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## Study Abroad Fair opens up whole new world to students; opportunities for travel, learning, service included

Center for International Programs assembles organizations from all over the world in Ferroggiaro Quad; over four continents represented



Photo Courtesy of Ariana Garcia

Vendors provided information on various study abroad programs. Many options, such as international internships, volunteer opportunities and major specific programs, are offered to Saint Mary's students.

**Sean Kent**  
Staff Writer

Ferroggiaro Quad was transformed into an international bazaar, this past Wednesday, rivaling the likes of the great marketplaces of any exotic port city around the world. However, instead of hawking rare treasures or delicacies, the vendors at Saint Mary's miniature version of Epcot dazzled the student body with offers of various study abroad programs.

Organized by the Center for International Programs, the Study Abroad Fair provided students an opportunity to see what traveling options were available to them. Organizations and universities from Australia, the United Kingdom, and various parts of Europe, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East were all represented and allowed the students to chat with employees or alumni of their respective program.

While all the organizations offered students a way to broaden their social and cultural horizons, each group had its own, slightly different goal. While some universities merely allow you to live on campus and take classes in a foreign country, others focus more on job opportunities and developing a deeper cultural understanding of a region by living with local families.

"Studying abroad can change students' lives and help when you're applying for jobs in a globalized workplace," said Carly Gordon, a representative of the International Programs Abroad. "Not only do

you get to see other cultures, but there's also the possibility of work."

Programs offered in financially stable continents have different agendas than those whose destinations were third world countries. While the more modernizes locales concentrated on academic development and career networking, organizations based in Africa or parts of Latin America seemed to emphasize a more out-of-the-classroom education based volunteer and social justice work. Students who choose these destinations are guided by more of a moral obligation than simply furthering their education, something Katushka Kohut of Gonzaga's abroad universities said, "Some [students] choose to study abroad to add on to their major, others know they're adamant about certain causes."

There were also some groups who specifically focused on preparing students for internships once they reach their desired country. Organizations like International Internships and Interstudy emphasized the importance of resume-building and getting experience from working internationally.

While many students were tempted and amazed by the variety of options available, some were also discouraged by the perceived additional costs of such excursions. However, in the case of Saint Mary's sponsored programs, there is almost no additional cost. Dino Pruccoli, director of the Center for International Programs said, "Spending a semester abroad costs just as much as semester here at Saint Mary's does. In fact Saint Mary's will pay for half your

airfare if you travel in one of our sponsored programs."

Even in the post 9/11 world, students are still continuing to venture to foreign countries. In fact, the numbers show that more students now are studying abroad than ever more. Some people even believe that it's important for American students now to travel more than ever, to convey our country's true beliefs, rather than outsiders' stereotypes. However, undaunted Americans must remain when it comes to traveling, newer restrictions prompted by the foiled terror plot in the United Kingdom in early August may have slightly deterred perspective travelers due to the inconvenience.

## Academic probation: new trend on campus

Eight percent of student body fits in category

**Emily Esguerra**  
Staff Writer

College is a time of academic enrichment and flourishing minds; however, one might be surprised to know that about six to eight percent of students at Saint Mary's College are currently on academic probation.

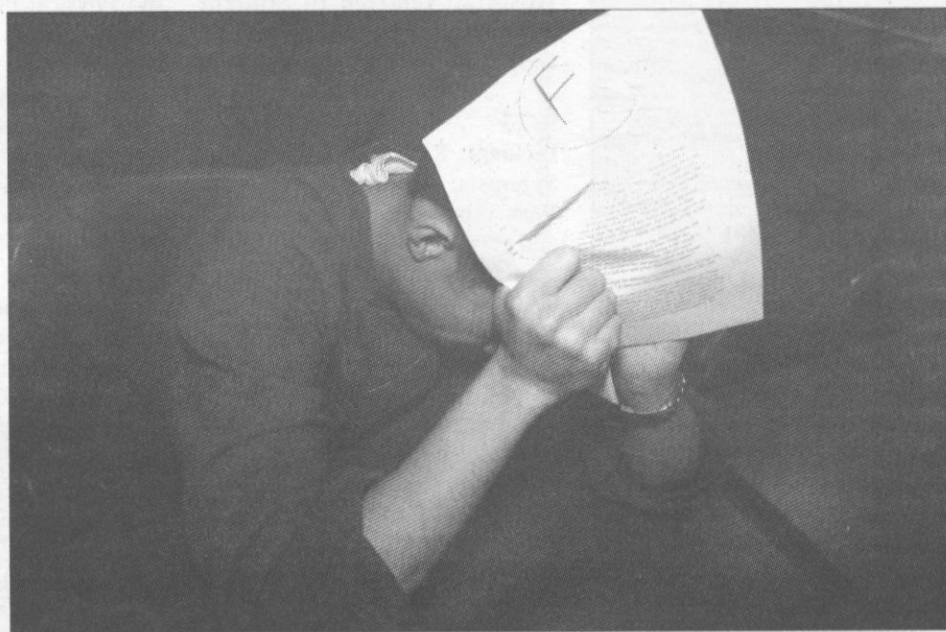
There's a common misconception that the students on academic probation are always the troublemakers, the misfits, the jocks, or the quiet people that sit in the back of the classroom. However, Dean of Academic Development Frank Murray dispels these false assumptions.

"In order to be in good academic standing you have to have a 2.0 GPA or higher," said Murray. "If you declare a major you must also have a major GPA." It seems pretty simple at first, but the two different sets of GPAs are where many students face problems, landing them on that probation list. Murray said, "Here's where it gets tricky. Say you just declared your major and you've only taken one class and you get a C- in the course...that's a 1.7 and that will put you on academic probation."

What many students may not know is that there are two levels of probation. The first level of academic probation constitutes a meeting and a warning. The second level occurs during a student's second consecutive year on probation, showing no improvement. This level may result in a loss of financial aid and possibly being subjected to disqualification. However, every student has the opportunity to appeal and to be reviewed, though that does not mean that students are always given a second chance.

When asked about the rumors concern-

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## SnapShot



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Valarie Renosto '08 spends half time at Sunday's men's soccer game juggling a soccer ball to the entertainment of those around her.

The 2006-2007 staff of *The Collegian* wishes to invite all photographers to join this year's staff. As an incentive, the second page SnapShot a weekly featured photo, will now be a competition for the best picture taken in a week. This competition will be judged by the Editor-in-Chief and the Managing Editor, Linda Hua and Zack Farmer. From these photos one will be selected as the year's best. This photo will be sent to the Associated Student Press as part of a national competition for photo excellence.

## Crime Beat

9/23	4:55 p.m.	<b>Synopsis:</b> Hit and run in De la Salle parking lot, suspect arrested;	to Kaiser; referred to Health and Wellness Center and Athletics.
<b>Incident:</b> Found Property		<b>Synopsis:</b> Men's 21 speed bicycle found in Ageno West.	
9/23	10:24 p.m.	9/24	8:24 p.m.
<b>Incident:</b> Medical Assist		<b>Incident:</b> Fire Alarm Activation	
<b>Synopsis:</b> Occurred in Justin Hall Quad, transported to John Muir Hospital; referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center.		<b>Synopsis:</b> Burnt food in Ageno East; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.	
9/23	11:36 p.m.	9/25	12:30 p.m.
<b>Incident:</b> Fire Alarm Activation		<b>Incident:</b> Casualty	
<b>Synopsis:</b> Burnt food in Ageno West; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.		<b>Synopsis:</b> Contractor injury in chapel loop in front of Sichel, taken to doctor by employer; referred to Physical Plant.	
9/24	2:05 a.m.	9/25	7:08 p.m.
<b>Incident:</b> Driving Under the Influence		<b>Incident:</b> Medical Assist	
		<b>Synopsis:</b> Occurred on Saint Mary's Stadium field, transported	
		9/25	10:10 p.m.
		<b>Incident:</b> Suspicious Circumstances	
		<b>Synopsis:</b> Unknown white powder found in Augustine Hall; referred to Student Conduct.	
		9/25	11:25 p.m.
		<b>Incident:</b> Handbook Violation	
		<b>Synopsis:</b> Multi-tool containing a knife/weapon in Becket Hall; referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.	
		9/26	4:45 p.m.
		<b>Incident:</b> Missing Property Recovered	
		<b>Synopsis:</b> Missing laptop recovered in Aquinas Hall parking lot.	



ZACK FARMER

## Emo is overrated

The emo revolution is very odd to me. From what I know, emo is more than the form-fitting, ankle-high jeans and punk band t-shirts. It is an attitude, a depressing attitude. This is what confuses me.

Wikipedia.org defines emo as "a feeling of depression, alluding to the association of depression with the 'emo' subculture."

Part of this subculture is the style of dress. "Commonly seen styles include straight, dark colored hair, either black, red, multi-colored which covers one eye, males wearing pants tailored for females...and dark make-up on males and females. A common accessory for both males and females is glasses with a dark coloured (usually black), thick rim, a style sometimes even worn by persons who do not require corrective eye-wear."

For these "depressed" emo kids, punk music is the way to go and at the center of the punk scene is Hot Topic. It costs \$20-\$25 for a t-shirt. You know what? I'd be depressed about that too. But I can get six t-shirts for that same amount from Foot Locker. I'm good.

Most of the customers of Hot Topic are teenagers and preteens who are on allowance from their parents who are very well endowed. Kids with rich Mommies and Daddies should not be depressed. Stick them in poverty and let them feel depression.

Another thing: why are all emo kids skinny as a rail? I have never seen an average- or large-sized person have emo tendencies. Oppression against the fat kid! Anyway, moving on.

What's odd is emo has become increasingly popular. I find it hard to believe that the masses are this type of depressed. Furthermore, how can a form of depression start to become popular?

Here is my biggest gripe about emo: every time I turn on MTV, I see another punk band dressing emo. Whether it is Panic! At the Disco, AFI, Green Day, or any number of punk bands, emo has become mainstream and it has become a fad. How can you be depressed while doing what you love and making millions? Personally, I'd love it.

What I hear is that Green Day aren't punk anymore. Fifteen years ago when they were getting started, they had very little money and were just hoping to get their big break. Now, they are multi-millionaires and have nothing to be depressed or emo about anymore.

Emo kids need to get over the fact that some of their former regime moved on and move on themselves. Depression a fad? Well, I guess anything can be a fad. Anyway, cheer up emo kid.

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Dante 117



**Weekly Featured Profile**

Educator of the Week  
**Ravi Bhandari**

by Alex Lavaroni  
Staff Writer

For the past three years, Professor Ravi Bhandari has continued to increase the knowledge of students at Saint Mary's College through the world of Economics. He was nominated for this week's featured profile for constantly displaying outstanding efforts as an educator as well as exemplifying two of the Lasallian Core Principles: high quality-education and respect for all persons around the globe.

Before teaching at Saint Mary's College, Bhandari taught in almost every area of economics at Cornell University, San Francisco State, University of Hawaii, and most recently the University of California, Berkeley.

