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Basketball chant debate comes to Saint Mary's

Students asked to refrain from profanities

by Julie McAvoy
Assistant News Editor

"Treat others how you want to be treated." This fundamental principle was allegedly overlooked recently at the Saint Mary's men's basketball game against Santa Clara on Saturday, February 11. Saint Mary's students were heard chanting "Shut up!" and "You suck!" at Santa Clara cheerleaders, as well as "Jesus is with us!"

Only one week earlier, the Saint Mary's community was offended by Gonzaga fans insinuating that two Saint Mary's basketball players were gay by chanting "Brokeback Mountain" at a home basketball game.

Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) President John Zabala '06 said, "If Gonzaga insulted us by cheering 'Brokeback Mountain,' why would we want to

put down another school by telling their cheerleaders to 'shut up' and 'you suck?'"

However, other students feel that Gonzaga's chants were more inappropriate and offensive than Saint Mary's cheers. "That is a personal insult and it hurt part of their own community," said Nicci Lyon '08. "They were using that chant to suggest that being gay is a bad thing." Paul Diaz '07 added, "'Brokeback Mountain'

is not even a good chant. A drunken Freshman could think of a better insult than that."

According to Michael Zoll, vice provost for Student Life, even though Saint Mary's chants were not personal insults, they are still inappropriate.

"Chants like 'Jesus is with us' and 'You suck!' do not demonstrate be-

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Collin Krauthamer/COLLEGIAN

Gael Force members were not allowed to use swear words in their chants while at Santa Clara University last Monday night with punishment of being kicked out.

Vagina Monologues come to campus once more, addressing issues of feminism

Students will perform the famous play this Friday

by Bettina Adragna
Webmaster

The *Vagina Monologues*, a play by Eve Ensler that deals with issues that relate to women, gender, and sexuality, will be taking place this year at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24 in LeFevre Theatre.

The play is based on a collection of interviews with women around the world. It addresses topics such as physical maturation, menstruation, childbirth, sexual assault, war, and "a variety of other issues," said Sharon Sobotta, director of the Women's Resource Center and of the show.

"The title of the play is sometimes viewed as taboo," said Sobotta, "but part of the goal of making a play of this nature was to make it comfortable for girls and women to talk about their bodies, because if they're comfortable talking about their bodies, they're less likely to be silent if they are victims of sexual abuse."

There has been resistance to the performances of the play on Catholic campuses, according to the *Vagina Monologues* website, <http://www.vday.org>. In particular, the Cardinal Newman Society has initiated e-mail and letter-writing campaigns to oppose the performance of the *Vagina Monologues* on Catholic campuses.

Sobotta said that this was "a national trend," and added, "We've been lucky to have an administration that allows us to have this play on campus." She said that the Women's Resource Center hasn't "received any negative feedback...I continue to have an open conversation with anybody with concerns or questions about V-Day or *Vagina Monologues*."

An important aspect of the play is the money raised by the tickets. Each university donates the funds to an organization that helps in the movement to fight violence against women and children. This year, Saint Mary's



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

Lynda de Anda '06 rehearses "I Was There in the Room"

is donating its proceeds to the Asia Foundation's Women's Advancement Fund, which was created "to promote self-sufficiency to women throughout Asia...such as victims of trafficking [and] domestic violence." The production raised about \$2,000 last year, and "we would love to double that if we can," said Sobotta.

Students such as Rebecca Wright '09, who have heard of but not seen the production, have a generally positive impression of the *Monologues*.

"It's supposed to be really good...really moving and powerful stuff." Wright plans to see it, if she can.

Regarding possible opposition to the production, she said, "I think it's a welcomed thing. We are a college campus, after all, and there are certain things that need to be addressed. We can't be sheltered

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Professors presented with awards for academic achievements in 2005

Celebration in Saint Albert Hall Library acknowledges professors for continual pursuit of knowledge

by Bettina Adragna
Webmaster

Deans in tuxedos were serving hors d'oeuvres as faculty and staff sipped on champagne and nibbled on chocolate-covered strawberries at the fourth annual Scholars' Reception. Over sixty people showed up for the event, said Tom Carter, director of the library and organizer of the event.

The reception was "an annual celebration of the scholarship of the faculty at SMC," said Carter. It was sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the library. For the celebration, faculty and staff submit any scholarly activities they have done in the past calendar year, said Carter.

"We post their accomplishments here by school, and alphabetically by the name of the faculty member" on posters, said

Carter. The calligraphy on the posters was penned by Sally Jamison, administrative assistant for the Office of the Provost, and her daughter. Ed Tywniak, professor of communications, completed a slideshow presentation featuring the names of the faculty and staff, their scholarly accomplishments, and a picture.

Seventy-two faculty and staff members were honored, including English professor Barry Horowitz for his work with the Collegiate players, performing arts professor Lino Rivera for his various musical performances, and history professor Costanza Dophel for her work with the Sacramento Symposium.

Tywniak said, "To have a faculty party that celebrates scholarly achievement is really very cool. We at Saint Mary's are

very, very fortunate to have this community of scholarly engagement."

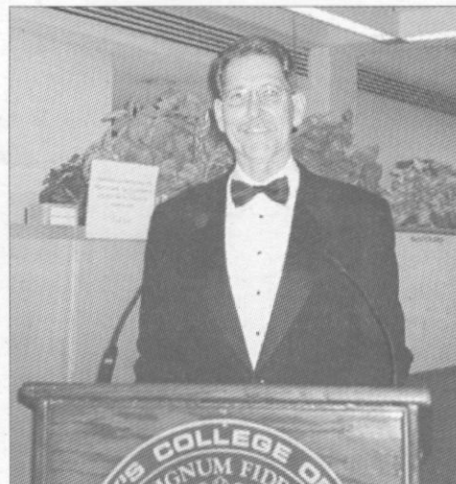
Others involved with the event included Gloria Janas, who sent out weekly e-mail reminders to participants, and Georgia Miller, who is Carter's administrative assistant.

"It's so social, and it's to honor the scholarly achievements," said Janas, who said that the event "allows everyone to find out what everyone else is doing."

This sentiment was echoed by Shannon Clute, a professor of Modern Languages who attended the event.

"The most important thing isn't so much feeling appreciated as a faculty member, but seeing what everyone else is up to," he said.

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Courtesy of Georgia Miller

Tom Carter, library director, organized and hosted the Scholars' Reception on Friday.

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SNAPSHOT



Annie Douglas/COLLEGIAN

'Six' seniors innovatively presented their senior projects on stage last week.



JONATHAN MORALES

I'm working for nothing

Working for free is such an absurd concept. But that's exactly what I'm going to start doing today when I begin my internship in Walnut Creek in a Congressional Office.

All the things I do in the Admissions Office and get paid for - filing, entering data, collating, answering mail, and answering phones - I'll be doing for absolutely nothing in Walnut Creek.

It's a strange thing, but so many of us do it. We sacrifice our valuable time (and by extension, the money we could be making during that time if we used it to work somewhere else) in exchange for the chance that some employer might look at our resume and decide that we're experienced enough for the job for which they're hiring.

I guess I'm mildly considering a career in politics. I don't want to be a politician or a lawyer (I'll keep my soul, thank you), but it's what I'm majoring in. What I'm looking at right now is journalism. So where do I find that experience?

Internships of course! The Career Center made it perfectly clear at senior orientation last fall that internships are pretty much one of the only ways for you to get a job if your degree doesn't say "Business" or "Accounting" on it.

So I was supposed to get an internship at a newspaper? Made sense. Too bad I was too busy run-

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Campus Quotes: What do you think about the tuition increase?



Since I pay for school myself and I work two jobs, I'm not very happy about it.
 -Jessica Testerman '08

It's ridiculous! I can't afford it! I may have to drop out or transfer.
 -Brian Blade '09



It's a Catholic school, they do that a lot. It just increases the prestige of the school and that the students could have. It might make the school upper class students while it will turn off the lower class students.
 -Tom Upmeier '06



Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES



DANNY ACOSTA

VATICAN CITY, Rome — Pope Benedict XVI issues a decree that presses publishers to pay royalties for his writings.

RIODEJANEIRO, Brazil — The Rolling Stones rock post-Superbowl at a free concert for over a million fans.

VERACRUZ, Mexico — Gas pipeline explodes. Kills four and injures more than fifty. The Government is investigating to confirm if any people were, in fact, harmed.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Archbishop Desmond Tutu calls for closure of the U.S. Guantanamo Bay prison camp citing inhumane treatment.

TEHRAN, Iran — A pastry shop owner renames Danish pastries "Roses for the Prophet Muhammad."

GUINSAUGON, Philippines — Distraught farming village buries over thirty after tragic mudslide.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — The famous and racy red-light district briefly gave a free peek to tourists to shake negative reputation.

SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO, Argentina — Massive drug-trafficking runways from Bolivia to Paraguay folded by local authorities.

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico — Over 80 miners suffer through gas explosion; some are still buried under the blast.

Crime Beat

2/11 11:14 p.m.
Incident: Vehicle accident
Synopsis: Drunk driving accident with injuries in Mission Road parking lot; referred to Student Conduct

2/12 10:48 p.m.
Incident: Student Conduct violation
Synopsis: Urinating on a dorm room door in Ageno A; referred to Student Conduct

2/14 12:39 a.m.
Incident: Handbook violation
Synopsis: Possession of marijuana paraphernalia in Mitty Hall; referred to Student Conduct

2/15 12:30 p.m.
Incident: Petty Theft
Synopsis: Mountain bike stolen between Augustine and De La Salle breezeway; referred to Student Conduct

2/16 1:20 a.m.
Incident: Burglar Alarm
Synopsis: Unfounded burglary alarm in library; referred to the Student Conduct

2/16 8:00 a.m.
Incident: Vehicle accident
Synopsis: Minor damage to two vehicles in Siena Parking Lot; referred to CILSA and the Business Office

2/16 5:20 p.m.
Incident: Student Handbook violation
Synopsis: Underage student in possession of beer in Justin Hall; referred to Student Conduct

2/16 9:15 p.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm Activation
Synopsis: Melt down of internal components of a furnace in the Hearst Art Gallery closet; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant

2/16 10:15 p.m.
Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Windshield cracked in De La Salle middle parking lot; referred to Student Conduct

Campus Quotes and photos compiled by Vince Ochoa



**Weekly
Featured
Profile**

Organization: Photo Club

Photography Club

by Jo-Ann Arquillano
Managing Editor

Most people know how to basically work a camera. But this year, a group of Saint Mary's students have taken snapping pictures for recreational use to another level. Last fall the Senate chartered the Saint Mary's Photography Club. While previously created, the club was resurrected this year by Kenneth Fung '06. The club was established in order to foster students' creativity and interest in photography. The members gather every other Wednesday in Garaventa Hall in order to discuss previously taken photographs and techniques for shooting new ones.

