking forward to the return of the Superman series (*Superman Returns* on 6/30/06), a classic trilogy will come to a close. *X-Men 3* brings back old favorites and new mutants. It follows the evil "brotherhood" of mutants while they battle the X-Men over the human solution to the mutant problem - a cure.

August
What would 2006 be without controversy? Oliver Stone's *World Trade Center*, starring Nicholas Cage, will be the most controversial film of 2006.

The remake reaches new levels with *The Departed*. Martin Scorsese will adapt the Japanese crime-drama *Infernal Affairs*. The film has already received negative attention for remaking a

December
Over a decade after his directorial debut, Robert De Niro will step behind the lens again. *The Good Shepherd* will showcase DeNiro's talents on both sides of the camera. The film explores the early stages of the Central Intelligence Agency and how it intersects with one man's troubled life.

Pending
Babel is acclaimed Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu's (*Amores Perros*, *21 Grams*) latest drama. The movie is a foreign film in many ways as there is dialogue in English, Spanish, Arabic, Japanese, and Berber. Gael García Bernal and Cate Blanchett star in this multiple story tragedy.

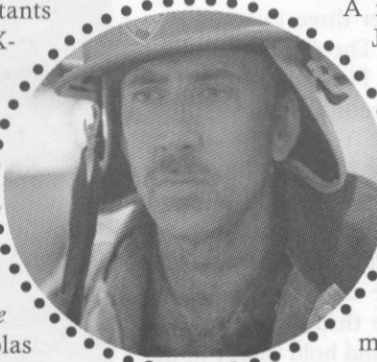
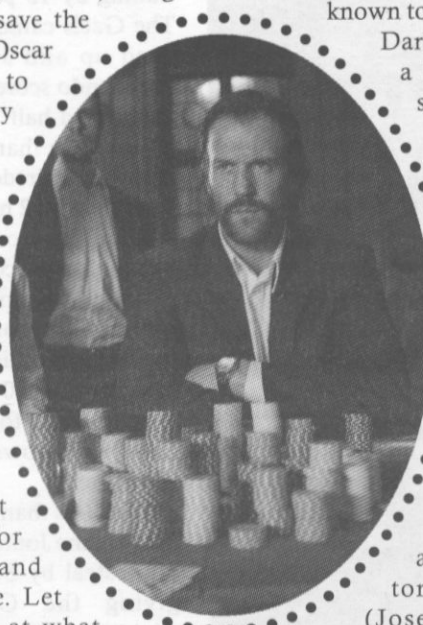
Not too long ago, writer/director Kevin Smith retired his fat-man overcoat. After a promise to friend Jason Mewes (he agreed to revive characters Jay and Silent Bob if Mewes can stop abusing narcotics), Smith returns as the mute sidekick. The result of this loving friendship, *Clerks II: Passion of the Clerks*, promises to be a hilarious extension to the cult classic.

What would the year be without a bio-picture? The revolutionary figure Che Guevara will be played by Benicio Del Toro. *Che* will depart from the figure seen in the *Motorcycle Diaries* and interpret his last days as a guerilla rather than his storied youth.

Contrary to popular belief, Raiders fans are not the scariest phenomenon to come out of the Bay Area. That title goes to the infamous Zodiac Killer. *Zodiac* will be the third film to tackle the cryptic story of the enigmatic cult figure. David Fincher (*Fight Club*) is attached to direct.

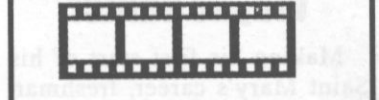
This year is shaping up to have many quality movies. The question remains whether these films will live up to Hollywood's expectations. 2005 set a precedent that 2006 needs to live up to; the wide-spread distribution of lesser-known films is important in buttressing the box-office and returning to seeing film as an art-form. 2006 can be the next 1976. Although that may be too ambitious, this is a critical year for the current state of film and where it will go in the upcoming years. Happy with what 2006 holds? We will just have to wait and see.