Bhandari also has extensive professional experience as a senior economic consultant at the World Bank, where he has worked closely in the development of agricultural policy in developing countries. "Working in international development agencies was very challenging, but also rewarding in fulfilling a longstanding curiosity about how these powerful institutions impact poor countries," said Bhandari.

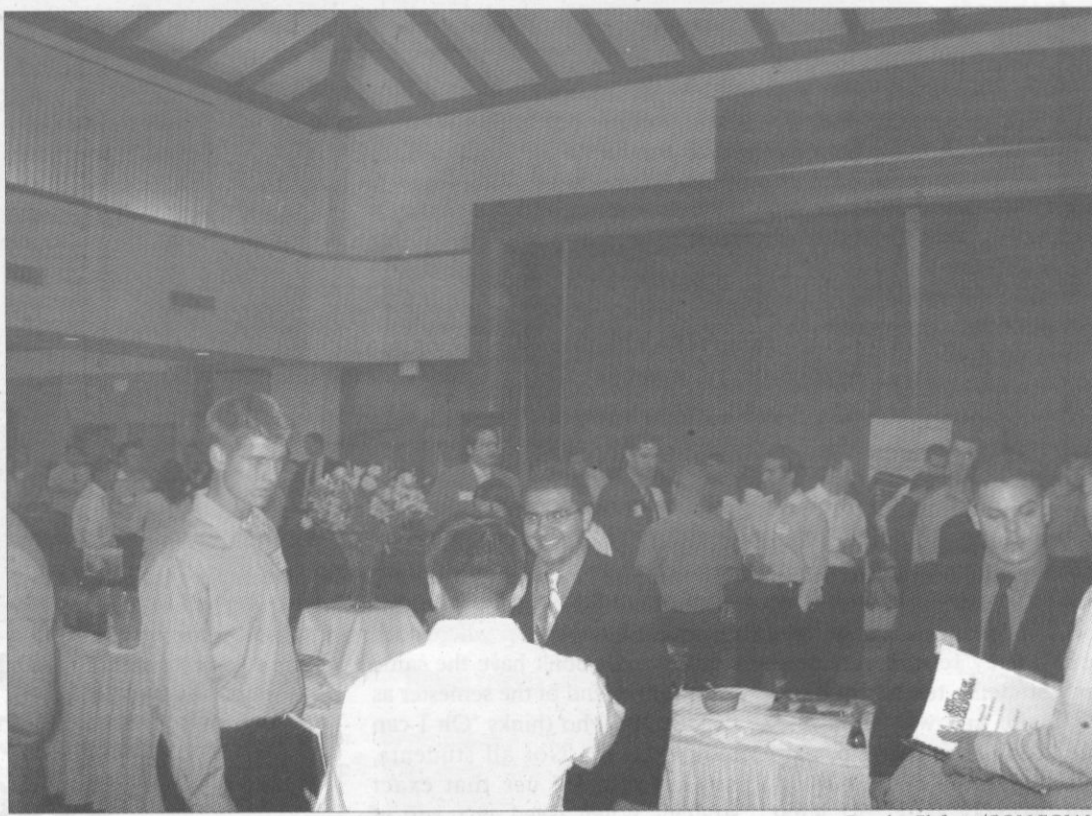
What stands out about Bhandari is his dedication to teaching and applying the real world in creative ways to everything students learn. He brings his fieldwork experience into the classroom, where his students in introductory economics courses become directly involved with the many homeless in the larger community.

"With the help of the Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action (CILSA), students can actually put a human face on homelessness, and critically examine the microeconomic theory they have learned in light of their service learning experiences at St. Vincent de Paul, a nearby homeless shelter in West Oakland. Students seem to learn quite a lot by integrating what they learn in the classroom to the real world and negative sides of the market—homelessness, poverty, and inequality." Students can use their experiences in the community to not only greater their knowledge about economics, but also greater their knowledge about life. Professor Bhandari pushes his students to learn beyond the walls of the classroom.

Professor Bhandari enjoys working at Saint Mary's College and credits the small class sizes, a liberal arts curriculum, and the many unique opportunities that Saint Mary's presents to an academic that he says most universities simply take for granted. In particular, he cherishes the opportunities to know students beyond an ID number and see them as complete individuals. "As a teacher at Saint Mary's College, I feel lucky to be part of the lives of students and even keep in touch after they graduate."

**Big company names at annual 'Meet the Firms' career fair**

*Event gives students opportunity to rub shoulders with potential employers and prepare for life after college*



Brandon Elefante/COLLEGIAN

Students dressed in their best business attire and shook hands with potential employers as well as handed out resumes and scheduled interviews.

**Brandon Elefante**  
Business Manager

Big-named companies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Chevron, and Wells Fargo were on the attendance list to the annual "Meet the Firms" held in the Soda Activity Center last Thursday, September 28, 2006. A total of 27 companies were there along with co-sponsors: Accounting Association, Business Club, and Business & Accounting Latino Association (BALA).

Meet the Firms provides an opportunity for students, faculty, and companies to come together. In fact, other colleges across the United States hold events similar to Meet the Firms during this time of the year. Sarah McGrath '07, president of the Accounting Association, said, "[It's] common for a college to have a Meet the Firms event because it prepares students for full-time position and internship interviews with companies."

The evening began with socialization among the companies and was followed by an introduction by Virginia Smith, chair of the accounting department. Smith briefly explained the reason for this event and new developments with the School of Business. Many students were eager to meet companies and obtain information. Saint Mary's graduate Lily Cevallos, financial analyst for Chevron, said, "This event has a good reputation."

As the former president of the BALA, Cevallos said, "Last year's event became stronger because three clubs collaborated to make this event better, Accounting Association, Business Club, and BALA."

There were approximately 100 students, professors, faculty and

company representatives in attendance. "There were more people than last year," Jose Cano '08 said.

"The objective of this event is to provide a comfortable atmosphere where students can network and socialize with professors, alumni, and other students," said McGrath.

The list of companies ranged from Price Waterhouse Coopers, LLP, Ernst & Young, LLP to California State Auditor, Chevron, National Semiconductor Corporation and many other companies.

Sophomore Class President Charlie Schnellbacher said, "I plan to be successful by starting off early and this event gives people the opportunity to excel." Students in attendance ranged from freshmen to seniors. "I remember attending this event three years ago when I was a freshman. I felt intimidated and didn't know what to expect," Juan Zaragoza '07, co-president of BALA said.

There were bouncers to enforce the dress code of business attire. "It is important to represent Saint Mary's professionally to these companies. My freshman year I came in jeans and tennis shoes," Zaragoza said.

This event gives companies an opportunity to recruit and offer internship programs, "[I am] looking forward for an internship," Lisa Vera '08 said.

The event was considered to be a great success and was sponsored by students and clubs. Students were also able to submit their resumes to the various companies and speak with representatives. In addition, most companies had an emphasis on accounting and business.

To improve this event, "[We] need to have more diverse companies and not just audit and financial firms," said Cevallos.

"The student body has the notion that Meet the Firms is only accounting firms," Zaragoza said. Consequently, the focus of this event is to engage everyone and not just for accounting and business majors.

Oppositionally Vera said, "[I] hear a lot of business majors are left out because there are a lot of accounting firms."

"There could've been more law firms, pharmaceutical, and other companies," Cano said. "I was interested in talking to Ernst & Young, the FBI, and other companies. There was good feedback from the companies on what I should do to prepare myself before graduation." A lot of students were interested in talking with the FBI, but they did not show up.

Zaragoza said, "It was good to see professors, faculty, and staff support the Saint Mary's students."

The main purpose was to provide opportunities to network, meet students, and professors. Aside from attempting to get offers or internships a lot of good promotional items were distributed. There were mixed reviews on what could be improved for next year's Meet the Firms. "More workshops on what to expect at Meet the Firms would be beneficial. I also encourage students to think about their careers now and to not wait until your junior or senior year of college to start thinking about internships or jobs," Zaragoza said.

For students who missed the event, it's not too late to look for internships or jobs. However, such a large opportunity to meet professionals like this will not happen again until next year's Meet the Firms.

**Campus Calendar**

**Career Fair/ Resume Workshop**  
Tuesday, October 3  
1:10 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.  
De la Salle

**Student Leadership Workshops**  
Tuesday, October 3  
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Delphine Lounge

**Career Information Night**  
Tuesday, October 3  
6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
Soda Center

**King Lear Scenes**  
Tuesday, October 3  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Soda Center

**2006 Career and Internship Fair**  
Wednesday, October 4  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
LeFevre Quad

**Jan Term Workshop**  
Wednesday, October 4  
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Dante 217

**King Lear Performance**  
Wednesday, October 4  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Soda Center

**Creative Writing Reader Series**  
Wednesday, October 4  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
De la Salle

**Interview Workshop**  
Thursday, October 5  
2:50 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.  
De la Salle

**Business Etiquette Workshop**  
Thursday, October 5  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Faculty/Staff Dining Room

**Quartet SF**  
Friday, October 6  
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Soda Center

**ASSMC Senate Meetings**  
Sunday, October 8  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Soda Center

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





## ACADEMIC PROBATION: Dean of Academic Development clarifies facts about policy, patterns, rumors; six to eight percent Saint Mary's undergraduates on academic probation

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ing the percentage of Saint Mary's students on probation, Murray said, "There are two figures that are used; one is the number of the freshman class that are on probation and that's somewhere in the 10-12 percent range, and that's not a surprise because it's their first semester of college and they're adjusting. The other figure is the overall average and that's between six to eight percent." For some students this average may seem impressively low or perhaps a bit too high, but for Lizzie Gedestad '09 the numbers are right on the dot. "It seems to be a pretty reasonable number," she said. "There's always going to be some people who don't do as well as others."

"There are a couple of things that happen," said Murray. "For the majority of freshmen the courses that they have the most difficulty with are the math and science courses. So if a student comes in thinking they're going to be pre-med and they take their first chemistry course and get a D or an F, that will pull they're average down." However, it's not just the difficult math and science courses that are bringing down new students' grades, but courses that have an unfamiliar structure

as well. "[Courses] like seminar where they're not used to it, and struggling with the format...and they don't realize they have to participate on a regular basis," said Murray. "There's no final exam to pull them out and then they kind of get caught by surprise."

Though new Saint Mary's students will often struggle with the demanding course load in their first year, second, third, and fourth year students are still no exception to academic probation. Murray points out the difference in their cases and said, "It's less a case of being surprised about something they haven't adjusted to, and more a case about good decision-making around the courses they're enrolled in." Many students tend to stick to their major and will often continue taking their major courses even after some serious struggling. Murray said, "At what point do they say, 'this isn't the right major for me. I need to be in something else.'" This is where Academic Development and Advising can prove to be extremely helpful. Though neither center will tell students that they *can't* do the major they want to, they *can* provide valuable advice and

support that can help students decide for themselves what's best for them. Other options for students on probation, or anyone struggling in their courses, are the many tutorial services available.

For freshmen this fall there's a new program called First Year Experience (FYE), where freshmen meet once a month to talk to their advisor about academic success. "We're taking extra steps to try and help keep the freshmen students off of probation...to help them get on track early before it's too late," said Murray.

