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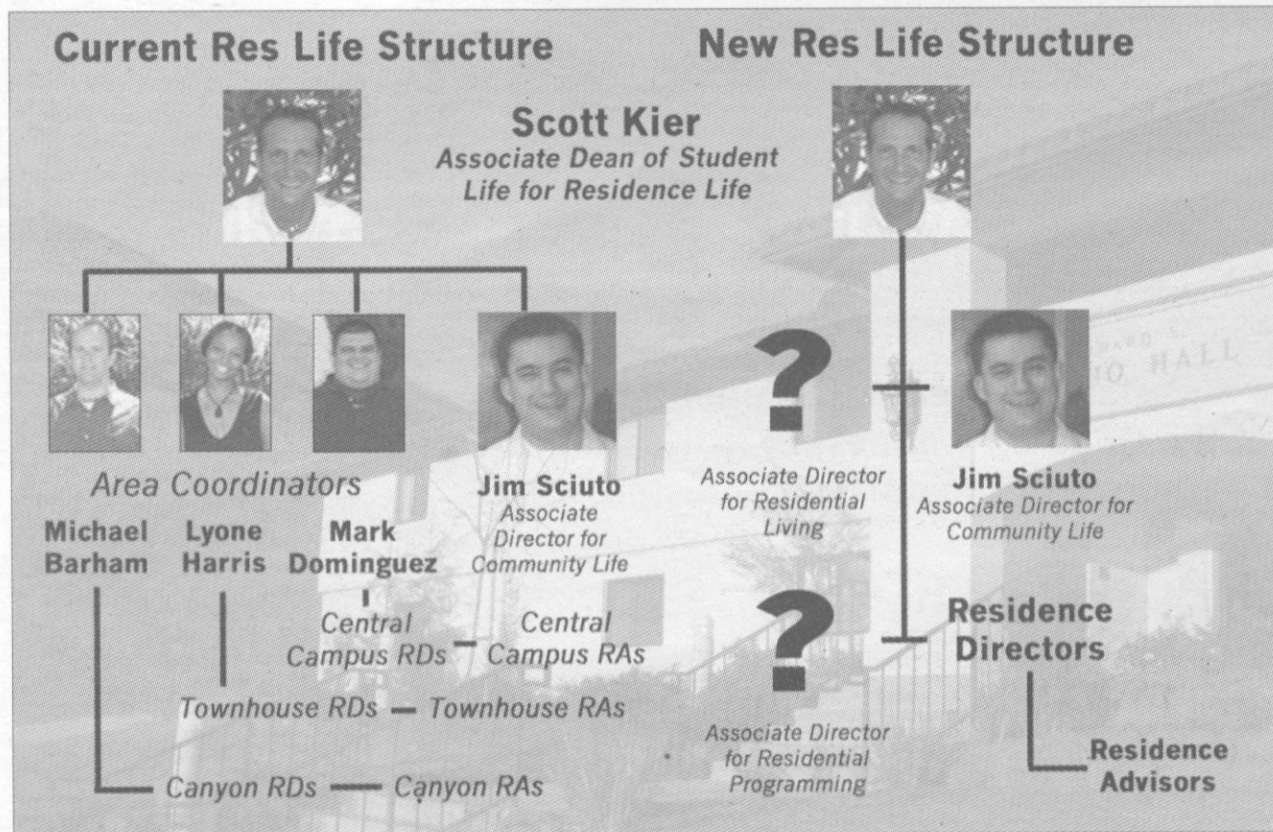


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by Jonathan Morales
 Editor-in-Chief

The structure of Residence Life is changing again, as Resident Directors (RDs) will have more control over their halls next year and report directly to Scott Kier, Associate Dean of Student Life for Residence Life.

Also, in this year's housing lottery, the Ageno Townhouses will be open to sophomores due to a large amount of continuing students who will be wanting on-campus housing.

The Area Coordinator (AC) position, in which one Residence Life staff member oversees an entire set of residence halls, will be eliminated next year. Two new positions will be created to replace it: the Assistant Director for Residential Living and the Assistant Director for Residential Programming. Together with Associate

Director for Community Life Jim Sciuto and the RDs, they will report directly to Kier.

Kier said that the change is a result of RDs feeling that their job description was confusing.

"RDs felt like they were supervising the [Resident Advisors] and they were not supervising the RAs," said Kier, adding that the AC position distanced the RDs from the director of Residence Life.

"Every time you put a layer on the org chart, people are getting removed," he said.

The RDs and RAs will be responsible for local programming, and the Assistant Director of Residential Programming will work with a student Residence Hall Association to tie programming together.

The Assistant Director for Residential Living will fo-

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Class elections begin today; 18 running for six exec positions

Freshmen race for sophomore executive positions trafficked

by Zach Farmer
 Assistant Sports Editor

Elections for all the class officers begin today. The race for many of these positions are hotly contested as there are a total of 26 people running for nine positions.

The most contested race is within the current freshman class. There are four candidates for president and seven for vice president. "There's a lot of interest from the class of 2009, which is good because they are the future of Saint Mary's College," said Associated Students of SMC Vice President of Administration Laci Jackson '06. "Orientation had a lot to do with it."

E-mails were sent out to all presidential and vice presidential candidates, but not all responded, thus their comments and positions could not be included in this article.

Zack Miskel is currently a freshman class senator and was acting ASSMC President while John Zabala was abroad for Jan Term. "I believe I can bring down student apathy in terms of on-campus events," said Miskel. "This may be due to poor publicity tactics, so I am going to try to tweak on-campus advertising with a centralized bulletin board or something of that nature. I also would like to create a system in which students' voices are heard and voiced more frequently." Miskel, who will be an Orientation Leader this summer, said, "As speaker I was quickly introduced to what some would call 'people of high stature' like Mike Zoll, Scott Kier, Jim Sciuto and others. Also, as speaker I learned how to do my research on docketed items seeing as I was first to speak on each subject at senate meetings."

Sophomore vice presidential candidate Isabel Moncada has been involved in student government since she was in middle school and wants to continue doing so. "I can offer my leadership skills and all of the experiences that I have gained throughout the past years to help

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Reaffirming an Inclusive Community on campus after racial attacks

Community response to four racial attacks; discussion topics included racism, heterosexism, classism, and ableism; why they happen and how to avoid them in Saint Mary's community

by Darwyn Deyo
 Staff Writer

This past Thursday, students and faculty gathered twice to discuss issues of race, sexuality, and inclusiveness at the discussion on Becoming an Inclusive Community: Facing the Challenges of Racism, Heterosexism, Classism and Ableism at Saint Mary's College. The event drew roughly a hundred students and faculty, some of whom attended both sessions. Broken into three segments, it focused on what made Saint Mary's inclusive, what made it exclusive, and how to promote inclusiveness. The event was

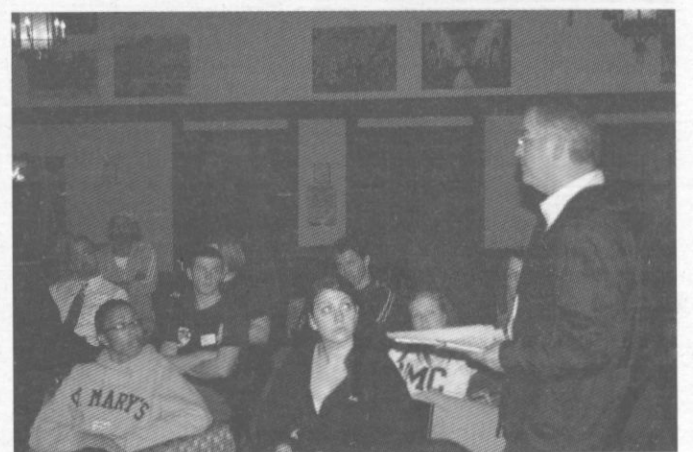
based on a free flowing of ideas, concerns, and considerations taken into account when celebrating diversity, criss-crossing from flaws in the administrative approach to diversity to support structures for individuals to reach out.

The discussion was initiated as a response to four racial attacks that occurred beginning the week of March 6 when a flyer that addressed the problem of racism and had been posted independently was ripped apart. That drew the attention of Bill Foley, Chief of Public Safety, who suspected that the attack was the tip of the racism iceberg. His instincts were right, as three more attacks

ensued. One involved a racial slur that involved two males, sparking a brief struggle before being reconciled. A third involved a racial slur written on a girl's public birthday card outside her dorm, and the last was a swastika written on a Jewish girl's dry-erase board while she was away.

In response to these attacks, Foley alerted Lisa McRipley, Director of the Intercultural Center, who then organized the Inclusive Community sessions. Foley said, "It is not something we should tolerate. Being here reaffirms our commitment to dis-

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Brother Michael Avila spoke at the Inclusive Community discussion, which analyzed the friction that disjoins the community and what steps can be taken to avoid exclusiveness and hate crimes.

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SNAPSHOT



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Students and staff enjoyed a Hawaiian-themed Music in the Quad on Wednesday. It was the first barbeque of the spring semester.



JO-ANN ARQUILLANO

Lighten up

This weekend I went to a concert in Sacramento, a very generous present from my sister, who footed the bill for our tickets. Granted it's been a while since I've been to a concert, but it isn't too distant a memory for me to generally recall my experiences. I remember being hot and cramped as a million teenaged girls like myself (I'm sure you can guess what kind of concerts I went to) bum-rushed the stage. Sure it was uncomfortable, but it was fun, and generally, people were friendly. We knew we were all there for the same reason, to enjoy our favorite performers and have a good time. With that common interest in mind, we all somewhat got along, or at least, for the most part we avoided getting caught up in any overt hostilities filling the air.

This weekend's Pussycat Dolls/Black-Eyed Peas concert brought out the same crowd I figured I was used to - fellow pop-tarts like myself looking forward to listening to some danceable music and appreciating a great show. Surprisingly, while people-watching those around us in the general admission area of the floor, I was quickly hit with the reality of my environment. This was not the upbeat, party-all-the-time atmosphere of which I was accustomed. People were complaining about being pushed,

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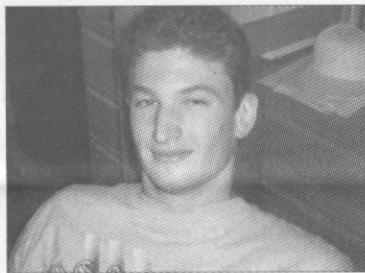
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Who do you think will win the NCAA Tournament?

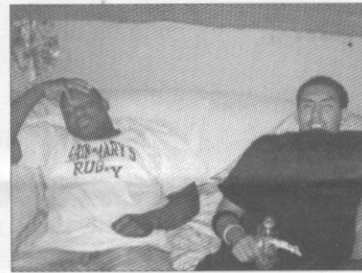
Students were surveyed prior to the Elite Eight conclusion on Sunday.



