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Dine With Alums provides expansive network for students

Three-course dinner, 70 alums, 40 career paths



Khalida Sarwari/COLLEGIAN

by Khalida Sarwari
Staff Writer

The annual Dine with Alums night drew over 70 alumni and featured 40 different career paths at the Soda Activity Center last Tuesday, October 17, 2006. Saint Mary's students had the opportunity to eat dinner, network and mingle with alums and fellow students.

The evening was divided into three sessions. Students had the option to rotate between tables every 20 minutes and talk to alumni from various fields of their choice. The careers represented were varied to accommodate the interests of students from every academic field. Some of the careers represented included business consulting, human resources, and politics. Among the diverse organizations represented were Wells Fargo, The Regus Group, Callahan Insurance, and KRT Marketing.

At the midway point, charismatic keynote speaker Monika Fahlbusch '90 took the stage to relate her experience as an undergraduate at the college and its impact on her career in human resources. Fahlbusch, who is now vice president for

human resources at the Old Navy Brand, especially praised the valuable lessons she learned from her Collegiate Seminar classes, namely the ability to think critically. She noted that this is a skill that is sorely lacking in the workplace. She left students with a few lessons of her own. To be successful and happy, Fahlbusch advised students to have courage to be true to themselves as they enter the work field.

"Courage begins with an honest conversation with yourself," Fahlbusch said.

Fahlbusch also encouraged students to have clarity to sift through what she termed as "noise" in the workplace in order to be able to think effectively.

According to Patty Bishop, employer relations manager for the Career Development Center, the event serves to give students the opportunity to network with recent alumni they can easily relate to. Students are encouraged to ask questions they would not typically ask in a formal interview, such as inquiries regarding starting salary in a particular position or the down-

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WASC, climate survey reveal Saint Mary's has civility issues

Students lack courtesy toward dining, custodial staff

by Stefanie Wang
Webmaster

With the rise of the Facebook group "Don't give me attitude I pay your bills" and its counter-group "I am a decent human being who ALSO pays 40k to attend this school" forming in reaction to Sodexo employees and their "attitudes." The concern is raised of whether or not Saint Mary's is true to its principles.

The October 16 Campus Bulletin released the climate survey from spring '06. The compilation of faculty, staff, and student responses show that the school is not successfully promoting the five Lasallian Core Principles. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) committee, an association that is one of six regional associations that accredit all public and private schools and colleges, "strongly recommends that the College rededicate itself to building a highly functioning multicultural community, consistent with and informed by two of the Lasallian Tradition's Core Principles, 'Respect for all Persons' and 'Inclusive Community.'"

The majority of the WASC reports focused on the racial and ethnic differences in the Saint Mary's community and said that Saint Mary's is a practitioner of "benevolent racism, which take the form of: 'I am doing this for your own good.'" Statistics from the report show that staff morale is low as well; 45.4 percent of those who took the survey last spring either disagreed or strongly disagreed that "faculty morale is good on this campus." Another issue that faculty believes Saint Mary's should improve upon is promoting collaboration between different offices.

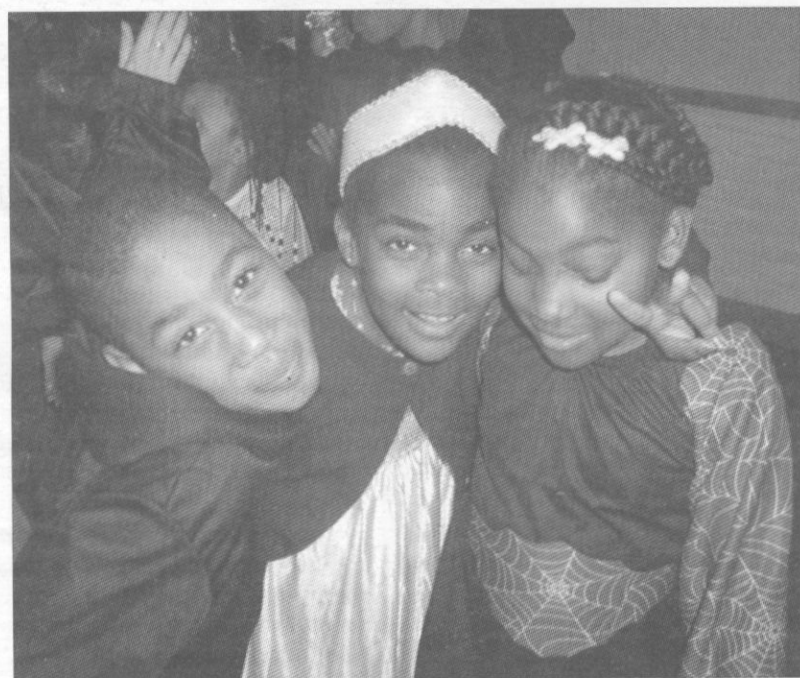
Shawny Anderson, the assistant dean of liberal arts, said that these are often problems for small schools like Saint Mary's.

She said that the attitude toward new members of the community is more like "Come on out, get on board" as opposed to "Come on out, what can we learn from you?" Anderson believes that this raises the question, "How do we function as a community?" She said that the primary focus of the school is the students and when a "Facebook war" occurs, it is very shocking and interesting to see.

Matt Carroll, the manager of Sodexo, said that this is the first time anything like this has happened. He believes that this protest occurred because the two previous card-sliders were more laissez-faire, letting students in if they didn't have their cards. According to Anderson and Carroll, there has been a certain amount of fraud going on with using another student's card, using another student's number, or letting students in through a side door. That is not fair for students who pay for their meal plans. Sodexo is also trying to correct this problem by enforcing the rules more strictly. Everyone who has a meal plan received a pamphlet that lists the dining hall's hours of operation and the basic rules. "The same wording [has been] in the pamphlet for six years," said Carroll.

He added that the workers enjoy working at Saint Mary's. They feel that it is a positive community and they enjoy their jobs. He said, normally, they don't have any trouble with students, said Carroll. The only place there is any friction is at the door. He said that there is no reason why students cannot read the pamphlet and the hours that are always posted on the dining hall doors. Carroll said that the card-sliders "want to be flexible, but [it is] hard to be flexible and a gatekeeper." The philosophy of the employees is to have a hassle-

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Gael guides, goblins, ghosts wander halls for ninth-annual Halloween Party-4-Kids

by Oliva Talavan
Staff Writer

Nine years ago, students involved in Campus Ministry collaborated to create Halloween Party-4-Kids. Last year, Recreational Sports joined in to create an even larger event. On Friday, October 27, Saint Mary's Campus Ministry and Recreational Sports will be hosting the ninth-annual Halloween Party-4-Kids. The event starts at 3 p.m. Kids from all over the Bay Area will arrive on campus and be greeted by Gael Guides for some Halloween fun.

In early September, 16 members of Campus Ministry and Recreational Sports were nominated to organize this Halloween party. Planning and brainstorming began while co-chairs, Allison Brown '09 and Rochelle Perkins '08 made sure everything ran smoothly. Though this is a student-run event, moderators Campus Minister Bob

Mallon; Director of Club Sports Katherine Gernhardt; and Director of Intramural Sports Kory Hayden still played an immense role in making this occasion possible.

This committee and their moderators put in a lot of hard work over the past two months for this event. Other than organizing, they have held fundraisers, such as selling candy door to door, in order to pay for supplies or purchase Halloween costumes for those who are unable to acquire one on their own. Perkins said, "All of the hard work we have put in is totally worth it."

Brown said, "Our number one goal is fun and our other priority is to provide a good and safe Halloween for kids and to expose them to something they can look forward to." In addition, Brown said that she is very excited to see all of

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Public Safety Officer Joe Arone walks the line with beer goggles during Thinking About Drinking Week.



Photo courtesy of Kayla Banion

Families gather to take a group photo on Saturday. Nearly 450 people attended Parent Family Day this weekend.



LINDA HUA

Disneyland is made of magic

There is just something about going to Disneyland that is very exciting, no matter what age one is.

I recently decided that I'm going to Disneyland with some awesome friends for New Year's Eve 2006. We'll be road-tripping it there, using three-day park-hopper passes, and crashing in a hotel suite...aside from cramming the five of us in a small sedan for the trips there and back, I am way excited.

True, I don't like annoying little munchkins (kids who whine, scream, and cry), and true, the rides have slowed down a lot and pretty much suck (that's why I have a park-hopper pass), but I still like Disneyland. It's just so classic. Everything about it not only brings back happy childhood memories, but just being there also feels *magical*.

Yes, corny, I realize that, but being at Disneyland for me is very magical. Every corner of the park whispers with little oohs and ahhs.

Okay, okay, Disneyland is not made of magic. I've been to the back/practice/equipment area-place thing behind Toon Town, I've seen the fake scenery, and I've seen the characters without their heads, smoking and using foul language—it's definitely not magical.

However, just being there at night in front of Sleeping Beauty's Castle, exhausted, yet still excited, watching the fireworks, having the world spin all around you, and not having a care other than watching the fireworks...that's a pretty cool and surreal feeling.

And when it's time for the park to close, it's always a sad feeling, because you know that the magic is ending. This time, I'm approaching those gates with a three-day pass—that should grant enough magic to hold me over for a while.

I still have two and a half months until then, but I can't wait. I've already started saving up for the trip (on top of saving up for spring semester, of course), and I've started making a list of all the rides I want to go on, a list of all the places to eat, a list of all the things I want to get for myself, and a list of people to get things for—oh dear, I'd better start saving up for that as well.

It's going to be amazing, I can't wait. This is just the magic that I need to look forward to when I have two exams/projects per week, after week, after week for the whole month of October.

Crime Beat Beyond the Bubble

10/17 7:25 p.m.
Incident: Vandalism to Vehicle
Synopsis: Personal harassment in Ageno C parking lot; referred to Student Conduct.

10/17 10:10 p.m.
Incident: Information Report
Synopsis: Unwanted comments on the internet in Ageno West; referred to Student Conduct.

10/18 12:00 p.m.
Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: No damage done in Justin Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

10/20 1:00 p.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm Activation
Synopsis: Steam from shower set off alarm in Ageno West; referred to Physical Plant.

NEW YORK, NY – Eighty new bones have been uncovered in the rubble of the World Trade Center. This news comes weeks after the fifth anniversary of the September 11 attacks. There are still over 1,100 families who have not received remains of their loved ones.

BRANDENTON, FL – The Brandenton Police Department has a department-created program called the "Contraband Forfeiture Agreement." What the program does is, by signing a waiver, one would be acquitted of charges by compensating in a certain amount of money or property. The Florida legislature is looking into the constitutionality and legality of the agreement.

SOUTH PERCH, AUSTRALIA – A sword wielding man robbed a service station and forgot to take the money. Upon returning for the money, the station had locked up and the attendant would not let him in for his bounty. He fled again and police arrested him several blocks away.

