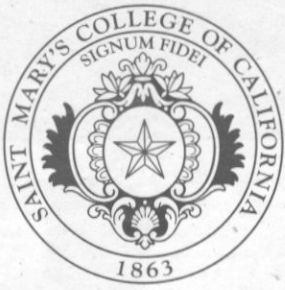


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'Witness to an Execution' national tour stops in Moraga

Campaign to End the Death Penalty sponsors event in hopes of enlightening others on topic



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

Last week's 'Witness to an Execution' in the Soda Activity Center was well attended. The touring show included a variety of speakers, including ex-death row inmates and a brother of an executed inmate.

by Amber Lister
Staff Writer

Two former death row inmates and a man who watched his brother get executed appeared for a night of speeches in protest of the death penalty last week on October 10 at the Soda Center. The National Speaking Tour made a stop at Saint Mary's in hopes of exposing the "barbaric" aspects of the ritual of execution to the greatest degree.

Billy Moore, the first speaker, spent almost two decades on Georgia's death row for the murder and robbery of 77-year-old Fredger Stapleton. Moore confessed to the murder, pled guilty in trial and was given the death penalty. Once in jail, he made amends with the victim's family who was so moved by his remorse, they even pleaded with the Georgia Board of Pardons for his freedom, saying "We have been writing Billy for the last 15 years, he is our brother and you cannot execute him."

Mother Teresa even involved herself in the pursuit of freeing Moore. She begged the government to revoke his sentence. Moore recalled her telling the parole board, "You need to do what Jesus would do." His sentence was changed from death to life in prison.

Moore said the ironic part was that "Each of my lawyers assumed the other had told me when really I learned about it on the news." At the time he heard the information, Moore was preparing for death with a notice of 30 days until his execution. After the sentence was changed he became immediately eligible for parole and was out of prison for good 13 months later.

Now an ordained pastor, Moore said, "You talk about the Lord open-

ing the door and making a window to go through, that is the only reason I'm alive today." Moore described what was for him a mentally exhausting experience: "When you're there, you know you are there to die. I was considered the worst of the worst."

The second speaker was Greg Wilhoit, who spent five years on Oklahoma's death row for the murder of his wife. Wilhoit was notified of his wife's death and almost immediately questioned. Wilhoit was recently separated from his wife at the time of the murder and lived alone in an apartment. Because he spent so much time by himself and was a full time ironworker, he had no alibi at 3 a.m. on the night of the murder and according to Wilhoit, he was in bed.

The couple had two infant daughters. Wilhoit said that the worst day of his life was not his sentencing. Instead, he said that it was, "Going with my daughters and my parents to an orphanage so my children could have somewhere to live after their daddy went to jail." Wilhoit was convicted over a bite mark on the breast of his wife. A supposed expert in the field testified that this bite mark was exclusively linked to Wilhoit with the "Exclusion of every human being on Earth."

According to Wilhoit, his lawyer was "Like Otis from The Andy Griffith Show." The once prominent attorney urinated twice in the judge's chambers and even vomited. Wilhoit's attorney did not refute any of the evidence and Wilhoit had the feeling luck was not on his side.

He soon gave up hope. "As a Christian, I knew where I was going and

that was up. I basically just told them to go ahead with it." A new attorney talked him into waiting until his first appeal, at which point "Bite mark experts did a blind analysis of the mark for a year, and all found me to be completely innocent." He was released in the 1993.

As a longtime proponent of the death penalty, Wilhoit said he did not change his opinion about it because of his own situation. Rather, "I changed my mind because my friend was a victim of it." A good friend of Wilhoit's on death row, a prisoner named Chuck, was put to death, "Even with the capacity for redemption in his heart." Wilhoit told the audience to purchase John Grisham's new book, *The Inno-*

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The death penalty is DEAD WRONG

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- It targets the poor
- It kills the innocent
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ResLife brings new activities to resident halls

Townhouse Olympics, Hall of the Week part of new plan

by Zack Farmer
Managing Editor

Student Involvement & Leadership and Recreational Sports have always taken the lead when it comes to community-building programming. Now, the Office of Residence Life has started two different programs for the on-campus community: Hall of the Week and the Townhouse Olympics.

The Freshman Olympics is the highlight of the opening weekend for freshmen. But, where does this leave the upperclassmen? "The freshmen have things to keep them involved," said Brian Doss '08, resident advisor in Sabatte Hall. "I was a transfer student, I didn't get to participate in the Freshmen Olympics. I thought it might be good to have some community building."

Doss, who came up with the idea of the Townhouse Olympics, wanted to have a competition between the upperclassmen.

"It wasn't something incredibly planned but they thought it would be a good idea," said Assistant Director for Residential Programming Kate Bowers.

Fellow upperclassmen had similar sentiments. Diego Alfaro '08, who participated in the opening event and is a resident of Guerreri East, said, "I feel more connected with the townhouse community."

"It's the greatest thing ever. You've got the seniors and juniors involved. We get to learn a new element, cooking," said Ishmael Alfaro '08.

"It sounded like a fun thing to do," said Bower. "The RAs in the lower townhouses thought, 'competition? Good idea.'"

"We encourage RAs to have something in the works," said Bower.

In addition, Residence Life has started another program called Hall of the Week. In coordination with the Department of Athletics, the program is a way to get freshmen involved in the community and increase attendance at athletic events. "[It is] partially competition and partially community building," said Bower. "So far it's working pretty well."

Going through the attendance numbers shows that overall attendance is down by one percent from last academic year, but up at women's volleyball games by 90 percent, including 1,230 people in attendance on Thursday night against Santa Clara.

This past week was the third week of the program and the athletics office is keeping the accounts of the number of freshmen attending and which halls are in attendance. During games, the names of the halls are announced over the loud speaker to acknowledge the halls present.

At the end of the semester, the hall with the most attendance at athletic games will be given a large party.

The program will not be continued in the spring, as men's basketball games are in such high demand this season. Bower said, "GaelForce is huge in the spring." Last season, the men's basketball averaged 2,141 people in attendance per game.

There are other programs in the works including the Residential Hall Association and Abrazo, a Tango night. "We're creating a residence hall association," said Bower. "The purpose is for residents in the halls to come up with activities."

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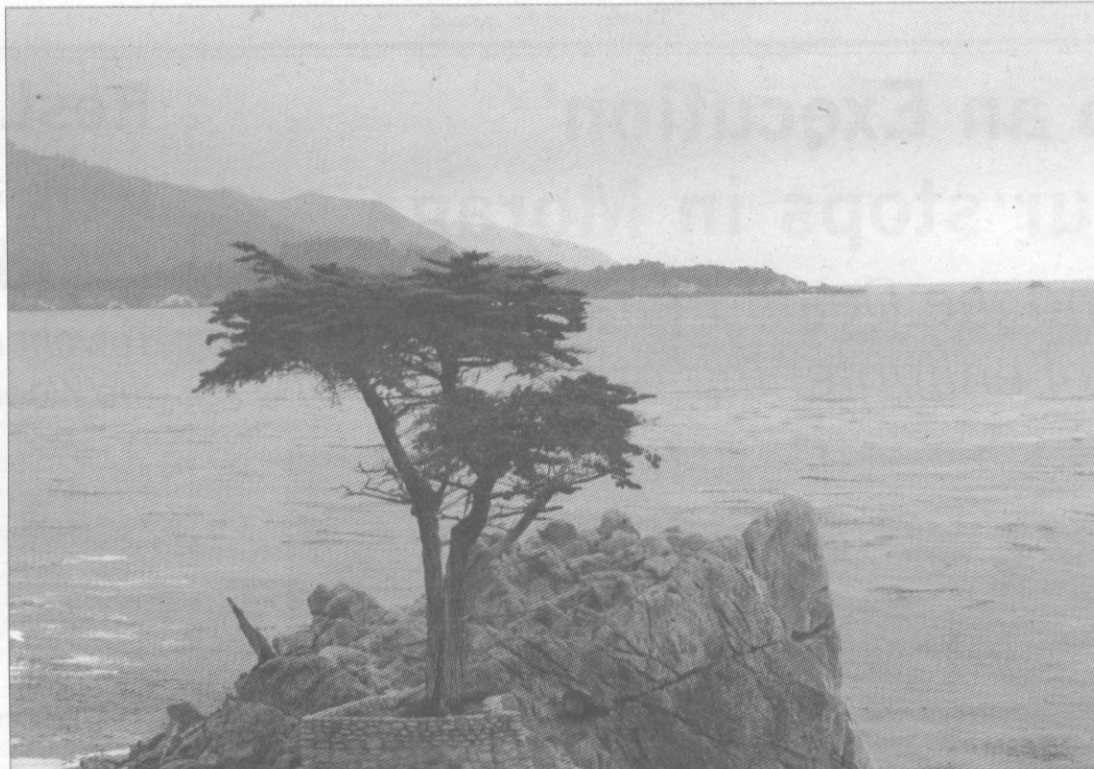
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SnapShot



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Many students take advantage of the three day midterm weekend to travel home or for sightseeing in places like Monterey.

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

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| 10/6 | 6:40 p.m. | Violation | Under Investigation; Referred to Student Conduct & Moraga PD |
| Incident: Vehicle Accident | Synopsis: Property Damage Only on San Miguel Circle - South Claeys Parking Lot; Suspend | Synopsis: On Mission Road @ Ageno West Parking Lot Paintball Rifle; Referred to Student Conduct | |
| 10/7 | 1:50 a.m. | 10/8 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Incident: Medical Assistance | Synopsis: Transported by friend to hospital in Augustine Hall; Referred to Student Conduct and Health & Wellness Center | Incident: Destruction of College Property | Synopsis: In Rheem Center - Loading Dock, Broken Tables; Referred to Physical Plant |
| 10/7 | 11:58 p.m. | 10/9 | 12:30 p.m. |
| Incident: Making a False Report/Minors in Possession and Under the Influence of Alcohol | Synopsis: Lying & Being Disrespectful to a College Official in Ageno A; Referred to Student Conduct | Incident: Battery | Synopsis: Harassment in Ageno West; Referred to Student Conduct |
| 10/7 | 12:10 a.m. | 10/9 | 10:50 p.m. |
| Incident: Trespassing/Contributing to the Delinquency of Minors/Failure to Comply | Synopsis: Minors Under the Influence & Open Containers in Guerriieri [sic] West; Referred to Student Conduct | Incident: Fire Alarm Activation | Synopsis: False Alarm in Mitty Hall; Referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant |
| 10/7 | 2:00 a.m. | 10/9 | 11:52 p.m. |
| Incident: Driving Under the Influence | Synopsis: On St. Mary's Parkway & De La Salle Drive, Arrested for DUI; Referred to Student Conduct and Moraga PD | Incident: Handbook Violation | Synopsis: In Augustine Hall, Minor in Possession of Alcohol; Referred to Student Conduct |
| 10/7 | 2:00 a.m. | 10/10 | 3:02 a.m. |
| Incident: SMC Policy Weapons | Synopsis: Justin/Mitty Area, | Incident: Activated Fire Alarm | Synopsis: Cigarette Smoke set off Alarm in De La Salle Hall; Referred to Student Conduct & Physical Plant |
| | | 10/11 | 12:15 a.m. |
| | | Incident: Suspicious Circumstances - Possible Sexual Assault | Synopsis: Justin/Mitty Area, |
| | | 10/11 | 1:11 a.m. |
| | | Incident: Fire Alarm Activation | Synopsis: In Science Building, Tampering with Fire Key Mechanism in the Elevator; Referred to Physical Plant |
| | | 10/11 | 5:20 a.m. |
| | | Incident: Abusive Conduct - Harassment | Synopsis: In De La Salle, Intoxicated in Public; Referred to Student Conduct |
| | | 10/11 | 10:43 a.m. |
| | | Incident: Missing/Stolen Property | Synopsis: Soda Center Moraga Room. LCD Player; Referred to Business Office |
| | | 10/11 | 11:50 a.m. |
| | | Incident: Assault and Battery | Synopsis: Off Campus - Donald Drive. Assault and Battery; Referred to Student Conduct |
| | | 10/12 | 3:30 p.m. |
| | | Incident: Informational Report | Synopsis: In Oliver Hall, assault to Co-worker; Referred to Sodexho |
| | | 10/12 | 9:00 p.m. |
| | | Incident: Informational Report | Synopsis: Campus Wide, malfunctioning Blue Phones on Campus; Referred to Telephone Services |



ZACK FARMER

Envy of age

It must be spreading: the theory that people in this office are starting to feel old. It's happening to me as well. My experience happened this past weekend when I returned to my old high school to proctor the Standard Aptitude Test; for the layman, the SATs.