All photos courtesy of cinempire.com



OUT THIS WEEK

FILMS



- 1.27.06
- Annapolis**
Starring: James Franco, Tyrese Gibson
PG-13
- Big Momma's House 2**
Starring: Martin Lawrence, Nia Long
PG-13
- 2.03.06
- Nanny McPhee**
Starring: Emma Thompson, Colin Firth
PG
- Something New**
Starring: Sanaa Lathan, Simon Baker
PG-13
- Bandidas**
Starring: Selma Hayek, Penelope Cruz
PG-13
- A Good Woman**
Starring: Helen Hunt, Scarlett Johansson
R
- When a Stranger Calls**
Starring: Camilla Belle, Katie Cassidy
PG-13

ALBUMS



- Testify**
P.O.D.
- Lights and Sounds**
Yellowcard

CONCERTS



- 1.29
Pennywise
Warfield, SF
- 1.31
Coldplay
Oakland Arena
- 2.1
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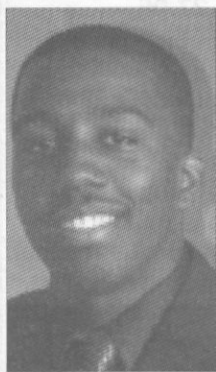


The Collegian
SPORTS

Players of the Week

Wayne Hunter

Making his first start of his Saint Mary's career, freshman



guard Wayne Hunter made a huge splash. Against Pepperdine, the freshman became "the outside game" to Kickert's "inside

game" finishing the night with 16 points. In the second half he hit two crucial three pointers to seal the game for the Gaels and stop the Wave's momentum.

Jontelle Smith

Smith has been a huge boost to the team this season. Only a freshman, she



leads the team in points (12.2) and is second on the team in assists and minutes played this season. She has come in and really as-

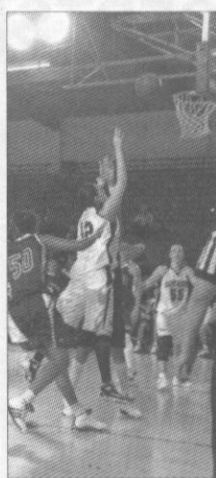
serted herself on this young team. In their most recent action against the Pepperdine Waves she once again led the team in points with 13.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

Team of the Week

Women's Basketball

Despite suffering two early conference losses to Gonzaga and



Loyola Marymount the Gaels have shown a great deal of resilience, winning three conference games, including an amazing comeback against the Pepperdine Wave last weekend.

They have begun to find some legitimate scorers, most notably Jontelle Smith and Monica Mertle who is starting to hit her stride after a relatively slow start to the season. Look for them to continue battling for the WCC this season.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

Gaels split home stand against SoCal rivals
Waves flooded out by strong second half Gael surge

by Megan Manley
Staff Writer

In their first conference home stand of the season, Saint Mary's played two close contests and split the weekend.

On Thursday January 19th the Saint Mary's women's basketball team took on the Loyola Marymount Lions at McKeon Pavilion. The Gaels played a hard fought game and although the game was plagued with questionable reversed calls, in the end fell 68-62 to the top team in the WCC.

The game started out slow with neither team scoring until a little over three minutes into the game. The Gaels trailed by as many as 11 points in the game.

In the second half, SMC cut the lead to 62-59 when sophomore Monica Mertle hit a three-pointer. Mertle hit another three with just 31 seconds left to cut the lead to 64-62 but the Lions made a few clutch free throws to overtake the Gaels and hold steady in the number one spot in the WCC.

Mertle finished the game with 11 points and 6 rebounds to lead the Gaels followed by freshman Jontelle Smith who had 10 points and 2 assists. Junior Sheridan Arredondo had a solid game scoring 9 points and collecting 3 rebounds while Eghosa Obaiza gave the Saint Mary's a hard fought effort with 8 points off the bench.



Collin Krauthamer/COLLEGIAN

Guard Jontelle Smith leads the Gaels in scoring and led the team with 13 points in their come from behind victory over Pepperdine.

Amanda Patton led the Lions in scoring with 15 points off her 5 three-pointers. With the loss the Gaels fell to 2-2 in conference play and 7-10 overall while the Lions continued their eight game winning streak standing 5-0 in conference play and 11-7 overall.