Success for all students essentially comes down to being proactive. Murray said, "The students who are proactive early in the semester in recognizing where they need support don't have the same shock at the end of the semester as the student who thinks 'Oh I can handle this.'" Not all students, however, would use that exact strategy. When asked what sort of study habit she would use to get off of academic probation, Ana Woolliscroft '08, said (without sarcasm), "I would lock myself in my room and chain myself to my desk." This approach may differ from the Academic Developments Center's suggestions, but nonetheless, it's still proactive.

## News Briefs

Compiled by Melanie Maxwell

### Consultant Continues Summer Work

This week, Doctor Bill Weary from Fieldstone Consulting will be helping the Building on Strength Strategic Planning Steering Committee create an in-depth plan for Saint Mary's that covers the next three to four years. Weary will be meeting with various groups on campus, including the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) Executive Team, the Head Coaches Council, and the Alumni Governing Board, among others, to continue work they began in the summer.

### Quartet San Francisco

Quartet San Francisco, consisting of violinists Kayo Miki and Jeremy Cohen, violist Emily Onderdonk, and cellist Joel Cohen, will be performing in Lefevre Theatre this Friday, October 8, at 8 p.m. A group of classically trained musicians with eclectic taste, their goal is to bring exciting, diverse music to audiences in fun, lively programs.

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**FEATURE**

# Decreased drinking violations on campus

*Surprising trends show alcohol misconduct rates much lower than years past*

by A. Lister and M. Maxwell  
Staff Writer & Asst. News Editor

Most students would be surprised to hear that the average number of drinking violations among both upper classmen and lower classmen on campus are lower this year than recent years, but the facts don't lie. According to Associate Director of Community Life Jim Sciuto, "The numbers this year are way down with only about 20 first offense violations several weeks into the school year." A first offense violation includes charges like minor in possession of alcohol, public possession of alcohol and alcohol being used as a decoration.

As noted in the Crime Statistics Report from 2005 that can be found on the Saint Mary's website (click on Clery Act-Campus Security Act), a total of 288 violations of Saint Mary's College policy related to alcohol were referred to Student Conduct for disciplinary action last year, 46 of which violated California state law, and 242 of which violated college policy. That is a decrease from 314 violations of the same sort in 2004. Chief of Public Safety Bill Foley is impressed by the low numbers this year and stated, "We're tending to see less open consumption of alcohol on campus. There haven't been as many red cups

der the influence (DUI) tickets have been issued on campus this semester, and one was issued over the summer. Even so, Sciuto is "Pleased with where we are. There's always going to be violations, at least we are seeing a decrease."

Foley ventures that the culture in the United States has contributed to the decrease in DUIs and similar infringements. He thinks designated drivers are more common at parties. "There is more awareness" about the negative effects of alcohol, said Foley.

AlcoholEdu in its second year is helping." The mandatory online course pushes incoming

freshmen to learn about alcohol and its effects through a series of stories, facts and surveys. All freshmen have to pass a test before starting school in August and complete a follow-up survey after the first month of school before registering for January Term. Freshmen are usually the targets of alcohol awareness campaigns because, said Foley, "They have not as many inhibitions. It is a time for experimentation and to

The Department of Public Safety has worked closely with chiefs of the Moraga, Orinda and Lafayette Police Departments the past few years to try and decrease drinking problems on campus and in the community. The chiefs of the three cities and Foley meet once a month to discuss the involvement of Saint Mary's students in off campus crimes. Foley reports there has been no escalation in DUIs issued to students on and off-

campus so far this year. Programs put into place by Public Safety and the Health and Wellness Center such as members of the security team personally

speaking to students have most likely contributed to the impressive numbers. Beer goggles are used as a tool about 12 times per academic year to assist students in realizing the great extent to which alcohol impairs judgment. Foley also added, "I think

learn limits." Foley said, "Freshmen are usually the first to get their stomachs pumped." Usually in the first two or three weeks of school more first year students over-indulge and get caught intoxicated in public places. This year has been different so far, with the numbers of violations lower than this time last year.

Although statistics are positive, more measures are being taken to protect the welfare of the Saint Mary's students. Foley said, "October 16 will be National Think About Drinking Week." Its purpose, of course, is to create a greater sense of alcohol awareness. The week will be full of a variety of presentations and events. Both the Counseling Center and the Health and Wellness Center will be involved in the ac-

## How does the Internet Gauge Drinking at Saint Mary's

Several Facebook groups have been made to pay homage to drinking, here are the stats:

But Why Is the Rum Gone?	- 251 students -
Drinking On Weekdays Is a Good Choice	- 120 students -
Finish Your Drink... there are sober kids in India	- 244 students -
I love coors light [sic]	- 62 students -
SMC - we get f***ed up right	- 69 students -

Enforcement throughout the United States, but especially in California will be increased. More policemen will patrol streets and highways on high risk days like the Wednesday before

group *Finish your drink...there are sober kids in India*, had 244 members at press time. When searching on Facebook.com, only two group of students who do not drink came up: *Smc Non-drinkers*, with a total of nine members and *sXe (Straight Edge)*, which had one member.

While it may seem that alcohol is still prominent in college life, it is clear that Saint Mary's College is on the right track to saving more students from making mistakes with alcohol that cannot be taken back. Foley said, "All of us need to hold ourselves responsible for the community we live and work in. This means making the choice not to get behind the wheel drunk and not letting friends drink excessively. We owe it to each other to be responsible."

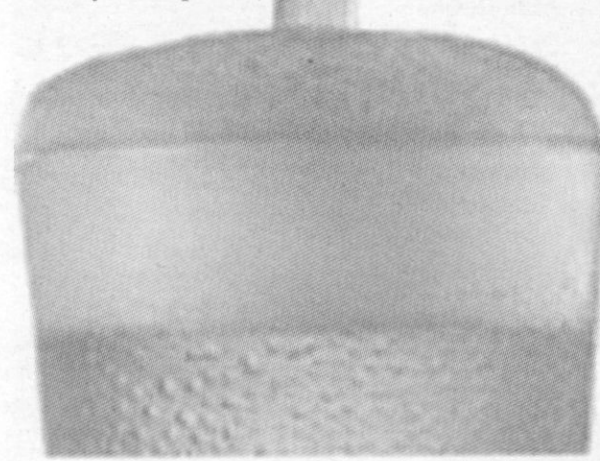
Obviously, Public Safety wants underage students to abstain from drinking, but they hope that if members of the Saint Mary's College community decide to drink they will do so in the safest way possible.

"We're tending to see less open consumption of alcohol on campus. There haven't been as many red cups and empty beer bottles lying around."

Bill Foley  
Chief of Public Safety

Thanksgiving. The purpose of the event and efforts to crackdown on drinking in general are, "Not to kill the fun and joy, but to keep [students] from being killed," said Foley.

All of the decreases in violations are great to hear about, but have things really changed? Out of a total of 16 Facebook.com groups that involve drinking, *But Why is the Rum Gone?* had 251 members from Saint Mary's, *Drinking On Weekdays Is a Good Choice*, had 120 members, and the



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and empty beer bottles lying around."

However, numbers still aren't perfect. Several students have already been transported to local hospitals like Kaiser and John Muir Hospital due to alcohol poisoning. At least two driving un-

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## Warrantless and unconstitutional

The security of a nation is not superior to the protection of civil rights and liberties. A nation that is operated by the violation of those principles is not worth defending. So when the Democrats surrendered to Republican claims that they were coddling terrorists by not sanctioning presidential power to run warrantless wiretaps, they became just as culpable for the violation of individual rights as the Republicans who initiated the bill.

There is no justification for a bill that permits the federal government to eavesdrop on individuals without due legal process. If the government suspects terrorism within national borders, let them do as administrations before them have done, and compile the evidence constitutionally. It is not the fault of innocent citizens that even when officials have evidence, the government fails to act upon it, as with the attacks on the Cole and September 11. If federal officials are not competent within their current powers, there is no reason to increase them.

Commenting on the Democrats' recalcitrance to approve the bill, Majority Leader John Boehner said that "to always have reasons why you just can't vote 'yes,' I think speaks volumes when it comes to which party is better able and more willing to take on the terrorists and defeat them," according to the Associated Press. In other words, to oppose the Republican agenda is back-pedaling. What Boehner must have missed at the beginning of this last week was the declassified report that the Republican agenda has increased the terrorist danger since 9/11, otherwise he would not dare to suggest that his party has actually effectively taken on the abstract terrorism. What they have done is spread American forces out. What they have done is created anti-military, anti-expansionism, and anti-globalization sentiment worldwide. What they have done is alienate us from other countries, who blame us for their increasing terrorist problems—and that will rebound to whoever is in office after November.

The House bill states that the president can conduct warrantless wiretaps if he notifies the proper intelligence committees and congressional leaders, "believes" an attack is imminent (later explains why), and renews his license every 90 days. All he needs are yes men, possible cause, and a rubber stamp. We agreed to be spied upon because...? The House bill [H.R. 5825] is pending a Senate recognition and reconciliation between the differences, though hopefully none will be achieved before majority control of Congress shifts.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to address a letter posted in last issues *Collegian* by Melanie Petruzzi. Her letter expressed disgust at some of the new policies that Oliver Hall (Saga) has implemented this year and had a bad experience with one of the workers because she forgot her card. I am very disappointed with her attitude towards the workers in Oliver Hall and find her reasoning to be a contradiction to the mission of this Lasallian institution. First of all, there is a sign at the entrance of Saga that states you must have your card for entry or otherwise pay. This isn't the first year they have had this policy, but students keep forgetting to bring their card, that they have let it slide and punched in their numbers. Everyone forgets once in awhile—but multiply the number of students that forget a hundred times and that may shed light as to why they have this policy. Also, while Ms. Petruzzi may not have had the intention of lying to the worker at the entrance, some students do. The situation didn't escalate because the worker was mean, it escalated because Ms. Petruzzi went ahead and served herself anyways *without* providing any form of payment and undermining the worker's authority. Also, you can walk anywhere on campus in literally 15 minutes. Why not just walk back and go get your card? All these are little things we can remember to better respect those working in Saga. However, this isn't the only part that disturbed me about her letter...

Ms. Petruzzi states that she has witnessed worker's taking a break during the times that Saga is closed. What's the problem? Imagine working all day in a kitchen serving over a thousand students 3-4 times a day. Heaven forbid a worker takes a break to eat and breathe! It's standard job procedure. And why should they have to pay? That's where they work all day/week long to serve the students. Ms. Petruzzi explains, "She [the worker] gets paid to slide cards all day, and she probably eats while on the job." I find this assessment to be first, not properly supported whatsoever, but also a complete insult to this worker's authority. Who cares what their job is? It's the principle of the matter. Why should someone compromise their job for someone who's not following the policies? As students we are privileged to be in college, and we must remember not to let our privileges blind us. I hope Ms. Petruzzi remembers that everyone who works on this campus has a life and a story, and not to question people's integrity just because they are simply following the rules of their job. Let's please show some respect and empathy.