I was a hall proctor so, basically, I was an overpaid hall monitor. I went around from room to room checking attendance numbers, giving bathroom breaks, and other breaks to the room proctors that just needed to get away from the quiet and the little kids.

While giving those people breaks, it was my realization of how old I had become. Well, not how old I had become but of how quickly the kids in the lower grades had grown up. The kids taking the SATs were the kids that were freshmen when I was a senior in high school. It's hard to believe that those little kids could grow up so quickly, but then I remember that my niece is a senior in high school.

My niece is nearly into college. When did she get into high school? I thought she would perpetually be eight years old.

It's not just that realization; it's the fact that the kids in those SAT rooms look like they should still be in middle school. How do these kids seem not to age? Can they defy the laws of physics? Botox for kids? Maybe. Or maybe I'm just becoming old.

I am starting to notice the difference between college and high school students and really see that those years are long behind me. After two-plus years in college, you would think that I would notice that. No such luck.

Every time I walk into the halls of my old high school, I get this sense of nostalgia and longing for those days of lunch line food and lunch time basketball and mingling with my friends.

It's hard to imagine that it has been two-plus years since I donned the halls of my high school alma mater. It's hard to imagine that I have a little more than a year in college left before I step out into the real world. Although, I know the seniors here, have less than a year for that and many of them don't want to think about it.

Seeing all those young faces at the SATs who are looking to do well to get into the right college because they want out of their high school, but what they don't realize is that high school and college years are the best years of anybody's life. You are semi-independent and your parents are still there for you.

They are just starting on what I have already gone through but because I was there for one of the steps of their development, it makes me proud. I don't know why. It just does.



Weekly Featured Profile

Student Organization

Impov Troupe

Group combines humor with competition

by Mark Freeman
Staff Writer

If laughter is the best medicine, then the Improvisational Troupe (Impov) holds the cure to many an ailment. Impov, as captain Billy San Juan '08 explains, is "short for 'improvisation,' a form of theater that is not scripted." It relies upon quick thinking and a sharp wit, as actors must create a scene or character without help and then try to please an audience.

San Juan said that Impov is very similar to the hit comedy show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* Players will compete in intra-team games and regular competitions. In the first type, the Impov Troupe "will just act out scenes and play non-competitive games," while the latter type "will be scored according to audience applause." Audience participation is crucial, especially in the form of "suggestions for acting scenarios," which are also employed in *Whose Line*, said San Juan.

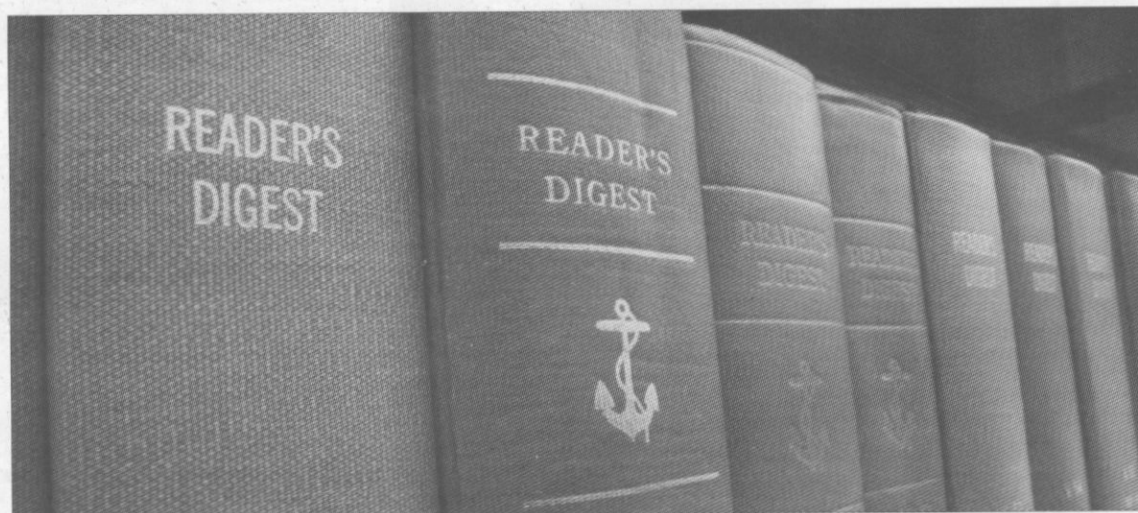
Since Impov is new to Saint Mary's this year, it is actively looking for members, which San Juan divides into two categories: "Clownfish" and "Anemone." As San Juan said, "Clownfish will be the performers" while Anemone are those who "want to be part of the club/troupe, but prefer to be in the audience." The names are important because "it is a symbiotic relationship between the two;" the performers would be "nothing without the audience and vice versa," he said. Since no one will be forced to act, San Juan encourages even the less extroverted to join.

Students should "be on the lookout" for posters advertising the Troupe's first meeting, San Juan said. Though the club doesn't have a permanent location yet, they already have a moderator, Professor Christi Scott, a former improv referee. San Juan thinks the club will most likely meet on Fridays, with meetings consisting of "a short training session for new techniques," followed by an "open practice session where people will be able to play the games."

For some, Improv may seem ridiculous, but for San Juan, it holds immense appeal. While being on stage without a script may be an "uncomfortable situation," San Juan relishes the fact that he can rely on his teammates to help him complete a scene. Improv fosters teamwork and coordination, much like an athletic sport. But being team captain doesn't necessarily mean he is the wittiest. For San Juan, "the Improv Team isn't about one particular funny person, it's about a group of people coming together for one common goal: laughter."

Library revamps resources to liken other WCC schools

School buys new electronic tools to aid research



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

by Melissa Vlach
Staff Writer

Research papers just got a little bit easier.

The Saint Mary's College library has been updating its electronic sources. Over the course of the 2006-07 school year, 26 new resources will become available for student use. Sixteen are currently available, while the others are expected to be ready by January.

"There's a couple of themes that are going through what we're purchasing this year," said Linda Wobbe, collection development librarian. "One is we're trying to build a significant online reference collection."

Wobbe expects students to utilize these online collections more than their printed counterparts.

"Reference books sit there, and students aren't going to use them if they're not online," she said.

The school has also bought several packages of online periodicals produced by different publishers. These sources cover a

wide variety of topics, from science, to anthropology, to biographies, to poems. Many directly link students to the relevant articles.

"The full text is available in most cases for most of the things we've been buying recently," said Wobbe.

Where the full text is not available online, the databases can direct students to the correct source.

"Some of them are still indexes, like Film and Literature Review Index; it doesn't itself have full texts, but it indexes articles in the film and TV field," Wobbe said.

Another index is the Social Sciences Citation Index. This program leads students who haven't found an article to more useful sources on the subject.

Another new addition is a Federated Search Engine. This allows students to search multiple databases at once.

"It makes it possible to search that group of databases at once and not have to re-execute your search in each database. I think people

are going to notice that," Wobbe said.

This tool should prove extremely helpful as the library continues to acquire databases. In two years, there will be more than 100.

"I think it's a two pronged thing. We have to have the content, but we also have to have a way to make it easier for people to search," Wobbe said.

Wobbe said she feels very optimistic about the additions.

"We're delighted to have something that will impact the students a lot," she said.

Many students agree that this will aid their research process.

"I think that it would be efficient," said Alex Bettencourt '09.

Julie Bullion '09 agreed. She said, "[The resources] would lead to less confusion."

Wobbe feels that true appreciation, however, comes from the faculty.

"Students, because they're not here for a really long period of time, don't see that it's a dramatic

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News Briefs

Organ Series presents Susanna Veerman

Susanna Veerman, a Dutch organist, will perform on October 21 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel for the Saint Mary's College Organ Series. She will be playing symphonic music composed by César Franck, Franz Liszt, Charles Marie Widor and Louis Vierne. Born in Amsterdam, Veerman has studied music throughout her life in Holland and Russia, and currently studies in France. Veerman has concerts in the Netherlands regularly.

Admissions is free for more information, please contact Br. Michael Yribarren at x4325.

Pretty in Pink

The fourth annual "Pretty in Pink" tea party, a fundraiser to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness will be taking place on Tuesday, October 24 from 4 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. The event will be held at the Soda Activity Center in Claeys Lounge.

Cost for the tea is \$5 for students, \$10 for non-students. To make reservations (seating is limited), visit the "Pink" table in Ferroggiaro Quad today, Tuesday, October 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again on Wednesday, October 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact Marcie Bowie at mbowie@stmmarys-ca.edu or at x4052.

Dine With Alums

Tonight, Dine With Alums will give students the opportunity to have not only a three-course meal with alums, but also the opportunity to network, and get a foot in the door for life after Saint Mary's. Attire will be business casual and the dinner will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Soda Activity Center. For more information, please contact Courtney Carmignani at x4577.

