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Urinetown opens Thursday

A musical commentary on the inalienable right to pee



Courtesy of Meaghan Gordon

by **Stefanie Wang**
Assistant News Editor

The winner of three Tony Awards: Best Director (John Rando), Best Original Score (Mark Hollman and Greg Kotis), and Best Book of a Musical (Greg Kotis), and nominated for a total of 10 Tony awards, *Urinetown the Musical* is now here at Saint Mary's. *Urinetown* opens Thursday at 8 p.m. and is directed by award-winning Saint Mary's faculty member Reid Davis.

The popular Broadway musical takes place in *Urinetown*, a town with a severe water shortage. In the Saint Mary's press release for *Urinetown*, the story is said to revolve around "singing and dancing citizens [facing] a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The people must use public amenities which are regulated by a single evil, corporate monolith that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Sprung from the people, a fresh-faced hero decides he has had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom!"

Davis described *Urinetown* as a "revolutionary musical." It's a clever show and satirizes local government, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, and small-

town politics. It even mocks other big Broadway Hits, such as *Les Miserables*.

Written by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollman, *Urinetown* was inspired by public restroom tolls in Europe. They had a limited budget and on some days, money was tight to a point that it came down to using the bathroom or eating lunch. They wrote the musical having in mind little to no audience. They had free reign over what they wanted to say through their musical and how they said it. Davis believes that this freedom is a large part of their success. It is his belief that when you work for the market, you get a product, but when you work for your passion, you end up with something truly creative.

Davis first heard of *Urinetown* from two friends in New York. They told him the main gist of the musical and Davis didn't warm up to the idea immediately. He said that it was a bad idea for a musical, but when his friends agreed enthusiastically, Davis became interested.

Davis believes people are facing a future where individual liberty and social responsibility will clash. He feels the musical addresses serious issues, such as, "water consumption, privatizing, [and] resource man-

agement" in a smart way. He said, "We all know we're depleting our natural resources, we kind of feel bad about it, and yet we still like to take long showers."

Urinetown is also a rather large production. There are 15 performers, a five-piece live orchestra, two professional San Francisco choreographers: Megan Opel and Shaunna Vella, one musical director, and 20 students on the running crew. Though this production does not require any hydraulics for the set like many other high budget Broadway productions, Davis said, "It feels like we're mounting the French Revolution." It cost the College \$25,000 to bring the production to the stage.

He also said that all the students involved have been working diligently on this production since January. All the performers undergo a "musical boot camp" with numerous dance and choral rehearsals filling up much of their time. Davis said the actors are doing an unbelievable job; he expects the turnout for *Urinetown* to be very good.

The actors will also be doing guerrilla previews of the musical in the hallways and Oliver Hall this week. Be prepared for random scenes around campus.

Project Green, Cycling Club organize Bike-to-School Day

Pedal for the Planet calls community to embrace biking, environmentalism

by **Julie McAvoy**
News Editor

The Saint Mary's Cycling Team and Project Green celebrated Earth Day with the 2nd annual Bike-to-School Day last Wednesday in the form of "Pedal for the Planet." Around 75 Saint Mary's staff, faculty, and students rode their bikes to campus instead of driving cars to recognize the need for more environmentally-friendly ways to get around.

Along with support from 511.org, the Dean of Liberal Arts, Program Board, Sodexo, Sharp Bicycles, and Clif Bars, the student organizers hoped to promote the use of bicycles as a viable alternative mode of transportation for the Saint Mary's community.

Cyclists who rode onto campus between 7:30 a.m. and noon received a free breakfast, a T-shirt, and the chance to win an

“ We encouraged people to walk, bike, jog, or pogo-stick to school, anything other than driving a car.”

Casey de Golia '08

Apple iPod nano and other prizes in a raffle. Casey de Golia '08, member of the Cycling Club, said, "I thought it was really successful. We doubled our numbers from last year and it was great to see the involve-

ment and participation of the student body.”

Assistant Registrar Bill Sullivan, who also helped organize the event and is an avid biker (he bikes to Saint Mary's from Concord two to three times a week), said, "It's a great way to highlight that bicycling is healthy and good for the environment."

From 11:30 - 2:00 students, staff, and faculty enjoyed a barbeque and environmental fair. All members of the Lamorinda community were invited to join as well and received free admission to the barbeque.

"It was a way of getting the name of the Cycling Club out there and supporting emission-free day," said de Golia. "We encouraged people to walk, bike, jog, or pogo-stick to school, anything other than driving a car."