DURBAN, UNITED KINGDOM – Police officer accidentally shot his partner and an innocent bystander when responding to a call for a mentally unstable person. The mentally unstable man threatened the officer and his partner with a panga. The officer pulled his gun, struggled with the man and accidentally shot a woman across the street and his partner. The man fled after the shots were fired.



Weekly Featured Profile

Faculty/Staff Member

Wayne Harter

by Brian Kuening
Staff Writer

Saint Mary's philosophy professor Wayne Harter grew up in Richland, Washington. Interestingly, Richland was a town used for nuclear production during World War I, specifically for creating material for the Nagasaki Bomb. High rates of cancer are found in people of the area and Harter's thyroid gland doesn't work, most likely as a result of his time there.

Harter joined the Saint Mary's faculty in 1992. He received his undergraduate degree in theology from Saint Mary's Orchard Lake, located in the greater Detroit area. It was appealing to him because it taught systematic theology. He received his master's degree from the former Assumption University, now known as University of Windsor.

Harter's arrival at Saint Mary's was unexpected. He said, "I didn't even know about Saint Mary's before I came to apply for the job." In fact, the only knowledge he had of Saint Mary's was of Slip Madigan.

In the classroom he has found "a certain respect and willingness [on the part of students] to believe the instructor may have some knowledge worth acquiring." According to Harter, the same cannot be said of many other schools.

He likes the philosophy department. Harter said, "I've never been with folk who are as capable as these people, even at the doctoral level...Some really impressive fellows."

On the other hand, he sees room for improvement in Saint Mary's as a whole. He feels that it is inaccurate to describe the college as being a Catholic liberal arts school, saying that it is not truly Catholic and that the "liberal arts is hanging on by a thread as well." Still, he is appreciative that he and other Catholic professors here "can still teach [their] courses as if this school was Catholic" and is "grateful for the opportunity to open class with prayer."

While he is happy with the philosophy department, Harter would like to see a more structured course of studies but thinks it's impractical due to the few majors. Said Harter, "I'd like to see the school come to understand the role of philosophy in Catholic education and would like to see more interested students."

Harter says that every day is an opportunity to talk with friends (faculty and students) in the best sense of the word. He doesn't consider what he does "work," with all the unpleasant connotations that the word has, because "it's never work to prepare for class because you want to be ready to talk with your friends." Harter said, "I didn't want to work and didn't want to be poor either, so it's like a dream come true."

German Club celebrates October with Saturday's Oktoberfest

Successful night included beer garden, raffle, eating contest

by Melanie Maxwell
Assistant News Editor

Saturday night, Saint Mary's College went German in Ferroggiaro Quad. The German Club hosted the first-annual Saint Mary's Oktoberfest, featuring German food, a beer garden, a raffle, and eating contests.

Sodexo pulled out all the stops with the traditional German meal, consisting of German staples like bratwurst, schnitzel, German potato salad, pretzels, and strudel. "This event would not be so successful if not for the help of Matt Carroll and the staff of Sodexo," said Mark Gilson '07, co-president of the German Club. Sodexo staff provided "Kiss Me, I'm German" pins, plastic beer steins, and beads with beer glasses on them, among other things.

Melanie Petruzzi '07 said, "Sodexo was really good with providing food and decorations." Sodexo workers even got in the spirit, dressing up in plastic vests and hats.

Students 21 and older, like Jessica Parfitt '07, could buy Ger-



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man beers in the beer garden. Parfitt said, "It's good; it would be cooler if more people here but it has a good vibe." For underage students, there was a raffle with prizes such as Jamba Juice, Starbucks, and Saint Mary's College beer steins filled with candy.

Another attraction was the pumpkin pie and pretzel-eating contests. Jeff Karlton '07, the winner of the pie-eating contest, said "The competition was great; I figured I'd win from the get go. I'm having a great time; thanks to Mark [Gilson] for putting it on." Later, after an intense round of pretzel eating, Eric Phillips '08 came out on top. Throughout the event, a mix of traditional and contemporary music by German bands was played.

The German Club has put on several small fundraisers, including selling pretzels, muffins, and glow sticks. Oktoberfest is the Club's first big event, and Co-President Megan McAlpin '08, said she was "happy people came and enjoyed themselves. This year was a test year, and hopefully more people will come next year."

Gilson said Oktoberfest was "really successful and a lot of fun. I'm glad people came out for it."

Caralinda Lee, the advisor of the German Club, says she wants Oktoberfest to become a yearly see OKTOBERFEST, p4

Charis Conn shares her newest novel with Saint Mary's Community

Through the Green Fuse is a mystery novel of modern times

by Jenna Zack
Staff Writer

On the night of Wednesday, October 18, 2006, author Charis Conn came to speak at Saint Mary's College in the Soda Center. She has published works in *North American Review*, *New Letters*, and *Harper's Magazine*. She read some of her novel, *Through the Green Fuse* (Pantheon) to the audience last Wednesday night.

Chris Sindt, the director of the MFA program at Saint Mary's College introduced Charis Conn, then Professor Rosemary Graham came to the podium to speak a few words about Conn. Graham said that she met Conn at the Cape Cod Writer's Conference and was "impressed by her advice she gave to aspiring writers." Graham had heard that the students' manuscripts, evaluated by Conn were considered to be "the best they ever had."

Graham said that Conn's new novel, *Through the Green Fuse*, will be published in 2008 by Pantheon Press. Conn went up to the podium and started to tell the audience about her newest work of fiction.

Conn told the audience that they "have to keep renewing [their] commitment to being clear." She started to read the prologue of her novel to the audience. She read some of the first chapter to the audience. It describes a

family situation of people aging. She read to the audience, giving them a hint of what her novel would be about.

After reading parts of her novel, Graham sat with Conn and discussed her writing. Graham said of the novel, "That was really wonderful. I was completely engrossed." She proceeded to ask Conn questions and opened the question-and-answer period to



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Charis Conn's new novel *Through the Green Fuse* will be published in 2008. Conn read excerpts of the book on Wednesday night.

the audience.

Conn told the audience her novel began in Vermont and it was "interesting to write in the third person." Conn described how she saw that some of her novel was going to be about her father.

Graham continued to ask her more questions. Conn stated that she had "a vision for her manuscript" and the vision is the same as the manuscript, and the middle bits are different. She described how she was going to give readers "a little, but not too much," and

"make it a little mysterious." She stated that she was adding things into her manuscript. She described there being a "weird balance of not being too mysterious and mysterious."

There was great interest in Conn, as many of the audience members asked her questions about her writing. Some members of the audience asked how it was to write her novel in present

tense. She answered that she did so because it's "more immediate to distinguish between flashbacks."

Conn was asked many questions about the theme of the plot. She stated that "the good thing about plot is anyone can write it," like a "mechanical explication." She stressed the importance of keeping in contact with other writers to "bounce off of each other." Conn was helped to MFA writers as she described the process of writing her novel.

Campus Calendar

Resume Workshop
Tuesday, October 24
1:10 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
De La Salle

Pretty in Pink Tea Party
Tuesday, October 24
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Soda Center

PROMISES
Tuesday, October 24
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center

SMC Connections Workshops
Wednesday, October 25
12:40 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
Soda Center

9/11 The Culture of Fear
Wednesday, October 25
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Garaventa 130

Carlos Mauricio
Wednesday, October 25
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Soda Center

Concert/Talk: Galileo & Vivaldi, Descartes & Bach
Wednesday, October 25
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center

Interview Workshop
Thursday, October 26
1:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
De La Salle

Pumpkin-Carving Party
Thursday, October 26
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
LeFevre Quad

Murder Mystery Dinner Party
Thursday, October 26
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
De La Salle

Movie: Garden of the Finzi-Continis
Thursday, October 26
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center

Halloween Party -4- Kids
Friday, October 27
3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
De La Salle

Makers of Western Christianity
Monday, October 30
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center

Movie: Garden of the Finzi-Continis
Monday, October 30
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center

Scary Movie in Grove
Monday, October 30
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Redwood Grove

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sides of working for a specific organization. On the rare occasion, students may even be offered a job.

"If a student happens to leave [this event] with a job offer, then we have done our job," Bishop said.

Job offer or not, most students in attendance were happy to make as many contacts as they could. Leanna Siu '07 found it helpful to make contacts in a laid-back atmosphere.

"It's a great chance for students to meet other students and alumni with no pressure," Siu said. "I learned a lot of information from the alums."

For their part, alumni take the chance to hand out their business cards in addition to imparting useful advice and sharing their own experiences in their given career.

For Alison B. Coleman '00, senior practice management coordinator for Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP, the event is a fun opportunity to "talk about yourself," but also to reach out and help students.

"I remember when I did it, I got a lot of value out of it," Coleman said.

Bill Porter '03, business development manager for Spire Systems, Inc., also emphasized the merits of networking.

"I want to help out where I can and try to explain how I got here," Porter said.

The event was sponsored by Sodexho Catering Services, Office of Alumni Relations, Career Development Center, Alumni Association, and Student Alumni Association.

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their costumes because the kids really engage themselves in crafting something very creative and elaborate.

Five different after-school programs and day cares will be attending this grand festivity: De Marillac Academy in San Francisco, Lasallian Educational Opportunities (LEO) Center, Digital Underground Story Telling for Youth (D.U.S.T.Y.), Elizabeth House, all in Oakland, and Cambridge Elementary in Concord. These five organizations will be bringing a total of 150 to 200 kids five to 14.

The committee of 16 Saint Mary's students hope to have 70 to 100 Gael Guides for this event. There will be roughly two kids to every Gael Guide. This event will take place in Madigan Gym, where 15-20 booths will be set up for the Harvest Festival. These booths, which include face painting, bean bag toss, and other innovative games, are run by different sports teams and clubs on

campus. Besides the Harvest Festival, Halloween Party-4-Kids also includes a Haunted House, Trick or Treat, and a performance by Pulses.

At 7 p.m., when the festivities are over, the content, yet tired pumpkins, witches, warlocks, and ghosts will trail their way back to their buses, clutching sacks full of Halloween goodies.

Mallon said, "These two events [Halloween Party-4-Kids and Carnival-4-Kids] are a good opportunity for all Saint Mary's Students to engage with hopeful young kids." If students want to be a part of this event, there are many opportunities to get involved: freshmen can sign up to hand out candy from their rooms during the trick-or-treat tour. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors can be Gael Guides. As Gael Guides, students may lead two to three children through the festival. Faculty, staff, and alumni may also donate a costume or attend this event with their own children.