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Campus Calendar

Interview Workshop
Tuesday, October 17
1:10 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
De La Salle

Skills Workshops
Tuesday, October 17
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sichel 101

Speaker: Dr. Joseph Graves on Social Justice, Activism and Service
Wednesday, October 18
12:40 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
Soda Center

Skills Workshops
Wednesday, October 18
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sichel 101

Greek Art: Gods, Heroes and Demons
Wednesday, October 18
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Soda Center

Charis Conn
Wednesday, October 18
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Soda Center

Interview Workshop
Thursday, October 19
2:50 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.
De La Salle

Skills Workshops
Thursday, October 19
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sichel 106

REACH Program
Thursday, October 19
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
De La Salle

Greek Art: Gods, Heroes and Demons
Thursday, October 19
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Soda Center

Parent and Family Day
Saturday, October 21

ASSMC Senate Meeting
Sunday, October 22
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Soda Center

Interview Workshop
Monday, October 23
10:20 a.m. - 11:20 p.m.
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Student Leadership Workshops
Monday, October 23
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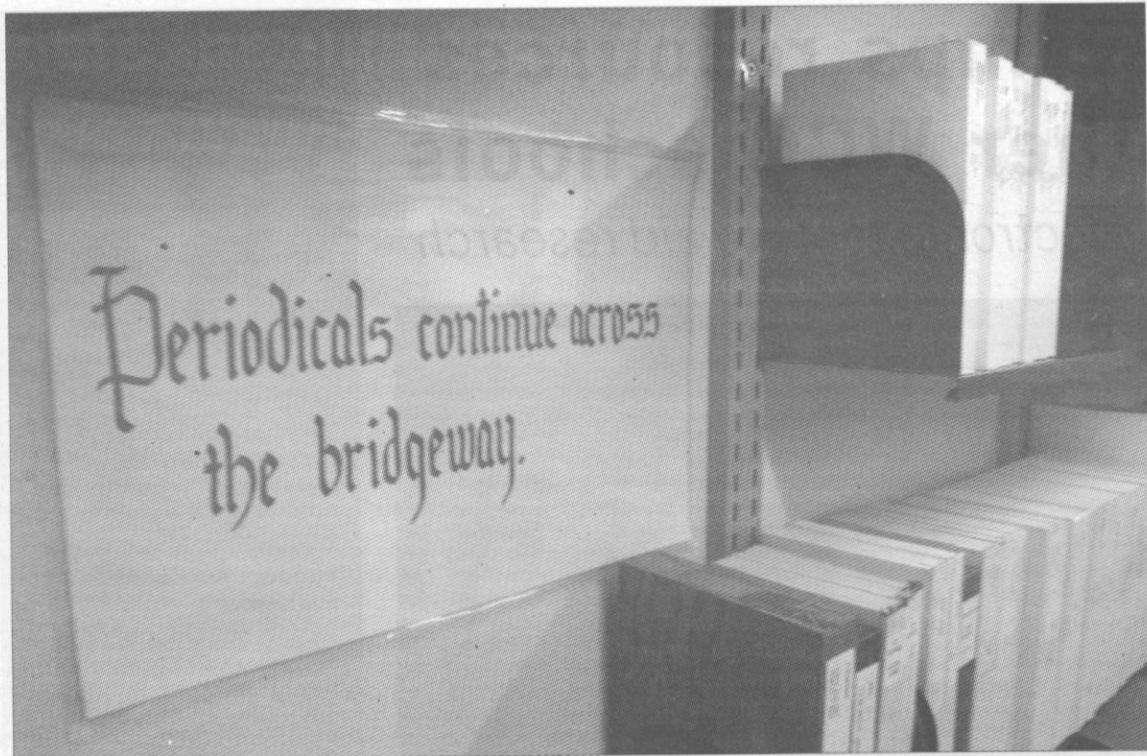
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LIBRARY: Research made easier with new purchases of online periodicals

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change," she said.

For faculty, the additions are more noticeable. "[They've] seen us go from 700 print subscriptions to 20,000 online subscriptions," Wobbe said.

The changes come as a result of an assessment of the library over the past few years. The library staff found that Saint Mary's was not keeping up with the other schools in the West Coast Conference, such as Santa Clara, Gonzaga, and Pepperdine.

"When we looked at other private schools, we're not spending the same amount of money," Wobbe said. "We're kind of behind a little bit in expenditures on electronic resources."

To ameliorate this problem, the

College pledged to increase funds for the library. As a result, the library will receive about \$70,000 per year for the next 10 years, with inflation taken into account. This year the total amounted to roughly \$77,000.

"We're trying to spend the same amount of money as our competitors do per student," Wobbe said.

Wobbe believes that this commitment will help Saint Mary's catch up to other schools.

"At the end of this 10 year plan, we will be on par," she said.

Students can ask for help if they find any of the new programs confusing.

"They can always ask us at the reference desk for help in using

these new things," said Wobbe. She also said, "We're delighted to help people figure out how to use all these new tools."

Bullion advises students to take advantage of the librarians' help, having done so in the past: "If you have any questions at all, the librarians are so helpful. Just ask them; they're more than willing to help," she said.

Reference librarians are able to help students find articles for research via phone, e-mail, or in person, as such searches may be difficult from time to time. With the new additions, articles should be more easily accessed, making research more seamless.

EXECUTION: Tour spoke to large audience

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cent Man, which was based on his friend Chuck's life.

The last speaker was Bill Babbitt, the brother of an executed man. Manny Babbitt was a Marine Corps officer stationed in Vietnam. He came back from the war with "demons which we now know as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder," said Bill. He suffered for years from the disorder and was released from state hospitals because his time expired. When Manny killed a woman the age of his grandmother, Bill knew he had to report his brother. The police, according to Bill, "promised me they were going to take care of Manny. They knew he wasn't in a good mental state." Bill said that Manny was smoking PCP and thought that automobile lights were enemy planes on the Vietnamese warfront at the time of the murder. Manny was sentenced to death and his brother witnessed his execution at San Quentin. Reflecting on the experience, Bill said he was "haunted by what transpired after I did the right thing."

Students were seemingly im-

pressed by the speeches overall. "It made me very appreciative of my life. Greg's speech was awesome," stated Elizabeth Cruz '09. Cruz wasn't alone in her feelings after the presentation. "I found it

really interesting to see how a supporter of the death penalty could be put on death row and have their perspective changed by personal experience," Kyle Pounder '10 said.

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Thinking (and Talking) About the Human Race

Thinking (and Talking) About the Human Race will be taking place through November 1 throughout campus. Co-sponsored by over 15 different on-campus groups, organizations, outside donors and organizations, the series will include a multitude of talks and events.

"The Human Race Machine," an art exhibition will be on display through Friday, this week in Dryden Hall. Viewers may post responses to the work.

Tomorrow during Community Time, October 18, Doctor Josph Garves will present in the Soda Center "The Race Myth: Why We Pretend That Race Exists in America."

Also tomorrow, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Doctor Shawan Worsley of USF will present a study of African-American artwork in

Delphine, "The Narratives of a Negress in the Flames of Desire: Kara Walker and the Politics of Black Cultural Production."

A currently running set of online resources will be taking place through Friday, October 20. It includes several resources, which may be found at www.stmarys-ca.edu/academics/undergraduate/programs_by_school/school_of_liberal_arts/.

"Climate Change: Dialogue About the SMC Climate Survey," a "Chat Room," will be held during Community Time on November 1 in the Soda Center.

A Brousseau Lecture Series led by Doctor Bruno Rossion will take place on Wednesday, November 1 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Soda Center.

For more information, please contact Shawny Anderson, x4468.

New briefs compiled by Linda Hua, editor-in-chief



community Time Spotlight

Every Wednesday 12:40p-2:10p!

Dr. Joseph Graves

The Race Myth:

Why We Pretend that Race Exist in America
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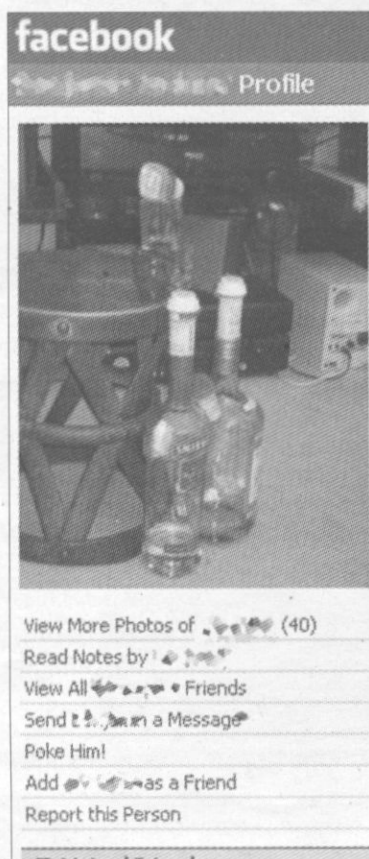
Employers take advantage of Information Age

MySpace, Facebook, Xanga, etc. new tools for background checks

by M. Freeman & K. Sarwari
Staff Writer

The next time you decide to upload that photo of yourself half-naked with a dazed expression on your face and a beer can in your hand to your MySpace or Facebook profile, you might want to stop and consider the possible future ramifications of such a seemingly innocent act. Your friends and peers are not the only ones with access to your profile anymore. Employers are now utilizing websites such as these to conduct background checks on applicants as part of their hiring process.

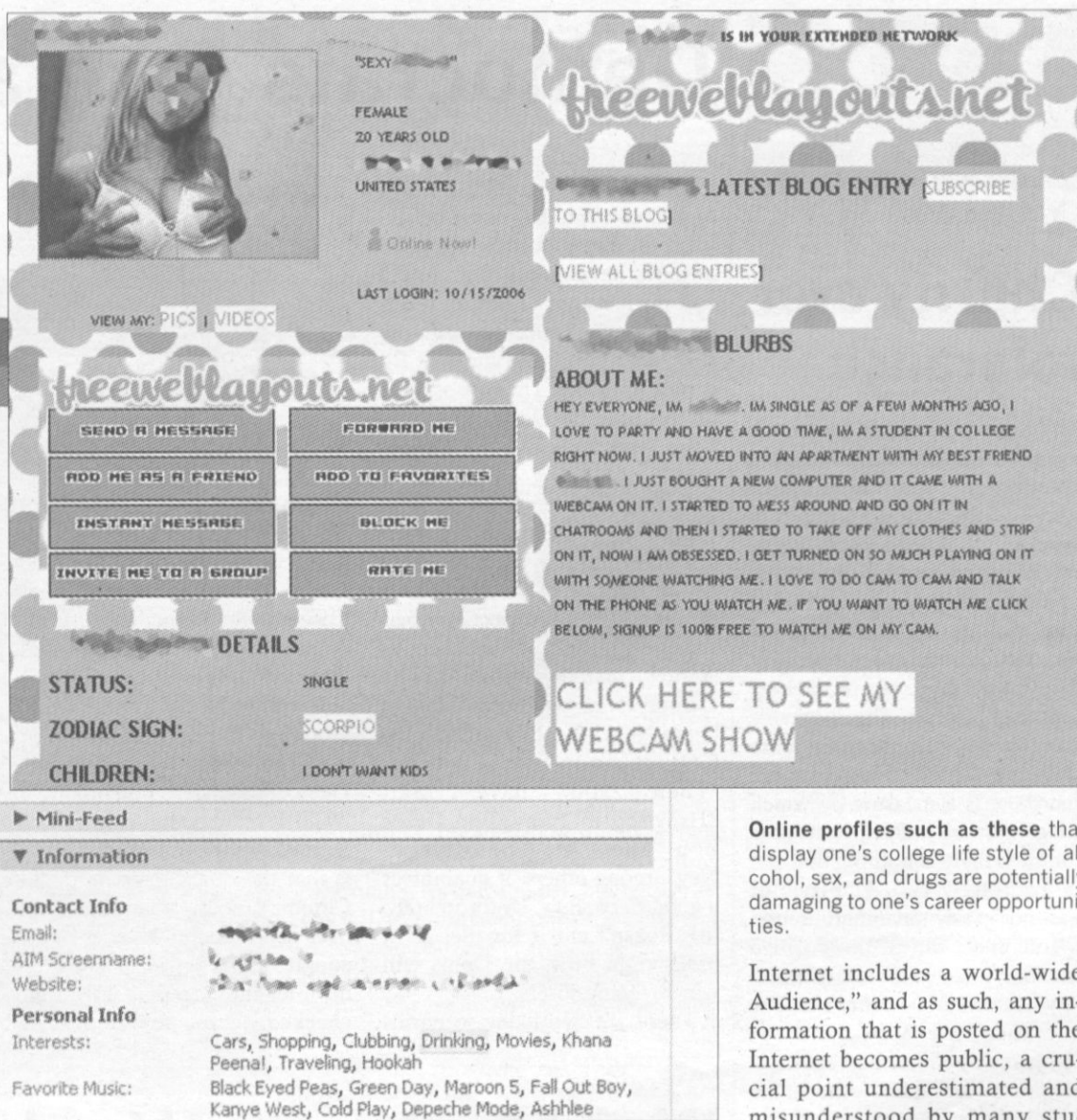
Ranked respectively as the number one and two most trafficked websites in the United States, MySpace with nearly 200 million registered members and Facebook with over 10 million members, they are rapidly increasing in popularity with the expansion of features that allow users to establish an extensive social network of friends all over the world. The main appeal that these sites have, with users ranging anywhere from 13 to 30-year-olds, is that they allow users access to post photos and to disclose personal information, as well as the ability to interact with other



nology officer of Computer and Technology Services (CaTS), the Internet is a crucial component of the screening process to determine whether an applicant is a positive or negative match with the company.

