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*They marched with a King...*



Julie McAvoy/COLLEGIAN

Billie and John Maguire enjoyed lunch and conversation with Kristin Mathe '06 (left) and other students from Campus Ministry last week while they were visiting Saint Mary's campus as Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows.

## Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows come to SMC

*Friends of Martin Luther King Junior come to campus in celebration of Black History Month and to 'offer suggestions' and 'share experience'*

by Julie McAvoy  
Assistant News Editor

Last week, Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows, John and Billie Maguire dropped in on Saint Mary's classes, attended events, and engaged in conversations with students, faculty, and administration. "We are not doing an assessment of SMC," said Billie. "But there may be ways in which we may find we can be helpful in offering suggestions or sharing experiences with the faculty and administration."

The Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows (WWVF) is a program that was started by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation in Princeton, New Jersey. The program assembles a roster of 120 established public figures that are then chosen by different Liberal Arts Colleges to visit their campus. "[These visitors] serve as a pair of new eyes that sometimes can see things that people who are there all the time don't necessarily notice," said John.

"Given our own histories in children's advocacy, so-

cial justice, and civil rights, we almost always are invited to a campus in January or February," said John Maguire. "Our friendship with Martin Luther King Jr. lets us relate to events surrounding the King celebrations [in January] and Black History Month in February."

John Maguire's work focuses on the relationship between moral and religious thought and contemporary human rights, social justice and education issues. Billie said, "Because of John's 28 years as a college president, many colleges are interested in him talking to the board or the president of the college about issues that he might have had some experience with."

Lillian (Billie) Maguire, a teacher and curriculum coordinator, is an advocate for children's issues and discussed women's issues, religion, community organizing, and education. "What's good for children is good for everyone," said Billie. "Being an advocate for chil-

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## Program Board receives extra funds for Gaelstock

*ASSMC grants another \$12,000 for this spring's musical festivities*

by Chris Kreuslich  
Contributing Writer

This year, Gaelstock will receive an additional \$12,000 to help with bringing in a more known band.

"Gaelstock is a complex event. There are a lot of behind-the-scenes that some students don't realize happen," said President of Program Board Luke Kircher '06. "The additional \$12,000 will help bump our options into the next tier, giving us options of bands that are more well-known and liked amongst the student body." Kircher also stated that

Program Board receives about \$33,000 from the general fund each year to put into Gaelstock.

Each year Gaelstock typically costs between \$50,000-\$55,000 with all the expenses such as the opening acts, headliners, agent fees, security, lighting, and sound. Revenues from ticket sales and other items help cover the differences in cost.

"One of our objectives is to change the focus of the event to be more on the activities and festivities and less on the alcohol. Our thought is that by bringing in a band that students are more familiar with it will get them

excited to see the concert," said Kircher. "We also think that with a much better band it will appeal to a larger portion of the student body, in turn making the event more inclusive to all students and creating a better showing of our community spirit."

Gaelstock is one of Program Board's biggest annual events with 1,400-1,600 students in attendance.

"Our event is designed to be as inclusive of all students as possible with a variety of activities and exciting

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## Gael TV revamped and renamed

*Student-run TV media Gael Vision starts up this semester*

by Ka'uilani Kauahi  
Staff Writer

Tired of watching the same old reruns of MTV shows everyday? Perk up, because soon a new source of peer-produced programs is coming. Those newer to the campus may not know that Channel 19 is home to GaelVision, the on-campus TV station that has been off air for approximately two years. Run by a crew of students this TV station will consist of shows focusing on sports, student films, as well as other new and creative programs. By attempting to reach the whole campus Gael Vision "involves everyone including faculty...[looking to] entertain and represent the college and its Lasallian values." GaelVision is one of the many Student Media programs hosted by Saint Mary's. Now that GaelVision is active again, it can join the ranks of *The Gael* and *The Collegian*, not to mention a hodgepodge of other clubs all finding a way to reach out to students.

Launching late this week or early next week, students interested in helping out can send an e-mail to [astillin@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:astillin@stmarys-ca.edu), or show up to a production meeting on most Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Assumption 100B. "There are no skill requirements, except for dedication," said the crew, which consists of staff member Ed Tywoniak, student leader Alex Stillings '08, Director of Programming and Personnel Emily Robbins '08, and Director of Finances and Operations Lauren Vandam '08. "Anything you need to know how to do, we can train you in." By encouraging students to join, GaelVision works to appeal to students interested in television, communications, or just those wanting to have fun doing something creative and different.

Attempting to "build this year so the station can flourish next year," said Stillings (a student and GaelVision officer) the station is trying to attract students by airing things they would find interesting, like sports and other demographic-hitting shows. Programs will be aired regularly in two weeks. This is an opportunity for anyone looking for something other than mainstream television to check out what their peers are doing and perhaps even get involved.

The all student-staff edits, storyboards, arranges-light-

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Jonathan Morales/COLLEGIAN

Gael Vision to hit the air waves this semester with a new look.

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## SNAPSHOT



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**The Tour of California traveled past Saint Mary's College last Tuesday.**



JO-ANN ARQUILLANO

### Things that go bump in the night...and day

I am afraid. I have no problem admitting to the fact that things frighten me. It's true. My generally competent, grown self gets scared. I am afraid of the unknown, of the unfamiliar. I am afraid of the dark—no, maybe not the dark per se, but what one might find in the dark. I am afraid of the things that go bump in the night.

When I was little, anything could make me jump. I slept with the light on. I got nervous when I felt like it was too quiet, like there might be a chance I could hear something I didn't want to. I was afraid of mirrors and the eerie shadows that fell on them as the faint lights from the backyard crept in through my window late at night.

Oddly enough, while I remained so easily frightened, I couldn't help but follow my peers and indulge in the childhood fascination with ghost stories and scary movies. Actually I became quite a fan of both. There was always such a rush in being scared, of being startled. There was a refreshing flash of adrenaline every time something could make me jump out of my seat. And let's be honest, it was just plain fun, sitting around with friends, cowering deeper and deeper into the sofa, masking your face with your hands only to peek through your

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## Campus Quotes:

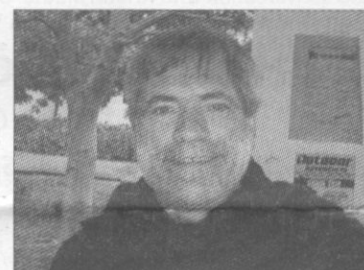
**How do you feel about genetic engineering?**



It's a good idea for research to cure diseases but not to enhance human genes.  
 -Laura Carmichael '06



I'm interested but cautious. There is probably a lot to be gained but there are some places we ought not to be going.  
 -Collin Gallagher '08



It's a complicated and difficult ethical issue.  
 -Brother Mark McVann

Campus Quotes and photos compiled by Vince Ochoa

## Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES



DANNY ACOSTA

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Soldiers are in a stand-off with a prisoner-seized jail. The Taliban and al-Qaida are allegedly responsible.

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil** — Art worth millions of dollars was stolen, along with visitors' money and possessions, during the annual Carnival parade.

**BOGOTA, Colombia** — Rebel group bans use of certain roads and follows with force, leaving nine dead. The rebels shot out the tires of vehicles, causing a crash.

**BANGKOK, Thailand** — Protesters and opposing parties demand the Prime Minister resigns because of his resistance to political reforms.

**BEIJING, China** — Independent journalist Li Datong's magazine is shut down for questioning the accuracy of Chinese history.

**WASHINGTON D.C.** — Supreme Court unanimously okayed use of hallucinogenic tea in New Mexico for a small congregation's four-hour ritual to connect with God.

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador** — United States and El Salvador to begin the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) March 1.

**JAMAICA** — Portia Simpson Miller is set to become the island's first female Prime Minister.

**BOGOTA, Columbia** — A man receives a four-year jail sentence for grabbing a woman's behind.

## Crime Beat

2/17 10:40 a.m.  
**Incident:** Grand Theft  
**Synopsis:** Louis Vuitton wallet stolen from Ageno B; referred to Student Conduct

2/18 3:21 a.m.  
**Incident:** Handbook Violations  
**Synopsis:** Cohabitation in Guerrieri West; referred to Student Conduct

2/18 3:27 a.m.  
**Incident:** Burglar Alarm  
**Synopsis:** Unfounded burglar alarm in Hearst Art Gallery; suspended

2/18 3:53 a.m.  
**Incident:** Handbook Violations  
**Synopsis:** Minors in possession of alcohol and underage students intoxicated in Aquinas Hall; referred to Student Conduct and Health & Wellness Center

2/19 1:30 a.m.  
**Incident:** Trespassing  
**Synopsis:** Suspicious persons in Ageno C 2nd floor hallway; referred to Student Conduct

2/19 4:55 p.m.  
**Incident:** Fire Alarm  
**Synopsis:** Fire alarm caused by cooking on 1st floor of Justin Hall; referred to Student Conduct and the Physical Plant

2/22 9:17 p.m.  
**Incident:** Medical Assistance  
**Synopsis:** Non-transport in McKeon Gym; referred to Health & Wellness Center

2/22 9:55 p.m.  
**Incident:** Suspicious Circumstances  
**Synopsis:** Nails and screws spilled on Saint Mary's Parkway; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant

2/23 12:53 a.m.  
**Incident:** Suspicious Circumstances  
**Synopsis:** Furniture and plant knocked over on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Dante Hall; suspended

2/23 2:05 a.m.  
**Incident:** Fire Alarm Activation  
**Synopsis:** Malicious pull in Ageno East; referred to Student Conduct



**Weekly  
Featured  
Profile**

Lasallian Student Spotlight

**Ephraim Egan**

by Jenna Zack  
Staff Writer



Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

Ephraim Egan '06, a history major, is an aspiring young man nominated as an outstanding Lasallian Student at Saint Mary's College. He is also an active member in various clubs and organizations on campus.

Egan is active as a Senate member for the Senior Class in the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) and was nominated for his "kind and easy-going nature." He exemplifies Inclusive Community the most out of the five Lasallian Principles by celebrating the diversity of everyone at Saint Mary's College. He also shows respect to all individuals and welcomes everyone who comes into contact with him. When meeting new students, he is very friendly and welcoming. He displays "leadership and care for others." These qualities show in the decisions he has made. He has helped make the 2005-2006 school year great for the seniors through his position in the senate. He was a mentor for the High Potential Program last summer and his presence was greatly appreciated.

Egan is also involved with the Photography Club, MAPAS (Mentoring for Asian Pacific Islanders), helping to plan Asian Culture Night, and A-Voice. He is a diverse student who lends his voice to all different areas on campus. He is not limited to involvement in just one organization, but lends his many talents to various clubs and organizations. He said that he likes to be involved with organizations at Saint Mary's because he feels strong about what the organizations stand for. He is a passionate person, focused on making the Saint Mary's College community better for all students, staff, and faculty.

In Egan's free time, he is just a normal college student at heart. He likes to hang out with his friends and go into the city. He enjoys watching television, and maintains a happy, active lifestyle balancing school and being involved with various organizations.

