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President Gallagher unveils upcoming changes

State of the College Address discloses new rec center, baseball field, staff

by Julie McAvoy
News Editor

Relocation of the baseball diamond, a new student recreation center, and a growing scholarship endowment are among the many advancements that Saint Mary's President Brother Ron Gallagher highlighted last Wednesday at the State of the College Address. "To me, as a student, the rec center, tuition increase, and endowments and how that may affect tuition in

the future were really important topics," said Associated Students of Saint Mary's College President Shane Keane '07.

Increases in alumni gifts, endowments, and annual fundraising have allowed the College to look toward the future to improve the student experience, while maintaining a strong academic integrity and a clear view of Lasallian values. Alumni gifts have increased by 33 percent and alumni participation in general has gone up 50 percent.

Gallagher also announced a few faculty and staff changes. First, it was publicized that Provost Sally Stampf will be stepping down in order to go on sabbatical after seven years of service to the College. A search committee will be organized this spring with the aid of a search firm to find a new provost that will hopefully be in office by January 1. Also, Gallagher formally welcomed Jane Camarillo, who has been the vice provost for student life for a little over a month. Keane said that he is very

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Probably five minutes after graduation, we'll start working on these changes.
Brother Ron Gallagher
President
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Katie Springer Forum discusses abortion

Professors debate moral, scientific aspects of abortion

by Emily Esquerro
Staff Writer

Tensions and opinions sweltered high in the third annual Katie Springer Forum: God and Science on Wednesday, March 7 in Clay's Lounge of the Soda Center. Katie Springer, a former Saint Mary's student who passed away in October 2004 during her junior year, was the original architect and inspired voice behind the God and Science Open Forum.

Known as a young woman who had a deep faith in God, Springer aimed to create an atmosphere where students, faculty, and all members of the Saint Mary's community could speak candidly about God, science, and their seemingly paradoxical relationship. The small idea soon blossomed into an actual dialectic event, however, her time passed before she herself could see the birth and growth of her moving creation.

Though some today still possess the notion that God and science are contradicting powers, Springer believed that God and science were not mutually exclusive, but were instead two marvels that could work and evolve together constructively.

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A moral call is simple...and that is to love unconditionally.

Dr. Thomas Poundstone
Religious Studies Professor
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This year's topic of discussion was abortion and the obvious controversial sides related to the issue. The members of the panel, Dr. Christina Scott, Dr. Patrick Downey, Dr. Allan Hansell, Dr. Thomas Poundstone, and Brother Donald Mansir, each offered their own opinion regarding abortion, however, not all panelists saw eye to eye on the matter.

Though each member became a little heated when discussing certain sensitive areas, most of the speakers' observations and view points were calm and rooted in their professional field of expertise. When asked what religious, ethical, medical, psychological, and biological perspectives

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One in four college students has an STD

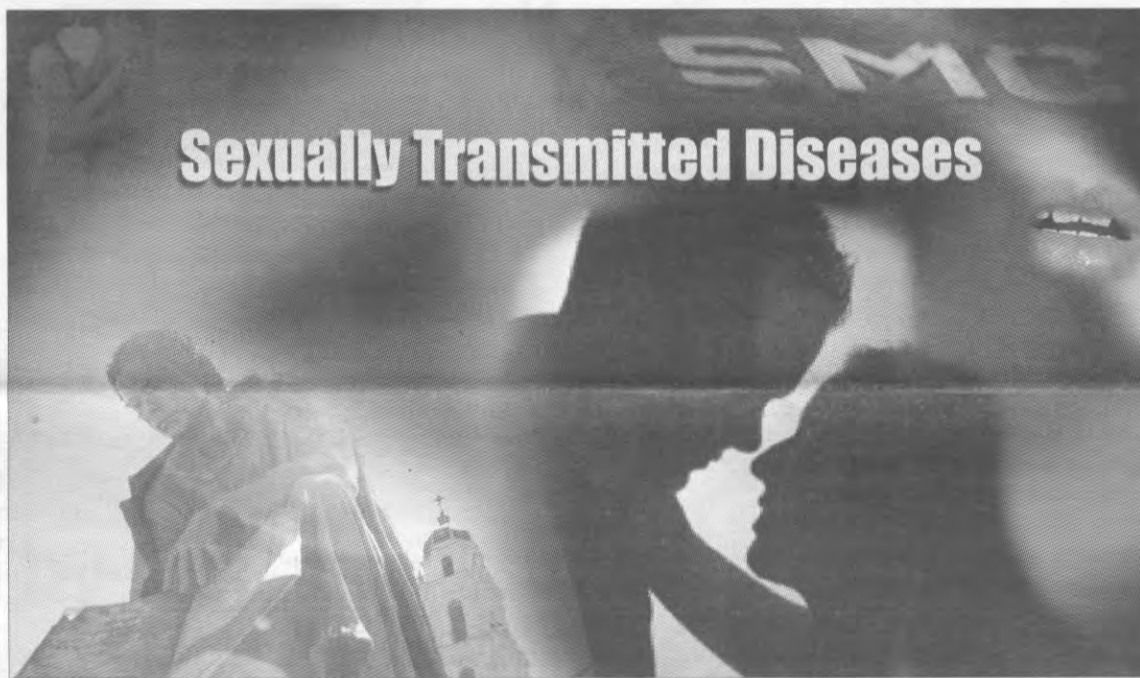


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by Mark Freeman
Staff Writer

Despite numerous breakthroughs in medicine and technology, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), still present a major problem in the 21st century. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over 65 million people in the United States are living with an incurable STD. While some feel that these diseases are a distant threat, college students are not immune to viruses and infections spread through sex.

According to Stanford University's Sexual Health Peer Resource Center, "An estimated one in four college students has a sexually transmitted disease." Such high numbers are mainly due to a lack of awareness about STDs and not weighing the risks of unsafe sex.

Many traditional birth control methods don't prevent STDs. Pamphlets at Saint Mary's Student Health and Wellness Center, explain that of eight common forms of birth control including intrauterine devices, diaphragms, and the pill, only condoms offer any kind of protection against HIV and other STDs.

However, the National Institute of Health says that while condoms are useful in preventing many types of STDs, they are not foolproof, and are less effective in preventing skin to skin diseases like HPV, the virus that causes genital herpes.

Some people may feel that the best way to deal with STDs is to stay in long-term relationships. But this does not eliminate the threat of STDs completely. In an inter-

view with NBC news, Dr. Michael Carey, head of Syracuse University's Center for Health and Behavior, said that people in lasting relationships often "underestimate their personal vulnerability by assuming that both they and their partners are invulnerable to STDs." This can lead to unfortunate consequences for both partners, said Carey, because "people see being in love with their partner as making sex less risky, but microorganisms don't respect love."

Although destructive viruses like HIV dominate the media's attention, "the most common STDs on college campuses are chlamydia, genital warts... and genital herpes," according to George Mason University's Student Health Services website. Some of these infections often don't manifest right away. The site explains that "seventy-five percent of women with chlamydia do not experience symptoms at all," and that some symptoms of the disease include "burning or painful urination, itching, abnormal discharge, or presence of a lesion or sore."

One way to deal with STDs is through early detection. George Mason's Health Services explains that "STDs do not go away by themselves and if untreated can lead to Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID), infertility, cancer, neurological disorders or worse." Many major infections like chlamydia, and syphilis are curable, so people are better off if they detect the disease early on.

Of course the best way to deal with STDs is to abstain from having sex. But as the NBC report explains, the practice is harder than it sounds. Carey, the Syracuse health

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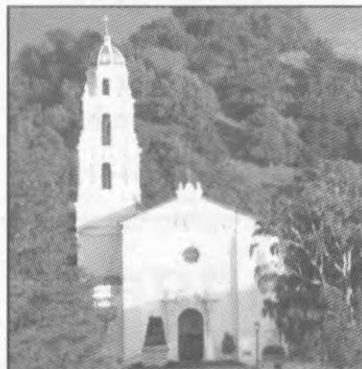
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Giggidy giggidy.

Two "lovebugs" getting it on on a nice sunny day.

Crime Beat

2/28/07 10:20 p.m. Incident: Disorderly Conduct: Public Urination. Synopsis: Minor under the influence of alcohol in Augustine Hall, referred to Student Conduct.	3/3/07 5:55 p.m. Incident: Informational. Synopsis: Domestic violence in Mitty Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Counseling Center.	Synopsis: Auto to auto accident at Saint Mary's Road intersection, damage to lawn, referred to Physical Plant.
2/28/07 10:22 p.m. Incident: Medical Assist. Synopsis: Ill student in Oliver Hall transported to Kaiser Walnut Creek.	3/3/07 11:45 p.m. Incident: Fire alarm. Synopsis: False alarm in South Claeys, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.	3/6/07 10:30 a.m. Incident: Medical Assist. Synopsis: Ill student in Student Health and Wellness Center transported to Kaiser Walnut Creek, referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center.
3/2/07 2:00 a.m. Incident: Missing Vehicle. Synopsis: Vehicle from Ageno B Hall missing and later found.	3/4/07 2:17 a.m. Incident: Minor under the influence of alcohol and medical assist. Synopsis: Student transported to hospital from Justin Hall, referred to Student Conduct, Health and Wellness Center, and Counseling Center.	3/6/07 12:10 a.m. Incident: Informational Only. Synopsis: Annoying calls in Guerrieri West, referred to Student Conduct.
3/2/07 5:20 a.m. Incident: Medical Assist. Synopsis: Minor under the influence of alcohol in Ageno A Hall transported to Kaiser Walnut Creek, referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center.	3/4/07 3:55 a.m. Incident: Vandalism. Synopsis: Broken window in Mitty Hall, referred to Student Conduct.	3/6/07 4:05 a.m. Incident: Handbook violation. Synopsis: Cohabitation in Justin Hall, referred to Student Conduct.
3/3/07 2:32 a.m. Incident: Medical Assist. Synopsis: Minor under the influence of alcohol in More Hall transported to John Muir Medical Center, referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center.	3/5/07 12:04 a.m. Incident: Vandalism. Synopsis: Broken window in Justin Hall, referred to Student Conduct.	3/8/07 9:50 a.m. Incident: Medical assist. Synopsis: Ill student in Ageno C transported to John Muir Medical Center, referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center.
	3/5/07 5:10 p.m. Incident: Damage to college property.	3/8/07 6:35 p.m. Incident: Fire alarm activation. Synopsis: False alarm activation in Guerrieri West, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.

Beyond the Bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

BERLIN, Germany – One 43-year-old man took the law a bit too literally when splitting possessions with his now ex-wife. To settle his divorce, the man chain sawed his family home in half and towed it with him on a forklift to his brother's house where he currently resides. Police suspect that the man's wife "isn't too pleased."

SHEBOYGAN, WI – When the police noticed that a 22-year-old man's fly was down, they asked if he was hiding anything illegal. This was when the police arrested the man for hiding a marijuana pipe and some marijuana hidden in his underwear.

BERLIN, Germany – An ostrich farmer, Rico Gable, is currently suing several teenagers for setting off firecrackers by his farm and scaring the sex drive out of his ostrich, Gustav. Gable, who is suing for 4,900 euros (\$6,450) claims that the firecrackers made the previously sexually active ostrich depressed and indifferent toward sex. Gable said that Gustav had been unable to consummate with his two breeding partners for half a year since, costing him 14 offspring, which cost about 350 euros (\$460) each.