Another Disgusted Student,

Lindsey Rosellini '07

All Should Be Welcome  
 "Let us remember..." These key words that begin every service at Saint Mary's College are central to our mission at this school. These key words that encompass every event, every mass, every meeting, every prayer... Are they just words? Or are we called to action?

On Monday, September 11, 2006, we were called once again to remember. The so-called "stage" was set to honor those who lost their lives five years ago in the attacks on September 11th. Flags were placed delicately on the chapel lawn, each one representing a lost life. There was a sign placed before the chapel lawn reminding us of the immense loss that was experienced by all, a number that reflects one much greater than all of the students at SMC. We were called to remember.

That Monday morning, we were called to remember as the bell was rung at 9:11 a.m., and a moment of silence was held by those who chose to listen. Following the ringing of the bell, there was supposed to be a reading of the names, that the flags represent, the names of those lost, a reading that seemed to be postponed into the afternoon. The afternoon came, and went, still, no reading of the names. The reading of the names did not happen until two girls took it upon themselves to read them, because someone had to do it. Someone had to remember, and it seemed like many forgot.

They read the names. They read the names for four hours until the PA system was being taken away. They read to remember.

No one came to help; no one

that was supposed to be in charge of the event came to acknowledge it happening. Few stopped. Thank you to those who stopped. Thank you for remembering.

The SMC Republicans were supposed to be in charge of the event. So, what happened? One of the girls in charge was very sick that day. I hope she feels better. But what about the rest of the club? Where were they? This day they sought after remembering, they forgot.

Apparently there was a slight struggle between who was in charge of and participating in the event to commemorate 9/11. As featured before in the *Collegian*, a few clubs came together to paint the SMC black. Thank you to those clubs for remembering. Supposedly these clubs were somehow not allowed by the SMC Republicans to participate in the reading of the names. Since the SMC Republicans were so set upon doing this activity themselves, why did it not get done? How did they live up to their own constitution, found online at <http://www.stmarys.collegegop.org/pages/about-us/constitution.php>? They didn't. How did they promote the Republican Party? They didn't. How did they live the constitution and platform of the National Republican Party (information and links may be found at <http://www.gop.com/>)? They didn't. How did they set aside politics and live inclusively as humans, as Americans? They didn't. How could they forget the one day they promoted to remember?

The hurt that was felt that day needs to be remembered to honor those who were lost, those who are heroes, those who are loved.

It needs to be remembered to honor those who are fighting for us now. It needs to be remembered to honor the freedoms of our country. All are called to remember. "All are welcome..."

Why such a division, then, between clubs? Why make it into a political statement? So, we have different opinions and different beliefs. Big deal! We certainly have one thing we all have in common: We are Americans! If you are not proud to be an American, why are you here? And if you are proud, what are you doing about it? Yelling at your neighbor because you voted differently? Fostering feelings of hate because people support different sides of an ongoing war? What ever happened to loving one's neighbor? What ever happened to remembering?

This forgetfulness deserves an apology. How could one forget such an important day, a day that changed the lives of millions, a day that stopped time, a day so many loved ones were lost, a day tragedy hit our country? How could one forget a day that showed us unity, a day that brought us a reason to appreciate what we have, a day that showed us what love of our country and love of each other is really about, a day our freedom and unity was tried? How could one forget? How could YOU forget?

"Let us remember..." Where is the action? Where is the remembrance? What are you doing to remember? Where is the apology? We are called as one people, not a divided people, to take action. We are called as one people to honor, to remember!

A Concerned Student

Dear Collegian Editors:

A propos of the opinion column by Scott Cullinane entitled, "Terrorists [sic] Protection" and the suspension of rights and civil liberties for United States citizens enacted in Congress on September 28, the Women's Studies Board would like to express the following to the St. Mary's community: that we find torture to be a morally abhorrent practice everywhere in the world and under any and all circumstances; that we affirm the principle that torture is never appropriate in the questioning of detainees under any circumstances whatsoever; and that we believe a Catholic and Lasallian institution such as ours must oppose the practice, support, proposed used, and advocacy of emotional, psychological, physical, and any other permutation of torture in the strongest possible terms as a matter of principle, morality, and human decency.

For the Women's Studies Board,  
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In your September 12, 2006 paper Scott Cullinane asks why we should refrain from torturing terrorists. After all, he says, terrorists "follow no laws," they torture civilians; in short, they are uncivilized. Why shouldn't we torture them?

Because we do follow laws, we are civilized, we are, in short, everything that the terrorists are not. If we despise the tactics of terror so much, why are we so eager to adopt them? In sinking to their level, we are allowing terrorists to define the terms of this conflict.

For that matter, it has become apparent that at least a few of the so called "terrorists" we have detained were in fact innocent of any crimes. The level of uncertainty involved in even identifying an individual as a "terrorist" makes the practice of torture even more dubious.

Joshua Richmond, '08

In response to Scott Cullinane's "Iraq is the new Japan" (Tuesday, Sep. 26), it is important to look at major differences and similarities as well as superficial ones. One major difference is the number of U.S. troops, which in Japan was far greater. The Japanese did not routinely shoot at or bomb U.S. troops, or each other. And Japan did attack us first. The occupation was not a rallying cry for militant Asians to attack America worldwide. So while Scott made some good points, there are a few other tidbits that should also be remembered.

Carl Thelen, Information Architect, CaTS

## Collegian View

Dear readers,

Thank you for all your letters.

Due to a large influx of letters to the editor, some of these letters have been pushed back once or twice. Though we are now caught up, we kindly remind you to try to keep your letters at 200 words.

Thanks for your readership.



# Bush assassination film awarded in Canada

Death of a President *has no excuse for disgusting insult to America*

The movie distributor Newmarket, which distributed the controversial film *Passion of the Christ* is at it again with the release of a new movie: *Death of a President*, which premiered at the Toronto Film Festival. This is a 90-minute docu-drama depicting a fictional assassination of President Bush.



MICHAEL ANTONOPOULOS

The film begins in the year 2007, and shows President Bush being shot to death while leaving after giving a speech at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago. If you think that's horrible, the filmmakers actually chose to digitally edit Bush's face onto the actor who is shot, so that it may have a more realistic affect. Following the assassination Dick Cheney becomes president and makes a somewhat heartless speech to the nation. Then it is strongly implied that the Cheney Administration uses a Syrian man as a scapegoat for the murder. Later Cheney utilizes the falsely accused Syrian, to gain momentum to pass the Patriot Act III, which brings the United States just that much closer to becoming a police state.

After, Cheney goes on to win reelection in a landslide victory. This movie is wrong any way you look at it.

Perhaps the worst aspect about the movie is its storyline, which uses the current United States president versus a fictional character. That is incredibly disrespectful not only to the President but also to all Americans, no matter what political affiliation. Almost as shocking as the content was the date that it premiered, September 11, 2006. This infamous date should be a time when people across the world unite to mourn and pay homage to those that lost their lives on that tragic day, and the fact that the Toronto Film Festival chose to show a film that has an American president being assassinated on this date is

inexcusable.

Now I'm all for free speech, but with freedom comes responsibility, and the Toronto Film Festival should have known better. Unfortunately, it gets much worse. In addition to showing the movie the film also received an award. The International Federation of Film Critics actually had the audacity to award the film the prestigious International Critics' Prize. It was a unanimous decision, with the five-member panel voting to honor the film with the prize. When the International Federation of Film Critics began to feel the wrath of an angry America, their response was that the film was given the award "[F]or the audacity with which it distorts reality to reveal a larger truth."

While Toronto may think that this piece of garbage is art, Americans aren't quite taking a film about their President's death lightly.

America's FoxNews.com President Roger Friedman stated that the film was "utterly tasteless." Actor Kevin Costner criti-

cized the movie for not taking the feelings of the President and his family into consideration. Even one of Bush's biggest opponents, New York Senator and potential Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton blasted the film stating that she thought "...it's despicable...I think it's absolutely outrageous. That anyone would even attempt to profit on such a horrible scenario makes me sick." And that's coming from Hillary. Many have speculated that the secret service will have problems with the screening of this film in the United States, but so far the agency hasn't had an official response. Currently there are plans to release the film in American theaters across the nation.

Despite how much I detest this film, I also support the first amendment; therefore I am not implying that it should somehow be illegal to show it in the United States. Many of you may be curious to see this film, but I'd say stay home and save yourself 10 bucks rather than watching someone's pathetic fantasy on the big screen.

# The importance of context

Geoffrey Meadows  
Staff Writer

Pope Benedict XVI recently made a scholarly speech at his alma mater regarding the loss of right reason in the West. This speech has surprisingly drawn the ire of many Islamic communities. In the introduction of his academic address the Pope made reference to a dialogue between the 14th century dialogue between the then Byzantine Emperor Manuel II and a learned Persian:

"He turns to his interlocutor somewhat brusquely with the central question on the relationship between religion and violence in general, in these words 'Show me just what Mohammed has brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached.' The emperor goes on to explain in detail the reasons that spreading faith through violence is something unreasonable. Violence is incompatible with the nature of God and the nature of the soul," said the Vatican Radio Provisional Text.

Notice that the Pope does not expressly endorse the veracity of the emperor's assessment of Mohammed and even mentions the "brusqueness" of the comment. The reasons are obvious: the Pope is not making a speech about Islam, he is making a point about the necessity of right reason, not, as some have referred to it, as a call to go back to the crusader mentality of the middle ages.

Yet the reaction by various Muslim countries and certain religious leaders has been unreasonable. They apparently equated the emperor's comments to the Pope's own opinion which is clearly due to their inability to take things contextually or their refusal to actually read the speech. Instead seven churches were attacked in the West Bank and a nun was murdered in Somalia. Further, Indonesia, Turkey, and Pakistan have demanded that the Pope apologize personally. Not quite the way to convince people that the Pope was in error.

Let's say, hypothetically, that Pope Benedict and Manuel II shared the same view. What exactly about these countries' responses would have cured him of that prejudice? They decided to prove the emperor's point by showing that they lack reason.

It seems that many people are eager to bandy out the inflammatory language of the crusades. But more often than not the same people are almost wholly ignorant of what incited the crusades. As politically incorrect as it is to point out, the crusades were a direct response to the incessant Ottoman/Muslim invasions threatening to collapse Christendom.

Thankfully the Holy Father was the model of diplomacy in this ordeal and actually invited a Muslim delegation to the Vatican to explain that those views were not his own and that he had a "deep respect for Islam."

# Deporting woman with Nazi past a mistake

Government ignores current racial problems in favor of punishing past offenders

Khalida Sarwari  
Staff Writer

Imagine spending 47 years living a comfortable life with a man you love before an unexpected knock on the door one day nine months after his death brings you to confront the sordid past you thought you'd left behind nearly five decades ago.