After he graduates, Egan wants to take a year off from school and afterward he hopes to go to grad school and become a college history professor. He is a very determined individual. When he has time off, he wants to travel. He said he has been "fortunate enough to go to parts of Europe, but wants to visit Russia, Japan, or Thailand." Exploring these new countries will be his top priority during that time. Ephraim Egan is a talented role model for all students because of the superior qualities he possesses.

**Jan Term class visits Ellen DeGeneres show**

Students who traveled to New Orleans to be audience members at special Mardi Gras themed show to air today at 4:00 on NBC

by Jonathan Morales  
Editor-in-Chief

Saint Mary's students who traveled to New Orleans this Jan Term will be members of the audience on The Ellen DeGeneres Show today.

The show will have a Mardi Gras theme, and every member of the audience will be someone who has done relief work in New Orleans. It airs at 4:00 p.m. today on NBC.

Of the 25 students who took the class, 21 will be in the audience, as well as Associate Dean of Liberal Arts Shawny Anderson and videographer Marsha Ong, who both taught the class.

"We wrote to Ellen's website and Oprah's website saying we thought they would be interested in our photo journal on the web," said Anderson. Communication professor Margaret Dick and Associated Students of Saint Mary's College President John Zabala '06 also contacted the shows.

Ellen's show, as it turns out, did



Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

New Orleans Jan Term class back from the Bayou appears on NBC today.

look at the photo journal and the video and last Monday invited the class to be part of the audience. However, they are not sure when or if they will be on camera or if they will get a mention.

Anderson rented a 15-passenger van and the class traveled down to Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon. Several of the students

were already in L.A. with family or for other conferences. They were in the studio yesterday afternoon and caravanned back to Saint Mary's last night.

Featured on the show will be actor Dennis Quaid, New Orleans band Cowboy Mouth, and Becky Zaheri, founder of "Katrina Krewe."

**News Briefs**

**Vacationing in Afghanistan**

Next Tuesday, March 7, Saint Mary's College graduate Aaron Rockett '01 and John Monte will present their latest documentary film, "Vacationing in Afghanistan" in the LeFevre Theatre at 3 p.m. This film follows two young Americans traveling through the war-torn region of Afghanistan. It explores both the complex geopolitical problems facing the

country and the people who have learned to survive through great hardship. After the film, the producers will talk about the making of the movie and answer questions from the crowd. This event is free and open to the public and refreshments will follow. For more information, please call Associate Professor John Ely at (925) 631-4092.

**CORRECTION:**

The following people were left off of the Orientation Leader list last week:

- Zack Miskel '09
- Iliyah Perez '08
- Sam Westermann '09

Congratulations on becoming an orientation leaders!

**Poetry and memoir author visits Saint Mary's**

Author Mary Karr will visit Saint Mary's College on Wednesday, March 1 and will engage in a question/answer conversation with Saint Mary's English and Composition Professor Brenda Hillman. Karr is the author of four volumes of poetry, includ-

ing *Viper Rum*, *Abacus*, and most recently, *Sinners Welcome*. She is also the author of two memoirs, *Cherry and The Liars Club* both of which were New York Times bestsellers. Her poems and essays have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic* and

*Parnassus* and she has been the recipient of the Whiting Writer's Award, an NEA, a Radcliffe Bunting Fellowship, and a Guggenheim. She currently teaches Literature at Syracuse University. The event will be held in the Soda Center at 7:30 p.m.

Applications due this Friday, March 3



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**Campus  
Calendar**

Visiting Author:

Mary Karr  
Wednesday, March 1  
7:30 p.m.  
Soda Center  
Contact: x4088

Study Abroad Meetings

Wednesday, March 1  
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Dante Hall  
Contact: Dino x4107

Commuter Wake-Up

Thursday, March 2  
7:45 a.m.  
Dryden Hall  
Contact: Katie x8162

Applications for ASSMC

Executive Positions Due  
Thursday, March 2  
6:00 p.m.  
Student Involvement and Leadership  
Contact: x4271

Power Trip - Alvin Ailey

Dance Theatre  
Thursday, March 2  
6:00 p.m.  
Contact: x8317

Lessons on Leadership

Thursday, March 2  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Soda Center

Leadership Development:

Leading Collaboratively  
Friday, March 3  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Soda Center  
Contact: x4212

Slam Poetry and

Spoken Word  
Friday, March 3  
9:00 p.m.  
Dryden Hall  
Open Mic Night to follow  
Contact: x8317

MFA Scholarship Fund

Benefit  
Saturday, March 4  
5:00 p.m.  
Dolby Chadwick Gallery,  
San Francisco  
Tickets are \$85  
Contact: x4088

Auction Date and Dance

Saturday, March 4  
8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.  
Soda Center  
\$5 tickets  
Contact: Program Board

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Want it in the Collegian?

E-mail us with the details of your event at:  
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or call for more information:  
(925) 631-4279

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

## VISITORS: Program offers set of new eyes

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dren means you are very involved in the community."

Billie thinks that college campuses can play a very important role in helping with children's issues. "With the Lasallian principles at this school, in terms of service and social action, I think it is very important that the child be very high on the priority list because they are the future."

John and Billie have been married for 53 years and visit one liberal arts college a year. The schools that they visit "enjoy having another resource available to them for bringing new ideas," said John.

During their week-long stay at Saint Mary's, they visited 15 different courses including anthropology, sociology, politics, and education. Billie sat in on a Graduate Education class and said, "I was very impressed with what they are doing and with them as individuals."

They also led reflections on Martin Luther King Jr.'s letter from Birmingham Jail and activism in the 1960s. "The tremen-

dous turnout of students and their engagement was a highlight," said John. The Maguires were close friends with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and John worked closely with him up to his death. "I was involved in a number of ventures and campaigns, did speech writing for him, and was so close that at his death, Mrs. King asked me to become the first chairman of the MLK center in Atlanta, Georgia," said John.

John and King met at a seminary retreat where they were roommates when they were 19 and 21 respectively. John said he knew they would be close when he realized that he had forgotten his toothbrush and King told John to rinse his off with hot water and use his. "We broke two rules of society at that time by having a black and white man room together and sharing a toothbrush," said John.

John was part of the 1961 Freedom Rides and was jailed briefly in Montgomery, Alabama for his involvement in fighting racism. John said, "Working with King

simply amplified my beliefs that institutionalized racism was, and I believe to this day remains, the number one American problem."

When asked why they thought they were chosen to visit Saint Mary's, the Maguires replied, "When facing an issue of diversity both of us have had a lot of experience with how you diversify not only your student body, but your staff and faculty, and board."

The Maguires noticed Saint Mary's students' sense of school pride in the first few interactions with students Elizabeth Cruz '09 and John Zabala '06. "Elizabeth was especially articulate about what the school has meant for her," said Billie.

Other interactions with students in classrooms, events, and meals were also positive for the Maguire's. "The one on one exchanges with students are very rewarding. The students have been marvelous. They have been very open and accepting and embracing," said Billie.

## ARQUILLANO: Editor finds that things in the light can be scarier than what's hiding in the dark

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fingers, waiting for that final climactic moment when blood-curdling screams melted into uncontrollable laughter. I guess it's just sort of life affirming, being scared to death. The problem comes when the movie ends. It's all fun and games until you get smacked in the face with the harsh reality that it's dark, it's late, it's quiet, and you have to somehow fall asleep with dreams of everything haunting and gruesome dancing in your head.

As I got older, my appreciation for spine-tingling entertainment continued. But outside of the horror movie genre, other things added to the mélange of "things that frightened me." Now, it wasn't only the obvious dripping-with-blood-impossible-to-kill-brandishing-a-butcher-knife vil-

lain that occupied my troubled thoughts.

As the sense of responsibility to take care of myself became more of a reality, the ghouls and goblins were joined by more pertinent fears. All of a sudden I was also forced to worry about things like grades and car accidents and burglaries and my own general safety. It wasn't bad enough that I was still battling the dread of things that didn't exactly exist. Now I had to lose sleep over creepy crawlies and sensible concerns. I had to stay in the well lit areas of parking lots, I had to keep pepper spray on me when I went to unfamiliar places alone, I had to make sure my car didn't unexpectedly break down in front of some creepy looking house in the middle of nowhere. And now, as

a senior in college, even more has accumulated in my mass of "things that frighten me."

I'll be completely honest. When it's late at night and it's totally still and silent, I'm still afraid of hearing something I don't want to. When I'm alone in some creepy looking public restroom (there are a few on campus) I still dread the moment I look up into the mirror and see someone behind me who isn't really there.

But beyond all this, beyond the walking dead, the demons and the serial killers, there are still a million things that terrify me even more. Business suits, bills, and hell, even fax machines are totally daunting. I guess it just goes to show, over everything else, nothing's scarier than growing up.

## GAELSTOCK: Program Board receives more money for an improved Gaelstock band in order to appeal to larger crowd

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things to participate in throughout the afternoon," said Kircher. Program Board's Vice President of Seasonal Committee Daniella Malfitano '08 said, "The money already provided and extra funds will help make Gaelstock a more diversified event in regards to the music, appealing to the larger campus."

The headliner and opening act for this year's Gaelstock are still being decided, depending on Program Board's finances. Malfitano also said that the extra funds will help make Gaelstock more appealing to everyone.

Melanie Petruzzi '07 said,

"The activities were fun last year and bands were good; I enjoyed Rooney." She also mentioned what she would like to see at this year's Gaelstock. "I would like to see a more well-known band, possibly have free food—a B.B.Q. style would be cool since we pay to get into the venue."

"I have enjoyed Gaelstock and have had a good time. I think the extra funds will definitely help bring in a more well-known band compared to the underground bands," said Liz Garcia '06.

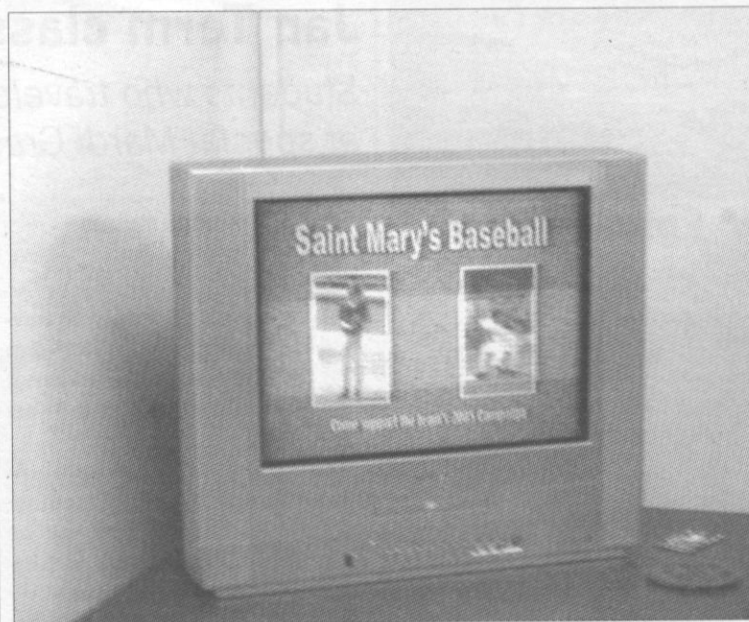
This year, Gaelstock is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, from noon to 4 p.m.

### ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!!

Here is the time to voice your ideas. In the lines provided, please describe what you would like to experience at this year's Gaelstock on Saturday, May 6.

Please cut out and return to Program Board Office.

(925) 631-4146



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## GAELVISION: New plans and training for resurrected student media

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ing, brainstorming, and shoots the footage. This week they are working extra hard to make a good name for GaelVision after their short dormancy. Students may have noticed Stillings at some of the basketball games with his video camera, recording some shots for the long awaited return of Saint Mary's very own TV station.

Working for a strong comeback the staff has been a non-stop machine, collecting footage from games, recruiting students with good ideas for creative shows, and trying to reach out to those interested in being on the GaelVision team. It is hard, after all, to get a good sized crew together when the station itself has been on hold for

over a year now. This is a wake-up for students, letting the campus know that GaelVision is a thing of the future not a thing of the past.

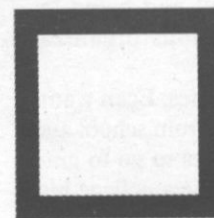
When asked what GaelVision contributes to the Saint Mary's Campus as a whole, Alex Stillings replied "We are going to be airing anything and everything so we hope to show what is happening on the campus and show off the creativity [and] determination of our students." With that said, if Saint Mary's students really want to stand out and be recognized, what better way to do it then getting involved with something as accessible as GaelVision?

## Attention all poets, talkers and ramblers!

Poetry and Spoken Word  
Friday, March 3  
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
Dryden Hall

Come and share your poetry and other works

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# The Collegian NEWS

## New Lasallian residential community available in 2006-2007

Students to live together in bottom floor of Beckett Hall to foster community engagement

by Darwyn Deyo  
Staff Writer

This year's pilot Lasallian Community program at Saint Mary's will commence in a fuller integration of the Lasallian ideals next year. Led this year by Molleen Dupree, Assistant Director of Residential Service Learning, and Brother Michael Sanderl, Assistant Dean of Missions, the program is aimed at addressing a student desire to examine Lasallian principles more closely in terms of active education and social justice. Next year, with group living as the final component, the program will round out the students' needs.

This year, the program consisted of three major elements. The educational aspect of the program is the quarter credit class co-taught by Molleen Dupree and Brother Michael Sanderl, which focuses on issues that the students can apply in the community. The class, "Listening to Life: Living Lasallian" talks about "Lasallian spirituality, vocation, prayer, community, social justice issues, [just] a whole range of things," said Dupree. "The class is a time for us to get together on a regular basis and talk about some of those issues, [and] we invite in occasional guest speakers." The course allows students to get background information on the subjects they will address in the second component, which is community service teams.

"The class is split up into three different teams that go out to the LEO center to do tutoring and educational services which feed into the Lasallian mission. It helps the students to get some sort of tangible experience of lived Lasallian spirituality that they can hang their readings on and have a real life student-child in mind when we're talking about theoretical things about education, about poverty, about social justice issues," Dupree said. The social action element of the class is integral because it removes the questions being asked from a disinterested query to personal involvement.

The third element this year was



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the community nights, which was a chance for the students to join together. Here, the twelve sophomores and juniors gathered every other week in which they did "a variety of different things from celebrating each other's birthdays, to watching and discussing movies, and [sharing] a meal." This is what the fourth element, which will be introduced next year, will build upon. For the 2006-2007 school year, the proposed eighteen students will live together in three suites on the bottom floor of Becket Hall to strengthen their community focus, both inwardly and outwardly, and lead Saint Mary's more effectively.

The Lasallian Community will not be a place of isolation, however. Brother Michael Sanderl said that the component of common living would "[be] a place where students come together to get inspiration, support, and recognition for the work that they're doing and have that common place where they're with students who have similar concerns and are doing similar things." But that community doesn't exist for the sake of itself. Rather, "[it] exists to provide that place of inspiration and support and then a place to go out from. We want to create an atmosphere of openness. Obviously students have a lot of aspects to what they do."

For now, the Lasallian Community is still in its planning stages, but both Molleen Dupree and Brother Michael Sanderl have high hopes for the project. Fundamentally, Brother Michael hopes it can be a place of leadership and mentoring for freshmen.

"Whether it [is] the community reaching out to the residence halls that are primarily freshman, or inviting some of those halls to an event, [it will allow] freshmen to get a sense of what it means to be part of Saint Mary's." Applications for living in the Lasallian community next year are due March 1 by 4 p.m. in the Office of Residence Life.

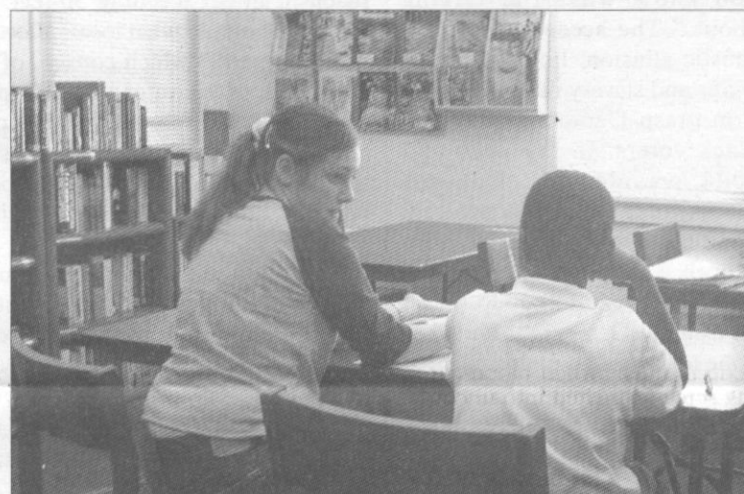


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**Top Center** - The bottom floor of Becket Hall will house the Lasallian Community students next year.

**Top Right** - Amanda Stump '08 tutors a young student at the Leo Center in Oakland

**Bottom** - (clockwise from front left) Daniella Malfitano '08, Noelia Garcia '08, Aimee Majoue '08, and Jose Cano '08 share a meal during one of the community nights in Brother Michael Sanderl's kitchen.



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**What we learn from Black History Month**

As some of you may know, February was Black History Month. It was celebrated at SMC, as well as around the country. On campus the Saint Mary's Republicans put up flyers in celebration (even before the Black Student Union did).

Not all celebrations were welcome; however, pictures of Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell were defaced and torn down.

On the national level, Democrat Hillary Clinton said, "When you look at the way the House of Representatives has been run, it has been run like a plantation and you know what I'm talking about." The acceptance of her caustic allusion, linking Republicans and slavery illuminates the firm grasp Democrats have on black voters. In the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections, Blacks voted a mere 9% and 11% for Bush. During Black History Month a fascinating article by Larry Elder caused me to reflect on what the Democratic Party has done to earn such unprecedented loyalty.

In the 1850s, it was Democrats who supported the expansion of slavery, passing the Kansas-Nebraska Act and the fugitive slave law, which limited the rights of free blacks. The anti-slavery opponents of these measures would soon form the core of the Republican Party. It was from this new party that Abe Lincoln, the issuer of the Emancipation Proclamation, would emerge. Immediately after the Civil War, 23 blacks, many who were freed slaves, were elected to Congress, every one of them was a Republican. The 13th Amendment, which banned slavery, passed in Congress, with every dissenting vote coming from a Democrat. The 14th Amendment, which protected Black rights, was totally supported by Republicans, but not one Democrat voted for it. The vote for the 15th Amendment, which stated race was not a factor in the right to vote, went the same way: Republicans supported it, Democrats voted against it. Following the Civil War, Republicans passed a series of measures to fight Jim Crow laws in the south. When Democrats took control of the house they put a stop to it and in some cases even repealed measures against Jim Crow. The 1964 Civil Rights Act as well saw a higher percentage of support among Republicans than Democrats in Congress. So the next time a Democrat tells you that Congress is run like a "plantation" you know what they REALLY mean. I hope that during Black History Month, or any other month, that more of us examine history so we do not repeat the mistakes of the past.

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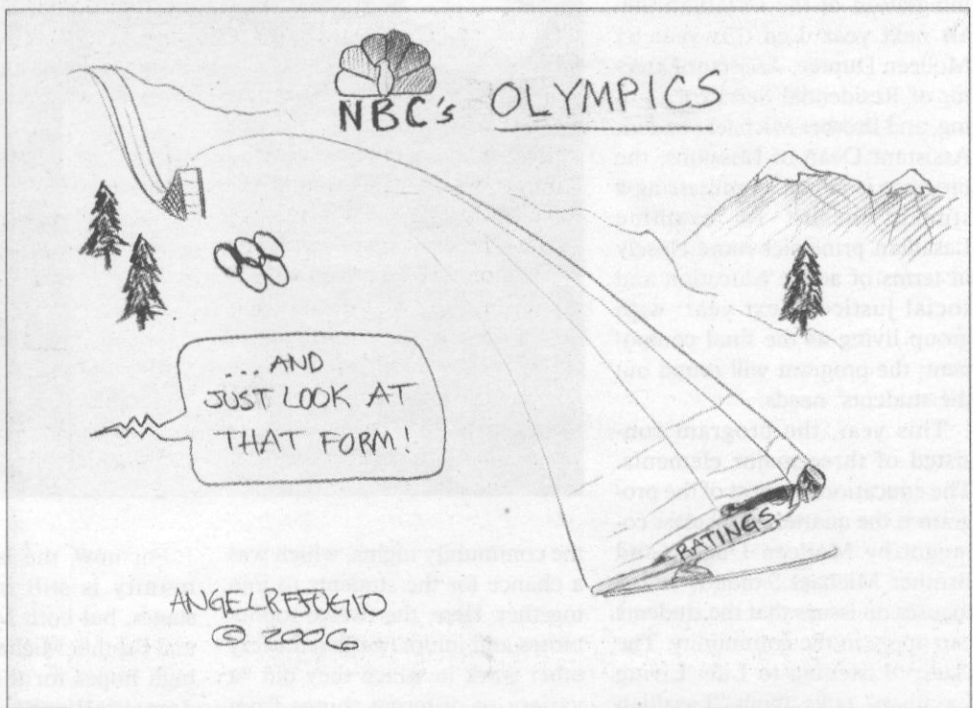
Has anyone heard of the Maverick's Surf Contest? Has anyone ever heard of the Tour de France? How 'bout the Olympic Games? At Saint Mary's we sure love our men's basketball team. We plan our weekend around attending the big games and the big parties afterward. We love either the Oakland A's or the San Francisco Giants. We argue about statistics and skip class to watch playoff games. But when someone mentions a sport that is either not taking place on our campus or not receiving the front page of the *Contra Costa Times* every day, we appear to know next to nothing about it. Are we really that uninformed – that ignorant?