Vice President of Student Activities and Affairs, Ephraim Egan '06, describes what the young club has achieved during their first semester. During meetings the members get together and review photographs taken by fellow students to critique, allowing students the opportunity to evaluate the works of their peers and gain feedback about what techniques seem most effective and/or appealing. During meetings, the members have addressed characteristics of pictures including lighting, angles and imagery.

In addition to discussing photos, the Photography Club also actively works on photography. Last term, the group held their first off-campus scavenger hunt, where members were given a list of items and concepts to photograph. The club also hopes to eventually contact possible guest speakers and local photographers to lecture during future meetings. Additionally, the officers hope to further establish the club and eventually develop to host events such as socials, more scavenger hunts, museum trips, guest speakers, and movie nights. In fact, the club is already working to hold their very first movie night this month with a screening of academy award winning *Born in Brothels*, a documentary "that follows photographer Zana Briski as she tours the red light district of Sonagchi, Calcutta, building relationships with the children of prostitutes as she taught them the art of photography," said Vice President of Public Relations, Melanie Linney '06. Over time, the officers look forward to being able to further develop students' interest and abilities in photography, to utilize the dark room and other resources available on campus, and to generally become a self-sustaining organization, said Egan. All are welcome to join the Photography Club. Officers emphasize the acceptance of photographers at all levels. Egan says about the new group, "it's just basically a group of people interested in photography for one reason or another with varying skills and abilities."

**Expressions of Blackness celebrated
Black History Month and diversity**

Culture, singing, food, heritage, dancing, learning, respect, and fun all in one night of Black History Month celebration at Soda

by Linda Hua
News Editor

Last night's Expressions of Blackness: Home Skool'ed showcased talent, culture, food, fun, and diversity. Starting at 5:30 p.m., the Soda Activity Center housed the annual event in commemoration of Black History Month.

"It's just like another culture night, just expressing the culture, the history, and the experience of black people," said Arthur Curley '08, treasurer of the Black Student Union (BSU).

Sponsored by BSU and Black Student Programs, Expressions of Blackness has the purpose "to basically express—not only during Black History Month—the culture and the experience of black people," said June Williams '06, president of BSU.

The event included "dancing, singing, skits, and great food," said Curley, who hoped that at

least one hundred students would attend the event.

"It's been going on for a couple of years now," said Curley, "Every year, it has gotten stuff added onto it; it started out being just a dinner."

The evolution has grown to include a skit this year. The skit displays an African American family dinner, where the family members discuss experiences that each family member has been through.

"The theme is home skool'ed, so we have a character from Saint Mary's," said Curley, "You're being taught at Saint Mary's what you'd be taught at home—about being a black person and also being at Saint Mary's."

"BSU organizes this skit to educate people on African American culture," said Sonya Lee '08, co-events officer of BSU, who has been one of those "working really hard to put it together in the background and coordinating a lot of things for the performance," said Curley.

"The performance as a whole—the program—is the main attraction," said Curley.

"It's relating to being a Saint Mary's student and that our collective experience is different being students of color," said Williams, "It relates to some of the differences we might encounter being first generation students and it's dealing with the different cultural experiences that we may encounter while on campus."

"It's more close to home," said Curley, "because it's about being at Saint Mary's."

Along with the performance and many other activities, there was "food, definitely food," said Williams. The food was "catered by Sodexo, so it's a little limited, but the point [was] to get as close to Southern-cooked food or Soul Food as possible."

Curley hoped that students who attended enjoyed it and have "come away with something new—something they didn't know before."

News Briefs

Sex, Love, and Suicide!

"Dido and Other Queens – Sex, Love, and Suicide!" is an hour-long dance performance featuring Saint Mary's students, faculty, and the Davalos Dance Company. Saint Mary's Performing Arts Chair, Cathy Davalos, choreographed this piece to depict the classic female, deserted by her lover in the role of the victim, martyr, and heroine. Seminar stu-

dents can appreciate the programs close ties to class readings. Saint Mary's dance instructor, Shaunna Vella, depicts Dido and Alex Kirschner plays Aeneas. The piece will be performed on Tuesday, February 21 and Wednesday, February 22 at 5:00 p.m. in LeFevre Theatre. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

CORRECTION:

Brother Ron was misquoted in last week's article "Norma Armtrout retires after 34 years." It should have read: "[Norma] picked up on the Lasallian tradition from the start; one of the pillars of Residence Life."

Second annual Katie Springer Forum tonight

God versus Science debate and discussion later tonight in Soda

by Ka'iulani Kauahi
Staff Writer

God versus Science: which one to believe? For many decades scientists and philosophers have been working at discovering an answer to which side is correct, or if there can be a relationship between the two. It seems, however, with so many ideas and proposals, no one is ever satisfied.

The second-annual Katie Springer Forum addresses this debate. The God versus Science panel takes place tonight in the Soda Center at 7 p.m.

As a forum arranged by Savannah Pronovost '07, God versus Science is a panel of students, faculty, and Christian Brothers organized to discuss the relationship between the two: which is correct, which is wrong, or if God and science could actually go hand in hand.

"It isn't so much a debate as it is a discussion...It's actually a lot

like a seminar class," said Brian Devereaux '06, who participated in last year's panel focusing on Creationism versus Evolution.

This year's theme, however, will revolve around Genetic Engineering and stem cell research.

The event is an opportunity to discuss and listen to the ideas of both religious and scientific points of view. It is also an event to honor the late Katie Springer, who was a member of the class of 2006. The forum was originally her idea.

Last year was the first God versus Science panel, the brain-child of Pronovost and Springer put together in fall '04.

"It went really well, bringing in about 150 people, all interested in hearing the discussions between the professors and students. It was something Katie really cared about, and after her accident I decided getting involved was a great way to honor her memory," said Courtney Smith '06. She ex-

plained that one of the most interesting parts of the forum is the interaction between professor and student, covering faith, science, and the value of human life.

She said that "[the forum] brings together all the good elements of Saint Mary's, educationally, spiritually, and in terms of challenging your faith."

The forum is an open discussion; members of the panel will address the audience's questions and concerns.

"The panel was created for students and professors to be able to talk about issues like God and Science. These kinds of things really mean a lot to some, especially those who believe in both," said Devereaux.

Smith agreed and said, "It's a good way to face a lot of your questions about faith, and how science or God plays a part in all that."

For more information, attend the event tonight at 7 p.m.

**Campus
Calendar**

Women of the World
Wednesday, February 22
11:30 a.m.
Delphine Intercultural
Center
Contact: x8317

Styles of Hair
Wednesday, February 22
1:00 p.m.
Delphine Intercultural
Center
Contact: x8317

**"Dido and Other Queens"
Dance Performance**
Wednesday, February 22
5:00 p.m.
LeFevre Theatre

**The Katie Springer Forum:
God and Science**
Wednesday, February 22
7:00 p.m.
Soda Center
Free Dessert and Refreshments

**Midweek Movie:
Jarhead**
Wednesday, February 22
8:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

Commuter Wake-Up
Thursday, February 23
7:45 a.m.
Dryden Hall
Contact: Katie x8162

**Leadership Workshop:
"Recruitment and Retention"**
Thursday, February 23
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Delphine

Vagina Monologues
Friday, February 24
3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
LeFevre Theater
\$5 students \$10 public

Comedy Night
Friday, February 24
9:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

**"Hollywood and Vine"
Semi-formal dance**
Saturday, February 25
10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
Soda Center
\$5 tickets
Bring I.D. for Champagne
Lounge 21+
Contact: Program Board

Planning an event?

Want it in the Collegian?

E-mail us with the details of your event at:
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or call for more information:
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Sorry, but due to space limitations we cannot list individual club meetings.

VDAY: *Vagina Monologues* are not about man-hate, but feminism and abuse

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100% of the time. It's just a good thing that they're putting this production on."

Another freshman, Karina DeHerrera, said that she had read parts of the *Vagina Monologues* and described it as "a little racy." She approved of the idea of supporting organizations such as the Asia Foundation, but said that "I'm not sure if the show fits the motive."

"I think the fact that it's racy could come upon opposition on a Catholic campus...because the Catholic community may feel that the human sexuality expressed in the *Vagina Monologues* is a private thing, rather than a public thing."

However, she said she would probably see it if it were on a different day.

The *Vagina Monologues* had its start at Saint Mary's in 2002, the same year Sobotta came to the Women's Resource Center; it was she who brought up the idea to the former director of the center, Laura Armstrong.

The production has come "a long way" since its inception, said Sobotta, and several changes are proposed for next year, including an attempt to make the production a Jan Term course.

"Although it wasn't a Jan Term course this year, we put more requirements on our actors this year than we ever have in the past," said Sobotta. These included seeing "Nine Parts of the Desire" in Berkeley, and researching and pre-

senting on each monologue at an eight-hour retreat for the actors.

The actors themselves emphasized the activism of the production, as well as the bonds between the cast.

Liz Johnson '07, who will play "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy," said, "It's more than a play about vaginas," she said. "It's about issues that pertain to this world and even our campus, because violence does happen to women on this campus."

"Meeting the girls is really fun, and bonding with them throughout the process—you learn about yourself."

Reese Ho '06, who was involved in the production her sophomore year, has become involved again because "you get to know a lot of women in the cast."

"We share things about our personal lives that make us bond more....It's not a man-hating thing or a femi-Nazi thing. It's an international movement between men and women to end violence."

Daniella Malfitano '08 was inspired to act in the *Vagina Monologues* after seeing last year's performance.

"I knew nothing about the performance at all," she said. "Afterwards, I felt completely and totally liberated. I knew at that moment that I wanted to be involved in it for my second year."