After being on the losing side of a close game, the Gaels took on the Pepperdine Waves at McKeon Pavilion. Down by 17 and looking at another loss Saint Mary's rallied back from a half time deficit to overtake the Pepperdine Waves 58-54.

Entering the game the Waves were 3-2 in conference play and 6-12 overall while the Gaels sat at 2-2 in WCC action while holding a 7-10 record overall.

The first half was one of turnovers and left the Gaels trailing by 12 points at the half. The Gaels came out of half time fired up and Junior Sheridan Arredondo scored the 5 points in the second half.

With less than 15 minutes left in the half Arredondo cut the lead to 34-36 with 2 made free-throws.

Just a few seconds later, Smith tied the game scoring a lay-up off a steal. The game was back and forth in the second half, however the Waves tallied up ten team fouls with 9:40 left in the half leaving SMC to take advantage with free-throws for the rest of the game.

With less than two minutes left in the game Jontelle Smith scored off a steal by Serena Benavente giving the Gaels a 54-52 advantage. "It was a good team win," said Junior Eghosa Obaiza.

Smith led the Gaels with 13 points while Sheridan Arredondo gave the Gaels 12 points and 8 rebounds.

Arredondo said about the win, "We knew we could come back strong and we knew that they were a team to beat. We were looking forward to being second in the conference so that was in the back of our minds the whole time, just to fight for second place." With the win the Gaels improve to 8-10 on the season.

Preview: Saint Mary's Women's Tennis set for 2006

by Frankie Mangini
Contributing Writer

The Saint Mary's women's tennis team had their first match of the season last Saturday against the 17th ranked California Golden Bears.

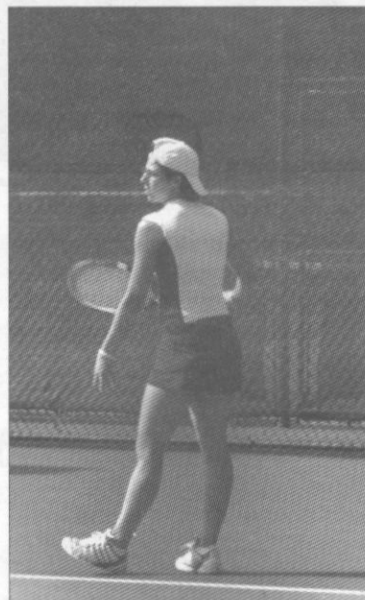
They played at the Hellman Tennis Stadium and put up a good fight. Despite the Gaels being unable to pull out any match victories on the board, they played tough.

Last year's first team West Coast Conference doubles pair, Jessica Hoath '08 and Aude Lambert '09, started off slow going down 5-1 early. They battled back to bring it to 6-5, but eventually fell 8-5. The #3 doubles pair, Caitlin Aloia and Feline Charlot, were real competition until the Bears pulled out the final two games to bring a final score of 8-6.

Unfortunately Saint Mary's would not come any closer to scoring a victory against the Bears falling 7-0.

However, there were many bright spots for the Gaels, including Erin Young, '09, playing in her first collegiate match at the #2 spot.

Although she lost the first set quickly 6-0, she came back and lost a tough 6-4 set in the second.



Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

Aude Lambert the current #1 singles player for the Gaels will look to move her squad to the top of the WCC this season.

Other notable matches came between #3 Jessica Hoath and California's Bojana Bobusic. The first set was a close 7-5 while the second set was left a 6-2, a score unreflective of the match.

Stefanie Ordoveza, '08, was the last to leave the court, losing in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4. She was down in the second set 4-0 after a controversial call by the umpire but eventually pulled out the next 3 games, thereafter.