LINDA HUA

Oh what folly, this thing we call love

We live in a generation where the children have grown up so overly protected and babied that we have ceased to mature as well as past generations. In the era of World War II, the nation had gone through the Great Depression then suffered a war. In this generation, a version of the same thing happened: America suffered a recession and is currently in an unofficial war. Yet, the previous generation seems to have grown up so much more maturely than we currently are.

We have grown up so sheltered and we have been given such a skewed view of reality.

Take a look at this generation and its entertainment media. Oh the false ideas about love that spew from every crack and crevice.

Today's young adults have been exposed to so much "reality" television that the real meanings of love, marriage, and divorce have just become ambiguous and is easily taken for granted.

Take for instance, MTV's *Engaged and Underage*, a show that follows 18-22-year-olds around the week before their marriages: how many of those marriages are based on true love? A better question: how many of those marriages are going to last? Sure reality TV is scripted, but how many 14-year-olds watching the shows really know that? All these displays of "life" are so skewed and far from reality, yet so many people are intrigued and influenced by it.

Personally, I cannot imagine myself being anywhere near to being engaged at this point in my life. Yet there are so many people I know who are in their early twenties and divorced with children already. Such people just bewilder me.

I don't mean to sound judgmental or bitter, but it just seems that the true values of love and marriage have just been tossed out the window and forgotten only to become passé.

"True love" has been made out to be so commonplace that it can be taken for granted so easily. Look at the likes of Britney Spears with her two whirlwind marriages. Such people present the image that devalues marriage and true love. Being "in love" and jumping in marriages now come in prepackaged trips to Vegas and divorce has become such an easy solution for anything that might be wrong for a marriage.

Way to take the mature approach to life.

We have become so soft that we cannot make rational and/or meaningful decisions about our lives. Such decisions have always been made for us.

We are such a spoiled generation.



Weekly Featured Profile

Lasallian Student Spotlight

Alana Weinroth

by Alex Lavaroni
Staff Writer

From cheering for the Gaels on the side of the court to serving those who are less fortunate, Alana Weinroth '09 shows her strengths as a dynamic member of the Saint Mary's community. She has been nominated for this week's Lasallian Student Spotlight for exemplifying one of the Lasallian Core Principles: concern for the poor and social justice.

Weinroth advocates for those suffering from injustice and strives to treat everyone equally. She believes that everyone deserves a chance to live a decent life and that our job is to help others by bringing them up to a sufficient standard of living. Alana designed her own social justice major at Saint Mary's and hopes to one day open an international adoption agency in the Bay Area.

One of the goals of Weinroth is to help people who are less fortunate. As a part of Campus Ministry, she is an active participant with the Dorothy Day House. Here she helps to prepare and serve meals to the men who live in the shelter. "All the men are very thankful for their meals and it is just an amazing feeling to know that you are greatly helping these by just giving them a single meal," she said. Through her trips to the Dorothy Day House, Weinroth has also been able to share meals with these men and learn about the difficult struggles in their lives.

Not only does Weinroth participate in helping others outside of the Saint Mary's Community, but she is also an active member in the school community as well. Weinroth is involved in a variety of clubs and activities on campus. She said, "I love being apart of the SMC Community because it is very easy to become involved."

Weinroth is a member of the Saint Mary's Spirit Team as well as PAX Christi, where she volunteers her time to work with children. She is also a member of the sophomore Senate. "As a senator, I like being able to make a big difference in a small environment and I am given many opportunities to help make changes," she said.

Besides the many activities that Weinroth is involved in at Saint Mary's, she also is working three jobs. She said, "My favorite of the three jobs is working at the Lafayette Preschool because I love to work with kids."

Overall, Weinroth looks up to those people that make a significant change in the world. She really admires those who have made a difference in the lives of many people, such as Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Her motto is, "It just takes one person to make a difference, so why not me?"

Former professor examines poverty in U.S.

Author presents causes for increase in low-income families

by Melissa Vlach
Staff Writer

On Thursday, March 8, Professor Scott Myers-Lipton from San Jose State University spoke about his book, "Social Solutions to Poverty: America's Struggle to Build a Just Society" in the Soda Center.

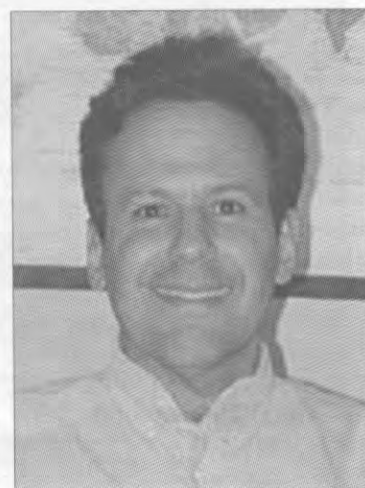
Myers-Lipton's presentation focused on the poverty that is present in America today. "[Poverty and racism] have been integral to our development as a nation, and frustratingly so," he said. He stated that the United States has the highest child poverty, infant mortality and overall poverty rates. The 2005 statistic Myers-Lipton shared said there are 37 million Americans in poverty.

Myers-Lipton also said that he has been teaching his students about the problems of poverty, but he does not know enough about solutions. "Let's talk about how to solve it; that's what I'm interested in," he said.

In his book, Myers-Lipton presents ideas that others have had for ending poverty over the past few centuries. "Every solution that's been tried in America is in there," he said. He included diverse perspectives, ranging from Native American perspectives from centuries ago to President Bush's beliefs. Some of the ideas he discussed were public works

projects and individual development accounts, which are funds that each citizen would receive upon reaching adulthood. He also spoke of more radical ideas, such as Huey Long's plan for redistribution of wealth.

Additionally, Myers-Lipton



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Former Saint Mary's professor Scott Myers-Lipton currently teaches sociology at San Jose State University. He visited campus last week to talk to students about his new book *Social Solutions to Poverty: America's Struggle to Build a Just Society*.

spoke of the four major reasons that he believes have contributed to the increase in the poverty rate over the past few decades. The first reason is that manufacturing jobs have been increasingly outsourcing their labor to developing nations, which takes jobs away from Americans.

Next he cited a change in the make-up of cities, with white people living in suburbs while minorities populate the urban areas. He quoted Cornel West as saying that there are, "chocolate cities and vanilla suburbs." This leads to problems within the cities. "The cities don't have a tax base then to fund the programs they need to fund," he said.

The third factor is a change in the family structure. With the divorce rate growing, fewer households can rely on two incomes. This is especially difficult for single moms, as women tend to earn less money than men. This leads to what he calls the "feminization of poverty" with more women living in poverty today than in the past.

Finally, he believes that a shift from liberal to conservative views in government have also made the problem worse. He said that there has been a conversion "from a belief that government should uplift the poor towards the belief in rugged individualism."

Myers-Lipton also spoke of his current projects regarding the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. He is working with others on gaining signatures for a petition, trying to get 100,000 signatures for 100,000 civic works jobs in the Gulf Coast region.

He is also involved in The National Post-Katrina College Sum- see POVERTY, p4

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excited about the addition of Camarillo to the Student Life office. "I think she's definitely taking the College in a positive direction," said Keane.

The Building on Strength Committee is one of the organizations responsible for planning for these changes. Gallagher spoke of the organization as being an integral part of the College's future and said, "There's a lot going on underground."

One of the main areas that the Committee is focusing on is to ensure modern facilities, technology, and a sustainable environment. Oliver Hall, aging residence halls, and the lack of a recreation center "present obstacles in recruitment of students," said Gallagher. Many competing schools offer state-of-the-art facilities that Saint Mary's lacks. "Our competition has nice, fancy stuff like this," said Gallagher, referring to a picture of what the recreation center will look like. Gallagher also stressed that it is clear that students want these kinds of facilities available on campus.

The initial plans for the recreation center are very impressive and if followed, the building will be larger than the Filippi Academic Hall, which is still under construction. The computer-generated graphic depicted an outdoor swimming center, two stories of fitness space, and areas for

the Kinesiology Department. Gallagher said this will be "recreation and fitness space that serves the whole campus."

Many of these changes will take a long time, especially large projects like the recreation center, but there are also some more immediate changes that students can expect to see. A welcome center is going to be established in Jerome West Hall so that prospective students and their families feel more embraced on campus. Also, over the summer, Oliver Hall is going to be redesigned so that more students can eat lunch during the busy mid-day time period. "Probably five minutes after graduation, we'll start working on these changes," said Gallagher.

The new recreation center will take four to five years to materialize since the baseball diamond needs to be relocated before plans can be put into action. Also, both of these projects require a large amount of fundraising and approved budgets. The preliminary financial plan for moving the baseball diamond has been approved, which means that the school can begin to raise money for the project, but it will be a while before there is enough money to actually begin the work.

Next fall students can also look forward to construction being finished on Filippi Academic Hall. Work on the building should be done by October and it is expected

to be operational by November 1. Gallagher recognized the patience of the students living in surrounding dorms who have had to put up with all the banging and noise of the construction. Also, he detailed the architectural plans for the development of courtyards around the new building to provide relaxing spaces for the community.

Gallagher also highlighted the positive feedback that the college has received. A recent Alumni survey showed that 95 percent were very satisfied with their experience at Saint Mary's. Seminar and Jan Term were two of the aspects that alumni said set Saint Mary's apart and made a difference in "forming them into articulate, intelligent human beings," said Gallagher. Students' close relationships with faculty, staff, and the brothers was another area of satisfaction for alumni. "This affirms our mission and strengths that students enter into great relationships with faculty, staff, and the brothers," said Gallagher.

Michael Beseda, Vice President for Enrollment, found the address to be very helpful and said, "Brother Ron is a great presenter. He combines human interest with humor and technicalities." Keane also enjoyed the speech and said, "It was a nice summary of where we are as a college."

Campus Calendar

Travel Talk: Need to Know
Tuesday, March 13
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
De La Salle Hall, Hagerty
Contact Maureen Little x4352

Arab-Christian Dialogue
Tuesday, March 13
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Hagerty Lounge
Contact:
Brother Charles Hilken
x4611

Mid-Week Movie
Babel
Wednesday, March 14
9:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

St. Patrick's Day Pub
Friday, March 16
9:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Friday, March 16
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact Sharon Cahill x4670

Brother Mel Roast
Saturday, March 17
5:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact Lisa Moore x4328

Brother Mel Anderson Mass
Saturday, March 17
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Chapel
Contact Lloyd Schine
x4200

Greek play: Antigone
Monday, March 19
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center, Claeys Room
Contact Barry Horwitz
x4439

Project Censored
Tuesday, March 20
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Galileo 201
Contact John Ely x4206

Asian Culture Night
Tuesday, March 20
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact Lisa McRipley x8317

Coffeehouse
Tuesday, March 20
4:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

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mit. Twenty-two colleges are currently signed up to participate. These colleges will hold events from April 9 through April 14, using movies, music, and displays to make a statement about the effects of Hurricane Katrina. More information about these projects can be found at www.SolvingPoverty.com.

Brenda Ramirez '10 enjoyed the presentation. "It was very interesting," she commented. She said that it encouraged her to "not

be as passive" about social issues.

Marie Conner '08 also felt inspired by the speaker. "I want to do either Lasallian Volunteers or Jesuit Volunteers... This kind of motivated me more," she said.