Malfitano feels positive about her involvement in the production because "not only are the fellow Vagina Warriors incredible people, I really feel like the point of what we're all doing is as a result helping so many women all over the world."

Silvia Jacobo '06 became involved with the production after hearing about it from her freshman year roommate. She was in the production her sophomore year.

"I really liked the audience's energy and the bond that you get from working with all of those talented ladies," she said.

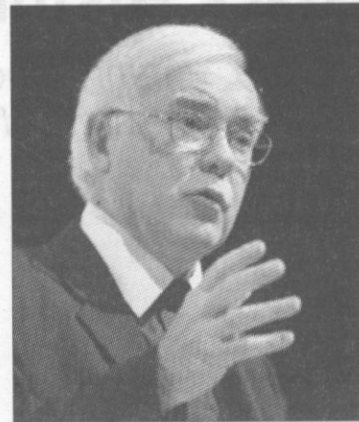
"It's not man-hating at all," said Jacobo. "Since it happens to recount a lot of bad experiences with men, it allows women to know that they're not alone."

Tickets for the show are \$5 for Saint Mary's students and \$10 general admission/faculty and staff, and will be on sale in the Dante Quad the week preceding the show.

A silent auction will take place until the last performance. Bids for the items can be brought to the Women's Resource Center or the Delphine Intercultural Center, and the items will be distributed at 10:00 p.m. in Delphine. There will also be a reception in Delphine Intercultural Center following the 8:00 p.m. show.

For more information, contact Sharon Sobotta at x4171.

State of the College Address



Collin Krauthamer/COLLEGIAN

Brother Ron Gallagher addressed the Saint Mary's community Wednesday, February 15 in his State of the College speech. In his speech, he went over the challenges that the school is currently facing. First, he dealt with the rising cost of higher education and how the school is attempting to keep Saint Mary's affordable. Next, he discussed the plans for a new education building, named Filippi Academic Hall, which will break ground early this summer. Trustees agreed on phase one for another new building, which will be a new recreation center. This will be built on the baseball field, which is planned to be moved near the stadium. Phase one of the rec center will include planning and assessment of costs for the project. Finally, he praised the students that did community service over Jan Term and exemplified the mission of Saint Mary's. As Saint Mary's reaches its 150th year, Brother Ron Gallagher looks forward to the upcoming changes and improvements.

Did you know...?

A Monthly Health & Science Tidbit

Cocaine use

by Kristin Burstedt
Contributing Writer

According to WebMD, a medical news archive, "it's been known for nearly 20 years that recreational cocaine use is linked to heart attacks." However, recent studies reveal that "regular cocaine use is tied to about one-quarter of all nonfatal heart attacks in American adults under 45." After a statistical study, Adnan I. Querishi, MD concluded that, "the magnitude of the risk was astonishing. And even though the heart attacks weren't fatal, the damage they leave behind is never fully repaired."

In addition to the effects on the brain, "long-term cocaine use may cause permanent brain damage." Results from another study done by Karley Y. Little, MD, show that "with extended use of the drug, the brain resets the way it responds to dopamine signals." Using cocaine releases an increased amount of dopamine - a brain chemical responsible for a process that produces pleasurable feelings. "Soon, a person doesn't get nearly as much pleasure from cocaine. But without the drug, the person feels bad. It takes a hit of cocaine just to get back to normal." By viewing the brains of cocaine users, researchers found "that there likely was damage to the dopamine-making brain cells. They think these changes play a role in the mood disorders and lack of motivation seen in cocaine addicts."

CHANTS: Vulgarity in fan base pushes buttons on WCC campuses; Gael Force members go too far in excitement

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havior consistent with our mission and principles." These principles include respect for all people and an inclusive community.

However, many students do not share the administration's opinion that the cheers caused a problem. "Some of our chants were kind of bad, but I think part of that was because the big rivalry [with Santa Clara] got everyone rowdy and excited," said Melanie Petruzzi '07. "It's just college students. Every school has their own chants that could be considered inappropriate."

"Gonzaga and Santa Clara are big rivals, so the games get more intense. I don't really think it's a problem at Saint Mary's," said Rodney Alcantara '09. "Students will be students. They are just having fun and supporting the team. If you go to other schools, their fans will be worse than ours especially if the school is bigger and they have more fans." Kyle Stone '09 added, "It's just basketball fans having fun at games."

Zoll and others emphasized that although this behavior is not acceptable, the fan base and team support are extremely important. "I just am so appreciative of our students' enthusiasm and support of the team, we want that and we

need that, but it has to be within the framework of the five Lasallian principles," said Zoll.

Saint Mary's men's basketball Head Coach Randy Bennett expressed a similar opinion when he said, "We appreciate the student body involvement, there was a good crowd on Saturday, but...I think you have to have sensitivity to other people and keep your energy positive for your team as much as possible."

In an e-mail that was sent out to all undergraduate students last Thursday, February 16, Bennett also reminded students to represent Saint Mary's in a "respectful" and "tactful" manner at sporting events.

Students that traveled to Santa Clara for the men's basketball game last Monday, February 13, were reminded to keep the cheers respectful and avoid using profanity. At Saturday's game against Cal Poly, Athletic Director Carl Clapp warned students during the game after they chanted a profanity at a referee.

"We toned it down for Monday's game," said Danny Weeks '08. "Whitney Lopez [Gael Force president] got on the buses and told students to represent Saint Mary's College responsibly."

"We need to let students know

that we represent Saint Mary's College at games and there is no need to degrade the opposition," said Gael Force Advisor Katie Davis. She also stressed that, "We still want students to come to games and support the team."

Davis said that the best way to get this message to the students is through the student leaders. "You can make flyers or send e-mails, but that doesn't mean that the students are going to read it," said Davis. "My hope is that if student leaders set high standards of respect, the rest of the students will follow."

That is exactly what ASSMC President John Zabala did in his Student Body Address on Sunday, February 12, the day after the first Santa Clara game. When referring to the chants, Zabala said, "This is not what Saint Mary's is about. We are a community founded on Lasallian Values....We are better than what happened last night."

Zoll and other administrators feel that the message was much more valuable coming from a student.

"It is so much more effective and real to hear it from a student than an adult faculty or staff member," said Zoll. "It took courage but he did it in a positive way. He said, we are better than this and we can rise above this and we will."

ACHIEVEMENTS: Scholars' Reception honor professors with celebration

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Emily Elliott, director of Human Resources for the College, said that she enjoyed the event the previous year.

"I attended last year when I was relatively new on campus, and I enjoyed it so much," she said. "Regardless of the weather and the weekend plans, I was going to make it [to the event]."

The tradition started four years ago, when Carter attended a library conference and heard about a similar event from the director of another private college.

"I thought it was a good idea, so I thought I'd try it at our place," said Carter.

Carter spoke with Sally Stamp, the provost of Saint Mary's College, who agreed with the idea. Carter proceeded to work with the Office of the Provost staff, the Academic Affairs office, and the deans of the College.

The Dean for Mission and Faculty Development, Carole Swain, said, "There's a variety of research that are here, books, chapters of books, journal articles, paper presentations at conferences, invited speakers, musical performances...these are all part of the scholarship of the community."

According to Swain, there were

72 submissions - 68 from faculty, and four of which were from staff.

"The people that are being featured include everyone from first-year faculty to professors emeritus" such as Wilber Chaffee, she said.

"In a way, our community is blessed with intellectual curiosity. It's really a way of celebrating our liberal arts tradition."

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The Collegian NEWS

Former Saint Mary's grad student bobsledded in Torino, Italy for 2006 Winter Olympics last two days *Valarie Fleming's Olympic dream never died despite several injuries*

by Zach Farmer
Assistant Sports Editor

Saint Mary's College is being recognized on the global scale this winter. As reported in a press release by Debra Holtz, Office of College Communications, on January 18, Valarie Fleming, a Saint Mary's graduate of 2003, is a member of the United States Olympic bobsledding team in Torino, Italy.

She played softball, soccer, ran track, and competed in the javelin throw while attending the University of California at Santa Barbara for her Bachelor's degree. She continued to javelin after her graduation but tore a ligament in her elbow, which required three surgeries over three years.

"Unfortunately, what I remember most about Valerie was her story of twice missing out on her dream of competing in the Summer Olympics due to injury," said Steve Miller, Graduate Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (GHPER) program director.

She graduated from Saint Mary's with a Master's degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.

"Valerie was a fine student, very eager to learn and could apply what she learned to a variety

of situations," Miller said. "She had a way of furthering the class discussions in that she helped others understand complex material by giving real life examples that everyone could relate to."

She was also popular with her peers: "While at Saint Mary's, she was extremely popular with her graduate student peers," said Deane Lamont, Chair of the Department of Kinesiology, who taught Fleming. "This, in part, was due to her warm personality and great zest for life."

The injury included her time at Saint Mary's as she was rehabilitating. "She was a world-class javelin thrower, but her Olympic dreams in that sport did not come to fruition due to chronic shoulder injury," said Lamont. "However, much about Valerie Fleming's character is revealed in the fact that she would not let her goal of becoming an Olympian die."

The *San Jose Mercury News* interviewed Lenore Turkovich, Fleming's mother, who said, "[Fleming] always said, 'I'm going to the Olympics if I have to walk.' If it wasn't this, it was going to be kayaking."

She started bobsledding when a colleague mentioned a bobsledding camp while still attending Saint Mary's. She would not let her dream die.



Courtesy of College Communications

Valarie Fleming '03 (left) with Shauna Rohbock, her roommate/driver, both raced in Italy the last two days. They are the U.S.' top pair of women bobsledders.

Fleming, going into this year's Olympic Games, has an amazing track record. She, along with her roommate/driver Shauna Rohbock, have won medals in two World Cup events and two additional medals in the 2004-2005 season. This includes a silver medal in the first World Cup in Calgary and a bronze in the second World Cup in Lake Placid.

Among her accomplishments is setting a track record at Cesana

Pariol, the site of the Olympic bobsled race.

"After hearing her story, one cannot help but feel great admiration for her in finally being able to realize her dream. I am thrilled that Valerie is getting this opportunity," said Miller.

The Foster City native has not gone without setbacks however. On January 29, 2005, she and Rohbock crashed and skidded down the rest of the track in Saint

Moritz, Switzerland. Fleming burned her shoulder on the ice; her shoulder later became infected. This incident caused her to spend the next five days in the hospital.