"They do those checks because they don't want to inadvertently hire someone who is untrustworthy or who, for various reasons, they wouldn't want working with their clients," Biglin said. Implementing this procedure has proved an effective and resourceful means of gathering information about potential employees at Saint Mary's College. Biglin recalled a time when the school unsuspectingly hired an applicant with a history of embezzling.

"We want to make sure that tuition pays for education, not



tile and not a true representation of a student's capability.

"I think that MySpace is just a place where people mess around and have fun. What people are like on the Internet do not reflect what they are like in real life," Alvarez said.

Biglin would argue that students are missing the point with such presumptions. Biglin relates that most employers are not as unsympathetic to the plight of students as much as students may think. They were once in college, too, and thus have an understanding of what the college culture entails. But if a student is applying to a job that requires a certain amount of responsibility and maturity, then the student should be able to show a sign of those traits even on an Internet social networking site.

According to Biglin, students can use the procedure to their ad-

vantage by using their profiles as a way to highlight their talents and skills in the form of a pseudo resumé. Students don't need to create an image completely opposite from their own in an attempt to give the appearance of the ideal applicant. They can simply modify their profiles so that in addition to displaying a party girl/guy image, they are also demonstrating a more serious and responsible side of themselves. For example, a blog about volunteering for an organization could go a long way in conveying to employers a student's values, organizational skills, and their ability to work effectively with people.

"How you choose to present yourself is your choice," Biglin said.

To students who are concerned that their privacy is being invaded as a result of this procedure, Biglin wants to emphasize that, "The

Online profiles such as these that display one's college life style of alcohol, sex, and drugs are potentially damaging to one's career opportunities.

Internet includes a world-wide Audience," and as such, any information that is posted on the Internet becomes public, a crucial point underestimated and misunderstood by many students. Once information on the Internet is disseminated, it becomes readily available to virtually anyone with access to a computer.

With the Internet, "Once you put something out there, you lose your ability to control where it goes," Biglin said. He compared sending information over the Internet to squeezing toothpaste, saying that once it is squeezed out "you can't get the toothpaste back into the tube."

Given these circumstances, Saint Mary's students who are concerned about their future would do well to become more aware of their online image. Instead of seeing this procedure as an invasion of privacy or barrier to free expression, students can create an image of themselves that would give them a better chance at landing the internship or job of their dreams.

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Ed Biglin
Chief Technology Officer

users in many ways. Users are given free reign to create an identity that may or may not be compatible with their real-life personalities. A close surveillance of a user's profile reveals more information about them, either positive or negative, than they might think.

While employers will not go so far as to base the chances of an applicant entirely on his or her profile, they will use an applicant's profile as an additional factor that could make or break their chances of becoming employed with the company. According to Ed Biglin, chief tech-

thievery," Biglin said. "A routine Web search" would have prevented that mistake, according to Biglin.

College students who are preparing to join the workforce are one of the groups most affected by this procedure. Many students feel unsettled about having their profiles judged by a third party, including Public Safety officers and other school officials, in addition to potential future employers. Students create profiles based on how they want to be perceived by their peers and not by potential future bosses. For Jose Alvarez '10, the procedure is fu-

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Charity over tolerance

Charity most nearly means the possession of natural kindness and beneficence toward one's fellow man—without forgetting that there is indeed truth. In the virtue of charity man is allowed his greatest freedoms; for he can at once love his neighbor as himself and with the utmost humility show his neighbor where and how that neighbor errs. The charitable man is unbiased in the truest sense of the word; he submits to the fact that there is a measure by which things may be judged; if he does not, then there is nothing that can be accurately called "bias," at least not in any meaningful sense.

Tolerance, for all the positive attention it has garnered, is decidedly negative in its definition. For tolerance merely "suffers" or "endures" beliefs that are contrary to the individual. Amidst the definition is also contained the "forbearance of rigorous judgment." In other words, tolerance is bias accompanied with impotence and would seem the ideal recipe for unhappiness. Unless ambivalence is considered a virtue we had better relegate tolerance to the realm of vice or even apostasy; as G.K. Chesterton once observed, "Tolerance is the virtue of a man without convictions."

Being rigorous is not the same as being severe; in fact rigor is a more thorough and precise tool for finding truth than, say, a more lackadaisical inquiry. There can exist, for example, a rigorous pursuit of justice, but in that pursuit there must be the conviction that justice exists for every one and is not decided by each individual alone. The candor inherent in charity does not allow for the compromise of truth. For many, truth can be quite a surprising affront to their sensibilities and the charitable man will often be the one to point to those truths.

A merely tolerant man cannot point out the errors of another without becoming intolerant; so his tendency is to "live and let live." Unfortunately, this attitude only goes as far as one individual is not affected by another individual's point of view and, in the end, does nothing for the common good. So it is clear that we must be intolerant of certain things, such as murder, theft, hate etc. But there is simply no reason to be uncharitable about any of those. One can brim with charity as they explain to the murderer that he must not do such things and with sadness and proper leniency (according to the circumstance) deal out his punishment.

Tolerance is, then, slavery to indecision while charity is boundless and free to embrace the sinner without enduring the sin.

It is easy to put aside the immoral, corrupt, disgusting behavior of the Republicans as the good ol' boys having their fun. And I will do just that. There is really no need to be concerned with the slow, stubborn, self-righteous Elephant anymore. They are as done as freshmen at Oasis. The only hope they have are the Democrats.

Winning by being the "other" party lies somewhere between sufficient and sad, but it seems to be the strategy of the Democrats for 2006. Do not expect any persuasive rhetoric, or courageous stands...just the minimal. The Democrats might end up winning big in November by watching the GOP go up in flames with us. When you have Matt "HrnyRep18" Foley, Tom Delay, Bob "Show Me The MoNey" Ney, among others, it guarantees a good fiery show. Unfortunately, this doesn't cut it for me. As it looks right now, the Dems will win by being losers.

There are two likely scenarios



JAIME ZEPEDA

to come up after these November elections, and both are not Donkey-friendly. The first scenario has the Democrats losing, literally, and thereby losing any credibility they had left as a party. Losing to the Republicans, at this point in time, when they are self-destructing in every way foreseeable would be the kiss of death. Goodbye Democrats, hello Tories. The second scenario has the Democrats losing, potentially, in 2008. If there is anything we have learned from the Republicans it is that they fight back hard. Bill Clinton saw this when they took over in 1994 after decades out of congressional power. Democrats have let the Republicans go unchecked for too long, and they

have gotten accustomed to the taste of power. It tastes like chicken—and they *loove* their chicken (takes one to love one). Because of this, the Right will fight with all their might in 2008 for the big one: the presidency.

I cannot say I would not be happy if the Republicans lost both Houses in the election, because my religion does not allow me to lie. But the outcome must be seriously analyzed, and the possible

long-term outcomes pondered. The Republicans have done their share (thanks, by the way), and now it is time for the Democrats to show some *gravitas*. They need to readjust their mentality, into one of a winning party. The results in '06 don't count, only the momentum. The only way the Democrats can win in November is to believe they can win in November...of 2008.

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Wal-Mart says 'Hey! No fair!', sues Apple

Despite cheery employees, Wal-Mart is a bad, bad place

Where would this country be without Wal-Mart? It would undoubtedly be a vastly different place, filled with worthless things like family-owned businesses run with care and love. We are very fortunate that we live in a country which mass-produce conglomerates who bully around little independent businesses. In a place that cherishes the concept of pulling oneself up by his or her "bootstraps" and forging a successful career, the overwhelming power of Wal-Mart and other such retailers to maintain such a stranglehold over competition is disheartening.

Really though, Wal-Mart is an asset for consumers. Where else can you buy edited versions of popular CDs (because the store refuses to sell ones with parental advisory stickers on them)? It does this in the hopes of keeping its image "family-friendly," but in reality it is just supporting censorship and stifling the idea of creative expression.

As most people already know, Wal-Mart uses very unfair labor practices with its employees, many of whom are not even legal citizens. It used to refuse to pay overtime, while forcing employees to work past their normal shift. These employees did not put up a fight most likely because they were afraid of getting fired (or worse, deported). While these practices have most likely been fixed, due to the criticism the company received as a result of the accusations, the fact that it even was an issue speaks volumes.

Recent news concerning Wal-



ADRIAN GARRO

Mart's lawsuit against Apple for selling movies on iTunes is easy to understand. Wal-Mart is the leading retailer of DVDs, so it makes sense for the company to feel threatened by an online music store selling movies to its customers. I'm not saying that Wal-Mart should be tolerant of the development; I'm more concerned with the fact that US consumers are dumb enough to make Wal-Mart the leading DVD retailer.

Wal-Mart has achieved this status as the country's most successful retailer due to its ability to pander to the lower class. It is able to sell things at cheaper prices than other stores. The problem with this is that Wal-Mart drives out the local competition around it, as the local businesses cannot possibly compete with such a controlling force.

It's tough to suggest that consumers stop buying things from Wal-Mart. Due to our economy, there are millions of people who just cannot afford to spend more money and go to a different, more "honest" business instead of dumping their cash at Wal-Mart. Ideally though, people should stop shopping there in an effort to stand up for what is right. Allowing a big company as Wal-Mart to come in and completely take

over a shopping center (as is usually the case) is akin to giving a bully your lunch money in the school cafeteria. If you do that, you will not be able to support yourself, and you will go hungry. This is basically what happens to the local businesses once Wal-Mart waltzes into town and takes over.

As I said earlier, Wal-Mart suing Apple for selling movies is understandable from a business standpoint. As Gordon Gekko stated in Wall Street, "Greed is good," and Wal-Mart embodies that sentiment better than anyone. I just take offense to Wal-Mart's

success. Despite all the bad publicity it has received, people continue to go there and throw their money away on mass-produced garbage. It is hard for most people to do otherwise, but it is still a shame.

I implore people to stop supporting this company. If you want to buy a DVD, try using eBay or Amazon.com or some other such site that sometimes sells them for cheap. If all else fails, you can always resort to free downloading off of the Internet. It's not like Wal-Mart really needs more money anyway.

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Proposition 85 debate wages on with Acosta/Sapper
Should parents informed before their children get an abortion?

Vote "yes" on Proposition 85

Brian Sapper

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Vote "no" on Proposition 85

More Iraqi deaths are ignored

by Khalida Sarwari
Staff Writer

Before going into why Proposition 85 should be approved, it's important to note that it will *not* lead to the overturning of Roe vs. Wade. There is nothing stated in the proposition that completely prevents minors from getting an abortion, only that parental consent is required. Also, claiming that Proposition 85 will eventually lead to legislation banning abortion is the same slippery-slope argument as claiming that same-sex marriages will lead to the legalization of bestiality. They are both alarmist reactions that have nothing to do with the intention of the legislation at hand.