Blanchard '08 recognized for hard work

by **Jenna Zack**
Staff Writer

Last week was Student Employee Appreciation Week, a time when student employees on campus are honored for their hard work. David Blanchard '08 was selected for the 2007 Student Employee of the Year Award. He is a Finance major from Littleton, Colorado. He was selected for this award because of his dedication to the school through his work in the School of Liberal Arts with Shawny Anderson. He is also a member of the Academic Honor Council and the men's soccer team.

Anderson, the associate dean for the School of Liberal Arts, said, "Dave is one of the most admirable young men that any of us knows." She also said Blanchard is "a dedicated and efficient worker," and brings a "strong, helpful, and poised presence to the environment." Anderson mentioned the various ways Blanchard excels in his job which includes his design of slideshows that are shown outside the Liberal Arts Office, his help with the "Divine Comedy" mural project located in Dante Hall, and organization of the Jan Term Office.



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Daryl Williams, assistant director of Financial Aid, and Federal Work Study Programs has a role in the process of picking a Student Employee of the Year. Members of the campus are invited to nominate a student for the award and Williams chooses readers to rate the nominated students. Williams said, "They review and score each nominee's [application] based on: quality of work, reliability, initiative, timeliness and contribution to their employer's department." The readers give a numerical order to each of the nominated students and the person with the most points becomes the Student Employee of the Year.

Blanchard's family was extremely proud of his accomplishment. "We love him dearly and admire his humble and honorable character." Blanchard said, "It was pretty overwhelming. I did not know I was even nominated until they told me [I had won]." He described his job as having a "fun atmosphere," and said, "I like going, it doesn't feel like a job."

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The United States mistreats soldiers

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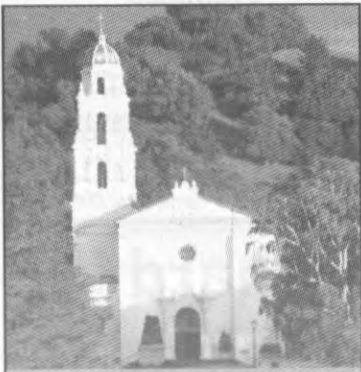
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SnapShot



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Students, faculty, and staff collaborated with the Gay Straight Alliance to celebrate The Bash last Thursday in the Soda Center.

Crime Beat

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| 4/12/07 | 5:33 p.m. | and Wellness Center, minor under the influence of alcohol or drugs. | 4/17/07 | 11:50 p.m. | Incident: Vandalism. Synopsis: Syufy Hall, referred to Student Conduct, broken and splintered wooden chair. |
| 4/14/07 | 8:40 p.m. | Incident: Student Handbook violation. Synopsis: Ageno East, referred to Student Conduct, possession of marijuana. | 4/15/07 | 4:24 p.m. | Incident: Fire alarm. Synopsis: Aquinas Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant, false alarm. |
| 4/15/07 | 12:20 a.m. | Incident: Vandalism. Synopsis: Aquinas Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant, glass door of fire extinguisher cabinet broken. | 4/16/07 | 10:58 p.m. | Incident: Medical call. Synopsis: McKeon Pavilion, referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center, non-transport. |
| 4/15/07 | 12:55 a.m. | Incident: Medical assistance. Synopsis: North Claeys, referred to Student Conduct and Health | 4/17/07 | 10:30 p.m. | Incident: Medical assist. Synopsis: McKeon Gym, referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center, knee injury-transported by roommate to John Muir Hospital. |
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| | | | 4/18/07 | 2:35 a.m. | Incident: Handbook violation. Synopsis: Syufy Hall, referred to Student Conduct, cohabitation. |
| | | | 4/19/07 | 9:38 p.m. | Incident: Information only. Synopsis: Justin Hall, referred to Student Conduct, missing necklace. |



LINDA HUA

Returning to the days of 'Thriller'

Music videos again being made from real videos

So I have been a bit behind in my music video watching, but during Easter Break, I was able to do some catching up and my, have the ingredients for a music video changed.

What used to be obscure images that flashed on beat with the music are now real videos.

With bands like 30 Seconds To Mars making 13-minute mini-movies, I am reminded of the days of Michael Jackson and his epic 14-minute video of "Thriller."

These videos, however, take it further by adding opening and ending credits along with the familiar interludes of dialogue and story.