They crashed again in their training run in Calgary, aggravating the shoulder. She ended up with a skin graft during the off-season. This, however, has not slowed the first-time Olympian.

"I know how proud she is to be representing her country in Torino," said Lamont. "Knowing Valerie, I wouldn't bet against her bringing home a special disk-shaped souvenir from Italy."

Her competitions were yesterday and Monday. For yesterday's results of the U.S. Women's Bobsledding team, check www.smccollegian.com/news.

Results as of Monday

		Run 1	Run 2	Total
GER	Kiriassis	57.16	57.77	1:54.93
	Schneiderheinze	(1)	(17)	
GER	Erdmann	57.26	57.75	1:55.01
	Herschmann	(2)	(6)	
USA	Rohbock	57.37	57.65	1:55.02
	Fleming	(13)	(2)	

Final two runs held Tuesday morning. Check on www.nbcolympics.com or www.smccollegian.com for results.

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- Emily Robbins '08 - English/Italian Major
- Karina Salgado '08 - Psychology/Spanish Major
- Lauren Scranton '09 - Integral Major
- Melissa Spahr '08 - Kinesiology Major
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MORALES

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ning a newspaper to get an internship at one.

Will my experience here at the *Collegian* prove that I'm ready for a job at a newspaper? Maybe. But the problem is the fact that the all-important word "internship" is found nowhere near "The *Collegian*" on my resume.

So much importance is placed on that word, "internship." Maybe it's a magic word, although you don't see Harry Potter sitting at a tiny desk in the corner of Professor Snape's office quietly collating.

Maybe it's just that employers are trained after so many years to assume that anyone with an internship is qualified.

Everyone who I talked to before applying to this internship said it was a great opportunity for me to gain some valuable work experience, so it's more than just a common understanding among employers that internships are an important thing.

And it's not that I'm not excited about starting work today. I'm just still a bit mystified at the whole idea of internships. Call it the slow realization that we liberal arts majors, for all our talk of "thought" and "reason," will probably mostly end up working in offices: filing, collating, and answering phones.

Or maybe just call it a disbelief that I myself am willing to, in fact, work for free.

The Collegian
OPINION



DARWYNN DEYO

Iran endangers economies with nuclear research

On January 10, the Iranian government officially broke the seals at its nuclear research plants. Since then, the United States, the European Union and the United Nations have tried to threaten Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad into submission. Even Russia, a sparse supporter of Iran, and China -- a country that is contracting for oil and natural gas with Iran -- are calling for Iran to reseal their plants. Pleas with Iran have fallen on deaf ears as Iran brazenly restarts nuclear research. This can potentially damage the teetering costs of world oil production. The face of the Western world grimaces because Iran knows they are unable to respond.

Iran currently exports an average of 2.5 million barrels of oil a day while the world consumes 80 million barrels a day. While Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Norway all produce more oil daily than Iran, current oil consumption is pushed right up against the supply so that if any one of the countries that exports oil stops trading, the change in gas prices would skyrocket past what Europeans currently pay. Estimations vary, but prices would hover anywhere between 80 to 100 dollars a barrel. That sort of capital impact is based only on a one percent change. If other oil producing countries chose alternative markets or cut back on the oil supply, effects are unpredictable. Some other countries that could have that impact are Mexico and Venezuela, and some consider the latter to be on the brink of revolution.

Iran and the other Middle Eastern OPEC countries still emerge as primary troubles. While military engagements might win control of more oil, war itself runs on oil. The Western countries have their hands tied in multiple ways as new efficient technologies still haven't caught up with consumers as a whole. Even if the IAEA did inspect Iran and found it guilty of nuclear weapons development no country has the power to sidestep their oil dependency and force economic sanctions. Iran is already threatening to be uncooperative. If they are referred to the IAEA, leaving markets uneasy as mere talk increases prices.

There is no science to predict which country would cope best, though businesses still view America as a safe haven from economic flight. There are no guarantees however, since America consumes roughly a quarter of the daily oil supply. In light of that dependency and the EU's inability to respond, Iran can continue researching as it pleases.

Collegian View

February. As we begin our third week in the second month of the year, it is a good time to reflect on the important things that February represents. More than just the month known for Valentine's Day and a bunch of presidents' birthdays, February is also designated as Black History Month. The topic has been a source of debate over the last few months after Academy Award-winning actor Morgan Freeman called the concept of a month dedicated to black history "ridiculous." Freeman argued that "black history is American history," and that recognizing black history for only one month does not help fight racism.

"You're going to relegate my history to a month?" said Freeman. "I don't want a black history month."

While the Collegian staff agrees that black history should be appreciated all the time, we disagree that a month celebrating African American contributions to history should be eliminated all together. Though the United States grows more diverse each year, black history, and the history of any non-white minority in general, is still only portrayed as a small slice of the historical American pie. True, a month dedicated to black history may not be the ideal way to appreciate black culture, however, until all minorities are fully recognized as vital contributors to American society, a month dedicated to black history helps to make sure that the accomplishments of black Americans are not forgotten.

We hope our fellow students agree and pay attention to the many events that are planned on campus for the remainder of Black History Month.

Freeman said that the only way to get rid of racism is to "stop talking about it." We at the Collegian couldn't disagree more. We believe the only way to invoke change is to get people talking and thinking about the problems at hand. As your campus newspaper, the Collegian functions as a place for you to voice your opinions and start conversations with one another. So the real question is, what do you think?

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Would segregating jails stop prison violence?

21% Yes, stop the violence!
76% No, no, no.
3% "I dunno."

Is prison violence race-related?

55% Yes
21% No
21% Sometimes
3% "I dunno."

Gael

compiled by Pablo Armas

The Collegian
OPINION

Ridiculous pit bull law misplaces blame

Human negligence to blame for attacks by misunderstood dog breed

You'd think America would ban guns and cigarettes before picking on house pets, considering how many more people they've killed. Then again, I bet you never thought there'd be a law against harpooning a whale off a bridge from a moving vehicle in Texas (which there is).

Surprise, Americans! Several states are proposing (and passing) laws banning pit bulls including: Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, New Jersey, and Oklahoma as well as counties such as: Los Angeles, California, Lancaster, Ohio, and Shannon Hills, Arkansas. If such bills are passed, no new pit bulls, pit-mixes, or pit bull relatives will be allowed in the state. Remaining animals will be spayed or neutered and all owners must be over 21 with a \$100,000 insurance policy per animal.



KAIULANI KAUAHI

Those who can not afford this or find new homes for their dogs will have to put them down.

This "Breed Specific Legislation" (BSL) is the result of widely publicized attacks since 1990. A majority of the time, the human owners or the victims are to blame for provoking, abusing, and allowing the animal to be malnourished, poorly trained, and aggressive. Often a pit bull mix or cousin of the pitbull is blamed. Just like a true witch hunt, no one is giving the pit bulls a fair chance. Why doesn't anyone notice how the

media specifies "pit bull mix" but not "poodle mix?" Can you say "discrimination?"

Negligence of the victim, or in the case of children, the victim's parents, is often to blame. For example, the fatal attack of 2005 in Hamtrac, Michigan. The story was reported as "a young girl mauled to death by family pit bull." The neighbors were confused, saying "the dogs were raised with the children since puppy hood." The animals had escaped the basement and attacked the girl while she was "playing on the swing set at their old house."

No one reported how long the animals were locked in the basement of the family's old house after the family had moved. Both dogs were malnourished since no one fed them and had ingested rat poison making them chemically imbalanced. The

female dog was a year old and had a bullet still lodged in her groin from being shot, while neither dog was spayed nor neutered, and the female was in heat. Forgive me if I fail to see how we are blaming the dogs for this attack.

While we're pointing fingers, why do we assume the pit bull is to blame? Any dogs can attack people, why are we singling out this specific breed? Pit bulls were bred to be fighters and guard dogs. Even horses who are normally even-tempered and gentle are bred to be race horses that are the fastest and the meanest. If you can breed it in, you can surely breed it out. What it really comes down to is nurture vs. nature and whether we can really blame an animal for the way we've raised it and trained it to be.

For more information check out: www.understand-a-bull.com



JAIME ZEPEDA

Too liberal, too conservative, too much

Loony liberals and raging right-wingers are both equally irritating by themselves and to each other. Actually, it is even older, but not as useful. The extremists and the narrow-minded simpletons on both sides of the spectrum create animosity and distortion. And nothing more. The problem with radical polarizing views are that they fail to acknowledge the world they inhabit, if only physically since their minds wander wildly and dangerously. Those possessing such views do not see the complex reality and misconstrue it for their own convenience.

This is not exclusive to politics, but extends to all society. Ideologues, fundamentalists, partisans and bigots all suffer this self-imposed ignorance. They all fail to accept their ever-changing surroundings filled with nuances. Some rely on theories, others on allegiances, while others rely on prejudices to support their "reality." They never question their beliefs, for that is not what they are to them—they are truths. Because of their indoctrination, they see the rest of us in contempt, claiming we are tools, that we are in the wrong. In reality, however, they are tools to their own constricted point of view. Their mentality works with absolutes, and because of that it is obsolete. The true reality, the one we all accept, if only begrudgingly and if only partially, is anything but absolute.

The most depressing of these sorts are the supposed "learned" individuals, flaunting their credentials as a sign of rightness. From these, primarily hurting our existence are the vacuum theorists who postulate based on their textbooks and not on actuality. They claim that their brand of economic and political development is the only correct form, even if the masses are left in ruins. Claiming that an unrestricted free market is the true path to prosperity is a clear example of such detached mentality. If something they recommend fails, it is because of the practice, not their theory. Ironically, the vacuum theorists are overwhelmingly dictating the direction and decimation of the world. The world will soon become a vacuum because the only evident truth if we continue to follow these "learned" individuals, will be the absence of everything.

Only by becoming a judicious citizenry can we weed out these detrimental supposed radicals. Their poisonous rhetoric, postulations, and actions claim reason and tolerance as victim, thereby repealing the progress we have made. Let the fundamentalists, ideologues, partisans and bigots stay in their reality, as long as they do not interfere in ours.