The fact is that most minors are unable to make mature decisions while taking into account the consequences they will cause, hence why they require parental notification and consent in issues such as medical procedures. A minor is already not allowed to get a tattoo, smoke, drink, go on a field trip, or even receive aspirin from their school without parental consent. Considering that an abortion is far more serious than taking aspirin, the parents should at least have a say in their daughters' actions.

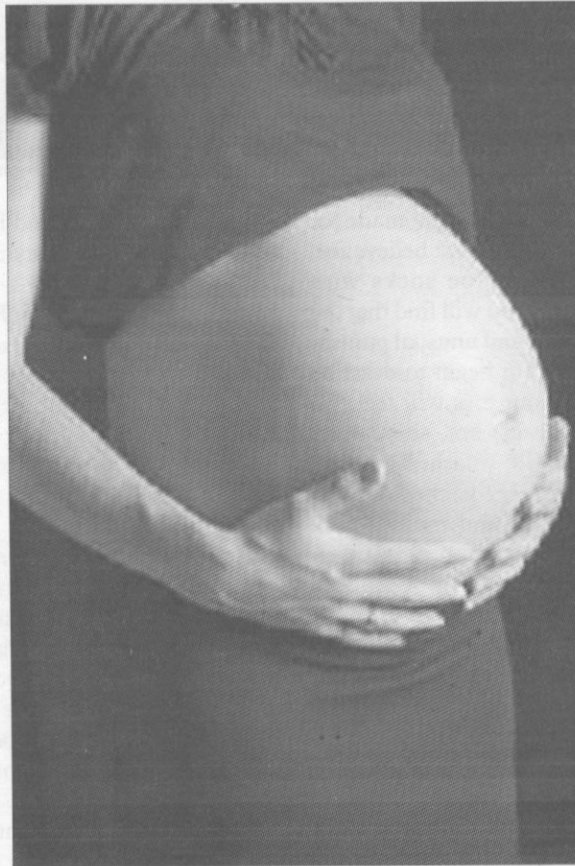
Another important thing to remember is that like all medical procedures, abortion has its risks. Although the operation is for the most part safe for the woman involved, there is still the risk of physical/mental trauma and even sterilization, especially if the woman involved has yet to fully develop physically. Since the minor involved is a dependent of her parents, that means they are financially responsible for any complications caused by the abortion. Shouldn't parents be involved in a situation where their child might be harmed?

What many people against Proposition 85 like to argue is that minors do not talk to their parents about getting an abortion if their family is highly dysfunctional or abusive, and they are also hesitant to talk about it if their pregnancy was the result of rape or incest. However, in these cases the minor does not have to receive parental consent. Like other parental notification laws in the US, a judge may rule that a minor doesn't require consent or notification in cases of rape or incest.

Again, Proposition 85 will not lead to disputes over the legality of abortion. As far as we know, it's here to stay. However, what Proposition 85 will do is help parents get involved in their children's decisions.

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Brian Sapper



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Next time you eat a slice of pizza, I want you to think about abortion. Domino's Pizza founder Tom Monaghan is a prominent contributor to California's "Yes on Proposition 85" campaign. Proposition 85 repackages last year's Proposition 73, which California voted against. So when you pick up a slice of cheesy sub-par perfection that is a Domino's slice, think of the ongoing fight to diminish or even obliterate privacy rights.

The perceived benefits of Proposition 85 are false. The Proposition would impose a 48-hour waiting period where parents are notified of a minor's abortion. UC San Francisco studies show that 70 percent of teens already include parents in their decision about abortion; however, the minority, comprised of about 30 percent, may be victims or potential victims of sexual, physical, and psychological violence. The automatic notification element endangers because many do not live in the picture-perfect, white-picket-fence family. The news may also come at an incorrect time. For example, an understanding parent may be sent into a whirlwind because they believe their daughter was hiding it from them, when really she was working up the courage it takes to discuss such heavy issues.

The number of abortions in California has decreased in recent years, so why put those that still need the procedure in a precarious position? The privacy Californians currently enjoy has been in effect since 1953. Proposition 85 regresses privacy and our society.

Prop 85 allows parents to sue doctors if they are not notified (in writing) of the abortion. This measure would clog the legal system with unnecessary cases. The state of California has greater worries than parents that were unable to earn their child's trust—yes, it is a trust issue—like keeping abortion safe and legal for its citizens, minors or not.

Medical professional societies such as the California Medical Association, California Association of Family Physicians, American Psychological Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics are among many that oppose the proposition. The primary supporter of Proposition 85 is James Holman, a Catholic newspaper publisher. He donated \$3.2 million of the \$3.6 million the "Yes on 85" campaign has at its disposal. Holman is a known opponent of Planned Parenthood, which is an essential community resource in preventing pregnancies as well as providing health care. The opinion of medical associations is more valuable than a magazine-pusher and a pizza mogul. These medical associations are well-aware of the implications the passing of Proposition 85 carries. It chips away at the legality of abortion.

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Danny Acosta

Thirty-four other states have similar laws. I will go out on a limb and say these are the "abstinence-only" program states. Those are the states with the curriculum that deprives the youth of information about their own bodies. Abstinence-only education withholds the necessary information to be safe. These are the programs that lead to abortions in the first place.

Information is essential. The youth should be provided with the information that teaches them about abstinence and safe sex to decrease abortions. An awareness of their bodies leads to informed decisions.

Instead of pushing this potentially detrimental Proposition, Californians should pursue empowering community resources since community resources continue to disappear. There is only one simple truth in this debate: a positive environment is far more effective than coerced communication. Community resources ensure safety—something Proposition 85 cannot do.

So if parents are worried about their daughter's having abortions, they should have a dialogue with them about their life—sex included. Maybe parents can veer away from the ill-conceived notion that talking about sex is negative. Perhaps they can order some pizza and do some talking, but more importantly, do some listening. Let's just hope it is from their local, independent pizza place.

George W. Bush has no conscience. He proved that again at a press conference last week.

When asked about the escalating death toll of Iraqi civilians, the President answered, "I am, you know, amazed that this is a society which so wants to be free that they're willing to—you know, that there's a level of violence that they tolerate." Translation: the Iraqi civilians are dying at alarming rates, but they can withstand the loss. What is a few—or 655,000—deaths for the sake of freedom? They know the drill.

According to the Kansas City Star, 890,000 Iraqis have been "tolerating" the violence by moving to nearby countries such as Jordan, Iran, and Syria since the arrival of coalition forces in early 2003. An additional 330,000 "tolerant" Iraqis have escaped and sought refuge from the violence in other parts of Iraq. They report that over 1,000 Iraqis are fleeing their homes on a daily basis as a result of rampant violence. And according to The Mercury News, 71 percent of Iraqis want U.S.-led military forces to withdraw from their country as soon as possible, claiming their removal would "make Iraq more secure and decrease sectarian violence."

Apparently "tolerance" has a completely different meaning for President Bush, because tolerance in the conventional sense implies that the Iraqis are given a choice in the matter. Never mind that the Iraqis did not want to be invaded in the first place. Never mind that they were never given the choice to tolerate U.S. occupation from the start. Never mind that the Iraqis did not ask for the U.S. to come to their rescue by launching a meaningless bloody crusade for "freedom", another vague Western notion.

Tolerance is a meaningless word in Iraq as the people witness approximately 500 violent deaths a day. Tolerance is a hollow concept to the glum-looking father holding the wounded body of his dead baby son in his arms, his features contorted in anguish and despair. Let's ask the approximately 655,000 dead Iraqi civilians how much they are willing to tolerate. Let's ask the insurgent Iraqi citizens as they plot violent retaliation against U.S. military forces how much they are willing to tolerate.

Clearly President Bush is the only one who is willing to tolerate this situation.

President Bush continues to prove that he does not have the mental capacity to face facts even when he is clearly mistaken. The new figure is monumentally larger than the figure President Bush cited in a December speech. Bush claims the discrepancy is due to the report having faulty information. Sort of like his administration.

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Free toes are happy toes

Why toe-crunching tennies are a bad plan



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by Kristine Myhre
 Contributing Writer

Californians. Flip flops. Both are well known words often associated with each other. Since the beginning of the sandal trend, Californians have been typically stereotyped as wearing only it on their feet all year long. As an avid flip flop wearer and lover of the sandal, I do not understand why some people might feel that these wonderful creations should be worn strictly in the summer.

Many of my friends call me crazy for wearing flip flops in the rain, but should I punish my toes, who long to be free, by smashing them in to an enclosure such as a sneaker or tennis shoe? The answer to that question is no. Toes have feelings too, and personally, I would not like my toes to abandon me in my days of need.

This often leads to another is-

sue people might have with wearing sandals in the not-so-sunny or warm weather, a question I have often been asked myself: Don't your toes get cold? Well, it depends. When the seasons first start to turn, the toes tend to stay a nice temperature—not so warm that the problem of sticky toe occurs, but not so cold that the toes begin to lose pigment. When the temperature changes to a point where the toes can no longer maintain themselves though, they will often feel as though they are frozen.

It's for this sole reason, in my opinion, that the 'toe sock' was created. For those of you who are not familiar with the toe sock, let me briefly explain. It is a sock that has individual encasings for each toe as a way to let each phalange be separate from one another yet still have the warmth of body heat from the neighboring toe.

This leads me to my assump-

tion that toe socks were made for sandals. If you do not believe me, wear a pair of toe socks with sneakers and you will find that the phrase "cruel and unusual punishment" does not begin to describe the agony your toes will feel.

They will feel hot, smothered, itchy, enclosed, smashed like sardines in an over packed sardine tin, suffocated and many worse things that are just too awful to describe on paper.

Should you wear these same toe socks with a pair of friendly flip flops you will find that your toes no longer have to suffer with the elements of the colder seasons. They will be able to experience the freedom of bare feet, but still be comforted by the warmth of the sock.

Why should your flip flops be banned to the darkness of the closet, alone and collecting dust while the weather is cold? Should they not feel the same love all year

long? Sure toe socks and flip flops might not be the most stylish fashion statement in today's fashion sense, but what guy could resist the fun, flirty sight of a girl's toes dressed in penguin printed toe socks? Tell me, what girl could resist the sight of a guy whose outfit matches perfectly from the shirt on his back to literally the tips of his toes?

Is it wrong to want your toes to experience the happiness of floppy freedom, to know that you appreciate each one for what they are, and do not always need to feel as though the foot is made up of a heel and one large toe, most often enclosed in a single compartment?

In conclusion, I feel that everyone, whether Californian or not, should embrace the goodness of the flip flop and toe sock, and help bring them together as they were meant to be. Show love to your toes; wear flip flops and toe socks.

100 Word Reviews

Cheesy Goodness

by Melodie Olson
 Chief Layout Designer

Grilled Cheese is by far the best simple food ever created by man to make up for the absence of a female to cook. It can be as simple as a piece of cheese between two pieces of white bread heated by an iron in one's dorm room. It can be complex: four cheeses on rye with a slice of tomato in a Chicago restaurant where the drinks are served in mason jars. Or it can be as homey as your father cooking it for you, cutting it into four pieces—because mom won't—and teaching you about the joys of mayonnaise on a grilled cheese.

All the action you need

by J. Harry Painter
 Chief Copy Editor

Those looking for some action on the weekend need not look further than Jet Li's latest, and supposedly last, martial arts film. *Fearless* begins with some huge fights that, kick for unnecessary kick, bring more action than average movie-goers can handle. And when I say huge, I mean so huge that after Act II (the ten-minute intermission devoid of fighting) finished, I was underwhelmed by the climactic final battles.