The Tour de France is that little bike race abroad where Lance Armstrong won 7 straight victories and was crowned one of the greatest athletes to ever live. Yes, cycling does require a level of physical fitness that rivals, even exceeds the requirements of basketball and baseball. This year, many of the World Class riders who participated in the Tour de France competed in the Tour of California which raced right past our college. Most of you would remember this event as the day when St. Mary's road was closed for one whole hour, disturbing your schedules.

The Maverick's Surf Contest is one of the biggest surf contests in the world. It boasts the greatest big-wave surfers from around the world who receive just 24-hours notice before they have to be in Half Moon Bay to compete on waves that reach heights exceeding 50-feet. The famous wave crashes into what locals affectionately term "the boneyard," which consists of rocks jutting 20-feet out of the water and a sharp reef. Injuries occur nearly every year both during the contest and during the normal surfing season. This year the contest drew over 60,000 spectators to a beach that comfortably holds maybe a thousand people.

The Winter Olympics, this year in Torino, Italy, take place every four years. Athletes train their entire lives to compete in events that take just minutes. It requires an extraordinary amount of discipline to get there and an extraordinary amount of composure to compete. While many of us don't follow skiing, figure skating, or speed-skating throughout the year, the Olympics is an opportunity to broaden our sports knowledge and appreciate something besides the norm in the athletic

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world. Yes, figure skaters are athletes. The absence of a ball does not mean the sport is without merit, St. Mary's.

We pay attention to our local teams, both at the collegiate and professional levels because they are the sports we grew up with, the sports we can talk about with our friends over a beer, and the sports that are always on ESPN. But let's try not to forget the thousands of other elite athletes in the world who work just as hard to follow their dreams.

**Genetic engineering: enhancing the human genome**

*The Katie Springer Forum brings together five professors to discuss the controversial topic*

Last week on February 22, 2006 Saint Mary's College held the Katie Springer Forum: God and Science. The forum, which consisted of a panel of five professors, discussed the controversial topic of genetic engineering.

Genetic engineering is the process of manipulating genes outside of an organism's normal reproductive system. The main objective is to introduce new manipulative features of genes which can make humans resistant to disease. Because a protein is a segment of DNA called a gene, future versions of that protein can be modified by changing the gene's DNA. Recently, there have been many bio-technical applications for genetic engineering such as affordable oral vaccines produced from fruit. Now there is a spread of genetic modifications for medical purposes. This has opened the door to other uses of this technology to directly modify human genes.

The forum panelists debated the pros and cons of directly modifying human genomes.



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There were diverse ideas regarding this issue, but the panelists were never able to reach an agreement. Some argued how genetic engineering is good for the environment and how diseases could be cured, creating a sort of utopia. Others argued that genetic engineering could result in corruption and be counter-productive. Both sides proposed good arguments, but none mentioned ideas that resolve the issue.

We have heard that genetic engineering is beneficial because it enhances the food supply in the underdeveloped countries in order to end world hunger. A reason why some countries don't have enough food is because they are exploited by developed na-

tions who tend to consume a lot more than over-populated, under-developed nations. I don't think that feeding the entire world is the biggest concern for bio-technicians. Where would they make more money, improving crops or enhancing human genes?

With the new technology, it is now possible for parents to dictate how their children will look. Parents can even give their children a gene that makes them smarter. People can be enhanced — the key word is enhanced — to be taller, athletic, smarter, or more attractive. People want to correct such deficiencies. Deficiencies are created by society to distinguish social norms and class. Because we live in an overly competitive society, anything that does not appeal to be better is frowned upon. Unfortunately, those with money will be the only ones able to afford the enhancement of their children.

Genetic engineering of human genomes will get out of control. The ideal behind altering hu-

mans is to create a perfect environment for people free of diseases and deficiencies — a utopia. This sounds strikingly similar to Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*.

The genetic enhancement of humans should not be allowed because enhancing people will not solve any of the world's problems. The reasoning to use genetic engineering to create a bigger food supply is a pathetic excuse. If there is such a concern, then resources would be distributed evenly among societies. Of course genetic engineering should be used for medical purposes only to cure diseases. It makes no sense to enhance people to become smarter when we as humans are already intelligent.

There are billions of people around the world who are intelligent. The problem does not lie in their genes; the problem arises due to inequality. Society wants to genetically improve people in order to deter literacy. This is not a genetic problem. It is a social problem.

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# Pope Benedict XVI is anti-progress

*Catholic values are unfortunate for millions who battle disease and pregnancy control*

The Catholic Church is one of the most influential and long standing institutions in the world. With this prestige comes certain responsibility. The Catholic Church suffers from many pressing issues in the modern world: attendance, funding, education, the death penalty, child molestation cases, abortion, and lack of clergy. The church, rather than focusing on the aforementioned issues, has chosen to direct its attention to a different matter – royalties. Pope Benedict XVI and the Church have decided to restrict the message of the church by charging publishers royalties for the use of anything and everything Pope-ified. The previous Pope was similarly licensed, but ultimately never enforced the fees. Now, Pope Benedict will attempt to constrain his writings by attaching dollar signs. This act of selfishness and money-grubbing policy prompts one to look at the



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current state of the Catholic Church.

Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Reverend Desmond Tutu is disappointed in the Catholic Church, which has strong influence in Africa, for not striving against the AIDS pandemic. The support of contraceptives and the education that backs that support is necessary to stop the plague of AIDS in heavily afflicted Africa. Although a serious problem in Africa, AIDS is not specific to the region and is a serious problem across the globe.

Tutu believes it is in the best interest of all people for the

church to condone the use of condoms. Tutu asserted in the wake of Pope Benedict's election that it was a sad day for Catholics as they would most likely continue to close their doors on the idea. Tutu wishes that Pope Benedict would evaluate condoning condoms for its potential power in fighting HIV/AIDS. Tutu still fights against a resistant institution.

Condoms are a taboo word within the Catholic Church. The stance of misinformation is a convenient one for the church, but it is not in line with the realities of the world. Condom use prevents HIV/AIDS, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and pregnancy. One decree would allow devout Catholics to be monumentally safer when engaging in sex.

Furthermore, employing condoms can decrease unwanted pregnancies. Unwanted pregnan-

cies result in heavy burdens for those involved. It also leads to abortion – a sin according to the church. Condoms will protect the people and bolster other Catholic beliefs.

The global struggles of condom use within the Catholic Church are at the local level as well – Saint Mary's College. SMC provides free HIV/AIDS testing, but does not make condoms available to students. There are no condoms at the bookstore or at the Health and Wellness Center. Logic would not omit the step a person can take to not contract the disease. By endorsing condoms, the Catholic Church will make values consistent with what is safe in the world.

The late Pope John Paul II called for an end to the "culture of death." One way to stop widespread death – a death of prolonged suffering – is to accept the fact that a church *can* evolve.



ALANA WEINROTH

## Vice President Dick Cheney shoots friend and America finds out one day later

*Delayed information appears intentional*

Vice President Dick Cheney enjoys spending his time hunting for quail, which he admits, he has become quite good at. However, two weeks ago while on a hunting trip in Texas with good friend and millionaire lawyer Harry Whittington, he accidentally lost sight of the quails and shot his good friend in the cheek, neck, and chest.

Whittington was rushed to the hospital and was fixed up in no time. However, the White House failed to mention this devastating incident until the next day when they noticed an article appear in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, written by a local reporter.

Now I am not one to want to know everything going on with the leaders of the country; some things are their own business. When the Clinton scandal broke out, I was the first one to admit that I could care less about his sexual life, as long as our country is being led efficiently and under great care. However, when a man is shot by our own vice president, accident or not, and it seems as though nothing would have ever been said about it if word had not come out through a local newspaper, I am in great fear of what else is going on that we are not informed about. The citizens of this country have a right to know about what is going on with our leaders, yet it is being suggested that things like this shooting are easily swept under the rug as long as no one talks.

I mean, when Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake broke up, the country knew within the next hour, yet when our vice president shoots someone we don't even know until the following day? We all know the media is capable of reporting things immediately, so who didn't allow them to report this? With leaders who will hide the truth about our country, citizens are left in the dark about what is really occurring and how these individuals are running our country.

This "accidental" shooting seems quite suspicious. Something to be recognized for all about Vice President Cheney's character. I think all this country asks for is honesty and sincerity, yet with a cabinet that has led our country into one of the most hopeless and unprecedented wars, I'd say we have reason to question. But who knows, maybe those cute little quails can be hard to distinguish from old millionaires.

# South Dakota fights to outlaw abortion

*Governor Rounds asserts his white ignorance by signing bill intended to overturn Roe v. Wade*

This past Friday state lawmakers in South Dakota voted to outlaw abortion. The bill was sent to Governor Mike Rounds who claims he will likely sign the bill in hopes that it will force the United States Supreme Court to re-examine Roe vs. Wade. The only exception to the proposed law will allow a pregnant woman to receive an abortion if her life is threatened by her pregnancy.

In a statement issued Friday, Rounds said, "I've indicated I'm pro-life, and I do believe abortion is wrong and that we should do everything we can to save lives. If this bill accomplishes that, then I am inclined to sign the bill into law."

Well, Mr. Rounds, I'm inclined to feel that chubby white men have no business taking their personal agendas beyond their very white households. Mr. Rounds, you have four white children who undoubtedly have no idea what is happening in the real world beyond your white home, with your white picket fences and



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your white church with its white congregation. The only law you should advocate is castration. Had you clipped yourself before you had children, your ignorance would have died with you. Now you have passed your ignorance, lack of tolerance, and misinformed credo on to your white offspring – as if we needed more rich white people trying to outlaw something that does not affect their privileged, pretentious, and most often pointless lives. If you had done any research beyond your church, beyond those picket fences, beyond your white belly that holds not a child but instead rum, you would take that bill and wipe your white ass with it. Then you would hand it back

to your state lawmakers and acknowledge that your religion, your picket fences, and your whiteness does not belong in a law that affects people you have never bothered to know.

If you actually understood what would happen if abortion was outlawed on a national level there is no way you could foam at the mouth with so much ignorance and say, "we should do everything we can to save lives." You would not say that because you would know that outlawing abortion would not stop it. You would realize that if a young woman who lacks the same socioeconomic status as your daughter, who wants to rid her body of the fetus that is growing inside it she would do so, with or without your approval. But now, because abortion may be illegal, she would likely have to do so in an illegal manner, which would likely endanger her life. Yes, I know Mr. Rounds, this lesson is not in the Bible. You would have to read something other than your

sacred book and your white news to understand that abortions are performed in places other than hospitals.

Your bill, Mr. Rounds, endangers everyone that is not rich and white. The highest rates of abortion in our country are attributed to women between the ages of 18 and 29 who are either unmarried, Latino, black, or socioeconomically disadvantaged. No Mr. Rounds, this does not include anyone you know.

This is about saving lives, Mr. Rounds. It is about saving the lives of all the women who didn't grow up sheltered by your white picket fences and your ignorant assumptions about the role of morality in legislation.