State to segregate, not mitigate prisons

Last week, the Los Angeles County jails experienced a dramatic increase in gang affiliated fights as a result of the enmity between Black and Latino gangs. The violent reoccurring conflicts have led to the death of two inmates and unstoppable riots. After a week of bewilderment, the Sheriff's Department officials have decided on a great way to control the riots and racism in the prisons. The big plan: segregate the jails! Apparently, returning to segregation will help rehabilitate prisoners and prepare them for the real world.

The Sheriff's Department and the local communities are speculating reasons the pros and cons of such a "reform." Some think the proposal will aid local law enforcement by containing the criminals they put away. Sure, law enforcement has helped to reduce street crime, but what have prisons done to help? Making the streets safer stops at the prison walls.

Most of the prisoners in the state of California are drug addicts. Rather than treating prisoners, they simply pass them through their time. The reason why drug addicts are in jail, besides being caught with drugs, is because they steal and assault others for money in order to feed their addiction. Once caught, they won't fully recuperate from their drug addiction; in fact, they



VICENTE OCHOA

may still be exposed to drugs in jail. Creating government instituted rehabilitation programs for those who commit crimes because of drugs would drastically minimize the amount of criminals in jail. If there are less people in jail, there would be less riots and less money going to supporting the prisoners.

The problem with the jail system in America is that there isn't enough rehabilitation of the prisoners. Prisoners are shunned, locked up, and when their time is done they are let out. But how could that possibly be a proper way to make prisoners change? This is because the government does not properly care about the lives of prisoners once in jail.

The rise in gang fights with in the jails results from governmental negligence to fully rehabilitate any prisoner. Instead of segregating Blacks and Latinos from jails, the government should spend more time trying to rehabilitate the prisoners -- focus on social social issues -- instead of throwing them in jail supposing it will prevent any more problems.

Bad faith: How I learned to stop worrying and love the BBQ

I get hungry often. It's human nature. I get my food from the same place everyone else does. Oliver Hall. Most of the time, anyway.

There are some times when there's a sign on the door telling me that I've got to go somewhere else. I sigh, and go there, and get a hamburger and some potato chips, steal a couple of sodas and get out of there. Do I like it? No. Nobody does, except commuter students. 'Cause frankly, everyone on campus is sick as hell of barbecues, because they never change the food and often underestimate seating.

I've had an even worse experience with this kind of forced participation of campus events recently. Apparently we had Homecoming recently; I hadn't heard much about it. When the campus doorway told me to march down the Soda Center, I said 'fine' and went.

Goddamnit.

It was the big Homecoming reception. News to me. There were parents and alums there. My food options were salad, three choices of pasta, and garlic bread. Annoying, yes, but I could handle it. I couldn't get a soda because I didn't have a drink ticket. Hell, what could I do?

No, no. All this was irritating, but I didn't have any choice. The part that bugged me was the attitude they took. There was some guy speaking and he was "glad to see so many students here."

Excuse me? I hadn't even heard



JOSH KREHBIEL

about this damn event. There was only one reason I was there. I was hungry. I'd bet 12 cents that all those other students were only there because of hunger as well, except for a select few. It's one thing to be proud of student involvement, it's another to force it.

I've seen this case of "bad faith" by event planners for years now. They aren't sure that people will come to their thing, so they tack something else people normally do on top of it, form a captive audience. Classes require certain reading events. Last week we had the Black History Month kick-off in Oliver Hall during lunch. And I'm sure with this good weather we're having, I'm going to be eating outside every Wednesday, while some guy with a microphone asks me trivia questions.

I'm anti-social, personally, and I hate anything out of the ordinary, so I may be exaggerating. But chances are, there are others who are just as annoyed by this kind of attitude to the students, assuming that we wouldn't want to do anything, so they just coincide it with food. God forbid they plan events we want to attend.

Poll

102 students polled

Do you feel the prison system needs reform?

92% Prisons need reforms
4% Uh, nope
4% "I dunno."

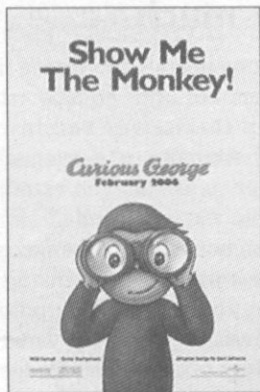
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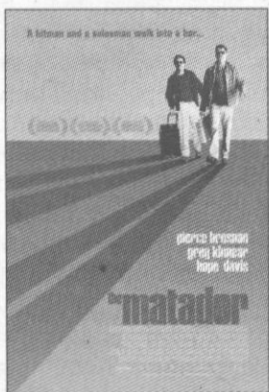
Curious George



by **Rochelle Perkins**
Staff Writer

For a little Valentine treat, a friend and I hit the movies. Little to our knowledge, the only movie with a convenient time was *Curious George*. We bought the tickets, and suddenly the day of love shot us with arrows. Who wouldn't fall in love with the cute, little monkey smiling and playing on the big screen? George portrayed love and friendship as his first companionship with man was put to the test. His little curious ways not only got him in trouble, but helped him save the day! Although it was a cartoon, George's adorable personality sealed the deal.

The Matador: as serious as an erection problem



by **Vince Ochoa**
Staff Writer

Pierce Brosnan (Julian Noble), a hired assassin, is an extremely sexual, drunk, stealthy womanizer with the emotional capacity of an 8-year-old. Combined with Greg Kinnear's (Danny Wright) up-tight, timorous American businessman, the two are a perfect blend of terse and surreal humor. Wright meets Noble in a Mexican hotel bar. Noble disrupts Wright's sense of normalcy by casually talking about sex, drinking, and his job: killing people. Noble is so strange that Wright is curious and attracted to Noble's life and that same bizarre infatuation keeps the audience waiting to see what Noble will do or say next.

High Like Five a perfect kind of chaos

Saint Mary's finest turn out a fresh pop-punk sound. Check 'em out at The Pound this Friday in San Francisco

by **Jen Utley**
Staff Writer

Saint Mary's has not yet escaped the pop punk phenomenon circulating through the homes of teens everywhere. High Like Five (familiar, perhaps, due to their active Myspace and Facebook accounts), a group comprised of Nick Carr '06 (drums), Darius Moghadam '06 (lead guitar), Danny Wecks '08 (bass) and Hector Zaragoza '08 (lead vocals and guitar), embrace this catchy sound, adding their own unique twist. While leaning towards the more mainstream popularity of bands such as Fall Out Boy or Blink 182, HLF ignores all that "na-na-na" space-filler crap and, instead adds a distinctive profundity created by the diverse backgrounds of each member.

They formed after Carr's mom had a brief affair with Zaragoza (a fact gathered from the band itself, yet still subject to inquiry). The two, along with Moghadam and their original bassist began playing around November of 2004. Wecks joined recently, only about six months ago, replacing the bassist (ironically



Jen Utley/COLLEGIAN

after HLF beat out Wecks' band in last year's Battle of the Bands). With their new format, HLF has since created "about 11.75 songs," according to Wecks, having roughly six still under construction.

Although Zaragoza drives the band lyrically ("he doesn't take too kindly to lyrical input" laughs Moghadam), the other members contribute musically, fashioning their own riffs and harmonies to provide backing for Zaragoza's work.

While the yield of such a conglomeration does tend toward the pop-punk arena, their sound deviates from the norm with an occasional bluesy depth of guitar solos or perfectly chaotic (and still precise) thrashing of the drums—a style reminiscent of one of Carr's idols, Travis Barker.

High Like Five takes time from a busy rockin' schedule for a quick photo op. Left to right: Danny Wecks, Nick Carr, Darius Moghadam and Hector Zaragoza.

Berkeley's Blakes venue. After impressing the crowd, as well as the management, HLF was called back to headline another performance.

Since, with the aid of their Myspace account, they have been asked to "loosely headline" (or at least, close) at a music festival called Emergenza. After five other bands play, HLF will take the stage February 24 at San Francisco's The Pound (located at Pier 96) at



approximately 11:30 for their thirty minute set.

Most new pop bands of this generation tend to fall victim to the musical evil called monotony; HLF avoids this trap by mixing tempos of both the vocals and melody. Perhaps their varying style reflects Zaragoza's muse: life. He calls this his inspiration, the result of which spurs feelings of merriment while providing comments on growing up. The outcome is clearly relatable; the band has gathered quite a following here at SMC.

Having won Battle of the Bands last year, the reward was a gig at

As contagious pop-punk continues to run rampant throughout our nation, High Like Five will only be subject to the influence, maintaining their original and occasionally comical sound. So if you're either bored, musically inclined, or just desperate to shake the Emo title for good, it would be advisable to support our ever-dwindling local music community.

And the nominees are...

Who are your Oscar Picks??



- Performance by an actor**
- Philip Seymour Hoffman *Capote*
 - Terrence Howard *Hustle & Flow*
 - Heath Ledger *Brokeback Mountain*
 - Joaquin Phoenix *Walk the Line*
 - David Strathairn *Good Night, and Good Luck.*

Performance by an actor in a supporting role



- George Clooney *Syriana*
- Matt Dillon *Crash*
- Paul Giamatti *Cinderella Man*
- Jake Gyllenhaal *Brokeback Mountain*
- William Hurt *A History of Violence*



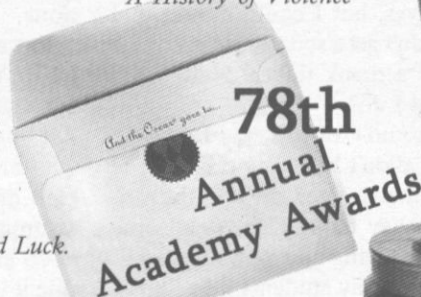
Performance by an actress in a supporting role

- Amy Adams *Junebug*
- Catherine Keener *Capote*
- Frances McDormand *North Country*
- Rachel Weisz *The Constant Gardener*
- Michelle Williams *Brokeback Mountain*



Achievement in directing

- Ang Lee *Brokeback Mountain*
- Bennett Miller *Capote*
- Paul Haggis *Crash*
- George Clooney *Good Night, and Good Luck*
- Steven Spielberg *Munich*



Best motion picture of the year

- Brokeback Mountain*
- Capote*
- Crash*
- Good Night, and Good Luck.*
- Munich*



Performance by an actress in a leading role

- Judi Dench *Mrs. Henderson Presents*
- Felicity Huffman *Transamerica*
- Keira Knightley *Pride & Prejudice*
- Charlize Theron *North Country*
- Reese Witherspoon *Walk the Line*

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Who do you think is going to take home the little golden man in two weeks? If you think you know - mark your ballot and drop it off at The Collegian office (located on Second floor of Ferroggiaro Hall) by March 3rd. Maybe there's a prize in it for you... maybe. Okay, there is a prize, but it's nothing fancy. Consider the challenge the real reward! So start submitting!!
And don't forget to watch the ceremony on Sunday March 5th, 2006!

