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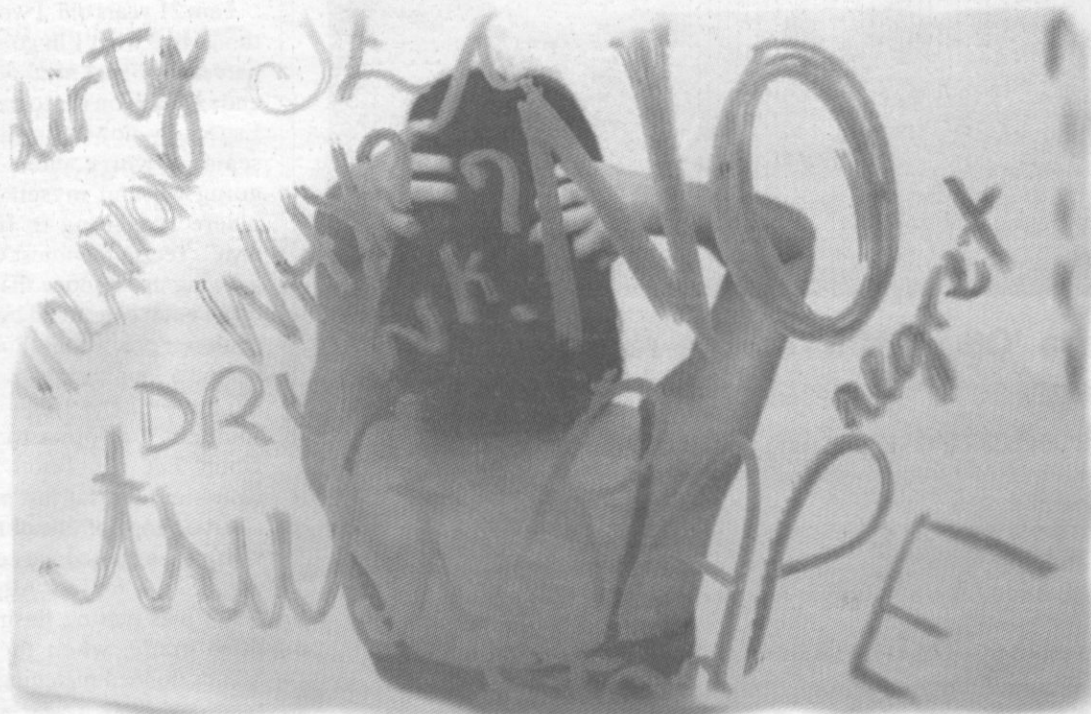
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COLLEGIAN SPECIAL REPORT: SEXUAL ASSAULT



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Speaking Out...

Reporting of sexual assault incidents up this year

by Darwyn Deyo
Staff Writer

You're at a party. You've had just a couple drinks, enough to make you feel loose. As you dance, you glance around and it bleeds into your consciousness that you haven't seen your friend since you started drinking. She's not at the party anymore, but you can't remember when she left, nor can you describe her last partner. He's average, you tell your friends. The next morning, she appears at your door and tells you she remembers leaving with Tom? Terrence? but nothing else until waking alone in her room. She assures you she's fine, but while she looks shaken, nobody can find average Tom.

Since alcohol and anonymous parties are common features of sexual misconduct, anybody affected by sexual assault may find this story to be familiar. Experience is a hard teacher of one in four women. Of those, very few include the frightening 'jump out of the bushes' assailant, especially on college campuses. The most common cases involve alcohol by either or both parties.

In the Saint Mary's Cleary Report, sexual assault is defined as "unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature," which may demand sex in exchange for employment or academic/personal evaluation. This past fall, Saint Mary's had five reported cases of sexual assault, and one corollary incident of domestic violence, which is triple the reports filed in previous semesters dating back to 2002.

Due to the intensive privacy surrounding victims of sexual assault, they can neither be identified nor their situations described. However, six calls instead of two is a significant increase. While that may be the case, it is not necessarily indicative of more sexual assaults. The Women's Resource Center (WRC) looks at the increase of calls as a positive change, for while they far from

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Shane Keane wins ASSMC presidency after leaving, then returning to election

Alia Bana, Arthor Curley, Danny Wecks round out next year's exec team

by Jonathan Morales
Editor-in-Chief

Shane Keane '07 won last week's election for Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) President after briefly dropping out of the race the night before and then appealing to get back in, a fact that Shandon Griffin '07 claims was unfair to her as the losing candidate.

"It messed with my psyche, I was confused and frustrated," said Griffin.

Keane dropped out of the race around 10:30 the night before the election, at which point Griffin was called by current ASSMC President John Zabala '06 and informed of the fact that Keane was no longer running and that, barring a write-in candidate, she would most likely win the election.

Keane changed his mind shortly afterwards and appealed to the election commission, who let him back into the race. He was unavailable for comment.

"If it hadn't been changed officially, why was I called...and told unless there's a write-in campaign I was going to be next year's president? I would rather have never known and gone to bed still thinking it was going to be an election," Griffin said.

According to Zabala, Keane was planning on running a write-in campaign if he was not allowed back onto the ballot. Zabala also added that Griffin knew before going to bed that night that Keane had been allowed back into the race.

Laci Jackson '06, ASSMC vice president for Administration, stressed that there is a process for appealing results that all of the candidates knew about, and that Griffin chose not to use. In addition, she said, there was most likely little impact on the results.

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Complete ASSMC election results inside

New staff members ready to serve the Saint Mary's community

Latino Student Programs coordinator, financial aid counselor, administrative assistant hired

by Julie McAvoy
Assistant News Editor

Three new employees have joined Saint Mary's staff in the Academic Advising, Financial Aid, and Development departments. Ivan Pagan, Coordinator of Latino Student Academic Advising and Achievement, and Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Jill Homann, have been here since the second semester started February 6. Claudine Puente, Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Annual Fund, is in

her third week of work in the Development Office.

As the Coordinator of Latino Student Academic Advising and Achievement, Pagan has two main responsibilities. The first of which is to provide academic advising to Latino students and undecided students. Also, he provides support for cultural programming for the Latino Community.

Pagan was attracted to Saint Mary's College because of its Lasallian mission. "It is very important to use education as a

means of empowering disenfranchised communities," said Pagan.

Working in the Academic Advising department allows Pagan to put this Lasallian mission into action. "I am trying to create more opportunities for students to build skills for success," said Pagan. Some of these skills include learning how to manage your time, stay focused, and manage stress.

Another way that Pagan strives to improve the Latino community is by bringing community leaders on campus to meet

with small groups of students. These small group discussions can allow the students to "learn what led to their [the speaker's] success in life," said Pagan.

Communication and a strong sense of community are also important aspects in helping struggling students. "A greater sense of community makes the college experience much more satisfying," said Pagan. "By improving communication, you increase the chance of success for students.

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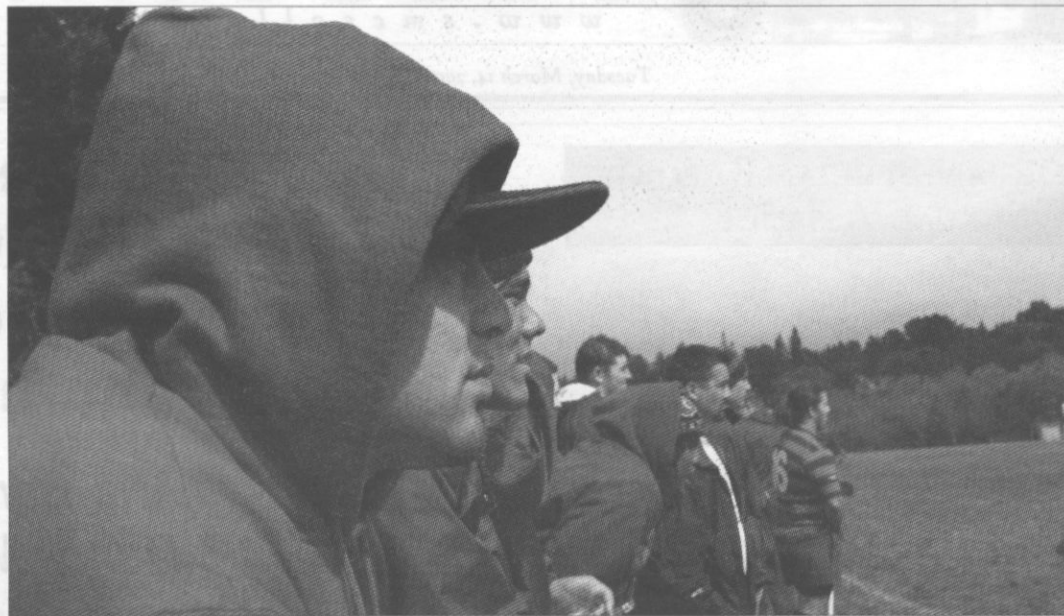
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SNAPSHOT



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Pedro Cabrera '06 weathered the rain to watch Sunday's rugby game. This weekend, the men's rugby team celebrated its 50th anniversary.



JO-ANN ARQUILLANO

The day of regression

Still a kid at heart

I am 21 years old. I worry about things like what I'm going to prepare for my next meal or if I have enough cash on me to pay for gas. Especially now, as a graduating senior, I worry about how I'm going to land myself a job or where I'm going to live post-SMC. Yet, in the midst of all this growing up, I notice that I've become quite consumed by the kind of things one would think I'd left behind a long time ago.

This weekend I flew down to southern California to visit my family. The night before I left, my older sister (having just purchased a carbon copy of one of my favorite tops) suggested we coordinate outfits—just for fun. All of a sudden I was getting flashbacks of third grade, when the best of friends donned matching duds on twin day. Only a year apart, my sister and I are practically twins ourselves, yet never in our several years of schooling together have we ever pounced on the opportunity to purposefully dress alike. In fact, we did everything we could to avoid wearing the matching dresses and shirts that so many distant relatives constantly assumed we enjoyed so much. The truth of the matter is that we were—or for the sake of my own biased and somewhat inaccurate opinion of my own pre-

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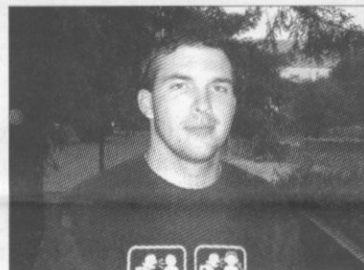
Campus Quotes:

What do you think about the current weather?