Go read your sacred book and try to find the part where it says a 19-year-old black woman should lie on a dirty table with her legs spread, while an unqualified man digs at her insides. Imagine that is your daughter, Mr. Rounds.

Imagine.

## Community Views

Dear Editor,

If you think this letter regarding rooting section "chants," as reported in The Collegian, is going to be a diatribe from a grumpy old grad starting out with, "Now in my time ...." think again. Mine is more if a "'twas ever thus and so 'twill ever be" approach, for which I need to call up a memory going back some 60 years.

A couple of years after graduating in 1945, I was at a SMC-Cal basketball game in Berkeley when the Gael rooting section broke out with: "Potato chips, potato chips, crunch, crunch crunch; Califor-

nia, California here's your lunch. "EAT IT!"

Political correctness had not yet been invented, but the tastelessness is obvious. It's also evidence that the more things change, the more they remain the same.

And it proves that Louis F. LeFevre, who was a history professor before he became a name on a campus theater, was absolutely correct in his oft-repeated dictum: "There is nothing new under the sun."

Stanley Gilliam, '45

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by Linda Hua  
 News Editor

As a three-chapter, five-minute movie by some guys who just want to have fun, this comical clip pokes fun at MySpace and its users. It is a must see for MySpace addicts (although they probably have already seen it), MySpace stalkers (who also have most likely already seen it), and especially for MySpace users who post "the angles" (pictures of body parts, no full-body shots).

Involving a yeti—err, involving a user named Yetti—a scary chain bulletin post, and a blind date, the MySpace movie may take a few light years to load on SMC's Internet, but it's worth the wait.

Cake...mmm



by Jo-Ann Arquillano  
 Managing Editor

At the risk of sounding like a really moody, depressed girl, sometimes you just really need an awesome piece of cake. And I don't mean any kind of cake, I mean, a decadent, moist, beautiful-looking piece of cake. You know, the I-have-had-a-terrible-day-and-I-feel-like-crap-so-I-need-to-eat-myself-into-oblivion-and-feel-good-about-it kind of cake. Problem is, these kind of cakes tend to be a little on the pricey side, not to mention they also tend to come in whole-cake form. Recently, I found the indulgence to my craving just around the corner. The Safeway Bakery supplies an array of beautiful little desserts for anyone on the go (and low on the dough). The Artisan Chocolate Raspberry Mousse cake, only about three dollars a slice, totally hit the spot. So if you need a quick sugar rush with all the fancy frills but don't have much cash to burn, give your local Safeway a visit and check out their high-class treats.

# A Borrowed Life buys more time

New album refreshes musical veterans from Sacramento area

by Danny Acosta  
 Staff Writer

Friday and Saturday nights in the Sacramento area are always busy. The local kids look for a rock show; they bum cigarettes, and check each other out. The Underground and Club Retro feature bands longing to be the next "big thing" out of Sacramento. The mainstream success of Sacramento's Deftones set the precedent for their music scene over fifteen years ago. The modern music industry is a gory version of Darwin's theory. Amidst the chaos, there is A Borrowed Life.

A Borrowed Life has a clean slate for struggling veteran musicians. After reaching number one on local radio charts around the central valley, the previous incarnation of the band reached a bitter anticlimatic ending. Line-up additions and changes sent the band in opposite directions; however, they demonstrated resiliency and set a line-up in stone in early 2005. The creative process began and the new quartet quickly tuned up their progressive brand of hard sound.

Josh Robinson, Anthony Pellerin, Manny Howard, and Geoff Eckert are A Borrowed Life. Robinson's musical career began in 1999 and followed with a series of unfortunate events personally and professionally. Robinson, however, keeps a positive outlook and asserts "I



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am becoming independent. I am not trying to be like my influences anymore, I am finding my own style."

Pellerin is the latest addition to the band. He had the daunting task of replacing a dynamic guitar duo that previously characterized A Borrowed Life, but feels his work will speak for itself.

Howard adds the bass rhythm to Pellerin's hard punch. Howard loves the Sacramento music scene, which is a big contrast from his native home in Germany. He hopes the band will reach a place where they can tour overseas. Eckert, who has been with Robinson since 1999, backs the band with aggressive drumming.

A Borrowed Life's debut album was released February 18, 2006. The album's title, *My Love, The Enemy*, is inspired by Robinson's "four year long relationship from hell." The band describes the record as a personal triumph for all and the process felt like a democracy.

*My Love, The Enemy* is a visceral look at love and betrayal without whining or making excuses. Lyrically, Robinson stretches his wings without sacrificing the sound. Howard bolsters the fast-paced sound despite feeling that "on the bass I felt like I can do more, but it's normal for a musician to feel that way even though they may not admit it." The band is proud of

their album and is eager to play for crowds.

On February 18th, they played a nearly sold out Underground. Friends, family, and strangers packed in based solely on word of mouth. They did not headline on that night—their CD release show—a testament to their affinity for playing rather than spotlight. A Borrowed Life played eight of their songs with passion, anger, and style. Robinson joked between songs and sometimes during. Their tornado of sound transfers off the album to the stage gracefully.

Robinson reflects: "We're really happy with everything we've got.

We've got the sound and you fans make it really possible" and Howard offers these words: "I'm cool, buy the album! [laughs]"

The future holds many possibilities for A Borrowed Life, but for now they are content sharing their songs and mingling with fans. The band takes a unique approach by blending a neurotic, hard pace with Robinson's dynamic personality and lyrics. *My Love, The Enemy* is in many respects a tribute to the local bands that never made it. The band A Borrowed Life could have been.

For more information visit [www.aborrowedlife.com](http://www.aborrowedlife.com) or [www.myspace.com/aborrowedlife](http://www.myspace.com/aborrowedlife).

# The Anatomy of Grey's Anatomy

We love this show and you should too. If you don't we're judging...

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

So we know we're supposed to be watching *Arrested Development* and *Lost* and all those smart, hip new shows that are supposedly the guilty pleasures for those people that are too cool to ever admit to watching mind-numbing television. But we don't. We watch *Grey's Anatomy*. A fun little television show, a sort of *ER*-lite that has latched itself onto the coattails of the uber-popular *Desperate Housewives*.

The awesome show boasts a stellar cast: A musketeer (Justin Chambers), an alien (Katherine Heigl), a pizza boy (Patrick Dempsey), a high school principal (Sandra Oh), the girl from Old School (Ellen Pompeo) and well, George (T.R. Knight).

And let's just take a hot second to really admire Patrick Dempsey... 'cause he's hot. Surrounded by young, fiery whippersnappers, he holds his ground with his curly coif and penetrating eyes. Dempsey has had a couple of years (try a decade) to hone his craft of being dreamy - hence the Dr.

McDreamy title on the show... wait, why should we explain



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ourselves? He's hot. Get over it. Or under it, whatever.

Now in its second season the show has really gained a following with the chicks... and some hesitant boyfriends who are "forced to watch." The mix of angsty interns and wise, old residents creates the perfect amount of drama, romance and comedy that, thank god, distracts me from the all too realistic (ok, not that realistic, but gross enough for us to gag) blood and guts that we have sit through

every episode. We get it, they work in a hospital, but maybe, and we know we're reaching, they can axe the surgeries? Wishful thinking, we guess.

she slept with George! Sweet, innocent George has now been sucked into the vortex that is her bedroom. It's true that her romantic dreams with McDreamy were dashed by his crazy ginger Amazon wife, but that is no excuse! We are at a loss for words - surprising, we know. At least we can rely on Christina (Oh) and Burke (Isaiah Washington) for a stable, healthy relationship... or maybe not.

So yeah, the show's killer. The actors are hot, and apparently they must think so too cause they are constantly in each others' pants. The storylines are fun and addictive. Seriously, come on, any show that has an orgasm lady (suffering from chronic, spontaneous orgasms) is pretty



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Besides the blood the show is pretty awesome, oh wait, we forgot - What was Meredith thinking last week?! If you didn't watch, sorry to spoil this for you,

hardcore. So maybe reality is on pause for an hour once a week, but hey, give 'em a break, at least they're wearing scrubs... that's legit, right?



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# Father knows best, why Wilco rocks so much

Reflections on a rockin' concert

by Whitney Medved  
Staff Writer

At the mention of the band Wilco, I usually receive either an age appropriate blank stare or a thumbs up from someone at least twice my age. I've often heard Wilco described as "Dad" music, which it totally is, and most dads I know love it. The thing is, I do too.

I am not going to front like I'm a die-hard fan who knows all the lyrics by heart, owns every album and boot-leg recording ever made, and follows the band around the country in a van - I don't even know all the band members' names. Someone simply burned me a Wilco CD a few years back, and I was stoked to listen to it from time to time. I picked out my favorite songs, got them stuck in my head at all the wrong times, and there was nothing particularly life-changing about the whole experience.

On a recent adventure to Eugene, Oregon though, the opportunity presented itself to see Jeff Tweedy - the lead vocalist and guitarist of Wilco - perform his solo acoustic set. I

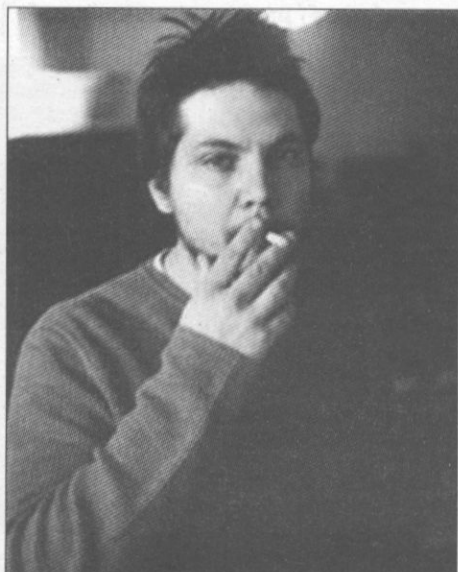


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don't know about you, but I am always up for some good live music, and I especially enjoy the intimacy of smaller venues like the McDonald Theatre, where the show was performed.

Instead of having a random opening act, Wilco's own drummer also did his own thing. To any typical musician, sitting down at this guy's set-up must feel something like sitting behind the control board of a hopelessly intricate and involved spaceship. Not only were there the usual drums, but there was a thumb piano, bells, "crickets," and these

random guitar string-like cords he manipulated with his hands to create insane percussion, amongst other instruments. He was recording and looping some of the music, which eventually led to him playing a quintet all by his lonesome - what a badass.

Watching this guy perform his song "Where the Wild Things Are," and make music out of the most mundane objects, it became clear that he is the kind of guy who sits in a room and jams-out by alternately flipping the light switch and scraping his foot on the carpet. *Stomp* has nothing on this guy.

Next Tweedy came out, and the variation in style could not have been more different. Simplicity was key as Tweedy was armed solely with his guitar, a harmonica, and his penetratingly raw voice. He launched right into his first song, strumming his guitar and busting out vocals through semi-squinted eyes. When you hear this guy's voice on CD it's good, and the

random crack here and there makes it all the more unique; but seeing him live changes everything. His voice is just so *there*, all of its little cracks and imperfections, and the sort of brassy quality it takes on from time to time seduces the listener.