UCLA, that's final.
 -Ben Petrofsky '09



At the start, I picked UConn, but they're looking a little shaky.
 -Steven Menegus '09



UCLA are wolf among sheep. UConn will choke like Duke.
 -Brandon Vedder '09 and Ozy Campos '09

Campus Quotes and photos compiled by Vince Ochoa

Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES



TONY VALA-HAYNES

-BLACKSTONE, Massachusetts - A mother shackled her 14-year-old daughter with seven feet of chain she purchased at a local hardware store to discipline her rebellious teen and simulate the experience of being chained in prison. The mother claims the chains were somewhat of a joke intended to teach a lesson. In an interview the mother responded to local officials and said, "I don't abuse my children...I might have had a bizarre way of disciplining [my daughter], but we did it in a fun way."

-WEST PALM BEACH, Florida - Esteban Mendosa and a number of his fellow churchgoers disabled a burglar in their church by hitting him with baseball bats and then tying his hands and feet with rope. The church, which is comprised of both Mexican and Guatemalan citizens, lost \$25,000 worth of sound equipment in a recent burglary. The solution to the robbery, according to Mendosa and others, was to sleep in the church with baseball bats and await the arrival of any uninvited guests.

-CLEVELAND, Ohio - Hosea Williams, 23, was allegedly waving his gun in the air when a witness passed by and thought there was a robbery taking place. Police reached the scene, and when Williams refused to listen to their instructions he was shot several times. Williams suffered wounds to his armpit, upper back, left calf, and right thigh. Out of the five police at the scene, three reportedly fired on Williams. Williams claims he was merely showing off his gun to a friend.

-CONROE, Texas - During a returning bus ride from a game, a Conroe school district coach allegedly forced a student to defecate in a paper bag and urinate in a plastic cup. Coach Joseph Rodriguez is under investigation for his actions.

Crime Beat

3/18 1:16 a.m.
Incident: Medical Call
Synopsis: Medical assistance in Guerrieri East, transported to John Muir Hospital; referred to Student Conduct and Health & Wellness Center

3/18 1:44 a.m.
Incident: Handbook Violation
Synopsis: Minor under the influence of alcohol in the Justin/Mitty quad area; referred to Student Conduct

3/18 3:15 a.m.
Incident: Informational Report
Synopsis: Malicious mischief in Ageno C parking lot; referred to Student Conduct

3/18 9:04 a.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm Activation
Synopsis: False alarm in the Soda Center; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant

3/20 11:15 a.m.
Incident: Medical Assist
Synopsis: Student escorted to Health Center from Dryden Hall; referred to Student conduct and Health & Wellness Center

3/20 4:10 p.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm Activation
Synopsis: Burnt food caused fire alarm activation in Assumption Hall; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant

3/20 9:58 p.m.
Incident: Stolen Vehicle
Synopsis: Vehicle stolen from Ageno A South parking lot; referred to Student Conduct and Moraga Police Department

3/21 8:05 p.m.
Incident: Medical Call
Synopsis: Injury to hand, transported by friend to the hospital; referred to Student Conduct and Health & Wellness Center

3/23 11:10 a.m.
Incident: Hit and run
Synopsis: Damage caused to a vehicle by a hit and run in Filippi parking lot, no injuries; referred to Student Conduct

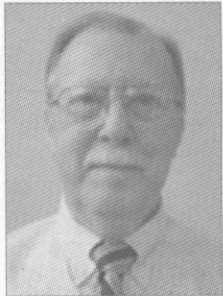
3/23 9:40 a.m.
Incident: Medical Call
Synopsis: Injury in the Print Shop, no transport; referred to Human Resources

**Weekly
Featured
Profile**

Faculty Member

**Father John
Morris**

by Harvest Daurelle
Staff Writer



What is a periscope? Once Father John Morris, adjunct professor of religion, teaches students the meaning of a periscope, it is hard to forget. Who could forget after being told that when reading Bible passages, a periscope is a "little chunk," just like his first girlfriend? How many teachers can get students to remember lectures so well? Father Morris is a highly unusual teacher, especially for a priest. Few teachers are able to keep their students as entertained as he can, no matter what the subject.

Father Morris was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington, where he attended Catholic grade school and high school. Growing up he worked for various companies including a toy factory, a produce warehouse and the Northern Pacific Railway. He graduated from the University of Washington with a BS and an MS in aeronautical engineering. Father Morris is a member of both Tau Beta Pi, an engineering Honorary Society, and Sigma Xi, a science honorary society. He became a member of the Preliminary Design group at the Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle, working on Space Orbital Reconnaissance Vehicles and in a program designed to get the United States into space before the Russians.

Entering the priesthood never even entered Father Morris' mind until he met members of the Dominican order dedicated to teaching. He was impressed that they could combine the things he loved the most: teaching, science and religion. He eventually entered the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley and received a Doctor of Theology degree. He taught at Berkeley's Dominican School of Philosophy before moving to Saint Mary's College in 1981. He also spent nine years teaching between Saint Mary's and the University of Saint Thomas in Rome, Italy.

Father Morris teaches many theological courses including "Jesus: the Person and the Myth," "Catholic Social Thought" and "Introduction to Biblical Literature." He also teaches some of the core seminar classes.

If there is anything that Father Morris loves to do more teaching, it is fly fishing. An avid fly fisherman, he even ties his own flies.

Father Morris is so dedicated to helping his students that he even volunteered to be in an Italian soap opera for some students.

Memoirs of a Geisha: Better called Memoirs of a Hollywood Geisha says Asian Americans

Speaker highlights controversy of Academy Award winning film

by Megan Manley
Staff Writer

The film won three academy awards, it is based upon a New York Times Best Selling novel, and there was a large turnout for its showing on Friday night in Dryden, but *Memoirs of a Geisha* is not just any other film. Behind all of the awards and praise the film holds a lot of controversy, according to the three Asian American speakers who came to speak out about the controversy that surrounds the film, the most dominant complaint being the casting of Chinese actors in Japanese roles.

Based on the best-selling novel of the same name, the film highlights the life of a young Japanese girl who was sold by her parents to a home where young girls grow up to live the life of a geisha. The book alone held a lot of controversy and as the speakers informed the audience, the script for the film went through a long process running through the hands of Steven Spielberg before landing with director Rob Marshall, best



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

Memoirs of a Geisha speakers discuss accuracy of the award-winning film's message during Friday's discussion panel and movie showing.

known for his work on *Chicago*. The film was chosen to be shown in Dryden because March is Asian Pacific American History month, which the speakers found to be a contradiction.

"We made a decision to schedule counter programming for the *Memoirs of a Geisha* movie because in the Asian Pacific American community it was actually very

controversial due to the hiring of Chinese actors to portray Japanese roles," said Andrea Lum, the coordinator for Asian Pacific American student programs at Saint Mary's. "So we felt that it was important to address this issue by bringing other people on campus to discuss the issue di-

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Weapons of Mass Destruction gets whole story

by Whitney Medved
Staff Writer

This evening the SMC Republican Club welcomes guest speaker/documentary executive producer Brad Maaske to present his film *Weapons of Mass Destruction*, at 7:00 p.m., in Galileo 201, which will be followed by a question and answer session. The documentary focuses primarily on Saddam Hussein's notorious rise to dictatorship, his fall, and the steps that are currently being taken to improve the Iraqi political situation. The documentary includes "Never-before-seen footage of chemical attacks, murders and torture leveled against the Kurdish population of Iraq spanning more than two decades," ac-

cording to the most recent press release provided by the club. Footage of the parents of fallen soldier Daniel Unger will also be shown along with other heroic figures from 9/11. "And you'll even see some interviews of typical anti-war protestors who are perhaps some of the biggest—and stupidest—hypocrites of all," said movie reviewer Jim Bray of technofile.com.

Maaske wasn't always in the documentary making business, before *Weapons of Mass Destruction* the Colorado native and central California resident was practicing as a successful real estate broker. After September 11 though, he became frustrated with the media, and their lack of coverage of Saddam Hussein's oppressive re-

gime and the effect it was having on the people of the Middle East.

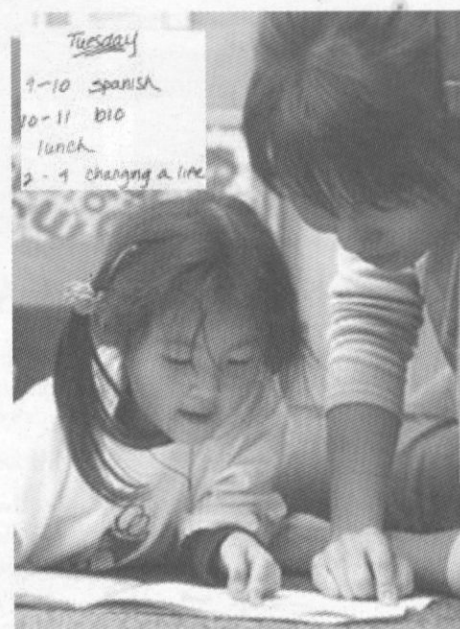
According to the film's website, "The picture of true evil was being hidden from the eyes of America. It was time for a truth-telling counter-offensive." Finally, he resolved to do it himself—to meet real people, get real names, and visit real villages; to discover for himself and finally reveal to others how serious the situation really was. His virtual inexperience in the arena of filmmaking did not stifle him as he charged into the project with an abundance of energy, and ended up finishing the piece in a matter of weeks. His pursuit to get the other side of the story—or rather

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Social Justice Speaker Series:
Mary Lightfine
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7:30 p.m.
Soda Center

Marie de France show
Tuesday, March 28
7:30 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: x8317

Students of Color Career Info Night
Wednesday, March 29
6:00 p.m.
Soda Center

Mid-Week Movie:
Fun with Dick and Jane
Wednesday, March 29
9:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

Cesar Chavez Celebration Social
Thursday, March 30
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Chapel Lawn

Leadership Workshop: "Transition Times"
Thursday, March 30
4:00 p.m.
Delphine

Cesar Chavez Celebration March/Rally for Farm Workers
Friday, March 31
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Meet at flagpole
Contact: x3776

'70s Night
Friday, March 31
9:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

Cesar Chavez Day of Service
Saturday, April 1
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Alameda Point Collaborative
Transportation and lunch provided
Contact: x 4975

King Lear Seminar Event
Monday, April 3
7:30 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: x8317

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The Collegian NEWS

MEMOIRS: Discussion panel sees comedy sketch highlighting inaccuracies of film based on *New York Times* best seller

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rectly.”
The speakers seemed to be in agreement that the film did not do justice to its subject and in a sense degraded Asians as a whole. This issue brought up the question, as actress Judi Nihei pointed out, as to whether this film drudges up the idea that it is okay to let Chinese actors play Japanese people because as she said people seem to be going back to the old issue of, “do we all look the same.”