In other words, imagine being 83-year-old Elfriede Rinkel, a concentration camp guard during the Holocaust. Most of us would rather not. It is unimaginable to consider the double life this woman has led. At the age of 21, she served as a guard at the Ravensbruck women's labor camp in Germany, where she worked with an SS-trained attack dog, and, where eventually 90,000 people perished by the end of WWII. Nine years after the end of the war, Rinkel moved to the Bay Area after being sponsored by her brother and his wife. After settling in San Francisco, Rinkel met her

husband, Fred Rinkel, at a German-American club. The couple married in 1962 and was inseparable thereafter, according to the accounts given by their neighbors.

One of the most controversial facets of this story is that her husband, a German-born Jew whose parents perished in the camps, never had the chance to find out the inconvenient truth about his wife's past. After his death in 2004, federal prosecutors paid Rinkel a visit to question her use of attack dogs after matching her personnel card from the Nazi camp to U.S. immigration records. When Rinkel didn't deny the veracity of those artifacts, it was decided early last month that she would be deported back to her native Germany.

The government made the wrong choice in its decision to deport Rinkel. Essentially, by doing so it is helping to perpetuate a never-ending cycle of hate and ignorance. Instead of banishing the problem (in this case,

Rinkel), the government should have taken the opportunity to confront it head-on to get to the root of why she did what she did and thus hopefully gain a better understanding of the operations of evil in which she voluntarily worked as a guard. It is a decision that begs the question: What was the point? They sent her back to make a point, but not necessarily a very sensible one. The government's attempt to exemplify that this country has no place for Nazism is a very simple-minded way of looking at the bigger issue—racism and prejudice. Nazism was just another shade of racism. What is the point of eradicating one type of racism and turning a blind eye towards the racism of different shapes and forms that still exists in this country today, albeit more subtle than it was four decades ago?

It is true that we owe a great deal of responsibility to the past and the people who resided in the past, but what about our respon-

sibility to the future? Should we forsake our duty to the progression of the future in order to avenge the memories of those who have passed on? It is no easy task to right the wrongs of the past, and perhaps it is not really within our power to do so, but if we attempt it, then we must do it right. One way to right those wrongs is for each one of us to take responsibility for making the future a better place for all, by fighting against racism and prejudice when and where we see it. This is a more constructive approach than singling out one individual to blame the fault of an entire society on. After all, what value has history, if not to teach us lessons that we can apply to present, as well as future, circumstances? The Holocaust taught us that hate and prejudice only breeds more hate and prejudice. What if we were the generation that could work towards ultimately discontinuing that cycle?

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## Download Festival grooves its way through Shoreline

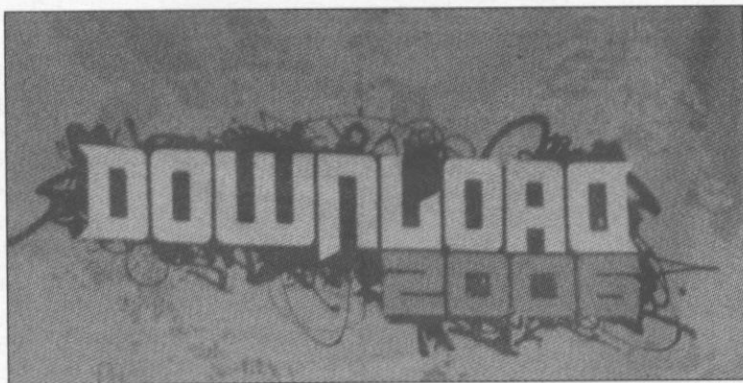
Muse, Shins highlights of show that brings together various genres of music

by Adrian Garro  
Staff Writer

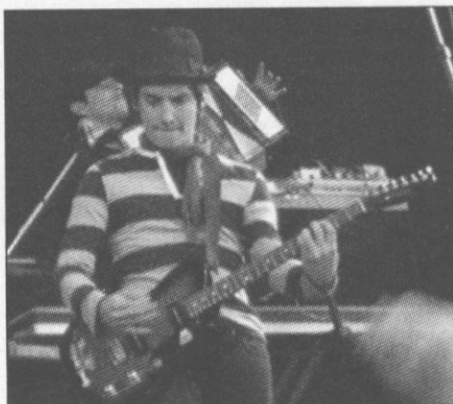
This past Saturday, the Download Festival made its second-annual stop at the Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View. While last year's lineup was comprised of up-and-coming buzz bands such as Modest Mouse and Arcade Fire (who would go on to attain big indie scene popularity in the ensuing months), this year's lineup was slightly more listener-friendly. It boasted bands and artists such as Beck, Muse, the Shins, Coheed and Cambria, and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs. Wolfmother, the rising young Australian band, unfortunately cancelled a few days prior, due to a familial situation.

At any rate, the show was still top-notch. Kinky, a Mexican band specializing in an interesting blend of funk, jazz, dance-pop and rock, impressively emerged at 5 p.m. on the second stage. They had good stage presence for a band that is practically unknown by most of the country, their good vibe showing up in songs such as *Sister Twisted*, the lead single off of the new album *Reina*.

Next was the Shins, the band most people are familiar with on account of the soundtrack to Zach Braff's film *Garden State*. They were clad in black pants and dress shirts as they played their breezy, cheery Brit-Pop in an entertaining set that showcased singer James Russell Mercer's unique



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vocal talents. The band's set sounded like a soundtrack to accompany a jaunt in a grassy field, surrounded by cherubs dancing with unicorns and flowers. Their upbeat, catchy tunes made for a fun show, and put everyone in an amiable mood.

This feel-good set was in direct opposition to the sort of emotions displayed by second-stagers Coheed and Cambria. Despite having a goofy, cartoon-character like frontman in Claudio Sanchez (with his extreme hair and very

high-pitched voice), the band's music is earnestly performed catchy pseudo-prog radio rock. Each album the band releases has something to do with an ongoing narrative the band has created. The songs stand well on their own too, with catchy, crunching riffs and solid, memorable harmonies.

After a short break, British darlings Muse hit the main stage. I had always heard they had an amazing live show, which definitely proved to be an accurate description. Opening with a blistering rendition of *Knights of Cydonia*, from the new album *Black Holes and Revelations*, the band tore through its hour-long set with intense renditions of *Hysteria*, *Time is Running Out*, among others. They were the highlight of the show, by far eclipsing my expectations, and putting the band high on my must-see-again list.

The same cannot be said for the Yeah Yeah Yeahs. Lead singer Karen O pranced around onstage like a spastic screeching cat, wearing a low-cut sequined dress that left little to the imagination. The band has a lot of visual energy, but the songs are lacking; and hard to tell apart from each other. For some reason, they were the second-to-last band to play, which says something about their popularity. Maybe the material just does not translate well on-stage, but they were not that impressive.

Beck, the visionary genre-bending artist that has been around for close to 15 years, closed the show. He opened with a marionette version of his band playing the classic track *Loser*, with the real band joining in onstage. After going through a few hits including *Devil's Haircut* and some tracks from the new album *The Information*, the set began to stall, with a bout of slower-paced, draggy acoustic songs. Having already seen Beck a few times this year, I recognized it as the same general set as before. Beck is a great entertainer, but bogging down the middle of a set with slower songs after a day-long festival show is somewhat of a bad decision. We decided to leave early, but I figured I had already seen what I would be missing. Nevertheless, Beck was amazing.

Overall, the show was definitely worthwhile, and I look forward to see what next year's version will bring.

## 100 Word Reviews

### China Wall: great wall of buffet

by Frankie Mangini  
Sports Editor

The Chinese restaurant, China Wall, in Concord, is a nice surprise for everyone who walks through the door. It is a great place to take the family or a group of friends.

The all-you-can-eat set-up is well worth the 10 dollars. Have you ever seen a menu at any Chinese restaurant, and wanted to try each item? Well at China Wall you can, because each night they have forty different dishes ready to eat, everything from Ginger Crab, to Orange Chicken, Walnut Prawns, and even Sushi. If you love good food, especially Chinese food, you definitely want to eat here.

### Gridiron Gang comes through

by Amber Lister  
Staff Writer

Seemingly a Pop Warner remake of *The Longest Yard*, *Gridiron Gang* proves itself as a compelling drama that addresses the real life issue of gang violence.

The Rock and Xzibit star as probation officers-turned-coaches who make an impact on the lives of teens attending Camp Kilpatrick, a detention center in Los Angeles. Based on a true story, *Gridiron Gang* hasn't reached the top of the charts for nothing. It surpasses other films of its kind in that it has a valid message. Just as *Boyz n the Hood* did, the film serves as a wake up call to the American public. This film is worth seeing at least once.

### I can't believe I remember these songs!

by Adrian Garro  
Staff Writer

Late '90s pop music is awesome.

It is the soundtrack to our youth. Before I developed my own musical taste, I listened to Z95.7 every day (remember, Bay Area kids?). The station played all the hits, from Savage Garden to LFO, with everything else in between.

I played a CD of these songs at a friend's dorm last week, and it was a huge hit. That shows the awesomeness of these songs: they remind us of middle-school dances, skating rinks, and other events of our past.

I like these songs for that reason, as well as because they are just so darn catchy.

Don't be ashamed to admit that you like them too.

## Lonelygirl15 isn't real...it's staged

Internet series on YouTube actually independent film project

by Stefanie Wang  
Webmaster

In June of '06, the user *lonelygirl15* started posting web diaries on YouTube. It's supposed to be like an Internet diary about the events in her life. Already it has gained enough notoriety to score an entry on Wikipedia. The girl's name is Bree, and the viewer is told she is home schooled, which makes things interesting. Some of the intrigue of her webisodes include the references to her obscure religion, which could be Druish, Thelema, etc. Some even speculate it to be satanic. The references are somewhat bizarre, and include things like special secret ceremonies and midnight trips to the country.

The first *lonelygirl15* YouTube webisode I saw was "Poor Pluto," which is about Pluto being exiled from the Planet Club. It wasn't really funny; in fact, it was actually kind of weird. But the series seemed to be relatively popular on YouTube, (her videos are among those most viewed) so I watched another webisode. The show wasn't spectacular, but it was honest and something that normal viewers could identify with or understand—or so we thought...



Courtesy of www.theage.com

A couple weeks ago, the public discovered that *lonelygirl15*, supposedly a 16-year-old girl named Bree, is actually 19-year-old New Zealand actress, Jessica Rose. Gasp! I know, it is some seriously shocking news. The impact was received as a great blow to the I-need-a-hobby community.

After the public discovered Bree to be a fictional character, several users made hate videos on YouTube and others left rude comments on her recent videos. They called her fake and stupid. One user even went so far as to say that the only reason her videos have been viewed so many times is because pervy old men get a kick out of it. I'm sorry, but

that is just stupid. So what if viewers feel betrayed by this "scam?" It was their choice to emotionally invest in the *lonelygirl15* videos; that doesn't make the work of the actors and directors stupid or wrong.

Among some of my favorite riled up comments is: "i [sic] hate you shutup [sic] and stop making lame videos, your [sic] gay!" from *lambogod112*. Of course, with such an intelligent and mature, (let alone grammatically correct) expression of betrayal and revulsion, one can sympathize with the type of user who would leave this kind of comment. Acceptance is the first step toward healing.

