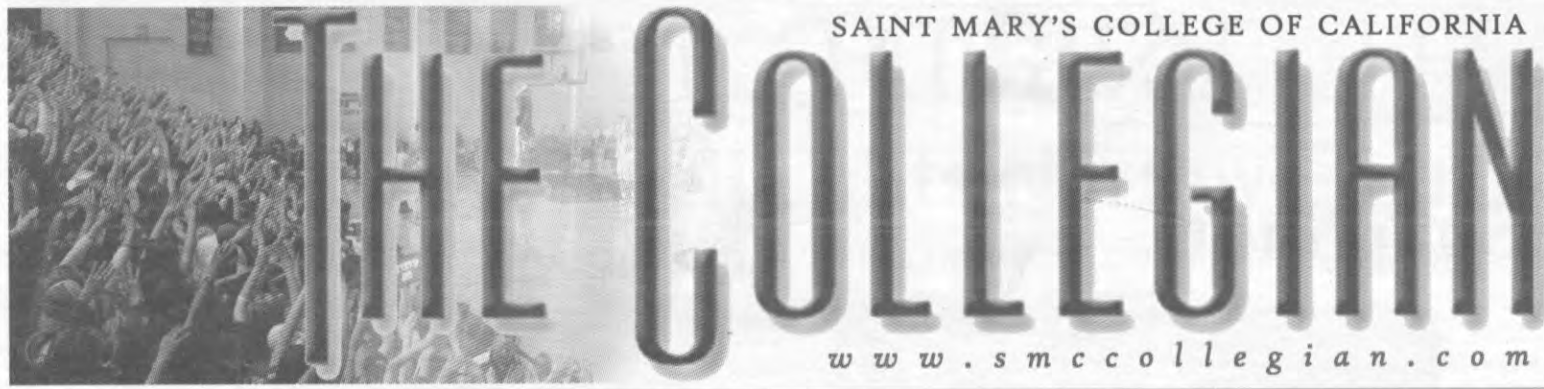


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Brother Craig Franz resigns from Saint Mary's University in Minnesota after SMC student comes forward



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Brother Craig Franz (right) resigned as president of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota after admitting to engaging in a sexual relationship with a student while at Saint Mary's College.

by Khalida Sarwari
Staff Writer

Upon allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior brought forward by a student at Saint Mary's College during the summer of 2006, Brother Craig Franz, the former president of Saint Mary's College, resigned from his position as president of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. The resignation took effect on December 19, 2006, after Franz admitted to the allegations.

In a letter addressed to the community of Saint Mary's College, President Brother Ronald Gallagher said that the sexual misconduct occurred after Franz announced his intent to resign as the president of Saint Mary's College in fall 2004. Closely following the student's allegations, an independent investigation by the senior Christian Brother's was ordered by Gallagher. With the conclusion of the investigation last month, the results of the report were released to officials at Saint Mary's University.

Gallagher said, "The investigation determined that Franz had engaged in behavior totally inappropriate for a Christian Brother and college president and inconsistent with our values and traditions."

In a letter written by Robert Figliulo, board of trustees chairman at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Franz admitted to the incident involving an adult student after being confronted with the allegations in the report.

"Brother Craig realizes that his activity was inappropriate in light of his religious vows and his position as a leader, teacher, and mentor," said Figliulo.

Information about the student's age and gender is confidential. Gallagher said that he is "obliged—and committed—to protecting the privacy of the student."

According to *Winona Daily News*, there are no accusations of illegal activity against Franz. However, inappropriate sexual behavior between a person in authority and a student, no matter what their age, is against the rules of conduct in both schools.

Franz is currently undergoing treatment and therapy with the help of the order of Christian Brothers in Baltimore and will not be returning to the University, Figliulo said.

Debra Holtz, director of media relations, who worked with Franz for over a year, said that she had a "good working relationship" with him. In regards to the investigation

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Sister Clare Wagstaffe dies at age 85

Former teacher and administrator remembered fondly

by Melissa Vlach
Staff Writer

After years of devotion and innovation at Saint Mary's College, Sister Clare Wagstaffe died on the first of this year.

Wagstaffe spent 24 years working at the College before retiring in 2004. She had many diverse duties during that time. When she first arrived, she worked with Campus Ministry, counseling students and helping in various ways. In later years, she served as a professor and a resident director, as well as in the development office. In addition, she perceived a need for more contact with parents, so she helped to establish the Parent Relations Office.

"We had no office for that," said Brother Dominic Berardelli. "So she was asked to start one, and she did a fantastic job."

Wagstaffe worked as the director of this new office. She began many programs that still exist today, including parent visit days and classes without quizzes.

"The parents loved them," said Berardelli.

Parents definitely noticed

Wagstaffe's work. Bob and Elizabeth Brown, who had a son at Saint Mary's during Wagstaffe's time, commented that she "seemed to have a great influence on the place."

Her many responsibilities kept her busy, but she managed to get everything done.

"She had a secret twenty-fifth hour in the day that no one else had," Berardelli said. "She just kept going. That lady had tremendous energy, and [she was] terribly, terribly organized. She never lost her composure."

Wagstaffe also spent time with the Brothers, which is how Berardelli, the director of the Saint Mary's College Brothers at the time, came to know her so well. "She used to come faithfully every Thursday to mass with the Brothers and then dinner," he said.

It was therefore appropriate when, in 2001, Wagstaffe was affiliated into the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, becoming an honorary Christian Brother. This is the highest honor the Brothers can give.

Berardelli explained that a per-

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Sister Clare Wagstaffe served Saint Mary's College and community for 24 years. During her time here, she was Dean of Student Development and Director of Parent Relations. A mass will be held in her memory today, Wednesday, January 17 at 11 a.m. in the chapel.

Camarillo chosen as new Vice Provost for Student Life

UCLA alum to assume full-time duties for interim VPSL

by Zack Farmer
Managing Editor

The final decision was made over the break and Jane Camarillo was named the new Vice Provost for Student Life (VPSL). With this appointment, she becomes the first full-time VPSL since Mike Zoll left Saint Mary's last June.

"When I sought out information on Saint Mary's College, my first impression was created by the stated mission of the institution as a Catholic, Lasallian and liberal arts institution, the sense of history and heritage and its core principles," said Camarillo. "This immediately resonated with my own values and hopes for the work that I do in support of the development of the whole student."

Associate Dean for Student Life & Community Life Scott Kier served as the interim VPSL from mid-June until Camarillo's hiring and shared some of his advice with her. "Just from being on the job for a while," Kier said, "Don't come with a preordained [outlook]. [You need to] listen to your staff, listen to the students."

Camarillo has held student life positions at Stanford University and UCLA and brings a unique experience to Saint Mary's. "At both in-

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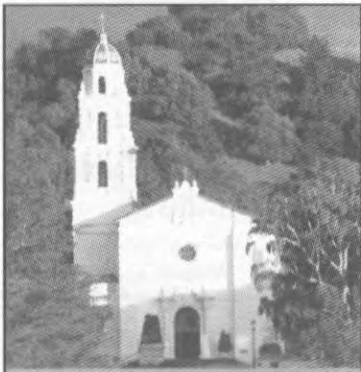
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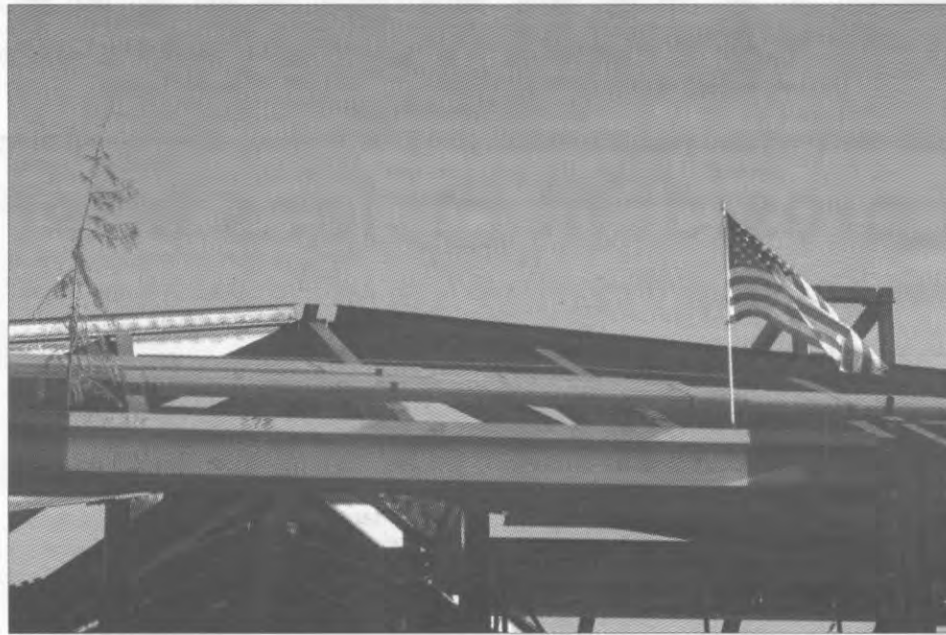
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SnapShot



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Students were greeted with a tree and American Flag atop Filippi Academic Hall still under construction upon their return to campus last weekend.

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.



ZACK FARMER

What happened to Monopoly? Nostalgia

What happened to the good ol' days of the board game? It seemed for about four or five years that the board game had faded out to video games. Maybe that's the reason why some board games started making video games. The Monopoly video game was definitely faster than the board game version but it took some of the fun out of it.

What ever happened to playing Risk, Sorry, or Monopoly? I know what a lot of people say. "The game takes too long." It's because they are games that have a lot of back and forth action.

I take your money, you take mine. I conquered your country, you sunk my battleship! Games like this can get extremely intense and you might have to watch out for some underhanded play. One such Monopoly game became this way.

It started with eight players which then became two teams. My team owned all of the expensive properties, Boardwalk, Park Place, Pacific Avenue, etc. The other team owned all the low rent properties, Mediterranean Avenue, Baltic Avenue, and Oriental Avenue among others. They were known as the "Slum Lords." It turned into a brutal battle as both sides had hotels on every turn. It almost came to a point when the Slum Lords took us out. What type of an embarrassment would that have been to be taken out by the cheapest properties on the board! The battled continued late into the night but the high rent district held off the slums. For now...

Other epic battles can be seen in Risk. It might take time to build the armies and formulate a game plan but alliances can be made and broken, or chaos could determine the flow of the game. Attack followed by attack for hours with no letting up, in the end being left with one soldier staring down the barrel of multiple cannons. It's attack or be attacked.

The board game for the sports, movie, or even Disney trivia guru nowadays is Scene It? Instead of having it just be a regular board game with cards, one plays with the DVD and answers trivia questions. These games can get intense as well. Many times the stakes change. Sometimes drinks, sometimes articles of clothing.

I know sometimes people say there is not much to do on campus or in Moraga but sometimes you have to get creative or just go back to the simpler games and modify them. It can put a whole new dynamic to the board game and keep you entertained for a good while.