The film is set to release on DVD next week, but due to the controversy it has yet to have its theatrical release in China where the release of the film has been banned indefinitely.

Although the film was the primary focus of the discussion, the night wasn't just for showing the Academy Award-winning film. It was also for comedian Pearl Wong, a member of an Asian American sketch comedy troop, to show her group's sketch comedy entitled “Memoirs of a Chinese Geisha,” which spoofed the film as well as highlighted the inaccuracies and controversy that surrounds the Hollywood production.

“I believe that all actors should be allowed to play all parts and it is the responsibility of the actors and everyone who is working with them to just help them do realistic portrayals and accurate portrayals,” said Wong. She con-

tinued saying that the actors shouldn't be blamed for taking the roles, but rather you “can fault that there wasn't enough to back the actors up and give them the power that they needed to be on screen.”

Saint Mary's Ahsoon Lee '06 commented on the film from the point of view of someone who grew up in Japan and although she truly enjoyed the film, she agreed with the speakers' ideas about the director's failure to accurately portray some of the most important aspects of Japanese culture.

“It is obvious when watching the film that they did not do their research. There are little things that you notice, things like the shrine and the temple, as well as simple things like putting on kimonos that they did not take the time to get it right,” said Lee.

The director of the film decided on casting big Hollywood names and making the film a big production and now many members of Asian society feel that people need to question the film and continue the controversy because the film continues to propel stereotypes and fails to even adequately portray the Japanese culture.

The speakers urged viewers not to think of films as just another movie, but to question the authenticity of what one really sees. It may be fiction, they said, but it can impact an entire culture.

ARQUILLANO: Fighting with strangers is juvenile

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fighting with strangers, yelling at one another, and even resorting to physical aggression. One woman in particular rebuked someone in defense of her young daughter (I'm guessing she couldn't have been older than eight) only to yell very loudly and angrily at her daughter's plea to go home minutes afterward.

It was a great concert, but I have to admit, I couldn't help but be a little irritated by the ridiculousness surrounding me. People were getting so caught up with juvenile conflicts (and they ranged in age from preteens to late forty-somethings) that it seemed like they were forgetting why they were there in the first place. Maybe this is just idealistic, naive me talking, but I just don't understand why everyone had to be so mean when we were all there to have a good time. The antagonism that abounded shocked and saddened me. I mean, we all paid the same amount of money to be there, therefore we all had the right to enjoy ourselves. Yet several individuals insisted on their superiority above others and demanded their conveniences be met while others were pushed (sometimes literally) to the side. I guess it's true that attitudes (especially bad ones) can be contagious, because unfortunately, my whole experience was affected even as a simple bystander. It's not like my night

was totally ruined, I'd like to think that the actions of others wouldn't concern me enough to truly influence my own experience. I guess it just surprises me how infectious negativity can be. There we all were at this awesome show bickering like a bunch of misbehaved school children. Cliche as I know it must sound, can't we all just get along? Maybe that's just some crazy hippy attitude of mine, or maybe it's just time people lightened up a bit.

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ELECTIONS: High interest in elections may show higher interest in school; polls open today and close tomorrow

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our class with fundraising and whatever else we plan to take on,” said Moncada.

According to the ASSMC by-laws, a candidate must obtain a simple majority to win their position. If it is not reached, a run-off of the top two candidates will take place. It is likely that this rule will be in effect for the sophomore class elections.

The senior class (class of 2007) presidential race has come down to two people, Mark Gilson and Jeff Karlton. Gilson, a Saint Mary's College Student Ambassador, has been active on campus over the past months. “I've been working really hard with people on campus—Bill Foley, Matt Carroll—in order to hold a rather large fundraiser in the fall for the senior class,” said Gilson. “I don't like to sit around.”

The junior class (class of 2008) also has two people running for the presidency. Lauren Vandam, who lost the closely fought race for ASSMC Vice President of Finance, is a highly motivated candidate who wants to bring her “reach for the stars” attitude to the position. “I believe that if I am elected Junior Class President I can decrease the division between class standings and make the soon to be junior class as a whole stronger connected to each other and the school,” said Vandam. “I want to see more fundraisers and events that strengthen the core principle of ‘inclusive community.’”

The other candidate is Elizabeth Noakes. The Saint Mary's College Student Ambassador and Student Orientation Leader said, “I have leadership experience as well as the energy and enthusiasm to make the junior class the most successful on campus.” She has worked on expanding her knowledge of the campus: “I have worked to become part of groups not familiar to me from freshman

Candidates for the Spring 2006 Elections

Class of 2007		
President Jeff Karlton Mark Gilson	Vice President Justin Bethune Jeff Karlton	Senator Jeff Karlton Mark Gilson
2007		
Class of 2008		
President Elizabeth Noakes Lauren Vandam	Vice President Melissa Spahr Serena Lee	Senator Hector Zaragoza Whitney Lopez Vincent Sison Melissa Spahr Elizabeth Noakes Serena Lee
2008		
Class of 2009		
President Sal Ortiz Jr. Zack Miskel An Tran Charlie Schnellbacher	Vice President Michael Antonopoulos Jessica Gonzales Alyssa Schroeder Isabel Moncada Julio Alcaraz Soraya Parker	Senator Zack Miskel Chris Orme Isabel Moncada Tommy Bell Julio Alcaraz Soraya Parker Sal Ortiz Jesus
2009		

Voting begins today. Log onto SMCNet to vote for class officers. Polls close at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

year so that I understand their differing expectations of what they want back from their experience at Saint Mary's,” said Noakes.

Melissa Spahr is one of the candidates for junior class vice president. Spahr was a senator her freshman year and is excited about the challenges of a vice president. “I am running for vice president because I loved my experience as a freshman senator,” Spahr said.

“I am also very excited for our upcoming year and know the responsibility and time that come along with being vice president. I am ready to help lead our class to a fun and successful junior year.” Current sophomore class senator Serena Lee is the only other candidate for junior vice president.

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MOVIE: Controversial movie maker to present movie and lead discussion

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the whole story, instead of the fragmented, biased sliver that he felt the media was presenting on primetime—led him and his crew everywhere from his own backyard in California, all the way to Iraq. Meetings with Iraqi families, and visits both to the graves of those who had been killed by Hussein and to the orphanages that have been filled by his surviving victims, all added up to create the majority of the substance of the movie. The group was able to conduct interviews with the prosecution team responsible for trying Hussein, and even those working on framing a new constitution for Iraq in the wake of his fall from power. Maaske also interviewed American and Iraqi soldiers alike, both fighting under a unified purpose.

In the film *Weapons of Mass Destruction*, Maaske and his five col-

leagues set out to assign faces to the numbers that he feels have become the empty statistics of status-quo casualties, wedged into the nightly news broadcast between the weather report and the trivia of the day.

The lack of physical evidence of atomic weapons of mass destruction, and the increasing duration of the war (it just passed the three year marker) has discouraged or frustrated many Americans, causing them to lose faith in the way President Bush is handling the situation, and making them question the U.S.' involvement in Iraq. In *Weapons of Mass Destruction*, Maaske is helping everyone remember just how bad things were for the struggling civilians of Iraq before the U.S. got involved, and reaffirming the fact that Saddam Hussein had to be taken out.

COMMUNITY: Discussion analyzes the causes of exclusiveness and causes of inclusiveness at Saint Mary's

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cuss what is acceptable, and what is not acceptable."

Pink and green post-its were distributed alternatively to those attending, so that they could write either what they thought made the college inclusive, or what made it exclusive. Some inclusive elements were clubs, cultural nights, discussions given by authors, studying abroad, the High Potential Program, intramural sports, graduation, Week of Welcome, basketball games, and quad barbecues. Brother Ron Gallagher, who also attended, said that what made Saint Mary's College inclusive to him was "when people say my name." He thought being able to recognize one another by name and face made us inclusive. Each comment was discussed and then the post-it was put on a display easel, which was full by the end of the evening.

The discussion then turned to what made Saint Mary's exclusive, and some of the same elements that make the college inclusive also made it exclusive, according to the students. To some, the clubs do as much to divide students by exacerbating differences as they do to celebrate those differences. Another that resounded with the students was the control on classroom discussions that avoid questions of race and sexuality. Matthew Milton '08 said, "How are we supposed to learn if we don't learn where people are coming from?" Other topics focused on cliques in Oiler Hall, Week Of Welcome, the high academic costs, diversity clubs avoiding class appearances, and Moraga itself. More emphasis was also placed on that the brothers, faculty, and admin-

istration are often inclusive failures, making insensitive comments, teaching history with prejudice, cutting back on diversity programs, and remaining apathetic to student needs.

There was also a determination to address those failures in this college, both by students and faculty. Despite the sentiment that those who had the most need to attend were absent, most suggestions were positive, targeting problems, not people. Themes included community time with staff and students, bringing friends to diversity events, studying abroad, and stronger diversity classes. Summing up the evening, Carlo Barlaan '06 said, "I would advise any club to get opinions of others that you may not see eye-to-eye on, because that's where the solutions lie."

RESLIFE: Large freshman class and large projected incoming class put strains on next year's housing

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cus on training and working with the RAs and RDs, further developing the honors, science and Lasallian living communities, and creating new living communities.

"I think that we were losing contact with the residents," said Kier. "I don't think we were listening to what they had to say. Now we're going to have people

to focus directly on those roles."

In addition to these changes in structure, the numbers game is forcing Res Life to rethink the housing lottery. This year's new student class was one of the largest in Saint Mary's history, and because of that the number of students guaranteed housing for next year has increased. The Office of Residence Life projects 1,268 spots on campus reserved before the lottery, leaving 319 spots avail-

able through the lottery and 348 beds on campus available in the townhouses.

"Simple math says that you have to put sophomores in townhouses," said Kier.

With the Admissions Office projecting another large class for next fall and no new residence halls on the way in the immediate future, further strains will be placed on Residence Life to figure out how to house students.

"We're now having a discussion of what we want on-campus housing to look like," said Kier. Possible ideas include creating merit system for freshman to determine if they will have a spot on campus as a sophomore.

Linda Machado '08 and Rachel Gattuccio '08, North Claeys residents, said they're fine with the lottery system but concerned that the amount of students the college admits will mean less spaces

for upperclassmen in the future.

"They need to evaluate that better," said Gattuccio. Machado added that she believes money is the main reason so many new freshmen are admitted.

Living in the Ageno Townhouses next year, however, is not something they're too concerned about.