Before the recent revelation,

there were speculations about the validity of the Internet show, but for the most part, the underground audience was content with believing that a real 16-year-old girl was making these quirky little episodes. In fact, I think this speaks for the skill and ingenuity of the makers of *lonelygirl15*, screenwriter and filmmaker Ramesh Flinders, and surgical resident-turned-filmmaker Miles Beckett. The Internet is a great and cheap way to reach out to people, they just figured it out.

The biggest problem I have with the angry objectors is their stupidity and close-mindedness. The series has since come to a what seems to be premature ending on the basis of Bree leaving the show for her religion, but in all likelihood is because of the intense backlash the series received from the public. Angry posts have been made that toss around the words "amateur" ("one who cultivates anything as a pastime as distinguished from one who prosecutes it professionally," according to OED.com), and "fake" as insults; but really, isn't that what acting is—when one person assumes a dramatic role of another? And as for "amateur" insult...isn't that what the viewers expected?



# First round of Townhouse Olympics a success

## Lower townhouse residents compete in shrimp cook-off

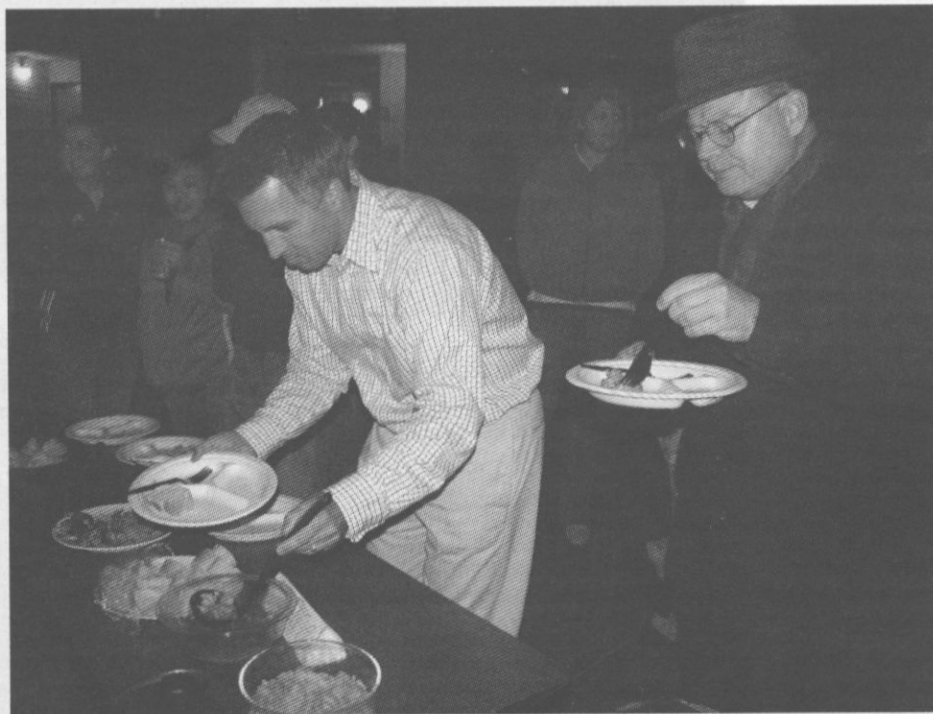
# And the winners are...

by J. Harry Painter  
Chief Copy Editor

And the games are on. That's right, this past Wednesday evening, residents from the lower townhouses joined in commencing the first-ever Townhouse Olympics. In this preliminary round of the games, students from five of the six dorms (my own Guerrieri West was mysteriously absent from the competition) partook in an intense struggle to determine which building has the most talented chef; or at least to determine who can do the most interesting thing with a bucket of shrimp.

That being the only stipulation of the contest, people were permitted to let their creative juices flow as they attempted to deliver the tastiest shrimp dish they could put together by 7:30 p.m., when designated judges, Assistant Registrar Craig Means, and History professor Brother Charles Hilken were slated to try each dish. The residents of Guerrieri East could be seen working hard in collaboration on the first floor of the hall, while Sabatte took a different approach, with three meals being prepared in seclusion by individual cooks.

A variety of different meals were being prepared as early as 4:30 p.m., ranging from such deli-



Craig Means (left) and Brother Charles Hilken (right) samples the contending recipies.

cacies as shrimp étouffée to empanadas, and of course the popular bacon-wrapped shrimp.

Everyone beamed with confidence prior to the deadline. "Ours is a complex recipe; it's different," said Kellie Brown '08, a resident of Sabatte Hall. "I hope we win."

Jeff Walling '08 of Guerrieri East had other plans for that evening. Walling said, "I think we're going to win. Definitely."

This would turn out to be the

beginnings of a culinary rivalry that continued until the winner was at last announced. Even as the judges were busy tasting the dishes, Sabatte and Guerrieri East were fired up in the heat of the competition. A Guerrieri East resident exclaimed, "Sabatte came here, but I'm still looking for somebody!" which was answered back with, "You'll find somebody when we win!"

However, despite the intense rivalry between the two, neither impressed the judges enough to achieve the ultimate prize. Instead, Syfy Hall came away with a sleeper victory and took first place, leaving Guerrieri East and Sabatte behind at second and third places, respectively.

While the runner-ups were shocked by their losses, the judges' decisions were unanimous. "We compared notes, and it was kind of easy to come to a consensus," Hilken said.

The dish that won over the judges was one of three bacon-wrapped shrimp dishes presented that night. "The bacon, there was something it was marinated in. It was complex," Means said.

Kathryn Mahoney, Syfy Hall's resident director, was in high spirits to say the least. "It was a group effort," she said. Mahoney explained that her roots in the south were in part respon-

sible for her hall's success in the cook-off. "I've lived in the South for a long time and don't cook shrimp a lot. I knew one of my Southern cook-books would have shrimp in it."

Brian Doss '08, Sabatte Hall's resident advisor and mastermind behind the Townhouse Olympics, was happy with the way the cook-off turned out. "I just thought it'd be good to

bring people together, have a good time," he said.

Walling also had positive feelings about the event. He said, "I think it's cool, get everyone together, all the townhouses." Walling, who transferred this semester and did not have the opportunity to participate in the Freshman Olympics, also pointed out, "I'm sick of the Saga."

Brown's one gripe about the cook-off was the choice of the key ingredient. "They could've picked something a little more general that everyone would have been able to participate in," she said.

Regardless of the ingredient, the event was received positively by almost all who participated. "I thought it was great. It was represented well. People looked like they had fun," said Mahoney.

Hilken said, "Fourteen years and I've never seen anything like this."

Those who did not participate in Wednesday's cook-off, despite missing out on a fun evening, have little reason to despair. There are still two events remaining in the Olympics, specifically basketball and softball.

Mahoney, reveling in her victory, offers a few final words of consolation to her opponents: "Best of luck next time."



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## Barbecue Shrimp

- 24 large shrimp, shelled, deveined, tails left on
- 24 slices bacon
- 1 to 2 large onions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons dry stems
- ½ tablespoon ground ginger
- ½ tablespoon chili powder

Cut shrimp down back and open out like a butterfly. Place a slice of onion on the shrimp, fold up and wrap in a slice of bacon; hold together for the marinade and pour over the shrimp. Leave in marinade for one hour. Turn in shrimp two or three times. Barbecue over medium fire until the shrimp are cooked and bacon is crispy. Yield: four to six servings

-Compliments of Penny Fenton



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Syfy Hall "takes the shrimp."

## Shrimp and Crab Étouffée

- 3 sticks margarine
- 4 medium onions, chopped
- 2 bell peppers, chopped
- 6 ribs celery, chopped
- 2 pounds cleaned shrimp
- 6 sprigs parsley, chopped
- 6 green onion tops, chopped

Melt margarine, sauté onions, bell peppers and celery until wilted, then add shrimp. Cook covered until shrimp are almost done. Add crabs for about five minutes or until hot. Add parsley and onion tops. I always do this with leftover crabs. Yield: 6-8 servings

- Compliments of Mrs. Herbin P. Breaux

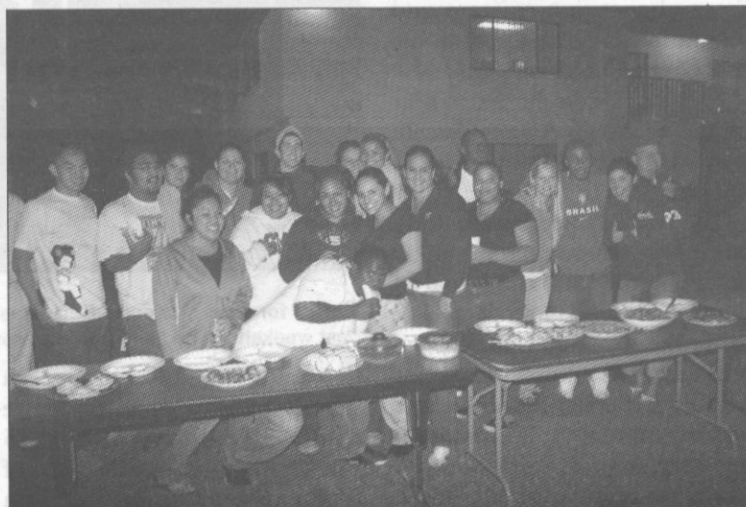
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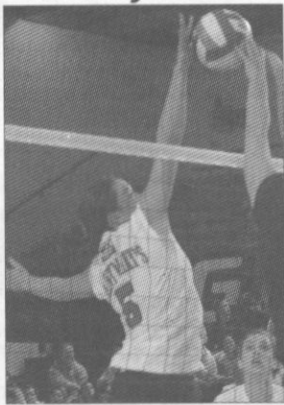




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**Players  
of the Week**

**Mandy Bible**



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Senior Mandy Bible led the Gaels in a comeback win over #9 Santa Clara. Bible played the whole match and had 55 assists and 13 digs. She had eight kills, eight solo blocks and two assisted blocks to give her a total of 17 points for the match. She also had 36 assists on Saturday's match against #25 San Diego.

**Dylan Leslie**



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Freshman midfielder Dylan Leslie scored the first three goals for the Gaels in Friday's victory against the University of San Diego Toreros. It was Leslie's first hat trick in his collegiate career, scoring on a header, a volley and a penalty kick.

**Sports  
Calendar**

Today, October 3  
Men's Golf  
Northwest Collegiate Classic  
Corvallis, OR  
All Day

Friday, October 6  
**Women's Soccer  
vs. UC Davis**  
4 p.m.

Men's Soccer  
@ Portland  
7 p.m.

Saturday, October 7  
Cross Country  
San Francisco State Invitational  
@ Golden Gate Park  
9 a.m.

**Women's Volleyball  
vs. San Francisco**  
TBA

Sunday, October 8  
Men's Soccer  
@ Gonzaga  
1 p.m.

**Women's Soccer  
vs. San Francisco**  
1 p.m.

Monday, October 9  
Men's Golf  
Alister Mackenzie Invite  
@ Fairfax, CA  
All Day

**Gaels take Broncos for a ride**

*Volleyball splits weekend with #9 Broncos and #25 Toreros*

by **Zach Farmer**  
Managing Editor

In comeback fashion, Saint Mary's fought back from a 2-0 deficit to defeat archrival #9 Santa Clara 3-2. To #25 San Diego, they fell 3-1.