However, if you don't mind the lack of a real plot, occasionally laughable dialogue, and bombardment of fight after fight after fight, your ten bucks could be worse spent this weekend.

Royally lame

by Megan Manley
 Staff Writer

So the newest Bachelor is a prince; yes, a real one. Apparently an Italian Prince at that, but he looks more like a surfer than any Prince I have ever seen. First off, he is an Italian Prince that can't speak Italian...kinda weird. Leave it to reality TV to hype an Italian Prince who knows no Italian at all. To make the show even more entertaining they threw in an authentic Italian woman, who Prince what's-his-name cannot understand at all. Of course to cap it all off there is the traditional psycho, who this year is also a socialite. Let the cat fights begin.

Hollywood: Scorsese ability has not *Departed*

New cop-drama finds tragedy through elevated filmmaking

by Danny Acosta
 Opinion Editor

Shakespeare in South Boston. This is the story that director Martin Scorsese brings to the big screen in his new film *The Departed*.

The story follows Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon) through his ascension to Massachusetts State Police prominence, while Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio) falls deep undercover with the Irish mafia.

Both are taken under their wing by mob boss Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson), the only thing bigger in Boston than Larry Bird.

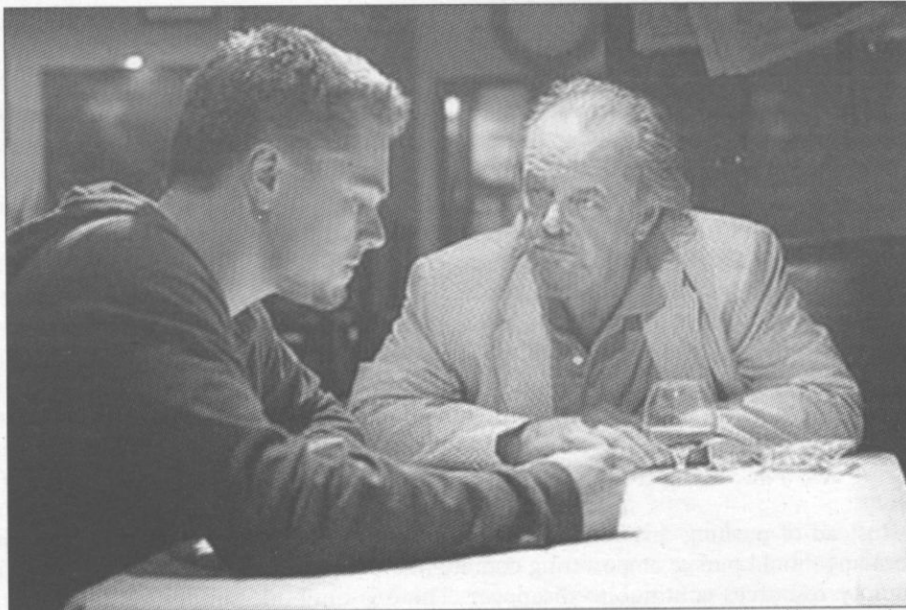
Damon and DiCaprio solidify themselves as serious performers. DiCaprio does not drag the film with sub-par acting as he did in his previous collaborations with Scorsese. Like Damon, his abilities come through the screen stronger than they have in previous roles. It helps that Nicholson brings about

a wonderfully villainous mean streak to the screen. This is Nicholson's first film in three years and there are no signs of rust on the legendary actor.

The film begins with a voiceover of Frank Costello. As Costello shakes down a local diner, the audience is thrown into his world: sick yet slick, disgust-

Winstone's performance seemingly adds complexity to his flat character. Martin Sheen makes his presence known as the "good cop." In this film, even Mark Wahlberg acts.

Comedy is not something that is lost on *The Departed*. Alec Baldwin chimes in with a seriously comedic role. The ball-bust-



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ing and appealing. And only Nicholson can pull it off.

The film is not free of trite characterizations. However, the powerhouse cast does more than enough to ignore that fact. Ray Winstone plays Mr. French, the muscle for Costello's mafia.

ing banter of the cops and mafiosos offers laughs where audiences least expect them. Half way through the film, the audience teeters between laughing and cringing. The laughs come from the same place as the blood: the testosterone-ridden streets of Bos-

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Singer/songwriter strums through Saint Mary's
Chris Volpe points students in right musical direction

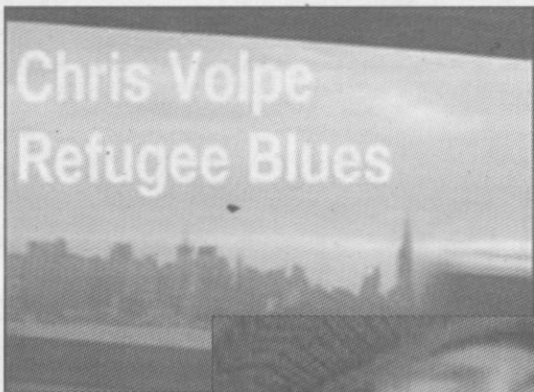
by **Danny Acosta**
Opinion Editor

On October 11th, General Manager of KSMC, Kelly Rubert, delivered the second installment of the Campfire Series starring Chris Volpe.

The San Francisco-based Volpe broke in a guitar he purchased the prior Saturday at the show. By the first chorus of the first song, the audience was well aware of why he won the Independent Music Award for Best Album by a Singer-Songwriter for 2006. While Volpe admitted he was not a fan of set lists, the set progressed as if it was overly rehearsed. He played with his guitar across his knee, bent like he was listening to his guitar guide him through his own mind.

Extensive instrumental portions of his songs allowed a smirk to emerge from behind his harmonica. He commented on the seven harmonicas he has accumulated over the years: "Write a song with one, got to keep it forever." The presence of the harmonica never deterred from his aggressive guitar picking.

As a performer, he allows his instruments to shine over his voice. Conversely, he performs never forgetting that his voice is an instrument. Never does he neglect his lyrics to focus on his fast paced picking. After performing



Chris Volpe (bottom) has won many awards including his most recent independent Music Award for Best Album by a Singer/Songwriter earlier this year.

Courtesy of <http://npr.com>



his deeply personal *Ashtray Memories*, Volpe let out a breath of fresh air by saying, "I must confess that's an awful lot of fun for me to perform."

The laughter of the crowd and Volpe continued through song breaks as stories were exchanged.

He introduced a "new and favorite song" entitled *Speaking Sounds*. The song began with the strong strum of Spanish influence before going to his progressive folk style. The chords suddenly seemed heavy. Capable of playing the piano, bass, and drums among other instruments, Volpe knows his craft and does not shy away from influences. Other

songs had hints of blues, while others still that of Paul Simon, but all were distinctly his own.

His storytelling ability took center stage along with his versatility as he played a new song on the banjo. The song weaved together nautical imagery with a narrative that involved Frederick Douglas and Harriet Tubman. It ended with a conversation between Charles Bukowski and Helen Keller. The complexity of the song indicates his time at Kent

State was well spent. By the end of his set, the audience was well aware of why the event is entitled the Campfire Series. It is intimate and colorful. The blending of songs from Volpe's album and new songs provided a strong insight to what loving music is about.

The album *Refugee Blues* can only come from the places where Volpe has traveled. Volpe made the record in its purest form—in two hours. He won limited studio time in a songwriting contest, which is not unfamiliar ground for Volpe. The physical and emotional displacement that attaches itself to youth presents itself with a sharp sense of maturity on the fifteen track album. Volpe possesses an intricate lyrical arsenal. He has the sensibilities of a poet; the ability to tell stories in metaphors. At every turn, it is apparent he challenges himself musically, which is no surprise considering he is a self-taught musician. Perhaps the honesty found on *Refugee Blues* can only come from writing songs in New York subway stations as he did.

Volpe's voyage through Americana relays to listeners a sense of honesty found in coffee shops, but with a sound ready for the masses. With his sound arrives the first train back to spirit in music.

Concert Watch



Slims

Less Than Jake
10/17

The Expendables
10/20

The Warfield
The Decemberists
10/19 & 10/20

Slightly Stoopid/Pepper
10/21

Cartel/New Found Glory
10/23

Shoreline

Bridge School Benefit
10/21 & 10/22

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Why didn't I think of that?!

A short and random reflection by Medved

Last weekend my seven-year-old cousin filled me in on the mysterious neighbors next door. He said he wasn't sure how many of them there are, because he always sees different cars, and A LOT of people. "Oh, so they have a lot of parties," I

said. To which his response was, "No, they don't really have that many parties, because they don't ever have balloons." Of course, why didn't I think of that? Part of the unwritten rules of party-throwing is to have an ob-

noxious gaggle of balloons tied to a mailbox or lamppost or something, to signal the exact location of the shindig. I feel like we need to do a better job of following that rule here, even if all one can manage is a single saggy balloon.

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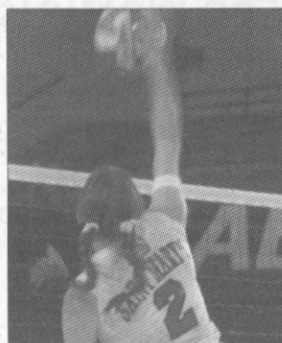
Brian Mason



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

Junior goalie Brian Mason recorded another shutout with five saves to keep the game scoreless last Friday against the Santa Clara Broncos. The Broncos recorded 19 attempts but Mason's efforts kept the Broncos unable to score.

Missie Stidham



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

Junior Missie Stidham had two double-doubles last weekend against Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine University. Against Loyola Marymount, she recorded 21 kills and 15 digs and against Pepperdine, 12 kills and 11 digs.

**Sports
Calendar**

Thursday, October 19
Volleyball
vs. **Portland**
7:05 p.m.

Friday, October 20
Women's Soccer
vs. **Pepperdine**
3 p.m.

Women's Tennis
ITA Regionals
@ Berkeley
All Day

Men's Tennis
ITA Regionals
@ Stanford
All Day

Saturday, October 21
Volleyball
vs. **Gonzaga**

Women's Rowing
@ Head of the Charles
Boston, Massachusetts
All Day

Sunday, October 22
Women's Soccer
vs. **LMU**
1 p.m.

Men's Soccer
@ San Francisco
7 p.m.

Monday, October 23
Men's Golf
SDSU Barona Classic
@ Barona Creek Golf Club
All Day

Gaels roar by Lions but swept up by Waves
Women's volleyball splits on road trip to Southern California

by **Zack Farmer**
Managing Editor

The Gaels split on their road trip to Southern California with a win over Loyola Marymount (LMU) and a loss to Pepperdine.

Saint Mary's came back from a 2-1 deficit to take down the Loyola Marymount Lions. Missie Stidham '08 returned to form in the match by recording a double-double with 21 kills and 15 digs. Going into the fifth game, no game had been decided by more than five points.