Crime Beat

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Incident: Minor under the influence and in possession of alcohol	Synopsis: In Guerrieri West, referred to Student Conduct and Moraga P.D.	1/8	12:45 a.m.
Synopsis: In Mitty, referred to Student Conduct, alcohol paraphernalia confiscated.	12/9	8:20 p.m.	Incident: Minor under the influence
12/3	3:50 a.m.	Incident: Medical Assist	Synopsis: In Justin, reported to student conduct, minor in possession of alcohol and marijuana
Incident: Minor under the influence and minor in possession of alcohol and marijuana	Synopsis: In McKeon Pavilion, reported to business office, transported to John Muir	1/8	2:50 p.m.
Synopsis: In Justin, referred to Student Conduct, quiet hours violation and felony vandalism	12/11	9:25 a.m.	Incident: Auto vs. object incident
12/5	8:45 a.m.	Incident: Suspicious Circumstances	Synopsis: Occurred in trail to water dam area, reported to business office, non-injury
Incident: Theft of plant	Synopsis: In Soda Center, 5 cases of candy missing	1/10	9:00 a.m.
Synopsis: In Garaventa, investigation suspended	12/20	12:03 a.m.	Incident: Suspicious Circumstances
12/6		Incident: Vandalism	Synopsis: Syufy performing Arts Center, furniture from 2nd floor Lounge Stuffed in the elevator
Incident: Guest violation, prowling, and possibility of burglary tools	Synopsis: In Aquinas, reported to maintenance key lock mechanism		

Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM - British explorer David Hempleman-Adams broke a 27-year-old record, flying his hot air balloon 32,500 feet (6.1 miles) off the ground, or for reference just about the cruising height of a jumbo jet. The pilot dealt with temperatures of minus 60°C (-76°F).

LOS ANGELES, CA - The appearance of a 50 foot image on the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on Wednesday evening startled some. The messages, "Your Ad Here" and "Your Corporate Logo Here" was visible to thousands of commuters for two and a half hours, but was removed by Thursday because the message was not authorized by the diocese. The message was a guerrilla art piece by James Cui, who uses a laptop and projector on blank walls to show his artwork.

BEIJING, CHINA - In the year of the pig it is good luck to have a child. This belief is predicted to cause a baby boom in China this year. The effects are already being seen as many teachers have applied for maternity leave, leaving as many as 10 open positions in a single school.

Saint Mary's leads study of East Bay water supply

by Darwyn Deyo
Staff Writer

Last fall, the Water Task Force Consultancy from Saint Mary's published a report on the state of the East Bay water supply, undertaking two approaches. It compiled the information on water sources for the East Bay and identified who uses the water and for what purposes, in order to estimate how a disruption to the water supply could affect the area.

The consultancy also interviewed businesses to find out what their plans were in the case of a water disruption. The process was difficult for them because this information is considered to be the private property of businesses; in addition, the work was time consuming. However, the final release of the report details factors which affect the water supply and outlines water use patterns within the East Bay. This will be used by the Contra Costa Council.

The report defines four regions in the East Bay which provide water: the East Bay Municipal Utility District, the Alameda County Water District, the Zone 7 Agency, and the Contra Costa water district. Marco Dicostanzo '07, a student intern on the report, said, "we needed to know about the supply and we also needed to talk to businesses to find out how well they're prepared to deal with a water disaster...what kind of contingency plans they had in place and how they anticipate a shortage of water is going to affect their output capability and their ability to employ."

Using this information, the report determined that disruptions could be categorized in the degrees of slight, significant, extended slight, and extended significant, with the former two dealing with a six-month notice of disruption, and the latter two dealing with a three-month notice of disruption. Regarding an immediate disruption, the report states that "The impacts from sudden failure are beyond the scope of this study."

Fortunately, the report did not actually find that there were many problems with the East Bay water supply. With the information they collected, the consultancy did evaluate some projected disruptions, but for now the water supply is considered to be relatively stable, aside from an earthquake or a terrorist attack.

The main concern, according to Professor Kristine Chase of the Center for Regional Economy at Saint Mary's is "that such a large majority of the water supply to the East Bay area flows either through or on the [Sacramento] Delta."

However, the Bay Area is re-see WATER, p4

New art exhibit in Hearst Art Gallery

by Alex Branch
Staff Writer

Carlos Villa was born in 1936, the son of Filipino immigrants. He grew up in San Francisco and says he first became interested in art when he was three years old. "A cousin, Leo Valledor, who lived in the Fillmore inspired me. When he was four years old and I was three, he did a drawing on paper and I thought that was magic." Carlos Villa first visited the California School of Fine Arts when he was a junior in high school, and said, "It opened up a whole new world for me. I was hooked." Villa has since attended CSFA (now the San Francisco Art Institute,) lived and worked in New York City, taught as an Artist in Residence at the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center, taught at the San Francisco Art Institute, and has been featured in many solo art exhibitions, including one currently at the Hearst Art Gallery of Saint Mary's College.

Upon walking into the Hearst exhibition, one is confronted immediately by a giant, untitled canvas colored with pig blood, paint, and feathers. An early work of Villa, the piece sets the tone for what is a very personal exhibition. Villa tries to "consciously synthesize and cross-reference different cultures," and to express the plight of Filipino immigrants in the United States. Working in a myriad of mediums, from feathers and mirror shards to sculpture and photography, Villa lays out in visual art the questions he has asked throughout his life. He speaks visually about the tribulations of indigenous peoples in the modern world, his relationship with his father, his relationship with the city of San Francisco, and



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Carlos Villa, the artist of the new exhibit in Saint Mary's Hearst Art Gallery, poses in front of one of his pieces during the exhibit's opening celebration.

about what it means to him to be Filipino-American.

Some of Villa's most vibrant works include his untitled blood and feathers canvas, "Painted Cloak," and "Traffic Island Tapa." "Painted Cloak" is a giant canvas robe marked by the reds, browns, and blacks of bird feathers and striped with colors like those seen in a violet evening sky. The feathered edges and mantle grab the viewer first with their ruffled texture and primal energy. Long pheasant feathers mark the mantle of the cloak, while its edges wear a thick hem of shorter, darker colored feathers that sheen and blend together into a myriad of colors accented by dark reddish browns mixed in. After the feathers, the eye is drawn to the interior of the cloak, a neutral tan color broken by brownish purple stripes flowing with the fall of the garment.

The idea of "art you can wear" seems to have captivated Carlos Villa, ultimately resulting in a pair of feather shoes titled "Artist's

Feet" as well as "Painted Cloak." Villa says "Painted Cloak" references numerous tribal cultures, including the Polynesian kings, medicine men, shaman, and Native American buffalo robes. Around the corner from "Painted Cloak" is "Traffic Island Tapa," a piece with a more modern feel and subject. It is an approximately six-foot by six-foot black canvas decorated with strings of colored beads. Villa said, "The beads are like the lights when going across the Bay Bridge."

Overall, Villa's display at the Hearst Art Gallery is well worth the time one might spend viewing it. His unique mediums and style give his work a flair characteristically his own, and the opportunity to see one of San Francisco's most renowned artists should not be missed. Villa's art will be on display in the Hearst Art Gallery until March 4, and the gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free, although a donation is suggested and appreciated.

News Briefs

Environmentalism the Integral Way

On January 9, Harvey Mead spoke to Saint Mary's students of the dangers his and our generation present to the world. An Integral graduate of Saint Mary's College in 1961, Mead went on to serve the Canadian government in a series of environmental forums and will soon be the Commissioner for Sustainable Development with the Auditor General of Quebec. He outlined some of his research findings for his audience, juxtaposed by excerpts from Plato. Proposing that we avoid learning from dry texts, Mead encouraged the study of research from the Club of Rome, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the environment and society on an international level. In 1972, the Club of Rome published worst-case scenario predictions that are reportedly less severe than

current environmental conditions. Mead outlined a series of current worldwide problems, such as the youth bulge in the Third World, rapid urban growth, competition for land and water, and the spread of HIV. He considers overpopulation to be one of the most pressing issues today, and insists there should be limits to growth. In order to curb this growth, he suggested families only have two children. Other recommendations for solving these problems included continuing the discussion on environmental problems, maintaining contact with politicians, and keeping an eye on the crises. At the end of his speech, he praised Saint Mary's for its Catholic ethics, and expressed his concern and hope for the "future of humanity" being in our hands.

Discounted movie tickets for SMC students

Student Involvement and Leadership is selling discounted movie tickets for Century Theatres and Cinemark. These tickets are unrestricted and selling for as little as \$6. For more information, contact Dan Rott at dtr1@stmarys-ca.edu. The closest Century Theatres location is in Walnut Creek, but there are also theaters located in Danville and Pleasant Hill.

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Campus Calendar

"Being Environmentally Responsible"

Speakers: Nell Newman and Rick Peysers
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7:30 p.m.
Soda Center

Midweek Movie: Saw II

Wednesday, January 17
9:00 p.m.
Dryden

Friday Night Hotspot

Friday, January 19
9:00 p.m.
Dryden

Emerging Leaders Retreat

Friday, January 19 - Sunday, January 21

Leadership Workshop: "Professionalism"

Monday, January 22
5:30 p.m.
Delphine Intercultural Center

Jan Term Speaker: Rand Morimoto

Tuesday, January 23
7:30 p.m.
Claeys Lounge
Soda Center

Coffee House with comedian Brent Weinbach

Tuesday, January 23
8:00 p.m.
Dryden

Leadership Workshop: Dr. Shakti Butler

"Making Whiteness Visible"
Tuesday, January 24
9:00 a.m.
Soda Center

Midweek Movie: Coach Carter

Wednesday, January 24
9:00 p.m.
Dryden

Graffiti Homecoming Dance

Thursday, January 25
10:00 p.m.
Soda Center

Alumni Awards Dinner

Friday, January 26
6:00 p.m.
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BROTHER CRAIG: Allegation of Saint Mary's College student leads to resignation of Franz from Saint Mary's University

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tion, Holtz said, "everything that could have been done was done."

It was hard news to bear for the students of both institutions. According to WCCO-TV, a local Minnesota TV station, students at Saint Mary's University reported that Franz was a friendly and popular figure on campus. They expressed disappointment in Franz's resignation after he had set forth promising initiatives in his June 2005 inauguration.

Sentiments were similar at Saint Mary's College. Students were shocked and saddened by the news.

"First, it was wrong because of the vow of celibacy and his commitment to the church. Second, his personal life needs to stay separate from his professional life and involving a student is obviously wrong," said Jordan Scott '08.

Dennis Arnold '10 admitted that hearing about this incident would not have affected his personal decision to attend Saint

Mary's. Even so, "it hurts the credibility of the school in how outside sources look upon it," said Arnold.

Sashi Ariyathilak '09 also expressed disappointment. "I think that it is morally wrong. Brothers are seen as role models for students and faculty. It doesn't look good for our school," said Ariyathilak.

Carol Swain, interim director of Campus Ministry, said it is "a tragedy for all involved." Swain, who claimed to have had a "wonderful and productive working relationship" with Franz, said that she hopes for healing to begin for everyone who is affected by this tragedy.

"As a team and office, we are open to any student, faculty, and staff member who is saddened by the news," Swain said. She urges students to seek the spiritual counseling center should they need someone to speak with.

Gallagher called the incident

"troubling," and said that a follow-up inquiry by the board of trustees is already under way "to determine if other students were in similar circumstances during Franz's tenure at Saint Mary's College."

According to Figliulo, Franz has an otherwise clean record apart from this incident.

Franz was inaugurated president of Saint Mary's University in September 2005 after resigning from Saint Mary's College in 2004. He made his decision to resign after a \$112 million pledge from a donor never materialized. Franz stepped down from his position, insisting that it was for the school's best interest.

In his seven years at Saint Mary's College, Franz was involved in the improvement of many aspects of the College. He also served as the president of the International Association of Lasallian Institutions of Higher Learning.