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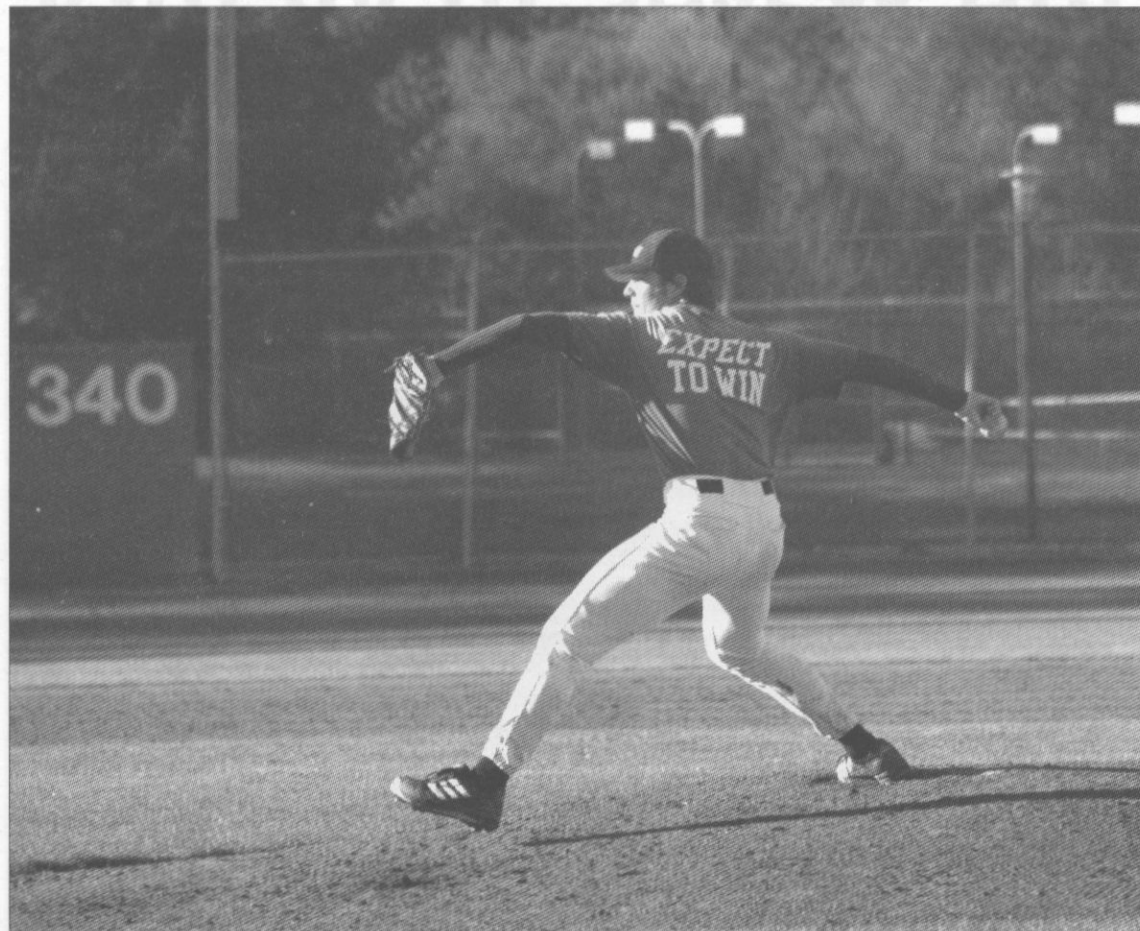


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The Collegian SPORTS

Preview: Baseball set for a splash in WCC

15 seniors lead one the most experienced squads in Gael history



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

Saint Mary's pitching will be a critical element of this year's success. Other than last year's ace Kevin Trochez, the Gaels return one their most experienced pitching staffs in years.

by **Joaquin Jaime**
Contributing Writer

Head coach Jedd Soto is looking forward to the 2006 season, as he will have 15 returning seniors. Seniors Delaney Gallagher and Sam Carter are coming off First Team All-Conference selections, and senior Adam Hicks was named Honorable Mention last season. Joel Fountain (A's), Adam Hicks (Reds), Dan Lewis (Phillies), Cody Nelson (Angels), and Corey Madden (Cubs) have all been professionally drafted. All five are returning to play their senior season with the Gaels.

"These players have seen extensive playing time at the

collegiate level," said Soto. "I expect this group to show a lot of maturity and lead us on and off the field."