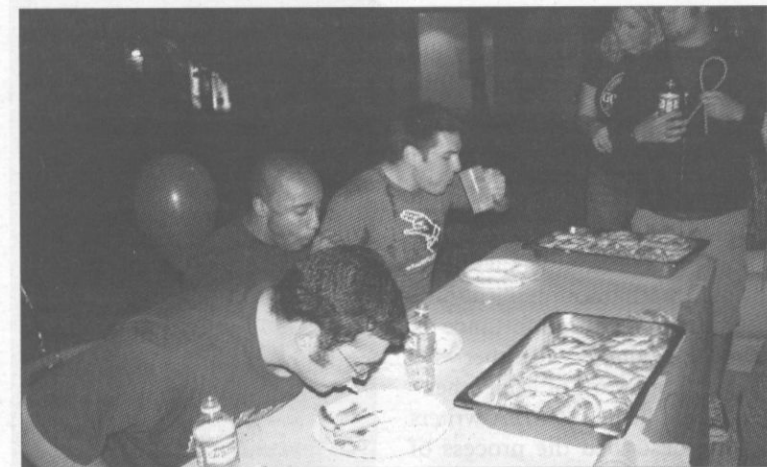
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event at Saint Mary's. "It is a big event in Germany, and hopefully it will be a big event at Saint Mary's," said Lee. "I want to try to make it, each year, bigger and better." According to Lee, the German Club is a "wonderful, enthusiastic group of students."

The German Club was ap-

proved last year, and Lee said it is the first real year of the German Club in 20 years. "More people need to join, we need more members," said Vice President Peter Willitts '09. The German Club meets every other Monday at 7 p.m. in Delphine. The next meeting will be November 5.



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CIVILITY: Saint Mary's, a not-so-inclusive community

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free environment, but if students pester them about doing their job, there is going to be friction.

"These workers need to be nicer to us students," Melanie Petruzzi '07 posted on the "Don't give me attitude I pay your bills" group wall. "We are paying for their jobs and they need to stop taking their hard days out on us."

This type of spirit, from student or staff, does not embrace the Lasallian Core Principles, which include "Inclusive Community," "Respect for all Persons," and "Concern for the Poor & Social Justice."

Rebecca Wright '09, one of the administrators of the counter-group on Facebook, said, "We got upset that there was so much negativity towards the Sodexho workers...[we're] trying to remind the students they have a job to do. [These people] have to pay bills, have mortgages, have kids, basically remind [the students] that they're people too." The active members of the "I am a decent human being who ALSO pays 40k to attend this school" group are conducting interviews with the Sodexho workers to get personal information and plan to transfer that information to flyers, letting the community know who

is serving them.

Wright said the basic feel from the workers is that they really do enjoy working here. Many of them are parents or grandparents, and so they foster a sort of parental fondness for the students. She said that to be treated harshly for doing their job is something that should not happen. She also said that they risk being fined or fired if they don't follow policies.

Wright others plan to make posters for Sodexho employees with information like what their favorite book as a child was, what their favorite quote is, etc. After, Wright and Kauahi hope to branch out to other campus employees such as the landscapers, janitors, movers, and Public Safety.

The former creator of the "Don't give me attitude I pay your bills" group, Daniel Giddings '09, retracted the group's description and posted an apology. He said, "I did not mean to be so vulgar or unkind as I wrote this information out of anger not thinking of my actions." Giddings is no longer found as a member of the 71-member group.

There will be a chance to discuss this at the Chatroom for the Climate Survey on November 1 in the Soda Center.

News Brief

Raymond J. Syufy Family fund

The Syufy Family has created a fund of \$5,000 to finance student-initiated projects. If there is a facility you want to improve, you have an idea for a new program, or a suggestion to expand an existing program, then you might qualify for a portion of these funds. To qualify, your proposal must be initiated and submitted by students and the project must react to student needs, concerns and interests not currently addressed by the college. Your project needs to improve or enhance the student environment by initiating a new program, expanding a current program, or improving physical facilities. You will receive preference if your idea is a pilot, start-up, and one-time-only projects that do not need ongoing funding. For more information or to get a Proposal Packet, contact Shane Keane, Associated Students President at x8509, or Student Involvement and Leadership at x4704. Proposals are due on Friday, October 27 by 4 p.m. to Shane Keane.

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FEATURE

What does Public Safety do? What are their policies? *The Collegian* follows Joe to see

J. Harry Painter and Brandon Elefante follow Joe Arone around for a Friday night shift

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



Field Training Officer Joe Arone may be a great guy to go party hopping with on Friday nights. We did it and he knew where they all were.

We've all seen them around campus, and we've all had encountered them in one way or another, most notoriously for giving us a hard time at the front gate or a hefty parking ticket. They, of course, are the Saint Mary's Public Safety. We see them every day, and we even share personal

anecdotes about them. But what do we really know about them? Heck, what do they actually do?

The answer to the former, for most of us, is quite frankly, next to nothing. The answer to the latter was answered last Friday night, as *The Collegian* witnessed a typical night in the life of Field Training Officer Joe Arone.

Friday night's timeline

10:00 p.m., on his way over to the lower townhouses, Arone passed fellow officer Tom Marovich in the middle of a routine parking citation; a vehicle had been left unattended in the parking lot, obstructing the path of oncoming vehicles.

10:40 p.m., Arone arrived to check on a toga party taking place in Ageno East. The party was under control, so he moved on.

10:45 p.m., he was stopped on the way toward Becket Hall by a female who had lost a purse containing her Saint Mary's identification card and her keys, among other items. Arone referred her to the front gate.

10:55 p.m., Arone was alerted to a 911 call from the second floor of De La Salle. After checking with the caller, the call was revealed to be an accident.

11:10 p.m., Arone returned to the front gate, where he found Sargeant Gonzalo "Gonzo" Silva having words with a driver. The driver was cited for sharing a fraudulent identification with a family member in a separate vehicle as well as lying to Public Safety.

11:25 p.m., Arone was made aware of a purse recovered at the front gate. After a brief discussion on the phone, this purse was found to be a different purse from the one he had been made aware of earlier in

the evening.

11:45 p.m., a man requested to speak to Arone. The man wanted a job reference from Arone.

Arone was summoned to the Hearst Art Gallery to allow a maintenance worker entry into the building. **11:55 p.m.**, Arone arrived and let the man in.

12:00 a.m., an alarm was activated inside the Hearst Art Gallery. Arone expressed frustration at the noise.

The Resident Advisor on the first floor of Claeys North called at **12:30 a.m.** to complain that her residents ignored repeated warnings to quiet down.

Five officers on duty at the time, including Arone, arrived at Claeys North to check the incident. **12:35 p.m.**, they entered a room on the second floor of the hall. Several students, all minors, were discovered in the presence of alcohol. The alcohol was confiscated and drained.

12:55 a.m., the officers received a noise complaint time from Ageno C.

1:00 a.m., several students were located in the building. Drug paraphernalia, including a beer bong, were confiscated. A bag of marijuana was also confiscated. A student was found passed out and another tried to evade the officers.



10:20 p.m. Students in the lower townhouse get ready for the "Gods and Goddesses" toga party in Ageno East.



At the door of the toga party. "No Freshmen. No costume = no entrance."

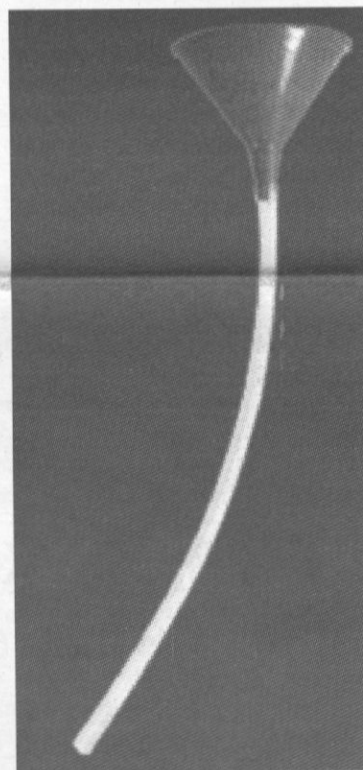
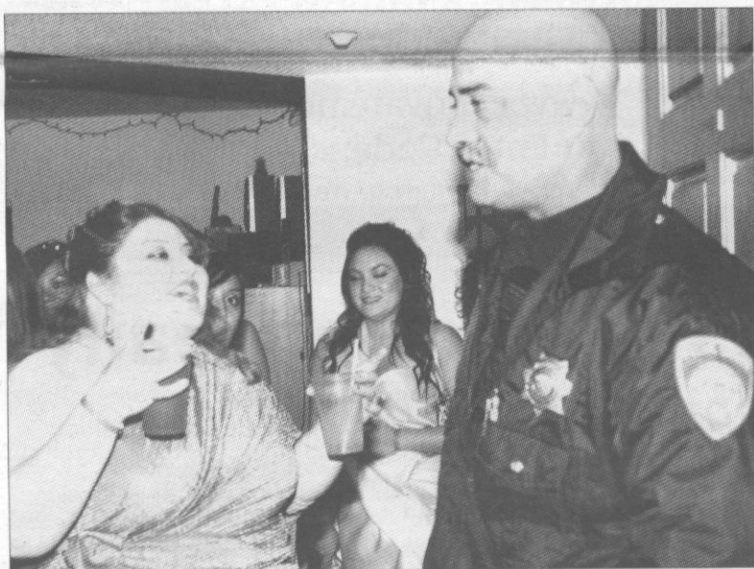


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1:00 a.m. Drugs and a beer bong were confiscated from Ageno C.



10:40 p.m. Stopping by to check out the "Gods and Goddesses" toga party. Host Stephanie Sanchez '07 double-fists drinks as she greets Joe.

Down to the nitty-gritty

J. Harry Painter: What is Public Safety (PS)?

Joe Arone: PS is a department that provides the security and safety of the campus, student and residence life, faculty and staff, and maintains the overall security of the campus.

JHP: What is their mission statement?

JA: To provide a level of understanding of the Lasallian mission; also the academic mission....To follow the guidelines of the campus student handbook, and to assume the continuance of education.

JHP: How many people are on duty at any given point of the day?

JA: During the daytime we'll have four administrative officers and three PS officers. During the night we'll have between two and three. Friday nights and Saturday nights we're a little stronger.

JHP: How many officers do we have in total?

JA: Right now 10 officers and three sergeants, one lieutenant, one chief and two community service officers.

JHP: What are the policies at the gate?

JA: The front gate has its cones out at 9:30. The gate is down at 10 p.m. Everyone is required to show ID before being let in. We're trying to establish an understanding [about the strict security policies].

JHP: Why has there been an increase in security at the gate?

JA: It's well overdue. It's real important; we want everybody to know that we're watching them come onto campus.

JHP: What is the party policy?

JA: Everybody over 21 is permitted to have alcohol, but only what's permitted in the handbook. The parties are over at 12:00 [a.m.]. We want people to take responsibility of drinking socially and responsibly.



12:35 a.m. Teaming up to check out the mischief in Claeys North.

For this feature, J. Harry Painter followed Joe Arone on Friday, October 20 from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. as Brandon Elefante took pictures.



Mischiefous indeed. The under-aged students had quite a bit of alcohol.