Sunday: Rainy and low 40s



I love the rain! It makes me happy and other stuff too.
-Kyle "The Smile" Bonderud '09



I love it, I come from Humboldt. It feels just like home.
-Brent, an SMC visitor



It's awesome and really pretty.
-Susana Rivera '09

Campus Quotes and photos compiled by Vince Ochoa

Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES



JOSH KREHBEIL

The HAGUE, Netherlands - Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic was found dead on March 11, supposedly from a heart attack. Milosevic was on trial for 66 counts of genocide in a UN tribunal at the time.

WASHINGTON - A case of mad cow disease may be present in a U.S. cow, with results from labs later this week. This is the third case of mad cow disease in America within the last three years.

NEW YORK - Wafah Dufour Bin Ladin, niece to Osama bin Laden, will star in a reality TV show. Dufour is an aspiring musician based in New York and appeared December in a photo spread in GQ.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - Joe Michael Luna was sentenced to death Wednesday, as per his request to the jury. Luna strangled Michael Paul Andrade in a botched burglary in February.

MADRID, SPAIN - The warrants for arrest of three U.S. soldiers for connection to the murder of a Spanish TV cameraman have been cancelled, after the National Court said Spain had no jurisdiction to pursue to the case. The cameraman Jose Couso was fatally injured in April 2003 at the Palestine Hotel in Baghdad, when a U.S. tank fired at what it believed to be combatants.

WESTLAKE, OHIO - Over 200 pairs of underwear, \$2,100 worth, were stolen from a Victoria Secret store over the past two months, as police try to figure out the identity and motivation of the burglar.

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA - Police are looking for party goers as witnesses in the case of the murder of Rachel Kozlusky. She was dropped by her boyfriend from her 23rd-floor apartment.

Crime Beat

3/4 9:05 p.m.
Incident: Fire alarm
Synopsis: Fire alarm activated by burnt food in Ageno West; referred to Student Conduct and the Physical Plant

3/5 5:35 a.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm
Synopsis: Discharged fire extinguisher set off fire alarm in Aquinas Hall; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant

3/5 7:30 a.m.
Incident: Vandalism to a vehicle
Synopsis: Broken windshield behind Sodexho; referred to Sodexho

3/5 6:50 p.m.
Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Damage to latches on doors in Augustine Hall; referred to Student Conduct

3/6 3:30 p.m.
Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Door broken beyond repair in De La Salle Hall; referred to Student Conduct

3/8 11:20 a.m.
Incident: Property Damage
Synopsis: Damage to a college vehicle in the maintenance yard; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant

3/9 2:39 a.m.
Incident: Property Damage
Synopsis: Damage to the Mitty Hall lawn area adjacent to Delphine Quad; referred to Student Conduct

3/9 8:40 a.m.
Incident: Burglary
Synopsis: Missing Art Department pictures in Dante Hall; referred to Student Conduct

3/9 2:30 p.m.
Incident: Harassment by telephone
Synopsis: Prank calls in Ageno B; referred to Student Conduct

3/10 9:30 a.m.
Incident: Unauthorized Postings
Synopsis: Unauthorized postings displayed campus wide; referred to Student Conduct

**Weekly
Featured
Profile**

Student Organization

**German Club:
Saint Mary's new
organization**

by Whitney Medved
Staff Writer

With a pre-existing array of clubs to choose from, Saint Mary's College has recently added another heritage club to the bunch. A little over four weeks ago, the German Club was born.

It is "all about getting students involved in German Heritage and events going on in Germany," said Club President, Mark Gilson '07.

The club already has around fourteen members, most of which are of German descent, but not all. A popular place to acquire these members thus far has been German class, which is not-so coincidentally taught by the club's official adviser Caralinda Lee, who "is great and so happy that there is now a German club on campus!"

German Club has had their first meeting, in which all of the officers as well as everyone else were introduced. This year's German Club officers include Gilson as president, Megan McAlpin '08 as vice president, and Julianne Hummer '06 as the public relations person.

The club has already had their first fundraiser, which took place on Monday, March 6 in Dante Quad. There, they sold giant pretzels (a German favorite) donated by Matt Carroll from Sedexo.

"We did a really good job in getting them sold, and we even ran out of them! Carol Lashof bought her whole class pretzels," said Gilson.

With the success of this fundraiser under their belt, the club plans to forge ahead with both more pretzel sales and a German-themed bake sale, "which will most likely include everyone's favorite: Strudel," said Gilson.

The club has their eyes set on the future, as Gilson said, "Why all the fundraising you may ask? Well, we Germans love beer, and come October we like to share our beer."

One of the group's primary objectives right now is to get an official Oktoberfest lined up for fall 2006, complete with a beer garden, and schnitzel eating contests for the minors - just because one can't drink beer, doesn't mean he or she can't experience the glory of Oktoberfest.

As a final message to the general public, Gilson said, "When we have a fundraiser please help us, because we want to give you guys the best Oktoberfest this side of Munich...we will not be able to do that without help from you guys."

New members are always welcome, and the next meeting is tomorrow night (Wednesday, March 15) at 7:00 p.m. in Dante 213.

Pi Day celebrates 3.14 on 3/14 at 3:14

Pi and pie festivities to take place today on Einstein's birthday



Photo courtesy of Annie Chase

Thirteen math and science professors will be "pi-ed" at the second-annual Pi Day. An opportune chance is presented to students with grudges against math and science professors to get back at them in friendly "pi-ing."

by Linda Hua
News Editor

At 3:14 p.m. on March 14, the Pi Day festivities will begin on Chapel Lawn. Sponsored by the Physicists of Saint Mary's (POSM), the second-annual Pi Day is a time for students to "have a little fun celebrating history's most famous number," said David Drummond '07, the chair of Pi Day and secretary of POSM.

"It's kind of fun getting to see everyone make a big deal about math, because there are so few of you," said Math Professor, Chris Jones. "Some of the students are planning on all wearing their math shirts and Pi hats...kind of like a nerd uniform. That'll be fun to watch."

As tradition, several professors will be "pi-ed" with whip cream pies, this year, 13 professors have

volunteered including Jones. Last year, "We got pi-ed, we ate pie, and we had a birthday cake also, because it was Einstein's birthday," said Jones, who was not extremely enthused about getting whip cream in his hair: "It's kind of hard to get out," said Jones, reflecting on his "pi-ing" experience from last year. "It gets in your hair. It's kind of grody."

However, a new twist has also been planned: "This year, we get to pie some of the student, so that'll be fun; we can get back at them," said Jones.

Along with "pi-ing" and eating pie, many other activities will also take place today. "There will be a giant circle painted on the chapel lawn with a diameter. Students can walk the circumference of the circle and the diameter to calculate pi. Whoever gets the closest to pi will win a free pi-ing of a

professor," said Annie Chase '07, president of POSM. "We are also having a contest to see who can memorize pi to the farthest decimal. There is also an activity called Buffon's needles where students drop toothpicks on a table with parallel lines one inch apart. A very interesting result, that involves pi, occurs when you examine the probability that the needle will not cross any line. Finally, we will be drawing the names to determine who gets to pi the professors in the face. Of course, there will be plenty of pie to eat and refreshments to drink."

All students are welcome to join the festivities as "we're trying to make math and science a little more known to everyone—not just math and science," said Drummond.

All students also have the see **PI DAY**, p4

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You provide them with greater comfort, greater confidence, and foster a greater sense of fulfillment."

Jill Homann was also interested in working at Saint Mary's because of the Lasallian traditions. Other aspects that she likes are the friendly atmosphere and small size. She recently moved to California from Fort Collins, Colorado where she worked in the Financial Aid department at Colorado State University (CSU) for five years.

"Coming from a big school like CSU, where things were handled differently, allows me to learn a lot about how things are done at smaller schools and bring in some different suggestions," she said.

Because of the smaller size of Saint Mary's, Homann will be able to work with the same stu-

dents throughout the year and get to know them better. "At CSU, we just worked with students on a walk-in basis and you usually didn't see the same student twice, but here we each are responsible for a different chunk of the alphabet," said Homann. "I'm just really excited to be here and get to know the students I'll be helping."

Her young age and genuinely friendly personality help her relate to students looking for Financial Aid help. "It wasn't too long ago that I was borrowing money for my own education," said Homann. She uses her young age and recent experiences to help students by "using plain language and keeping it simple," she said.

The new Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Annual Fund, Claudine Puente, also finds the small size of Saint Mary's as a

benefit to her job. "I absolutely love it here, the staff is friendly, it's easy to get around, and the students are very helpful," said Puente.

In the Development Department, Puente helps plan fundraisers and other events with alumni and seniors to raise money for scholarships. She also answers phone calls, organizes data on the computer, and does copying and filing.

Puente sees potential in her job beyond the everyday office work though. "This job is rewarding because you see students grow everyday and see new people come in every year," she said. "The enthusiasm and spirit of college students never bore me. I really enjoy interacting with students."

**Campus
Calendar**

Gospel of Mark: Jesus the man of the people speaks

Today
Tuesday, March 14
7:00 p.m.
Chapel

Social Justice Speaker Series:

Jack G. Shaheen
Today
Tuesday, March 14
7:30 p.m.
Soda Center

Encore performance:

Doll House
Today
Tuesday, March 14
7:30 p.m.
Soda Center

Leadership Workshop:

Time Management
Wednesday, March 15
4:00 p.m.
Delphine

Expressions of Blackness

Viewing
Wednesday, March 15
7:00 p.m.
Delphine

Moraga Community

Meeting
Wednesday, March 15
7:30 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: Moraga Planning
Department 376-5200

Mid Week Movie:

Chronicles of Narnia
Wednesday, March 15
9:00 p.m.
Dryden

APA Movie:

Butterfly
Thursday, March 16
7:00 p.m.
Wildenradt Theater in the
Library

Celtic Pub Night

Friday, March 17
9:00 p.m.
Dryden

LASA Club Dance

Friday, March 17
10:00 p.m.
Soda Center

APA Movie:

Go
Monday, March 20
7:30 p.m.
Delphine
Contact: x8317

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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.

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Normal meetings held at 6 p.m. on
 Mondays in Dant 114. x4279

News Briefs

Social justice speaker: Jack Shaheen

Tonight, as part of the Social Justice Speaker Series, author and media critic Dr. Jack G. Shaheen will discuss the impact of hurtful stereotypes in the Soda Center at 7:30 p.m. He will address the use of caricatures depicting Asians, African Americans, Muslims, Latinos and others in the media and provide practical solutions to stop racism.

Shaheen is the recipient of the University of Pennsylvania's Janet Lee Stevens Award, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's Lifetime

Achievement Award, and two Fulbright teaching awards. His books include *Reel Bad Arabs: How Hollywood Vilifies a People*, *Arab and Muslim Stereotyping in American Popular Culture*, *Nuclear War Films*, and *The TV Arab*. Other writings have appeared in *Newsweek*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*. This event is sponsored by the Disney Forum, CILSA, Office of Admissions, and the Department of Communications and is free and open to the public.