Myers-Lipton worked at Saint Mary's College from 1994 to 1998. During that time, he helped to get the Liberal and Civic Studies program off the ground. He also incorporated service learning into the curriculum.

STDS: Unsafe sex may be bigger risk than most college students realize

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director, explained that "comprehensive sexual health programs are more effective than abstinence programs" since they include messages about "self-management strategies and personal skills," as well as discussions of abstaining from sex altogether.

At Saint Mary's, the Student Health and Wellness Center offers resources for students who want information or counseling about STDs. The Center provides informational pamphlets about sexual health and birth control and also works with the Peer Educators Network to deal with issues involving STDs and other viruses like AIDS. Programs like these

hope to tackle the bigger problem of STDs on college campuses. But are STDs a large concern at Saint Mary's? Some students believe it's impossible to know for sure. "You're not going to know if the school has a big problem or not, because people aren't going to say that they have a STD," said Jade Worsley '10.

Regardless of how pervasive STDs are on campus, it is important for Saint Mary's students to be aware of the risks and understand how to protect themselves. Engaging in unsafe sex can set a person up for "behaviors that may have a significant negative impact down the road," Carey said.

ABORTION: Religion, science fused to debate topic

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tives a woman in her eighth week of pregnancy should consider before an abortion, Brother Donald Mansir presented his opinion from the Catholic Church's point of view. "To destroy the life of a child," he said, "is antithetical to the concept of love."

Mansir continued his explanation by quoting scriptures that emphasized that we, as humans, are all persons of a community and that our union with God really translates into union with everyone. After many references to the Bible and other Catholic affiliates, Mansir said, "Direct abortion always constitutes a grave moral disorder."

Following Mansir was Dr. Patrick Downey, who proved not only passionate about the debate, but also slightly sardonic in his approach toward the other panelists. Downey, however, did enlighten the audience with a different perspective than Mansir's and focused primarily on the intention of the mother in terms of abortion.

Downey said, "Look at the decision-maker...they know what they're deciding and they know what they're preventing." Downey also stated that personal denial becomes a factor in the moral obligations correlated to abortions, affirming, "If you're making such a stark decision about murdering a child then we must lie to ourselves, because we cannot possibly bear the burden of murdering our children."

The next member, and the only female on the panel, was Dr. Christina Scott who offered both her psychological and female perspectives on abortion. Scott's chief focus was on the woman, and the moral struggles that naturally occur when considering an abortion. "She [the mother] will struggle between her heart and her

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Courtesy of The Katie Springer Forum

mind for the rest of her life," said Scott. "I don't have the answers to this...all I know is that it's her [the mother's] choice and her choice alone to make."

Dr. Thomas Poundstone furthered Scott's examination of morality, by touching on the complexities of character that are incorporated with a decision on abortion and how we, as society, are embracing our children today. "A moral call is simple...and that is to love unconditionally," said Poundstone. "It's not about looking at the fetus, but about making a life character change."

Concentrating less on the particular situation of abortion and more on the personal ethics of the individual, Poundstone claimed that each person's moral character isn't something situational,

but a deeply imbedded matter that people formulate throughout their lives. He said, "Just because a woman has gone through much anguish and has struggled a lot, doesn't mean she has struggled with it morally."

The final panelist, Dr. Allan Hansell, provided the audience with the most scientific perspective on abortion, and consequently, the least opinionated. Hansell said, "Scientists have no specialty in what is fundamentally a moral decision." He continued to explain that the only real guidance a scientist can give a woman who is faced with the decision of an abortion is exclusively medical, like what problems the fetus could potentially encounter during pregnancy. "Science won't be that much of a help for her [the mother], because all the important questions she must answer for herself," he said.

This year's forum generated another passionate debate that roused not only the members of the panel, but students and other audience participants as well. There were moments when the discussion delved into personal questions and argumentative comments; however, the Katie Springer Open Forum achieved exactly what it aimed to do, in creating an environment where we, as students, faculty, and morally conscious individuals could express our views without judgment.

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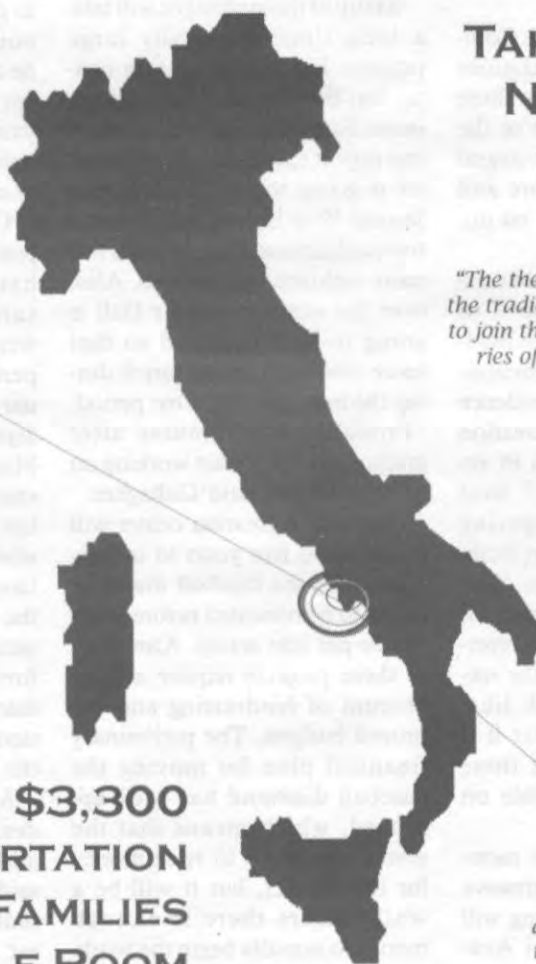
"Hidden beneath Sorrento's busiest square, Piazza Tasso, is the Fauno Notte Club, home of an amazing Tarantella spectacular. Every evening at 21:30 visitors from all over the world pour into this dark, mysterious night club as it transforms into a magical Neapolitan world, full of traditional dances and sounds of the region."

-Melissa Sobel



"The costumes were brighter and it tied into our studies of Southern Italian Theater. I left Sorrento with a greater appreciation of this Neapolitano attitude, Italian culture, and Southern Italian Theater."

-Laura England



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"The theatre was very small and intimate. While they danced and sang the traditional songs of their city, they grabbed members of the audience to join them on stage. The actors and musicians were performing centuries of musical and theatre history, and they were only too eager to share it."

-Christina Pippo



"By the end of the show people were banging on tambourines, actors were pulling people out of the audience and dancing with them. Everyone was singing—many of the audience didn't even speak Italian."

-Lindsey Rosellini

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FEATURE

What is the big deal with HPV?

"At least 50 percent of people who have had sex will have HPV at some time in their lives." (FDA)

by **Nicole Hart**
 Staff Writer

With the high rate of sexual activity on college campuses, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are rampant and young people across the United States are at risk every time they hop into bed with someone else. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common STD and since there is presently no cure for HPV it is important for college students to be aware of all the information regarding it.

HPV is an infection passed on through genital contact which can mean vaginal, anal sex, or skin to skin contact of the genital regions. There are over 100 different types of HPV (40 are sexually transmitted) which are divided into two categories: "high-risk" and "low-risk." "Low-risk" types do not cause cervical cancer and may cause genital warts or minor cell changes on the cervix and "High-risk" types may cause changes in the cervix which can develop into cervical cancer. Chances that HPV will develop into cervical cancer are four to 10 percent depending on the type of HPV.

Just because women suffer the worst consequences from this virus, doesn't mean men don't need to know their role in HPV awareness. Both men and women can contract and pass on HPV, however, there is currently no screening test for HPV in men. This means that if a man says that he has been tested and is clean, he has not been tested for HPV and does not know if he has the virus or not.

This is a troubling fact for many women. As Kelly DeBarr '08 said, "It seems almost ridiculous to get with a guy, marry him, and not ever have sex. You can't be overly cautious, but it's good to be aware."

It is not commonly known that men unknowingly transmit HPV to their sexual partners. The only way of diagnosing HPV in men is a visual diagnosis of genital warts and fortunately symptoms in men are very rare. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), only one percent of sexually active men in the U.S. have genital warts at any one time.

There are a few treatments for genital warts which include medication, surgery, or freezing the warts off. Some people choose to receive no treatment in the hope that the warts will go away by themselves, but this is not the case. Even with treatment, warts may return within the first three months following treatment.

The best thing for women to do is to schedule an annual cycle of pap and HPV tests in order to test for HPV along with other STDs and check for abnormalities in cell changes which can be signs of cervical cancer.

There is also new hope. There is a new vaccine called Gardasil, which is designed to protect

against four types of HPV. It prevents the two strands of HPV that cause cervical cancer most often (HPV 16 and 18, which are accountable for 70 percent of cervical cancer cases), and the two other strands that cause most genital warts (HPV 6 and 11, which account for 90 percent of genital wart cases). The FDA states that Gardasil is between 95-100 percent effective against HPV types 6, 11, 16, 18 and recommends that Gardasil be given to women prior to having their first sexual experience. Women who have had sex can also receive the vaccine preferably after having tested negative for HPV. Women who have already been infected with HPV may want to get the vaccine because it may lessen chances of being infected with another type of HPV.

However, this vaccination is so new that many are confused about its effectiveness and side effects. Jessica Gray '08 said, "Like the flu vaccines, there are so many strains, how effective can it be?"

"There's so much uncertainty," said Katie Lim '08. She, like Gray and DeBarr, found the "One Less" Gardasil commercials to be unclear. "It seems they don't know much about the disease yet," said DeBarr.

Gardasil is given to women between the ages of nine and 26 by a physician in a series of three shots into the upper arm or thigh. The first shot may be given at any time, the second is given two months after the first, and the third is given six months after the first shot. Without insurance, Gardasil can range in price from \$400-\$500

and not all insurance companies will cover the cost of the vaccine.

Because of the vaccine's many side effects, Gray believes that "until there's further testing to say that this is effective, it shouldn't be mass produced."

The fact that the vaccination "may help you," said Gardasil.com, has Gray even more suspicious about the effectiveness of the vaccine. "Because we've made so many technological advances it seems everyone has cancer now," said Gray. "It seems like they're jumping the gun on medication. I'm kind of against all this premedication... the first conclusion is to jump to drugs."

However, there are several

other ways to prevent contracting HPV. Of course there is abstinence, but remember that HPV can still be contracted from genital skin to skin contact and do not have to have intercourse or exchange bodily fluids in order to spread the infection.

"According to the CDC [Center for Disease Control], the only way you can totally protect yourself against HPV is to avoid any sexual activity that involves genital contact," said Gardasil's website.

If you decide that abstinence is not right for you, protection is the second best thing. Condoms may prevent the spread of HPV, but their effectiveness is limited.