"Half of the people that live there I don't even see any more," said Machado.

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SCOTT CULLINANE

The left never learns

Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI) led the recent charge in Congress to censure, or even impeach, the President over the issue of wiretaps. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) backed him up by saying that impeachment was a possibility. Even the Democratic Party in New Mexico, at their state convention, passed a resolution supporting Bush's removal from office. Feingold may fancy himself as a knight, riding up in shining armor to save America, but he looks more like a person who should be wearing a straight jacket.

The Democrats are repeating their same old mistake: running to the very loud, but also very small, radical left. The Democrats already have the far left vote; they don't need to pander to it. The greatest lesson they could learn from Clinton is the virtue of capturing the center, something they seem to be ignoring. Unfortunately for the Democrats, their recent actions have not given them many options. National security is Bush's issue; any attempt to infringe on that has met with little success. On the domestic side, the Democrats have become the party of 'no,' opposing, and obstructing. Proclaiming how many things you have not done does not play well in commercials. From Social Security to Iraq, the Democratic mantra has been 'no.'

This censure movement started by Feingold will not win Democrats more votes. It is a meaningless distraction that most people dismiss as a ploy. The call for censure is a pointless exercise because Bush will never again run for office. There are other targets for the Democrats to malign, especially with the approach of the 2006 mid-term elections that would yield for them better results. After all the jokes about Cheney's shooting, I would have expected the liberals to learn, and take better aim.

As a political strategy, an attempt at impeachment is probably the most foolish action possible. The 1998 Clinton Impeachment probably hurt the GOP, especially among independents. Furthermore, the idea of impeachment or censure at a time of war is woefully out of step with public sentiment, and would only be supported by a small fringe group. Bipartisanship will win votes, Feingold's extremisms will not. The ridiculous actions of a few Democrats force moderate Democrats to criticize those in their own party, which does not make them look any better. Feingold is turning off voters to the left.

Collegian View

Last Thursday, the forum "Becoming an Inclusive Community: Facing the Challenges of Racism, Heterosexism, Classism and Ableism at Saint Mary's College" was held in the Delphine Intercultural Center. The discussion was hosted in response to a handful of racial attacks throughout the campus during the past couple weeks. The fact that these occurrences even took place on our campus is truly unsettling. I'm sure we'd all like to think of Saint Mary's as inclusive, or in the least, tolerant and respectful to all people. When things like this happen, it's difficult not to be deeply disappointed. Like most of the campus, we all hope that these kind of incidents never happen again, but we also recognize that may sadly not be the case. The forum was a great idea to spark honest discussion throughout the community, although there is still much to be done to prevent these kind of conflicts. Unfortunately, it seems as though the issue is still at large, and until more people can make the effort to contribute their thoughts and efforts to the cause, we can't help but have the feeling of preaching to the choir.

Community Views

Dear Editor,

Enjoyed the Collegian View very much this week (3/21/06)...you recognized Tony Vala-Haynes controversial work, but you welcomed the differing viewpoints of your readers. This is as it should be in journalism. Kudos to you.

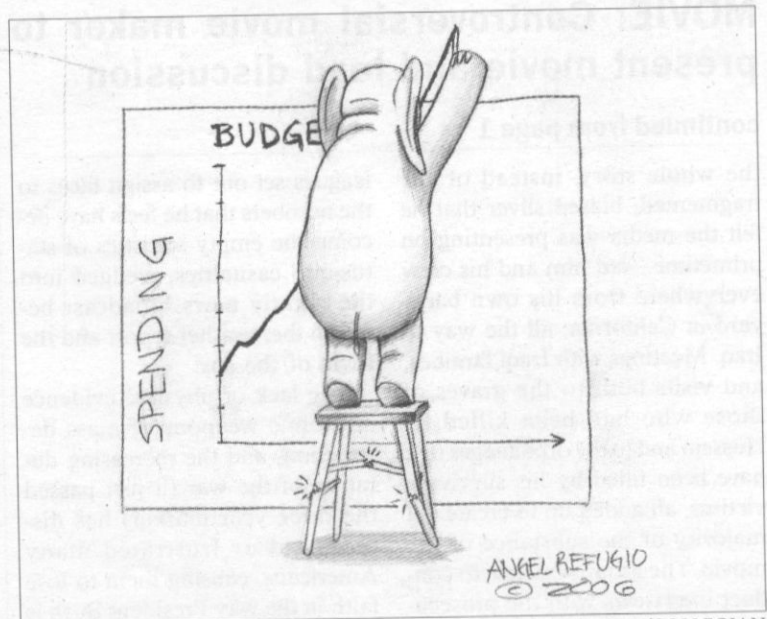
And once again, I give praise to Tony for his moving article of yesterday's edition. I've stated it before and I'll state it again, he is one fine journalist and how I hope and pray he moves forward into journalism as a career someday. His gift and ability to write is of great value, and reaches the mind, heart and soul of those who are really listening...

Sincerely,
 Peggie Davis,
 Saint Mary's Staff Member

Dear Editor,

I once opined that, when it comes to the student newspaper, the best a college administrator can hope for is that as few copies leave the campus as possible. Now that *The Collegian* has gone on-line, the responsibility bar must be raised almost to the adult level. If other alumni have indeed called for Tony Vala-Haynes' ouster, please add me to the list.

The most offensive racism in his angry screed wasn't the repetitive assault on whiteness, but rather his insult to women of color. Given the abortion industry's oxymoronic use of the term "pro-choice," it may come as a surprise to some that the act that causes pregnancy has not happened accidentally in all of recorded human history. So, in



The new GOP budget

Cartoon by Angel Refugio/COLLEGIAN

arguing that abortion is essentially the exclusive domain of minority and poor women, indeed, so foreign to the white experience that whites, even elected officials, have no right to take a position on the matter, Vala-Haynes implies that non-white women have neither the intelligence nor the self-control to keep themselves from becoming pregnant. Now that's racism. Just trying to get the conversation started, Tony? Come on! Today's political dialogue seems interested in little else. I am not so naïve as to expect that exposure to Catholic education will always result in acceptance of Catholic doctrine, but I think it's at least fair that students know what the Catholic church actually teaches before holding forth on it from the bully pulpit of Collegian editorship.

From his article on capital punishment, in which he again takes a swipe at the Church, it seems that Tony is unfamiliar with the Church's position on capital punishment. Danny Acosta also reveals an incomplete education on his favorite subject, the Catholic church, but seems unable to switch to another topic. Danny, for theological insight, try Aquinas instead of MTV. For sheer dialectic depth, Alana Weinroth's article seems to have been ghost written by one of the Hilton sisters.

Offensive and poorly argued opinion pieces hurt the College's academic reputation and its ability to recruit and fundraise, which is harmful to your fellow students. Please learn to disagree respectfully.

John Neudecker '02

Mormonism & Catholicism: the debate over religion not too accepting

Growing up in Utah I learned to keep my mouth shut about religion and my understanding of God

"Are you Mormon?" This may seem like an innocuous question to most of you, but to those of us from Utah, it grows to be quite a hassle. Even when I swear that I have nothing to do with the Mormon Church, I still get treated as an oddball simply because I was raised around Mormons. Then comes the follow up question, "Well, then you're Catholic, right?" Again, another no. The third question is usually, "Well then what are you doing here?" or "What are you then?" It becomes a process of explaining that you can grow up around Mormons and even come to a Catholic college and still not be affiliated with any particular religion.

One of the major taboos of discussion at get-togethers is religion, and yet somehow it always seems to come up. And it seems to me like my views are



HARVEST DAURELLE

treated with more respect back home than they are here. Maybe it was because back home they all just had pity on the poor girl with a doomed soul, but there were rarely any questions about why I "refused" to believe in anything. Out here, most people can't seem to believe that I don't have any fixed views on religion. When I say I'm not any religion, people immediately label me as an atheist and usually think that I must therefore hate God. I believe that this has become a large problem within our society. What happened to freedom of religion? As long as governors

are putting monuments of the Ten Commandments in government buildings, we still have a long ways to go.

Growing up in Utah, everyone believed that we had reached equality for all religions. That was mostly because the Mormons had found a place where they were free to practice their religion. Those of us who weren't Mormon quickly learned to keep our mouths shut and pretend like we were good little kids. I lost more than one friend because their parents didn't approve of me. The rest of the parents usually assumed that I was Mormon. It was always a shocker to hear that one of the good kids wasn't Mormon. My friends were always shocked when they found out that I didn't feel equal to them all the time, that there were many things I felt like I couldn't say or do because

I was afraid as to what that may do to our friendship. None of my friends back home know that I drink, and they never will, because I know what that would do.

Anywhere I have gone in this country I have learned to keep my mouth shut when it comes to certain things. The United States was founded as a place of religious freedom, where anyone can practice whichever religion they wish. While this has caused some problems with the appearance of neo-Nazi groups and, some would say, fundamental Mormons, America has a long way to go before all of us feel free to speak about our beliefs without feeling as if that will separate us and single us out as "problem children." Just because I'm unsure about God doesn't mean I don't have many of the same morals as you.

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MySpace 101: make sure nobody can read your page *It's just a cluttered, overstimulating exercise in absurdity*

Myspacers, I have no idea what you're trying to say.

Every time I visit this so-called mecca of online communities, I'm positively floored by the illegible design choice of a good 75% of all users. They have a picture of Vin Diesel in the background, or the entire page is over-shadowed with an orange fuzz, or the two columns take up more than three computer screens, things like that. I just find myself privately cursing the users, and if I could find the comment button, I would insult them.

What causes this clutter, this complete mess of a website? Too many options, for one. MySpace gives you the opportunity to personalize every aspect of your



JOSH KREHBIEL

website, giving you the opportunity to screw it up more than a dozen ways. This kind of power in the hands of the common man is enough to render any profile painful.

Also, there is so much expository junk. Everyone has test results from two or three different websites just plastered helter-skelter on their pages. "I am a soft lover." "I am M. Bison." "I am Cherry Garcia." Why do these people need some

kind of pre-generated trademarks to let other people know who they are? Are the adjectives we grew up with not enough to express our personalities? Do we require He-Man characters to help now?

And the music videos. Multimedia is a terrible idea when a casual surfer forgets he has his speakers on and is assaulted by some rap song. Haphazard placement of these can even cause a music overlap, with multiple sounds pouring from the site and clogging the viewer's ears. When will they have aroma releasers over the internet, so we can be hit with the smell of perfume when we visit some girl's pink site?

Yes, I'm complaining. Yes, it's petty. But you know why I care?