(Only one submission per student)

The Collegian DETOUR

Singer writes new chapter in life

Eric Victorino of Strata literally does it all

by Danny Acosta
Staff Writer

Eric Victorino, lead singer for Strata (Wind-Up Records), recently talked to the Collegian about his first book *Coma Therapy*.

Danny Acosta: Why did you choose the title *Coma Therapy*?

Eric Victorino: With the pressures of writing the new Strata record and my mother being diagnosed with cancer, I threw myself into writing the book - much like the way "coma therapy" was used by doctors long ago - dropping their patient into a coma for a few days with an insulin overdose to fight things like psychological disorders and drug addiction. I hid from the stress in my life by writing...

DA: Is there a difference between your book and blogs? Did blogs encourage you to write the book?

EV: My blogs and my book are really similar - I tell stories and try to make them flow with a poetic rhythm - but I wouldn't call any of it "poetry" in the traditional sense... No. I was going to do it for me, regardless of how many people may or may not read it.

DA: What prompted the inclusion 'Juliet,' an existing song, into the book?

EV: That song is like Bigfoot. There have been sightings, but its existence is often debated.

DA: Did the book interfere with preparations for the new album?

EV: If anything it helped me to not quit the band. I had become so



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got me excited to tell stories in the new Strata music.

DA: Was pressing the book yourself a matter of personal fulfillment or avoiding the rigors of being published?

EV: It's just like being in a band - publishing deals and record deals are really similar - I figured starting out in books the same way I did in music made sense.

DA: Has the positive response

disgusted with my creative side - so stale - the book kind of jumpstarted everything else and

to your book inspired you to continue creating art?

EV: I'm just that type of person, I like to make things, I always have and reaction to my [expletive deleted] has never really been much of a factor.

DA: What are your hopes for the book?

EV: The day the books showed up at my house and I held it in my hand for the first time, put a copy in my bookshelf between

my Bukowski and Thompson books, my hopes were met - so anything after that is bonus.

DA: What is your favorite piece?

EV: I don't have a favorite. People seem to really enjoy the pieces with the "behind the scenes" feel...

DA: Does the book feel like closing a chapter in your life or opening a new one?

EV: Definitely opening a new one. The book's completion was kind of a birthday present to myself. Growing up, I always had this romantic notion that I'd be dead at 27 like so many of my heroes...suicide, car accident, O.D, something - but I made it past that magic number...my creative career is just getting started.

DA: Anything else you want to share?

EV: If you have time to [expletive deleted], you have time to read.

Victorino exhibits a powerful awareness of various worlds and explores it this poetic collection. He intends on writing another book - maybe even a novel - in the future. Strata is working on a new album and plans on touring again in 2006. Victorino continues to utilize his creativity into thought-provoking outlets that please both the ears and eyes. Music and poetry lovers should be thankful his dead-at-27 prophecy did not play out.

For more info on Eric Victorino or Strata, visit www.stratadirect.com

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Famous person we like to make fun of... of the week



In case you don't look to the left, it's Tom Cruise.

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Factotum
Starring: Matt Dillon, Marisa Tomei

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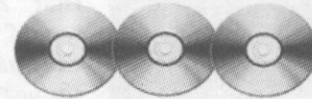
Running Scared
Starring: Paul Walker, Cameron Bright

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Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion
Starring: Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood

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Precious Memories
Alan Jackson

Who's The Boss?
Nelly/St. Lunatics

Wicked Wisdom
Wicked

Get It
The Lashes

Every Woman Dreams
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2/20
Fort Minor
Fillmore, SF

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Nada Surf w/Rouge Wave
Fillmore, SF

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Great American Music Hall, SF

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Matisyahu
Bill Graham Civic, SF

2/26
KORN
San Jose State Events Center

Souls of Mischief
Red Devil Lounge, SF

2/27
Bon Jovi
HP Pavilion, San Jose



The Collegian SPORTS

Players of the Week

Brett Collins

Collins, finally healthy, ended his slump by scoring 23 points and collecting six rebounds against Cal Poly on Saturday night. Most of those points came in the latter part of the second half and helped spark the rally that led the Gaels to victory. After failing to start in the last few games for the Gaels, mostly due to injury, Collins showed the play Saint Mary's fans had come to expect since his 31 point outburst against Nevada.



Molly Wagner

Wagner and her team have started out solid this season, posting their first 2-0 record in the past six years. Wagner has been a major part of this success, netting a team-leading seven goals in the young season, including two goals in the Gaels' win over UC Davis this weekend.



-Michael Chin, Co-Sports Editor

Schedule

Tomorrow
Women's Basketball @
Pepperdine
7:05 p.m.

Friday Feb. 24
Baseball vs. Sacramento St.
Three-game series (Fri/Sat/
Sun)

Saturday Feb. 25
Softball @ Humboldt St.
12 & 2 p.m.

Men's Rugby vs. Cal
1 p.m.

Women's Basketball @
LMU
2:05 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs.
Pepperdine
7:05 p.m.

Monday Feb. 27
Men's Golf @ Lexus-Naples
Intercollegiate

Men's Basketball vs. LMU
7:05 p.m.

Sun setting early on Gael softball

by Rochelle Perkins
Staff Writer



Lauren Gardner '07 throws a pitch for the Gaels. Saint Mary's pitching has been average at best this season, allowing 5.3 runs per contest.

Although they battled hard on the field and brought home their first victory of the season, the Saint Mary's softball team lost four out of five games this week.

Last Tuesday, SMC lost a doubleheader to UC Davis. Wednesday brought better luck as they split a doubleheader with San Jose State. They closed out the week with a loss against Drake University on Thursday, ending with a record of 1-8 for the season.

The Gaels struggled against UC Davis, though they put their strongest efforts into the two games. Despite out-hitting the Aggies 6-5, Saint Mary's came home with losses of 1-0 and 3-0.

The following day the ladies were ready to step up and took out their frustrations on San Jose State.

When questioned on the team's preparation for the game, sophomore Bronwyn Russell said, "Each of us has a personal routine that we go through. In practice we get down to key focuses... specific things that we want to focus on in the game."

Those fundamental issues, such as hitting, pitching, and defense, were major factors since the ladies turned around and pulled off a win against the Spartans.

After suffering an 8-2 loss in the first game of the day, the Gaels refocused their energies to beat the Spartans 3-1 in the second game.

"The one main thing is taking all the elements of our game and putting it in one package," says Russell, "And then playing that game for seven innings."

Regrettably, the Gaels lost hold of those elements Thursday afternoon when they faced the Drake Bulldogs. Even though the Gaels had nonstop cheers and encouragement, they were down 4-1 by the third inning.

Senior OF Shelly Taketa and junior OF Lauren Mello both made the run to home plate, in the 8-2 loss to Drake.

The next chance to check out Saint Mary's softball on the diamond will be Saturday February 25, when they play Humboldt State in a doubleheader in Arcata. The first pitch will be at noon.

Men's tennis sinks in the rain

by Frankie Mangini
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team lost their fourth match of the season today, falling to the University of Pacific, 6-1. The match didn't start well for the Gaels, losing all three doubles matches. The closest match came at the #3 doubles spot where senior Julien Tizot and freshmen Alp Ozpinar, lost 8-3.

Freshmen Achim Christner, playing at the #5 singles spot, was the lone winner for Saint

Mary's. His victory didn't come easy as he split the first two sets 6-2, 1-6. Christner would win in a super tie-breaker 10-6. Tizot at the top spot lost his match in straight sets 6-2, 6-1. Senior Martin Marechal fell at the #2 position 6-1, 6-4. Another senior, Adam Fauvre was defeated in his match 6-0, 6-0 at the #3 position. Yury Platonov, a sophomore, played a tough match at the #4 spot. After splitting the first two sets 6-3, 2-6, Platonov had to play a super tie breaker. Platonov

reached match point, but could not finish, losing the tie-breaker 11-9. In the final match, Ozpinar lost in straight sets 6-2, 6-1.

It was a tough day for the Gaels as Tizot said, "We didn't compete our best today, but we're going to try and bounce back."

The Gaels are now 1-4 on the season and are hoping that they can start to get some wins.

"We're going to play better. We are going to use this match to regroup, there are a lot of matches left in the season," said Fauvre.

Message from the WCC: Bow down to SCU

How many times this season will the West Coast Conference screw Gael's basketball? I guess the short answer to is enough to let them finish in the back half of the conference standings.

A few weeks ago, officials blew the most crucial call of the game against Gonzaga, a game in which the Gaels would have won if the right calls were made.

Now they get hosed again with the suspension of Daniel Kickert. Let's get real, you're going to suspend a player for an incidental elbow that wasn't even called by the referees?

The WCC needs to be consistent. First they miss a call and say nothing about it, and then they miss a call again and they suspend a player. The common factor in both of those instances is that Saint Mary's is on the wrong side each confrontation.

The league needs to understand that last weekend's games are part of a long standing rivalry that was around way before the WCC ever had a say in things. It's going to be a physical game where guys take some shots. That's part of the game.

When asked about it after the game Kickert called it "totally incidental." He doesn't have a history of this sort of thing and he has been in the league for four years. In that time no one has complained about him.

The bottom line is there is no



Daniel Kickert '06 goes up against Santa Clara center John Bryant (54). In his four years in the WCC, Kickert has started every contest he has played in until his suspension Saturday night.



MICHAEL CHIN

past precedent for their actions. It was just another string of bad calls in the West Coast Conference that reflects the current biases in the conference.

That bias really means three

things: kowtow to Santa Clara, genuflect when you go to Gonzaga, and grovel when you enter San Francisco. It's really that simple.

Take for instance the WCC Tournament. This year it is being held at Gonzaga. Yeah, that's really a neutral site. The Zags are undefeated and have the longest winning streak at home. Real fair.