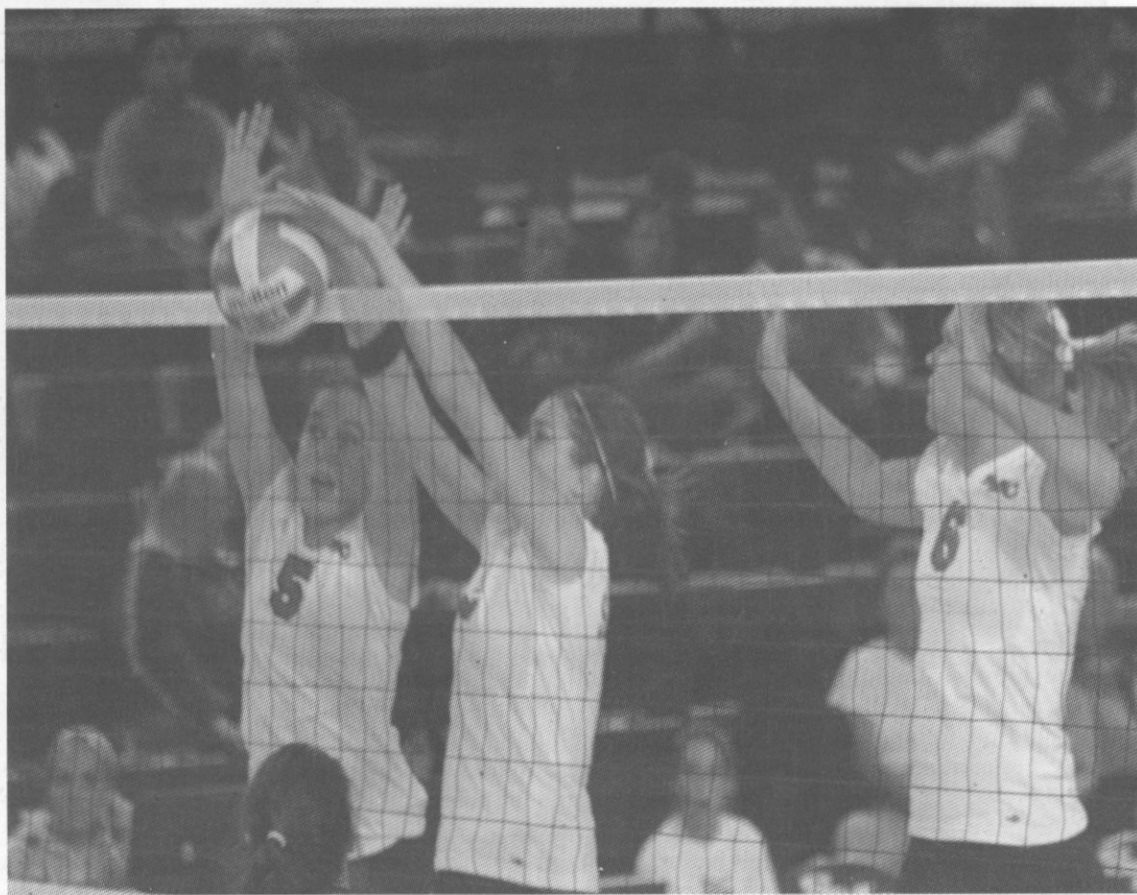
The Gaels were outdug by the Lions 101-79, but the Gaels outblocked them 27-12.

Megan Burton '10 had nine kills and 11 blocks in the match.

The Gaels struggled, only hitting at a .045 clip and losing the first match 30-25. The defense picked up their play as they allowed LMU to hit only .133 in the second game. The Lions committed 10 errors in the second game, losing it 30-27.

The third game went to overtime and the Lions pulled away with a 32-30 win. It was a very clean match as the two teams combined to commit a mere eight errors. Game four was just as tough as the two played to a stalemate and into overtime for the second straight game. This time, the Gaels came out on top by committing four errors to LMU's eight.

Saint Mary's dominated the final game, taking it 15-8. The Gaels held the Lions to a .000 hit percentage in the final game. They also took care of the volleyball



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

The women's volleyball team recorded 27 blocks against the Loyola Marymount Lions on Thursday evening.

by committing only 26 errors compared to 37 for LMU.

Defense and errors were the difference in the match as they overcame an 85-69 kill differential to take the win away from their Southern California rivals.

Christina Kirk '07 recorded another solid game by collecting 18 kills, 11 digs, and seven blocks. Setter Mandy Bible '07 recorded a double-double as well with 54 assists and 15 digs.

LMU hitters, Christianna Reneau and Heather Hughes, both had huge games as Reneau collected 25 kills and 18 digs, and Hughes had 24 kills and 19 digs.

Despite their strong performance against LMU, the Gaels came out flat against Pepperdine, losing in three games.

Saint Mary's was overpowered by the Waves in the first game 30-18. The Gaels put up a .085 hit percentage in the first game.

The Waves outblocked the Gaels 22-16 and committed three fewer errors than Saint Mary's.

With the split over the weekend, the Gaels are 3-2 in the West Coast Conference (WCC) and 8-8 overall. The 3-2 record places them in fifth place in the WCC.

Saint Mary's will host the Pacific Northwest contingents from Portland and Gonzaga this weekend on Thursday and Saturday, respectively.

Women's tennis reaches four finals at SMC Invite
Results reveal rollercoaster ride for Gaels, only able to take one championship

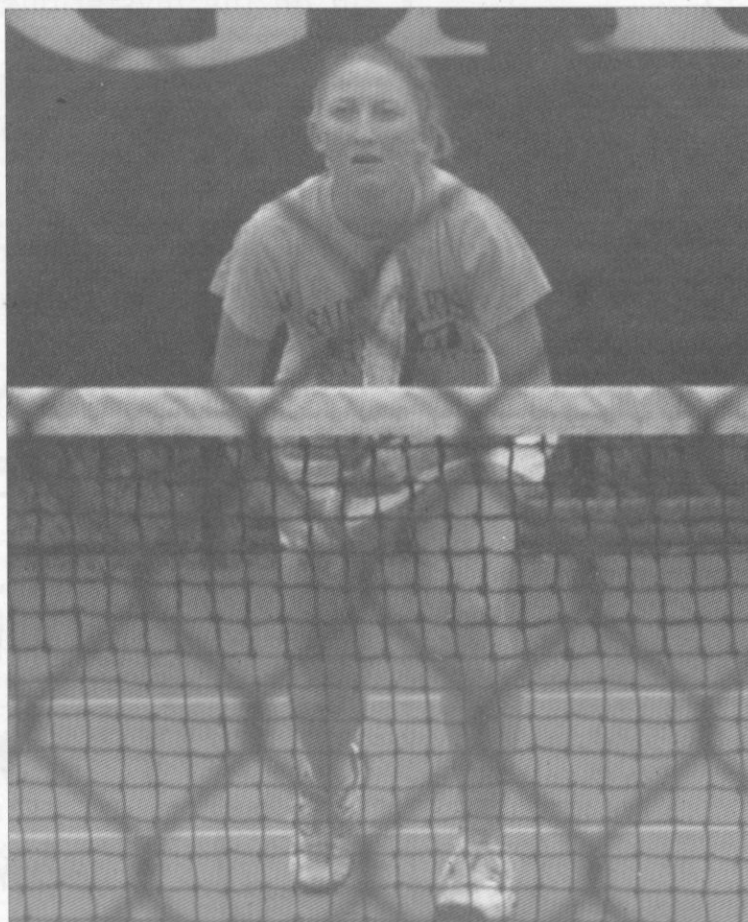
by **J. Harry Painter**
Chief Copy Editor

Last weekend at the 2006 Saint Mary's Women's Tennis Invitational, Saint Mary's players reached the finals in four different flights, but came away with only one championship—junior Caitlin Aloia in the women's flight C singles draw.

The annual invitational, hosted by Saint Mary's at The Korth Tennis Complex, brought 11 other schools to Moraga to compete. Among them were conference rivals Santa Clara University (SCU) and University of San Francisco (USF) and other out-of-conference teams, such as tennis powerhouses Stanford and California.

Giving Saint Mary's one of its most successful runs was the women's B doubles team of junior Stefanie Ordoveza and sophomore Erin Young, who tore apart SCU's Kim Daniels and Megan Madden in all of 20 minutes, and was dominating Joana Macedo and Sarah Oudomvilay of USF until they retired due to injury after two games.

Having lost only three games so far in the tournament (in their first round win against LMU's Maria



Frankie Mangini/COLLEGIAN

Junior Caitlin Aloia won the flight C singles draw in the SMC Invitational.

Garcia Planas and Vanessa Lunardi), Ordoveza and Young went into the final round with confidence and momentum.

But a victory in the final was not to be. They fought hard but ultimately fell short in Sunday's match against Nevada's Audrey Bardot and Bach-Lan Pham, losing 6-8.

In the women's flight A singles draw, fourth seed Aude Lambert (SMC) fell to Stanford's Lindsay Burdette (7) in the quarterfinals. Lambert struggled to find her rhythm in that match and at one point kicked a ball into the fence—a sign that all was not well in the Saint Mary's camp.

Nonetheless, there were many positives last weekend for Saint Mary's.

The Gaels' resident sibling team, the freshmen Strijbis twins, made their way into the semifinals, beating the fourth seeded team from Nevada 8-3, before losing to the eventual champions, Nina Henkel and Danon Moore from California, 8-5.

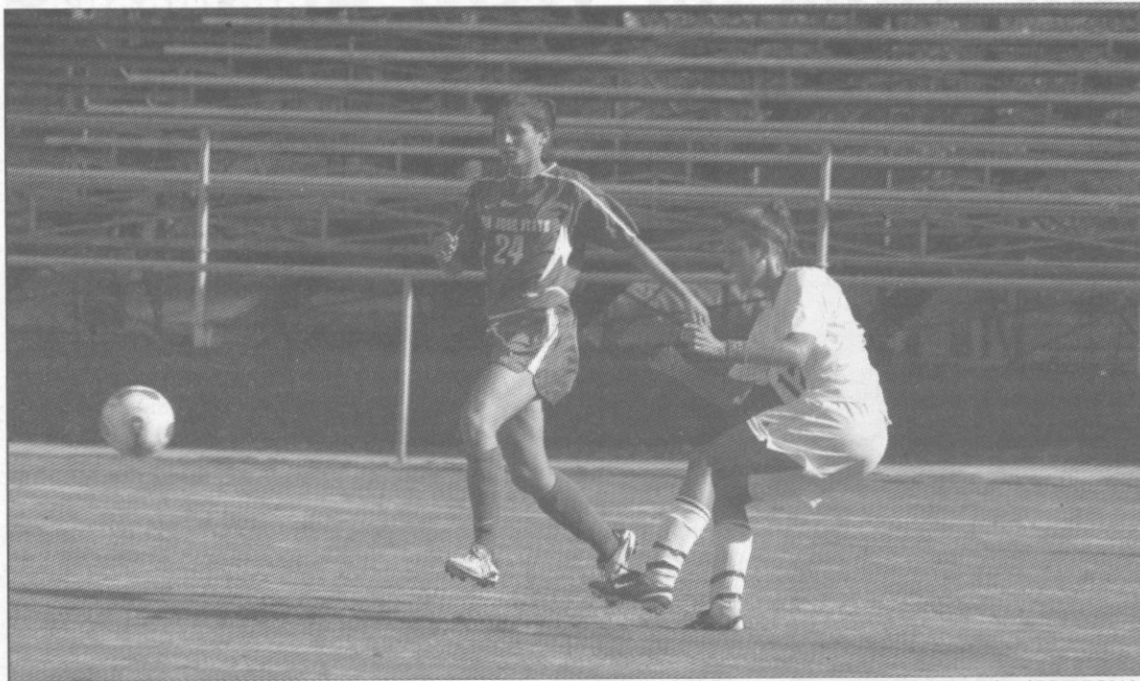
Junior Gael Caitlin Aloia came away with the women's C singles championship on Sunday, defeating University of the Pacific's Sasha Fisher 6-1, 6-3.