When watching him, it becomes apparent how much of himself he is investing in his music. His lyrics and song titles are provoking and display incredible depth and examination.

To top it all off, the dude was funny. He did a little "bit" right after the first song, and kept the audience entertained throughout the show with conversational-like discourse about music, diet, and the inner-workings of a musician's mind. When audience members observed that his guitar tech looked like him, he said "Who, insert guy whose name I don't remember here? I should be so lucky, same guy's name is a fine looking young man!" He was witty, humble, and even made a few audience members the butt of his jokes in the most uncondescending way possible.

I left the show with a smile on my face, a new crush, and a mission to get my hands on as much Wilco as I could. I didn't miss my \$27.00 one bit.

## Not so much: crazy celebs get crazy with names

by Megan Manley  
Staff Writer

Just a warning, what you are about to read is only my opinion.

Everyone has things in life that drive them crazy and this week I have chosen to gripe about celebrity baby names. Upon hearing about the expected bundles of joy of many famous stars like Angelina Jolie, Matt Damon, Tom Cruise, Gwen Stefani, etc. I found myself wondering if they would keep up the current trend of unusual baby names.

In recent years celebrities like Julia Roberts and Gweneth Paltrow have jumped on this unconventional wagon. Julia decided to name her twins Phinnaeus and Hazel. Really,

Julia that gets a not so much... Gwyneth's daughter is really cool with the name Apple. Oh wait, not so much to that too. Courtney Cox went all out when naming her daughter Coco. I can't decide if she sounds more like a drink, a cereal, or an orangutan.

Other unique names that A-list society has found to be suitable for their children are Audio Science, Pilot Inspektor, Fifi-Trixibelle, Speck, Sistine, Banjo, Rumer, Scout, Rocket, Racer and Rogue, God'iss, Puma, Seven, Daisy Boo, Poppy Honey, Tallulah Belle and so on... All of which get a not so much.

I wouldn't put it past Gwyneth to name her new baby Banana or Fuji to keep with the produce theme she has started. Hopefully, Gwen and Gavin

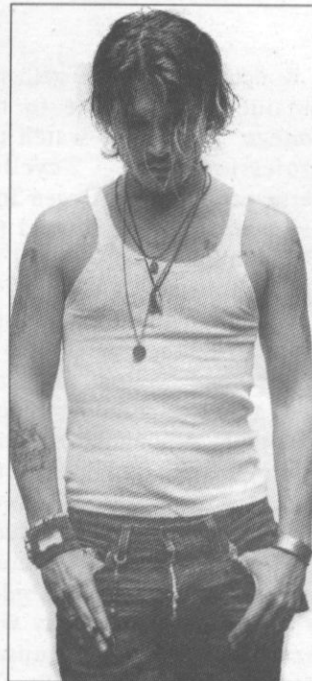
won't try and name their child Bass or Drummer. As for Tomcat, they should probably stray away from Pacey or Dawson if the baby is boy, but really on the path that Tom has been on lately, whatever name they choose will likely receive a "not so much" in my book.

For these upcoming babies I have decided that maybe these parents-to-be might want a few tips for what not to name their babies. Things that belong in a fruit salad, like cumquat or papaya, or occupations like drill sergeant; or anything else that is either hyphenated or hard to spell. These weird names are not a new wave or a cool trend. They just get a not so much.

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

## Johnny Depp of the week

Brooding Johnny



Um, that's pretty much it.

## OUT THIS WEEK FILMS



3/3/06

**16 Blocks**  
Starring: Bruce Willis, Mos Def  
PG-13

**Aquamarine**  
Starring: Emma Roberts, Joanna Levesque  
PG

**Block Party**  
Starring: Dave Chappelle, Mos Def  
R

**Deep Sea 3D**  
Starring: Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet  
NR

**Ultraviolet**  
Starring: Mila Jovovich, Cameron Bright  
PG-13

## ALBUMS



**In My Own Words**  
Ne-Yo

**If Only You Were Lonely**  
Hawthorne Heights

**Live Trucker**  
Kid Rock

**Precious Memories**  
Alan Jackson

## CONCERTS



3/1  
The Cult  
Fillmore, SF

3/1 & 2  
The Yeah Yeah Yeahs  
Bimbo's 365, SF

3/2 & 4  
Stereo Lab  
Fillmore, SF

3/4  
Jamie Cullum  
Palace of Fine Arts, SF

3/5  
Animal Collective  
Fillmore, SF

3/6  
Lyrics Born  
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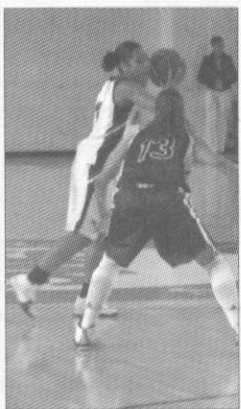
**Julien Tizot**

Tizot has finally been able to bring some stability to the Saint Mary's lineup, playing well at both the #1 and #2 singles spots. Since being dubbed the top singles player, Tizot has gone undefeated with wins versus UC Davis and Sac State.



**Jontelle Smith**

Given her freshman campaign, Smith should be a lock for the All-Freshman WCC Conference team. Currently Smith leads the Gaels in points this season, averaging just under 12 a game. She is also second on the team in assists with 45. With the WCC Tournament coming up this week, Smith will be counted on to help bring the Gaels the tournament championship.



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-Michael Chin, Co-Sports Editor

**Schedule**

Today  
Baseball @ Pacific

Thursday Mar. 2  
Women's Basketball v.  
Pepperdine  
WCC Tournament  
Spokane, WA

Friday Mar. 3  
Women's Tennis vs. San  
Francisco  
2 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse @ Oregon

Saturday Mar. 4  
Softball @ Indiana St./Eastern  
Illinois

Baseball v. Georgetown  
Double-header (Game 3 Sunday)  
11 a.m.

Men's Tennis v. Swarthmore  
Noon

Men's Rugby @ UC Davis

Men's Basketball v. TBD  
WCC Tournament  
Spokane, WA

Sunday Mar. 5  
Softball @ Western Illinois/  
Eastern Illinois

**Gaels in uphill battle at Spokane**

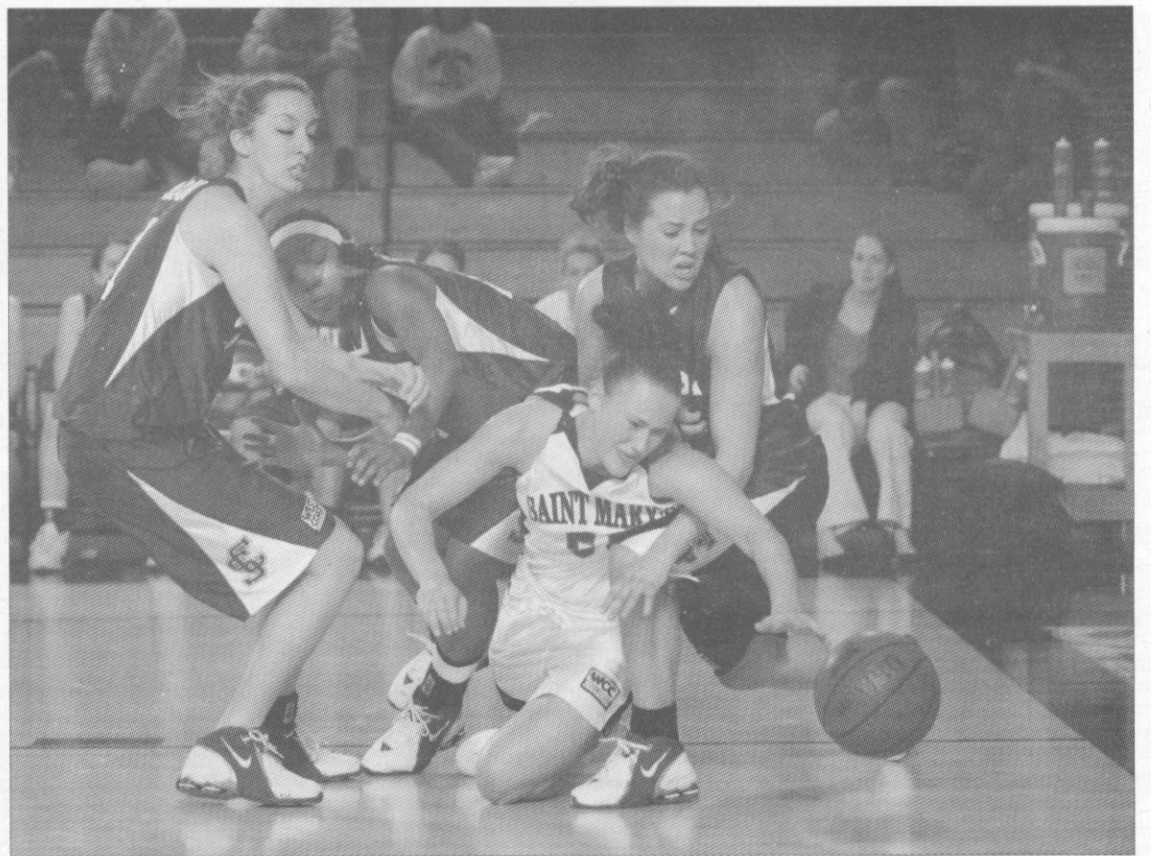
Saint Mary's draws Pepperdine in first round of WCC Tournament

by Megan Manley  
Staff Writer

Finishing the season 7-7 in conference play and 12-15 overall the Gaels brought the regular season to a strong close with a win over LMU which knocked the Lions out of first place in the WCC. Serena Benavente was a driving force for the Gaels, leading the WCC in assists. Freshman Jontelle Smith was also a spark for the Gaels ending up in the top ten in scoring in the WCC for the season.

The Gaels will be the No. 5 seed and will face the No. 4 seed Pepperdine Waves in the first round. The Gaels and the Waves split their meetings this season with both teams winning the contests on their home court.

Four teams, Santa Clara, Gonzaga, Loyola Marymount, and Pepperdine are ahead of the Saint Mary's in the standing. Clearly, Santa Clara will have the advantage. The Broncos ended in a tie for first place with the Bulldogs but were able to nab the number one seat in the WCC conference tournament. The Broncos are looking to take a second consecutive WCC tournament title. Ending the season with a record of 11-3 in conference play and 17-10 overall, the Broncos lead the WCC in field-goal percentage and 3-point percentage. The Broncos were lead by



Collin Krauthamer/COLLEGIAN

Monica Mertle '08 is one of a talented group of underclassmen who hope to guide Saint Mary's to a WCC title. The tournament begins on Thursday against Pepperdine.

Michelle Cozad who also led the WCC in scoring.

Gonzaga and Loyola Marymount will be the second and third teams. Gonzaga's first place tie continues its streak of good results with the Bulldogs finishing first or second in the WCC regular season the last four seasons, and advancing to the WCC Tournament champion-

ship game each of the last two years.