Moraga community meeting

Do you think Moraga is boring? Do you want to do something to change it? Get involved in improving the town of Moraga at a community meeting Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Soda Center. Specific plans for commercial development in Moraga will be discussed and comments and input will be welcomed. For more information contact the Moraga Planning Department at planning@moraga.ca.us or (925)376-5200.

ASSAULT: One charge and five other reports this year

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condone sexual assault of any kind, Sharon Sobotta, Director of Women's Resources, said "We wanted the lines to get more calls. Just because the lines weren't getting calls before didn't mean there weren't assaults on campus. This is exactly what we want to happen [since] sexual assault is a reality on campus."

Furthermore, the numbers are not year specific. According to Bill Foley, Chief of Public Safety, one of the incidents actually occurred last spring, and was only reported this past fall semester. Foley said, "I'm only aware of five [assaults]. I know that one of those cases occurred in March and didn't get reported until the fall. A lot has to do with when it's reported—with when it's counted. It may not be an accurate reflection of a specific year, but hopefully it's an accurate reflection of the whole." Nonetheless, a growing comfort with the WRC is evident, suggesting that women (and men) are taking control of this crime.

The four calls that reported current sexual assaults, while confidential, were liable to the typical pattern of college campus sexual assaults. The students were victims of people he or she had known previously, in a comfortable setting, in some cases with friends and/or alcohol present. A key fact that most men do not realize is that when women are intoxicated, they cannot give consent according to the law. While assailants are still held responsible for an assault, the vic-

tim, due to his/her passive role, is considered exempt from the same requirement.

"Now it's up to all of us to really uphold some of the stuff that's already taken place. One of the ways to do that is to get students involved, and to get males involved," said Joanna Snawder, Coordinator of Sexual Assault Awareness, Outreach and Education in the WRC.

While the Moraga Police Department shows few reports for Moraga, SMC showed five rapes in 2002, four rapes in 2003, and one rape in 2004. (Data for 2005 will not be available until October 2006.) However, while actual reported rapes have decreased, other forms of sexual harassment, specifically fondling, are on the rise from one in 2002 to two each in the years after that.

In the wider Bay Area, reports of forcible sexual assault are actually increasing, according to the Department of Education's website. This may be due to larger campuses, not larger awareness, since there is more of a tendency for people to fall through the cracks.

Something to take into account is that these are only the reported sexual assaults. While the victims who call into the WRC are not obligated to pursue his or her assailant to the Disciplinary Hearing Board, some do choose that path, despite fears of shame and exposure.

The process is relatively simple. A victim makes a report of a sexual assault, which is forwarded to Public Safety, which does not treat it as a normal re-

port, but instead funnels the report through Bill Foley and Scott Kier, director of Residence Life. They then approach Associate Director of Community Life Jim Sciuto to notify the "Complainant" and the "Respondent."

One of the first steps in this process is that the Respondent is removed from campus housing, followed by each party making a statement and submitting it to the Disciplinary Hearing Board, which then begins proceedings confidentially, without students on the panel. This is to ensure the privacy of the individuals involved. Simultaneously, the Moraga Police Department conducts their own investigation of the assault, if necessary.

While this system has its flaws, its aim is to insulate both the Complainant and the Respondent from each other and to determine the potential guilt of the Respondent in the matter. In addition to this, new programs are being proposed for expanding the response on campus to issues of domestic violence. As one of the calls this past fall demonstrates, this violence is potentially a rising threat on campus.

"We need to be in place to respond better and more efficiently as they're coming to us now," said Vice Provost for Student Life Mike Zoll, reflecting the willingness and preparedness of the Saint Mary's community to respond to these and other assaults. "Whether or not there's a trending regionally or nationally, we need to attend to it."

ASSMC: Team excited to start work

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"Honestly, I do not think that it affected the outcome of the election even slightly," said Jackson. "If nothing else, it could have lost Shane a few votes, and the election wasn't even close." Keane won by over 100 votes.

Griffin said that she spoke with Keane the night before the election and that he expressed his anxieties about running to her.

"I think he was probably just nervous about the election, just his own anxieties. Then once he made the decision to drop out he was unsure about that," she said. "I want to hear him say that he will do his job. The public that voted for him doesn't know that he was unsure."

In the other races, Alia Bana '07 defeated Lauren Vandam '07 for Vice President for Finance,

Arthor Curley '08 defeated Whitney Lopez '08 for Vice President for Student Affairs, and Danny Wecks '08 was elected Vice President for Administration.

All of the candidates look forward to working together next year.

"I think we're all very dedicated to getting the job done, so I think we can accomplish a lot if we put our minds to it," said Wecks.

Curley agreed and said he hopes to build a strong exec team so that they can "try to be an example for others on campus."

"I think we have a great team and we've all worked together so we'll have a good, positive outlook and we'll make some effective changes," said Bana.

Complete ASSMC election results

President

Shandon Griffin - 133 votes (34.7%)
 Shane Keane - 236 votes (61.6%)
 Write-in - 14 votes (3.7%)
 383 total votes

VP for Administration

Danny Wecks - 346 votes (94.0%)
 Write-in - 22 votes (6.0%)
 368 total votes

VP for Finance

Alia Bana - 197 votes (51.4%)
 Lauren Vandam - 173 votes (45.2%)
 Write-in - 13 votes (3.4%)
 383 total votes

VP for Student Affairs

Arthor Curley - 256 votes (64.5%)
 Whitney Lopez - 135 votes (35.2%)
 Write-in - 6 votes (1.5%)
 397 total votes

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sonality—she was, too cool to partake in such juvenile festivities. But there we were, both in our twenties (however early) actively engaging in this elementary-school rite of best-frienddom of foregoing all individuality in an attempt to appear as much as possible as the same person.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not at all condoning relationships that allow people to lose themselves in one united personality. But I guess it was just nice, being silly and doing something that I haven't done in years. It was kind of refreshing I guess, indulging in such a childhood custom, especially one I never really took advantage of. Maybe I was just making up for lost time.

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PI DAY: Today's math and science festivities about 3.14159...

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chance to pie a professor: "There are five ways to win a pie to get a professor with. One: Answer the problem of the week (see Chris Jones in Galileo). Two: Memorize pi to the farthest decimal. Three: Calculate pi the most accurately by walking the giant circle on the chapel lawn. Four: Calculating pi most accurately using Buffon's needles. Five: Win the raffle," said Chase. "Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets will be sold right up until

the actual pi-ing. Professors can only be pi-ed once and whoever wins the first pi-ing gets to choose their victim."

While "pi-ing" a math/science professor may be some students' only motive for coming out to the event, Chase has other anticipations: "I am most looking forward to seeing a ton of people out on the chapel lawn having fun and learning about pi," she said, "This is POSM's biggest event of the year and it allows us to reach

a lot of people. One of our goals is to show people that math and physics isn't just for super smart nerds, but for people who want answers to how things work."

"I would like people to know that pi day is for everyone," said Chase. "So even if you don't buy a raffle ticket, you still come out, have some free pie (to eat), and watch your professors get pi-ed in the face. It will be a great time. All are welcome to come, eat, and celebrate pi."

Gambling culture at Saint Mary's

Texas Hold'em fascination—in the dorms, on the web, elsewhere



Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

Students who gamble on campus, online, at casino nights are picking up on a rapidly growing trend. However, legality is questionable when it comes to gambling on campus and on the server.

by Michael Chin
Sports Editor

For any college student, the prospect of earning money while playing games seems like the ideal event in which to compete. With a strapped budget and constantly empty pockets, the prospect of turning \$20 into \$50 is a dream for most money-starved students. Enter the world's fastest growing game, seen on ESPN everyday, it's Texas Hold'em.

More than any other leisure activity, Hold'em has swept Saint Mary's campus and the world.

However, there is a small conflict with this phenomenon: inside dorm rooms, it's illegal. Proponents against it have said that it causes financial problems for students who are already strapped for cash. Others, including parents and administrators fear that gambling at a young age may lead to addiction. However, in a recent study done by Harvard, it was concluded that these problems which have been predicted should be taken lightly.

Saint Mary's, like many other colleges, is a bastion for underage gambling. "We definitely have cases of illegal gambling but not quite as many reported than, say, alcohol or drugs. However, I would still say that it is still a prob-

lem," said Jim Scuito, associate director of Community Life.

Currently at Saint Mary's the policy on underage gambling says that "engaging in illegal gambling activities, but not limited to, sports as defined by federal, state, or local law, is prohibited." The policy goes on to say that "using College owned or controlled technology equipment for gambling is prohibited." The second part is interesting to many because it limits students who are of legal age from gambling online.

The rule however does not define the severity of the action. "It depends on the situation. If a student playing on an online site and losing \$200 a night on his credit card and another student is caught for an open bottle violation, the one who lost the money would be the bigger violation," said Scuito. This is a gray area of speculation to many students.

"I'm somewhat indifferent," said Julius Mendoza '08 who does not gamble. "I've been in the [dorm room gambling] environment, watched people play, and for the most part I haven't seen any trouble come out of it." Many students thus question the gambling policy.

"The real problem with gambling at Saint Mary's I think is with online gambling," said Mendoza, "I've seen people lose

a lot of money with online poker, and it's somewhat depressing when you see someone continue to buy back in as they continue to lose more and more money."

Some students would wake up in the middle of the night to access online gambling sites such as Pacific Poker where they would put some cash into their accounts and gamble for hours in three dollar-six dollar games, letting the clock strike 4 a.m. before they know it. The next morning in class they would pay the retributions, tired and unable to keep their eyes open.

Some wonder if the school should intervene in such cases. "For a while, I was pretty addicted to the online gaming of poker," Mendoza said. "I started out winning big, but then I went on a long slump, and the more you lose, the more you want to play again and try to win. I'm lucky and got out of it and in total I was only \$200 under, but I've seen people lose hundreds in a matter of one or two hours, but see when people play on campus I've seen them play for \$20 tops."

This is perhaps is because when students play live, the money is tangible and harder to part with, whereas playing online, the money is all digital. Mendoza agreed and said "because it's just numbers. You still feel it though

when you get a big loss."

To many, it is ironic that the administration permits students of legal age to drink on campus yet they are not allowed to play online poker via the Saint Mary's Internet server. Current California state law has a specific panel to regulate card rooms. Most, if not all online poker sites, are limited to poker and do not have slots or other gaming that comes under a different jurisdiction. Some California card rooms have even lowered the legal age limit to 18.