Saint Mary's will also have a veteran rotation on the mound this season. Soto thinks that seniors Joel Fountain, Ian Farmer, Dan Lewis, Corey Madden and junior Mike Nisco are the "five pitchers that have emerged as potential starters."

All four seniors played their first season for the Gaels last year. Fountain was second on the team with 47 strikeouts while posting a 5.46 ERA in 97.1 innings. Lewis finished 2005 with a 4-0 record and a 2.78 ERA in 32.1 innings. His 34 strikeouts last season were good enough for third best on the team.

"Joel Fountain and Ian Farmer will be the number one and two starters this year," said Soto. "The third spot is up for grabs between Dan Lewis, Corey Madden and Mike Nisco, [but] all of these pitchers will be used extensively this year."

Numerous players have the ability to come out of the bullpen in relief. Nisco will be seeing time as both a starting pitcher and someone to come out of the pen. Chris Duke, a San Diego City College transfer, will be effective as a closer this season for Saint Mary's. In two years at San Diego, Duke finished with an overall ERA of 2.60. In addition, he garnered accolades of Pacific Coast Conference Reliever of the Year, and was

named to the All-Conference team. Other pitchers that are going to make an impact in 2006 will be Chris Mezzavilla, Ryan Fischesser, Justin Sloan, Allan Lobban and freshman Ryan Young.

Offensively, the Gaels are returning a solid lineup from last season. Carter is coming off 2005 where he hit .350, led the team with seven home runs, and knocked in 50 RBIs. Gallagher hit .332 last season with three home runs and 32 RBIs, and set a school record hitting 18 doubles last year. Orben Frederick hit .381 in conference play and tallied one home run with 19 RBIs. Hicks hit .297 in WCC play while Nelson hit .271 with four home runs and 13 RBIs. Preston Young collected six home runs with 23 RBIs.

Although the 2006 schedule looks tough on paper, 31 of those games will be played at home where the Gaels went 11-7 in 2005. On tap for Saint Mary's this season are PAC-10 champions Oregon State, who also earned a trip to the College World Series last year. Cal will be a tough opponent for Saint Mary's as they are ranked 25th in Baseball America's Preseason Top 25 Poll. In addition to tough non-conference games that also include Utah, Georgetown and Nevada, Saint Mary's will also play demanding games in the West Coast Conference.

"Pepperdine has two solid pitchers returning that are tough and San Francisco is returning a young team," said Soto. "Fortunately we will be playing both teams at home."

Opening Day is set for February 7 against Sacramento State. The first pitch will be thrown at 2:00 from Louis Guisto Field.

Schedule

Thursday Jan. 26
Women's Basketball @ San Diego (6-12, 1-4)
7:05 p.m.

Saturday Jan. 28
Men's Basketball vs. San Diego (11-6, 1-3)
7:05 p.m.

Sunday Jan. 29
Women's Basketball @ San Francisco (6-12, 2-3)
7 p.m.

Monday Jan. 30
Men's Basketball vs. San Francisco (7-10, 3-1)
8:05 p.m.

Thursday Feb. 2
Women's Tennis @ Cal State Northridge
2 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Portland (4-15, 1-5)
7:05 p.m.

Friday Feb. 3
Women's Tennis @ UC Riverside
2 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 4
Women's Tennis @ UC Irvine
2 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Gonzaga (9-12, 4-2)
2:05 p.m.

Men's Basketball @ Portland (8-11, 2-3)
7:05 p.m.

Monday Feb. 6
Men's Basketball @ #6 Gonzaga (15-3, 5-0)
9 p.m.

Tuesday Feb. 7
Baseball vs. Sacramento State
2 p.m.

Thursday Feb. 9
Women's Basketball @ Santa Clara
7:05 p.m.

Friday Feb. 10
Men's Tennis vs. Sonoma State
2 p.m.

Baseball vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse vs. Robert Morris
3:30 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 11
Baseball vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee
10 a.m.

Women's Tennis @ Pacific
11 a.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Santa Clara (8-8, 1-3)
7 p.m.

Sunday Feb. 12
Baseball vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Noon

Monday Feb. 13
Men's Basketball vs. Santa Clara (8-5, 1-3)
7:05 p.m.