VPSL: After seven months, Camarillo is chosen as new Vice Provost of Student Life

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stitutions, leadership, service, and personal growth were critical to academic success and defined an education there," said Camarillo. "The co-curricular experience that we could create made our students' education more vivid and better prepared them for life after Stanford and after UCLA."

Camarillo expresses her expectations for Saint Mary's. "As a Lasallian institution, Saint Mary's raises the expectation that all participate in the endeavor of teaching and personal mentorship, establishing a direct connection with students," Camarillo said.

She does not start officially until February and is preparing by getting to know the community. "I am spending time talking with people on campus, the Student Life staff, reading what has been written about life on campus and doing some more research on the history of Saint Mary's College in general," said Camarillo. "At Saint Mary's I may be able to engage with a greater percentage of the undergraduate population

than ever would have been possible at Stanford or UCLA."

Along with her background with UCLA and Stanford, Camarillo looks to embrace the core principles of the school. "I heard that Student Life would be embraced as a critical partner in illustrating the Catholic and Lasallian mission of service to the poor and support of social justice and all were eager to see vision and leadership from the VP of Student Life division," Camarillo said.

Kier said that it will take some time to adjust to Saint Mary's. "Supervising the other departments in student life, being a member of the [President's] cabinet takes up a lot of time," Kier said. "It will take time to know who Saint Mary's is."

When talking about adjusting to Saint Mary's, Camarillo said, "I believe that all were looking for Student Life to be a visible and integrated part of the Saint Mary's experience with a clear identity and support for the diversity that exists on the campus."

Camarillo wants to take her experiences from larger universities and apply them to the College. "By working together, [Residence Life was] more creative and rich in our ideas and resources, that is, human resources," Camarillo said. "We could accomplish much as an independent unit of Student Affairs, but gained far more as an integrated part of the institution, working in collaboration with all dimensions of our college. This perspective is what I look forward to applying at Saint Mary's and believe that collaboration and communication are values of the faculty, staff and students here."

"If I were in her position, I would be excited," Kier said.

As the new VPSL, she will oversee Residence Life, Student Involvement & Leadership, Associated Students of Saint Mary's College, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Health & Wellness Center, New Student Programs, and the Women's Resource Center.

SR. CLARE: College contributor given highest honor; first female buried in Mont La Salle Cemetery

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son chosen for this honor must be dedicated to teaching young people, display love and compassion toward students, and carry "the spirit of the brothers."

This position entitled Wagstaffe to be called "Brother," to wear the religious garments of the Brothers and to be buried in the Brothers' cemetery if she so chose. She requested the latter; her body's final resting place will be Mont La Salle Cemetery in Napa. She will be the first woman

buried here.

Wagstaffe also had numerous educational accomplishments. She attended Stanford University as an undergraduate before going to University of California at Berkeley where she earned her teaching credential. She then earned both a master's degree and a doctorate from the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.

After joining the Dominican Sisters in 1943, Wagstaffe worked

at Dominican College, serving both as a teacher and as the dean of students. She came to Saint Mary's in 1980.

Berardelli described his friend as "vibrant and alive, sharp and graceful." He also said, "She was a lady of class."

A mass for Wagstaffe is scheduled for today at 11 a.m. It will take place in the Saint Mary's Chapel. A reception in the Soda Center will follow.

WATER: Study finds need for repairing Delta levees

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ceiving some of the bond issue from this past state election in order to repair and reinforce the levees. In addition, the report was able to identify the largest consumers of water, so that water suppliers can accommodate that demand with an increased supply over the next 25 years.

Residents must also accept that they do consume about 40 percent of the water in the East Bay for mostly outdoor purposes. Landscaping and gardening are the primary uses of water, meaning the landscaping and gardening businesses would be hit the hardest by a sudden drop in the water supply. With this in mind, conservation is still key to the East Bay.

With all this in mind, Chase

added that "part of this is to try and increase public awareness that we need to spend a good amount of money repairing the Delta levees, and reinforce them. They [levees] protect farmland, they have to do with environmental quality, but the thing people tend to forget about is our water supply."

The Water Task Force Consultancy was released by the Center for Regional Economy of Saint Mary's College, and was commissioned by the Contra Costa Economic Partnership and Contra Costa Water Task Force. The report is available online at <http://wtfc.stmarys-ca.edu/study/WTFCFinalReport111006.pdf>

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Former President Ford connected to school's military past

Honorary alumnus had 'wonderful memories' of Saint Mary's

by Mark Freeman
Staff Writer

Many people knew of the late President Gerald Ford as the 38th President of the United States, a man who healed the nation after the divisive Watergate era. But years before Ford became America's "accidental president," he briefly taught at Saint Mary's College.

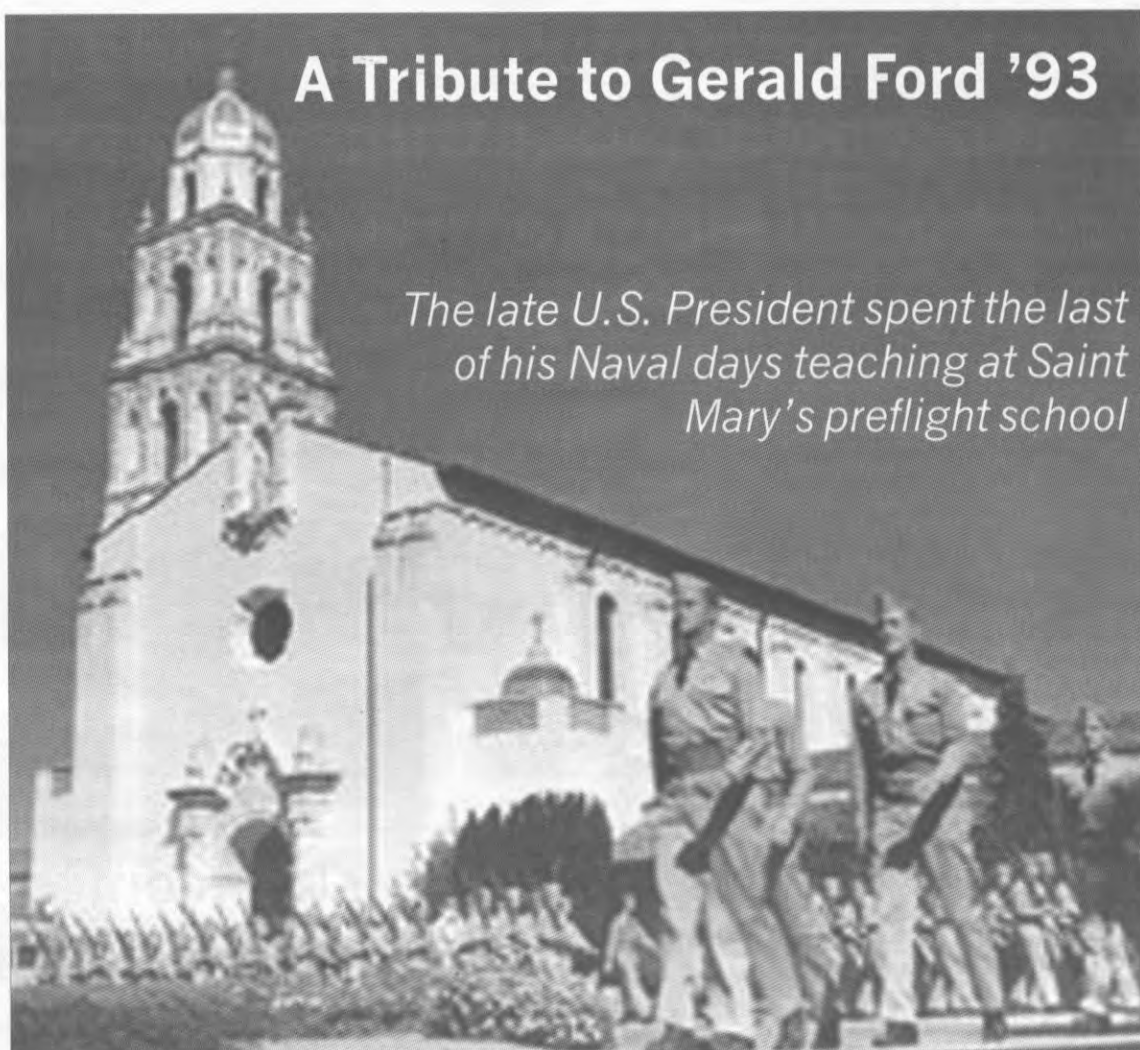
The school Ford knew was far different from the one we know today. During World War II, the College served as a Navy pre-flight school, where thousands of cadets trained their minds and bodies for the harsh battlefields overseas, according to a naval reference book, *The History of the U.S. Navy Pre-Flight School, St. Mary's College*. It started in 1942, when Brother Austin, then president of Saint Mary's, received a telegram telling him that the College had been selected as one of four sites for naval pre-flight training and that his "patriotic cooperation in this vital program is appreciated." Soon after, hundreds of officers were sent to the College to instruct cadets. The Navy constructed several new buildings, including barracks, a pool, and a dental clinic to facilitate the program.

Ford was transferred from duty aboard the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Monterey to Saint Mary's in 1945. At the time, Lieutenant Ford served in the football division, one of the pre-flight school's "instructional sports." Here, cadets would build up useful attributes such as "aggressiveness, coordination, [and] alertness," as well as discipline and teamwork. Ford was one of many officers assigned to this large division which helped future pilots become "tougher physically than all enemies."

Ford was an excellent choice for the football division since he had played on "national championship football teams at the University of Michigan in the 1930s and was voted the team's most valuable player after the 1934 season," according to a press release by the Office of College Communications.

Initially, the football division had a tough job, since many of the recruits were unfamiliar with the game and the Navy was worried about potential injuries. Ultimately though, the Navy commended the football instructors, saying that "officers presented drills that enabled cadets to meet all game conditions in a manner to prevent accidents," and that the "injury rate was negligible."

Cadets that Ford and others



A Tribute to Gerald Ford '93

The late U.S. President spent the last of his Naval days teaching at Saint Mary's preflight school

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quality teams were produced during the Pre-flight school's existence, and that many had excellent

tant components of the pre-flight school at Saint Mary's. Troops would learn military drills and take gunnery lessons, as well as study the theory and mechanics of flight. Between all this, cadets would learn how to lessen stress and control their emotions from the school's Relaxation Department, taking hikes to Mount Diablo, and using the Saint Mary's Chapel for mass. In the winter, cadets would enjoy dances and movies.

While he only served at Saint Mary's for a few months, Ford enjoyed his time at the College. "He told me that he lived in Orinda and drove to Saint Mary's every day of his service," said Brother Mel Anderson. Perhaps remembering his stay in the area, Ford stopped in Walnut Creek during his 1976 campaign. While there, Ford said that it was great to be "surrounded by some of the most beautiful land that I have ever had the chance to see and, I must say in addition, some of the most beautiful people I have ever seen," according to the *Contra*

Costa Times' archives.

In 1993, Ford became an honorary alumnus of Saint Mary's. Anderson, who was president of the college at the time, and Regent Gerry Fitzpatrick traveled to Ford's home in Rancho Mirage, California, to present the award to him. Anderson explained that "after the Secret Service personnel met us at the gate we were taken to Ford's home," where he personally answered the door. The presentation was made in Ford's office, and Anderson explained that he still has "a picture on my wall of presenting the plaque to Ford."

Anderson described Ford as "gracious and accommodating" and said that Ford inquired about how the college was doing. Though it had been decades since he served at Saint Mary's, the experience left an impression on Ford. "I have wonderful memories of my limited service at Saint Mary's," Ford wrote to Brother Anderson in 1993, according to the Office of College Communication's press release.