Another factor that must be considered is school sponsored gambling events. Currently there is an annual Casino Night held by Program Board and other clubs

have held poker tournaments at the school. Although winners are not given cash, they are awarded with gift cards to stores such as Best Buy and Target. Is that not gambling?

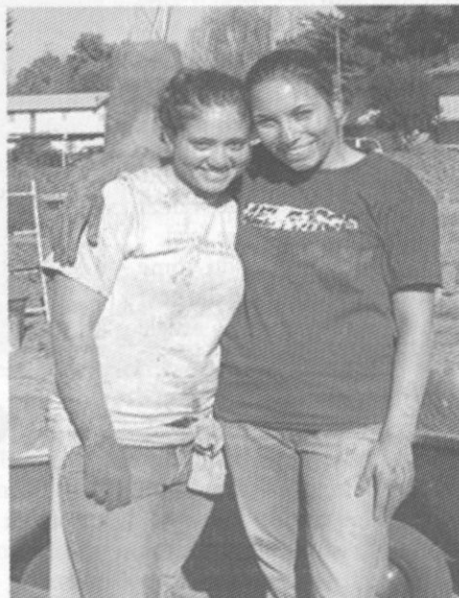
Some wonder should online gambling, as well as friendly home games be punished just because they are not school-sanctioned events? One argument that the administration would make is that non-sanctioned events cannot be controlled. Either way, poker—given its current popularity—will still attract students despite its legality.

Significant contributions were made to this article by Linda Hua, news editor.

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SCOTT CULLINANE

Democrats now 'green' with envy?

In the 2006 State of the Union Address, President Bush proposed the Advanced Energy Initiative. Its point is to break what he called America's "addiction" to oil.

Over the next 20 years Bush wants to replace 75 percent of America's oil from the Middle East with new technologies. Enter the Advanced Energy Initiative. Almost 10 billion dollars have been spent over the last five years to produce alternatives. This new initiative would increase funding to the tune of 22 percent for clean-energy research. This work is aimed, not only at American cars, but also at home heating. Clean coal, atomic, solar, and wind technologies will all be explored. Millions more in tax dollars will go to these areas. These increases follow Bush's 2003 call to spend federal money on developing a hydrogen-powered car.

If I heard this proposal, and didn't know who was saying it, I would declare it sounded like the rhetoric of the Democratic Party. Spending millions of government dollars on another large government project of this type is not the typical hallmark of a conservative Republican president. Yet, it was Bush who said it.

Ironically, the Democrats still have not come out to give Bush any support on this issue. It was John Kerry who said, "We can no longer allow America's dependence on foreign oil to compromise our energy security. Instead, we must invest in new ways to power our cars and our economy." Doesn't that sound suspiciously like what Bush is saying?

We know how loud and obnoxious liberals can be when they hate what Bush is doing, but when he proposes something aligned with their stated values, liberals search for a way to oppose it. The liberals tag line is "Democrats...are leading the way on energy reforms," but they have not acted at all.

If Clinton or Gore, the titillating heartthrobs of the left, had proposed this same policy, Democrats would be lining up to say good things about it on the Sunday morning talk shows. Instead of supporting a good idea, no matter who said it, they are starkly silent on a measure they should be applauding. Apparently, they have taken the stand that good ideas come only from the left and any other ideas must be bad.

The Democrats have taken the title of being an opposition party far too literally. Their extremism is being carried to the point of harming America.

Collegian View

Last week the Associated Students of Saint Mary's held the elections for next year's student body officers. *The Collegian* and the ASSMC have been working to ensure that as many students as possible were not only aware of the oncoming elections, but also fairly familiar with the running candidates. The profiles of all the students participating in the elections were accessible in last week's issue as well as online. According to the numbers given by the ASSMC (and the math calculated by our trusty editorial staff) approximately 397 students voted in this year's elections.

There are about 2,500 undergraduate students enrolled at Saint Mary's. Minus the 600 or so seniors that can't vote, that still leaves the other 1,900 under-

graduate students who are given the opportunity to take part in the elections. An approximate 20 percent of students turned out to vote. Granted, this coincides with the national average as well as the past SMC election results, however, at such a small school, we at *The Collegian* wonder if perhaps we should strive for just a little better than average. Saint Mary's prides itself in its communal atmosphere, in its ability to capitalize on its small size by promoting a close community.

Since the ASSMC elections moved online, voting has become much more convenient. No longer do students have to fish out their I.D. cards, wait for the student working the table to find and highlight their name in the pages-long list of undergrads, and fill out

the ballot sheet. Students can now vote with (literally) a mere click of the mouse. And if searching for the online ballot was too much of an effort, Vice-President for Administration Laci Jackson '06 also sent two emails to students reminding them to vote, including the link to the ballots.

With all these improvements and enhancements to make the voting process so much more convenient, we wonder why there aren't just a few more students taking the two minutes out of their lives to make a difference for next

year. We understand that we're all busy, and we're sure you can all imagine a million other things more important than voting in the campus elections. However, we also must acknowledge that this is our school, and the ASSMC officers are appointed to essentially maintain the voice of students at Saint Mary's. They make decisions that can directly impact the student body that we're all a part of. If they can make such efforts in order to benefit us, can't we do our part to show we care about what's going on?

Community Views

Dear Editor,

In response to Scott Cullinane's article on the Senate's allocation of funds to the Republican Club's 9/11 memorial, I would like to point out a few discrepancies. Addressing first the two senators who did not immediately approve the general fund request (myself being one of them), there were legitimate concerns with the allocation of such a huge amount of money to a partisan event that excluded any other clubs from collaborating. Several other issues held me and others back from accepting the fund request at face value and for that the senators should be commended for not affirming something they did not agree with. As for the Republican club funding the event entirely on their own last year, they did not fundraise for the entire event, they received donations. The issue here was not the memorial, that in itself was a fabulous idea, but with the partisan agenda behind the memorial and the allocation of money for a speaker none of the Republican executive members had ever heard speak. So, overall, there is a general misconception that the senators who voted against the general fund request were somehow against the memorial, and that was not the intention of myself or any of the other senators.

Voting based on students' interests is our job and many students and clubs were unsatisfied with the request. Senators and clubs would have been more open to the idea of such a huge amount of money spent on a speaker had the speaker been heard before and had other clubs been allowed to collaborate on the event. The allocation of funds for the Wake-a-thon was due in a large part to the number of clubs (appx. 16) that were working together.

Kudos to the Republican Club for planning such a memorial and kudos to other clubs who tried to collaborate.

Karen Reid
 Junior Class Senator

Dear Editor,

I am glad that Brian Ely spoke up about Danny Acosta's article that was run in the Collegian two weeks ago. I must say that I have to agree with Ely's point. Danny Acosta spoke about the Catholic faith and the teachings of the church that the Pope supports as if he had no clue about Catholicism [sic]. He mentioned something about that, if the Pope supported condoms, then he would be helping reduce the spread of AIDS. For one thing, why would the Pope support condoms when premarital sex [is] looked down upon by Catholics? That is pure idiocracy [sic]!

The Catholic Church does not support premarital sex and further, it does not support abortions, therefore, validating the use of condoms or allowing abortions to occur is not even considered by the Pope or the Catholic Church. And why should they be?

Ely's point about abstinence is 100% correct. What is happening [sic] with the world today? Kids go around dating at age 10, have sex at age 13, no wonder [sic] the amount of people with AIDS and STDs is rising. The only surefire way to avoid any of that is by practicing abstinence. All it takes is a little discipline. But apparently, the majority of people in this world today, find that too hard to do, thus engaging in one-night stands, having random or multiple partners, and then complaining about how high the AIDS population is. Pathetic. I guess I am old fashioned, but at least I am not a hypocrite [sic].

And, Danny, try to do some background research [sic] the next time you want to write an article relating to the Catholic faith.

Megan Brinkmeyer '06

Dear Editor,

Tony Vala-Haynes' article about South Dakota's abortion issue was very revealing. His blatant hatred for "white" people will be used in my classes to dem-

onstrate reverse racism. His pro-abortion stance lost all intellectual argument long before he hit the fourteenth usage of the word "white."

I will have students read the article but insert a different race/ethnicity wherever he used "white." I will show them Mr. Vala-Haynes' anti-white diatribe in its original format. They will see the clarity of racism within the article. The term hate speech will be defined. Ah, reverse racism...an unthinking liberal's dream (oxymoron?)!

Will Vala-Haynes hide behind freedom of expression? This article would never have gotten printed if "white" had been switched for say "latino." And oh the outraged screams of the mindless campus socialists if it had!! Ah yes, freedom of thought as long as its thoughts allowed by the leftists! I hope all evil White alumni stop writing donations on their White checks and mailing them in their White envelopes to the college with the White chapel! Saint Mary's is not Berkeley. Hatred of even whites should not be tolerated at our campus.

Marsha Rainery

Dear Editor,

After reading the article "South Dakota fights to outlaw abortion" I wish to comment on the approach of Mr. Vala-Haynes. Although I do disagree with the bill and Governor Rounds reasons for signing the bill, I am greatly disappointed by his article that lacked not only real cited facts, but a truly well developed argument. The illegalization of abortion cannot only increase unsafe means for abortion, but will also increase the number of drug-addicted babies in adoption homes, increase governmental spending for welfare and health care for young girls that tried illegal abortion. Although I believe it is important to express one's views and to provoke change through words, comments such as "chubby white men" and the ridiculous commentary on castration should be left aside. If his thoughts were discussed in a less radical and a more positively influential manner more people would have been influenced to provoke change than to write back to the Collegian commenting on the first childish article produced by a very accomplished writer.

Danica Randall, '06

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Catholic Church needs to do more than teach abstinence

In the fight against AIDS, practicality needs a place next to theology

Abstinence is one hundred percent effective in stopping HIV/AIDS. Unfortunately, many Africans contract the disease when they are born. Unfortunately, many Africans are infected by their spouse. Unfortunately, many Africans are not educated on abstinence because they do not have the basic right of education that the Western world is accustomed to.

Conservative Pope Benedict XVI has taken a stance against condoms and is unlikely to change, disheartening many that fight against HIV/AIDS. Many churches in Africa must uphold a ridiculous front of supporting the anti-contraceptive stance. They must maintain this position because the church can and will cut funding to defiant sects. African Catholic Churches need money to operate. For Africans receiving funding, this means they must



DANNY ACOSTA

turn away from the suffering. Ironically, for the 130 million Catholics in Africa, religion has transformed into an ugly monster of encroaching, persistent danger.

The Catholic Church is growing faster in Africa – Africa had 3.2 million new converts in 2005 – than any other region in the world. Members of the Western World need to understand the discrepancy in their affluent lives compared to those in Africa. Between the United States and Western Europe, there were only 32,000 deaths in the past year related to AIDS compared to 2.4 million in Africa. The argument

of abstinence as the only answer diminishes.