The Pepperdine Waves put in a hard fought effort this season ending conference play with a record of 8-6 and tallying a 11-16 overall record for the season. Pepperdine ended the season with a loss to Santa Clara, but holds the 4th place spot in the WCC going into the WCC tournament.

The Gaels will rely on heavy

contribution from Smith and sophomores Maija Lahde and Monica Mertle. For the Gaels to advance in the tournament, their play will be crucial.



**Tour of California races by campus**  
World Class Cyclists race past Saint Mary's this week

Tony Vala-Haynes  
Opinion Editor

Roughly 200 people gathered outside the entrance to the college Tuesday to watch the professional cyclists participating in the Amgen Tour of California race toward the Oakland hills.

The Tour of California is a new event this year that boasted many of the world's top professional cyclists. The race had seven stages and a prologue time-trial. Among the big name riders were George Hincapie, the team captain for Lance Armstrong's former team, Team Discovery, and Floyd Landis, one of just a handful of riders with the stamina to stay with Armstrong in the mountain stages during the 2005 Tour de France.

The tour began Sunday with an individual time-trial along the piers in San Francisco. Although the prologue stage was only 1.9 miles in San Francisco, it ended with a steep climb up to Coit Tower and event organizers estimate that nearly 200,000 spectators came out for the event. Spectators were rewarded with clear skies and the opportunity to see the Governor Schwarzenegger give out the



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

Tour of California raced past Saint Mary's College this past week. This year marks the first year of this race.

yellow leader's jersey to the winner of the prologue.

This past Tuesday the sun beat down on the spectators as they waited for what turned out to be a mere glimpse of the cyclists. When the riders passed they were in the middle of a 94.9 mile stage that carried them from Martinez to San Jose. Because the Peloton was averaging just under 30 miles an hour, Saint Mary's students and local residents were only able to

glimpse the cyclists as they passed.

Before the cyclists arrived a frantic security guard working for the tour handed out small yellow bells and exclaimed to everyone, "They can hear noise." She quickly set up orange cones to keep the riders confined to the right side of the road and then waited with the rest of the spectators in anticipation of the riders.

Preceding the cyclists' arrival was a caravan of nearly 20 police vehicles with flashing lights. A

number of residents who gathered just off the bike path, near the bench that overlooks Saint Mary's speculated as to whether or not there was a single cop on duty in the bay area.

Peter Sellers, a resident of Moraga who has lived in the East Bay since the late 1960's listened to the garbled conversation and then shushed them when he remarked in a cheery, yet authoritative tone, "It's a beautiful day."

# The Collegian SPORTS

## Gaels streaking into conference tournament With the NCAA Tournament only three games away, Gaels primed for run

by Michael Chin  
Sports Editor

In these last seven games, fans have seen the SMC basketball team that everyone expected. They are the hottest team in the conference (including Gonzaga) and are primed for a run in the West Coast Conference tournament. But the road to the conference crown will not be an easy one.

For those of you who haven't heard, Gonzaga is the heavy favorite. This year the WCC has been dubbed "Snow White (Gonzaga) and the seven dwarfs (the rest of the WCC)." They are led by All-American Adam Morrison and inside power J.P. Baptista. The good news for Saint Mary's is that they will not face the Bulldogs until the finals.

More importantly, the Gaels will be rested because they have a first round bye. In their first round matchup, Saint Mary's will draw either Portland or Santa Clara. In regular season action the Gaels are 3-1 against these teams with their lone loss coming in the early season against the Pilots in overtime. Although SMC swept the Broncos this year, Santa Clara will be the tougher opponent. Big men Travis Neisen and Sean Denison are tough matchups for the Gaels. Saint Mary's will also have to deal with rivalry factor between the two schools. Both games were close this season, the latter going into overtime.

Should Saint Mary's survive this game they will most likely play Loyola Marymount in the semifinals. Despite have a sub .500 overall record, LMU has been solid in conference action. New coach Rodney Tention has helped the Lions achieve their highest seeding in 16 years. The Lions are led by Matthew Knight, who is having a stellar season, and Brandon Worthy.

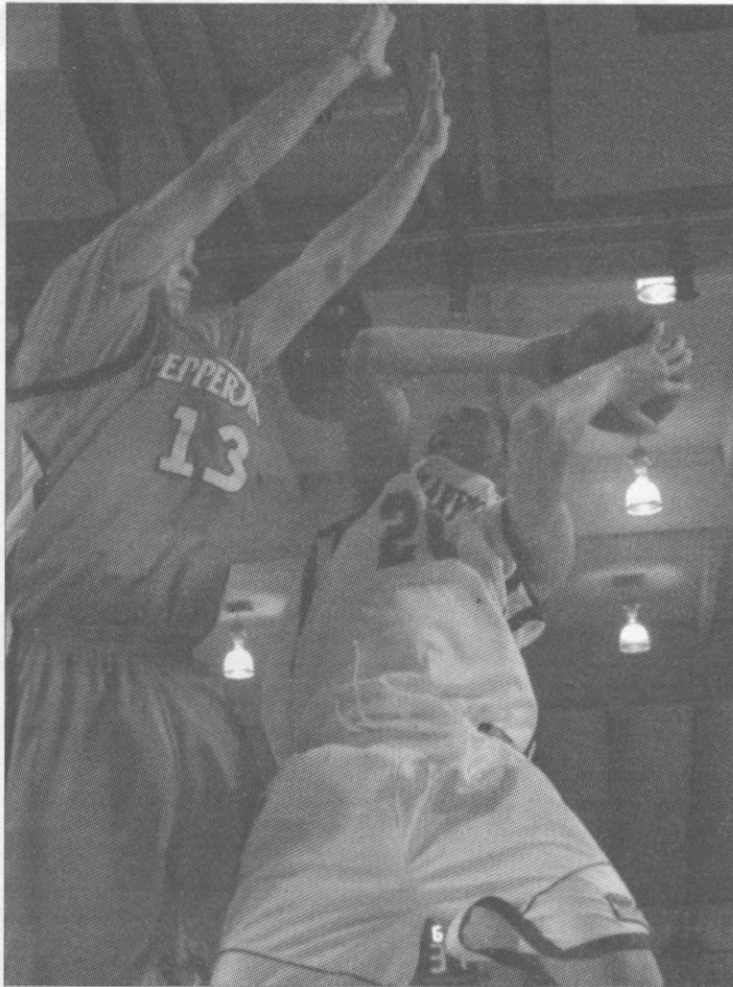
In the event that the Gaels should make it all the way to the conference finals they will meet up Gonzaga. For all this to go as planned Saint Mary's will have to do some very specific things very well.

**Shooting.** Face it, like just about every WCC team, the Gaels live and die by the three. In the last few weeks, particularly in their last two games against Cal Poly and San Diego, the Gaels have shot over 40% from behind the arc.

**Defense.** Currently the Gaels rank first in points allowed this season at just around 66 points per game. Much of the reason for winning the last six of seven is that they have hustled and gotten to the loose balls that earlier this season were going the opponent's way. All that starts with defense, the type of defense which Bennett preaches and is known for.

**Secondary Scoring.** As upset as Gaels were about Kickert being suspended against Cal Poly it may have been the best thing that could have happened to them. All season long, the weight has been on his shoulders, which can take a toll on anyone. With Kickert's suspension, Brett Collins got a chance to get into rhythm and get back on track.

The X factor for the Gaels is their ability to play at McCarthy



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Ian O'Leary '09 is one of three talented freshmen on this year's squad who hope to lead their team to the conference championship.

Center. As the world knows Gonzaga has the longest active home winning streak in the country and they are undefeated at McCarthy since 2004.

However, the Gaels played brilliantly for 39 and a half minutes last time the two teams met there and this time may finally take down the Zags.

### RUGBY: continued from page 12

currently ranked ninth in the nation.

As to their problems in this game, senior Dan Tabacco attributed it to "too much defense. It's hard to score points if you don't have the ball. It was a hard fought game."

The Cal Bears have long been tough competition for the men's

rugby team. They have gone to the championship game every year since 1991 and have taken home the championship all but once. Fatonga attributed their win to their ability to "stick to their pattern...Hats off to them, they played really well."

Former SMC rugby player Patrick Martin '06 said, "Each runner had a trailer. They had a lot of support, so they always had a pass. [However, when the Gaels] came together we did very well."

This coming weekend the Gaels will be playing USD at Davis. The team that wins will have the luxury of hosting the regional playoffs in April.

Fatonga hopes to learn from the game against Cal.

"I think it was an eye opener for us, seeing that we've been rolling all the teams that we've been playing," he said. "Hopefully this puts us on the right track towards nationals."

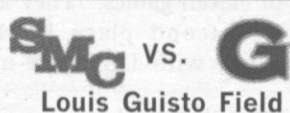
## Standings and Box Scores

### Men's Basketball Standings

Team	WCC Overall
GON(5)	13-0 24-3
LMU	8-5 11-16
SMC	7-6 15-11
USF	7-6 11-15
USD	6-7 16-10
SCU	4-9 11-15
POR	4-9 10-17
PEP	3-10 7-18

Standing as of Sunday Feb. 26

Next Baseball Home Game:  
Saturday, 11:30 a.m.



Saint Mary's (15-11, 7-6) 76  
Pepperdine (7-18, 3-10) 66

Players	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	P
Kickert*	6-13	6-6	0-6	1	22
O'Leary*	3-11	2-2	5-8	1	10
Golden*	1-1	0-0	1-3	1	3
Winston*	1-9	2-2	1-4	6	4
Sholberg*	1-2	0-0	2-4	1	2
Hunter	2-6	1-4	3-3	1	6
McCaughy	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Collins	6-12	2-2	1-3	1	15
Simpson	1-3	12-16	2-7	0	14
Totals	368	781	17-41	12	76

### Baseball Results

W (5-4) vs. SJSU 5-2  
W (6-4) vs. North Dakota St 10-2  
L (6-5) vs. BYU 10-5  
L (6-6) vs. #10 Oregon St 7-5

### Softball Results

L(1-9) @ Humboldt State 3-2  
L(1-10) @ Humboldt 2-0

### Men's Tennis Results

Saint Mary's (3-4) 4  
Sac State 3

**Doubles**  
Hossain/Loredo def. Favre/Tyler Jackson (SMC) 8-4  
Foy/Perez def. Marechal/Tizot (SMC) 8-5

**Singles**  
Julien Tizot (SMC) def. Junaid Hossain 6-2, 6-7 (7-4), 6-3  
Yury Platonov (SMC) def. Ramon Perez 6-1, 6-7 (8-6), 6-4  
Achim Christner (SMC) def. Thomas Morton 6-2, 6-2

### Women's Tennis Results

Saint Mary's (4-3) 7  
UC Davis 0

**Doubles**  
Hoath/Lambert (SMC) d. Guier/Muller (UCD), 8-4  
Harden/Kummer (SMC) d. Nancy Mok/Wingo (UCD), 8-6  
**Singles**  
Aude Lambert (SMC) d. Robin Guier (UCD), 6-2, 6-2  
Jessica Hoath (SMC) d. Ally Muller (UCD), 6-2, 6-3  
Kate Harden (SMC) d. Audrey Wingo (UCD), 7-5, 6-3