Confiscated and drained. This is a part of the school's alcohol policy.

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OPINION



SCOTT CULLINANE

Damn the Democrats

Democrats need to step it up. After all, it is 2006.

The House of Representatives has passed, with a party line vote, a bill to require photo identification when voting in federal elections. The Democrats voted overwhelmingly not to pass this sensible bill. It is called the Federal Election Integrity Act and states that by 2008, if someone votes in a federal election they must show a government issued photo ID. Republicans desire to ensure that the people electing America's government are actually eligible to do so. Canada, England, and Germany already have such requirements about presenting picture identification to vote in their elections. Even a bipartisan Commission on Federal Election Reform headed by Jimmy Carter and James Baker called for such a measure in 2005. Their report states that "effective voter registration and voter identification are bedrocks of a modern election system."

Democrats have attacked the Federal Election Integrity Act, calling it a 'poll-tax' and equating it to Jim Crow laws aimed to keep blacks and other minorities from voting. Democrats hope to blind people by using this caustic and laughably ridiculous rhetoric rather than reason. This response from Democrats is also particularly curious in light of their reaction after the 2000 election when they could not stop talking about stolen elections and voting irregularities. Now that real progress is being made to ensure that elections are legitimate by making sure only people who are eligible to vote actually do so, Democrats do not like the idea anymore. This hypocrisy and insincerity is just another reason why the Democratic Party cannot be trusted at this time.

The dearth of support for voter identification in the Democratic Party, coupled with their lack of action to stop the entry of illegal aliens into America is troubling. Perhaps they hope to win political support, but this short term politicking is dangerous for America. If anyone can come into this country and vote without assimilating or even following our laws, what could happen to our country? There are already at least 10 million illegals in America, what if they all voted? A fraction of that could be the difference of who wins and who loses in an election. This type of illegal voting may have already taken place in previous elections.

Hopefully, Democrats end their obstructionism and join Republicans in supporting such an obviously beneficial piece of legislation.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors,

Proposition 85 is not an argument on whether abortion is right or wrong. No matter what side of the political spectrum you are on, one fact remains clear: nobody wants abortion to exist. And no one is arguing a parents' right to know if their child is having an abortion. Both sides agree that the parents are the first turn-to resource for teens when they are pregnant. But Prop 85 isn't needed for this.

Studies show that 70% of teens would indeed turn to their parents if they are pregnant. The other 30% come from abusive homes. Prop 85 does NOT protect these children. Instead, it puts them in more danger by either a) making them go to parents who would hurt them or b) delaying the counseling and medical care they urgently need. Also, I've seen people quoting studies that states with similar legislation have lower abortion and teen pregnancy rates. This is because back-alley abortion and teen suicide rates go up. You can't include an abortion stat if it doesn't occur in a clinic. I beg everyone to vote no on 85, because we need EDUCATION, NOT LEGISLATION!

Billy San Juan '08

Volunteer with the Committee for No on Prop 85

Dear Editors,

I am a strong believer in a person sharing their opinion, but if that opinion is put into a college newspaper then they should recheck facts and use better resources. From day one of high school and college students are told to use sources that are fact checked and peer reviewed, everything that Wikipedia.org isn't. That is a site that almost anyone can go and write a definition for, using that as your only source isn't very journalistic. And, while almost every news article is going to upset people, a reporter shouldn't single out a group of individuals that they know nothing about, and I'm not even talking about these so called "Emo" kids. I am talking about "depressed" teens.

Depression isn't a choice, it doesn't matter what kind of money a persons family has, or the kind of school that they went to, depression is a mental disease, something that people take medicine for. I believe that it was incredibly ignorant for Mr. Farmer to speak of a mental illness and say that rich kids have no business being depressed. A person's social and economic standing isn't a magical gift that can guarantee happiness.

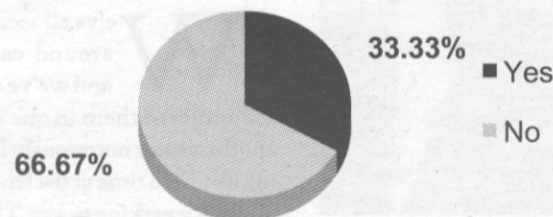
Cate Neuhauser '10

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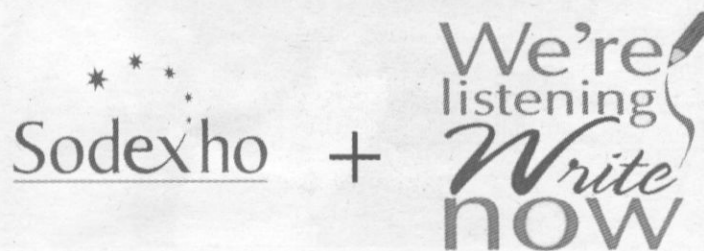
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Online gambling takes one hit too many Legislators waste time with pointless gambling initiative

Forty-five years ago, American lawmakers decided that it was okay to make bets with your buddies, but if electricity was involved, you have gone too far.

Now, they have taken another step in ruining every 19-year-old college dropout's fun: regulating online gambling.

On October 13, President Bush signed into law the Safe Port Act, which mainly deals with port security, but also includes the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act. This Act prohibits U.S. credit card companies and financial institutions from transferring funds to internet gambling sites.

Essentially, this means that U.S. websites may not be the inclusive communities they once were, outlawing United States citizens from gambling on them.

Excuse me if I sound like a whining toddler when I say this, but—unfair!

If I want to throw away all my money on some stupid game of chance, is it not that my right as an American citizen? That is how America works, right?

Apparently not so; my elected officials believe that they know



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what is best for me. They cannot hold on their consciences the possibility that a beloved fellow American might make bad decisions with money. They are on my team.

But I get it. It is not because they hate gambling. It is because they fear the wild, dangerous beast that is the World Wide Web. They fear the striking inability to successfully tax gamblers.

Well I say good for them. They are doing what is best for themselves—is it not that what gambling is about? Is it not that what life is about? And it is not like I gamble online or otherwise anyway. I do not have the money.

Which is why I would not much care about this, except for two things. One, this legislation affects the ever popular, but more importantly *tweener* game of online poker. And two, my

brother plays online poker, and quite successfully so I might say.

What people never seem to understand is that poker is a game of skill. I know because this comes from someone who has almost none of it. Yes, there is an extent to which one's fate depends on the luck of the draw, but the winners are *not* random by any sense of the word. There is a reason why some of us play it while wasted in our buddies' dorm rooms, and some of us play it in Vegas on ESPN.

What next, are they going to tell Phil Ivey he cannot play professionally anymore because he is a bad role model for the kids? I cannot wait.

All is not lost, however, and perhaps little is. The feds have 270 days to figure out how they can actually enforce this worthless Act of theirs—an act supported by the National Football League and some moronic antigambling groups with nothing better to do than tell other people how to spend their money. And the great thing is the Act is nearly impossible to enforce.

Not only does one not need to transfer money directly from a fi-

ancial institution to play, but there are plenty of private U.S. companies and foreign-based companies that are simply choosing not to follow our new law. Check it out, direct from PokerStars.com: "PokerStars has received extensive expert advice from within and outside the U.S. which concluded that these provisions do not alter the U.S. legal situation with respect to our offering of online poker games. Furthermore it is important to emphasize that the Act does not in any way prohibit you from playing online poker."

That is all it took, just a simple interpretation of a law. Yet leading poker site PartyPoker.com, run under parent company PartyGaming, has chosen to block U.S. customers from participating in its tables.

So, instead of actually preventing the practice of online gambling, Congress has effectively dethroned the king of online poker, being that the vast majority of PartyPoker's users are from the good ol' United States of America and will no longer be able to use the service.

Hey, that's America, right?

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Does homosexuality belong in an inclusive, Catholic community? Should Saint Mary's evaluate Gay-Straight Alliance on campus?

No need for GSA at Saint Mary's

Geoffrey A. Meadows

Ka'iulani Kauahi

GSA has a place at Saint Mary's

I gazed upon the rainbow-painted letters of SMC on the hill overlooking our campus and knew it was not the sign of the covenant, but of some obscure statement of "awareness" regarding homosexuality. The flyers around campus also caught my attention. They call all to recognize National Coming-Out Day.

I find it extremely puzzling that on a Catholic College campus such obvious blasphemies are permitted. In what way does the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) fulfill the Catholic, Lasallian, and Liberal Arts traditions of the school?

Properly understood, these traditions must necessarily be defined in terms of their intersection and not where they diverge, so anything meant to fulfill these three traditions cannot be contrary to any of them. I contend that the GSA does not fulfill and is indeed contrary to the first two traditions.

The GSA network describes its goals: "(1) [to] create safe environments in schools for students to support each other and learn about homophobia and other oppressions, (2) educate the school community about homophobia, gender identity, and sexual orientation issues, and (3) fight discrimination, harassment, and violence in schools." The ambiguity of these goals is excruciating. For starters, homophobia is an ill-invented word because it would literally mean "an irrational fear of sameness," which is very different from fearing homosexuals. At any rate, an irrational fear of homosexuality is not an oppression of homosexuals, it is in the way such fears are manifested into acts that can be potentially oppressive but

such acts do not necessarily arise out of this fear; and again, we do not need the GSA to tell us the nature of fear. I believe the second goal was covered during sex-education in middle school: "there are boys and girls; most people are attracted to the opposite sex, but some feel attraction to the same sex." The third goal is the most ambiguous of all. For instance, what sort of discrimination is being fought against? What

" I attend Saint Mary's College because I want a Catholic education, not a secular one.
 Geoffrey A. Meadows

sort of harassment or violence is ever acceptable?

Now we must venture into two of Saint Mary's College's traditions and the first is the Catholic tradition. The official church stance on homosexuality is patently clear: homosexual acts are sinful and contrary to the divine plan. Thus, homosexuality is a hindrance to salvation. Therefore, it would seem that a club legitimizing homosexuality would not be welcome on a Catholic campus. The GSA could, I suppose, argue that they are merely raising awareness and forming an alliance between homosexuals and heterosexuals to prevent persecution, but this hardly warrants a club devoted to such a cause. In fact, if one were to follow the Church's orthodoxy they would already, through being charitable, be able to distinguish between sinner and sin and would persecute the sin. A club of ambiguous intent would simply confuse matters.

The Lasallian tradition has one essential goal. Christian education for the poor in its most simplistic sense (i.e. reading, writing, arithmetic, catechism, etc.) was the chief aim of John Baptist de La Salle. How does painting the letters on the hill with the symbol of gay-pride work to provide a Christian education? Is it a message of solidarity? If so, what is the solidarity to? Is it to their homosexuality? Is that not precisely what the Catholic Church does not stand in solidarity with? The Catholic faith stands in solidarity with the human who is prone to sin and a denial of that sin would be the very antithesis of Catholicism.

I attend Saint Mary's College because I want a Catholic education, not a secular one.