In the first game against Santa Clara, the Gaels fought hard but fell early as the Broncos took an early 8-3 lead. After a Saint Mary's timeout, the Gaels went on a 7-2 run, including multiple kills from Taylor Groess '09 and Cassandra Kolkka '07 to tie the game. The Gaels took a 29-27 lead for game point but could not hold on as Santa Clara came back and took the first game 32-30.

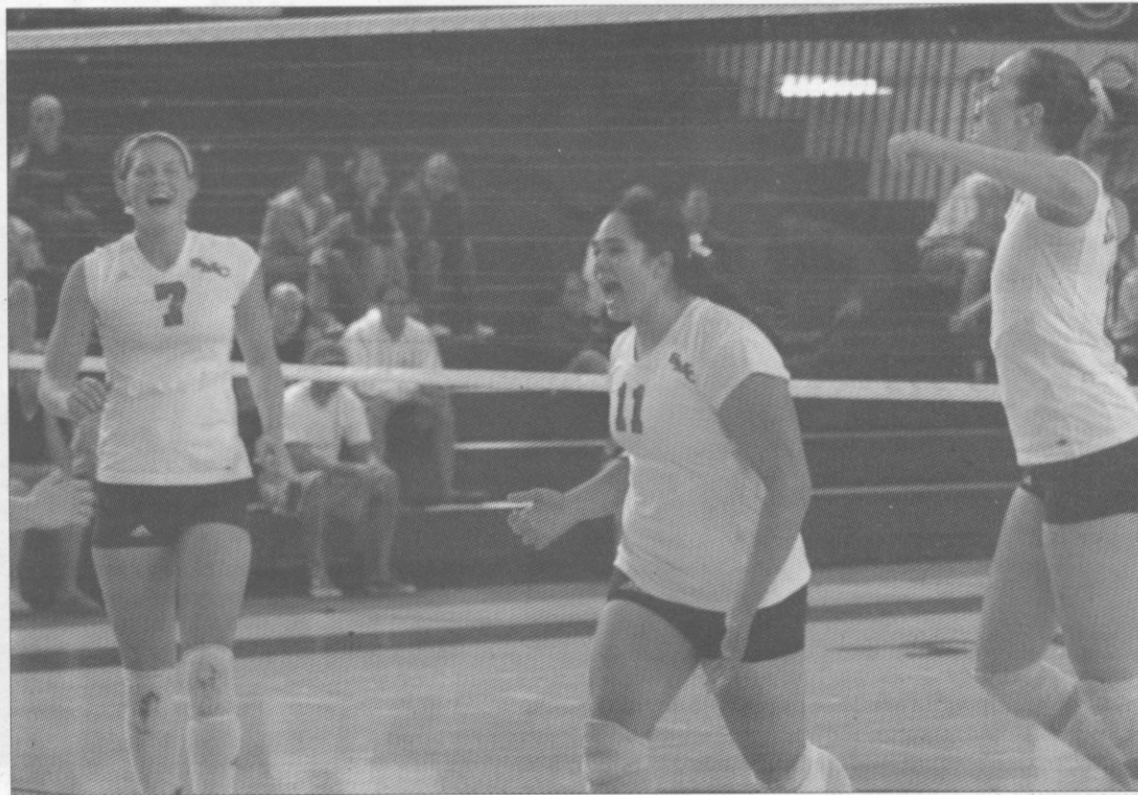
The second game was completely controlled by the Broncos as the Gaels could only get within seven points. Christina Kirk '07 had six kills in the game.

Middle blocker Brittany Barker '09 said, "We were with them the whole first game and there was no reason why we couldn't beat them." At the break, the Gaels regrouped and came back in a flurry.

The Gaels fell behind 12-7 in the third game but came back with a 10-2 run against the Broncos, capped off by a kill by Megan Burton '10 to take the lead 14-13. The momentum shifted when Missie Stidham '08 made a diving dig, which led to a Gaels point. Stidham recorded 12 digs.

The Gaels took the game 30-26 to narrow the gap two games to one.

The Gaels took the largest lead to that point in the fourth game when the Gaels took a 19-14 lead on a Mandy Bible '07 kill. Santa Clara got back within three points



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Taylor Groess '09 (7), Megan Burton '10 (11), and Christina Kirk '07 helped put together what Coach Browning called "a great team effort" against the Broncos last Thursday.

at 27-24 when the Gaels took a timeout. Saint Mary's closed out the match on an error by the Broncos, forcing a game five.

In the final game, the Gaels went on two separate runs of 4-0 and 3-0 to take a 11-5 lead before the Broncos took a timeout. Kills by Burton, Groess, and Kolkka finished off the Broncos, completing the upset.

"It was a great team effort. We had a lot of players contributing," said Head Coach Rob Browning. "My assistant coaches did a phenomenal job, making adjustments to Santa Clara and using our personnel."

Injuries had plagued the Gaels all season and this match showed

their perseverance. "Kolkka is playing on the front line for the first time since hurting her knee," said Browning.

Stidham returned, after hurting her ankle, unexpectedly for the match. "We didn't think Missie was going to play until last [Wednesday]," said Barker. Barker had nine kills and 10 blocks in the match.

The Gaels' record has fluctuated, not winning consecutive matches since mid-September. "We've been trying to figure out our team chemistry," said Barker. "It gives us the confidence that we can actually beat teams that are ranked ninth in the nation."

Kirk had a career-high in kills

with 22. Bible had a career match as she was two kills shy of a quadruple-double with eight kills, 55 assists, 13 digs, and 10 blocks.

The Gaels ran out of energy on Saturday as San Diego ran through the Gaels in four games. Saint Mary's took the first game 30-24 but ran out of gas as the Toreros turned on their game. In the third game, the Gaels fell 30-11. The game included seven Gael errors and a .027 attack percentage.

With the split over the weekend, the Gaels are 6-7 and 1-1 in West Coast Conference play. They will play San Francisco (16-3) this Saturday at McKeon Pavilion.

**Women's soccer loses two more on late goals**

*Saint Mary's scores one goal in losses to New Mexico and Northern Arizona*

by **Megan Manley**  
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team traveled to New Mexico for the New Mexico Tournament last week.

On Friday, the Gaels faced the University of New Mexico Lobos in the first round of the tournament. The game got off to a quick start, with both teams' defense almost non-existent and both teams tallying a goal in the first three minutes of play.

The Lobos were the first to heat up the net when Alanna Abeyta headed in a goal from 15 yards out only 1:55 in the game.

The Gaels rallied back quickly when sophomore forward Nikki Schrey nabbed her third goal of the season only 34 seconds later to tie the game at 1-1. Schrey's goal came off a cross from senior McKenna Belzer. Belzer's assist was her third of the season, leading the team in assists for the year.

The Gaels wouldn't score again, but the Lobos were nowhere near done. The Lobos tal-



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Senior forward McKenna Belzer assisted the lone goal for the Gaels this past weekend, when she made a cross to sophomore forward Nikki Schrey.

lied another goal in the 29th minute of play when Bridgette Sanchez floated a goal from 35 yards back right over the head of freshman Gael goalkeeper Tara Larson. The Lobos finished the half with a 2-1 lead.

Lobos' forward Hannah Hand scored the last goal of the day when she finished a long pass from Amber Wetsch in the 81st minute of play. New Mexico outshot the Gaels 15-8.

The Gaels continued play on

Sunday against the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks on the final day of the New Mexico Tournament.

After playing 80 minutes of scoreless soccer, Northern Arizona finally found the back of the net.

Northern Arizona's Kylie France scored her first goal from twenty-five yards out to give the Lumberjacks the lead.

The Gaels tried to score a last-minute goal. After a Saint Mary's corner kick, senior midfielder, Joelle Gizzi, took a shot from the top of the box. The shot rang off the post, and Northern Arizona secured the win 1-0.

The Gaels outshot the Lumberjacks 19-9 but were only able to put four shots on goal.

After the weekend, the Gaels' record falls to 1-8-2.

The Gaels will face UC Davis on Friday at Saint Mary's Stadium.

WCC play begins on Sunday for the Gaels, when they will take on San Francisco at 1 p.m.



# The Collegian SPORTS

## Sports Trivia of the Week

1. What was the most wins by any Saint Mary's men's soccer team in conference play?

- a. 8
- b. 4
- c. 9
- d. 6

2. Our fight song, "On to Victory," was written by whom?

- a. Michael Truscull
- b. Frank Barton
- c. Michael Moore
- d. Steve Leouf

3. In 1997, the men's basketball team made it to the NCAA Tournament. What team eliminated them in the first round?

- a. Wake Forest
- b. UCONN
- c. Southern Illinois
- d. Temple

Bonus: Who was the star player of that team?

Answers: 1. d, 2. b, 3. c. © Tim Duncan

## Recap of the week: Men's soccer

Saint Mary's keeps conference lead with draw against LMU



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The men's soccer team tied Loyola Marymount University (LMU) on Sunday in a match that went to two overtimes.

The Gaels once again started out strong. Senior forward Matthew Fitzgerald scored the game's first goal in the fourth minute. Fitzgerald scored on a volley from 10 yards out off a cross from senior defender Anthony Butler.

As the game continued, each team struggled to take advantage but neither couldn't.

In the 57th minute, LMU put together a nice give-and-go that

found LMU's Tyler Mehl alone with junior goalkeeper Brian Mason. Mehl's shot went high on their best scoring opportunity.

The Gaels also had their opportunities to put the game away in the second half. Junior forward Erik Roberts received a ball at the top of the box. He spun and shot a low liner to the bottom right corner, only stopped by an outstretched arm of the Lions' goalkeeper, Robert Flores, making one of the biggest saves of the match.

Just minutes later, a through ball bounced in front of an open Roberts just three yards out, but the ball

caught Roberts in an awkward spot, and continued out of bounds.

With just eight minutes left, LMU's Diego Souza volleyed a loose ball to the left post and into the net, tying the game at 1-1.

In extra time, the Lions got the better of the Gaels but could not finish. Loyola's Brad Stisser had an open net from six yards out, but his volley went well high of the net, preserving the tie.

With the tie, the Gaels and Lions remain atop the WCC standings with seven points apiece. The Gaels are now 4-3-4 on the season and 2-0-1 in conference play.

## I want you to hit me as hard as you can

by Danny Acosta  
Opinion Editor

Saint Mary's students should be punched in the face. They should learn proper techniques to punch others in the face. Saint Mary's should toughen up and introduce a Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) program.

Saint Mary's has been wussified. Saint Mary's once offered the sweet science of boxing. It disappeared, but there is a new direction—the future—for the college.

With the emergence of MMA in America, Saint Mary's should catch up with the times. It would be a very unique program that could make Saint Mary's stand out among other colleges in California. If there is any hot bed of MMA, it is California. Nothing has captured the 18-24 year old demographic like MMA.