Next week, the Saint Mary's women's tennis team will be heading over to Berkeley for the ITA Regionals.

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Women's soccer gets shut down

Trip to Gonzaga and Portland yields only five shots on goal



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

Senior forward McKenna Belzer registered two shots for the Gaels in matches against Portland and Gonzaga.

by Megan Manley
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's women's soccer team suffered another tough loss on Friday against conference foe Gonzaga.

The only goal of the game came at the 77:19 mark when Gonzaga's Nanda McCormick took a cross from the far right corner from Beth Dröllinger. The goal was McCormick's third of the season, lifting the Gonzaga Bulldogs to victory.

Gael freshman goalkeeper Jennifer Zenovich recorded three

saves on the night for the Gaels, but the loss drops her record to 2-5-0 so far for the season. Bulldog goalkeeper Jessie Thalman recorded her fourth shutout of the season while nabbing two saves in the game.

The Gaels took only four shots that night, with only two on goal while the Bulldogs recorded 11 shots.

The Gaels tried to bounce back from the loss on Sunday when they took on #5 Portland Pilots, last year's NCAA Champions.

However, the Pilots shut them

down, beating Saint Mary's 3-0.

The Pilots were tough early on and scored in the seventh minute of play when Michelle Enyeart scored her 13th goal of the year off a cross from Michelle Scifo.

Zenovich made six saves in the game, but it was not enough to stop the Pilots from scoring again in the 34th and 83rd minute.

With the two losses, the Gaels' record drops to 1-2-0 in conference and to 3-10-2 overall.

On Friday, the Gaels will face Pepperdine at Saint Mary's Stadium at 3 p.m.

Golf team finishes 12th at Alister

Kelley finishes in 19th place

by Sean Kent
Staff Writer

This past week, the Saint Mary's golf team placed 12th out of 15 teams at the annual Alister MacKenzie Invitational in Fairfax, CA.

While the Gaels finished third out of three West Coast Conference teams in the tournament, a bright spot for the team was junior Josh Kelley's low score of one over par.

Kelley opened the tournament with a 69, the lowest single round score of the tournament for any Gael golfer. Kelley followed up his first round performance with scores of 73 and 72, respectively, to finish the tournament tied individually at 19th place.

The tournament attracted competition from local powerhouses Cal and San Jose State to distant ones, such as Kansas State and Penn State.

The Gaels finished just one shot behind cross-bay rival University of San Francisco (USF) and a total of 42 shots behind the host Cal, who easily defeated second place San Jose State.

While Kelley set the individual mark for the Gaels, brothers Mike and Robert McRae also played

well, finishing 25th and 35th, respectively.

Junior Mike McRae, finished three over par with a low round score of 71, while freshman Robert McRae posted a low round score of 70, yet finishing overall five over par.

Junior Brett Mormann also matched Kelley's low round score of 69, yet posted scores of 75 and 78 to finish 59th overall.

For redshirt freshman Giuliano DeLecce, the Alister MacKenzie Invitational was his first collegiate tournament. The rookie's best round was an even par 71, sandwiched between rounds of 77 and 79. DeLecce finished 75th overall.

While the 12th place finish is the worst finish thus far for the Gaels, the Alister MacKenzie Invitational was the largest field the team had faced to this point.

In two previous tournaments, the Saint Mary's golf team had not finished lower than third, yet they faced fields of 12 teams or fewer.

The Gaels will hope to regain their winning stroke in their next event on October 23-24 at the San Diego State University Classic on the Barona Creek Golf Course in Lakeside, CA.

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Yankees lose...so do viewers

ESPN's bias unfair to baseball fans, teams



ADRIAN GARRO

Online, I saw someone call ESPN the "Eastern Seaboard Sports Network." Watching it the past week or so, that would seem accurate. It would be hard to know that the baseball playoffs are still going on.

Once the beloved Yankees were eliminated by the feisty Detroit Tigers, ESPN seemed more intent on focusing on Terrell Owens' latest attention grab than pay any attention to the American League Championship Series.

ESPN makes it seem as if nothing else matters once the Yankees are out of the picture. Once Derek Jeter and his merry band of overpaid hacks got bounced by the upstart Tigers, ESPN's so-called "analysts" all said the Tigers would advance to the World Series.

Of course they will, they beat the Yankees! Surely anyone that can defeat the mighty, all-powerful Yankees must be capable of winning it all. Maybe then

George Steinbrenner can be somewhat pacified, knowing that his team lost (again) to the eventual World Series winner.

Wait. I'm talking about George Steinbrenner. He doesn't know what it means to be satisfied.

It is important to note how nobody on ESPN gave the Tigers any chance at all to beat the Yankees. Idiots like John Kruk just flapped their jaw about how easily the Yankees would manhandle the Tigers. They forgot to realize that the Tigers actually have a pitching staff (and a bullpen, something the Yankees lacked). Once the Tigers won, everyone was suddenly behind them, but the focus was still more on Joe Torre's future and Alex Rodriguez's status as a failure to pay much attention to the rest of the playoffs.

As this article is written, the Tigers seem on their way to dancing into the World Series, but ESPN is still more content to focus on how the Yankees failed, rather than how the Tigers succeeded.

The recent news about Yankee pitcher Cory Lidle dying in a flying accident is tragic and is actually deserving of the coverage it has received.

Instead of focusing so much on Joe Torre and whether he should

be fired, focusing on the freak death of an athlete such as this is a sobering reminder of what is actually important.

While ESPN is good for highlights, its analysis of what it deems "important" is skewed in a very Eastern way. Why else would Game three of the American League Championship Series (ALCS) be moved up to 1:30 p.m. Pacific time but to accommodate New York's other team, the Mets?

As a fan of a West Coast team, this New York/East Coast bias is nothing new, but it is still unfair. ESPN should be more impartial and report on all the teams, instead of focusing so intently on Derek Jeter and the Evil Empire.

It should also keep washed-up hacks like John Kruk and Tino Martinez out of the "analyst" crew, and actually employ people who have some clue what they are talking about.

Yankee fans who may read this and get all bent out of shape should remember: there's always next year.

Looking at who has won the last few World Series, Steinbrenner should realize that teams win championships, not groups of players, and attempt to follow suit.

But he won't. That would require some sense of insight, something of which he has none.

Cross country still on track for WCC

Personal bests at Bronco Invite prove they're ready

by Stefanie Ordoveza
Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's men and women's cross country teams participated in the Bronco Invite last Saturday.

At this race, 11 out of the 16 runners recorded personal bests, despite the tougher course.

The women's team was again led by junior Karrie Hagedorn, who ran a time of 18:38. In second for the Gaels was senior Clare Schwallie, who recorded her fastest time of the season at 19:42. Freshman Haley Hunsaker finished third for the Gaels, continuing her solid collegiate career with a time of 19:55.

Seniors Claudia Aguilera and Deanna Price both came in close behind with personal bests, recording times of 19:59 and 20:03, respectively.

Further efforts by the women's team brought even more personal records.

Sophomores Jenna Zack and Ruzena Kovacic and juniors Abigail Harris and Sara Nownes all beat their fastest times at this race, a great sign for the Gaels as they move on to the West Coast



Courtesy of Jack Ingraham

Junior Karrie Hagedorn continues to lead the women's cross country team, finishing at the Bronco Invite with a time of 18:38.

The men's cross country team had impressive results as well. Conference (WCC) Championships in two weeks.

Senior Sean Hanley and junior Peter Mathieu both ran personal bests, with times of 28:12 and 28:14, respectively. Mathieu's time beats his last personal best by about 58 seconds, a testament to his improvement since his injury a few weeks back.

In third for the Gaels came junior Alex Nabors, recording a second straight personal best for himself with a time of 28:52.

Not far behind finished sophomores David Stiles and Eric Villegas, who crossed the line with times of 29:09 and 29:14, respectively.

More personal bests were placed at this race for the men's team by juniors Michael Truxton (29:48) and Daniel Reyes (30:38).

The Gaels' strong showing at this race is a testament to their dedication to their ultimate goal, increased improvement in preparation for the WCC Championships.

With this as their last race until then, the men and women's cross country will use these next two weeks to train for the event, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 28 at Crystal Springs, CA.

This Week's Sports Trivia

1. Harry Hooper, the only Saint Mary's alumni in the baseball Hall of Fame, is the first player to...
 - a. hit for the cycle in the postseason
 - b. hit two homeruns in one World Series game
 - c. hit three triples in one game
 - d. collect four outfield assists in one game
2. Daniel Kickert broke the all-time scoring record in Saint Mary's school history. Who held the record before him?
 - a. Paul Marigney
 - b. Tom Meschery
 - c. Jerry West
 - d. David Vann
3. Who eliminated the women's volleyball team last year in the NCAA tournament?
 - a. Texas Tech
 - b. Washington
 - c. Arkansas
 - d. Notre Dame

Answers: 1. b, 2. d, 3. c

Men's soccer bucked by #17 Broncos

Gaels draw and lose in back-to-back overtime matches

by Rachael McCoy
Staff Writer

The Gaels faced #17 Santa Clara in a double-header last weekend. The Gaels traveled to Santa Clara this past Friday for the first game, which ended in a scoreless tie and they met again on Sunday at Saint Mary's Stadium for the second game, which ended in heartbreaker for the Gaels with a final score of 2-1.

On Friday, the Santa Clara Broncos took 19 shots, but Gael goalkeeper Brian Mason '08 kept the Broncos scoreless with five saves, leading him to his 13th career shut-out.

The Gaels, on the other hand, recorded no shots that game, bringing the game to a mere draw.

The Gaels faced Santa Clara again on Sunday on their own turf. 14 minutes into the game, Bronco forward Brian Martin '09 scored the first goal of the game.

Martin took a long shot from left field and while Gael goalkeeper Brian Mason was there and ready for the save, the ball slipped right between his hands, giving Santa Clara the goal and the upper-hand.

After the Bronco goal, several more attempts on goal were made but were unsuccessful.

It did not take much longer for the Gaels to answer back with a



Stefanie Ordoveza/COLLEGIAN

Junior midfielder Erik Roberts and senior forward Matt Fitzgerald teamed up to score the only goal for the Gaels in their back-to-back matches against #17 Santa Clara.

goal that would bring the game to a 1-1 tie. Forward Matt Fitzgerald '07 made Gael fans

roar with excitement when he made a goal from inside the box after a pass from midfielder Erik

Roberts '08.

The rest of the first half was filled with more unsuccessful at-

tempts on goal from both teams and several yellow-cards. A total of four yellow cards were given, two to both teams. Yellow cards were given as a result of tripping fouls, excessively rough playing, and offshoots of the mouth.

In the second half, Santa Clara kept possession of the ball for a larger amount of the time than the Gaels, allowing the Broncos many more shots on goal.

Mason, however, kept the Broncos from scoring any goals until the last 10 seconds of the second half. Santa Clara made a goal, but it was revoked due to an offside call.

The game went into overtime with a 1-1 score. To the dismay of the Gaels, overtime ended quickly. The Broncos only needed one play to end the game in their favor.

They crossed the ball into the goal box and forward Jeff Cosgriff '10 shot the goal hard through the middle, securing the win for the Broncos within the first 22 seconds of overtime.

Despite all the hard work, the Gaels were unable to come out of either match with a victory.

After Sunday's match, the Gaels are now 4-6-5 overall and 2-3-2 in West Coast Conference play. The Gaels will next face the San Francisco Dons at Negroesco Stadium on Sunday, October 22.