In the secular world, there are no boundaries of discussion on what is a sin and what is not a sin, but in Catholicism there is such a boundary and that should inform all activity on this campus. The Catholic campus of Saint Mary's College of California.

The fact that this discussion is happening is ridiculous. The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is a valuable part of our community.

Some would say the argument of whether or not Saint Mary's should host a GSA is futile, since your stance in the matter will be based on

how you feel about homosexuality. For example, if you are against homosexuality, then you would be against the GSA, but if you are fine with homosexuality, you would be fine with the GSA. There are always two sides fighting against each other, but whether or not homosexuality is "okay" has nothing to do with this matter. Either way, the GSA has a right to be sanctioned on campus.

Saint Mary's clearly identifies its "Three Core Principles," those three terms which have been drilled into us since our freshmen orientation: Catholic, Lasallian, and Liberal Arts. Along with those key points of our beliefs, Saint Mary's holds true the practices of John Baptist de La Salle. Above

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all the practice that the Brothers and our Lasallian Tradition emphasizes is, "Enter to learn, leave to serve."

Which of these "core principles" of Saint Mary's clashes with the hosting of a GSA? Sexual orientation does not affect our learning, serving of others, or ability to study the Liberal Arts. Therefore, if we are assuming a GSA should not be allowed, it must be because our Catholic or Lasallian aspects are compromised by it. The Lasallian belief is that everyone deserves a good education, the poor as well as the rich. Well if everyone deserves this, does that not mean homosexual and bisexual students deserve the same education that heterosexual students receive? So we see that it is not the Lasallian part of our college that prevents us from supporting a GSA.

That leaves the fact that we are a Catholic school; Saint Mary's should not allow a GSA on campus because homosexuality is not a completely accepted way of life based on the Catholic faith. But what about all the students who are not Catholic? Does that mean we should reject anyone who is Jewish, Mormon, or of any faith which is not Catholic? No. Saint Mary's, though a Catholic school, allows people from all faiths and practices to attend. Everyone is welcome here. Therefore, the fact that we are a Catholic school can not be the reason why we should not allow a GSA on campus. Having eliminated all the possible reasons why we should not allow a GSA on campus, there is one logical conclusion: there is no reason Saint Mary's should not allow a GSA on campus. But there are several reasons why we should.

Saint Mary's prides itself on being an "inclusive community," how is that possible if we were to exclude a group of people? Our college's values are not challenged by the GSA—they are upheld by it and by all the clubs.

The cornerstone of our school is "To Mary, of Whom Was Born Jesus." Our college is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. In addition, to being patron saint of the Liberal Arts however, Mary was also the patron saint of outcasts and sinners. What right would we have now to go against the things our namesake practiced by casting out a group of people just because we do not agree with their politics and/or way of life?

This does not apply to the GSA alone. Saint Mary's is a shelter for all those who are abused, looked down upon, and cast out from "commonly accepted" practices. If the school ever decided to shut down the GSA on campus, it would be hypocrisy. It would go against everything Saint Mary's stands for.

It does not matter whether you agree with the gay lifestyle.

The GSA has a right to be hosted on campus. Do not withdraw support from the GSA because you are anti-gay, support them because their rights are the same as yours. If their rights are in danger, then chances are yours are too.



JAIME ZEPEDA

GOP wants you to vote afraid

This will be a way "to deliver justice to the terrorists we have captured," said Bush gleefully as he signed the "torture" bill. The bill lays down the guidelines to follow when conducting interrogation, prosecution, and incarceration—well, kind of. It does not specifically say what you cannot do, only what you can. Water boarding is in, along with sleep deprivation, and why not keep sexual harassment in as well. What is not included? The president will never teeeeeeell. How prisoners of war...I mean, "enemy combatants" are treated will be kept secret and conducted by the CIA. They will continue to use the secret program in foreign countries as they had been, but now will have a law to back it all up. Trust your government; they know what they are doing.

Although, sometimes they actually know—or more often than not—they do not. The law also makes the ad hoc "military tribunals" set up by Bush in Guantanamo Bay legal. Some people disagree with him, like the people in the Supreme Court. A few months ago they decided that these tribunals are "unconstitutional" and should be shut down faster than Bush can stumble on his words. As we all know, Bush does not like that whole "law" business, he relies on his gut. The last time I checked, the presidential gut ranked above Supreme Court, but a little below Barney the dog when it comes to policy decisions.

Why did Bush sign a bill like this at this time? It is all Washington; it is all politics. The elections are around the corner, and terrorism is a more GOP-friendly topic than corruption, war, or having sexually explicit conversations with minors. Signing a bill like this is not just politics in play, but people suffering because of politics in play. This law completely takes away the ability of any supposed (but not proven) terrorist to appeal, get a lawyer, or find out why they are detained. Habeas corpus, schmabeas corpus!

This bill has sailed with ease through the process because of the Republican's favorite word: fear. Do you want to be attacked by the terrorists again? Then get on the GOP choo-choo to Unconstitutionalville. Our fear has helped Bush eliminate due process, fairness in justice, and civil liberties for the supposed enemy. Guilt can be proven easily when there is only one side to the matter. "It is a rare occasion when a president can sign a bill he know will save American lives," Bush remarked at the signing. Unfortunately, he will be destroying American values.



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DETOUR

A Night at the Opera *Tristan und Isolde*

by Amber Lister
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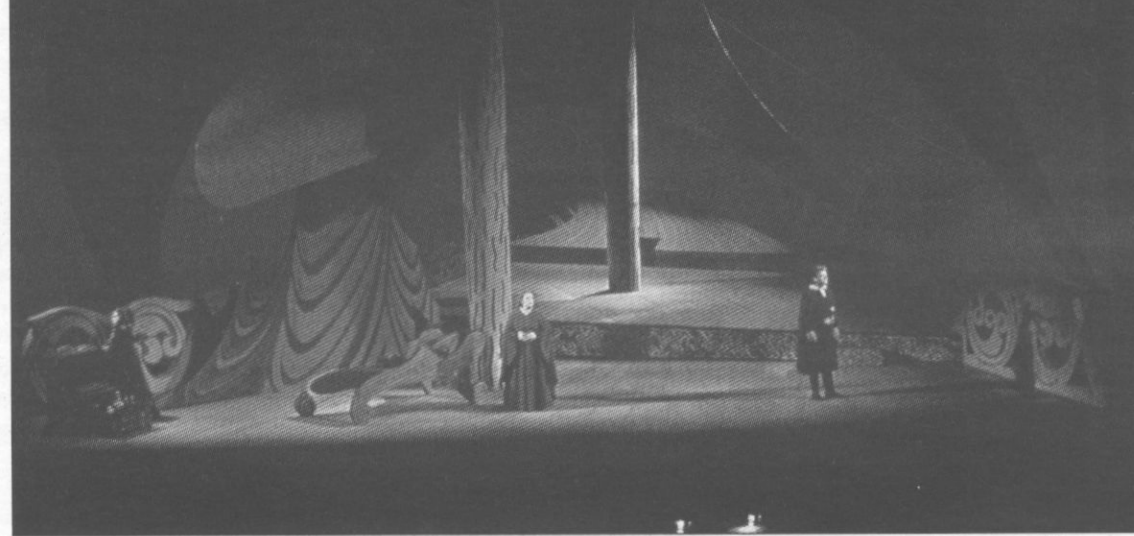
Wednesday night, dressed elegantly, I ventured out into the city with two friends in tow. Our plans were not to attend a sports game, a movie, or a party at USF, but rather to enjoy something different from the ordinary. I am sure that the majority of us here at Saint Mary's have attended one of these productions, but only because we may have been forced by our parents. But this was different; the three of us decided that it would be a great experience. On October 18, we went on our expedition to the Opera to see the famous 1865 production *Tristan und Isolde*, by Richard Wagner.

As I walked into the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House, I was surrounded by members of the Medallion Society—the regulars of the opera. Overwhelmed by the sea of opera connoisseurs, I made my way to the stairs. As I anxiously entered the opera circle and found the plush, red velvet seat that awaited me, I admired the gold trim that ran throughout the walls and the ceiling of the house.

And action: the lights went out! The orchestra began their opening song, while the curtain rose slowly to reveal Isolde on a very elaborate ship set sail for Ireland. Three acts followed.

Act 1: Tristan, dressed in a basic velvet robe, brings Isolde to Ireland to marry Mark, King of

Tristan und Isolde



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Cornwall. During the trip Brangane, Isolde's servant, gives the two of them a love potion. Thinking that it was a death potion, Isolde and Tristan reveal their love for each other. This act takes place on a striking ship, detailed with copper and with an intricate design along the edges, replicating Egyptian symbols.

Act 2: The ship arrives to Cornwall, where they are greeted by King Mark and his men. When they are alone outside, Tristan and Isolde continue to discuss their love on the steps of the life-size castle. When a brawl breaks out, King Mark discovers the two, and Tristan is stabbed.

Act 3: Tristan's loyal servant

takes him back to his land and lets him rest. Meanwhile, King Mark wants to apologize after Brangane explains the love potion. Following King Mark's explanation of sorrow, Isolde and Tristan are back together and die with their never-ending love.

Wagner wrote a beautiful love story; however, the passion and emotion has portrayed poorly in the opera. It seemed very stiff. The whole time I was waiting for something exciting to happen or at least a little more movement, rather than up stage and down stage. In addition, for those who do not speak German or are unfamiliar with the story line, it may be even harder to enjoy this op-

era. Attempting to read the subtitles and listening to operatic German music can be difficult, even moreso for four and a half hours. However, I would attend again just to see the setting. The scenery of each act was remarkable. Everything looked so real, luring you into that actual scene as though you were a part of it from your red velvet seat. Additionally, I do recommend attending the opera for the sake of trying something new and to broaden your perspectives. If your attention span is that of an ant, I advise you not to attend. Yet, you may end up enjoying it and finding a new interest.

Fat lady sings: End Scene!

Gettin' a laugh in Dryden Hall from the professionals

the interactive improv experience
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by Frankie Mangini
Sports Editor

As one of the ongoing events at Dryden this semester, Comedy Sportz was hired to entertain students this past Friday.

Comedy Sportz is a professional improvisational show now based in 18 cities, which has been performing for 22 years. Friday's show had four members who amused more than 50 students in Dryden Hall. Although the performance did hit some dry spots, for the most part it was entertaining. The crowd was laughing at almost every game, when showcased the talent of the cast, especially that of Ben Stephens.

The performance was filled with interactive games that kept the audience involved. Some games were similar to that of the hit television show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, such as moving characters and sound effects.

Junior Billy San Juan stole the show for just a moment, when he volunteered to do the sound effects for the cast. Set in a hiking trip, cast-member Brandon Arnold put San Juan's skills to the test. After somehow ending up with a beating heart in his hand, he decided to use his convenient jet pack to take the heart to the chief, Stephens. San Juan tried the best he could to make a realistic jet pack noise while keeping the heart beat going, but could not. Instead he just had the heart stop beating until Arnold was at his destination, and provided the sound effects of the beating heart right when it was delivered to the chief.