Because I actually believe that these sites actually tell something about the profile's creator, that we implant our persona into these pages. And the state of these people's lives is odious. They are so cluttered, so confusing, so difficult. They need a thousand pictures and a thousand mingled and messy additions from other people to make sense of their world. It's scary that they are so dependent on having 300 friends and 27 test results and six music videos and 860 pictures and 2900 comments and just so much crap.

My Myspace has one picture, a white background, and maybe six facts about me, as well as a small list of friends. Does this make me better? No. But it probably makes my life easier.



MIKE CHIN

The Catholic church is never without faith

Being the oldest institution in the world, the Roman Catholic Church has had its fair share of political and social controversy. One does not need to look far to find times when it seems as though the Church has lost sight of its mission.

In the 11th century, the Church was divided between Empire and papacy. The faithful followers were once again split during the reformation. However, after each subsequent event Catholicism, like a phoenix, has emerged from the ashes and reinvented itself, adapting to the world it has been placed in.

The anointing of several new cardinals, including American Sean O'Malley, head of the Boston archdiocese, marks the end of the Church's most recent obstacle. The American press, as expected, rightly chastised the Catholic Church for the series of priestly sex scandals that occurred over the last thirty years. Too many Catholics, including myself, were appalled that these actions were tolerated.

However, in the midst of these scandals the Church was met by a new leader, a modern Pope Gregory VII, a resurrected Paul III. Benedict XVI is taking the Church back to a place it has needed to return to since Vatican II.

Historians and theologians have yet to fully judge the effects of the council upon the Church, but from a personal standpoint I would call it a failure. The goal was to bring Catholicism into the 20th century, to make the church more ecumenical.

I don't think anybody would argue that Vatican II was not a great idea, but hindsight has shown that Catholicism was not ready for it. The sex scandals were an indirect product of Vatican II.

People do not want to hear this, but the Roman Catholic Church is an old world institution. Whenever it tries to "grow with the times" it is unsuccessful. For Catholicism, its message of Christ is only successful when the church becomes more insular and is not overtaken by what the outside world thinks of them.

That seems to be the future of the Church, smaller but more devote and more orthodox. I am not advocating that Catholicism be selective or choose who follows its dogma. It needs to be itself and stop attempting to embrace a society who continually ridicules it for what is believed to a "Medieval religion."

Benedict and his new administration seem to understand this, so please genuflect for them.

Drug testing: who should suffer?

In London, six men are hospitalized after being injected with a devastating testing treatment

Drug testing has been taking place for years on animals and humans, but what happens when the testing goes terribly wrong?

In London last week, six men were given a trial injection by the American drug research company Parexel. This drug was going to be used to treat arthritis and leukemia. However, merely minutes after this drug was injected, the six men all began to drop to the floor. The men began "vomiting uncontrollably, fainting, and hyperventilating." They were rushed to the hospital where they remained in intensive care, experiencing organ failure.

Many people believe that testing should only be done on animals, yet there are animal rights groups who believe that it is just as bad to administer tests to animals as it is to humans. One could argue that animals have just as much right to live as humans do; from a religious perspective, in the story of Genesis man was created and then as a companion, animals were created - even before woman was created. Then again, Native Americans used to make use of animals to the fullest extent. They used animals for survival while still respecting them. When debating who should die first in these situations, it comes down to our contribution in this world. Humans can offer their intelligence, work ethic, and talent to make this world what it is. However, it seems as though animals do not. Doing their natural duties in life, such as killing other predators and reproducing to keep their species alive seems like it's not longer



ALANA WEINROTH

enough. In this case, if test rats had been used for this injection, the consequences would not have caused any sort of stir. It seems as though it is pointless to sacrifice a human life in order to save another. Laboratory animals are raised for the specific purpose of testing drugs. Those men were merely participating in the testing for monetary benefit and the satisfaction of doing something good: their lives were not created for that sole purpose. If the experiment had been done on rats, hospital bills would not have to be paid, mayhem would not have broken loose, and families would not have been shaken up.

In terms of saving a life, a human's life should be saved before an animal's. There is nothing that makes a human life more precious than that of a rat; however, when the case is testing drugs for medication, a human life should not be risked because the repercussions are so much more severe. These men in London may not live through this experience, and if they do, their lives will be changed forever. People should not be sacrificing themselves for medical testing because if the goal is to be saving a life, we must save them all, and leave the testing for animals.

Separate but equal reigns again

Local school district proposes ridiculous drug policy

Horroric images of the Civil Rights movement in the United States include Emmett Till, hoses, and of course, dogs.

The Sausalito Marin City School District recently attempted to implement a program that would bring drug-sniffing canines into a school. The program was lambasted by community leaders, students, and parents because of the predominately African-American population. The district itself is ninety-percent minority. The majority of white students in the area are enrolled in private schools.

The program has been put on hold. District officials are still striving for the program. The district, like several across the nation, fails to realize that drug dogs are a temporary and degrading solution. The district has the lowest test scores in its county. Drug dogs will not improve that. It is the responsibility of educators and administrators to focus on their students. This is a difficult task when money is being misappropriated; there are no resources for the students or the teachers. How will Interquest, the company that provides the drug dog service, help in providing educational resources? Interquest stands to gain a substantial amount of money while students are set to lose it.

Responsibility in this situation does not only lie with the school. Parents are an integral part of progress in the faltering district. It seems that parents and community leaders were present only after the drug dog proposal



DANNY ACOSTA

was put on the table. It should not take a humiliating and racist policy to get parents involved. They should be in constant communication with the school despite having to deal with a dilapidated community and grueling jobs. School officials need to open up a dialogue and find a way to reach parents rather than adopt such unnecessary programs.

District officials need to abandon their Interquest plan. It is a misappropriation of resources, and a bad example of how a school spends funds. Working with parents and community leaders along with putting that money into student resources are more likely to solve drug problems than policing the school. There was a time in this country when these types of influential people got together and stood for positive change. Instead, they are now at odds with one another. The only way to bring about change is to empower the community of parents and teachers and to employ that energy to take drugs out of the community. If anyone owns a community it is the school and its patrons, not Interquest or small time drug dealers.

The name of the school in question: Martin Luther King Jr. Academy. It is a middle school.

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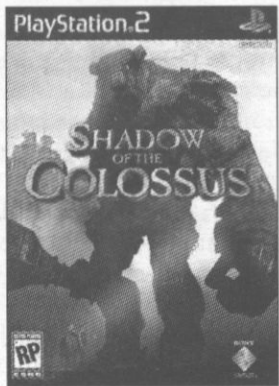
Don't Cha wish you saw them in concert?



by **Jo-Ann Arquillano**
Managing Editor

Last Friday, the Black Eyed Peas tour hit Sacramento's Arco Arena with the Pussycat Dolls. The Dolls performed a handful of their pop numbers, and even pulled out a burlesque number reminiscent of their original stage show. Skeptics, believe what you will, but the Dolls were on point as they flashed their dancing and singing skills (and no, they weren't lip-synching). While the girls did a stellar job, the BEPs were sure not to be upstaged, and they came out in full force. The energy was high, their songs were awesome, and Fergie showed off her powerful pipes as she belted out notes while doing one-handed cartwheels across the stage. This is one tour that doesn't disappoint.

Shadow of the Colossus



by **Josh Krehbiel**
Chief Copy Editor

Imagine if a squirrel began to climb your leg and started stabbing you with a toothpick, hoping to take you out. In *Shadow of the Colossus*, you're the squirrel. You're tasked with bringing about the death of sixteen giants; some aggressive and mean, others calm, even sleeping. The gameplay is fun and interesting, but the main focus of the game is the beauty. You travel through miles of desert and forests. The colossi, though frightening, are beautiful rock creatures and it's almost terrible to kill these monsters. For an adventure through a mysterious and fantastic world, try *Shadow of the Colossus*.

Someone need a
Reality Check?

by **Melanie Linney**
Detour Editor

The reality season has started...Wait, does it ever really end? Last week saw the premiere of two new reality shows, *The Surreal Life 6* and *The Real Housewives of Orange County*.

Surreal Life, a veteran at this point, knows exactly how to get those ratings. Really, all you need is a transgender with anger management problems and a Playmate stuck in a house with the very moral, holier-than-thou Mrs. Brady and cracked out Tawny Kitean. Will this celebrity showdown rival the craziness that was last season's catfights between reality diva Omorosa and super model Janice Dickenson? Who knows, but I can't wait to see this ticking time bomb explode.

The more subdued *Housewives*, if subdued could be used to describe the over-the-top lifestyles of these too rich for their own good Barbie dolls (a term I use loosely, only to describe the insane amount of plastic that is flashed around on this show) also premiered last week. The new Bravo show follows five women as they deal with the trials and tribulations that every rich woman must deal with... you know, "should I go with the C's or D's? I mean, I only want to go under the knife once. Otherwise I might miss a pilates class." So the content is fairly weak, but then again so are the women being chronicled in this farce of a reality show.

This week on *Housewives* the show reveals how difficult it is being a "MILF," not for the moms that is, I mean, they love getting the attention of their 14-year-old son's friends. The real difficulty is having to watch the poor kids deal with their moms as they try to defy the forces of time and gravity with God knows what. All the nips and tucks in the world couldn't get these women to look like the Angelinas and Jessica Albas they admire. Maybe the blood of virgins? Who knows, maybe they've got a couple hiding out in the basements of their ginormous mansions.

Another shameless show to keep an eye on is MTV's *8th & Ocean*. There is a plethora of hotties, who know they're hot and want to make money off said hotness. The plotline never gets deeper than the standard afterschool special. So far they've dealt with sibling rivalry and enormous egos. Who knows and cares what's next. This show is so obviously about eye candy, come on, "struggling" models in South Beach? Puh-lease! If you are looking for something sweet and don't mind a sour aftertaste check out *8th & Ocean* on Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m. on MTV.

Nothing interest you so far? Fan of reality, but find the reality to be lacking in some, well, all of the reality programming out there? Then it's time to check out The Learning Channel. Two shows have recently caught my eye; *Miami Ink* and *Little People, Big World*. Each of these programs focus on the individual's struggle in the world, but in very different ways. *Miami* chronicles the lives of tat-

too artists in Miami, Florida and the clients who seek their talents out. Every tattoo has a story, some moving, some silly, but all real and entertaining.

Little People is about the Rolfer family, your average family...with few differences, specifically height. Amy and Matt are the parents of four rambunctious children, who live on and operate a 34 acre farm. They also happen to be dwarves. The show follows the family around as they try to maintain "normal"

lives in a very big world that, sadly, does not bend for small people. Watching their adventures is a nice contrast from those who live behind high walls of gated communities that guard the rich and (probably shouldn't be) famous from the harsh realities us average, and shorter than average, Joes deal with daily.

All in all there are some quality programs out there this season, but you aren't likely to find them on MTV or Bravo...