There exists a gut-wrenching paradox in Catholic Africa. Catholic teachings condone marital sex. Catholicism teaches divorce is a sin. These two elements are volatile because an infected spouse may continue to have sex with an uninfected spouse transmitting the disease. AIDS tests are scarce, too expensive, or non-existent. Women who are brave enough to ask for condoms within the Catholic realm of Africa are often abused and degraded as whores. If condoms were made socially acceptable, abuse would decrease or cease and Catholics would be protected against the death of attrition. Furthermore, AIDS can be passed through childbirth, which condoms can prevent. A condom is much cheaper – and humane – than an AIDS cocktail.

While abstinence is a great idea, it is not practical in the global context due to social, economic, and cultural differences. Nelson Mandela poignantly commented on the AIDS epidemic: "Education is the key. Safe sex. And to indicate to them that children, young people, must delay as much as possible before they can have sex. When they do have sex, one partner...they must use contraceptives."

Mandela's opinion on the plague in his own country seems more valid to than a Pope sitting thousands of miles away. Yes, Pope Benedict, abstinence is effective. No, Pope Benedict, it is not entirely practical. More importantly, Pope Benedict, it is not the only answer. AIDS is a human rights issue, and the Pope, the Catholic Church, whoever it may be, are denying these human rights.



DARWYNN DEYO

The DP World port dilemma unfolds

On February 13 DP World, a ports operator in the United Arab Emirates-owned Dubai, purchased the license to operate six American ports from P&O. Americans saw this as a red flag despite the fact that DP World would not actually own the ports. As they had been before, the ports of New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Miami, and New Orleans would still be inspected and authorized by the American coast guards and immigration. Yet this is unassuring to Democrats or Republicans, who in political arenas across the country have been trying to halt the deal, even though Bush has threatened to veto. International relations, however, got ahead of them.

Ports are a weak spot in security, and Dubai itself is not the most secure place from which goods leave. With only roughly five percent of port-processed goods being checked now, politicians saw the worst in what is described as a porous country security. The theory behind all the international gaffes is that Dubai will let too many details slip in their own country, and America won't be able to find them once they arrive. There are only a certain percentage of goods that can be inspected without increasing delays by 20 percent. Furthermore, DP World is partially American-run and American-educated, and already their status as being a transnational player has made them practiced in some security. The outcry is not just the newest American racism, but typical of the hesitancy that has been holding business and government back since 9/11.

This year, the backlash against foreign investment doesn't even have the supporting slogan of keeping American businesses American—it is only now, when DP World is backing off the deal and offering to sell it to an American company that the ports will shift back into patriotic hands. If the port control unions felt so strongly about American ownership, they should have spoken up when P&O first purchased the licenses. Whatever the circumstances, Dubai has had the grace to not come where they can see they are clearly unwelcome, despite their good reputation with us and others historically.

Eventually though, Americans will have to fully re-enter the global trade, instead of allowing the ghosts of 9/11 to hinder our political and economic growth.

The death penalty: I want to see convulsions

If we're so in favor of executions, why not share the fun with all?

What happened to public hangings? I want more public hangings.

Last Wednesday the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a lawsuit that rejected California's current protocol for lethal injection. The ACLU maintains that the paralyzing drug used in lethal injections violates the First Amendment rights of the execution witnesses by not allowing them to see if the victim is in pain during his execution. The lawsuit claims the drug meant to paralyze its victim, in fact, hides the truth of an execution from the witnesses. In essence, the ACLU believes that witnesses should be allowed to see the victim's body experience convulsions and other unnatural, physical reactions as a result of the poison flooding his



TONY VALA-HAYNES

body.

The ACLU is right. Of course, the intelligent minds who do not place all their faith in a deity — God or Bush, take your pick — have all but disappeared in our country. We are left with simple-minded conservatives who vote for the death penalty and then become scandalized by the ACLU's assertion that the process of an execution should be made visibly clear to any and all witnesses. The

conservatives vote for it, but they sure don't want to see it.

Remember the boy who kills his first bird with a BB gun? When he sees the blood on the feathers he runs away, tears welling in his eyes. The only difference is that advocates for the death penalty just aren't that innocent anymore. There are new, more efficient toys for ending life, now. So why not let us watch? Why not let us *all* watch?

Instead of sedating a convicted criminal in an isolated room and allowing a handful of people to watch his death, let's make it public. No more tranquilizers and no more privacy. If our government wants to kill people to deter violence, they may as well show us. I need to see something to be de-

terred. Word of mouth just isn't cutting it anymore.

When our government decides to execute a man or woman I should be able to stand in the middle of Union Square in San Francisco and watch the guilty or innocent convict swing from the gallows. And if I have other commitments, like attending church, I expect it to be on the news when I get home in the evening. I expect a full report. I expect to see the man drop, to hear the snap when his spine shatters, and I expect to see his legs kick at the open air.

Why? Because it is disgusting. It is malicious. It degrades us. And because the fallout from our naive voters does not belong behind closed doors.

Pro-Lifers step up after South Dakota bans abortion

We're one step closer to finally ending abortion after governor signs bill

With Governor Mike Rounds' signature of a bill which bans most abortions in South Dakota, the abortion bell has rung once again throughout the country. It is a fight which conservatives have been waiting to fight since Roe v. Wade.

In recent history, a coalition of pro-life proponents have attempted to push through bills that would steadily destroy abortions. As a prospective legal student, I do not condone the manner in which Governor Rounds or the South Dakota legislature has brought the topic to the forefront. With statements such as calling his bill a "direct frontal assault (against Roe v Wade)," I wonder if Rounds passed the law because he believes abortion is unjust or because he wants to ferment more problems in an already polarized



MICHAEL CHIN

union.

Although I do not condone the fashion in which this case may eventually reach the Supreme Court, clearly a battle between opponents on both sides has been steadily brewing.

Considering who I am, a conservative, Roman Catholic, it is needless to say that I am anti-abortion. One might say that religion has polarized my opinion. Some may also say that I am a generation behind, that I know nothing about a women's right to choose.

Some may even go as far as saying I should not be writing these words because in the end, the "right to choose" does not affect me.

These points, at face value, are indeed a daunting task to argue against. I concede that my religion has had an affect on me, and yes, physically abortions do not affect me, but to say that it does not effect me would be a lie. Anywhere that an American's life is at stake is my problem. It is, for that matter, society's problem.

Should northern Americans have turned their backs on slaves in the 18th century? As one might recall slavery was thought to be essential to the Southern economic system. At the time, some congressmen and even presidents supported slavery. Slaves were regarded as subhuman, they had

no rights. Yet Americans saw that they needed to protect those who could not help themselves. They needed to do the right thing.

This is not a question about economic inequality, as pro-choice advocates want you to believe. This is about what is right. Given our materialistic world, it is easy to forget that. I concede that abortion is the easier option for many people, but just because it's easier doesn't make it right. Living in society's top economic bracket, I am a flawed proponent of the pro-life movement because these laws would affect the underprivileged, who pro-choice politicians believe need abortion more than most.

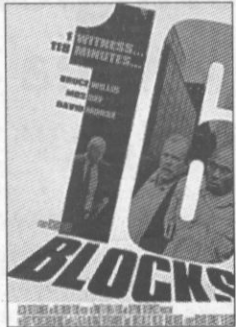
The bottom line is that the banning of abortion is the right thing to do, and that counts for more than anything, except life.

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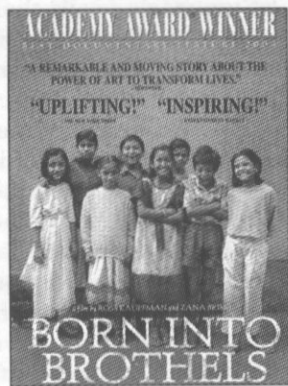
Mos Def revives cop thriller



by **Danny Acosta**
Staff Writer

Routine takes a sharp turn in *16 Blocks*. Jack Mosley (Bruce Willis) is an unwilling cop that must protect murder witness Eddie Bunker (Mos Def). Director Richard Donner (*Goonies, Maverick*) and actor Frank Morse bolster the film with solid performances. Hip-hop artist turned actor Mos Def steals the film with his hopeful convict character. The downtrodden and rotund character of Mosley is a perfect contrast to Bunker. The film does not deliver anything new in terms of thrillers; however, it signals the arrival of Mos Def as a talented actor. Willis and Mos Def are a winning combination in this enjoyable film.

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Born into Brothels- it's not dirty!



by **Melanie Linney**
Detour Editor

Born into Brothels is not a dirty flick, or something worthy of a latenight slot on Cinemax. It is a documentary that follows the lives of seven children who were born in the brothels of the Calcutta Redlight district. The film documents their photography teacher's attempts to get the children accepted in private schools to remove them from the squalor of their homes and prevent the young girls from "joining the line." All of the children are aware of their mothers' employment and how their situation is. Everytime the curtain is drawn they know to run to the roof. Just like Avijit, one of the boys, says when examining a picture that you have to look, you have to look, no matter how dark or sad because it is the truth.

Soda Center dolls up for Ibsen play
Small turnout does not hinder performance of Collegiate players

by **Allison Kop**
Sports Editor

For most upperclassmen at Saint Mary's the play *A Doll's House* should have a rather familiar ring to the name. No, it's not a sappy selection from Oprah's book club or a segment on VH1's latest, nostalgia-for-anything-80's TV show, "I love...Toys." It's a play... and one you should know, since it's one of the more riveting reads in the last required seminar course.

Those who enjoyed reading Henrik Ibsen's play, or were bribed by their seminar professors with enough extra credit points, witnessed the real thing live on stage last Wednesday or Thursday night in the Soda Center. Organized by longtime English professor Barry Horowitz, the play was performed and directed by a group of professional actors called The Collegiate Players as part of the Collegiate Seminar Program.

For those unfamiliar with the play, the story revolves around the relationship of Nora and Torvald, a typical married couple in the late 19th century. Nora is an obedient and cheerful wife to her husband Torvald, who is a kind, yet domineering husband. Generally viewed as a

commentary on women's roles and lack of independence, the play culminates with Nora rejecting her role as her husband's compliant "doll" and

The childlike and twittering Nora was played with energy by Michelle Leavy, while Nora's patronizing husband Torvald was played by Leavy's real life beau,

each of the actors' lines more significant.

After the end of the play, the actors returned to the stage to take part in a discussion of the play and its adaptation with the audience. The actors asked for feedback on their performances and described the approaches and difficulties of playing their respective characters. While some good discussion points were eventually raised, many members of the audience felt as though they were held hostage for the discussion portion, which although advertised as optional, followed immediately after the final bow, allowing no time for



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Torvald (Jim Hiser) tries to talk some sense into his newly empowered wife Nora (Michelle Leavy) in this scene from Thursday night's play.

leaving her home to face the world on her own.