However, many games were unique such as forward/reverse, where a scene was performed, and one had control telling them to go forward or reverse. Jeff Kramer, controller of this performance, had a good time making Arnold jump in and out of Stephens' arms several times within seconds while trying to continue with their performance.

The highlight of the night came toward the end, when the group played a game called "A Day in the Life." In this game, they reenacted an exciting day of Dunja Stankovic '07. After taking two minutes to learn the correct pronunciation of the name, Dunja described a day in the summer when she went sky diving with her friend. After learning the name of the friend, the cast decided not to even try. The group then took every word that came out of Dunja's mouth and put it to life by acting it out, only with a little exaggeration that had the audience rolling with laughter; it was a scene that was unforgettable to all in attendance.

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Murder strikes Saint Mary's

Students prepare for second-annual Murder Mystery Party

by **Melissa Vlach**
Staff Writer

Are you looking for a reason to dress up this Halloween? Do you enjoy the thrill of a good whodunit? Are you particularly fond of the Jazz Age?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then the Murder Mystery Party is for you.

This event, hosted by Program Board, will take place on Thursday, October 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Its location will be Hagerty Lounge, on the first floor of De La Salle Hall.

This shindig will give students a chance to put on

their glad rags (a.k.a. fancy clothes) as they take on the roles of characters straight out of the 1920s. Participants receive a character assignment when they register. They will become gumshoes, working to solve a murder by talking to other participants and using a list of clues.

The night of intrigue and suspicion provides an opportunity for college students to play dress-up for an evening. They can leave their textbooks in their rooms and take a trip back to the glamour of the Roaring Twenties, an era of bootlegging and the Charleston.

The party first took place last year. The theme then, instead of this year's gangsters and flappers, was literary characters.

"I think the event was a huge success last year," said Amy Chambellan '07, the vice president of the progressive committee of Program Board and the

party's organizer.

She hopes for about 50 amateur sleuths to come try to solve the case this year. They will be able to meet new people as they interrogate their fellow partygoers.

The party costs \$10 to attend. The loot goes toward catering costs, as the celebration includes dinner.

The small population of Saint Mary's makes this event possible.

"[It's] something that's a little bit random, that people might not get on every college campus, but because we're small we can pull it off," Chambellan stated.

She encourages everyone to attend the bash.

"I think it's just something that most people have never done before, and I think it would be a great experience, just completely out of the ordinary," she remarked.

It also keeps with the spirit of fun and fright that goes along with this time of year.

"It's really a nontraditional approach to celebrating Halloween," she said.

So if you need more excitement in your life, head over to the Murder Mystery Party for intrigue and a taste of the 1920s. Register by today if you want to take part; just call x4146.



100 Word Reviews

Seagulls: Entirely overrated!

by **Amber Lister**
Staff Writer

Very seldom are photographs of ocean scenes bereft of a token seagull. I don't understand what these birds are good for. I can barely remember a day at the shore without a seagull squawking at the top of its lungs while I was trying to enjoy a leisurely stroll. They simply have no sense of decency. They are always hovering around waiting for scraps of food, often even barging in and stealing a bite before I get a taste. Seagulls are not even exclusive to the sea. The worst part about seagulls though, is their rude potty habits. They don't even have the courtesy to wait until they are over the water to "go." I give seagulls two thumbs down!

Don't watch this bad movie

by **Melodie Olson**
Chief Layout Designer

Multiple Personality Disorder is the best description for *Man of the Year*. It is more unpredictable than a Saint Mary's student on Thirsty Thursdays. *Man of the Year* lacks a plot to support such genre changes mid-movie. A moviegoer just can't take a random horror scene featuring the stabbing of a main character, followed by political humor. The only thing I laughed at was how bad it was. In fact, the movie is probably only good on a Friday in Wisconsin with an old friend who originally wanted to take you to a James Bond-themed restaurant called *The Safe House*.

Out of business

by **Adrian Garro**
Staff Writer

I went to the Tower Record's liquidation sale recently, thinking I could nab some stuff for cheap. Disappointment quickly took hold, as I saw new CDs were only 20 percent off. The store should sell its products for much less than that.

If Tower wants to get rid of its entire inventory, everything should be really cheap. I know they won't make money doing that, but they obviously already don't know how to make money in the first place.

Tower deserves to be going out of business. It has always been too expensive, and that has proven to be a bad decision.

Too bad.

The bags the store uses look cool.

Rival magicians make for unrivaled thriller

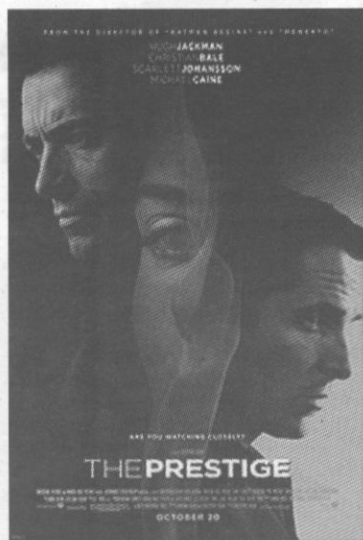
Director Christopher Nolan creates magic with *The Prestige*

by **Danny Acosta**
Opinion Editor

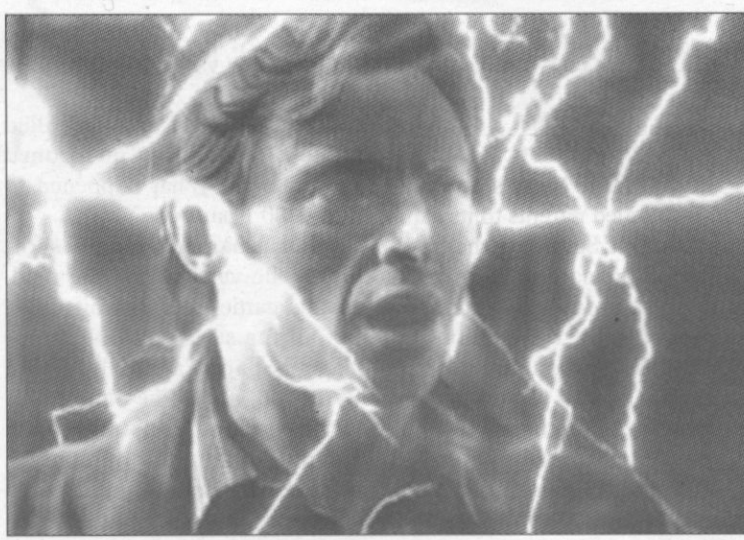
There is nothing deceptive about Christopher Nolan's reputation. He directs quality films. From his debut *Following* (1998) to the cult-classic *Memento* (2000), the film-noir thriller *In-somnia* (2002) and the revival of the Batman series in *Batman Begins* (2005), Nolan has crafted himself into one of Hollywood's top directors. He maintains his status as powerhouse director with *The Prestige*.

The Prestige tells an obscure story with great coherence. The narrative follows Rupert Angier (Hugh Jackman) and Alfred Borden (Christian Bale), magician apprentices turned rivals after a tragic accident. There is a murder and the story unfolds around a pending execution. Cutter (Michael Caine), their magic craftsman, brings an objective voice into the narrative that switches between Angier and Borden. *The Prestige* is a story of obsession. Angier becomes obsessed with outdoing his former partner's world-famous "Transporting Man" trick, while Borden strives to be the best magician in the world. The parallel drives the two to try and ruin each other.

With Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale, the film could carry on star power alone. Add Scarlett Johansson, who plays the attrac-



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tive assistant Olivia, and *The Prestige* has the potential for multiple magazine covers. All the actors bring strong performances. However, Bale stands out, but Jackman does not fail to convey the stronghold of his resentment for Borden. Johansson does particularly well as a romantic interest despite having limited screen time that leaves her character flat.

The film has engrossing twists. These constant shifts obfuscate the sympathetic characters. Moral superiors transform into illusions themselves, keeping the fans guessing. However, the turns never deter from the enjoyment of the film. As science enters into the mythical world and opens up many new possibilities, the line between reality and fantasy

sharpen the sensibilities and hunger of the two magicians. Real-life inventor Tesla (David Bowie) adds historical context to the film. This furthers the complexity of the narrative, but Nolan keeps everything under control.

Nolan returns to familiar territory relishing in the dark settings of London streets. The film spends the majority of its time as if it were a Jack the Ripper biopic, but the over-the-top showmanship of the magicians allows for a stark contrast in settings from gloom to glamour. The visuals are crisp and clear making the illusions vivid as if audiences were viewing the tricks in the aristocratic London theatres themselves.

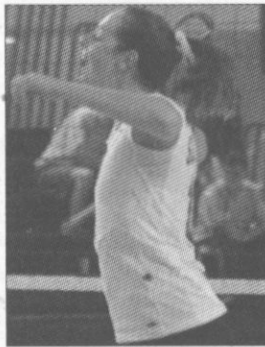
The Prestige redefines the edge-

of-your-seat thriller. New questions arrive with every scene yet there is never a feeling of abandonment. It plays out with complexity that M. Night Shyamalan has failed to recapture. Nolan demonstrates stunning control. He relishes the drama around the calloused characters. When the film climaxes, there is no disappointment, just a sense of awe much like his breakthrough film *Memento*. Once again teamed with his brother Jonathan writing the script, the duo proves that storytelling is directing. The originality of Jonathan's stories combined with Christopher's vision showcases the third act as only they can. The third act of a magic trick is *The Prestige*. That is just what Nolan is.

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**Players
of the Week**

Christina Kirk



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Senior Christina Kirk recorded a career high of 27 kills in the five-set game against the Gonzaga Bulldogs last Saturday. She also led the Gaels in points, recording a match high 30.5.

Joel Kusnierz



Frankie Mangini/COLLEGIAN

Last weekend, junior Joel Kusnierz became the first Gael in tennis history to advance to the singles quarterfinal round in the ITA Northwest Regionals. He defeated two seeded opponents from Washington and Stanford, earning him a national ranking.

Men's tennis fairs well at ITA Regionals
Joel Kusnierz earns national ranking with results

by **Stefanie Ordoveza**
Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's men's tennis team competed in the ITA Northwest Regionals at Stanford University this past weekend. The tournament took place over a course of four days, beginning last Friday and ending yesterday.

Saint Mary's results were highlighted by junior transfer Joel Kusnierz, sophomore Achim Christner, and fifth-year senior Adam Fauvre.