The only other way to avoid contracting the virus is to limit

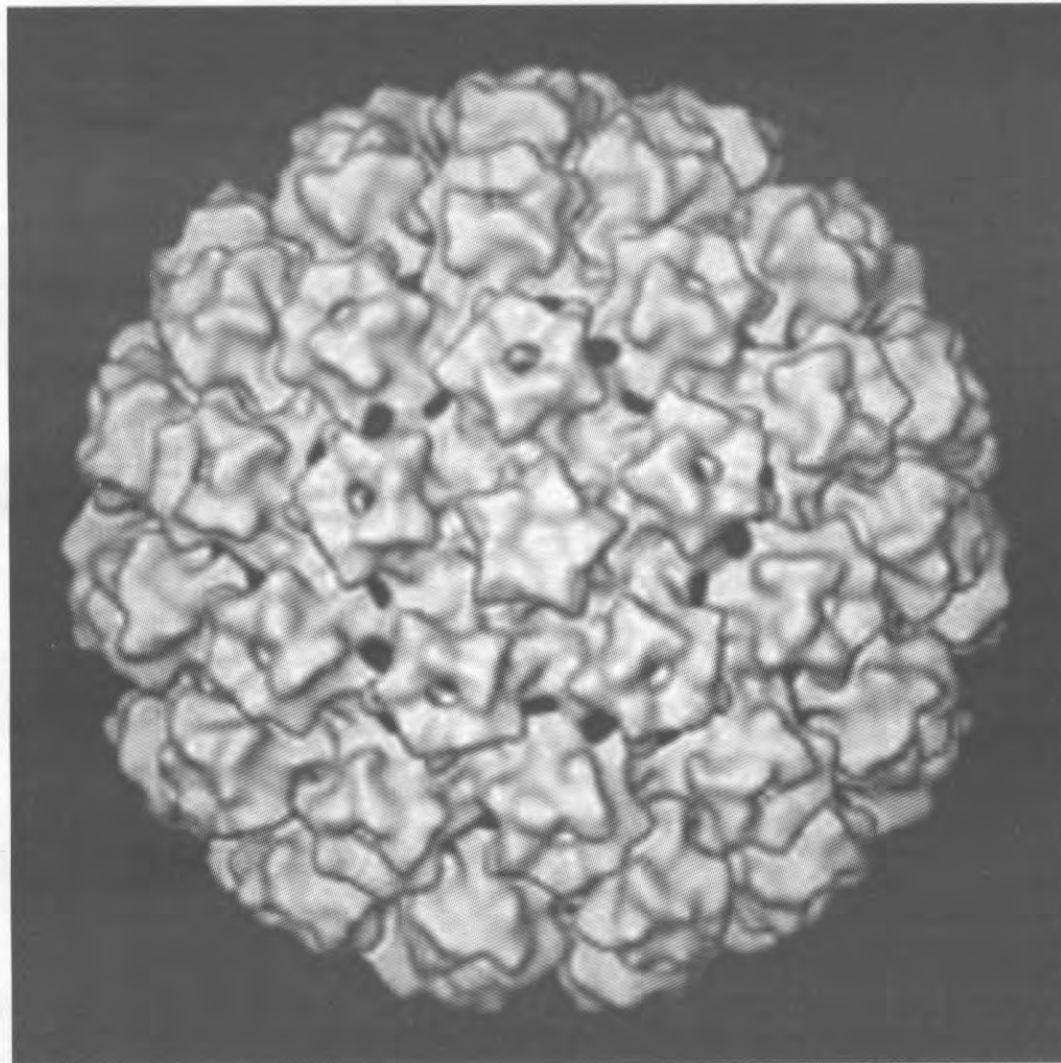


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An image of the Human Papillomavirus, one of the most common diseases for which there is no cure.

your number of sexual partners. You will be less likely to get HPV if you sleep with people who have had few or no sex partners or remain monogamous.

"If you're sexually active, you might as well go out and get tested," said DeBarr.

However, once HPV is contracted, it can be treated. Also, according to WebMD.com, an "HPV infection typically clears within two years, and most infected people don't realize they have the virus." However, annual doctor visits are recommended in order to check if the infection is still in the skin and to check for other dangerous effects.

HPV, just like other STDs, is a huge problem affecting this generation. People under the age of 25 account for two-thirds of all individuals with STDs. Thus, it is recommended that we must be proactive about the fight for sexual health and awareness and get tested.

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 HPV infection was most common among women aged 20-24. Nearly half of the women in that age group (49%) had HPV infection.
 A third of women aged 14-24 had HPV infection. That's nearly 7.5 million — far more than previous estimates that 4.6 million women in that age range had HPV.
 Older women were less likely to have HPV infection, the study shows.
 Data came from 1,921 women who submitted self-collected vaginal swabs for a national health study conducted from 2003 to 2004.
 The findings appear in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

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SCOTT CULLINANE

Colbert, sexy Americone

This week's topic can be on only one thing: who is the sexiest person.

Some might point to a super model or a swim suit clad bimbo, but I have someone much sexier in mind. Who has the handsomest hair cut, the coolest glasses, and the best show on television?

It can be none other than the super suave Stephen Colbert.

Stephen Colbert and *The Colbert Report* provide a seductive sanctuary from the ranting of the liberal left. Just like his hero, "Papa Bear Bill O'Reilly," Colbert is a comfort to millions of Americans searching for an alternative to the propaganda that is shown on most of television.

Finally, Colbert is sexy because he is a person that is not afraid to stand up to the lurking danger of Grizzly Bears. He has even called out gravity and facts for their well known liberal bias. I find such courage very attractive.

Last week, Colbert even focused on our very own Walnut Creek. He called the city out on its decision to change the name of the Easter Bunny to the Spring Bunny and of the Easter egg hunt to the spring egg hunt.

Ever since the day that Colbert left *The Daily Show* and headed out on his own, America has been a better place. Colbert has brought fantastic innovation to America, such as discovering the word truthiness.

With lines like "keep your facts, I'm going with the truth," how could you resist that sort of appeal?

He has also inspired deliciousness; I am referring of course to Stephen Colbert's Americone Dream ice cream put out by Ben & Jerry's. It "tastes like liberty in your mouth."

Another one of the fetching Colbert's great advances, and one I am sure science will come to confirm, is the source of truth. Colbert has found that it is not in books, but located in the gut. And that is where I feel Colbert, in every way.

Who cannot help but love the sentiment "George W. Bush: great president... or the greatest president?" Is that sexy or what?

I am not the only one who has noticed all these eye-catching things that Colbert is doing.

Time Magazine even named him one of the 100 most influential people in 2006.

All of these things mean that Stephen Colbert is one irresistible guy.

Perhaps that might explain the creation of a mysterious Facebook group calling itself "Ya, I'd tap Colbert."

Obviously, I am not the only person who is a big fan of Stephen Colbert.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Most Americans want to end our participation in Iraq by redeploying troops or by bringing them home. The response of Congress has been to pass non-binding resolutions opposing "the surge." When asked, "why don't you in Congress use the Constitutional power of the purse to prohibit the use of funds to pursue the war, the answer from Democrats is that "we do not have the votes." They do not have the votes because many legislators do not want to hold back funds that are perceived by the public to be indispensable to *supporting the troops*. The votes that many in Congress worry about are the votes of the people in the next election. Even the most liberal politicians want support for themselves more than they want support for the troops.

Any mandatory reduction in military spending is a symbolic red flag to Americans who are empathetic to the situation of our troops. Most Americans do not understand that funds can be controlled in a way that does not withhold equipment, arms, and logistical support that the troops need to survive. Congress could prohibit the expenditures that support in-country operations in Iraq without taking one rifle from the troops. Any vote for cuts to funding risks the conclusion on the part of constituents that their representative is failing to support the troops. Any vote to continue funding operations on the ground

in the midst of a civil war risks the lives of our troops. Most representatives would prefer the latter risk to the former. If we really wanted to support our troops, we would bring them home.

We should continue to fight, say some, because failing to do so would mean that many have died in vain. This is an obligatory spin designed to justify that pain by rationalizing the morality of death and dismemberment suffered in the name of a (sic) worthy cause. Politicians are not concerned with justifying the death and dismemberment that is to come because that is the uncertain future and the politician is concerned with public voting behavior in the more certain present.

Some leaders dread talk of withdrawal as well as withholding funding for combat operations because they fear this will demotivate the troops. Sticking with a policy of continuing the fight makes sense only if we consider the combat activity of our troops as an end in itself and not as a means to political aims.

What we need now is not more bravery on the field of battle. We have plenty of that. What we need is more bravery in the halls of Congress!

Sincerely,
Professor Steve Sloane
Politics Department

Dear *Collegian*,

Scott Cullinane's article "Slanted View of Palestine" exemplifies the dire status quo of how Americans understand the world today. Through Mr. Cullinane we see a world clearly divided: black v. white, good v. evil. This Manichean view certainly makes the world easier to comprehend but it conversely stymies progress and exacerbates tension. Do we truly believe that the world is comprised of dualism void of reason?

Reason would indicate that scars are worn by both Israelis and Palestinians, not solely by the former as Mr. Cullinane would have you believe. Reason is about understanding; understanding the rationale points of contention borne by the speakers who he superciliously labeled as "terrorist sympathizers" despite their tacit beliefs in the primacy of nonviolence. Understanding does not imply support; it is instead a prerequisite of normalcy and mending. These are two goals that are unattainable in a world that is in stark contrast with each other and defined by dogma.

It is thus essential that we understand the Israeli-Palestinian issue is cyclical, not linear. Each side has reciprocated violence with violence, terror with terror. In this light the world becomes opaque, existing in foggy grey, where nothing is absolute. Perhaps it is this realization that allows for progress to be made not just in Israel but worldwide.

Sincerely,
Brian McGuigan '07

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Michael Chin's letter to the editor about Geoffrey Meadow's article, and the overlying theme of a "Catholic Education." Seeing as how there seems to be two very divided sides to this issue, I decided to take it straight to the source. So I called Jesus on his cell phone (by the way, he's still a little peeved about the reception we get here on campus). He says that he doesn't understand all this talk about "tradition." He told me to relay the fact that he himself took on the "traditional" establishment of his time. He asked me to mention that he took preference in helping the outcasts of society over the rules and customs that people deemed important. He asked me why people would think that faith... such a personal journey... should be instilled in something as secular as education. He asked me if all the people at SMC, an institution based in his name and suffering, practiced his ideals of loving one another... you can imagine how hard it was to tell him that there were a few detractors.

Yes, I talked to Jesus Christ on the phone. And he wept. He wept because we seem to be losing what the "faith" is all about. He told me to let everyone know that he broke doctrine after doctrine... taboo after taboo. He talked to the Samaritan woman, He saved a prostitute from stoning, and He dined with a tax collector. He worked on the Sabbath, He spoke with the lepers, and He loved those who were rejected by even their very families. He said that Christianity is not meant to be a passive religion... that it started out in revolutionary fashion. That it challenged "traditional understandings" that held others down, and gave them their own place in heaven. Michael Chin mentions that we have "lost our sense of what a Catholic education is about." I agree.

-Billy San Juan, '08

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Premarital sexual relationships debated

No to drugs, yes to sex

Danny Acosta

J. Harry Painter

Abstinence is a good train to ride

There is a long-standing myth that pre-marital sex is the work of Beezlebub. It's not. It may be the work of advertising agencies and MTV's *Next*, but really it is nothing more than a mix of natural urges and common sense.

There should be no distinction between sex. Any sex should be a psychological and emotional act between two (or more, whatever tickles your fancy) consenting adults.

The reason pre-marital sex has been demonized is because the alleged path it paves to promiscuity and the misconception that it is the only loving way to make the

beast with two backs. Promiscuity occurs within wedlock. Swingers, adulterers. Promiscuity is not a condition of the married, it is a condition of the sexual being. And the second notion is almost as ridiculous as the spinning-lotus position. Monogamy can be found outside of marriage.