Three Stars in Napa @ Mustard's

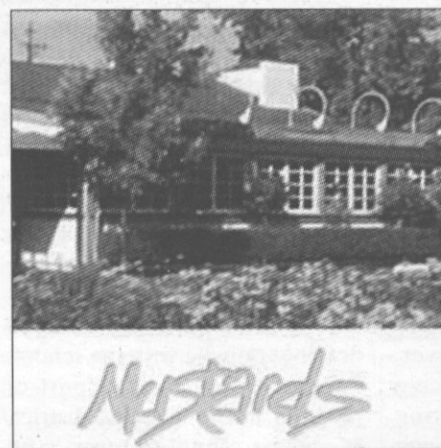
Northern wine country delivers excellent Americana cuisine at right price

by **Mike Chin**
Sports Editor

Lunch in Napa Valley is one of those experiences that calms the mind and soul. Even on a rainy day in the middle of March, when life can be depressing, a cup of hot French onion soup with melted Gruyere cheese can make all those feelings wash away. It is this exact feeling you get when you dine at Mustard's Grill.

The little white house just off of Highway 29 creates the typical farmhouse atmosphere jazzed up a few notches. White table cloths lined with white parchment paper (for their fresh baked bread) are paired with comfortable wooden chairs. The setting is simple, which gives the restaurant a fresh and clean look.

The menu is classic American food. Their specials board featured some American classics such as prime rib, mashed



potatoes and clam chowder. It was lunch however, so a sandwich and salad seemed to be the right way to go.

For starters we had the basics, a Caesar salad and a cup of New England clam chowder. It was not the best clam chowder or Caesar I've had, but both were comparable to any three star restaurant.

The pulled barbeque sandwich was one of those dishes that would never get to the proverbial "doggy bag." Succulent pork was basted in a light, tangy sauce that did not

Fridays during lent when meat isn't allowed. We ordered ours cooked medium rare and it came out just as we ordered it. It was correctly paired with an Asian ginger dressing that added brightness to the dish.

The dessert was also divine. We tried the classic crème brulee. The chef took great care to ensure that the dessert was perfect. The custard was chilled and filled with fresh vanilla flavoring. On the outside, the top sugar layer was quickly torched to a perfect crisp. It was spoon lickin' good.

The only setback to Mustard's might be the price. It was a bit steep, but it's what you come to expect for good food in the valley. The bottom line is that with happy tummies, the price always seems a little better.

overpower the pork. The pork was paired with a classic white roll topped with onion.

The other sandwich, an Ahi tuna burger, was perfect for those



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**Madonna
of the week**



Let's see. *There's Like a Virgin* Madonna, *Material Girl* Madonna, *Like a Prayer* Madonna, *Blonde Ambition* (ie. Cone) Madonna, *New Age-y* Madonna, *Cowboy* Madonna... Sheesh, there's more Madonnas than Barbies. But which Madonna is the best? Who knows! *Breathless* Madonna, circa 1990 sounds good this week. Anyone remember that movie about the detective in a yellow coat? Probably not. So what if she was sleeping with the director and star of the film? She did an awesome job as the pouty femme fatale and brought back all that saucy gear from the '20s and '30s.

The Stalker Chronicles

by Anonymous
Managing Editor

Making my way onto central campus, I take my time to enjoy the sights and sounds of midmorning SMC (and you never do know who you may bump into). As I walk across Ferroggiaro Quad I am instantly aware of the preparations for perhaps my most favorite part of spring semester. The Wednesday BBQs in the quad have begun! As soon as possible (which unfortunately isn't that soon due to technical difficulties - ok so I forgot to charge my cell and it died) I was calling my trusty partner in crime.

Before any strange misconceptions are made, let me clarify. No, we aren't addicted to Saga BBQs (although the ice cream bars *do* rock). I mean, yeah, free food is awesome and it's great to sit in the sun and listen to some live music, but what really brings us out there (and by us, of course, I mean stalkers) are the people who come to these BBQs. Lunch in the quad is prime grounds for stalking, getting everyone rounded up without limiting them to those with meal plans. And the best part is no one can really tell if you're stalking or just having a long lunch, and it's always a good thing when the element of being caught in the act is eliminated.

So by pure luck of fate my fellow stalker and I find each other just as the BBQ begins and

we take a moment (in the form of giggles and over-exaggerated facial expressions) to appreciate our amazing ability to find one another sans cell connection - what can we say? We know where our duty lies. Don't get us wrong, we aren't lazy, hapless stalkers who hang out at the BBQ right when it starts and leave after it finishes to make sure we don't miss any sightings. No, we rely on our keen stalker intuition. Scoff if you will, but believe me, it's worked wonders.

Walking to our table, we survey the crowd like looming hawks. I spot one stray stalkee roaming around, but where are the rest? Well I certainly know better than to stop right in the middle of the quad and make a scene as I search the mass so I make a beeline for my friends. I get situated, spot the single wandering stalkee yet again, and follow him with my eyes as he leads me right to the pack, all huddled around one table - a stalker's jackpot. As expected, my stalker intuition had pulled through yet again, placing us in a perfect location as I realize I have a perfect view right from my seat and feel like a wolf just come across a flock of unsuspecting sheep. My partner in crime and I share a moment on the down low (we were sitting with civilians) and I kick back and enjoy my lunch. Nothing goes better with free food than stalking. As I leave the quad, I stroll by the Detour editor, casually lean over and whisper "I've got my article."

**OUT THIS
WEEK**

F I L M S



3/31/06

ATL
Starring: Tip Harris, Lauren London
NR

Basic Instinct 2
Starring: Sharon Stone, David Morrissey
R

Ice Age 2: The Meltdown
Starring: Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Dennis Leary
G

Slither
Starring: Nathan Fillion, Elizabeth Banks
R

Limited Release

Brick
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Lukas Haas
R

ALBUMS



Show Your Bones
The Yeah Yeah Yeahs

Educated Horses
Rob Zombie

A Death Grip on Yesterday
Atreyu

Greatest Hits Vol.2
Tim McGraw

Rosenrot
Rammstein

CONCERTS



3/28
Taste of Chaos Tour
F/The Deftones, Atreyu, Story of the Year & others
San Jose Event Center

Damone
Slim's, SF

3/30
Rogue Wave
Bimbo's 365 Club, SF

3/31
Dramarama
Red Devil Lounge, SF

Two Gallants
Bimbo's 365 Club, SF

4/2
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Players of the Week

Damien Fatongia



Despite a disappointing loss to Chico State, Fatongia showed heart, scoring two tries in the game. He

was the only Gael to see the try zone for the day. The super senior has had a solid season this year and will be a key player in his team's quest for an NCAA Rugby Championship.

Megan Galloway



Galloway had arguably the Gaels' best pitching performance of the season last

Tuesday. In seven innings the sophomore allowed only one run and struck out one batter. Her solid pitching was backed up by a nice team defensive effort. The win is Galloway's first of the season.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

Playoffs take Gaels away from home
Bad defense plagues men's rugby in loss to Chico State

by Allison Kop
Sports Editor

The men's rugby team suffered a tough loss on Saturday, falling 23-34 to Chico State in Chico. The game was the second loss in a row for the Gaels who ended regular season league play with a 3-1 record.

The game was a struggle for the Gaels, who couldn't seem to put together a solid defensive effort.

"We did not play well," said scrumhalf Dan Tabacco '06, "and they played one of their best games all year."

Chico State got on the board first with a quick try in the first half. Saint Mary's was able to answer, however, when Damien Fatongia '05 scored a try of his own. The two teams swapped penalty kicks back and forth the rest of the half and entered into halftime locked at 13-13.

In the second half, the momentum continued to shift back and forth from team to team. But things started to go awry for SMC when sloppy defense led to several Chico State scores.

"Our defense was just bad," Tabacco said, "We missed a lot of tackles. And when you play defense as much as we did, the other team will find a way to score."

Despite a less than average defensive performance, the Gaels found themselves up by four points with 20 minutes to go. But Chico State kept pounding the goal line, and was able to make

the go-ahead score before the end of regulation.

Fatongia scored two tries in the loss for the Gaels, while Volney Rouse finished both conversion kicks and two penalty kicks in the game.

With the loss SMC falls to either third or fourth place in league and will travel to either Central Washington or BYU for the first round of the playoffs to be held Saturday, April 1. Should they win they will play another game the following Sunday for a berth in the Sweet Sixteen.

Saint Mary's has had a tumultuous season this year. After an impressive start to the year, the Gaels suffered a hard loss to top-ranked Cal, in which several players were injured, and have not shown the kind of dominating play they are known for since.



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN
Dante Jordan '06 avoids a tackle. SMC will continue their season when they travel to either Washington or Utah for the first round of the playoffs.

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Fauvre was defeated at the three spot 6-4, 6-0. At the fourth spot, Yury Platonov lost his match by breaks in each set, 6-3, 6-4. Christner fell at the fifth position 6-3, 6-3. In the final match, freshmen Alp Ozpinar lost 6-0, 6-2.

The Great Britain men's team is undefeated on their United States tour, defeating #26 California 6-1 and San Francisco 5-2.

The women's match began with singles action. Team Great Britain jumped out to 3-0 lead. The fourth spot had senior Kristen

Kummer being defeated 6-1, 6-2. Sophomore Caitlin Aloia lost at the 5th spot 6-2, 6-3. At the sixth position, sophomore Gaby Dalkin lost 6-1, 6-0. The Gaels answered with two matches of their own. At the top spot, junior Aude Lambert won her match easily 6-3, 6-0. Sophomore Jessica Hoath, at the second position, took the first set quickly 6-3. After being down early in the second set 4-1, Hoath would win the next five games winning the match. Down 3-2, the Gaels needed Feline Charlot to win to stay alive in the match. Charlot

lost the first set 6-1. But she would come back and take the second set 6-1. The third set was a tight match with an exchange of breaks early. With the third set tied at 5-5, Charlot would lose the next two games giving Team Great Britain the clinching match 6-1, 1-6, 7-5.

The Gaels were without three of their starters.

Even with the victory players for Team Great Britain were impressed with the play of individual schools. Miotto said, "Tennis in America is a lot deeper than in Great Britain."