Instead why not have the game at MacAfee Coliseum? To those who say that leans towards the Gaels, that's not quite true. All three Bay Area schools are about

the same distance away from the site. And it's equal distance for the other five schools. Currently the Pac Ten holds their tournament in the San Jose Arena, which is a neutral site.

The only thing SMC really can do is continue on their current course. Coaches such as Randy Bennett and Rob Brown are helping the Gaels turn the corner and get rid of the bias that is placed upon the Gaels year in and year out.

The Collegian
SPORTS

Gaels stumble versus Sac State

Baseball stung by Hornets in weekend series

by Zach Farmer
Assistant Sports Editor

After a stellar opening week, the Saint Mary's baseball team stumbled into their second week losing their series against Sacramento State by scores of 6-4, 13-1, and 11-6.

In the opening game of the series, the Gaels led 4-1 going into the bottom of the fourth inning when Sacramento State broke out for four runs in the inning. Sacramento State shortstop Everett Rincon had a two-run double in that inning to pace the Hornets.

The Saint Mary's offense took advantage of Sacramento State's three errors by scoring two unearned runs.

Although they took advantage of the mistakes, they left 12 men on base in the game. Senior Sam Carter went 1-4 with an RBI but left four runners on base. Fellow senior Delaney Gallagher went 0-3 with two walks.

Senior first baseman Orben Frederick went 3-5 with an RBI on the day, while Mike Harris went 2-5 and scored a run.

Senior pitcher Joel Fountain went six innings giving up five earned runs on eight hits. He also had four strikeouts. It was Fountain's first loss of the season.

The Gaels hoped to rebound on Saturday but came out flat. Pitcher Mike Nisco, after recording his first complete game win last week, gave up four runs in the first inning and the Hornets would not look back.

Nisco's day did not get any better after the first inning. He would only last five and two-thirds innings allowing 11 runs, eight earned, on 11 hits.

Sacramento State pitcher Matt Campbell allowed only one run on five hits. Hornets DH Kyle Atrat had four RBI's on the day including two RBI's on sacrifices

hits. The Hornets would have four multi-run innings in the game.

The one bright spot for the Gaels is that freshman Joel Staples got his first intercollegiate hit and it was also his first home run.

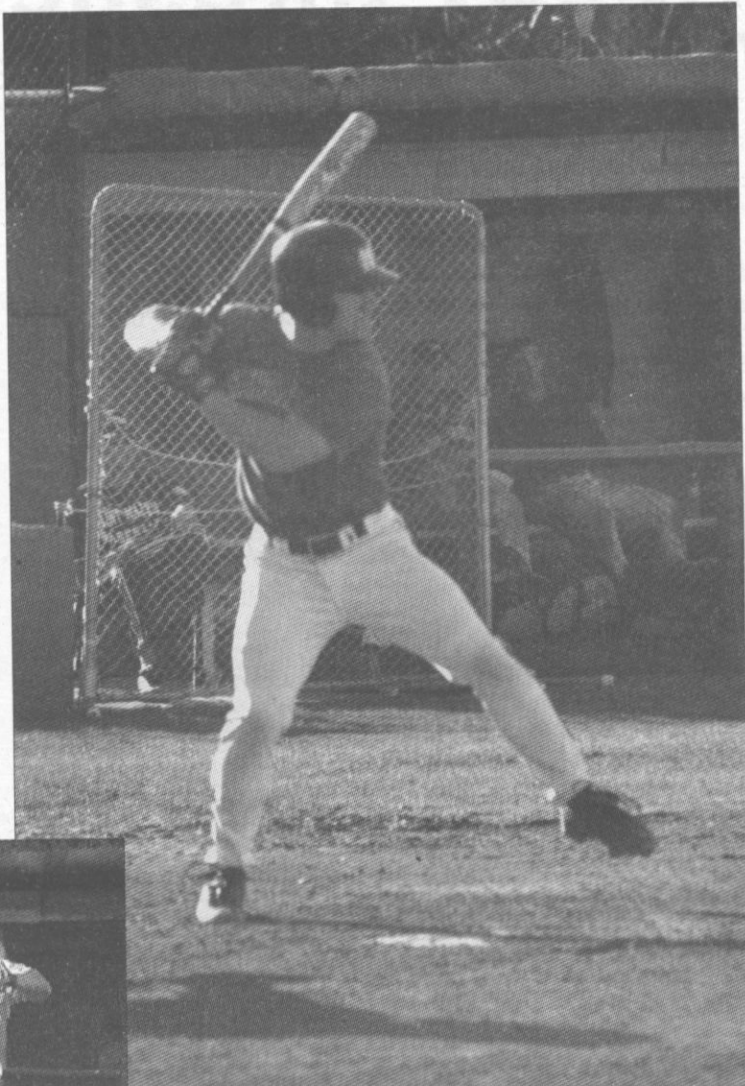
The finale did not go as planned as well. The Hornets put the game out of reach when they went off for five earned runs in the first inning and two more in the second off of senior Ian Farmer. Farmer would only last 2.2 innings and allow eight earned runs on 10 hits. The Gaels

SAC STATE	11
SAINT MARY'S	6

left another 14 runners on base.

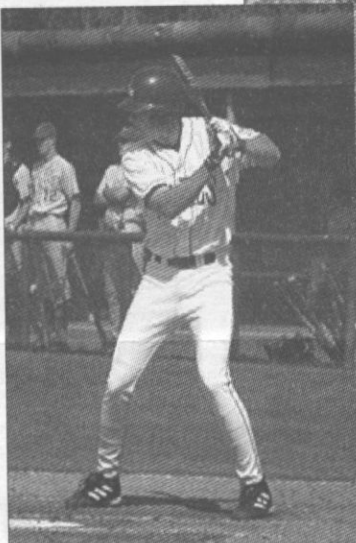
Senior Preston Young, despite the outcome, produced greatly as he went 2-5 with a home run and three RBI's; it was his second home run of the season. Young went 4-11 in the series.

Gallagher went 3-4 with an RBI and scored twice in the finale. He finished the weekend going 3-8 with four walks. Freshman Ryan Doyle came in the game in the seventh inning and pitched two perfect innings



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

Senior second baseman Mike Harris (top) went 2-5 and scored a run in Friday's 6-4 loss and Preston Young (left) went 2-5 with a home run and three RBI's on Sunday. The Gaels will try to rebound against Sac State this weekend.



SUNDAY'S GAME:

	AB	H	R	RBI	AVG
Cattone lf	1	0	1	0	.148
Young, R	2	0	0	0	.200
Frederick 1b	6	2	1	0	.419
Carter cf	5	1	0	1	.313
Gallagher 3b	4	3	2	1	.481
Young, P rf	5	2	1	3	.357
Harris 2b	5	1	1	0	.267
Staples dh	4	2	0	0	.273
Gordon c	4	1	0	0	.182
Hicks ss	4	2	0	1	.150
TOTALS					66

	IP	H	R	ER	K	ERA
Farmer (0-2)	2.2	10	8	8	0	9.35
Lobban	3.1	5	3	2	1	2.70
Doyle	2.0	0	0	0	0	0.00
TOTALS					11	2

and a strikeout in his first action of the season.

This weekend the starting pitching threw a combined 14.1 innings while allowing 21 earned runs which is an ERA of 13.19.

With the loss, the Gaels fall back to .500 (4-4) as they look to rebound in another three-game series with Sacramento State this weekend at Louis Guisto Field.

Standings and Box Scores

Men's Basketball Standings

Team	WCC	Overall
GON(5)	12-0	23-3
LMU	8-4	11-15
SMC	6-6	14-11
USF	6-6	10-15
USD	6-6	16-9
POR	4-8	10-16
PEP	3-8	7-16
SCU	3-9	10-15

Next Men's Basketball Home Game: Saturday, 7:05 p.m.



Saint Mary's (14-11, 6-6) 81
San Diego (16-9, 6-6) 77

Players	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	P
Kickert*	7-10	2-2	1-6	1	20
O'Leary*	5-6	0-0	0-3	3	12
Golden*	2-3	0-1	0-4	3	6
Winston*	1-5	1-2	0-6	7	3
Sholberg*	3-3	0-0	0-3	2	6
Hunter	4-6	1-2	1-4	3	11
McCaughy	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Collins	5-10	4-4	0-1	0	14
Simpson	4-6	1-4	0-3	1	9
Totals	.633	.600	3-31	20	81

Softball Results

L (0-5) 1-0 @ UC Davis
L (0-6) 3-0 @ UC Davis
L (0-7) 8-2 vs. SJSU
W (1-7) 3-1 vs. SJSU
L (1-8) 8-2 vs. Drake

Women's Tennis Results

RAIN OUT

Men's Tennis Results

Saint Mary's (2-4) 5
UC Davis 2

Singles

Julien Tizot (SMC) def. Jayce Fitch, 3-6, 6-4, 10-5
Martin Marechal (SMC) def. Mike Chin 6-0, 6-0
Adam Fauvre (SMC) def. Jordan Combs 6-0, 6-3

Doubles

Chin/Garcia def. Fauvre/Tyler Jackson (SMC) 8-5
Tizot/Marechal (SMC) def. Combs/Fitch 8-5

Baseball Results

Series vs. Sacramento State
L (4-2) 6-4
L (4-3) 13-1
L (4-4) 11-6

Women's Basketball Results

Saint Mary's (11-14, 6-6) 65
San Diego (8-17, 3-9) 58

Players	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	P
Smith*	5-9	2-2	0-2	2	13
Urmonaite*	1-4	0-0	1-1	0	2
Benavente*	3-5	0-0	0-4	8	8
Van Burger*	0-4	2-2	1-3	1	2
Ludwick*	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	3
Lahde	5-7	0-1	1-5	2	11
Obaiza	2-3	1-1	1-5	1	5
Cowles	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	4
Arredondo	2-5	0-0	0-5	1	4
Mertle	4-9	2-2	0-5	1	11
Totals	.500	.875	7-34	16	63

Team	WCC	Overall
SCU	10-2	16-9
LMU	9-3	15-10
GON	9-3	14-13
PEP	7-5	10-15
SMC	6-6	11-14
USD	3-9	8-17
USF	3-9	7-18
POR	1-11	4-21

Around the Horn with SMC Athletics



Men's Basketball

With Senior All-Conference forward Daniel Kickert suspended for his questionable incident with Santa Clara forward Travis Neison last Monday, the rest of the Gaels dug deep and picked up the slack to gain a victory against the Cal Poly SLO Mustangs. The suspension marked the end Kickert's streak for consecutive starts, one of the longest in Saint Mary's history.