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Honorary Alum the late President Gerald Ford meets with former Saint Mary's College President Brother Mel Anderson in 1993 at Ford's Rancho Mirage, CA home.

taught did more than just play football. They participated in other instructional sports like basketball, swimming, and track. Varsity level teams also existed at this time. The book notes that many

records. For example, during the 1943-44 basketball season, the Saint Mary's Airdevils were undefeated.

In addition, military and academic training were also impor-



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OPINION



SCOTT CULLINANE

Dems support Byrd, hate Lott

The Democrats have elected a former member of the Ku Klux Klan to be third in the presidential line of succession.

This January, as the new leadership acquired control of Congress, Democratic Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia was made the President pro tem of the Senate.

While many cringe at his extreme left wing antics there is a much larger issue here.

Byrd is a former member of the Ku Klux Klan who has since renounced those views.

Democrats have no problem overlooking the major indiscretions of one of their own members. Yet, very hypocritically they hounded and attacked another for far less.

In 2002 at Senator Strom Thurmond's centennial birthday party, shortly before he was set to retire from the Senate, Senator Trent Lott spoke. Lott was the Republican majority leader at the time. In 1948 Thurmond ran for president as a segregationist and even captured several states. Lott praised and spoke well of Thurmond, a man who had long since disavowed his segregationist views. Lott was saying that he knew that Senator Thurmond was a good person and that the people of his state knew that too. Probably much the same way that the people of West Virginia understand and forgive Senator Byrd for his mistakes.

The Democrats took Lott's words and attacked him vehemently, insinuating that he was a closet racist who longed for the days of Jim Crow. Lott apologized, both in a written statement and on the floor of the Senate.

His letter read in part, "my comments were not an endorsement of his positions of over 50 years ago, but of the man and his life." The likes of Al Gore and Jesse Jackson came out to put all the pressure they could on Lott, distracting him and the country from real work of much greater importance.

The left wing managed to create such a stink that no matter what Senator Lott did he was attacked. Eventually Lott had no option but to resign his leadership post.

The hypocrisy of the left, to elect a former "Exalted Cyclops" of the KKK to be the highest ranking Senator with no qualms and attack a conservative for doing far less is outrageous. The left's actions were totally self centered.

The worst part of this is not the inconsistent and fake values that some liberals demonstrated, but that Trent Lott, an honorable and hard working member of the Senate was so dishonorably treated.

Democrats should play fair.

Collegian View

Like many other Saint Mary's students, we here at *The Collegian* have really come to love Jan Term. What with only two issues in the month, only one class to take, and a lot of free time on our hands, it gets to be pretty awesome.

While of course like many students, we also like to take liberty of this free time and "catch up with friends," there are also so many great new experiences waiting for us to pursue as well. Aren't there times during the year where one just wishes to have enough time to pick up a new hobby or visit various attractions in California?

Jan Term is the perfect opportunity to pursue those longings. For instance, for those who would just love to have the opportunity to visit Bay Area museums and or get a taste of some of the best food in the Bay, Bob Gardner's Exploring Museums class is an excellent means to do so.

Or for others who would be thrilled to be able to pick up a new hobby such as paint by numbers, there is actually enough time to not only go to class and work, but also render replica paintings and wait for it to dry.

So we highly encourage our fellow Gaels to not just party all night and sleep all morning, but also to take advantage of the time to explore some new opportunities.

The multiple shortcomings of Bush's 'new' plan *Sending more troops is a dangerous, lackluster idea*

by Nathan Garcia
 Staff Writer

President Bush unveiled his much anticipated new strategy for Iraq last Wednesday in an address to the nation.

He will send 21,500 more troops to quell the insurgency in Baghdad as well as the terror-racked Anbar province, give more money for infrastructure, and deploy an aircraft carrier battle group. But many Democrats and Republicans have expressed frustration at the plan that they claim will do little more to help and not enough to achieve what the President dreams for.

Their frustration is justly warranted.

Whether you're for "succeeding" in Iraq or for a phased withdrawal, there are too many questions that arise out of this new plan that doesn't seem that optimistic and doesn't seem poised for victory.

Nearly 40 percent of the Iraqi professional class has fled Iraq. These are teachers, engineers, doctors, and so many others who

are required for a successful economy. Iraq will suffer the severe economic repercussions for decades to come, and that's more capital and money we'll have to invest if we succeed. But also, these Sunnis and Shiites have been battling each other for more than 500 hundred years. Can we honestly expect them to coexist peacefully within the next few years? We've all heard the President rant on and on about "staying the course," but until he better defines what his goals are and give clear expectations than this new strategy hardly seems new and even less practical.

President Bush must stop trying to salvage his torn legacy and heed the call of his constituents and countless others. A poll released discovered nearly two-thirds of the American people oppose Bush's new strategy. Also, that same number expressed that Bush has no clear plan for Iraq. The American people don't want to be suffering continuing casualties and so much time, effort, and money in war we entered under

false pretenses. Yet so soon after the American people spoke (the Democratic takeover in Congress) Bush still opts to engage the war in much the same way, if not worse.

Top U.S. commanders have said that increasing the amount of troops in Iraq is a horrible idea. For instance General Abizaid, the former top military commander in Iraq, stated that increasing U.S. support would undermine Iraqi Security Force's job to take initiative and control of Baghdad. Bush's was almost imploring the Iraqi government to finally keep to its promises and meet its "benchmarks" so that it can take control of the region. But when Senator Obama, (D-IL), questioned Bob Gates, Secretary of Defense, about what assurances the American people have that the Iraqi government will live up to its responsibilities, Gates responded that we would be forced to "relook at the strategy" if it doesn't work. Is this the plan for success?

Despite the urgencies of the

Iraq Study Group, we're still making no new allies even though picture of Iraq becomes greyer by the week. Iraqi forces will target Muqtada al-Sadr and his followers, the most powerful Muslim cleric in Iraq with his own army right in Baghdad. Going after him will cause greater eruption in the sectarian violence, but pit Shiites against Shiites now, and stir even more hate and bloodshed for our troops. We should be making friends and not creating enemies. Bush has still taken no initiative to inquire for other Islamic countries aid.

Lastly, we've committed troop surges in the past and they haven't worked. This past summer Bush increased the amount from 127,000 soldiers to 150,000. That's 23,000 more troops that ended up with more violence and a Democratic Congress.

Whatever your view on the troop surge, just know that this half-hearted plan is opposed by pundits, military commanders.

More importantly, history is against it.

The truth behind another lame Saint Mary's event *A resistance to fun exists on campus and we all suffer*

by Sharon Kehoe
 Contributing Writer

A wise man, Brother Ray Berta, expressed his frustration toward on-campus life at Saint Mary's as, "This is a college, not a —ing church." This may not be typical language from a LaSallian Brother, but it's not as terrible as the recent spin from certain people in the Athletic Department in excuse for the lackluster MidKnight Madness 2006.

In early October, with the blessings of the Athletic Department, HardNox, an upcoming musical duo, began donating their energy to piece together a massive event in McKeon Pavilion for the start of the 2006-2007 basketball season.

HardNox was enlisted to bring

to McKeon Pavilion a concert sound system, a stage, and Go-Go cages. Plus, one of the top DJs in northern California, Slick D, he was ready to donate his time for MidKnight Madness, for as long as everyone wanted to party (which we hope would surpass the *midnight* hour).

Additionally, HardNox is sponsored by Monster Energy Drink, who was ready to provide free cases of drinks for the crowd (notice: *non-alcoholic*).

The goal of *this* MidKnight Madness was to create an unforgettable experience to kick off the basketball seasons: a huge party on-campus, maybe beginning a tradition that truly represents a Division I program. HardNox also brought up friends who might

be willing to contribute such as: Keak Da Sneak, the Pack, Mr. FAB, and Dem Hoodstarz. But nooooo...that'd be too much fun for us kids, right?

Sound expensive? Nope. The production company providing the goods was giving HardNox a huge discount, bringing the bill to just under \$2100. Compare this to \$4800 for the Warriors Dunk Team, which was the amount shared in a meeting between Katie Davis, Whitney Lopez, and HardNox.

Why do we need some other basketball guys to come play at our own basketball party? Why not use our own players for these activities like Stanford, Duke, and other universities do? If there's to be dunking, how about we do it

ourselves and celebrate being a Gael?

HardNox was turned down because the Warriors Dunk Team was allegedly the better choice, providing a drumline and sound.

Here is an example of students (and alumni) trying to make for a better college experience and it was shot down. The MidKnight Madness that never happened could've started something amazing here at Saint Mary's, opening the door for more community based great events.

How often is Saint Mary's going to reject opportunities for greatness, for remembrance, and for one heck of a good time? Is it that hard for Saint Mary's to think BIG? Are we a Division I school? Then let's start acting like it.

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Martin Luther King Day is a ridiculous holiday *Four decades later there is a dream long forgotten*

On January 15, Americans remember Martin Luther King Jr. On January 16, Americans forget Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Otherwise known as Civil Rights Day, MLK Day is meant to honor one of America's greatest civil rights leaders. Behind Columbus Day, *Cinco de Mayo*, Valentine's Day, and Secretary's Day, MLK Day is my least favorite holiday.

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood for peace and civil rights. On January 15, my awareness of how much progress there is to be made in both areas intensifies to the point of regurgitation. Let us examine Dr. King's dream.

He believed that people should be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin yet the nation insists that racial profiling is effective in securing freedom. Racial profiling is legitimized in our system of "justice."

Dr. King was an advocate of non-violence and civil disobedience. When Latinos across the



DANNY ACOSTA

nation rightfully assembled in the streets in a non-violent manner, they were denounced in the media. They were labeled as divisive. They were portrayed and perceived as a hostile entity looking to destroy the nation in the same way blacks were and are treated in the media.

Violence remains strong. In a time of an obscure, violent war, America has forgotten that we must "not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred." Torture is the purest form of hatred; it is an all-encompassing detriment that has been condoned and encouraged by the government whether it is Guantanamo, The Military Commissions Act or the School of America.

Civil rights still elude many in

PATRIOTAct America. A new civil rights battle brews with gay and lesbian people striving for recognition as just that—people. They are searching for equality, which Dr. King viewed as the true meaning of this nation.

Inequality is still a pervasive element of the culture. Blacks and Latinos compose the majority of the prison system—a system of profit—and are the minority on college campuses. This is not a coincidence and is much more complex than individual choice. It is rooted in years of systemic oppression; the very type of social injustice Dr. King fought and died for. It persists through subversive media images that allows for the support of systems like the death penalty and the slashing of social service programs.

The most alarming aspect of impeding progress is what it means to be black. Black culture has been hijacked by consumerist media. Opulence has replaced unity. Everyone knows about 50 Cent, but no one knows about Michael Eric Dyson.

Just because they are carefully marketed, manufactured images of wealthy blacks in the mainstream media does not mean equality has arrived for blacks. Just because blacks have a right to vote (unless they are voting via electronic ballot or in FL) does not mean there is equality or anyone who is not a white male.

On Martin Luther King Day, I think why must we look back four decades for a positive role model of peace and civil rights?

Dr. King definitely deserves the praise he receives on his day, but I believe a more effective way of paying tribute is by working towards his dream.

So while Dr. King will be the number one search on Google on Monday, systems of injustice will continue to turn their wheels with lots of grease.

No matter what your creed or color, cultural or economic affiliation, celebrate Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 15 and the other 364 days of the year by working to be "Free at last! Free at last!"