30 Seconds To Mars is not the only one making these videos either—though I am sure it is not news to you. Justin Timberlake's "What Goes Around" featuring Scarlet Johansson takes the movie-esque approach as well. And we all know about the Fall Out Boy videos. Hilary Duff has a similar one too; however, hers is more of a commercial for her odorous perfume, which shares its name with the song.

While many people find this new trend weird, I actually kind of like the new feel of music videos. Now there is more of a reason to watch them. The reason I stopped in the first place was because—aside from not having any sort of cable at home—they never made any sense. I would have rather just listened to the song than watch its video and be confused. I think that these new videos are much better also because they don't just have the singer or band standing around and singing, in which case, like I said, I would rather just listen to the song.

While these are nothing like R. Kelly's hip-hopera, "Trapped in a Closet" (thank goodness), which currently stands at some 40 odd minutes, they all depict some kind of faint plot, which make them worth watching for a different and sometimes abstract interpretation of the songs.

So if you have a 15-minute break in your busy Saint Mary's lives, check out the new trend on launch.com and might I recommend a look-see at "From Yesterday" by 30 Seconds To Mars. The video takes a strange approach to the plot, involving the birthday wish of a young emperor of China—the characters speak real Mandarin too!

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Weekly Featured Profile

Student Club/
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Speech Force

by Alex Branch
Staff Writer

What are the main 2008 election issues? What family values do people really care about? What is really the difference between the Democrats' and the Republicans' views on the Iraq War? Speech Force, one of the newest clubs on campus, is prepared to examine significant questions such as these.

Speech Force broke off from the Macken Speech and Debate Team and established itself this February "to start more campus activism through debate," said Vice President Michael Antonopoulos '09. There have been some questions as to why there needs to be a separate team and club, to which the Speech Force treasurer, Elizabeth Patterson '10, replied that they are very different types of organizations. "The difference between the two [is that] the [Macken Speech and Debate] team is just like a basketball team; it's a competitive organization. They've done at least 10 tournaments this year." Another major difference is that Speech Force wants to be more involved with the Saint Mary's community. Patterson said, "Speech Force is just an on-campus speech and debate team focused on doing more work with the clubs on campus."

Speech Force has accomplished just that. In their few short months as a chartered club, Speech Force has facilitated a debate between the Saint Mary's Democrats and the SMC Republicans clubs and hosted a faculty-student forum on family values. They are also planning more debates for the future, including a mock debate as impersonators of the 2008 Presidential candidates.

According to Antonopoulos, the main goal for Speech Force is "to get more people involved in political issues and current events through the process of debate and forums." This is another goal that the club has already begun to achieve. Estimates of attendance at the first SMC Republicans-Democrat debate were around 40 to 50 people. Considering the difficulty most young clubs face just trying to organize and host an event, it seems that the fledgling Speech Force is well on their way to being a very influential club at Saint Mary's.

Although this year's President Nathan Garcia '08, and Vice President Antonopoulos will not be returning as executive members next year, they do not sound worried about the club's future. "We are confident in [next year's leaders'] ability to set a new and active agenda," said Antonopoulos. Patterson, who plans to be on the executive team again in 2007-2008, said, "Next year we hope to have a big activity on campus each month."

Monumental addition to Saint Mary's
Br. Sanderl selected as first Dean of Campus Ministry

by Casey O'Brien
Staff Writer

For the first time in Saint Mary's College history, there will be a Dean of Campus Ministry. Brother Michael Sanderl has been nominated for this new position.

"I see this as a continuation of what I've been doing: serving the Saint Mary's community, and also expressing the Lasallian Mission. Just like a dean is responsible for his needs, my leadership is one rooted in service by being able to respond to the needs of this campus," said Sanderl.

Sanderl graduated from Saint Mary's College in 1996 with a major in religious studies. He continued his education by receiving a doctorate from the University of San Francisco and has been serving the Saint Mary's College community since 2004.

"We have a lot of good programs here at Saint Mary's College that express the Lasallian mission, and we are looking to capitalize on what already exists. I want student input to be the process of the Lasallian mission, not an aspect or a part. We need to make this vision a reality with a real sense of follow through," said Sanderl.

The Dean of Campus Ministry will develop current programs such as retreats, liturgies, and so-

cial action. Sanderl said, "My job is to strengthen current programs and promote the Lasallian heritage and values across the cam-



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Brother Michael Sanderl '96 has been nominated for the new position as Dean of Campus Ministry. He looks forward to bringing renewed innovation and energy to the department in the coming years.

pus. Results of our efforts will include participants on some level by all members of our community, residential students, commuter students, graduate students, perspective students, families, faculty, and staff. Our programs will bring forth the schol-

arship of our faculty, the intellect of our students, and the expression of the Lasallian mission. We must ask ourselves; 'what currently isn't being done?' And we must be innovative in how we answer."