The horizontal samba can be loving outside of marital relations. First, not everyone gets married. A couple may be together for fifty years, but never tie the knot. Second, the no pants dance can be an expression of love between two people that love each other, but can never get married. Lastly, people fall out of love. It is a fact as dirty as the inverted jackhammer, but it's true.

And who said marital sex was loving anyway? Staggering divorce rates and those spouses that stay together only to see the other die slow are proof that post-marital whoopee is not indicative of a sacred act. Besides, sex—or lackthereof—can ruin a marriage. Someone might save themselves

for a spouse only to fumble around like a third-string tight-end. Or all the passion that should be involved in naked Marco-polo fizzles as John Doe stays at work too late night after loveless night, while Jane Doe's meals sit as cold as his down-trodden demeanor on the new table-spread he has yet to notice.

What are non-married people supposed to do while they wait? The short answer not found in the

Midwest's Guide to Avoiding Pre-Marital Sex is backdoor attendance, which is perhaps the most high-risk sexual activity. There is also masturbation, but, Ted Bundy masturbated. And you don't want to be like Ted Bundy do you? Yes, there are more wholesome activities like dry-humping, deep kissing, or bass fishing, but those PG adventures can only aggravate or repress the primal desire.

If anything, marital sex allows for more ruin. Marital status only provides legal recourse for a vengeful soul. At least if someone hits a post-splurge spat in premarital relations, they can change their e-mail, stop answering calls, or visit different chat rooms. Plus, premarital sex means more birth control. With the population surging, that is a dam good thing.

So whatever people want to do with their daddies and who-ha's in their privacy should not take into account little pieces of paper. As long as people stay safe, there should be no problem.

If people want to wait until they get married, then do so. Because what's more special than the McDonald's parking lot across from the Little Chapel in Reno?

rimonial system of marriage. In contrast to today, for long historical periods the idea of a man possessing his wife didn't go further than a purely physical possession.

This is not the first time that new values have blurred the meaning of moral commandments about sexual relationships.

Sexual crises were acute during the Renaissance and the Reformation, when social advancement created the establishment of a new social force, the ruling class.

The sexual morality of the feudal world developed from the tribal way of life, the collective economy and authoritarian leadership that stifles individual will. This clashed with the new and strange moral code of the ruling class.

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I am not going to tell you to abstain from sex because God wants you to. I am not going to tell you that you're a soulless degenerate that should be condemned for eternity. Not only do I not believe this is true, but also, if you happen to be Catholic, you have been told this your whole life and are conditioned to ignore it. Plus, I have more logical reasons for abstaining than fear of eternal damnation.

Those who accept the practice of premarital sex usually have the same rationalizations for their choice. One of these common validations is that sex wouldn't be pleasurable if it weren't meant to be used for pleasure. Whether this rationale is used by defiant Catholics or atheists, the basic argument is that since sex is enjoyable, either God or the laws of nature intended for humans to use sex for pleasure.

Another familiar justification used by this crowd is that the idea of sleeping with only one partner throughout one's lifetime is unimaginable. Someone of this mind will claim that they need experience so as to improve one's ability in bed.

One of the most familiar defenses of the premarital sex is that we are sexual beings, and that to deny the primal urge to have intercourse is to deny our humanity. To restrain ourselves from this urge is wrong, apparently.

Simple logic can rebut these claims as little more than attempts at justifying what is often a damaging practice.

First off, no one can deny that sex is pleasurable. It is. But why shouldn't it be? If we consider this from a Catholic standpoint, I can find no logical reason for God to have made the orgasm painful or even neutral. Of course any benign god would reward such a sacred and essential act with plea-

sure instead of punishing it by discouraging it. And considering this issue from the atheist standpoint, look at it this way: a Western Bacon Cheeseburger is about as pleasing as it gets, but then you have a heart attack and die.

Second, why do we act as if we have some dire need to sleep with as many partners as possible? Where is the limit? If I decide it's okay to have three sexual partners, wouldn't I have to approve of having eight, and then 14? Eventually, it would get out of hand. No contraceptive is 100 percent effective, which means that every time people have sex, they are opening themselves up to the possibility of pregnancy. In a premarital relationship, this is almost always an irresponsible life choice.

And if people feel the need to hook up with multiple partners just for the experience, they need to get their priorities straight. If one is so worried about one's sexual ability, one should get counseling.

Finally, the act of abstinence is not a denial of one's nature. Yes, we indeed are sexual beings, but we are also violent, jealous, and angry beings. All these traits can be acceptable under the right circumstances, but it is wrong to exploit them. The innateness of a characteristic does not automatically make it good. The idea that we should never restrain our primal instincts is misguided, often by the equally incorrect notion that independence is about tolerating even the worst of these instincts—embracing evil as that which makes us human.

The core problem with people who defend premarital sex is that they are not worried about the consequences of their actions. More pathetically, they use silly rationalizations to justify their actions.

No free speech at Saint Mary's

by Brian Kuenning
 Staff Writer

What really limits free speech at Saint Mary's is the PC (political correctness) movement.

One of the best things said at the debate on free speech limits at Saint Mary's College was that political correctness infantilizes us.

Rules and punishments aside, this social force is usually more effective at stopping a person from saying what he or she really thinks and even from thinking something other than what is PC. Despite that, panelists Geoffrey Meadows and Professor Harter freely and frankly announce their opinions about free speech at SMC.

However, almost all the audience members who spoke up found their points of view less than meritorious. The downside in the interaction of the panelists and audience members was the striking inability in the audience to actually *listen* to what the panelists had to say. Immediately, the panelists were categorized as anti-gay or anti-women. It was out of bounds for Harter to mention a woman's menstrual cycle and connect it to her emotional state. It was hate speech and anti-gay rhetoric when Meadows thought a lesbian scene in the play was inappropriate. Lions and tigers and bears, oh, my!

Political correctness, verbal attacks and being offended by groundbreaking comments have the effect of *psychologically* suppressing free speech. This form of suppression has more impact than any legal control. The psychological limit on speaking one's mind is more of an issue than the college's policy regarding permissible on-campus media.

The real issue with free speech at SMC is that many students are infantilized, unable to open their minds to new ideas, and then speak or listen to them. Wherever there isn't a thriving support for free speech by the people themselves there are human goods which remain unachieved.

Real friendship and real learning don't occur unless you seize the opportunity to engage opinions opposed to yours. If you can't use the "f" word in an e-mail, if you can't explore new ideas without taking personal offense, what can you really learn? When it comes to issues that pertain to your life, you remain set in your ways from the age at which you enter college.

Maybe the real culprit behind the lack of community in residence halls is that we live in a time when you can't just meet someone and show them who you really are without any mask. You have to obey all the social rules and all the PC-ness which suck meaning out of relationships.

If people really want a community, they wouldn't participate in one which only meant going through the routine of courtesy, avoiding offense, and maintaining all the right airs.

Modern marriage makes people possess each other Humans suffer through another prolonged sexual crisis

by Vicente Ochoa
 Staff Writer

Sexual issues are among the most crucial problems demanding attention today.

Throughout human history, the problems of sex have occupied a central place in society. Relationships between the sexes have conjured the attention of millions of troubled people.

The social and sexual inadequacy of the contemporary psyche that our society has developed has worsened a sexual crisis by characterizing it by the psychology of modern man, the idea of possessing the married partner and the belief that the two sexes are unequal in every way.

Marriage has introverted the individualistic family based on private property and has cultivated the idea that one partner should possess the other, an idea more pervasive now than under the pat-

rimonial system of marriage. In contrast to today, for long historical periods the idea of a man possessing his wife didn't go further than a purely physical possession.

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morality of feudalism. Strict individualism and the exclusiveness and isolation of the family replaced the collective work that was characteristic of the economic structure of patrimonial life.

Under capitalism, the ethic of competition, the principles of individualism and exclusive private property grew and destroyed the idea of the community. For a whole century, when old norms turned into new ideals, men wandered confusedly between two very different sexual codes and attempted to accommodate themselves with both.

The tragedy of our society is that a spontaneous wave of new attempts for codes of living is developing within the social fabric, giving man hopes and ideals that cannot yet be realized.

We are people living in the world of property relationships,

a world of sharp class contradictions and of an individualistic morality. We still live and think under the heavy hand of an unavoidable loneliness of spirit. We experience loneliness even in towns full of people, even with close friends and work-mates.

Because of our loneliness we cling in a predatory way to illusions about finding a soul mate among the members of the opposite sex.

As the crisis continues and grows more serious, we become increasingly hopeless and are trying desperately to settle the insoluble question. But with every new attempt to solve the problem, the confused knot of personal relationships gets more tangled.

The sexual problem is like a vicious circle and however frightened people are and however much they run this way and that, they are unable to break out.



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DETOUR

Apple pie, Keanu, Scientology, and hair gel

A brief glimpse into the best funny cinematic sex scenes

by **Adrian Garro**
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Think of a specific sex scene in a movie. Now, think of one that makes you laugh. It could involve two people with no chemistry on or off-screen (see: J-Lo and Ben Affleck in *Gigli*), or just involve people that are a funny match (see Woody Allen and anyone). There are those scenes that come across as romantic and passionate, and then there are those that come across as weird and hilarious.

Keanu Reeves and Carrie-Anne Moss—*The Matrix Reloaded*. The sex scene they carried out amid an underground orgy/dance party/sacrificial ceremony was so bizarre that it managed to be the most memorable image from this film, the Wachowski Brothers' dismal sequel to the innovative *The Matrix*. Caught up in their own grandiose ideas of what the Matrix really was, and



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of the importance of Neo as The One, this scene best exemplified the lack of passion or charisma that he or Trinity (Moss) had, alone or together. The scene played much like an MTV Spring Break special, with sweaty, mostly naked people thrusting on each other while pulsating drums and odd noises permeate the consciousness of all involved. After it is mercifully over, one almost

expects Keanu to forget he is acting and utter one of his trademark "whoa" exclamations, as if in awe about what has just taken place. It would only have been fitting.

Jason Biggs and an apple pie—*American Pie*. This was one of the most seminal (pun intended) coming-of-age films of our generation. When it came out in 1999, it was all the 7th and 8th graders really talked about. Well, that and *Titanic*. When Biggs' character Jim released his sexual frustrations into a confectionary pastry so dear to our hearts, it forever warped the dessert, thanks to this legendary and infamous scene. It also basically warped Biggs' subsequent movie career, as he has failed thus far to stop being "The guy from

American Pie." Such is life.

Tom Cruise, Val Kilmer, et al—*Top Gun*. While the beach volleyball scene in this movie might not scream "sex scene," it definitely has some odd characteristics, in a film that is loved by most men for its "awesome" and "kickass" manliness. While Ice-man (Kilmer), Maverick (Cruise) and their shirtless buds smash a volleyball around, with Kenny Loggins' "Playing with the Boys" playing over the montage, one is drawn to the scene's hilarious, if not off-putting, love affair of all the men and their glistening, chiseled abs. This scene was probably intended to appeal to the women who begrudgingly went with their men to see *Top Gun* in the first place, but in retrospect it also could probably take a Freudian perspective in relation to its characters' repressed senses of who they were, flying around in big flashy jets in order to show off to each other who was the alpha male in the group. It's a fun scene to

analyze, and poke fun of, and since Tom Cruise is its central focus, the possibilities for hilarity are almost endless.