JAIME ZEPEDA

Rodney King meets YouTube

Do you miss good old fashioned police brutality? Are you tired of politically correct officers who are class and race sensitive? Do you miss seeing the L.A.P.D. on T.V. beating people up? Then you are in luck!

Blessed be the internet and the invention of last year, YouTube.

An L.A.P.D. officer beat a pinned down man while trying to arrest him. Despite the fact that his own partner tried to stop him, he assures us in later reports that the pinned down, asphyxiated suspect was an imminent threat. He should have listened to his partner. The video is now making the YouTube rounds and is in high circulation. This has forced the head of the L.A. police department to conduct an investigation on the incident.

The L.A.P.D. is in the thick of a police abuse scandal again. It would not be L.A.P.D. if their officers weren't treating criminals like punching bags with soft skulls.

The question is: are we shocked?

The man being pummeled was a Latino, of working class origin, who disliked being punched in the face repeatedly. After being pinned down by two police officers, Mr. Cardenas kept saying, "I can't breathe, I can't breathe."

He said this because the "by the book" cop had his knee on his throat.

The officer then saw this as an apparent threat, and went on to punch him in the face at least seven times. His partner tried to stop him apathetically, but this did nothing to derail the cop's natural reflex. Despite the lack of visual evidence, the police officer claims in a later report that the suspect tried to reach for his gun holster, thereby, prompting him to use excessive force to pacify the acquiescent perp.

Once again, my Latinness gives me reason to doubt this copper, aside from the lack of proof.

With all the facts, err... perspectives on the table, err... video, what does this mean for a Mexican like me?

It means further precedent is set in terms of racial profiling.

As a contested issue, racial profiling has often been supported by police departments across the nation claiming it is accurate enough to justify use. Yet, instances like this are enough to fuel the fire of race-sensitive conspiracy theories. Although racial profiling is motivated by issues of national security, it seems to be founded on racial prejudices.

The only way to really assess the validity of this use of force is to ask one simple question: How often do I see this done to white people?

"Can't we all just get along?"

Swearing by the Koran



DARWYNN DEYO

Is the Koran any different from the Bible? Yes. Is one more important than the other? No.

On January 4, the 110th Congress was sworn in with a Democratic majority, yet it had not even concluded its formalities before the right wing found material to criticize. The target was Rep. Keith Ellison, [D-Minn] who dared to use the Koran when taking his oath of office.

Born in Detroit, Ellison converted to Islam while in college and chose to use the book of his faith instead of a book that held no meaning for him. For that, talk show hosts and other Congressmen were rallying against Ellison in order to use his action to gain support for their platform.

One representative from Virginia, Virgil Goode, said that "if American citizens don't wake up and adopt [my] position on immigration there will likely be many more Muslims elected to office and demanding the use of the Koran." Dennis Prager added that the Judeo-Christian Bible was the foundation of American values and that the nation's security and honor derived from that text before all others.

Ellison is not the first to use an alternate text to take his oath. Other officials have taken oaths on the Torah and Rep. Jay Goyal contemplated swearing in on Hindu texts or the Constitution before he decided not to use any text at all.

Clearly, this debate comes

down to whether or not America is ready to tolerate and respect an individual who comes from a different faith.

Clearly, this debate comes down to respect for the Muslim faith.

For a nation started by religious refugees, this right-wing stance is appalling.

When their attacks were called into question, various critics backpedaled as though they had not just tried to curb a man's natural liberty.

What purpose would we serve by forcing a man to swear on a book he does not respect or fear? If it holds no value for him, we might as well command all officials to swear on a book of poetry. Or, better yet, perhaps they should take their oaths by the Constitution.

After all, whether or not one believes that this country was founded on Judeo-Christian principles (though many of the Founding Fathers entertained Deist beliefs and the Protestants who founded this country were declared as heretics in their own time), the Constitution is the law of the country. If it's not in there, it is not part of the fundamental law. If witnesses in a court of law are allowed to be sworn in using the text of their choice, those who are taking up legal office should have the same right.

We are usually clamoring about how politicians are under a less stringent law than the common man, but that is no reason to deny him or her the rights of the common man.

If Goode, Prager, and their compatriots cannot respect an elected American's public oath, they should learn to accept the Constitution as a common text for common men.

Saddam hangs like Iraq's future



VICENTE OCHOA

Vietnam was a failed war that asked America to save Vietnam from Vietnamese. Four decades later, Bush is asking us to save Iraq from the Iraqis.

There's always a problem with giving a junkie another fix. It can only make things worse. Bush claims that unless he gets to mainline another 21,000 troops, "Iran would be emboldened in its pursuit of nuclear weapons," and terrorists "would have a safe haven from which to plan and launch attacks on the American people."

Nearly four years ago, on the eve of invasion, this same George Bush promised, "The terrorist threat to America and the world will be diminished the moment that Saddam Hussein is disarmed."

Instead of diminishing the threat from terrorists, Bush now admits, "Al Qaeda has a home base in Anbar province"—something inconceivable under Saddam's rule.

Saddam's execution does not bring justice to the Iraqis because Iraq is not the country of the Iraqis. It is the country of the Neo-Cons who enrolled the American youth into this war. Saddam's trial and execution was not a demonstration of justice because some of his lawyers were killed and the first tribunal judge was ousted for political reasons.

Saddam was not given a fair trial and his execution does not bring justice because we interfered and invaded that country.

Saddam did not fall to the hands of the Iraqis, he fell to the hands of the Neo-Cons.

Capturing Saddam was said to fix the problems in Iraq, we were wrong.

If justice means killing someone because they killed someone then that would mean taking the most primitive form of justice.

This kind of justice is manifested by belligerent-quasi-totalitarian societies: an eye for an eye. The problem with an eye for an eye is that someone always ends up blind, initiating a judicial system of revenge. And there is always the long-forgotten "turn the other cheek."

Saddam was a brutal dictator in power since 1979. He killed thousands of people and those who survived, few of them approved and many feared him. The problem is he was an American ally and received weapons from the U.S.

Currently any problem in Iraq has been pinned on the Iraqis. U.S. officials who support the war are blaming their misfortunes on Iraqi citizens. However, the scapegoating of Iraqi citizens ignores the main elements of war: the decimation of people and infrastructure.

Iraq's people dying at an astronomical and overall depletion of the country does nothing to improve their nation.

In fact, how can there be a democracy without people or places to function?

There is always Halliburton Blaming Iraqi citizens is a tool used by the government to urge the need for more military personnel. Our task in Iraq has never been clear.

But the only thing Bush is trying to do is save Iraq from the Iraqis.

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DETOUR

The Shin's new album, *Winning the Night Away*, makes me wince; CD lacks vision, cohesion
Band's experiments with various genres jumbled in one

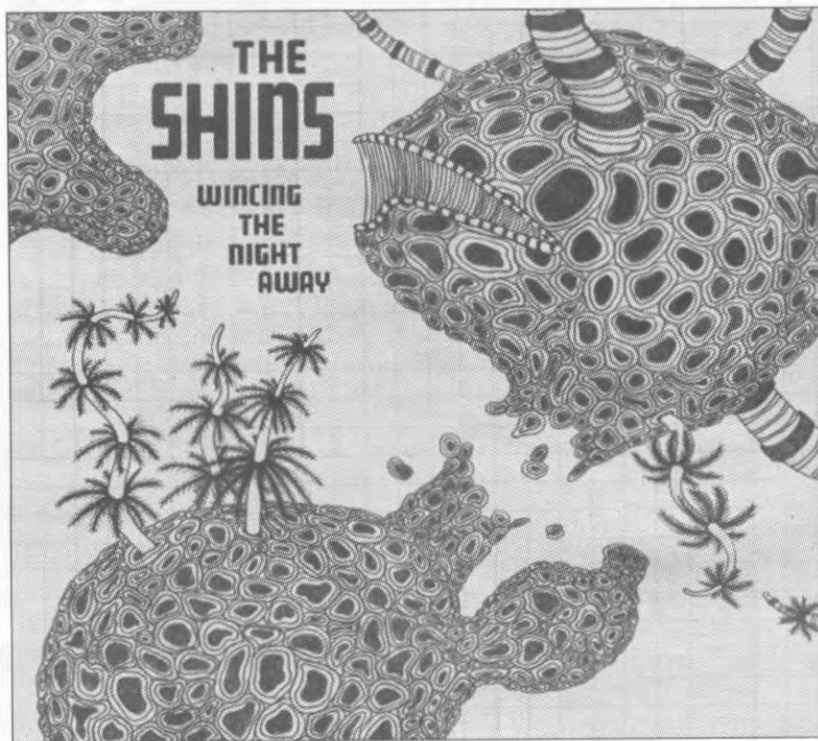
by **Geoffrey A. Meadows**
Staff Writer

After the enormous success of their first two albums (*Oh Inverted World* and *Chutes Too Narrow*) and a seemingly endless U.S. tour, The Shins returned to the studio to make their much-anticipated third album.

I was particularly excited about the new album because *Chutes Too Narrow* had the pop sense and melodic direction of really great songwriting nearly on par with the likes of Belle, Sebastian, and other indie groups with a hankering for lush reverb and pure harmonies. Unfortunately, *Winning the Night Away* (to be released on January 23) left much to be desired.

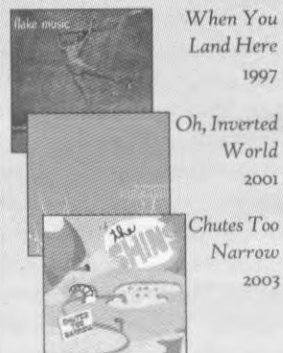
There is something noble in experimentation and trying to step above and beyond what an audience expects from a band musically. However, The Shins have simply stepped beyond their identities as musicians and have made an album that will undoubtedly have many fans scratching their heads. It seems they have made somebody else's album.

They have employed a chaotic array of musical styles including surf, new wave, electronica sampling, funk (not their strong suit I'm afraid) and their signature



CD to be released January 23

Previous titles by The Shins



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smooth-as-brown-gravy country riffs. Nearly every song is a different genre. The only cohesion seems to lie in some of the melodic phrasing that is more than a little reminiscent of The Smiths.

Another realm of conflagration is in the hopelessly specific, and perhaps autobiographical, lyrics that do not tell relatable or coherent stories as they did on previous albums.

For instance, I doubt that "Red

Rabbits" is about rosy colored rodents and with lyrics like "Out of a gunny sack for red rabbits and into the crucible to be rendered an emulsion," I'm not sure I'm prepared to offer up a good interpretation.

All negatives aside, the music itself is not bad. In fact, there are songs such as "Sleeping Lessons" and "A Comet Appears" that may prove a promising musical direction for the group. Implementing

orchestral instruments and artfully placed samples makes for engaging and enjoyable listening.

I tend to think it is more significant when an album has a theme that permeates each song and provides an organic cohesion from one song to the next. *Winning the Night Away* lacks that cohesion but that does not obliterate The Shin's chance of eventually eclipsing the wonderfully edgy indie-pop of *Chutes Too Narrow*.

100 Word Reviews

A Night at the Museum

by **Alex Branch**
Staff Writer

Most people won't give a second thought to *Night at the Museum* when heading to the theatres Friday night, but this PG film boasts a packed cast and an original plot, something notoriously missing from most recent movies. Ben Stiller stars as the newly hired night guard at the New York City Museum of Natural History, and he seems to fight a losing battle trying to impress an ever more distant son. Dick Van Dyke, Mickey Rooney, Robin Williams, Owen Wilson, and a museum with a night life make this film a Friday night adventure with anyone you know.