It was a shootout for the Gaels, who for the first time this season had three players with 20 points or more.

Cal Poly led for much of the game, but forward Brett Collins, finally healthy after some chronic backpain, came off the bench to lift the Gaels past the Mustangs 89-85.

John Winston and Ian O'Leary kept SMC in the game through much of the first half. Winston finished the game with 23 and O'Leary added 22. Saint Mary's has won five of their last six games.

Michael Chin, Co-Sports Editor



Men's Lacrosse

The men's lacrosse team lost a heartbreaker on Saturday to the visiting Stanford Cardinal 7-6. Up 4-2 at halftime, the Gaels struggled in the second half as Stanford dominated most of the possession. After going down 6-5, Kevin Beecroft scored a clutch catch-and-shoot goal to tie the game at 6-6 with only a few minutes to go. Stanford, however, scored with a low bouncing shot a few minutes later and was able to hang on for the victory. The Gaels will look to improve their fortunes this Saturday when they face UNR at home at 2 p.m. on the Intramural Field.

Allison Kop, Co-Sports Editor



Women's Lacrosse

Despite falling behind 6-0 at the start of the game, the Saint Mary's women's lacrosse team was able to rally and defeated the UC Davis Aggies 12-8 in an impressive road victory. Kim Reny led the charge for the Gaels, scoring three goals, while Molly Wagner, P.J. Hainley, and Chloe Dee added two a piece. The Gaels are off to a rip-roaring start this year, going 2-0 in their first two games of the season. They will look to continue their winning streak on Friday, March 3 when they travel to Oregon to take on the Ducks.

Allison Kop, Co-Sports Editor



BELEN GARCIA

The perils of beginning surfing

As all my devoted fans know, I visited the exotic Dominican Republic for the month of January and have come back to all my children a much wiser and worldier commentator of sport. With that said I am going to talk about surfing today. Last Saturday I decided that it was a beautiful day. (Well I didn't just decide it, it actually was a beautiful day, but what's the point in splitting hairs, right?) I told my boyfriend, who loves the beach more than flies love fecal matter, that we should go to the beach and go surfing for the day. As an avid surfer dude extraordinaire he had all the gear ready for us to get out there on the water. He packed up his long board for me to ride which, for all you non-surfers out there, is like a regular surfboard, except that it is really long. Don't worry you'll get the hang of the self-explanatory surfing lingo in no time.

We arrived in Pacifica, unpacked all the boards, and since it was pretty chilly out there we needed wetsuits. While my boyfriend put his state-of-the-art wetsuit on, I scuttled over to the nearby surf shop and proceeded to rent a wetsuit so that I wouldn't freeze like the morning dew out there in the cold Pacific Ocean. I dropped the \$16.94 for the wetsuit rental, which by the way looked fantastic. O'Neill really should hire me as a model after seeing the way I fiercely wore that black and turquoise wetsuit.

We finally got out on the water and were enjoying ourselves and by that I mean my boyfriend enjoying watching me flail around in an attempt to learn to master the waves. After a few wipeouts I started paddling around casually and I think the ocean knew that I wasn't really paying attention, because as the lion attacks the wounded gazelle the ocean attacked me with what felt like 20 foot waves. The last thing I remember was looking at a huge wave and thinking, "Yikes!" just before it proceeded to pummel me into oblivion. After about five minutes of being jostled underwater, I surfaced like a breaching whale spitting out water and yelling at the top of my lungs. I had survived my first real pounding by the ocean. Moral of the story: Surfing is hard and you really don't want to let the ocean make you its b**ch.

Rugby thrashes Nevada-Reno

Ninth ranked Gaels host top ranked California this weekend

by Allison Kop
 Co-Sports Editor

The men's rugby team pulled off another impressive victory on Saturday, trouncing the University of Nevada Wolf Pack 68-0 on a rainy day at their home field. The game was a good warm-up for the Gaels who will play their biggest game of the year this Saturday when they take on Cal, the defending national champions.

The game was a hard-fought battle as both teams were very well disciplined, but Saint Mary's was able to pull ahead with their quickness and superior tackling.

Matt Leatherby '07 opened scoring for the Gaels by muscling his way into the center of the try zone. Volney Rouse '06 connected on the following kick to make the score 7-0 in the first ten minutes. Rouse was nearly perfect on the day, missing only one kick all game.

After the first try, scores came pouring in from multiple players including Rouse, Kevin Swirn '07, Damien Fatonga '05, and Josh Merliner '06. As the clock ticked down on the end of the first half, the Gael defense made a key stop to keep their

opponents scoreless, as the Wolf Pack charged within five yards of the try zone.

After the half, Saint Mary's continued to pound the opposition scoring five more tries in the match. John Porter '06 made an impressive try in the midst of a mini hail storm, while Tate Soynila '07 capped off the scoring in the match after receiving a nice pass from Mario Gosalves '05.

Though they have showed dominating performances in their last two games, shutting out both Nevada and Stanford, the Gaels will have their work cut out for them on Saturday as they attempt to take down Cal, a dynasty in men's rugby.

The Bears have won 21 national titles in the history of their program including every championship from 1991-2002. After coming in third in 2003, Cal has won the title the last two years. Come support your team and cheer the underdogs to victory this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Pat Vincent Field.

SMC Where: Pat Vincent Field
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 When: Sat. 1 pm **Cal**
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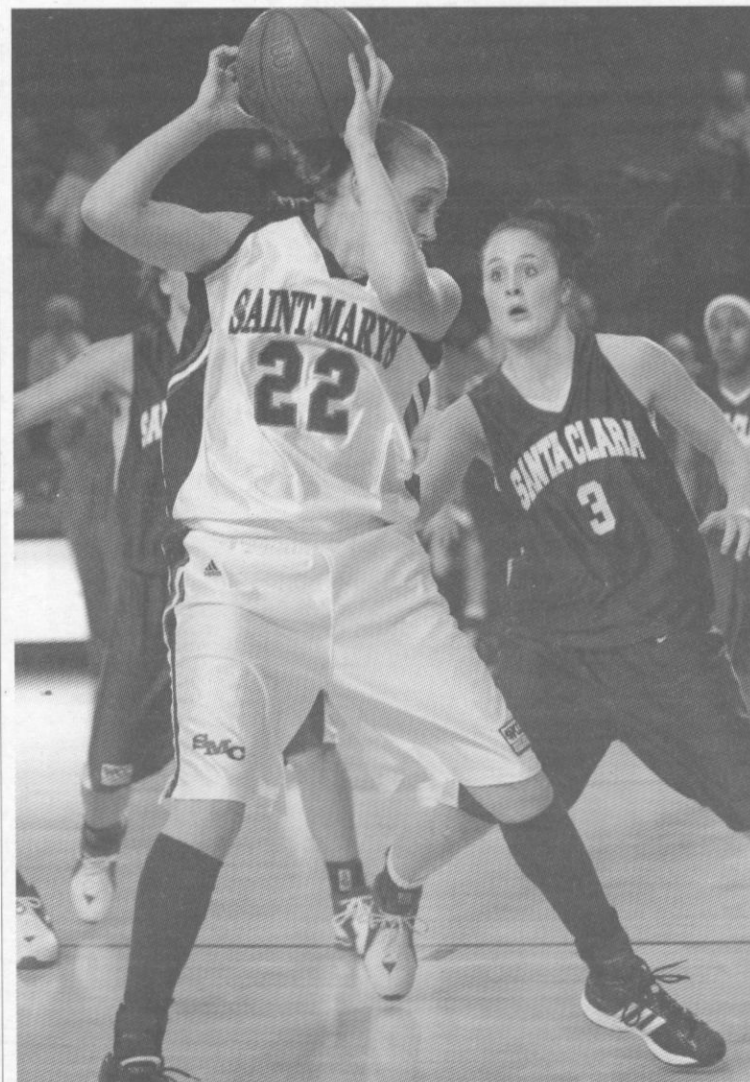
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Seniors John Porter (center) and Dan Tabacco (right), are two members of a talented senior class which will look to bring the Gaels their first win against Cal in four years on Saturday.

Gaels finish homestand on a high note

Seniors end home career with a win over San Diego Toreros

by Zach Farmer
 Assistant Sports Editor



Collin Krauthamer/COLLEGIAN

Senior Evynn Van Burger was solid in her final home game in a Gael uniform. She will finish out her career this weekend in southern California.

The women's basketball team split their games this week, losing to Santa Clara on Wednesday in a heart-breaker 64-62 and winning on Saturday against San Diego 65-58.

The Gaels trailed the Broncos by 13 at the half, rallied back to come within two, but were unable to finish off the comeback. Gael forward Maija Lahde '08 had 14 points and a career-high 15 rebounds in the loss to the Broncos, including six points in the final two and a half minutes. It was her second straight career-high, both of them coming against Santa Clara, as she scored 17 points versus the Broncos on February 9.

Freshman Jontelle Smith added 10 points and four assists for SMC.

Despite the loss, the Gaels rebounded against San Diego in their last home game of the season. Seniors Evynn Van Burger, Erika Urmonaite, and Katie Ludwick were honored

before the game and all started their final home contest.

However, it was the underclassmen that would lead the team this game. Smith, Lahde, and red-shirt sophomore Monica Mertle all scored in double figures. Sophomore Serena Benavente added eight points, four rebounds, and eight assists.

San Diego guard Tiara Harris led all scorers with 22 on Friday night. But the Toreros shot only 33 percent from the field and 27 percent in the second half. As a team, the Gaels shot 50 percent from the field and 42 percent from three-point range.

With the win, the Gaels stand at 11-14 and 6-6 in WCC play. This puts them in fifth place in the conference and only one game back of Pepperdine for fourth place.

The Gaels finish out their conference schedule on the road playing at Pepperdine (10-15, 7-5 WCC) Thursday and at Loyola Marymount (15-10, 9-3 WCC) on Saturday.

SMC 65
SAN DIEGO TOREROS 58