Ben Stiller—*There's Something About Mary*. This scene, in which Stiller's Ted *ahem* prepares himself for his date with the ever-elusive and captivating Mary, helped make this film one of the Farrelly Brothers' most loved comedies. Questions of whether or not something is "hair gel" may never have been considered so hilarious were it not for this movie and Ted's awkwardness. It was rather shocking at the time and helped reserve the movie in the "favorites" list of many a moviegoer.

Honorable Mentions: **Allen Covert**—*Grandma's Boy*. Race car beds, robot voices, "roommates" and Barbie dolls make for movie gold. **Matt Dillon, Denise Richards, Neve Campbell**—*Wild Things*. Matt Dillon and B-list actresses are a recipe for disaster. 'Nuff said.

Peter O'Toole stars in awe-inspiring film

Venus moves viewers despite shocking sexual plot, insufferable moments

by **Khalida Sarwari**
 Staff Writer

If the thought of your grandfather fantasizing about a 19-year-old girl is enough to make you break out in hives, then you might want to skip *Venus*. Roger Michell and Hanif Kureishi's latest cinematic endeavor. It is a subject worthy of contemplation, however, if you are repulsed by the idea of a perverted old man's lustful fascination with a young girl and you want to understand why you feel that way.

In one of the more memorable scenes in the film, Maurice (Peter O'Toole) admits to Jessie, the young girl played by newcomer Jodie Whittaker, that during one of his stays at the hospital he fantasized about her body. In particular, he tells her, he fantasized about "your hair, your legs, your behind, your eyes...your elbows."

And after a short pause, "your cunt." This is the unabashed and raw nature of *Venus*, a film that, while on the surface seems like a commendation of pedophilic fantasies, on a deeper level, it is Michell and Kureishi's reflection on lust and desire, everlasting and boundless even in old age.

O'Toole's frank portrayal of Maurice, a weary but charming film and stage actor, is the real reason to see the film. The veteran actor proves that he is still remarkably adept at playing complex and multi-dimensional characters with undeniable splendor at 74 years old. Here, he plays a man who is slowly dying of prostate cancer and yet steadfastly clinging to the spirit of life. That spirit is in the form of Jessie, the obnoxious grandniece of his cantankerous friend, Ian (Leslie Phillips). Jessie is the typical teenage girl, brash and apathetic with

a fetish for mini-skirts and potato chips. She is a source of great disappointment and irritation to her ailing great-uncle for her inability to cook fish and be a generally better caretaker. She finds it more worthwhile to drink his beer and lounge on the couch watching television. This lackadaisical attitude of hers is what draws old Maurice to her. Maurice, who takes his coffee with the obituary section of the newspaper at a diner every morning, seems resigned to the fact that death is on the horizon, even playing the part of a "corpse" in TV programs (As his ex-wife, played by Vanessa Redgrave, remarks, "typecast again!"). But his encounter with Jessie sparks his longing for his youth and zest for life.

Their relationship begins with a friendship as Maurice takes her to a live theatre event in an attempt to take her off of Ian's hands

for an evening. In turn, Jessie takes Maurice to a disco. With every rendezvous, the nature of their relationship becomes more perverse while still remaining reciprocal. Maurice is enlivened with Jessie's careless spirit while Jessie is enlightened about the mythological goddess Venus, and the beauty of the female body.

Venus is not an easy film to watch, featuring several squirm-inducing scenes. But it is worth watching for the underlying message in the film, which is—even though wrinkles and backaches may deteriorate our physical beings, they do not weaken our inner spirits, ragingly in love with life. *Venus* captures old age with its pants down, affirming the idea that aging and death are a beautifully sad and inevitable part of life.

Lenten season stirs divergence on campus

by **Casey O'Brien**
 Staff Writer

The Lenten season is a hard time for college students. After a day of hard work many students return to their dorms and have that one indulgence that takes the edge off. Sacrificing this indulgence is usually a hard task, whether it be drinking soda, or like freshman Giovanni Garibaldi's Lenten sacrifice, giving up really, really long hugs.

Saint Mary's College has a diverse atmosphere of sacrifices this

year. Ryan Alessi '10 said, "Giving up ranch dressing and french fries is a very difficult promise. It's a universal side dish; it goes with all types of food they serve at Oliver Hall. Life without ranch dressing and french fries is hard, but I will cherish the moment I can finally eat them." Students are also curbing their sweet tooth this season, giving up ice cream, cookies, and other sweets.

Most of the students interviewed at Saint Marys College were actually taking this season off. Giving up Lent for the Lenten season was the most popular

choice amongst students. "I always try to give up something for Lent, but yet usually I fail. This happened again this year, but this time I tried to sacrifice something that was not as significant to me, eating cookies. This Lenten promise lasted a record-breaking four days, but now I have resorted to not sacrificing anything again. Apparently, I could never be Jesus," said Tom Delgado '08. Losing ambition during Lenten season is ubiquitous throughout Saint Marys College, and this usually results in many students not making the Lenten sacrifice.

On the contrary, Clayton Loo '10 said, "Although I am not Catholic, I believe in the purpose of the Lenten season. I have pledged to myself to practice abstinence for about 40 days. I do this according to the 40 days of the Lenten season because I can show my Catholic friends that I'm here to support them, that they've got a friend in the trenches, and it's a good amount of time to teach myself self-discipline."

Whether one is Catholic or not, the Lenten season teaches the importance of a giving your "word," either to God or to yourself.

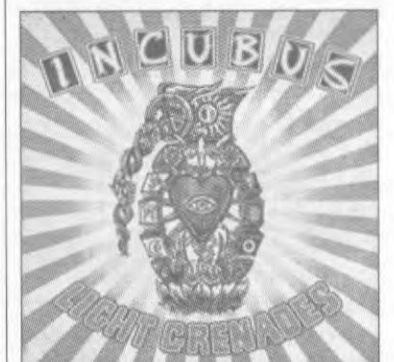
100 Word Review

Incubus bounces back with originality

by **Casey O'Brien**
 Staff Writer

Since diehard Incubus fans were nearly let down with the last album, *A Crow Left of the Murder*, released in February 2004, the arrival of *Light Grenades* wasn't exactly highly anticipated. However, after three years of recording and producing, *Light Grenades* highlights the amazing genre of Alt-Metal and it's a great comeback for the band.

As Incubus gained mainstream success, a lot of their music lost its originality in favor of their desire to compose commercially viable music, yet hit songs like "Anna Molly" and "Earth to Bella" fit right in with the quality of *Enjoy Incubus*, their first album.



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Sex in the city: New York's Museum of Sex

Big Apple far ahead of other cities in embracement of taboo subject

by Emily Esquerro
Staff Writer

Let's face it...sex is taboo. It's one of the biggest "hush-hush" topics not only in schools and households across the world, but amongst individuals and sometimes friends as well. People don't like to talk about it, they don't like to hear about it, they don't like to argue about it, and they definitely don't like to conceptualize it. Many people feel so uncomfortable about the subject that you begin to wonder if they even like to do it. For the general public and in most places, sex will continue to be a whispered subject matter. Still, there are some daring individuals and even places that embrace the act, and would even go so far as to call it an art. But alas, these individuals are too few and these places too concealed for the mass public to reach. Some historical (and audacious) institutions might have undersized, isolated, and covert sections that skim the surface on sex. Others may have designated

halls that briefly touch on it. Some may even go far as to have featured wings that focus on it. But only in New York City do you find an entire museum dedicated solely and indisputably to sex.

Located on 5th Avenue and 27th Street in the heart of Manhattan, the Museum of Sex (or just "MoSex" as the creative acronym goes), truly entices not just the typical, gawking, wide-eyed tourists, but the every day New Yorker as well.

On both sides of the building, "Museum of Sex" is bluntly placarded in large, bold-faced lettering, with a flirty pink sign above that says "Kink." Each of the large windows is also covered with a sign which states (with creepy sincerity), "Please do not touch, lick, stroke, or mount the exhibits," right alongside two mannequins that are strategically—and rather suggestively—positioned. And if the luring outside doesn't draw you in, then the inside definitely will.

The first floor covers not just the history of sex itself, but gives visitors a full blown record of sexual fantasies, idioms, characters, photographers, directors,



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erotica groups, cults, and fetishes on sex. What I found most interesting on this level was the painted map on the ground that visitors walked along to see what kind of fetishes they were into and how

one ordinary thought was really connected to some off-beat fixation. For instance, if you're thinking about cars, then you automatically think about accidents, and when you think about accidents then you automatically think about seat belts. So, obviously this means you're into bondage. Duh. The map was, without a doubt, a little far-fetched, but the connections that it made were almost too ridiculous and hilarious that you didn't want to criticize the relations.

The first level alone left me in a daze of amazement; however, I hadn't even grazed the surface compared to level two. Upon entering the narrow doorway of the second floor you couldn't exactly see what it was you were about to walk into...but you could definitely hear it. In a large, dark, and open room there were about 20 television monitors juxtaposed in chronological order. Each screen projected video clips of sex in all the different eras, starting from the 1900s, in order to illustrate

how sex had progressed in film and television over the decades. Though this exhibition wasn't quite as interesting as the lower level, it did enlighten me with even more provocative and arbitrary information, including which films had the first nude, full frontal, and sex scenes.

The third and final portion of the museum, which was probably the most educational, also proved to be the most vulgar. Here, there were not only hundreds of historical books, articles, and columns on sex and the natural controversy that it spawns, but also dozens of sex machines that have been invented throughout the decades. For some people the museum may be too crude to handle. But for those of you willing to step out of your shell a little, I definitely recommend visiting the Museum of Sex if you're traveling to New York. It's not exactly your mom and pop, family-friendly atmosphere, but it's definitely a fun place to kill the afternoon with your friends.

Rage, chaos, and punishment in landmark action film

300 surpasses the hype all the way to \$70 million dollar opening weekend

by Danny Acosta
Opinion Writer

Scott Ian of the trash-metal band Anthrax once said "Slayer is the soundtrack to Hell." Well, if Hell had its own movie, it would be *300*.

300 is the epic poem on film. It has all the war, all the love, and all the tragedy—an enduring conquest of cinema.

An army of Adonis-like Spartan warriors stand for democracy, justice, and all other cornerstones of Western civilization in Frank Miller's (*Sin City*) graphic novel splattered onto the big screen, as they battle the mystical Persians. Lead by King Leonidas (Gerard Butler), the rippling tragic hero, the Spartans attempt to salvage their society against encroaching

Persians. Rodrigo Santoro plays Xerxes, the awkwardly pierced God-King of the sex-fueled, power-mongering Persian Empire, which strives to pummel Leonidas into submission. Millions of Persian soldiers known as the Immortals take on 300 Spartans. What ensues is a straightforward action-epic movie experience from thunderous start to magnificent finish. *300* sets the new standard for archaic action.

300 is unrelenting with its battle sequences. Plot, although present and stellar, takes a backseat to the constant test of will. Scenes of war pile up like the bodies in it yet the drama of declining Spartan numbers grows stronger with each battle scene. Armed only with their might and mind, the film radiates a notion that one

drop of Spartan warrior sweat contains enough testosterone to populate a planet larger than Jupiter. Swords, shields, and balls against advanced weapons of the stealthy Kubrick-esque masked Persians.