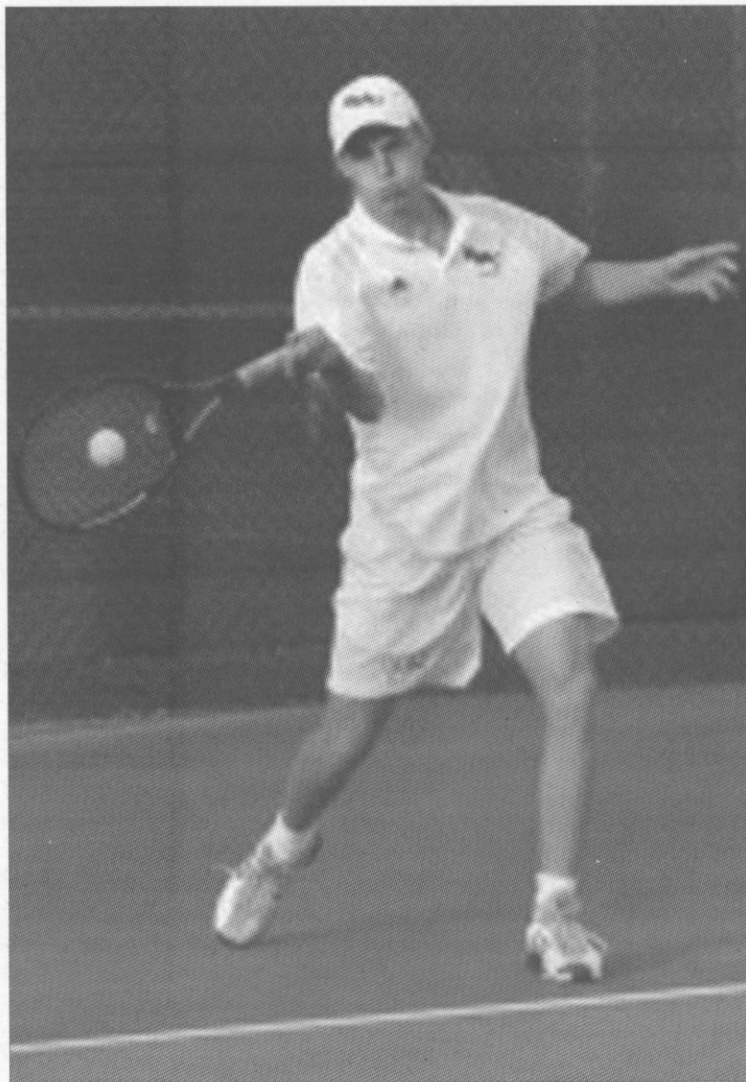
Kusnierz comes to Saint Mary's from Auburn University Montgomery and has proven to be one of the team's top players, as he has continued to lead the Gaels in his efforts.

Kusnierz competed his way into the quarterfinal round, tallying wins over Hawaii's Spencer Mendoza in the first round, California's Geoff Chizever in the second, #9 Stanford's Blake Muller in the third, and #8 University of Washington's Daniel Chu in the fourth.

Kusnierz's results not only have brought him recognition amongst the collegiate community, but also a national ranking.

"[This] was the first time we had a men's singles player make it to the quarterfinals in the main draw at Regionals," said head coach Michael Wayman.

Fellow teammate Christner went on to say, "Overall, we did



Courtesy of smcgaels.com

Achim Christner '09 lost to the second seed of the tournament in a close second round match.

pretty well, but Joel was the outstanding player."

Christner, nonetheless, played a tough tournament as well.

Though losing in the second round, Christner put up a real fight in both his first and second round matches.

Christner first defeated Cal Poly's Russell Meyerowitz 6-0, 6-2. He then lost to the second seed of the tournament, California's Pierre Mouillon (who as of Sunday, advanced to the semifinal round) in a very close match, 7-5, 7-6 (5).

After his match, Christner said, "I think it was helpful to see what we were doing well and what we need to work on. It was good to see where we are compared to the big schools and we're pretty close."

Increasing evidence of this closing gap was Fauvre's match against Stanford's Paul Morrissey. After hours of competitive play, Fauvre ultimately lost in a hard-fought three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Overall, Coach Wayman was pleased with his team's performance. "The tournament went very, very well. It was a good tournament for us, and I think that it's really a [sign] of things to come."

The men's tennis team will now be preparing for their next tournament, the University of Pacific (UOP) Invitational, which is expected to take place on November 3-5 in Stockton, CA. This will be the last of the fall tournaments before the team enters their actual season on January 21.

**Sports
Calendar**

Today, October 24
Men's Golf
SDSU Barona Classic
@ Lakeside, CA
All Day

Thursday, October 26
Women's Soccer
@ Santa Barbara
7 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
@ San Diego
7:05 p.m.

Friday, October 27
Men's Soccer
@ Loyola Marymount
3 p.m.

Saturday, October 28
Cross Country
WCC Championships
@ Crystal Springs, CA
10 a.m.

Women's Volleyball
@ Santa Clara
1:05 p.m.

Women's Crew
Head of the American
@ Sacramento, CA
All Day

Sunday, October 29
Women's Soccer
@ San Diego
12:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer
@ San Diego
2:30 p.m.

Alumni schools varsity
Baseball proves better with age

by **Sean Kent**
Staff Writer

As the Saint Mary's community welcomed parents to its campus this past Saturday, the baseball team welcomed back some of its most prominent alumni to compete against the current varsity squad. The annual alumni game gave current players not just a workout, but a chance to compete against Saint Mary's graduates who are currently in the minor leagues.

The day started with an early, abbreviated game pitting two squads of alumni against each other, one team consisting of older, longer-removed Gaels, while the other team used players who graduated within the past three years. Surprisingly, it was the "older" Gaels who defeated the younger squad in five innings, 2-1.

The alumni versus alumni game resembled something out the film *Field of Dreams* with a collection of mish-mosh uniforms and laughter more than anything else gracing the field. The highlight of the game by far was a pitching appearance by diminutive Tom Nelson '70. He baffled the young batters with an array of junk and off-speed pitches, and then followed his scoreless inning with a ten plus pitch at-bat which con-

cluded on a questionable called strike three. Nelson questioned the umpire, "What happened to that \$200 I paid you?"

After a barbecue and a short break, the varsity took the field. In this game, the alumni pulled out all the stops, playing minor leaguers Sam Carter '06, Bryan Byrne '06, and Mike Sansoe '05, while sending assistant coach Kevin Trochez '04 out on the mound. The alumni squad scored a run off the varsity squad in the first inning and set the pace for the entire game.

The varsity team was held scoreless until the fifth inning and was only able to score one run.

In the process of cruising to an easy victory, one "old" Gael came within feet of hitting a homer and then was thrown out trying to stretch his hit into a double. Even current Kansas City Royal Mark Teahan '03 made an appearance as a first base coach for the alumni team, helping them onto an 8-5 victory over the varsity team.

Overall the alumni game was another success. Now the team has currently split itself into squads, playing their own version of the "World Series" with one side being coached by junior catcher, Ian Gordon, and the other by sophomore infielder, Joel Staples.

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Women's tennis struggles at Berkeley ITA Regionals

Individuals unable to gain desired results but team still optimistic

by J. Harry Painter
Chief Copy Editor

Over the weekend, the Saint Mary's women's tennis team traveled to UC Berkeley (Cal) to participate in the ITA Women's Northwest Regional tournament.

The women, looking to improve over their performance at last week's at the Saint Mary's Invitational, were once again disappointed with the outcome of this tournament.

Sophomore Erin Young had the most success of any Saint Mary's player, making it to the quarterfinals in the consolation doubles bracket along with partner Stef Ordoveza '08, and reaching round four in the consolation singles bracket.

Caitlin Aloia '08, who fared well in last week's tournament, had mild success this week as well, also making it to round four in the consolation singles flight.

Aloia said, "There were ups and downs. It was average for us. It could've been better, but there's always room for improvement."

One of the most frustrating "downs" was senior Aude Lambert's loss in the first round to Cal Poly's Carol Erickson. Lambert, who was seeded 12th in the tournament, chose not to continue after the loss, forfeiting her



Frankie Mangini/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore Erin Young (left) and junior Stef Ordoveza advanced to the quarterfinals of the consolation doubles bracket at the ITA Northwest Regionals last weekend.



Frankie Mangini/COLLEGIAN

Below: Junior Caitlin Aloia had another good tournament this past weekend, making it to round four in the consolation singles bracket.

first round consolation match.

However, the team found no reason to give up hope. Young said, "I think we learned a lot about our capabilities for future tournaments. We know that we

can hang with the big guys."

The Regionals tournament, which took place from Friday through Monday, included schools from all around the west coast and over 100 players par-

ticipated in the singles draw.

The next stop for the women's team is the San Diego State University (SDSU) Invitational in San Diego, which takes place on November 3-5.

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Women's soccer ties LMU in scoreless battle

Gaels bounce back after last minute loss to #23 Pepperdine

by Megan Manley
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team had a tough match against conference rivals, the Pepperdine Waves.

The score was tied 1-1 when Pepperdine's Kelly Reilly scored a goal with 4:11 left in the game to wash away the Gaels for good.

Pepperdine controlled the flow of the game for most of the first half, outshooting the Gaels 14-4 in the first 45 minutes of play.

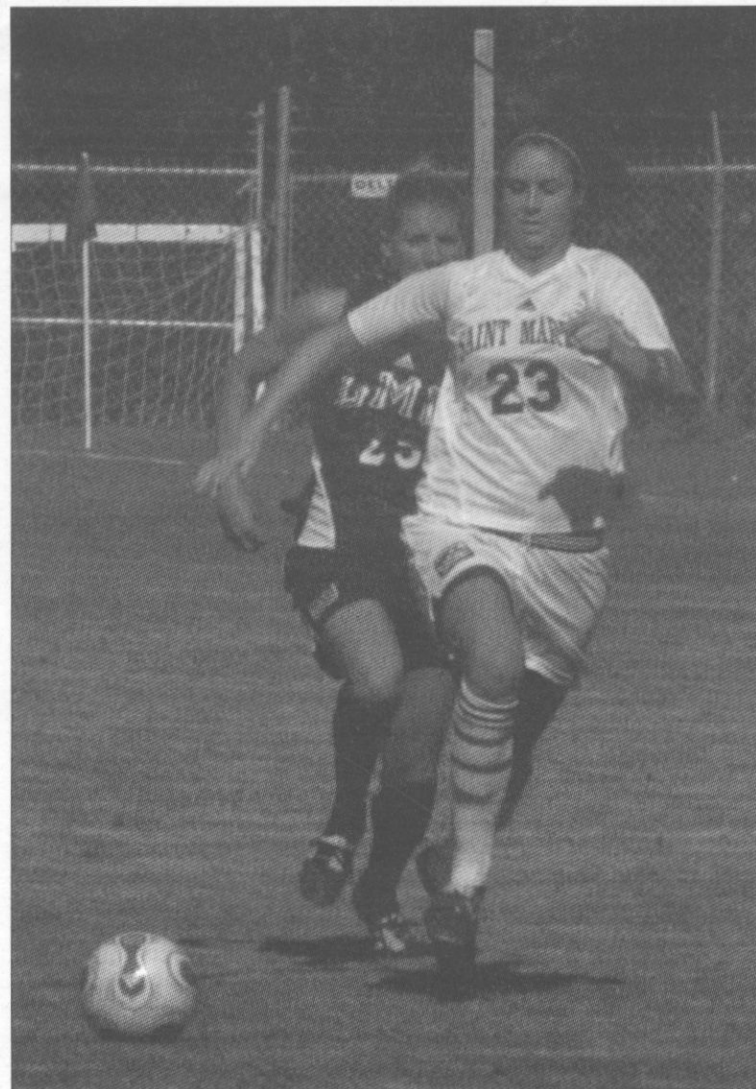
In the 31st minute of action Amanda Rupp scored a goal off a pass from Emily Wynne just outside the penalty box. The goal marked Rupp's third of the season, taking the Waves to a 1-0 lead at the half.