Still in The Pursuit of Happiness

by **Amber Lister**
Staff Writer

Anything with Will Smith in the credits: I'm there. *The Pursuit of Happiness* was no exception. Jaden (Smith's real life son) and Smith give an understandably believable performance as father and son. As Chris Gardner's (Smith) bank account rapidly decreases, the duo adjusts to life on the streets. All the while, Gardner interns at a brokerage firm, eventually lands his dream job, and achieves what he's been looking for—happiness. This film is about real life. Perhaps too real. I don't think I could bear to watch it again because it's so heartbreaking. I would consider it a cinematic success.

Vehicular maliciousness

by **Stefanie Wang**
Webmaster

No matter where I'm driving, there always seems to be a Camry giving me problems. I could be driving on the freeway and a Camry changes into my lane and drives a lot slower for no apparent reason or I could be on the streets going at a reasonably fast speed (while taking into consideration traffic and pedestrian safety) while a crazy Camry behind me will decide I'm going too slow and try to zoom off.

All I have to ask is: why??? Camry drivers, what are you trying to prove? Honestly, stop trying to compare four cylinders to six.

The best thing about Jan Term

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Fantasy/drama a stunning start to new year in film

Pan's Labyrinth stretches imagination in midst of brutality

by **Danny Acosta**
Opinion Editor



Mexican writer/director Guillermo del Toro's *Pan's Labyrinth* was born of fate. Like all of his films, this one began with notes and sketches in a notebook attached to del Toro. His ruminations on what would later become *Pan's Labyrinth* were lost in the back of a taxi cab. The driver discovered the notebook and tracked down the *Hellboy* director, returning it long after the despair of loss had stricken del Toro. Del Toro fervently developed the project believing it was fate. It was. And it shines through in the fantasy-fueled story of a princess borne of the moon named Ofelia (Ivana Baquero).

Ofelia ventures into a damp fantasy world that poses a series of challenges to save her pregnant, ailing mother (Ariadna Gil), while avoiding the wrath of her stepfather, Capitán Vidal (Sergi López). Set in a conflict between the Spanish crown and jungle-dwelling guerillas, *Pan's Labyrinth* strikes a stunning balance between reality and fantasy through the eyes of this young girl and her two struggles.

The two worlds are a mosaic of horror. Ofelia dwells in a lucid



Pale Man is the most haunting aspect of *Pan's Labyrinth*.

Courtesy of www.imdb.com

underground. Even in the darkest corners of her exploration, she is accompanied by fairies and the mythical elements del Toro paints with a raw-sense of reality. On her quest, Ofelia must resist forbidden fruit. This Adam and Eve allusion proves to be the most haunting aspect of the film. The majestic feast at the table of Pale Man, an eyeless slab of skin, is a nightmare translated to film. Meanwhile, the violence on the surface is from the same school

of bloodshed attended by Martin Scorsese. A torture scene involving Capitán Vidal oversteps all boundaries of comfort with no apologies. Del Toro reinvents the gunshot wound and the torture scene—now common elements of film—with chilling results.

With dozens of wheels spinning in different directions, the characters remain clear and complex. Even the sadistic Capitán Vidal is more than a military caricature. The cast is a strong en-

semble, but the real stars are the worlds seen.

In fact, the compelling moods created in these realms bring about the question, "What kind of movie is this?" The Franco-era Spanish military can be a movie in itself and the same can be said for the horrific adult fairytale, but the marriage of the two contrasting settings establishes del Toro as a stunning writer/director. He is overambitious. This is seen throughout the film with its com-

plex plot, poetic narration, exaggerated costumes and sets. Over-ambition in film is typically the downfall of great ideas. Muffled or aimless themes and characters can be snuffed out before they can come to light. But not del Toro. He showcases stunning control. He is successful in his over-ambition.

This is del Toro's profound vision. It will be mentioned with *Star Wars*, *Lords of the Rings*, and others like it for its significant impact on filmmaking. It is a meditation on innocence and death—two polar opposites del Toro meshes into one entity. Romantic at times, disgusting at others, *Pan's Labyrinth* is Guillermo del Toro's masterpiece.



Courtesy of www.comingsoon.net

Club Thermal to bring night life to Moraga

Bold, but will it be a bang or a bust?

by **Linda Hua**
Editor-in-Chief

I'm not what one would consider the typical clubber, but I feel compelled to speak about the up and coming Club Thermal. Is Moraga finally going to have something to do, or is this going to be a major flop?

This Thursday is going to be the first "Thermal Thursday" for the 18 and over dance club. Its

MySpace profile boasts a 200+ friends list. The price at the door is \$15 and its guest list is \$10, or \$10 before 10:30 p.m. Also I'm not sure how it's going to fly, but it's going down in the Rheem Movie Theater.

Well, with Thursday nights being a big club night for Saint Mary's students and 14 confirmed RSVPs on the 300+ Facebook invite list, this might be a bit of a

small turnout.

However, now students can't complain that there's nothing to do around here. So just for the sake of finding something to do in Moraga, going to Club Thermal might be worth considering. Guess we'll have to just wait and see.

Don't miss the club's review in the next issue of *The Collegian* on Tuesday, January 30, 2007.

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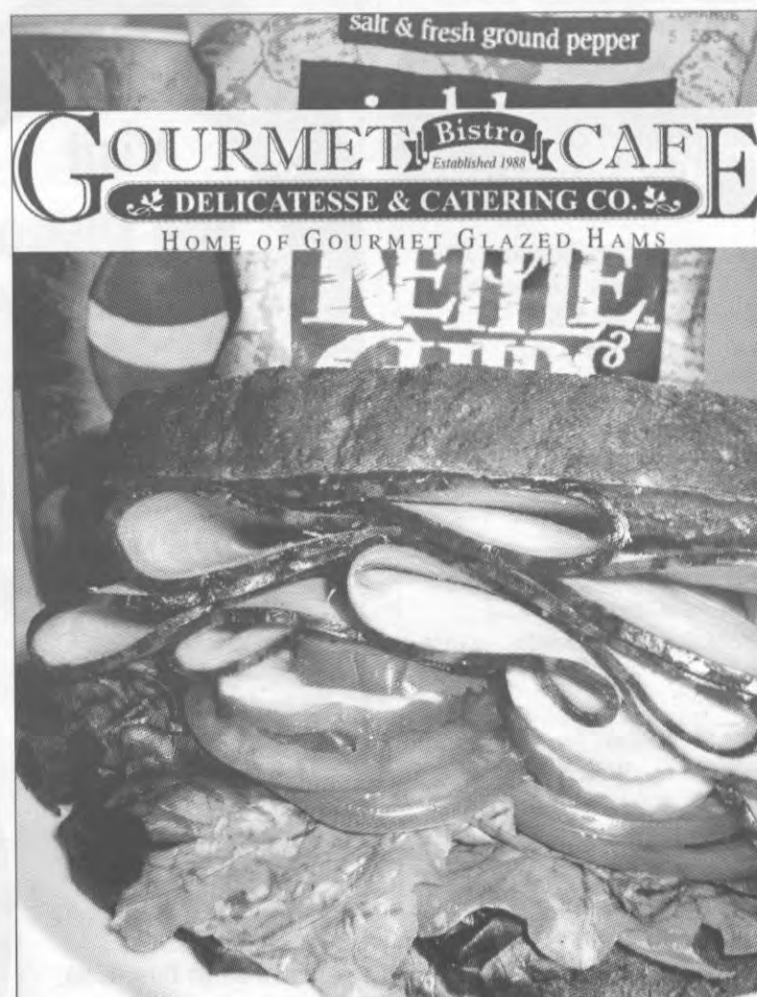
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**Players
of the Week**

Femke Strijbis



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Femke Strijbis had a strong showing in the Cal Hidden Duel last weekend, beating Cal's Nina Henkel, #14 in NCAA. She also teamed up with her sister Nienke in doubles to go undefeated throughout the weekend, beating Cal Poly, Cal, and Fresno State.

Diamon Simpson



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Diamon Simpson had a career night against Gonzaga last Monday. Simpson scored 29 points, hitting two three-pointers and one dunk. Simpson also grabbed 11 rebounds and two blocked shots.

**Sports
Calendar**

Thursday, January 18
Women's Basketball
vs. USF
7:05 p.m.

Saturday, January 20
Women's Basketball
vs. USD
2:05 p.m.

Friday, January 26
Men's Baseball
vs. Nevada
2 p.m.

Saturday, January 27
Baseball
vs. Nevada
1 p.m.

Men's Basketball
vs. Pepperdine
7:05 p.m.

Sunday, January 28
Men's Tennis
vs. UC Davis
12 p.m.

Men's Baseball
vs. Nevada
1 p.m.

Home Games Only

Women's tennis battles at Hidden Duel
Gaels' fighting spirit proven by team and a four-hour match

by **Frankie Mangini**
Sports Editor

The women's tennis team competed at the Cal Hidden Duel this past weekend to kick off their 2007 campaign. Over the three-day tournament, the Gaels faced the #11 California Bears, #21 Fresno State, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

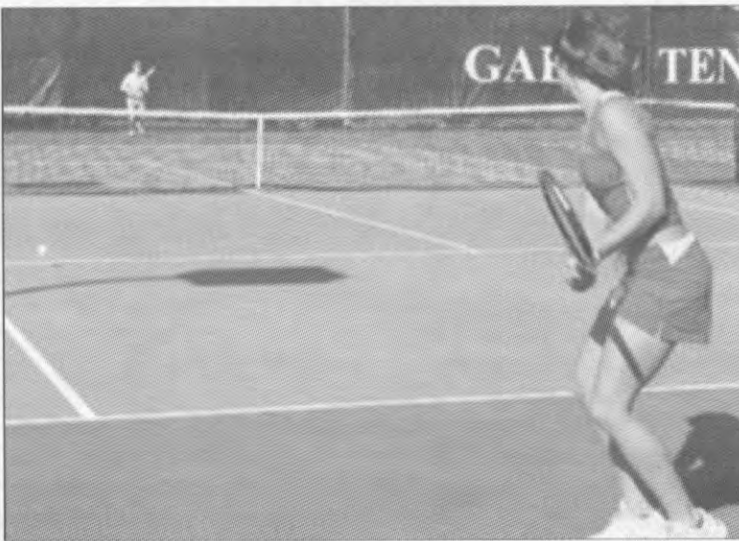
The first day of the tournament proved to be their toughest day as they started out with doubles against the Fresno State Bulldogs.

The Gaels' youngest members, freshmen twins Femke Strijbis and Nienke Strijbis had the only win in doubles play for the Gaels as they defeated the Fresno State's #2 pair 8-4.

The top doubles team for the Gaels featuring senior Aude Lambert and junior Jessica Hoath fell 8-6 to the Bulldogs while the #3 pair of junior Stefanie Ordoveza and sophomore Erin Young struggled early, losing 8-1.

In the afternoon, the Gaels played singles against one of the deepest teams in the country, California.

Once again, Femke shone brightly as she defeated Nina Henkel in a three set match at the #3 spot. In the final set, Femke was down 5-2 before winning the next three games, forcing a tiebreaker. In the tiebreaker, Femke took an early 4-2 lead before winning the tiebreaker 7-5. Henkel is ranked #14 out of all



Courtesy of Nikki Marucut

players in the NCAA, after winning the ITA Northwest Regionals tournament.

At the top spot, Hoath was soundly defeated 6-0, 6-1 by Suzi Babos, the defending NCAA champion. Lambert played Suzi Fodor at the #2 spot. Fodor took a close first set 6-4 and never looked back.