The audience for the show was small, but its size helped create an ambiance of intimacy with the actors. The small stage, raised only a few feet and less than a yard from the front row, assisted in the feeling of closeness with the actors. Furnished with only a couch and chair for a living room and a small Christmas tree to indicate the season, the set was simple, yet effective.

Jim Hiser. Supportive, yet manipulative Mrs. Linde was played expertly by Maggie Grant, while Brian Levy added an element of sympathy to the play's villain, Krogstad. Adam Syd, rounded out the cast as the humorously mournful Dr. Rank.

Lasting just over an hour, the play was edited significantly by director Eric Hayes, but none of the story was lost. The shortened version actually seemed to intensify the action and make

audience members to tactfully escape the ensuing conversation.

All things considered the play was pretty satisfactory. Though not the most fascinating play the world has ever seen, it was good fare for a seminar event. Seeing the characters live on stage helped them become more vivid and true-to-life, but it wasn't quite enough excitement to convince me of an evening well spent.

A Doll's House will play once again tonight at 7:30pm.

Unveiling the history of our favorite saint (besides Mary)

Pub night in honor of Irish Saint Patrick

by **Tony Veruttl**
Staff Writer

On March 17th, in the year 461, only 1,545 years ago, Saint Patrick's life came to its end. In remembrance of this celebrated Saint there will be a Pub night in Dryden Hall at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 17th - Saint Patrick's Day.

The celebration of Saint Patrick's life has evolved into one of the most popular holidays in this country. Although, the celebration originally started as a Catholic holiday, the transformation has slightly digressed off the road of religion. America first began celebrating Saint Patty's day nearly 270 years ago in Boston. Today, we remember the great Saint Patrick by eating corned beef and cabbage, wearing green, and drinking too much green beer with whiskey. And all this time you might be wondering, who was Saint Patrick? And why is there a day to remember him?

His given name was Maewyn, and he was born in Wales. He was a slave who began his life as a pagan. During his time as a slave he grew closer to God and began to incorporate the Christian faith

into his life. It wasn't long before Maewyn escaped from his oppressors and began practicing Catholicism. Shortly before his affirmation as bishop to Ireland, Maewyn Christianized his name to Patrick.

He was arrested several times for converting so many people to Catholicism, but continuously escaped

because of his undeniable Irish craftiness (they were always after his lucky charms). For the next thirty years he began building

schools and monasteries throughout the country-side, and is largely responsible for the substantial number of Catholic followers from Ireland.

There is a lot of discrepancy surrounding the tale of Saint Patrick and exactly what he did. Some argue that he raised the dead, and others claim

he chased all the snakes out of Ireland, though snakes have never lived in Ireland. Nonetheless, the important thing to remember here is that there are no snakes in Ireland.

Many might also be wondering how the shamrock became an insignia for Saint Patrick's Day. Supposedly, the three leaves on a shamrock represent the holy trinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Saint Patrick used the shamrock

as part of his sermon because they were so practical to obtain, unlike those nonconforming four-leafers!

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are currently 34.5 million people in the United States today who claim Irish ancestry. This is the second most popular ancestry in America, only less than the Germans. The Irish immigrants who came to America brought many of these celebrated traditions with them. So, for this coming Friday, let's remember that Saint Patrick's Day is about more than beer and corn beef hash. It is also about helping those in need in the face of opposition and resentment. In the spirit of Saint Patrick, somewhere throughout your day of over consuming alcohol, try to take some time to reflect on who Saint Patrick really was and what he truly represented.

Don't forget, in honor of this holy reflection there will be Pub Night in Dryden for all who are over 21. I'm sure Saint Patrick would want you to be there. Bring your Saint Mary's I.D. and a valid driver's license. You will also need money because God knows the Saint Mary's doesn't sell cheap beer! Hopefully they'll let you have more than two.

Cheers!



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DETOUR

Stalker Chronicles : Friends don't let friends tag
Facebook troubles the non-photogenic

by Anonymous
Managing Editor

Sitting in a parked car on a rainy afternoon, my trusty partner-in-crime and I watch our subjects from across the street. We aren't in trench coats or dark glasses, we know better than to dress conspicuously in an attempt to be unrecognizable. We follow the directions - a tip from our inside source - and for fear of driving by our target location, we almost rear-end the beloved vehicle of one of our stallees as we sharply pull over. Once we get situated and familiarize ourselves with the area (it's always important to know your surroundings, especially when you're stalking) we relocate across the street, to get a better view, of course.

We're fierce. We have a mission. Okay, well, at the first sight of our subjects all hardcore-ness is shot. We're like kids in a candy store, like Midwesterners and their first celebrity sighting on their vacation to Hollywood, and we're reduced to giggling, somewhat panicky, fifteen-year-olds...but that's beside the point.

We regain our composure (enough to stop squealing

anyway) and we're back to our mission, surveying our prey like they're wild animals we're hunting on safari. The constant drops of rain somewhat inhibit a clear view of our exploits, and in the silence of the car, the occasional squeak of the windshield wipers across the window makes even us feel a little too creepy.

So we opt to shift the mood by turning on some stalking music and go with the classic "One Way or Another" by Blondie. It's upbeat, it's catchy, and most importantly, it accurately expresses our stalking ways. It's almost a mantra, really. But we can't get caught up in the music. The last thing we need is for someone to glance out the window and realize we're staring from the car across the street (or singing along with enthusiastic hand gestures, whatever).

We get a little on the fidgety paranoid side, and prep to pull out and disappear before anyone notices we were ever there, trying to avoid an awkward run-in with the guys on their way out. So off we go in our stalker speed wagon, another stalking adventure in the bag.

by Melanie Linney
Detour Editor

Okay, so I'm not going to lie, I log onto Facebook at least once a day. I get it, I'm an addict, but I'm starting to notice a problem with my online drug of choice. And that would be those pesky photo albums. It's not even the photo albums - I use them all the time! But only to post that random party or my last summer vacation. The real issue is this tagging business. In case you didn't know, there is this handy option when uploading your pics that allows you to attach a link to your friends who are in the picture. Again, I do this all the time, but I like to show a little discretion. My friends, however, do not.

Why is it I always log on and find some of the ugliest, most horrendous pictures of me ever? What's that about? Are my friends out to get me? Some of my closest friends, which is definitely a questionable title since this whole uploading pictures option availed itself, are the guilty culprits posting these horrific photos. I swear I have to yank the knife out of my back

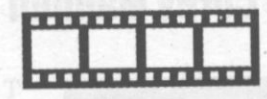
almost everytime I see my latest tagged picture.

Why is it I never get the cute ones? The ones I wouldn't mind people seeing, and you know the ones I'm talking about. The ones where you angle yourself perfectly, are wearing that cute top and are having that once in a lifetime good hair day? Basically, in that picture where you look like Charlize Theron or Jessica Alba... well, at least kind of like them. But no! Instead I get the pictures where I look like one of those creepy zombies from *Dawn of the Dead*. Which, by the by, pretty good flick for a horror film.

Now all of my critics out there would suggest that maybe I should stop making faces in pictures, or... wear a bag over my head! But I say no! I'm not going to be a victim to Facebook. I won't live in fear of some online network, where half of the people on my friends list have no clue who I am at all - just adding me to raise their number of friends- as if to add to their social capital. Um, just kidding friends on my Facebook friends list...ha ha ha.

The moral of the story? I'm gonna start dropkicking people if they don't stop tagging me!

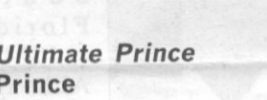
OUT THIS WEEK
FILMS



3/17/06

- Don't Come Knocking**
Starring: Sam Shepard, Jessica Lange
R
- Don't Trip...**
Starring: Steve Harvey
PG
- Find Me Guilty**
Starring: Vin Diesel, Peter Dinklage
R
- She's The Man**
Starring: Amanda Bynes, James Kirk
PG-13
- V for Vendetta**
Starring: Natalie Portman, Hugo Weaving
R

ALBUMS



- Ultimate Prince**
Prince
- My Ghetto Report Card**
Green Day
- Like This**
The dB's
- Fortuneteller's Melody**
Shedaisy
- Dave Chapelle's Block Party Soundtrack**
Various Artists

CONCERTS



- 3/15
The Click Five
Slim's, SF
- 13/16 & 17
Train
Fillmore, SF
- 3/17
Unwritten Law
Slim's, SF
- 3/19
David Gray W/ Aqualung
Paramount, Oakland
- Anti-Flag
Slim's, SF
- Raghev, Juggy D & Veronica
Paramount, Oakland

To ride or not to ride?

Scooting. All the cool kids are doing it. Maybe not, but according to Medved they should be

by Whitney Medved
Staff Writer

Let's face it, our campus is small. Despite all the griping that goes on about hiking all the way up to the Agenos, the truth of the matter is that in comparison with other campuses, it's a walk in the park.

I live in Aquinas, and I can honestly say that I've rolled out of bed at 8:57, got dressed-up (I guess as dressed-up as one can be without a shower...), and gotten to class via my feet, all by 9:10. Fear not, I am not rebuking those of you who dread trekking to the far corners of campus, nor is this a didactic piece about how to sleep longer and neglect personal

hygiene, I too have become acclimated to the tide pool-like eco system of Saint Mary's College.

For example, after a visit to the post office one fine day, much to my chagrin I discovered that a repeat trip was going to be necessary. I sighed and said "ugh, I don't want to go *all the way* back to the post office!" after which my suitemate flogged me with bamboo poles for my laziness. Not really, but she should have. We both laughed about how "all the way" really consisted of a two minute walk - and that would be taking up my sweet time. We chuckle about it to this day.

The point is all of us have acclimated to the size of campus,

just as students at larger schools have also effectively adjusted. This does not change the fact that we still need to get places though, and fast!

Still, while a bike is the preferred mode of transportation at the typical university setting, it seems superfluous when getting the bike out of the building, or unlocking it from its chain, would take longer than the ride itself, or the walk for that matter. It would be denying us a large part of the college experience to bar us from alternate modes of transportation. Aside from the token long-board, I feel as though we still have some options here at Saint Mary's.

While meandering back from math tutoring one night, I was quickly overtaken when a young man passed by on a Razor scooter. Genius!

Now, I will admit I thought that fad was a little *last* year, and that the typical age demographic for

them was 11-14 year-olds, but I have seen a fair share zipping around campus.