The Gaels came back from the half firing only 49 seconds into the second half, tying the game when freshman Kira Copinga tallied her first collegiate goal.

Copinga's goal was the result of a Ashley Nied cross from the right sideline. Copinga headed the cross from seven yards out into the back of the net.

Both teams upped their defense in the second half with the Gaels taking three shots and holding the Waves to just four.

Saint Mary's goalkeeper Jennifer Zenovich finished the game with six saves on the Waves' 18 shots. Pepperdine goalkeeper Kayla Stolte earned the win after



Frankie Mangini/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore defender Amy Massey beats another LMU forward to the ball, helping preserve the shutout for the Gaels.

allowing one goal and posting three saves against seven shots by

the Gaels.

On Sunday, the Gaels took on the Loyola Marymount Lions in a tough double-overtime match.

The Gaels' defense held the Lions to just three shots on goal in regulation time.

Sophomore defender, Amy Massey held the back line for the Gaels, stopping every counterattack from the Lions.

Offensively, the Gaels had opportunities to break the tie.

In fact, in the second half, the Gaels put pressure on the Lions, taking three shots in the 64th minute after being awarded a corner kick. However, the Gaels could not finish before the ball was cleared by the Lion defense.

In the final minute of play, the Gaels tried to score, but attempts by senior forward McKenna Belzer were blocked and other attempts by sophomore Nikki Shrey were wide.

This game was Zenovich's second shutout of the season. Zenovich recorded four saves in the draw against the Lions.

After the weekend, the Gaels' record goes to 1-3-1 in West Coast Conference (WCC) play and 3-11-3 overall.

The Gaels will be traveling on their final road trip this weekend where they will face the Santa Barbara Gauchos on Friday before heading down to San Diego on Sunday.

This Week's Sports Trivia

1. How many bowl games have the Gaels played in?

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 4
- d. 6

Bonus: Can you name the Bowl Game(s)?

2. Mark Teahan was drafted in the second round of the 2002 draft by what team?

- a. Kansa City Royals
- b. Florida Marlins
- c. Oakland Athletics
- d. New York Yankees

3. Who was the last Saint Mary's player to be named WCC Player of the Year in men's basketball?

- a. Daniel Kickert
- b. Steve Gray
- c. Eric Schraeder
- d. LaRoy Doss

Answers: 1.b, 2.c, 3.c
Bonus: Cotton, Oil, Sugar

Women's volleyball upset in five against Gonzaga

Thursday's sweep against Portland doesn't carry over against the Zags

by Frankie Mangini
 Sports Editor

The Gaels made quick work of Portland on Thursday evening, sweeping the Pilots 3-0. Saint Mary's won 30-19, 30-25, 30-20, in three games.

The Gaels had an early lead of 13-10 but went on a 12-3 run to increase it to an insurmountable lead of 25-13 capped off by a kill by senior Mandy Bible. They went on to win the game 30-19 and finished the game with a .447 attack percentage.

In the second game, Saint Mary's was up big once again, this time up 23-15. However, the Pilots battled back, making a 8-2 run of their own to bring the score close at 25-23. Despite this, the Gaels went on a 5-2 run, taking the second game 30-25 off a kill from sophomore Taylor Groess.

In the third and final game, the Gaels took an 8-1 lead to start off. The Pilots once again battled back to within two points, taking the game score to 12-10. But the Gaels would never let the game get any closer, winning the final game off a service ace from senior Christina Kirk 30-20.

The Gaels' offensive attack was led by junior Missie Stidham who had 16 kills and 13 digs during the match. Senior Cassandra Kolkka also had 13 digs in the match while Bible had 39 assists.

On Saturday, the Gaels fell to Gonzaga in five games. The Gaels



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

Senior Cassandra Kolkka (left) looks on as redshirt freshman Nikki Gonzalez (right) digs one of her career high 29 against Gonzaga on Saturday.

took the first game easily, 30-17.

However, the Bulldogs rallied back to take the second game 30-25. In the third game, the Gaels took a 2-1 lead, then winning it 30-28.

Gonzaga then fought back to win the final two games 31-29

and 15-12, taking the victory away from the Gaels.

This was the first West Coast Conference (WCC) win of the year for the Bulldogs and their first WCC road victory in four seasons.

Despite the loss, the Gaels had

notable contributions.

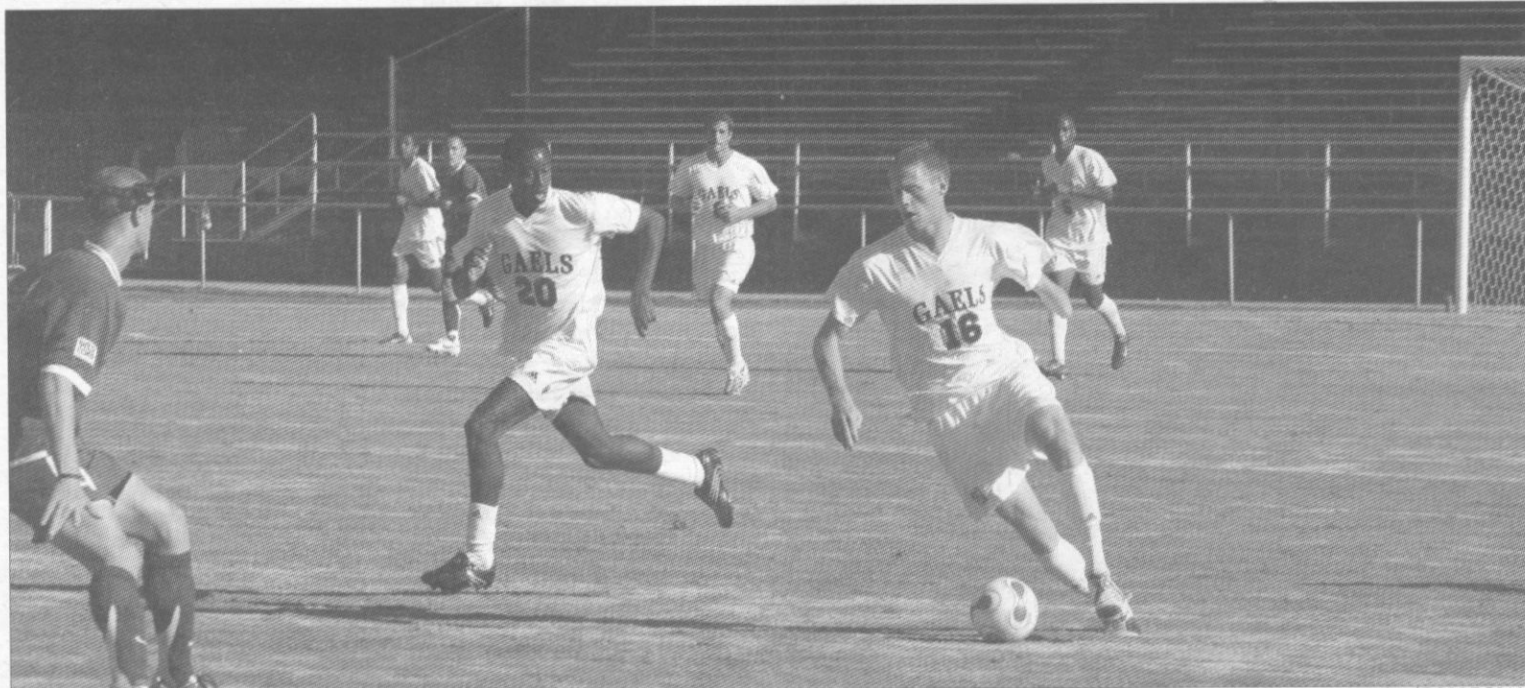
Kirk had a career high 27 kills in the match to remain the team's top attacker this season. Redshirt freshman Nikki Gonzalez had a career high 29 digs in the match, while sophomore Brittany Barker had nine blocks.

After the loss, the Gaels are tied for second place in WCC with three other teams with a record of 4-3. The Gaels are now 9-9 overall.

Saint Mary's will be heading over to play undefeated #20 San Diego next Thursday.

USF gets its revenge in 1-0 win over Gaels

Brian Mason allows only one goal but not enough to stop Dons



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Matthew Fitzgerald (right) took one of the eight shots taken against USF last Sunday. The Gaels look to rebound against Loyola Marymount on Saturday.

by Frankie Mangini
 Sports Editor

Sunday night, the Gaels faced the #12 University of San Francisco (USF) Dons. Unfortunately for the Gaels, the Dons got the early lead and held on to it for a 1-0 victory.

The Dons scored in the 12th minute when USF's Ardan Atar passed the ball to Jesse Henderson just left of the box. Henderson then centered the ball to an oncoming Neil Stuart who volleyed the ball right under the crossbar, taking the lead.

The Gaels tried to answer back. Their best chance came just minutes into the second half off a blast from freshman Dylan Leslie that rang off the cross bar.

Gaels' pressure forced three corner kicks in the late minutes. Leslie then registered his second

shot on net, but goalie Jeremy Uhl was there for the save.

Junior goalkeeper Brian Mason made two saves in the match, keeping the Dons to only one goal, but it was not enough.

With the loss, the Gaels fall to 2-4-2 in WCC and 4-7-5 overall.

Recap of the Week: Women's Crew

The Saint Mary's crew team participated in the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston last Sunday afternoon.

They rowed in the Championship Women's Eights competition, which featured the U.S. National Team and eventual winner, Princeton.

In this competition, the Saint Mary's boat consisted of previous novice, junior varsity, and varsity rowers. Despite this being the first time they have ever competed together and having only two days of practice with their personnel, the Gael team still finished in 41st place out of the 45 teams there.

As a whole, the Gaels feel they have continually progressed and that this was a strong start for the fall season.

Moreover, the Gaels finished 25 seconds ahead of University of San Diego (USD) who had beaten them twice in last year's season (in Newport and Boston).

The next race for the Gaels is scheduled to take place next Saturday in Sacramento.