Standings and Box Scores

Men's Basketball Results

Saint Mary's (8-8, 1-3)	83	Pepperdine (5-12, 1-4)	61
Players	FG FT REB	Players	FG FT REB
Kickert*	8-15 6-6 1-5 2 26	Forehan-Kelly*	1-6 0-0 1-4 2 2
Collins*	3-7 3-4 0-3 0 10	Galick*	3-10 4-5 3-5 2 10
Rhalimi*	1-2 0-0 0-1 1 2	Henry*	1-4 0-0 3-3 0 2
Hunter*	6-10 0-0 1-3 1 16	Gerrity*	4-14 1-2 0-2 3 10
Golden*	0-1 2-2 0-7 3 2	Griffin*	2-10 2-4 1-3 0 8
Bond	0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0	Barlow	0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0
White	1-1 0-0 0-0 0 2	Lea	0-5 3-6 3-4 4 3
DaSilva	0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0	Jarbo	0-0 1-2 0-0 0 1
O'Leary	1-4 0-0 0-2 1 3	Grubb	3-4 0-0 0-3 0 8
McCaughy	0-0 0-0 0-1 0 0	Hicks	6-8 0-0 1-1 1 12
Simpson	3-3 5-12 2-8 1 11	Oakes	1-2 0-0 0-3 0 5
Wunston	4-4 2-2 0-1 4 11	Totals	333 609 17-35 12 61
Sholberg	0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0		
Totals	574 692 5-33 14 83		

Team	WCC	Overall
GON (6)	5-0	15-3
LMU	4-1	7-12
USF	3-1	7-10
POR	2-3	8-11
USD	1-3	11-6
SMC	1-3	8-8
SCU	1-3	8-8
PEP	1-4	5-12

Women's Tennis Results

Cal (17)	7
Saint Mary's	0

Women's Basketball Results

THURSDAY'S GAME		Saint Mary's (8-10, 3-2)	58
Loyola Marymount (11-7, 5-0)	68	Pepperdine (6-13, 3-3)	54
Saint Mary's (7-10, 2-2)	62		
Players	FG FT REB	Players	FG FT REB
Smith*	4-9 0-0 0-3 2 10	Smith*	5-11 2-2 1-3 1 13
Benavente*	0-3 2-2 0-2 6 2	Benavente*	2-3 2-2 0-1 4 7
Van Burger*	2-7 0-0 2-4 1 5	Van Burger*	3-3 1-2 2-3 0 9
Arredondo*	4-8 1-2 1-3 0 9	Arredondo*	4-7 4-6 2-8 0 12
Mertle*	4-8 0-0 1-6 1 11	Mertle*	2-7 3-4 0-4 1 7
Lahde	2-5 0-0 1-3 2 5	Lahde	3-6 2-5 2-4 0 8
Obaiza	2-3 4-6 0-0 0 8	Obaiza	0-3 0-2 0-3 0 0
Ramirez	1-5 4-7 3-6 0 6	Ramirez	1-2 0-0 0-0 0 2
Cowles	2-4 0-0 0-0 1 6	Urmonaite	0-0 0-0 2-2 0 0
Totals	404 647 8-31 13 62	Totals	455 609 9-30 7 58

Next Women's Basketball Home Game:
February 2, 7:05 p.m.



Team	WCC	Overall
LMU	5-1	11-8
GON	4-2	9-12
SCU	3-2	9-9
SMC	3-2	8-10
PEP	3-3	6-13
USF	2-3	6-12
USD	1-4	6-12
POR	1-5	4-15



WHITNEY MEDVED

If you put them on a pedestal, be prepared to worship them.

On the cover of the most recent issue of "Outside" magazine Bode Miller stands decked out in trendy Nike winter-wear, hands casually shoved into his pockets, brow furrowed and eyes slightly squinted, overall creating a look that says "Yeah, I'm pretty much hot... what are you gonna do about it?"