At the #4 spot, Young took Cal's #34 Marion Ravelojaona to the brink. Young took an early 3-0 lead against Ravelojaona but could not finish the first set as Ravelojaona came back to win the first set 7-5. Young continued to press, but Ravelojaona pulled out the second set 6-4.

On Saturday, the Gaels started off the morning winning all three of their doubles matches against Cal Poly.

The pair of Lambert and Hoath won 8-3. The Strijbis twins won their second straight doubles match 8-2. The #3 pair saw change as junior Feline Charlot joined Young to win 9-7.

In the afternoon, the Gaels faced Fresno State in singles.

Nienke won her match at the #6 spot, 6-2, 6-2. At the #7 spot, Charlot defeated Amanda Griffin in a tight match 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (7-1). The #4 and #5 matches also went to three sets. At the #4 spot, Young lost 6-2, but came back to win the second set 6-3. The final set saw Fresno State's Danon Beatty take all the games to win the final set 6-0.

At the #5 spot, Ordoveza was defeated by Bulldog Bruna Paes 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

On the final day, the Gaels fin-

ished strong.

In doubles, the Strijbis twins remained undefeated as they beat Cal's #2 doubles team 8-4. #1 Hoath and Lambert lost 8-5 to Cal, while Charlot and Young lost at the #3 doubles spot 8-3.

In singles, the Gaels won four out of six matches. Young won easily, 6-1, 6-1 at the #4 spot. Lambert dropped the first set 3-6, but came back to win the final two sets 6-4, 6-2 to avenge her loss at the ITA Regionals last fall.

Nienke won her second singles match of the weekend in three sets. After pulling a close first set 7-6, she dropped the second. Nienke came back to take the third set 6-0.

In the final match of the evening, Ordoveza won a grueling four-hour match at the #5 spot against Cal Poly's Maria Malec. After breaking Malec's serve at 2-3, Ordoveza held serve to win 6-4. Ordoveza lost the second set after dropping three games.

In the final set, Ordoveza and Malec exchanged games to go 5-5. Ordoveza and Malec then played in a 35-minute game that saw almost 25 deuces. Ordoveza finally won the game when Malec could not return a low backhand.

Ordoveza then went on to break Malec's serve to take the match, winning the third set 7-5.

After a hard fight, the team now looks forward to their first home match on February 3 against University of the Pacific.

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Women's basketball splits Northwest trip

Jontelle Smith scores double digits in sixth and seventh consecutive games

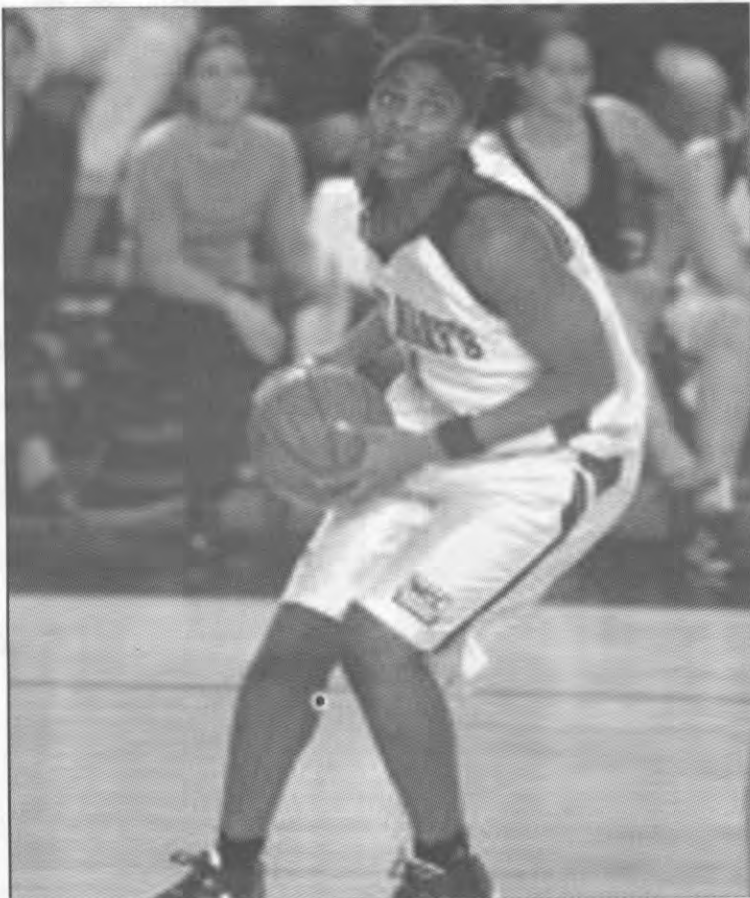
by Sean Kent
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team completed their northwest tour with a victory over Portland and a loss at Gonzaga.

Last Thursday, the Gaels coasted to an easy 22-point win in Portland as three players had double-digit point totals in their 74-52 victory. Sophomore Jontelle Smith led the team with a game-high 20 points. It was her sixth straight game where she had double-digit point totals. She shot seven for 11 from the field and three for five from behind the arc. Senior Eghosa Obaiza had 17 points of her own and led the team with seven rebounds.

Saint Mary's was able to stretch a seven-point halftime lead with a 23-3 second half run. Junior Maija Lahde and Obaiza sparked the run with six and eight points, respectively. The Gaels were able to dominate the transition game with 18 fast break points and 30 points off of steals. Junior Lauren Shaughnessy had six steals to go with her eight points, seven assists, and six rebounds. Although the Pilots outshot the Gaels from behind the arc, Saint Mary's 45 percent from the floor and 65 percent from the free throw line coupled with Pilots' turnovers secured the easy win.

Kendra Smith was the Pilots' only double-digit scorer with 15 points as Laura Thomas contrib-



Senior Eghosa Obaiza scored 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds in Thursday night's conference win against the Portland Pilots.

uted eight points and six rebounds. For the game, Portland shot 40 percent from the field and 52 percent from the charity stripe. The loss leaves the Pilots winless in conference play and drops them to 8-11 overall, good for last place in the West Coast Conference.

Saint Mary's was unable to carry their momentum into their game on Saturday against conference-leading Gonzaga, falling 85-49. The loss drops the Gaels to 1-2 in conference play and 7-9 on the season. Senior Sheridan Arredondo led the team in scor-

ing with 12 points, while Smith hit double-digits for the seventh consecutive time with 10 points. After trailing by as much as 16 during the first half, the Bulldogs went into the half with a 34-19 lead. Part of the reason for the huge lead was Gonzaga's 52 percent first-half shooting compared to Saint Mary's 21 percent.

The scoring barrage didn't stop. In the second half, the Bulldogs started out hot with a 20-4 run. The Bulldogs' largest lead of the game came with just three minutes left when they went up by 37. Gonzaga was led by freshman Heather Bowman with 20 points, shooting 70 percent from the field and six for six from the line. Senior Kay Ridenour added 14 points of her own, including two three-pointers, complimented by five steals and two assists.

A bright spot for the Gaels was their improvement in shooting percentage during the second half, yet they were unable to chip away at the lead as Gonzaga continued to shoot consistently well (53 percent). Saint Mary's shot a respectable 25 percent from behind the arc and 60 percent from the line.

The Gaels will hope to rebound against 1-2 cross-bay rival University of San Francisco (USF) on Thursday at McKeon Pavilion. The team will then face another stiff challenge as they host second-place University of San Diego Toreros on Saturday.



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McGwire snub means nothing for Bonds

Last Tuesday, Mark McGwire became the first example made by the Baseball Writers Association of America that *suspected* steroid use will not be tolerated or rewarded. McGwire received only 23.5 percent of the required 75 percent needed for induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame (HOF).

McGwire had a HOF caliber career with 583 home runs (6th all-time) and 11 years with 30 or more home runs. He was the 1987 Rookie of the Year, the 1990 Golden Glove winner at first base, but never held the MVP award.

The fact is, I agree with the writers' decision to leave McGwire out of the HOF. If he had been inducted, I would be up in arms about the travesty of letting the pseudo-Hercules into the Hall. But now it begs the question of what happens to the rest of the people clouded in steroid mystique.

Sammy Sosa has 588 career home runs and has had two 30 HR-30 SB seasons but because he had been tagged with McGwire in '98, Sosa and his corked bat, not in. Rafael Palmeiro has 568 career home runs but was run out of baseball after a positive steroid test just months after he denied ever using steroids in front of Congress, *period*. Palmiero and his Viagra commercials, which make so much more sense now, not in.

There was one common theme with these three players: they were one-dimensional players. Albeit they had their bright spots in all facets of the game but all of these guys were home run hitters and nothing more. They were all ripped and at an advanced age. Because of this, it brings up the question of the center of the BALCO scandal, Barry Bonds.

Does Barry deserve, when he retires, to be in the Hall? Steroids or not, I believe he does because of what he did *before* the steroid age.

Bonds was the first and only man to be a member of the 400 HR-400 SB club. He had the second 40 HR-40 SB season in history. He was a three-time National League MVP by 1993, tied for the most in history (until Bonds broke the record, now with seven).

His totals before the 2000 season, after 14 MLB seasons, were 445 home runs, 1299 RBIs, 460 stolen bases, and eight Golden Gloves. This comes out to an average of 32 home runs, 93 RBIs, and 33 stolen bases. If he kept that pace to this day, he would have 669 home runs and 1950 RBIs. That would still put him in third place on the all-time home run list. Bonds is still Hall of Fame material if you ask me.

Randy Couture returns from retirement

Will Captain America continue to defy father time?

by Danny Acosta
Opinion Editor

"This is the last time you're gonna see these gloves and these shorts in this Octagon. I'm retiring tonight," said Randy "The Natural" Couture on February 6, 2006.

At 42 years old, Couture decided to explore other ventures after over 25 years of competing in wrestling, submission grappling, and the sport he propelled into the national spotlight—mixed martial arts.

The Washington born, Oregon-based Couture kept up as frantic a pace in retirement as he did in the Octagon. "The Natural" demonstrated his verbal talents by commentating for the UFC and Canadian television's Fight Network. He opened up Legends MMA Gym with King of Pancrase Bas Rutten, while developing a clothing brand, a line of nutritional supplements, and an acting career. He is on the verge of opening two more world-class gyms in Washington and Nevada in addition to working with Team Quest, the MMA gym he co-founded.

A former serviceman in the Army, Couture is known for his charisma and class. He hopes these two shining traits will follow him in his ambassadorship to the 28 states yet to sanction the sport of mixed martial arts.



Captain America, Randy "The Natural" Couture pictured at 42 years old.

Couture's goal is to unify rules for mixed martial arts in North America and prove that the sport is legitimate and safe.

But competition is where Couture thrives. The UFC Hall of Famer battled Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu champion Ronaldo "Jacre" Souza to a draw on November 17, 2006 in a submission grappling competition. The rumor floodgates were broken down. Couture's return to MMA dominated conversations.

Retirement always lingered over Couture's nine-year MMA career. The former All-American

wrestler entered the Octagon for the first time at age 33 merely nine months after learning mixed martial arts existed. In 1997, Couture's ground and pound led to a stoppage of both his opponent—a heavily favored 19-year-old "Phenom" Vitor Belfort—and talk of "being too old."

Couture went on to win the heavyweight championship on two separate occasions. A new breed of oversized heavyweights, Josh Barnett and Ricco Rodriguez, overwhelmed the 230 lbs Couture.