With numbers and equations still spinning through my hopelessly English-oriented mind, I hypothesized that proportionally speaking, the circumference of the wheel of the razor coincided with that of a much larger bike wheel, whereby both vehicles are appropriately calibrated for distance and time of travel on said campus. Therefore, according to Euclid (things which coincide with one another are equal to one another) our campus is smaller than larger universities, but equally navigable on foot-operated vehicles. Now, this is where I had hoped to bust out some actual measurements and follow a proposition to really hit my point home, but alas, due to a lack of time, Razor, and mathematical inclination, that endeavor was not accomplished.

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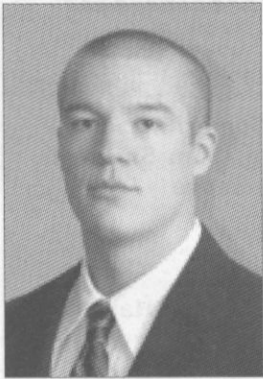
Spaceballs line of the week

"You have the ring, and I see your Schwartz is as big as mine. Let's see how well you handle it."
-Dark Helmet

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SPORTS

**Players
of the Week**

Corey Madden



The senior pitcher has had a strong season to this point. Madden leads the starting staff with a 1.90 ERA and held the Northern Illinois scoreless in 6.2 innings while striking out eight. He threw 105 pitches on the day and picked up the win. Madden improved to 2-1 on the season and will start against Southern Utah in Utah.

Jessica Hoath



Hoath had a solid tournament against ranked teams South Florida and SMU. Although she would lose the first day in straight sets, she would rebound to win 6-4, 6-4 against SMU's number two player, Bubien. Her victory was the Gaels' only win on the day.

-Zach Farmer, Asst. Sports Editor

Schedule

Today Softball vs. SIU 1 & 3 p.m.	Softball @ Pacific 12 & 2 p.m.
Baseball @ Cal 2 p.m.	Women's Crew vs. Gonzaga Lake Natoma, CA 2 p.m.
Tomorrow Softball vs. Southern Utah 1 & 3 p.m.	Men's Lacrosse vs. Cal 3:30 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Minnesota 3 p.m.	Men's Tennis @ Nevada-Reno
Friday, Mar. 17 Baseball @ Southern Utah 3-game series (Fri/Sat/Sun)	Sunday, Mar. 19 Women's Tennis vs. Portland 10:30 a.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Long Island 3:30 p.m.	Women's Crew vs. LMU/USD Lake Natoma
Men's Lacrosse vs. Minnesota St. 3:30 p.m.	Monday, Mar. 20 Women's Lacrosse vs. Vermont 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 18 Women's Tennis vs. Gonzaga 10:30 a.m.	

Despite weather, Gaels roll over Huskies
Baseball continues dominance at home against NIU

by Zach Farmer
Assistant Sports Editor

Poor weather could not stop the Gael offense this weekend as Saint Mary's swept the Northern Illinois Huskies by scores of 10-2 and 5-2.

Senior Preston Young and the offense struck early on Friday unloading for seven runs in the first two innings. The party was started when senior Sam Carter singled home junior leadoff-man Eric Cattoni from second base.

Senior rightfielder Preston Young hit his fourth home run of the season in the fourth inning which drove in Carter and first baseman Orben Frederick. Carter and Gallagher both drove in two runs.

The player of the game was senior pitcher Joel Fountain. For the second consecutive week, he was in complete control of the game. Fountain went seven innings, allowing only two earned runs and seven hits to earn his third consecutive win (3-1).

"Mechanics were doing good; they were consistent," Fountain said. "It took me a couple of innings, but once I was able to start throwing strikes, everything went well from there."

"It has really helped that we were able to get out here and take normal batting practice," said head coach Jedd Soto when asked about weather conditions changing the practice schedule. Soto, when asked about the recent offensive surge, credited the top of



Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

Ian Gordon '08 has been steadily improving this season. He caught both games this weekend and doubled high off the leftfield wall while collecting an RBI.

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his lineup. "Our top 5-6 hitters are putting the ball in play."

"The consistency continued on Saturday as the Gaels won 5-2 behind a strong performance from senior pitcher Corey Madden.

Madden threw 6.2 innings while allowing no earned runs on

five hits. He struck out eight batters on 105 pitches. "Madden's been good the last three outings. He throws a lot of strikes," said Soto.

Five different players had RBI's for the Gaels on Saturday including sophomore Ian Gordon who launched a Nick Hall pitch within one-inch of his first home run of the season. Gallagher came in on the double.

Sunday's game was called due to rain. The Gaels did play three

innings before the game was called and led 2-1. "All three of these guys are seasoned college pitchers, Joel Fountain was drafted by the Athletics in the 31st round, Corey Madden by the Cubs in the 45th round, and Dan Lewis by the 42nd round by the Phillies. These are kids that came into the year with high expectations," said Soto.

The Gaels are slated to play the Cal Golden Bears at Evans Diamond in Berkeley today at 2 p.m.

Basketball ends on a sour note, but future still looks bright
Bennett will depend on Collins, Wahlberg, and this year's phenomenal freshmen



MICHAEL CHIN

Barring a miracle at large birth to the NIT, it is pretty much a foregone conclusion that last week's loss to Loyola Marymount spelled the end of the road for Saint Mary's basketball.

Despite what was considered by many a dismal showing in the semifinals of the WCC tournament, the Gaels have a lot to hang their hats on this season. First, we saw what Bennett could truly do.

I feel vindicated knowing that he received WCC Coach of the Year honors from CBS Sports Line, a much more creditable group than the biased West Coast Conference, who not surprisingly, gave Mark Few the honor.

CBS also recognized Daniel Kickert's future replacement Diamon Simpson as one of the top freshman in the country. He really proved that up in Spokane, leading the team in scoring



Collin Krauthamer/COLLEGIAN

John Winston '07 will be one of the leaders for Saint Mary's basketball next season.

against Santa Clara and keeping the Gaels in the game against Loyola. He also improved his free throw shooting late in season to help round out his game.

However, next year will still be a tough one for Saint Mary's. The Gaels will miss not only the scoring that Kickert provided, but also his leadership. In his absence Bennett and company will look to Brett Collins and Jason Wahlberg to fill his shoes. Collins came up big for SMC late this season, becoming the Gaels' go-to scorer down the stretch. And from what I have heard from the Saint Mary's coaches, Wahlberg is an extension of the coaching staff on the floor.

Aside from Simpson, the other two freshman Ian O'Leary and Wayne Hunter will also be a big part of Saint Mary's success next year. They provide instant offense for the Gaels. Although both tailed off a bit during the WCC tourney, they did get a year of experience under their belts and next year, lacking freshman jitters, we should see their full potential.

In addition, you can also add John Winston and Blake Sholberg to that mix. Winston really caught fire late this year and his defense reminds me of Gonzaga's Erroll Knight, not to mention that Winston is a better scorer. Sholberg just needs to

keep improving. Despite the knocks made about him, he has steadily improved each season. Fans are just waiting for his breakout year.

With four straight winning seasons, Bennett has built a reputation for SMC where we can bring in players such as JC transfer Tron Smith. According to Bennett, he might be one of the best athletes to hit the SMC hardwood when he arrives next season.

So get ready Gaels fans, next year it's time to put the WCC Championship where it rightfully belongs, inside McKeon Pavilion.

The Collegian SPORTS

This couple likes to get dirty...

Lauren Shaughnessy and Kevin Swiryn found love on the rugby field

by Allison Kop
Sports Editor

Most couples have at least a few things in common. Kevin Swiryn and Lauren Shaughnessy have one big thing in common: they're both hardcore rugby players. Both former athletes for other Saint Mary's sports (Lauren was a starting point guard for the women's basketball team and Kevin was a wide receiver for the now defunct SMC football team), both started playing rugby as a way to stay involved in Saint Mary's athletics at the highest level.

The two met their freshman year in the romantic halls of Assumption Hall; however, the meeting was not love at first sight. According to Lauren, "I had no time to pay attention to him at first. He kind of bothered me." Since then their relationship has steadily improved and the pair now form what could be deemed "the most ripped couple at Saint Mary's." In fact, they even work out together. Aww...

What position do you play:

Kevin: Flanker...I hit people hard and score tries.

Lauren: Scrum-half...it's the position that controls the ball most of the game. I'm supposed to run the offense and organize the defense.



Who wears shorter shorts:

L: Definitely Kevin, by far.

K: She does on the rugby field...I do off the field.

Who scores more:

L: Me! I guess it helps that he is injured right now too.

K: She scores more per game, I score more per season, but only because I play more games.

Best part about playing rugby:

K: It's 80 minutes of hard hitting, fast running, pure athleticism.

L: I get a powerful feeling whenever I am on the field. You feel invincible.

Worst part:

K: It's 80 minutes, so I get pretty tired.

L: I'm somewhat small in stature so I get tackled pretty hard sometimes.

How does your previous sport help you in rugby:

L: Being a point guard is similar to being a scrum-half. Both positions require a lot of passing and vision.

K: As a wide receiver catching the ball and running routes helps me with catching the ball and avoiding tackles in rugby.

Who's the better player:

K: It's tough to say. Lauren dominates teams purely because of her athleticism. I would say me, only until she learns the game better.

L: I can still beat him one-on-one in basketball day in and day out.



Do you ever talk strategy with one another:

K: Not about rugby...if you know what I mean.

L: He actually has taught me a lot. I watch film with him. Also, our wrestling matches have really helped me hone my rugby skills.

First Date:

L: We had Chinese food up at the cross late at night. He actually asked me to be his girlfriend up there. I didn't know people still asked, what a guy!

K: We went to Mangia. She was scared out of her mind and I was embarrassed to eat an entire pizza.

After two successful seasons, both Kevin's and Lauren's rugby teams will be competing in the post season this year. Men's rugby will play the first round of the playoffs at home, while women's rugby will travel to Oregon.

Around the Horn with SMC Athletics

Women's Lacrosse

The Saint Mary's women's lacrosse team lost their second game of the season on Saturday, falling to the #20 ranked Stanford Cardinal 18-7. The game is the second loss in a row for the Gaels who started the season off hot with two wins. Offensively, Saint Mary's was led by Chloe Dee and Jackie Spencer who each scored two goals. Kim Reny, Sonja Kapusta, Maddie Marsh each tallied one goal each. With the loss the Gaels fall to 2-2 on the season and 1-2 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Conference. This Saint Mary's lacrosse returns to SMC for the first of a six game home stand. They will face Long Island on Friday in the Saint Mary's Stadium at 3:30, before facing Vermont on Monday at the same time and place.