And you know what? Nothing. Between his cut physique; his ability to fly down a steep, ice covered pitch faster than some of us can drive cars, all while wearing only a second skin of lycra and helmet protecting him from certain death; and cruising his way to the '06 Winter Olympics for downhill skiing as a serious medal contender in both the slalom and GS events; someone is going to have to get up pretty early to deny Mr. Miller's hotness.

Likewise for the free-style skier Kristi Leskinen. This little ski-bunny from Mammoth Lakes is a blonde bombshell that can show-up full grown men on the half-pipe any day of the week.

The quest to be an attractive skier does not end with the big boys though; it filters down to civilians from all walks of skiing.

Magazines like "Powder," "Skiing," and "Outside" allow readers to get the inside scoop on everything from what's-her-face's first ski descent of some remote peak in Tibet, to what sort of butt and core exercises they do.

They have such a profound influence on people that when they wear an accessory one day, viola, a new trend is born. A pro gets sponsored by a certain ski, and overnight everyone has the same setup.

This is because people worship these athletes. Their abilities are truly admirable, and maybe we all feel like if we only dress like them, eat what they eat, or do abs how they do abs, we can be them.

What the appeal really comes down to is raw ability. A certain degree of respect is due to the athlete, and the bigger these guys and gals go, the more they get.

So, while the public continually elevates the pedestal these athletes reign on by throwing sponsorships, publicity, and free stuff at them, can one honestly blame them for getting a little bit big in the head? Yeah, keep smirking Bode...

Gaels ride Waves to victory

Men's basketball collects first conference win of the season

by Zach Farmer
Assistant Sports Editor

The Gaels went into Pepperdine in a must-win situation. Still searching for their first conference win, they got it in convincing fashion, 83-61.

The win snapped a three game losing streak for the Gaels in which they lost by a combined total of 11 points.

Head coach Randy Bennett made a switch in the starting lineup, replacing struggling John Winston '07, for freshman Wayne Hunter. The move paid off great dividends as Hunter scored a career high 16 points against the Waves on Saturday.

Hunter, who made the first start of his career, started off hot by scoring the Gaels' first three points of the game and continued the hot shooting going 6-10 from the field and 4-7 from three point range.

The move helped Winston as well. Winston came off the bench to score 11 points on 4-4 from the field and added four assists.

This is the second such move coach Bennett has made in the past few weeks. Two weeks ago, senior Reda Rhalimi was benched and came out on fire, scoring 18. Bennett's player movement seems to be motivating his players.