Schedule

Today Softball vs. UC Riverside 1 & 3 p.m.	Baseball @ San Diego 3-game series (Fri/Sat/Sun)
Men's Tennis vs. Eastern Washington 3 p.m.	Women's Lacrosse vs. Denver 4 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Harvard 3:30 p.m.	Saturday, Apr. 1 Softball vs. Utah Valley/ Nevada Reno, NV
Baseball @ San Jose St. 6 p.m.	Women's Tennis @ LMU 10 a.m.
Men's Golf @ The Western Intercollegiate Santa Cruz, CA	Women's Crew @ San Diego Classic, San Diego, CA
Tomorrow Women's Tennis vs. Eastern Washington 3:30 p.m.	Sunday, Apr. 2 Women's Tennis @ Pepperdine Noon
Thursday, Mar. 30 Men's Tennis vs. San Francisco 3 p.m.	Monday, Apr. 3 Men's Golf @ Bite Pacific Coast Intercollegiate San Marcos, CA
Friday, Mar. 31 Softball vs. North Tx./ NDSU 12 & 2:30 p.m. Reno, NV	

Carl Clapp expected to formally announce resignation today

AD leaves for University of Hawaii

by A. Kop and M. Chin
Sports Editors

Today the Saint Mary's athletic department is expected to officially announce the resignation of Carl Clapp as Athletic Director of Gael athletics.

According to the *Honolulu Advertiser*, Clapp will become the associate athletic director for the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

Although nothing has been confirmed, Mark Orr, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Finance and Internal Affairs, is rumored to be named as Clapp's successor. Sources for InsideBayArea.com, a Bay Area news wire website, claimed that Orr was expected to replace Clapp.

Clapp, arguably one of the most successful athletic directors in school history, leaves after a six year tenure at SMC. During his administration the Gaels have experienced a number of important events in Saint Mary's history.

Clapp is responsible for the hiring of coaches Randy Bennett (basketball), Jed Soto (baseball), and Rob Browning (volleyball).

During Clapp's tenure volleyball became a regional power and has appeared in the NCAA tournament the past three years. Un-

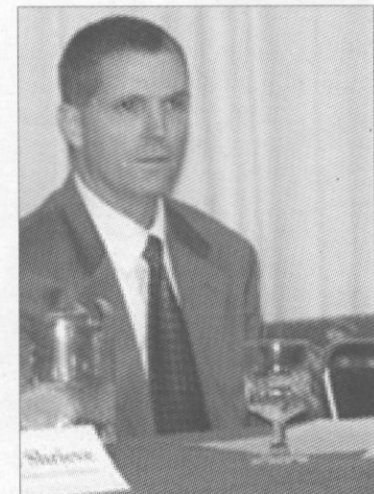


Photo courtesy of stmarys-ca.edu
Carl Clapp has served as Saint Mary's Athletic Director since 2000.

der Randy Bennett, men's basketball rose from 2-27 to a record breaking season of 25-9. Golf also attended their first Division I NCAA tournament during Clapp's tenure.

Conversely, Clapp will also be remembered for the cutting of the football program in 2003.

Mark Orr has served as an Assistant Athletic Director for Saint Mary's since 2000. A graduate of UC Berkeley, Orr was a four-year letter winner at defensive back for the UC Berkeley football team. He graduated with a degree in Social Welfare, before earning his master's degree in Education.

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The Collegian SPORTS

Lacrosse gets roughed up at at home Gaels can't recover after a pair of early deficits

By Jamey Iaccino
Contributing Writer

The Saint Mary's women's lacrosse team lost two tough games this week, dropping their record to 3-4 overall and 2-2 at home for the season. The first game was played on Monday, March 20 against a young, but talented Vermont team.

The visiting Catamounts (5-2) jumped out to an early 4-0 lead before Kim Reny ended the Gaels' scoring drought with a goal of her own. Reny, who has offered the Gaels consistent scoring all year, finished the day with three goals and an assist.

Two more goals by Vermont put the Gaels down 6-1. Saint Mary's regrouped midway through the first half and went on a 5-2 run to cut the halftime deficit to 8-5.

The Gaels spent the second half mounting a comeback, using a swarming defense to cause 29 turnovers for the opposing team. After falling behind 12-6, a four-point Gael rally, capped by Maddie Marsh's third goal of the season, cut the lead to just 2 with less than 12 minutes to play.

Vermont, led by Becky Kenison's five goals and Tori Wasson's three goals and two assists, closed out the game with four unanswered goals and finished the game with a 17-10 victory.

The Gaels' second home game last week, played on Thursday, pitted them against an experienced Ohio team that improved their record to 2-6 with their victory.

Saint Mary's looked sluggish on the field early in the game and fell behind 6-1 just 13 minutes into the contest. The Gaels used a 5-1 rally, led by Sonja Kapusta's two goals, to close out the first half and trailed only 7-6.



Kim Reny '08 makes a move past an Ohio defender. Reny leads her team in goals this season with nineteen.

Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

OHIO	13
SAINT MARY'S	10

behind 11-8 and looking for some offense.

Jackie Spencer responded for the Gaels as she scored two goals, giving her three for the game, and cut the Ohio lead to one with less than 10 minutes left in the second half.

The Gaels looked great every time they touched the ball, but Ohio used a ball control offense, to eat up the remaining time. Ohio would score two more goals to end the game 13-10. The Gaels were just one play away

from breaking it open the whole game, but they were never able to capitalize.

"I thought we played great today. Ohio was a very physical team and I thought we showed a lot of composure out there. It was a tough loss," said Ryan Reggiani, Assistant Director of Sports Information.

SMC continues its home stand with a game today against Harvard at 3:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's Stadium.

Standings and Box Scores

Men's Tennis Results

Fresno State (41)	6
Saint Mary's	1

Doubles

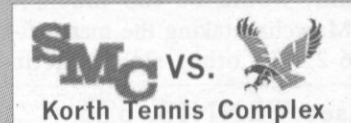
#49 Gibbs/Modoc (FS) def. Tizot/Marechal (SMC), 8-3
Irie/Siwu (FS) def. Christner/Plantonov (SMC), 8-3

Singles

Sergiu Modoc (FS) def. Martin Marechal (SMC), 6-3, 6-2
Charles Irie (FS) def. Julien Tizot (SMC), 6-3, 6-4
Yury Platonov (SMC) def. Sam Tadevosian (FS), 6-3, 6-7, (12-10)

SMC Record: 4-7

Next Home Women's Tennis Match: Friday



Baseball Standings

Team	Overall
USD	17-10
PEP (21)	17-11
GON	15-10
SCU	14-11
USF	15-12
SMC	13-12
LMU	11-17
POR	7-13

Softball Results

W(4-19) vs. Princeton 6-1
W(4-20) vs. Princeton 7-3
SATURDAY'S GAMES VS. CAL POLY CANCELLED

Team	Overall
USD	12-12
LMU	20-13
SAC	17-10
SCU	11-18
PSU	13-10
SMC	4-20

Baseball Results

UTAH (11-11)	10
SAINT MARY'S (13-12)	6

	AB	H	R	RBI	AVG
Cattone lf	3	1	0	1	.244
Frederick 1b	5	1	0	1	.369
Carter cf	4	0	0	0	.385
Young, P rf	3	1	1	1	.304
Gallagher 3b	5	2	1	0	.367
Staples dh	5	2	1	0	.292
Harris 2b	4	3	1	1	.253
Gordon c	4	1	1	0	.263
Guymon c	0	0	0	0	.185
Machado ph	1	0	0	0	.000
Hicks ss	4	3	1	2	.274
	38	14	6	6	

	IP	H	R	ER	K	ERA
Lewis L(3-1)	6.0	12	7	5	6	3.31
Doyle	2.0	4	3	1	3	4.91
Mezzavilla	1.0	0	0	0	0	0.00
	9.0	16	10	6	9	

Other Scores:

L(12-11) vs. Utah 14-7
W(13-11) vs. Utah 5-4

Women's Tennis Standings

Team	Over.	PCT	WCC
PEP (8)	13-2	.867	1-0
USF	9-4	.692	3-2
USD (47)	8-4	.667	1-1
SMC	7-5	.583	4-0
SCU	5-8	.385	2-2
LMU	5-9	.357	0-0
POR	3-14	.194	1-3
GON	2-13	.133	0-4

Women's Lacrosse

OHIO	13
SAINT MARY'S	10

Goals: Spencer 3(12), Kapusta 3(8)
Assists: Reny 2(4)



ZACH FARMER

Why J.P. Batista is my hero

When Gonzaga led by 17 early in the first half against UCLA, the only thing that came through my mind was, "Here we go again." At the half when UCLA trailed by 13, I was thinking, "There is no way UCLA is this bad... wait, there's no way Gonzaga is this good."

For the first 16 minutes of the second half, UCLA was that bad. Then in what seemed like a blink of an eye, a nine point Gonzaga lead disappeared and the Bruins had taken the lead.

With about ten seconds, the Bruins trailed 70-71 and Gonzaga had the ball. On the inbound, the Bulldogs passed the ball around in the backcourt to try to get UCLA to foul either guard Derek Raivio or center J.P. Batista. When the ball was passed to Batista, he was immediately double teamed and stripped of the ball. UCLA's Jordan Farmer would pick up the ball and find forward Luc Richard Mbah a Moute for the layup to give them the lead. On the ensuing possession, Gonzaga passed it to Raivio and who had the ball stolen by UCLA.

There were two reasons why the Gonzaga choke job was one of the greatest moments in recent sports history for me.

Reason 1: I had Gonzaga losing in the Sweet Sixteen to UCLA in my tournament bracket. This is probably my best year in bracketology yet.

Reason 2: Even if they are from our conference, the Gonzaga Bulldogs are the most overrated #4 team in the history of the NCAA. Not just that, after Adam Morrison's comments earlier in the year when he basically called Saint Mary's fans fair weather fans, it was so satisfying to see him break down after the game on Thursday. Not just that, the guy just needs to learn how to grow a mustache. Tom Selleck should send him a mustache growth kit.

The reason I don't like Gonzaga isn't because they win, it's how they win. If you're a team that was ranked #5 in the nation for the majority of the season, you should have been beating teams in the West Coast Conference by at least 15 points per game. But they only beat USD by one, USF by three, LMU by one, and Saint Mary's by one. These teams have RPI's of sub-150. Gonzaga's RPI: 12. I'm sorry but this just seems a bit lopsided. They had snuck away too many times and it was about time a team who should beat Gonzaga came back and snuck out a win.

So, thank you J.P. Batista. You are my hero.



BELEN GARCIA

**Walking a sport?
I think so!**

This weekend I was deciding what to do on my Sunday afternoon. "Hmmm," I thought to myself, "Should I go to Starbucks, watch an amazing made-for-TV movie starring Shia Lebeouf from *Even Stevens*, or, I don't know, walk across the Golden Gate Bridge?"

Well that Shia Lebeouf movie was pretty tempting, but I decided to go with the bridge. I know what was I thinking, right? I wrangled up my roommate, who we will call Go-elle Greezi, and set off for a day of sight-seeing and fun.