Director Zack Snyder delivers a sophomore effort (he also directed 2004's *Dawn of the Dead*) of apocalyptic magnitude. Snyder stretches his abilities through visual storytelling. He nearly incorporates too much slow-motion; however, he places those sequences at the right time leading to lucidity of action. It furthers drama without dragging an anchor. His vision—particularly his slow highlighting—is memorable. In addition, it signals the arrival of Frank Miller as a new cinematic voice and visionary.

Miller's work, threaded by Snyder, captures the warrior spirit on film.

Gerard Butler sells his heroism at first sight. His demeanor is one of constant war, only to be amplified in battle. It challenges the lion for its title of King of the Jungle. If anyone was going to tell me, "Tonight, we dine in Hell!" I would hope it was him.

King Leonidas opposite of Queen Gorgo (Lena Headey) allows for the film to develop outside of the realm of war. It prevents *300* from being a romp through unnecessary depravity. King Leonidas' character development—although he is perhaps the only developed character—couples the brutality of war with messages of humanity. While it is no *Gladiator* in its story, it is just

as satisfying. *300* tells a visual story that will persevere time as a landmark cinematic experience in line with *The Matrix*, *Lord of the Rings*, and other movie monuments of this generation.

300's frenetic pace makes it feel like it is an hour long, although it is actually 117 minutes. It ends before what has been seen registers. It is captivating. It is madness. But most importantly, *300* "is Sparta!"

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The Collegian Top 5 Good Songs for Make Sexy Time

1. Marvin Gaye ~ Let's Get it on
2. Barry White ~ Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe
3. Boyz II Men ~ I'll Make Love to You
4. Berlin ~ Take My Breath Away
5. Etta James ~ At Last

The Collegian Top 5 Bad Songs for Make Sexy Time

1. R. Kelly ~ You Remind Me of My Jeep
2. Limp Bizkit ~ Nookie
3. Aerosmith ~ I Don't Want to Miss a Thing
4. Savage Garden ~ Truly Madly Deeply
5. K-Ci & Jojo ~ All My Life

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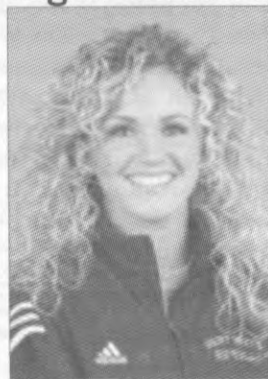
Marah Calvo



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Sophomore Marah Calvo won all four of her matches this weekend. Winning her match at #3 against San Diego 6-2, 6-1 and against Pennsylvania at the #4 spot. She also won both her doubles matches.

Megan Galloway



Courtesy of www.smcgaels.com

Junior Megan Galloway led the Gaels' offensive attack with two home runs and five RBIs over the weekend. She also threw nine innings, allowing four earned runs.

Golf finishes in seventh place
Kelley top finisher for Gaels placing 14th

by Adam Vasser
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's men's golf team came into the 2007 Callaway Golf Invitational at the Farms Golf Club with a third place finish in their last tournament. The Gaels, however were not able to improve on their previous performance, finishing seventh in the 15 team field.

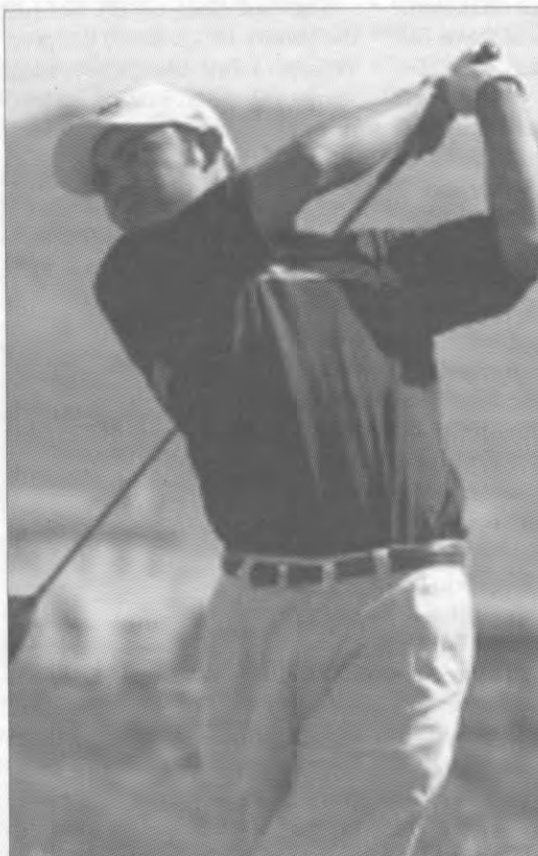
The Gaels went into the final round of the two-day, three round tournament tied for eighth place. Saint Mary's stabilized their score by shooting a round of even par, which saw them over take the University of Denver. The Gaels ended The Callaway Invitational at 19-over par.

Saint Mary's was able to better their south-bay rival Santa Clara. Santa Clara placed 11th out of 15 team field.

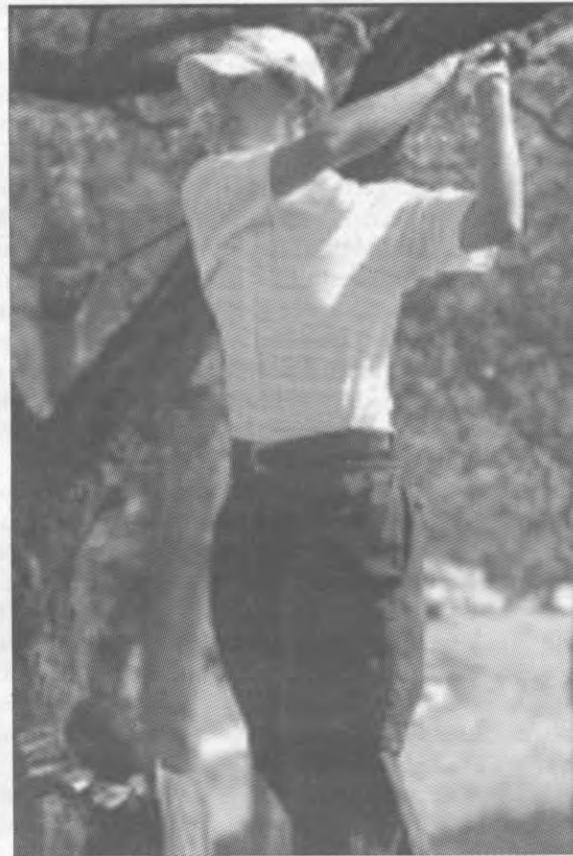
Junior Josh Kelley was Saint Mary's individual top golfer, placing 14th overall. Kelley shot rounds of 71, 72, and 75 on the final day. His final score for the two days was 2-over par.

Freshman Robert McRae was the Gaels second place finisher coming in 27th. McRae made a major move in his final round, shooting a team low 2-under par. McRae ended at 5-over.

The only other golfer to shoot under par on the final day was jun-



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Junior Josh Kelley (left) led the Gaels to a seventh place finish with a 2-over par, 218, for the tournament finishing in 14th place while junior Mike McRae (right) shot a 1-under par to finish his tournament at an 11-over par.

ior Mike McRae who shot a 71, 1-under. McRae's first two rounds saw him at 11-over. Mike finished tied for 42nd.

Junior Brett Mormann shot rounds of 74-75-74 for a total score of 223, which was 7-over

and good for a 34th place finish.

Freshman Daniel Cone, the Gaels top finisher in their last tournament had rounds of 78-79-73. Cone finished with a total of 230, 14-over. Hans Olson '09 was the last individual golfer for the

Gaels shooting 79-82-80, for a score of 25-over. Olson tied for 74th place.

The men's golf team is now in action at the USF/Wisconsin Spring Invitational. Today will be the final round for the Gaels.

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Calendar**

Tuesday, March 13
Men's Golf
@USF/Wisconsin Spring
Invite
All Day

Friday, March 16
Baseball
vs. Southern Utah
2 p.m.

Saturday, March 17
Baseball
vs. Southern Utah
11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse
vs. William & Mary
12 p.m.

Sunday, March 18
Baseball
vs. Southern Utah
1 p.m.

Monday, March 19
Men's Tennis
vs. Cornell
3 p.m.

Men's Golf
@ Western Collegiate
All Day

Does a body good
Sex and its other benefits

by Casey O'Brien
Staff Writer

What feels good is good for you as well. Yes, that's right, sexual intercourse has been proven to be a healthy cardiovascular workout with many benefits.

Running 15 minutes on a treadmill does indeed burn around 200 calories but can be far less pleasing when substituting sex as the aerobic workout.

Intercourse, according to the desired positions, summons larger muscle groups in the body to work harder.

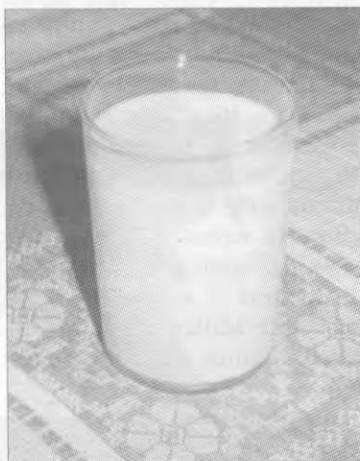
Muscle groups including the back, legs, abdomens, oblique, and shoulders all endure a strenuous workout during sex.

Thanks to the hermetic feels from aerobics of sex produce, men and women also experience cleaner skin complexity due to profuse sweating.

Forget about bogus aerobic exercises! Intercourse can increase blood circulation, which give people less chance of heart disease and more of a chance for better physique.

Also, by providing the body with an amazing boost of key immune cells that fight colds or other infections, sex has prove to make lives healthier.

Also, released "arousal" hormones help fight against anxiety.



Courtesy of www.lawrence.com

Research has proven that frequent orgasms derail depression.

Sexual intercourse is indeed a healthy activity, but it also has its cons.

Promiscuous and premarital sex undoubtedly has greater chances of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, which can lead to an interminable death. It can also lead to unwanted pregnancy.

Although sex does have its health benefits, it should not become the new excuse to avoid the gym.

Sexual intercourse is an activity that can always be practiced throughout life, but regular exercise should be cherished during your current energetic, diligent, and young adulthood.

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Women's lacrosse falls 10-9 to Iona

Saint Mary's gives up five straight goals in second half

by James Vega
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's women's lacrosse team dropped a heart-breaker to the visiting Iona College Gaels Saturday afternoon at Saint Mary's Stadium, falling 10-9.

In the first meeting between Saint Mary's and the Gaels of Iona College of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Saint Mary's got on the scoreboard first.

With 25:30 left in the first half, freshmen Alana Burrough found senior Jackie Spencer cutting to the net for the first of her two goals to put Saint Mary's up 1-0.

As a result of tough, in-your-face defense, the Saint Mary's Gaels jumped out to a 4-0 lead, with additional goals from junior Jen Utley and another two from freshman Abbie Coleman, who had four goals in last Saturday's overtime victory over Siena.

Iona College was held scoreless until the 9:43 mark in the first half when sophomore Christie Godlewski, who was their leading scorer last Tuesday in a victory against Saint Francis, scored a goal.