MMA encompasses the disciplines of boxing, kickboxing, muay thai, wrestling, and jiu-jitsu among many. It combines the most effective fighting elements, while focusing on self-discipline and aligning the mind, body and spirit. This can be very beneficial to Saint Mary's students.

"But it's too dangerous!" are the cries that come from those that have helped wussify the school and the nation. MMA dates back to the Pankration portion of the Olympics, which originated in the Greek games in approximately 648 B.C. It has evolved a long way and MMA is now a state-sanctioned sport. Since the inception of modern MMA, there has not been one death in any sanctioned event. The nature of MMA makes it safer than boxing since there is no standing eight-count, which allows a fighter to take more punishment after a knockout. Furthermore, the wrestling and submission aspect can see a fight end without any punches thrown.

To put it simply: high school football has more deaths. Like any sport, injury is possible. That is something true athletes are willing to put on the line.

I, like all college males—or females—need to stay in shape and compete. With all the angry testosterone and catty estrogen that float around daily, I doubt there is a lack of interest in my proposed program. If it's a money issue, throw some lab fees out. I find it hard to believe there is a lack of funding for a few heavy bags and mats because it's relatively inexpensive compared to the multi-million dollar buildings popping up everywhere. Team sports are great, but nothing more says "warrior's spirit" like stepping into a ring and battling.

Imagine if Saint Mary's was the first college in the nation that offered MMA. It would make up for the fact Saint Mary's does not offer boxing and wrestling. It could start a national college sports revolution. School trained fighters, literally fighting for their college. Sign me up.

## Gael athletics raising the bar

The annual "Raise the Bar" meeting was created by Saint Mary's coaches who wanted to ensure that all athletic programs were united in goals and expectations.

More importantly, through these meeting, the council hoped to create a better "Gael Athletic Family" and enhance the relationships amongst all student-athletes, regardless of sport.

This year's "Raise the Bar" meeting took place last Wednesday. Those who spoke were head baseball coach Jedd Soto, head women's soccer coach Kelly Lindsey, women's tennis alumni Megan Schulman, and men's soccer captain Alex Christlieb.

Soto emphasized the importance of making better decisions both on and off the field. He challenged all athletes to exemplify "solid behavior every single day."

Lindsey stressed that "in order to raise the bar for your team, you must raise the bar for yourself." Schulman followed, expressing the importance of "seizing the day" and truly appreciating the opportunity to play Division I sports.

Christlieb finished the night, discussing the value of "family." He said, "If we all stay together as a team, we will be so much better than all those high-profile schools."

With optimistic goals and fine expectations, all teams were left with ways to "raise the bar." These current and upcoming seasons are hoped to be testaments to the meeting's success.

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## Gaels defeat second straight ranked opponent

### Men's soccer beats #10 San Diego in close game

by Frankie Mangini  
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team won its second straight conference game, defeating yet another top team, the #10 San Diego Toreros, 4-2.

Freshman midfielder Dylan Leslie led the way for the Gaels, scoring his first hat trick of his collegiate career, while freshman forward Bryan VanDoorninck scored his first collegiate goal to put the game away.

The Gaels started off the game strong, dominating the first half of play.

Senior midfielder Corey Watts made a run through the middle and was given a through ball. After splitting the defenders, Watts was pushed from behind, fouled and was awarded a penalty-kick. Leslie buried the penalty-kick into the lower right corner, giving the Gaels a 1-0 advantage.

Saint Mary's did not let up. Forwards Matthew Fitzgerald '07 and Mark Araujo '10 dominated the Torero back line and created many scoring opportunities for the Gaels.

After stealing the ball from the Toreros' defense, Fitzgerald took a shot, which was saved by Torero goalkeeper Lance Friesz.

The Gaels' continuing pressure created the second goal of the game, when Fitzgerald stole the ball just left of the Toreros' box.

A cross to the far side found an open Dylan Leslie. Leslie's shot toward the lower left corner beat an out of position Friesz, giving the Gaels a 2-0 lead.

Saint Mary's completely dominated the first half, out shooting the Toreros 8-2. The Gael defense once again was strong, diverting all counterattacks the Toreros tried to put together. Sophomore defender Corey Heldreth and senior defender Anthony Butler controlled the air, beating the Torero forwards to almost every header.

The second half started off with the same inspired play from the Gaels. Just three minutes into the second half, Watts had another great scoring opportunity for the Gaels. After a give-and-go with Araujo to beat the Torero defense, Watts took a shot that was deflected by Friesz. The shot came within inches before brushing off the far goal post.

In the 58th minute, Watts fouled a San Diego forward from 20 yards out. The shot was deflected off the Saint Mary's wall for a corner kick. The Torero corner kick led to a scramble inside the box, where a loose ball foul was called on Heldreth, giving the Toreros a penalty kick.

Toreros' Michael Caso's penalty kick was blocked by junior goalkeeper Brian Mason. The Toreros were first to the rebound



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Senior midfielder Corey Watts helped control the game for the Gaels, forcing the penalty kick that led to the Gaels' first goal of the game.

taking two more shots from point blank range, both saved by Mason.

The second shot ricocheted off

the top of the cross bar to San Diego's Dustin Guerrero who finally scored for the Toreros in the 60th minute, cutting the lead to

just one.

The Gaels answered right back just moments later in the 61st minute.

Saint Mary's pushed off the kick-off, winning a corner kick. Sophomore Carlos Diaz placed the corner over everybody where it finally met Leslie on the far side. Leslie then headed a shot that bounced over Friesz, giving the Gaels a 3-1 lead and Leslie a hat-trick.

The Gaels would not stop there. Araujo continued to work hard, and his pressure paid off when he stole the ball from Torero defense. Araujo then found an oncoming VanDoorninck with a through ball pass. VanDoorninck placed the ball perfectly right over the shoulder of a charging Friesz, giving the Gaels the 4-1 lead.

With just 13 minutes left in the game, the Toreros finally started to mount some pressure of their own. The Toreros scored when the ball hit the crossbar and bounced to an oncoming JT Howlan, who one timed the ball. Despite the goal, it was too late for the Toreros to mount any serious comeback against the Gaels.

With the win, the Gaels' record improved to 4-3-3 on the year and 2-0-0 in the conference. This was their second straight win over a ranked opponent, beating #11 USF 1-0 last week and #10 USD 4-2 this week.

## Cross country impresses at Willamette

### Women's team results bring great promise for future races

by Stefanie Ordoeza  
Sports Editor

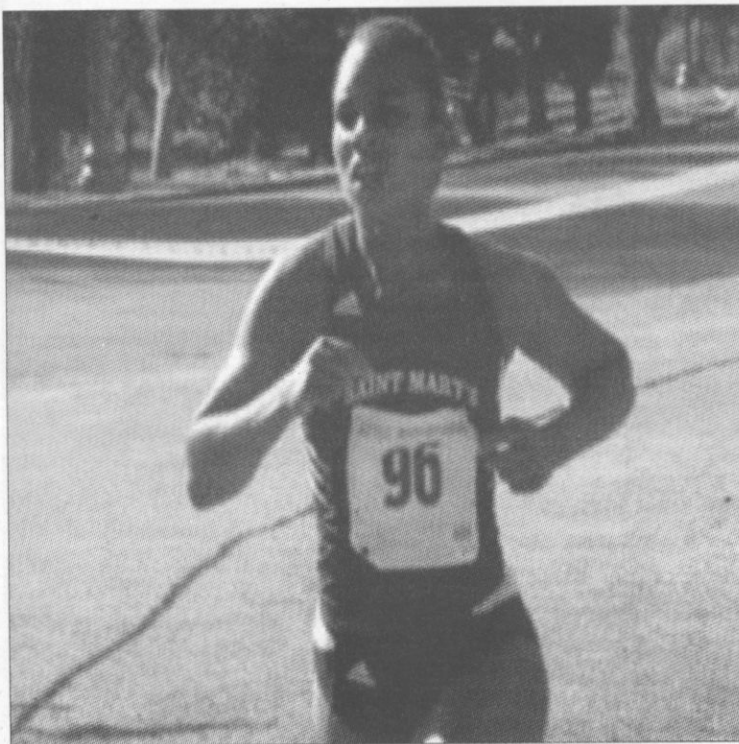
The Saint Mary's men and women's cross country teams completed their third race of the season, the Willamette Invitational, last Saturday.

The women's side gave a strong showing in the "Women's 5k Gold" event, led again by Gael top runner Karrie Hagedorn '08. Hagedorn recorded another personal best at this race with a time of 18:36, beating her previous best by 1:05 and placing her 40th out of 180 runners.

"It was a really good race. There were a few personal bests out there. For me, it went really well," said Hagedorn.

Freshman Haley Hunsaker also achieved great results, crossing the line second for the Gaels with another impressive mark. Recording a new personal best with a time of 19:31, Hunsaker tallied points for the Gaels, finishing 84th in the competition in only the third collegiate race of her career.

"I'm really pleased with our performances," said Coach Randy Rau. "I'm especially pleased with Karrie running a personal best that



Courtesy of the Truxton Family

Senior Deanna Price has consistently run an impressive pace for the Gaels, contributing to their continuous improvement throughout the season.

is amongst the top 25 times in all of Saint Mary's history. Haley did great, too, running the fastest time ever by a freshman since the 2000 season."

Also contributing to the 13th

place team finish for the Gaels was senior Claudia Aguilera, who recorded a personal best of her own at 20:19. Despite the improved finish, Aguilera still is not satisfied with her results.

"I was hoping to run faster. I've been sick all week, so this was the most I could get. I was pretty disappointed, but it still is a personal PR. My goal, though, is to run within the 19 limits," said Aguilera.

This determination for improvement is a continuing goal for the Saint Mary's cross country teams. Moreover, both teams' efforts have become visible in the runners' performances.

In fact, the Saint Mary's women's cross country team has continued to improve across the board with personal bests developing in every race thus far.

This weekend, they will be running their first 6k event in the San Francisco Invitational, and the team seems fairly confident in their future efforts.

"We'll definitely keep improving. It will be really interesting to see how we do. I think we're going to do pretty well," said Hagedorn.

At the Willamette Invitational, the Gael men's team competed in the "Men's 8k Gold" event, and their efforts resulted in a 19th place finish out of the 20 teams who competed.

Senior Sean Hanley still continues to lead the Gaels, finishing 177th out of 228 runners, with a time 28:28. Coming in second for the Gaels was David Stiles, who recorded a time of 28:40, a personal best for the sophomore runner.

Peter Mathieu '08, who had not raced in the previous Aztec Invitational due to an ankle injury, finished third for the Gaels in this race with a time of 29:48.

Placing fourth and fifth for the Gaels were sophomores Eric Villegas and Michael Truxton with times of 29:58 and 30:07, respectively.

"We're running faster on the men's side. They beat a team in this race which got them more encouraged," said Rau. "But we're going to keep training because we can't be satisfied with the results. We have the conference championships to work towards."

The Saint Mary's cross country teams now look forward to their first local race of the season, the San Francisco Invitational.

The race is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 7 at 9 a.m. at Golden Gate Park.