Fulfilling the position of Dean of Campus Ministry means being attentive to student input and responding with creative and innovative answers. Sanderl said, "There will be innovation within the next couple of years that will create a much more inclusive community. We will encourage energy, creativity, and partnership in our campus that will flourish."

This accreditation in the Campus Ministry is a remarkable moment in the history of Saint Mary's College. By electing a new dean, Saint Mary's College has established an office that will be fulfilled for generations to come.

Sanderl possesses leadership that spreads throughout the campus. Beyond his own credibility and experience, he is known to be passionate and enthusiastic. He gives the Campus Ministry an approachable identity, and his friendly nature spreads throughout Saint Mary's College.

"I am excited by the potential that this new position will bring in my commitment to bringing my zeal to this opportunity," he said.

Integral recognizes its 50th year with Waltz

by Alex Lavaroni
Staff Writer

The Integral Program celebrated its 50th year with the Waltz last Friday and other annual traditions, involving both alumni and students. With the help of the Integral Social Committee and many other faculty members and students, Brother Donald Mansir and Professor Denis Kelly helped organize a weekend full of events open to all students.

Last weekend the Integral Program hosted two of spring's main events, which included the Waltz and the Brother Robert Lecture.

The Integral Waltz, "Midnight Masquerade," has been a tradition on Saint Mary's Campus since the first year of the Integral program. Silver Moon Big Band, who performed at last year's Waltz and at the Inaugural Ball, performed live music for the event.

Integral Social Committee Chair Staci Osborn '07 looked forward to this event, "because it is a time my friends and I can get dressed up a bit, go out to dinner, and then come back here to hang out, talk, and dance a bit at the Waltz. This year was a masquerade, so there were great outfits and masks to enjoy."

On Saturday, the Integral Program opened up a seminar class to anyone who wanted to participate. Later in the evening, students were welcome to join a lecture given by Integral alumni, Robert Haas '63. Haas was a professor of English at Saint Mary's College, a professor at University of California at Berkeley, and is a Poet Laureate of the United States. Every year, the seminars and lectures are given on a common text by various speakers. This year, the text was Emmanuel Kant's *Perpetual Peace* and the lecture is entitled, "Study War No More: Kant, Violence, and the Literary Imagination."

Campus-wide celebration of De La Salle Week

by Alex Lavaroni
Staff Writer

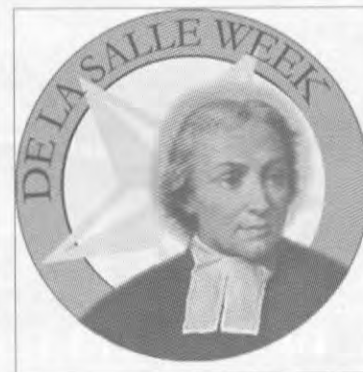
For the past 350 years, this week has been celebrated by the different Lasallian communities all over the world. Saint Mary's College celebrates Saint John Baptist de la Salle, the founder of the Christian Brothers, its Lasallian Heritage, and Lasallian Mission with many annual and some new events.

De La Salle dedicated his life to education and the Christian Brothers. Brother Michael Sanderl said, "The week is an opportunity for the campus to come together and celebrate the heritage of our community and raise awareness about what we are

currently doing as a community." From the community barbeque, to a Convocation Honoree and the Carnival-4-Kids, the week is full of a variety of activities. Sanderl said, "Every year there continues to be more energy and momentum. This year there are a variety of clubs and organizations becoming more involved in putting on activities throughout the week."

The College community invites its students, Christian Brothers, faculty and staff to continue joining the celebration of the life of De La Salle and the Mission of the Lasallian Community. The week kicked off on Sunday, April 22, with the College mass. Each day of the week recognizes a different aspect of De La Salle and

what he believed in, including inclusive community, faith in the



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presence of God, quality education, respect for all people, concern for the poor, and social justice.