Iona College cut the Saint Mary's lead down to 4-3 at the 4:56 mark in the first half with a goal by junior Jaclyn O'Leary.

But Saint Mary's answered right back with two goals.



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

Saint Mary's lacrosse drops to 1-4 after a close game against Iona College.

The first was by Utley, her second goal of the day, at the 3:33 mark.

The other was from Spencer at

the 1:08 mark, which was also her second goal of the day.

On the shoulders of strong defense and a balanced scoring at-

tack in which three players had two goals each (Spencer, Coleman and Utley), Saint Mary's took a 6-3 lead into the half.

Unfortunately for Saint Mary's, the defensive swagger that carried them out to a three-goal advantage in the first half took a break at the beginning of the second half, as Iona College scored two consecutive goals in the first four minutes.

The first was by Godlewski in the 28th minute for her second goal of the day, followed by O'Leary's second goal of the day as well at the 26:06 mark to cut the Gaels lead down to 6-5.

At the threat of losing the lead that they held throughout the game, the Saint Mary's defense returned to its first half form, jumping all over Iona's passes and pressuring shots.

A goal scored by Saint Mary's red shirt sophomore P.J. Hainley with 17:51 left in the game was a result of the strong defense to put the Saint Mary's back up by two, 7-5.

Shortly thereafter, Iona's Jackie O'Leary scored her third goal of the game just 49 seconds after Saint Mary's went up by two to cut the lead back down to one with 17:02 left.

Thus began freefall for Saint Mary's, as Iona scored four more goals to take a 10-7 lead out to with just over eight minutes to

play.

But the Gaels of Saint Mary's stormed back after seeing their lead wither away.

Utley scored a goal with 3:20 left to get her first hat trick of the season.

With the clock working against them, Saint Mary's added another goal with 1:13 left by P.J. Hainley, her second of the afternoon.

Saint Mary's fought hard until the end, as Abbie Coleman fired off two more shots that were blocked before the game's end.

As indicated by Saint Mary's first half performance, defense is a key element to their success.

When commenting on the team's performance Saturday afternoon, as well as strategy for Monday's game, Saint Mary's Head Coach Lauren Uhr said: "I think we definitely played a real strong first half. We definitely played really strong defense, a really strong attack. But our midfield transition could be a little better for next game. I think after halftime, we definitely had a little lull, and I think for next game, we can definitely eliminate that lull from our game and hopefully come out on top."

Saint Mary's falls to 1-4 on the season after the loss.

They look to bounce back Monday, March 12th as they host the Lafayette Leopards at 3:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's Stadium.

Men's tennis stung by Hornets

Gaels dealt tough 6-1 loss in Sacramento

by Stefanie Ordoveza
Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the men's tennis team traveled to play the Sacramento State Hornets. Unfortunately, the Gaels were dealt a tough one by the Hornets, losing the match 6-1. The only win came from senior Andre Sion who beat his opponent at the #2 position.

The men's tennis team went off to a rocky start, not able to put together two doubles wins for the point.

At the #1 doubles spot, sophomore Alp Ozpinar and senior Adam Favre lost their match 8-4. At the #2 spot, sophomore Achim Christner and junior Joel Kusnierz also lost 8-4. The #3 pair, junior Yury Platonov and Sion, however, was able to string together a victory over the Hornets, winning their match 8-5.

After doubles, the Gaels went into singles hoping to turn things around. However, the day only proved to be the opposite as the Hornets served the Gaels an intense match at every singles position.

Freshman Andrea Zannoni came off the court first, losing his match at the #3 spot 6-3, 6-4. The rest of the team followed, unfor-



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Senior Andre Sion was the lone bright spot for the Gaels on Saturday. Sion won the team's single match against the Hornets in split sets 4-6, 6-4, (10-8). Sion also teamed up with junior Yury Platonov to win the only doubles match for the Gaels, winning it 8-5.

Unfortunately with more close defeats for the Gaels.

Platonov lost at the #5 spot in a tough match 6-4, 6-3. Favre lost in a match that ended in a tight second set (6-2, 7-5), and Kusnierz lost to Xavier Barajas-Smith, Sacramento's #1 player remaining undefeated this season.

After the match was already declared a win for the Hornets, Sion was able to come back and win the second set. A 10-point tiebreaker was played in place for the third, which Sion took for the Gaels' lone win. Sion's score was 4-6, 6-4, (10-8).

Christner then finished the match off for the Gaels, losing at the #6 spot in a three-set match 3-6, 6-2, 3-6 that solidified the Hornet victory.

"They fought a little better, were more motivated, and were more energetic," said Platonov. "It was not a good day for us."

After the tough loss, the Gaels' record now falls to 6-8 on the season.

They look to rebound in their upcoming match on March 19 against Cornell University at the Korth Tennis Complex.

West Coast Conference Men's Tennis Standings

Team	Overall	WCC
#59 SCU	11-4	4-1
#75 POR	7-4	2-1
#24 PEP	8-6	3-0
USF	5-5	2-2
GON	5-6	0-4
#72 USD	4-5	1-0
SMC	6-8	2-4
LMU	3-10	0-2

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Women's tennis 5-0 in conference 10-game streak snapped in loss to Pennsylvania

by Frankie Mangini
Sports editor

The recently ranked, #59 Saint Mary's traveled to San Diego this past weekend to play both San Diego (USD) and #40 University of Pennsylvania.

The last meeting between the Gaels and San Diego Toreros was in the West Coast Conference (WCC) Tournament at Santa Clara. The Gaels took a 3-0 lead before dropping 4 singles matches for the loss.

This year, the Gaels got the early 1-0 lead against the Toreros when they swept all three of the doubles matches.

At the #2 spot, freshmen twins Femke and Nienke Strijbis remained undefeated, winning their fifth match of the season by a score of 8-2.

At the #3 spot, the relatively new doubles team of sophomore Marah Calvo and junior Stef Ordoveza collected their second victory of the year with a 8-2 win in their pro-set.

The Gaels had a new look at the #1 spot, teaming senior Aude Lambert and sophomore Erin Young together. Lambert and Young took the first five games of their match before their opponents retired.

Lambert's normal doubles partner junior Jessica Hoath was out



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Freshman Femke Strijbis won both her doubles and singles matches against the University of San Diego Toreros last Friday.

due to injury.

In singles, the Toreros were forced to default the #6 match giving the Gaels a 2-0 lead.

Hoath's injury forced all players to move up a spot. Calvo was the first one to finish her match winning 6-2, 6-1 at the #3 singles

position.

F. Strijbis played her first match at the #2 spot and responded with a 6-3, 6-2 win, giving the Gaels their tenth win of the season.

Young played at the #4 spot. She lost her match 6-4, 6-2.

Junior Feline Charlot was in the #5 position and played in her first match of the season. Charlot lost the match 6-2, 6-1.

The last match of the day was Lambert at the top singles position. Lambert took the first set 6-2 before dropping the next set 2-6. With the match already decided, a 10-point tie-breaker was played. Lambert took the tie-breaker 10-4, giving the Gaels a solid 5-2 victory over San Diego.

After a break on Saturday, Saint Mary's returned to action on Sunday against the #40 Pennsylvania Quakers.

Once again, the Gaels got the doubles point in three tight matches.

At the top spot, Hoath saw her only action as she returned to join Lambert. The pair won their match 8-6.

At the #2 spot, the Strijbis twins dropped their first doubles match of the season on a controversial call.

On match point, a Quaker shot was called out by one of the Strijbis twins, but it was overruled, giving the Quakers the #2

doubles match (8-6).

Coach Lisa Alipaz switched up the #3 pair, teaming Calvo and Young back together. In the deciding match, the Gaels won 9-7 to take the doubles point.

In singles action, Lambert lost the first set 6-2. Lambert battled in the second before losing it 7-5.

F. Strijbis remained at the #2 position but lost her match 6-3, 6-2.

N. Strijbis returned to the lineup for the first time since their match against Santa Barbara at the #3 spot. Strijbis took the match 6-3, 6-3, knotting the match at 2-2.

Calvo was moved back to the #4 position and won her eleventh straight singles match as a Gael, giving the Gaels a 3-2 advantage.

The Gaels only needed one more match to beat the Quakers. It came down to both #5 Young and #6 Ordoveza.

Unfortunately, Young was defeated 6-2, 6-2.

Ordoveza also lost her match 6-2, 6-4, giving the Quakers the 4-3 victory over the Gaels.

After the weekend, the Gaels' record falls to 10-1 while their conference record improves to 5-0 after beating USD.

The Gaels will return to action on March 21 to play Northern Texas at the Korth Tennis Complex.

Softball takes second at SMC Invite Gaels shutout Aggies and come back against Seawolves

by Zack Farmer
Managing Editor

The Gaels surpassed their win total from last year while going 4-3 over the weekend with wins over UC Davis, Idaho State, and Stony Brook.

In their first game of the weekend against Davis, Saint Mary's trailed 4-1 going into the fifth inning and the Gaels put on a four-run rally to pull ahead 5-4 on a single by Molly Bergeson '08.

Saint Mary's added another run in the sixth to seal the win.

In game two of the double-header on Wednesday, the Gaels only managed three hits as the Aggies posted a 3-0 shutout at Cottrell Field.

Senior Chelsea Loftis pitched six innings while giving up three unearned runs.

Saint Mary's had five errors in the game. Sophomore Lauren Clark recorded three of the five errors, resulting in two unearned runs.

Senior Kate Albaugh and junior Megan Galloway combined to lead the Gaels past Idaho State 5-1 on Thursday. With two outs in the third inning, Galloway hit

a two-run home run to put the Gaels ahead 3-1.

That was all Albaugh needed as she pitched a complete game allowing only one run on six hits, while striking out nine.

Freshman Katherine Delpit capped off the win with a two-run home run of her own in the sixth inning. Junior Bronwyn Russell chipped in by going 2-3 with an RBI in the third.

The scoring happened early against Stony Brook on Saturday and it was all Saint Mary's would need.

The Gaels posted two runs in the first inning on a single and a wild pitch. Loftis took care of the rest as she pitched a complete game allowing one run on five hits for the 2-1 victory.

The Gaels lost the second half of their second double-header of the week to Utah Valley State 9-2.

The game was close until the sixth inning when the Wolverines scored three runs and then four more in the seventh.

The loss to Utah Valley State gave Saint Mary's the second seed in the tournament going into knock-out stage. The Gaels

started off slow against the third-seeded Stony Brook, falling behind 6-0 after one and a half innings.

The Gaels chipped away scoring two in the bottom of the second. After giving up two more in the fourth, the Gaels scored four to pull within two.

The Gaels found a break and tied the game in the sixth with two unearned runs.

Saint Mary's went into the bottom of the seventh tied at eight. Junior Sandra Ruezga doubled to left center with one out, which was followed by a single by Clark to score Ruezga for the win.

This set up the rematch between Saint Mary's and Utah Valley State for the title. The Wolverines took a 4-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning and the Gaels loaded the bases with one out but could only push one run across as Utah Valley State won 4-2.

With the second place finish in the Saint Mary's Invitational this weekend, the Gaels are 9-12 and will play six games this week against Eastern Illinois, Georgia Southern, Purdue, Northern Colorado, and New Mexico State.



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Softball won 4-3 at the SMC Invite this weekend, improving their season record to 9-12 for the year.