### Women's Basketball Results

Saint Mary's (12-15, 7-7) 66  
Loyola Marymount (16-11, 10-4) 58

Players	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	P
Mertle*	1-8	4-4	0-3	0	6
Arredondo*	3-7	0-0	0-4	0	6
Smith*	6-9	2-2	0-3	1	18
Benavente*	1-5	10-10	1-3	3	13
Van Burger*	0-3	0-0	0-5	2	0
Lahde	2-7	3-4	5-9	1	7
Obaiza	3-6	2-4	0-1	0	8
Urmonaite	4-5	0-1	2-2	0	8
Totals	400	840	9-37	7	66

### WCC First Round Matchups

- Santa Clara (17-10, 11-3) v. 8 Portland (4-23, 1-13)
- Gonzaga (16-13, 11-3) v. 7 San Francisco (8-19, 4-10)
- Loyola Marymount (16-11, 10-4) v. 6 San Diego (9-18, 4-10)
- Pepperdine (11-16, 8-6) v. 5 Saint Mary's (12-15, 7-7)

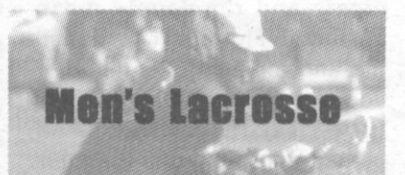
## Around the Horn with SMC Athletics



### Softball

Gael softball had another rough weekend, losing both games in a doubleheader Saturday at Humboldt State. The Gaels lost the first game 3-2, before dropping the second game of the day 2-0. In game one, SMC was led offensively by Michelle Mathis, who went 2-for-3 with one RBI. Pitcher Chelsea Loftis took the loss for the Gaels after allowing three runs on seven hits. In game two, Bronwyn Russell led the attack for Saint Mary's going 2-2. Pitcher Megan Galloway took the loss after allowing two runs in three innings. The Gaels' next games are slated for Friday, March 3 when SMC travels to Indiana for the Indiana State Invitational.

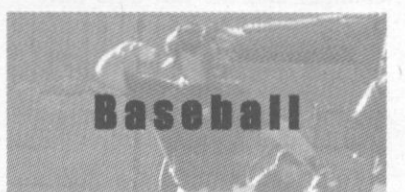
Allison Kop, Sports Editor



### Men's Lacrosse

Men's lacrosse won a thriller on Saturday, holding off the University of Nevada-Reno 10-9 on Saturday at the Intramural field. The two teams traded goals all afternoon and entered the second half locked at 5-5. Chris Burns kicked off scoring in the second half, while Marty Yongue, Alex Dabney, and Hunt Hendon each added goals for the Gaels. UNR battled back, however, and was down by only one goal with two minutes left. Luckily for SMC, goalie Michael Ceccotti came up with several great saves down the stretch and was able to preserve the victory. Saint Mary's lacrosse returns to action next Sunday when they take on Santa Clara on the road.

Allison Kop, Sports Editor



### Baseball

The Gaels came out strong this week as they won their two first games of the week against San Jose State and North Dakota State. Senior Sam Carter had a home run and four RBI's in the win against NDSU. Fellow senior Joel Fountain recorded his first win of the season in the win allowing one run on four hits in six innings of work.

But the Gaels would drop a pair of games against BYU and #10 Oregon State. Second baseman Mike Harris had a two hits and two RBI's against OSU.

The Gaels will take on Georgetown this weekend at Louis Guisto Field.

Zach Farmer, Assistant Sports Editor



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### Olympic Curling: Best... sport... ever

I like the Olympics just as much as the next winter sports enthusiast. I counted down the days until opening ceremonies with the fervent anticipation of a babe at Christmas. There is just something so wonderful about watching such an eclectic range of winter sports, all competed in such close proximity: classic alpine ski-racing, thrilling speed skating, and everyone's guilty pleasure - figure skating. Then there's curling.

Virtually the only Olympic viewing I have been doing is curling because it wedges itself into my only free timeslot. My initial response was utter perplexity--it seemed like bocce ball on ice... except there's not a picnic and the people mean business! This sport intrigued me, and got me wondering; how does one get into curling? Is there little league curling? And perhaps most important, what is the objective of this game?

Apparently the game was invented in medieval Scotland, and was also called "the roaring game" because of the sound the smooth-bottomed river stones made hitting one another. The sport experienced its heyday in Scotland between the 16th and 19th centuries...these days it's pretty popular in Canada. The game is all about strategy and problem solving, much like chess.

To play the game, two four-member teams face off on a specially prepared, perfectly level sheet of ice (so as to reduce friction). "Pebble" (fine water droplets) is sprayed on the ice and influences the "curl" of the stone. As the game goes on and the pebble wears off, the curl changes and the throwers have to adjust. Each player gets to throw two stones, and the goal of the game is to have your stone closest to the center of the target at the other end of the ice.

In the event that a stone breaks, the replacement stone is placed where the largest piece of shrapnel stopped (yikes!). Apparently all that sweeping that goes on is done in order to reduce curl by causing friction and momentarily melting the ice, which, in turn, increases the distance of travel of the stone.

A curler needs access to a broom, shoes with a thin Teflon-coated surface, a stone, and if you really mean business- a specialized handle called "Eye on the hog."

If this doesn't sound like fun, frankly I don't know what does! So, if you were in any way inspired by this column - try curling, then tell me all about it.

# Gaels bid farewell to Kickert

*Reda Rhalimi and Erik Bond also honored at Senior Night*

by Zack Farmer

Assistant Sports Editor

Last night, seniors Daniel Kickert, Reda Rhalimi, and Erik Bond were honored before the game against Loyola Marymount in their last game at McKeon Pavilion.

Kickert said of playing his last home game as a Gael, "It was exciting but I also felt a bit melancholy."

Kickert has been an instrumental part of the ascension of the Saint Mary's basketball program. In his four years at Saint Mary's, the program has gone from a 9-20 team to a 25-9 team last year. "[Kickert] is one of those guys that will affect us winning games after he leaves," said head coach Randy Bennett.

Saint Mary's all-time leading scorer, Kickert has 1,842 career points, which is 11th all-time in West Coast Conference history (all statistics as of February 25). Kickert is also seventh all-time in WCC history in three-point shooting percentage at 45.1 percent.

The effects of his influence can be seen in the signings of quality freshmen recruits.

"He has set a standard here," said Bennett. "I'll miss coaching him."

Rhalimi in his first two years at Saint Mary's averaged 1.6 points and 1.6 rebounds in 3.7 minutes per game. This season, Rhalimi has started 16 games and averaged 4.8 points per game including an 18 point, eight rebound effort against Portland on January 9.

After transferring from Cal, Erik Bond brought leadership and experience to the Gaels. He



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Senior Daniel Kickert will end his career at Saint Mary's as the leading scorer in school history.

missed the first nine games of the 2004-2005 season due to NCAA transfer rules but came back to provide support off the bench.

GaelForce has also had an impact on the seniors. "The support base has been great," said Kickert. "This has got to be one of the best student sections in the conference, if not the best."

Even though he has played his last home game as a Gael,

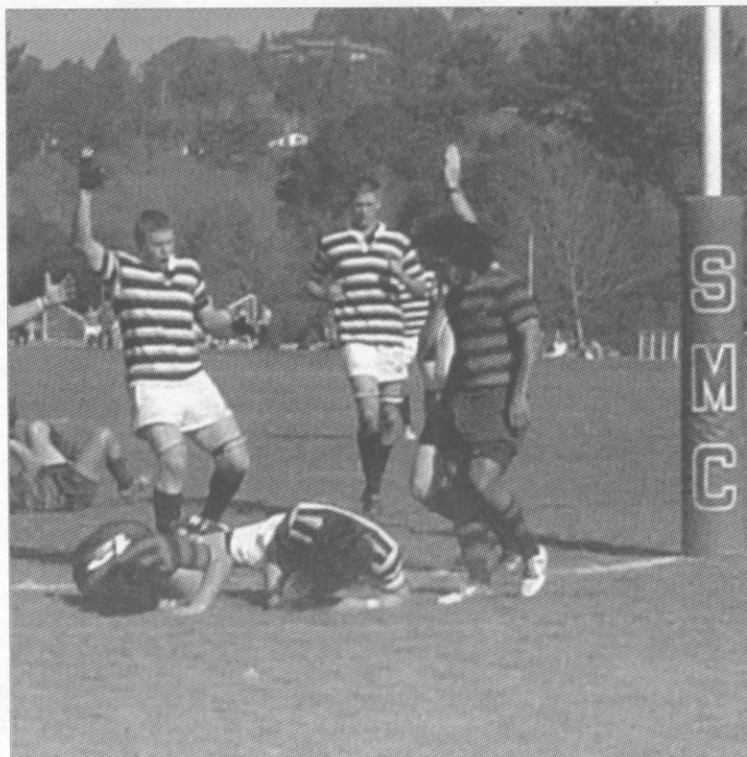
expectations are high for Kickert. "I want to play professionally," said Kickert, "Set myself up for life."

"I expect him to play professionally," said Bennett. "It really depends on his play over the next few weeks. He's scheduled to be in Portsmouth (NBA scouting camp). I'd say 15-30 NBA teams will give him tryouts."

Kickert's scoring average has gone up every year and in his career at Saint Mary's he has averaged 15.5 points per game. He is also the NCAA's all-time leading scorer for an Australian-born player, passing Luc Longley.

His last game as a Gael could occur this weekend at the WCC Tournament. At last year's WCC Tournament, Kickert averaged 22 points per game.

## Rugby buried by #1 Cal Golden Bears



Lissette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

The Gaels started well and trailed 12-0 at half but #1 Cal proved too much.

by Harvest Daurelle  
Contributing Writer

The Saint Mary's men's rugby team played a tough game on Saturday against the top-ranked Cal Bears, falling 40-7.

The Gaels were able to keep Cal out of the try zone for 27 minutes, which even Cal fans admitted was a very impressive feat. After winning the first scrum, Cal was able to keep up a powerful offense and were able to keep the ball close to the try zone for most of the first half. Volney Rouse '06 and Damien Fatonga '05 made several key tackles for Saint Mary's during the stretch.

Unable to move the ball into the try zone, Cal often had to resort to kicks to push the Gaels back. They scored again, and the first halfscore was 12-0.

The Gaels offense grew stronger as the second half went on.

Fatonga said, "Towards the end of the second half we gave it a lot of flair. We knew we were down and we needed to do whatever we could."

Brandon Omera scored a try and Rouse won the conversion kick from a very difficult angle. However, the Bears scored four more tries in the second half, winning 40-7.

On the Gaels' side, Kevin Swirn '07 retained what appeared to be an ankle injury in the first half. Mario Gosalves also had to leave the game with a shoulder injury.

The Gaels have an impressive record so far this year, winning eight of eleven games. They are tied for second place in the conference with USD and are

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