First we had to decide who was going to drive. This matter was settled with a heated game of rhasham-bo and we were on our way with Go-elle at the wheel and me sitting happy as a bum with a ham sandwich in the passenger seat. After 45 minutes of grooving to *The Best of the Backstreet Boys* we arrived at the bridge, ready to start our adventure.

We began the walk across the bridge by leaning over the edge and spitting to test the height of the bridge. We timed it. It takes approximately one minute and twelve seconds for your spit to hit the water. You have to take consistency and volume into play, but this led us to believe that the bridge was very high up. Who knew? After this little revelation, we proceeded on our quest to the other side. Along the way Go-elle was puzzled by something. Why do they call it the Golden Gate Bridge? It's not gold.

After a brief history lesson and some deprecating remarks I was able to explain to her that it was not in fact the bridge that was supposed to be gold, it was the opening to the bay that was referred to as the "Golden Gate."

Yes the bridge was breathtaking, but what really took my breath away was the incredibly entertaining group of people in one place at the same time. There were Middle Eastern tourists dressed in their traditional robes, wearing sweet leather fanny packs and arguing about how to work the digital camera. There were Japanese tourists with spiky hair, throwing up peace signs like it was their job. There were the Beyoncé/Jay-Z crazy in love romantic couples making out like it was the Motel 6. You can't forget about the cute little families, trying to keep their kids from eating seagull poop.

It was such a lovely scene that Go-elle and I felt that we had to commemorate the experience and got a romantic couple to disengage from the face-sucking long enough to snap a shot of us that would last a lifetime.

Gaels 'pen can't hold down Utes
Bullpen allows 16 runs in three games to Utah

by Zach Farmer
 Assistant Sports Editor

The Gaels dropped their first home series of the season as they lost two out of three to the Utah Utes.

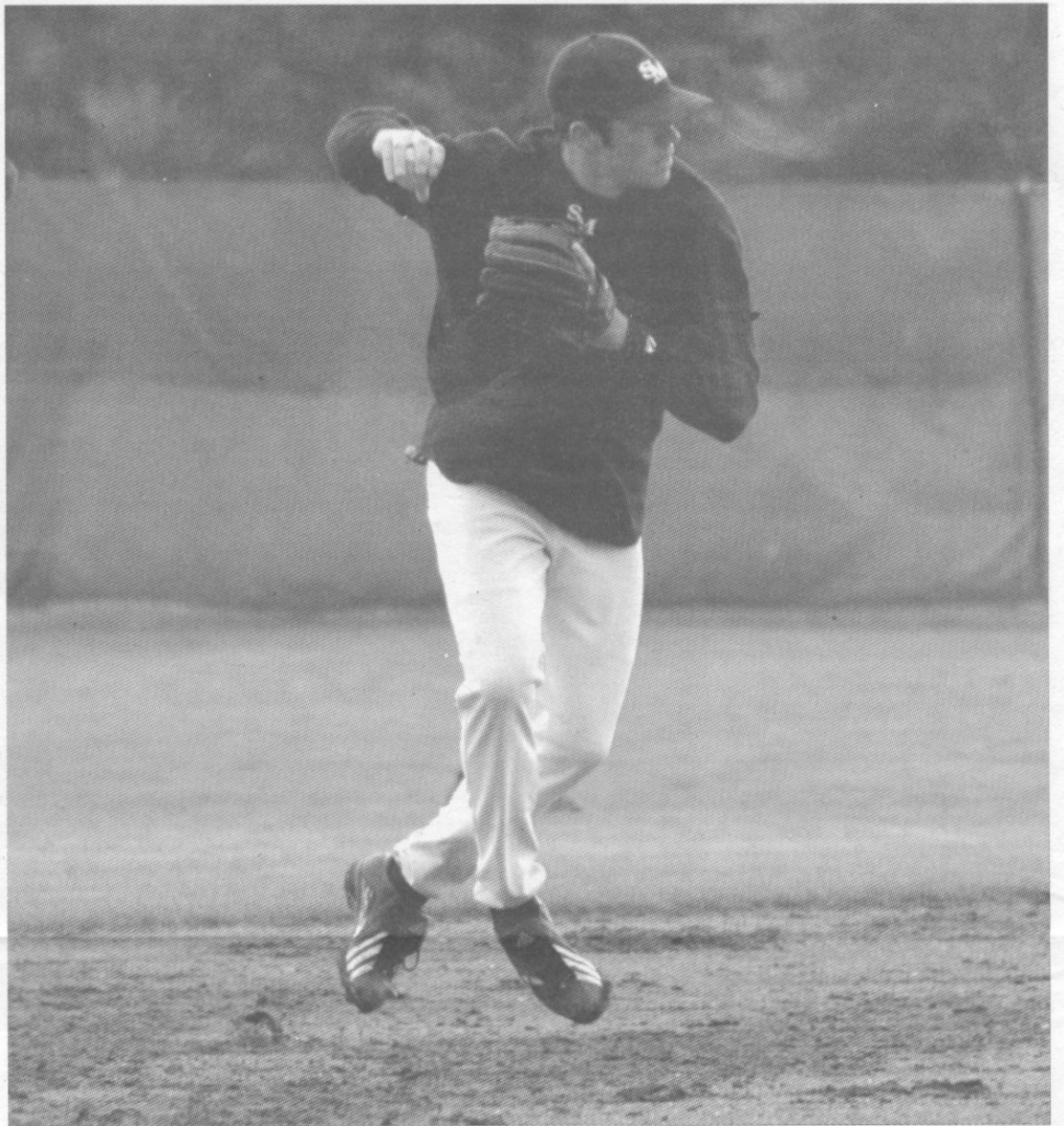
The first game of the series was played in two parts due to the rain. The game was called in the fourth inning due to the rain with the Gaels trailing 6-3 and the rain could not dampen the Utes bats as they went on to win 14-7. Starting pitcher Joel Fountain '06, who picked up the loss (4-2), threw the first half of the game giving up six earned runs on six hits and four walks. The Utes would punch out ten more hits the next day in the finale of game one. Senior Ian Farmer was the victim of the Utah hit parade as he threw five innings allowing eight runs, seven earned, on ten hits.

The Gaels would bounce back and take game two 5-4. Seniors Sam Carter and Corey Madden led the Gaels to victory as Carter went 3-3 including his sixth home run of the season and Madden pitched six innings allowing no runs and recorded ten strikeouts.

It was the second straight outing for Madden in which he has had at least ten strikeouts. He also picked up his third win of the season improving his record to 3-1.

Sophomore catcher Ian Gordon paced the Gaels with two RBI's in game two.

In game three, the Gaels came out sluggish and trailed early 4-0. But the Gaels battled back in the second inning, putting together a four-run rally which was kicked off by a RBI single by second baseman Mike Harris '06 and capped off by a RBI sacrifice groundout by senior Orben Frederick.



Adam Hicks '06 committed a crucial error in the Utah series finale. The Gaels will look to rebound against SJSU.

Starting pitcher Dan Lewis '06 went six innings, allowing five earned runs after allowing four in the first two innings. "He was getting groundballs," said head coach Jedd Soto. "I never thought he was making bad pitches. They just hit him hard."

The Gaels would trade leads

and ties with Utah until the seventh inning when, with Utah leading 7-6, an error by Gael short-stop Adam Hicks '06 sparked a three-run rally for the Utes and they would not look back.

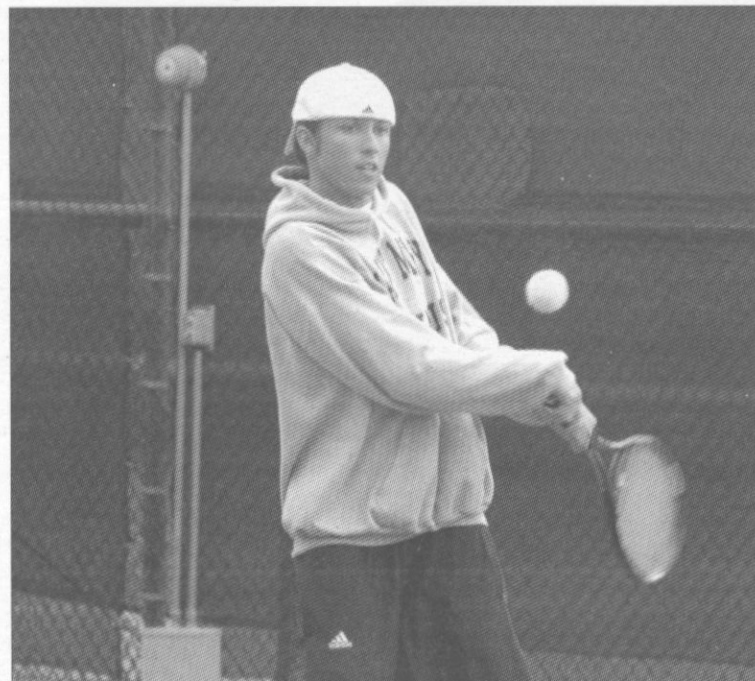
The Gaels bullpen has been performing poorly as of late. In their last six outings, the Gaels

bullpen has allowed 27 earned runs in 20.1 innings. "The relief pitching needs more innings," said Soto.

The Gaels would lose 10-6, dropping their record to 13-12 with the conference schedule opening up this weekend at San Diego.

Gael tennis hits the global scene
Saint Mary's tennis teams compete against Team Great Britain

by Frankie Mangini
 Staff Writer



Tim Welty '06, a local product from Walnut Creek, has played well for the Gaels this season, compiling a 3-1 record overall, while going 2-0 in at the #6 singles spot.

On Sunday, the men and women's tennis teams played Team Great Britain. Team Great Britain was a collection of the top players from Great Britain, representing Bath University, University of East Anglia, Brighton University, Stirling University, Loughborough University and London Metropolis, all top tennis schools in Great Britain. The Gaels would drop both friendly matches to the all-star team, 6-1 in men's and 5-2 in women's.

The men's side started with doubles. The Gaels would lose all three super sets by just one break. At the one spot, senior Martin Marechal and senior Julien Tizot, were on serve until the final game. They were broken on the final game giving Team

Great Britain the match 8-6. Sophomore Yury Platonov and freshmen Achim Christner would go down early. After struggling to tie the match, they lost the final two games to lose 8-6. In the final doubles match, senior Adam Favre and senior Tim Welty lost their first service game. That would be enough for Team Great Britain to take the third super set, 8-5.

In singles action, Saint Mary's would get its lone point at the two spot. Tizot would win his match 6-4, 7-5. The top spot featured Marechal and Team Great Britain's Alex Miotto of Bath University. Miotto, a player on the Future's Tour in Great Britain, would be too much for Marechal, taking the match 6-1, 6-2. In other singles action

see TENNIS, p 10