At forty-years old, Couture

dropped to the light heavyweight division (205 lbs) to fight Chuck Liddell for the title—a fight Couture was determined to win, but favored to lose.

Couture won the fight standing against the devastating striker. As Couture berated Liddell with punches, announcer Joe Rogan yelled "Randy Couture is my hero!" Couture defied his critics and age again. This *Rocky*-like upset earned him the nickname "Captain America"—the superhero who does not age.

Couture went on to literally spank Tito Ortiz, cementing his MMA legacy, before losing two straight to Liddell and retiring after their legendary trilogy concluded.

At 43 years old, after a year of retirement, Couture announced his return to the Octagon—a statement more shocking than his initial retirement. His contract is a four fight deal over two-years. Couture was deemed too old at 33.

His first fight back in the Octagon is against heavyweight champion Tim Sylvia on March 3, 2007 in Ohio. Sylvia is the largest heavyweight the UFC has ever seen. Couture looks to conquer the monsters that forced him out of the division.

Couture will continue to fight his oldest foe—his age.

Gaels stun Zags in front of nation

Simpson and Samhan lead Gaels with career nights

by F. Mangini & S. Ordoveza
 Sports Editors

The Gaels pulled off the upset and beat the Gonzaga Bulldogs 80-75 on ESPN's Big Monday. With the win, the Gaels become the first West Coast conference team to defeat Gonzaga in 31 games.

The Gaels' efforts were led by sophomore Diamon Simpson and freshman Omar Samhan, who both recorded career highs in points that night. Simpson tallied 29 points and 11 rebounds, and Samhan recorded 20 points and five rebounds.

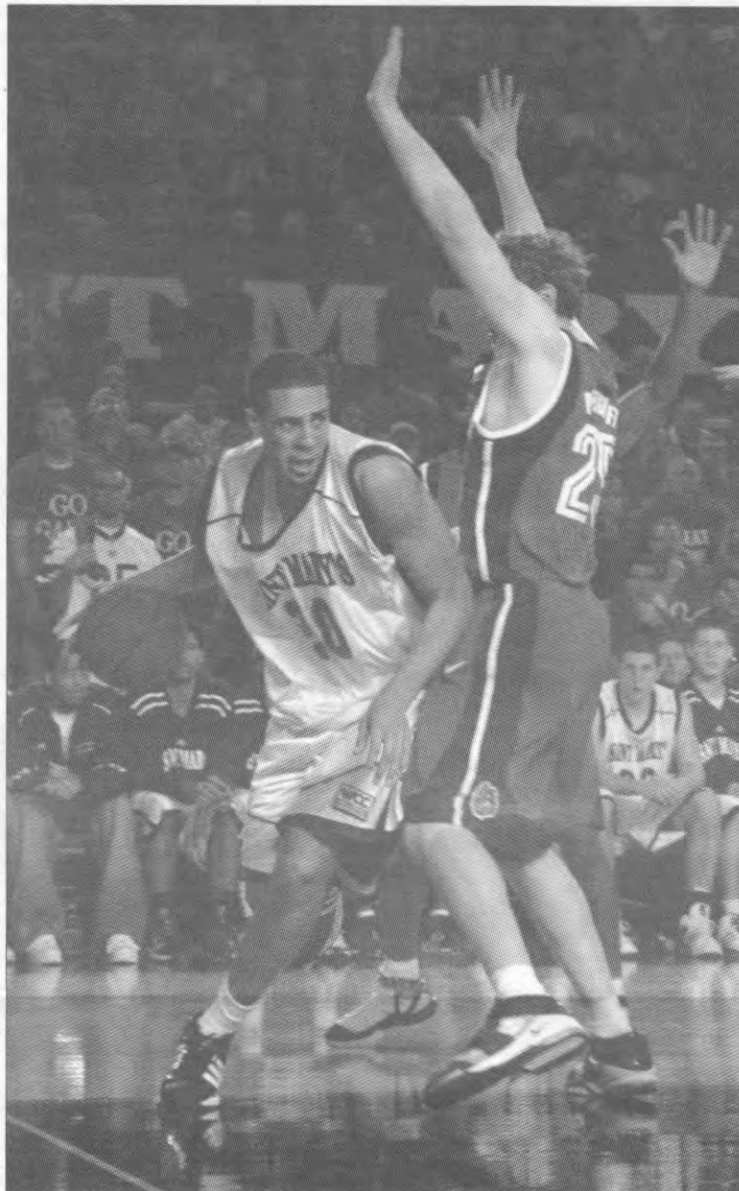
The Gaels started out strong, giving them the advantage for most of the first half. Simpson's first two points came a little more than four minutes into the game off an alley-opp from senior point guard John Winston.

Winston's ball-handling skills also helped set the tone for the Gaels' offense as he continued to break Gonzaga traps and was able to dish the ball to his teammates, racking up a total of seven assists and only one turnover.

Junior Todd Golden also contributed to the Gaels' offensive effort. Golden was the team's fourth leading scorer with seven points, six of which came from three-pointers.

Simpson also added two three-pointers, one of which tied the game at 45 and sparked a Gael 14-0 run to begin the second half. Simpson has only made five three pointers this season.

Samhan also began his run shortly after, attacking the paint and drawing fouls on Gonzaga senior



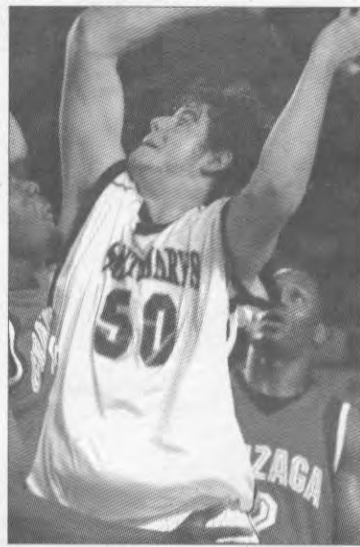
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forward Sean Mallon to eventually send him to the bench for good. Samhan scored 14 points in the second half.

The Gaels' offense, though,

was not the only reason for their victory. Their defense proved to be a large part of their winning effort.

In the second half, the Gaels



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Left: Sophomore Diamon Simpson was the leading scorer for the Gaels, recording a career high of 29 points. Simpson also added 11 boards and two blocks.

Above: Freshman Omar Samhan also recorded a career night, scoring 20 points. He also had five rebounds.

assigned Simpson to guard Gonzaga's second leading scorer, Josh Heytvelt (20 points). Heytvelt had 16 points in the first half, but Simpson's defense held him to just four more points for the rest of the game.

Gael sophomore Wayne Hunter shut down Gonzaga senior guard Derek Raivio, holding him to just two points in the first half. Hunter also had a key block against Jeremy Pargo, who led the Bulldogs with 22 points, with just over three minutes left in the game.

The Bulldogs came close several times within the second half

but never tied the game. At one instance, Gonzaga came to within one point but Simpson answered with five points of his own, bringing the Gaels back to secure the lead.

The Gaels then closed out the game with a final dunk from sophomore forward Ian O'Leary, which caused the fans to storm onto the court before time had officially expired.

A defeated Bulldogs team walked off to the locker room, only to be called back to shoot two free throws (due to a technical called on Saint Mary's for students running onto the court too early) and play the last second remaining.

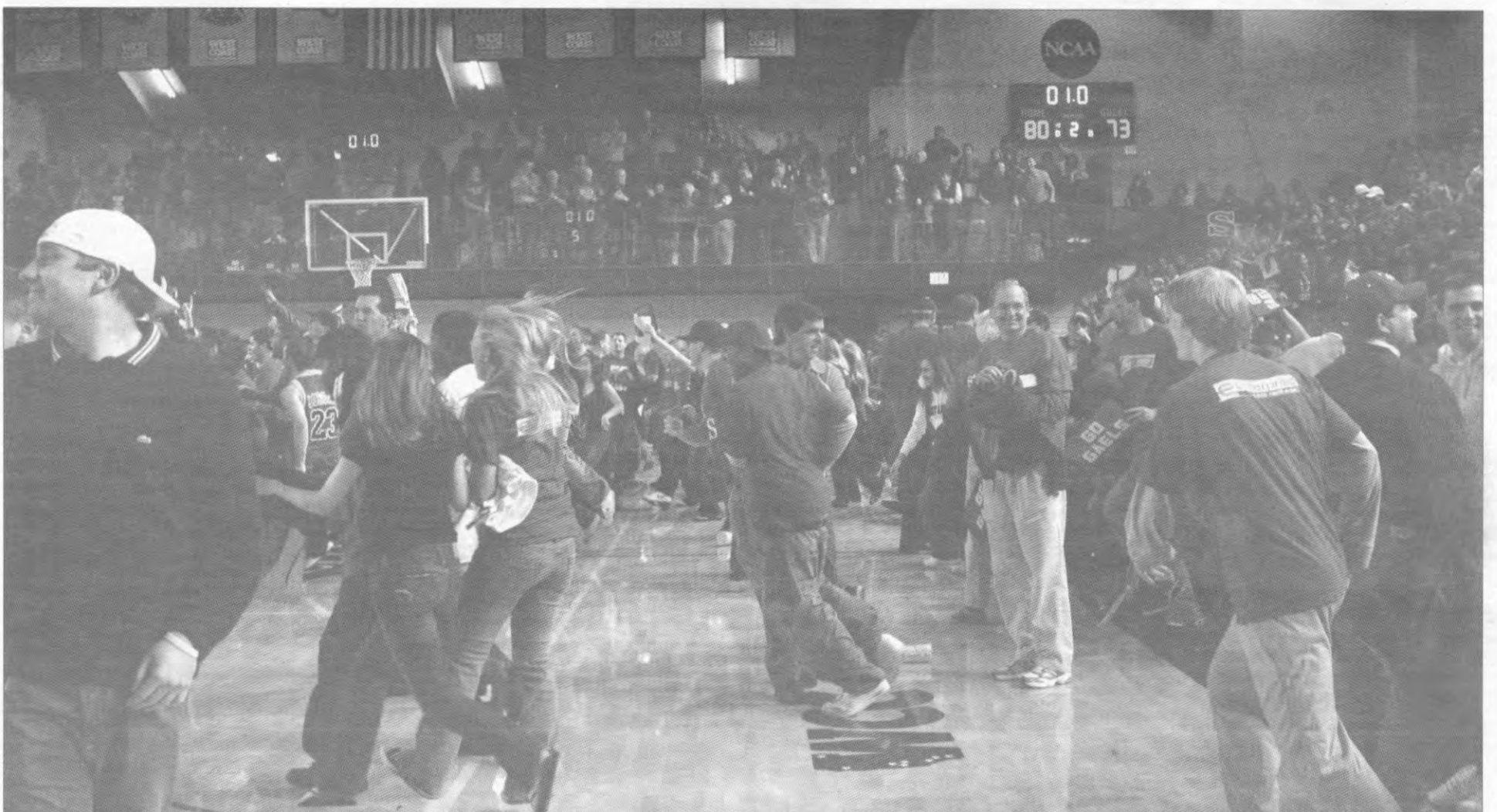
The Gaels' free throws proved much stronger than usual until the final minutes. As a whole, the Gaels tallied 32 points from the line.

Saint Mary's now hopes to continue this momentum as they travel to conference-leading University of San Francisco (USF) on Saturday.

WCC Standings

USF	3-0
Gonzaga	3-1
SMC	2-1
SCU	2-1
USD	2-1
Portland	2-2
LMU	0-4
Pepperdine	0-4

Below: Saint Mary's students rushed the court one second too early to join their team in victory.



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