Campus Calendar

Dante's Inferno: Club Underground
Wednesday, April 25
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: Barry Horwitz

Creative Writing Reading Series:
Mary Burger, Laura Moriarity, and Bettina Rotenburg
Wednesday, April 25
7:30 p.m.
Hagerty Lounge

Lasallian Star Search
Wednesday, April 25
9:00 p.m.
Dryden Lounge

Liza Dalby Book Review
Thursday, April 26
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: Carol Firestone x4030

Urinetown the Musical
Thursday, April 26 -
Sunday, April 29
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
LeFevre Theatre
Contact: Sharon Cahill x4670
Tickets \$10

Carnival 4 Kids
Friday, April 27
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
LeFevre Quad, Chapel Lawn

Hoe Down Country Pub Night
Friday, April 27
9:00 p.m.
Dryden Hall

East Bay College Fair
Saturday, April 28
6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: Gina Meneni x4224

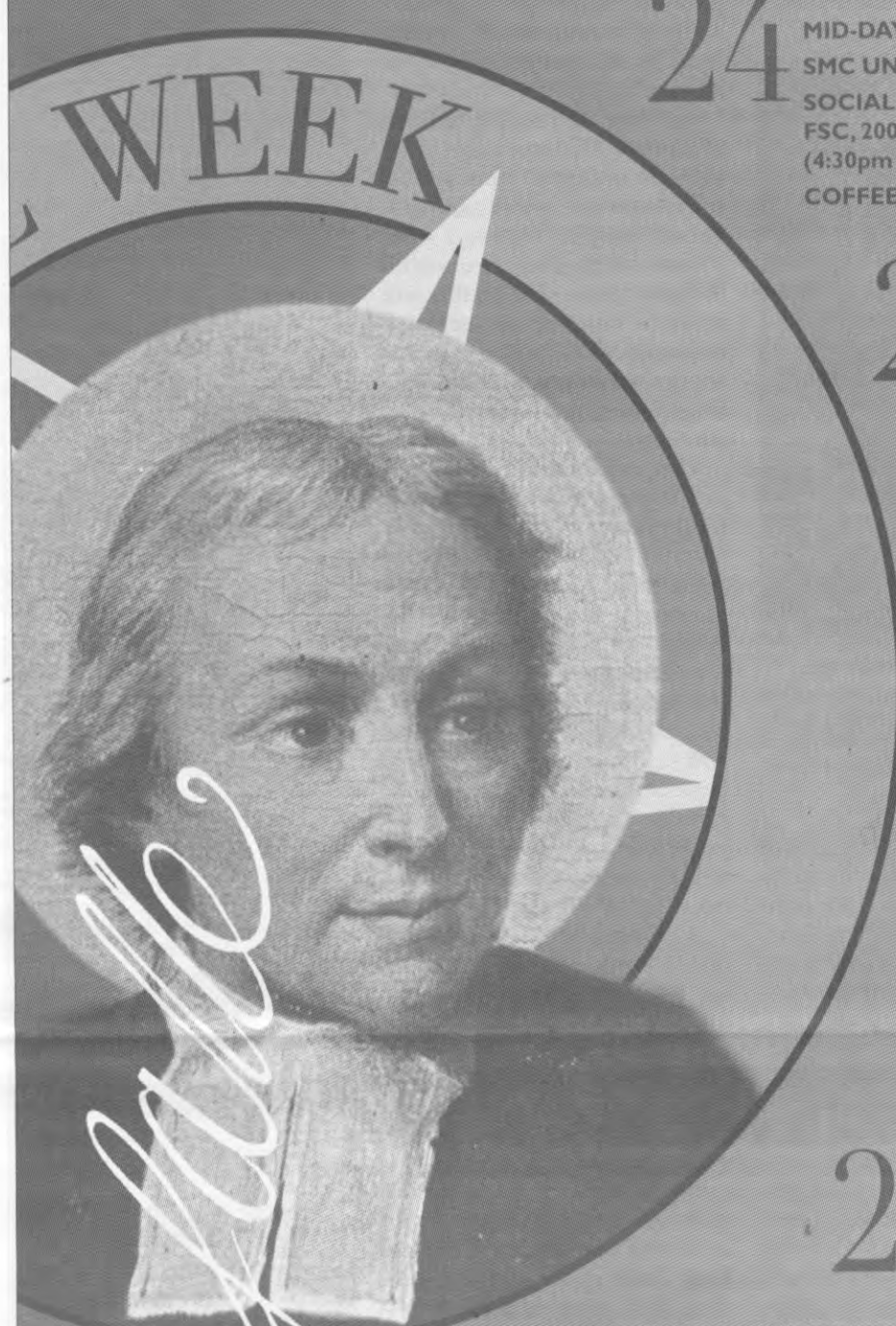
Hall of Fame Banquet
Sunday, April 29
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: Mark Chiaruchi x4168