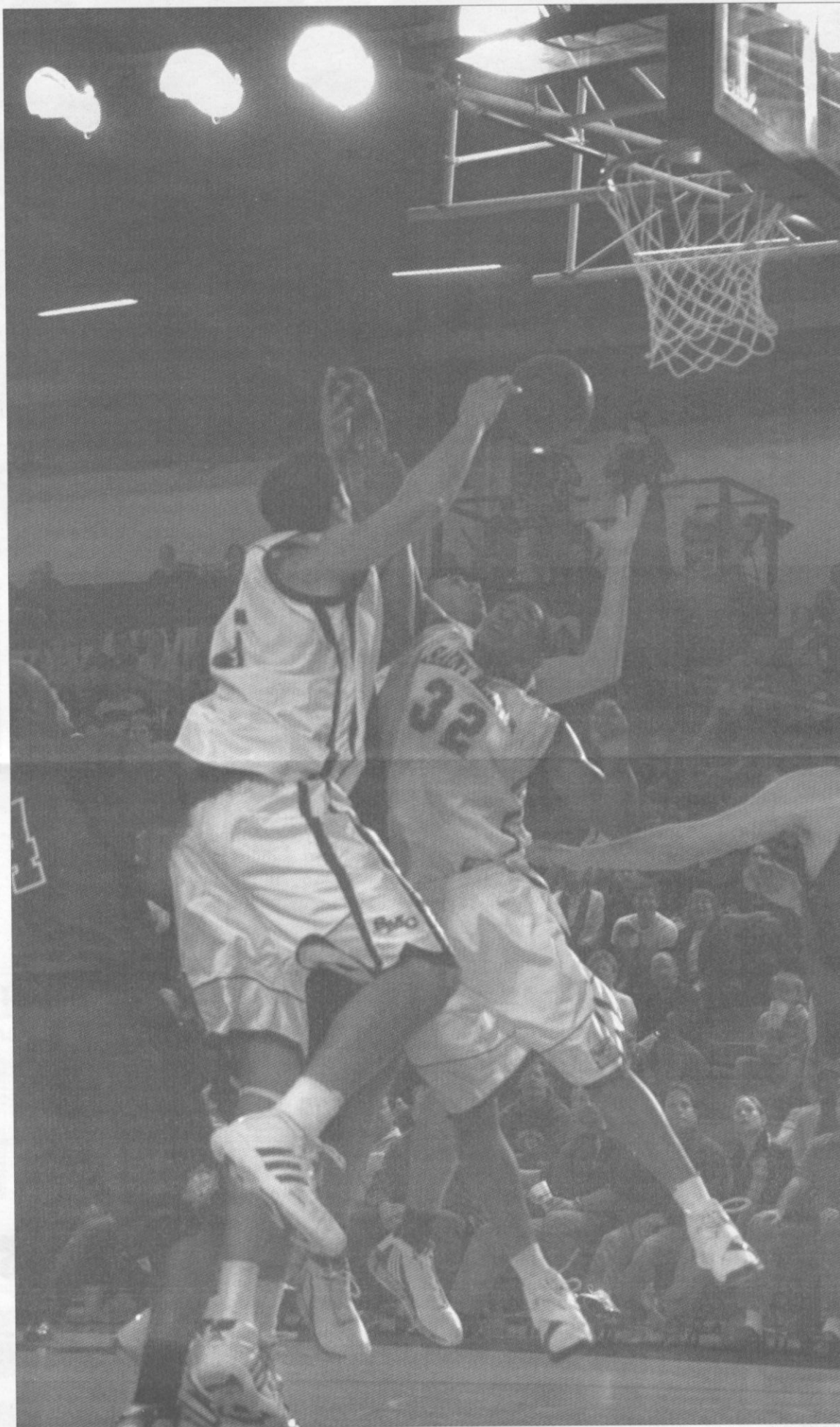
After a sub-par game against the Dons in which he scored only eight points, senior Daniel Kickert got back on track leading all scorers with a 26-point performance on 8-15 shooting, including 6-6 from the free throw line.

Pepperdine (5-12, 1-4 WCC) led for only 1:16 in the game, which came at the start of the game. The Waves would pull within nine points five minutes into the second half but the Gaels pulled off a 9-1 run to push the lead to double digits for the rest of the game. Russell Hicks led the Waves with 12 points on 6-8 shooting. The loss extended Pepperdine's losing streak to three.

Freshman Diamon Simpson had another active game by scoring 11 points and recording a game-high eight rebounds in 25 minutes off the bench.

After injuring his ankle against San Francisco, Ian O'Leary played 18 minutes against the Waves and went 1-4 from the field with three points.

The Gaels got a huge pick up in their shooting as Saint Mary's shot a blistering 57 percent from the field and 50 percent from three. The Gaels limited Pepperdine to 33 percent from the field and 31 percent from three. The Gaels had shot less than 40 percent from the field in the previous four games.



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

UNLV Transfer John Winston (32), despite being removed from the starting lineup, put together one of his best performances against the Waves. Winston ended the night with 11 points and four assists.

	83
	61

The Gaels (8-8, 1-3 WCC) took a step in the right direction with the win, tying them for fifth place with San Diego and Santa Clara. The next few weeks will be key for the Gaels as they will play six

more conference games, including home games against San Diego (11-6, 1-3 WCC), San Francisco (7-10, 3-1 WCC), and Santa Clara (8-8, 1-3).

San Diego is coming off a weekend in which they nearly defeated sixth-ranked Gonzaga (15-3, 5-0) but lost by one, 64-63.

San Francisco defeated the Gaels last week in San Francisco.

The recent play of freshmen Simpson, Hunter, and O'Leary has hopes high and with tough

games coming up, it is crucial that they play well.

For updated results of yesterday's game against Loyola Marymount (7-12, 4-1 WCC), visit www.smccollegian.com.

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