-Allison Kop, Sports Editor

Women's Crew

The women's crew team had a solid outing on Saturday, placing second in the Sacramento Invitational in their first contest of the spring season. SMC had three boats in the water for the meet, with the varsity eight finishing in second place with a time of 7:03.5, while the second eight took third place with a time of 7:31.0 and the novice eight also finished third with a time of 7:38.8.

Saint Mary's will return to the water for their first conference meet, the West Coast Conference Challenge, this Saturday and Sunday at Lake Natomo. The Gaels eight will take on three teams over the weekend including Gonzaga, San Diego, and Loyola Marymount.

-Allison Kop, Sports Editor

Standings and Box Scores

Softball

The softball team suffered two more losses this week in a double-header against Cal.

They lost the first game 7-0 as freshman Marlana Green was roughed up for seven runs on ten hits in 5.2 innings. The Gaels only managed four hits.

In game two, the Gaels ran into trouble again and lost 9-2. Sophomore Megan Galloway allowed eight runs on 12 hits in the loss. The Gael offense only managed four hits in game two as well.

Lauren Mello was the only Gael to have hits in both games.

Cal improved to 15-2 overall while the Gaels dropped to 2-16 after the losses. They will play Southern Illinois and Southern Utah this week.

-Zach Farmer, Asst. Sports Editor

Men's Tennis Results

RAINED OUT

Team	Overall	PCT	WCC
PEP(2)	14-1	.933	3-0
USD(23)	7-2	.778	2-0
SMC	4-4	.500	0-1
SCU	6-7	.462	2-0
POR	5-8	.385	1-1
LMU	3-6	.333	0-3
USF	3-7	.300	1-3
GON	1-7	.125	0-1

Men's Rugby

Saint Mary's	34
Central Washington	17
UC Santa Barbara	32
Saint Mary's	7

Next Home Softball Game:
Today

SMC vs. Cotrell Field

Women's Crew

2nd place @ Sacramento State Invite

VARSITY EIGHT

1. Sacramento State 6:56.4
2. Saint Mary's 7:03.5
3. Sonoma State 7:29.2

SECOND VARSITY EIGHT

1. Sacramento State 7:16.3
2. Stanford Lightweights 7:29.5
3. Saint Mary's 7:31.0
4. Humboldt State 7:41.6

Softball Results

L(2-15) vs. Cal 7-0
L(2-16) vs. Cal 9-2

Team	Overall	PCT	PCSC
LMU	16-11	.593	0-0
PSU	11-8	.579	0-0
USD	10-10	.500	0-0
SAC	8-9	.471	0-0
SCU	8-13	.381	0-0
SMC	2-16	.111	0-0

Baseball Results

Saint Mary's (11-7) 5
Northern Illinois 2

	AB	H	R	RBI	AVG	
Cattone lf	2	0	1	0	.236	
Frederick 1b	4	1	0	1	.408	
Carter cf	4	1	1	1	.362	
Young, P rf	4	3	1	0	.292	
Gallagher 3b	3	2	1	1	.381	
Staples dh	4	0	0	0	.304	
Harris 2b	2	0	0	0	.262	
Sanders ph/2b	1	0	0	1	.111	
Gordon c	4	1	1	1	.283	
Hicks ss	3	1	0	1	.222	
	31	9	5	5		
	IP	H	R	ER	K	ERA
Madden W(2-1)	6.2	5	0	0	8	1.90
Lobban	1.0	1	2	2	0	4.05
Nisco S(1)	1.1	1	0	0	1	6.52
	9.0	7	2	2	9	

Other Scores:

W(10-7) vs. Northern Illinois 10-2

SUNDAY'S GAME:
CANCELLED

Team	Overall
GON	11-7
SMC	11-7
PEP (23)	12-9
USD	10-8
SCU	10-9
LMU	8-12
USF	7-11
POR	2-11

Women's Tennis Results

SMU 4, SMC 1

Doubles

- 1) Kouzmenko/Bubien (SMU) def. Lambert/Hoath (SMC) 8-5
- 2) Neveklovsk/Marta (SMU) def. Harden/Kummer (SMC) 8-6
- 3) Rambally/Rambally (SMU) def. Ordoveza/Charlot (SMC) 8-6

Singles

- 1) Kouzmenko (SMU) def. Aude Lambert (SMC) 6-2, 6-1
- 2) Jessica Hoath (SMC) def. Bubien (SMU) 6-4, 6-4
- 3) Marta (SMU) def. Kate Harden (SMC) 6-4, 6-2
- 4) Reid (SMU) def. Feline Charlot (SMC) 6-3, 6-4

Team	Overall	PCT	WCC
PEP(17)	9-2	.818	1-0
SMC(52)	5-3	.625	1-0
USD(44)	5-3	.625	1-1
USF	5-3	.625	1-1
LMU(60)	5-6	.455	0-0
SCU	4-8	.333	2-2
POR	2-11	.154	0-1
GON	2-8	.200	0-1



BELEN GARCIA

It's a jungle in there

Upon pondering the many topics to delve into in my biweekly rants, scenes and scenarios run through my head like Marion Jones; however, this week I have settled on the Power Plant, or as I call it "The Jungle."

Anyone who has worked out in the Power Plant knows what I am talking about. The Power Plant is home to some of the best people watching opportunities on campus, since you have the chance to see the many breeds of exercisers in one isolated area.

First, you have your cardio junkies, like yours truly, whose sole purpose is to get in there, run on the treadmill or the bike, break a good sweat and get out and on with the day. Next, there are the social lifters that will stay at the power plant for what seems like five hours and only get in about two or so tricep extensions and then leave. Then there are the hardcore lifters, whose sole goal is to get big and then get bigger. And of course there are the athletic teams, there because they have to be, when you know they would rather be out attending some exclusive party. And don't forget the hopefuls, you know who they are. Those guys trying to turn those man-boobs into rock hard pecs of death.

But the real species of exerciser that I want to focus on is breed that I have named "the peacocks." This species of exerciser can be male or female. They are the exercisers that take a good hour just getting ready to workout. The male will gel his hair and make sure that all parts of this athletic apparel match perfectly and the female will make sure that her make-up is done to the nines and that her spandex and sports bra are laced up tight.

Then the dance begins. The male peacock will begin his lifting regimen after he has chest bumped and pounded his buddies. Then he will lift, stopping occasionally to wipe his sweat off in the mirror and sneak a little peek at some chiseled part of his body, most likely his wannabe six-pack.

While this is going on, the female of the species will park herself on a bike or elliptical machine with the latest Cosmo, plug in her iPod and proceed to burn a good 12 calories. This is all after she has taken care to stretch every single spandexed muscle in her body in the middle of the gym, just in case.

Peacocks are strange, elusive and mystical beings put on this Earth for our entertainment. So grab your binocs SMC, it's bird watching season.

Gael Rugby Falters in the Mud
SMC defeats Central Washington, falls against UCSB

by A. Kop & H. Daurelle
 Sports Editor & Staff Writer

It was a weekend of ups and downs for the men's rugby team, as the host team of the Pat Vincent Cup went 1-1 in two days, defeating Central Washington 34-17 on Saturday, before coming up short against UC Santa Barbara 32-7 in the championship game on Sunday.

In Saturday's game Saint Mary's was able to score two tries within the first ten minutes playing against a tough defense. Matt Leatherby '07 scored thirty minutes into the game, but Saint Mary's was unable to keep CWU out of the try zone, with the Wildcats scoring right before half, bringing the score to 15-5.

Saint Mary's and CWU were both able to score tries within the first ten minutes of the second half, but CWU's conversion brought the score to 20-12. Volney Rouse '06 and Damien Fatongia '05 were both able to break through a tough CWU defense, bringing more fire to their team.

After a try and a failed conversion from CWU, Dan Tabacco '06 and Fatongia were both able to score tries, Fatongia running the ball half the length of the field to score. Rouse converted each kick, bringing the score to 34-17.

Towards the end of the game Brendan O'Meara '08 was able to break through CWU several times and got within feet of the try zone, but Saint Mary's was unable to score before the clock ran down.

On Sunday the Gaels played a much different game, having to battle not only the opposing team, but the elements as well. After two days of rain and rugby, Pat



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Josh Merliner '06 makes a move around the scrum in Sunday's game versus Santa Barbara. Saint Mary's fought hard, but came up short against the Gauchos in the championship match of the Pat Vincent Cup.

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Vincent Field was little more than an extended mud puddle, hindering the Gaels' speed and mobility. After a hard-fought opening fifteen minutes, Santa Barbara was able to break through along the right side for the first try of the match. They would score two more times in the half, once on a

try up the middle and later on a penalty kick to make the score 15-0. SMC struggled offensively and was unable to move the ball out of their own half.

At the start of the second half, the skies opened up and the rest of the game was played in a torrential downpour. Catches and passes became sloppier for both teams, but Santa Barbara was able to break through several times scoring a penalty kick and a try to make the score 25-0.

With time running out in the game, the Gaels mounted a late surge, but it wasn't enough to overcome the first half deficit. After a

good build-up Fatongia scored in the center of the try zone, but his efforts were too little too late.

As a team known for their quickness, SMC struggled throughout the game to acclimatize to the muddy conditions. They were also hindered by the absence of several starters with various injuries.

SMC rugby will hope to get back on track next Saturday in their last league game versus Chico State. With a win, the Gaels will secure second place in league giving them home field advantage for the first round of the playoffs.

Women's Tennis lose two matches at San Diego Tourney
Gaels drop matches to South Florida and Southern Methodist



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Aude Lambert '07 drives a defensive forehand down the line. This year, she has played every match at the #1 Singles position. She showed why she was #1 when she defeated No. 37 in the nation on Saturday.

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A trip to San Diego for the USD Invitational proved disastrous for the Gaels as they would fall to both South Florida

and Southern Methodist by scores of 4-1 and 4-1 respectively.

Aude Lambert would collect the only win on Saturday, winning 7-6, 7-6 over No. 61 South Florida's Neyssa Etienne. Etienne was ranked No. 37 in the

nation before the match.

The closest match after Lambert's win was freshman Erin Young's loss to Gabriela Duch 6-3, 7-6.

The Gaels would try to rebound on Sunday against No. 46

SMU but would fall again 4-1. Sophomore Jessica Hoath logged the only win for the Gaels on Sunday winning in straight sets 6-4, 6-4. Senior Kate Harden came up short, losing in straight sets 6-4, 6-2. Lambert would fall 6-2, 6-1.

Saturday's loss broke a four-match winning streak. The losses dropped the women's tennis team to 5-5 and into fourth place in the WCC.

They will try to rebound from an off-weekend when they start full conference play this weekend as they will host the Gonzaga Bulldogs (2-8, 0-1) and the Portland Pilots (2-11).

Next Women's Tennis
 Home Match:
 Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