Latino Culture Night
Tuesday, May 1
5:30 p.m.
Soda Center
RSVP: CIL x4704
\$5 SMC Students w/ ID
\$10 Non-Students

Tarantella on the Plaza
Tuesday, May 1
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chapel Plaza
Contact: Father Sal Ragusa x4814

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22 De La Salle Week 2007 Kick-Off
COLLEGE MASS (8:00pm, Chapel)

23 "Celebrating Inclusive Community"
GAEL FOR A DAY
BARBEQUE ON THE CHAPEL LAWN (11:30am - 1:30pm, Chapel Lawn)
LASALLIAN TWILIGHT RETREAT (5:00 - 7:00pm, Campus Ministry)

24 "Celebrating Faith in the Presence of God"
MID-DAY MEDITATION (11:30am - Noon, Chapel)
SMC UNCOVERED (1:00pm, De La Salle Statue)
SOCIAL AND REUNION WITH BROTHER GERARD RUMMERY,
FSC, 2007 CONVOCATION HONOREE
(4:30pm - 6:00pm, Hagarty Lounge)
COFFEEHOUSE (8:00pm, Dryden Hall)

25 "Celebrating Quality Education"
2nd ANNUAL "FIRST GENERATION" CONFERENCE:
"HONORING THE LASALLIAN MISSION THROUGH THE
FOUNDATION GENERATION" (9:00 - 11:00am, Soda Center)
SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE CONVOCATION
(12:45 - 1:45pm, during Community Time, Chapel)
CONVOCATION RECEPTION (2:00pm, Soda Center)
LASALLIAN STAR SEARCH (9:00 - 11:00pm, Late Night, Dryden Hall)

26 "Celebrating Respect for All Persons"
SOUP AND SUBSTANCE
(11:30am - 12:30pm, Alemany Christian Brothers Community)
BROTHER KYRAN MARATHON
(3:00 - 5:00pm, De La Salle Statue)
IRON CHEF: CHRISTIAN BROTHERS (5:30 - 7:00pm)
XALT - LASALLIAN MISSION IN MOTION
(7:30pm - 8:30pm, Chapel)

27 "Celebrating Concern for the Poor and Social Justice"
SOCIAL WITH THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
(11:00am - Noon, Fenlon Hall)
CARNIVAL FOR KIDS (Afternoon, Central Campus)
FRIDAY NIGHT HOTSPOT (9:00pm, Dryden Hall)
MEDITATION RETREAT (Friday afternoon through
Sunday afternoon, Mont La Salle, Napa)

28 MEDITATION RETREAT *continued* (Mont La Salle, Napa)
LASALLIAN COLLEGIAN COMMUNITY DAY IN THE BAY
(10:00am - 6:00pm)
GAEL SPRING ATHLETICS (1:00pm)

29 MEDITATION RETREAT
concludes this afternoon (Mont La Salle, Napa)
Celebrating the anniversary of the birth
of Saint John Baptist de La Salle,
and Our Lasallian Heritage, April 30, 1651
COLLEGE SUNDAY MASS
(8:00pm, Chapel)

LITURGICAL CELEBRATION
Saint Mary's College Sunday Mass Confirmation Sunday Sunday, April 22m 8:00pm Saint Mary's College Chapel
Saint Mary's College Sunday Mass Anniversary of the Birth of Saint John Baptist de La Salle (1651) [Anticipated] Commissioning of Post-Graduate Volunteers Sunday, April 29, 8:00pm Saint Mary's College Chapel
Daily Mass Monday - Thursday, 5:15pm Friday, 7:15am Saint Mary's College Chapel Side Chapel

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The Collegian
FEATURE

Virginia Tech tragedy reminder of 2000 shooting

School officials looking into ways to warn students in case of emergency

by **S. Kent & M. Freeman**
Staff Writers

The sounds of gunfire broke the silent morning air as police rushed to the scene. Their target: a young man in his twenties who seemed to be mentally unstable. Cho Seung-Hui, the 23-year-old gunman who killed 32 people at Virginia Tech last Monday, became the center of a national tragedy.

Seung-Hui entered a dormitory at 7:15 a.m., killed two and, after disappearing for over two hours, returned to campus and killed 30 more people in a lecture hall before he turned the gun on himself.

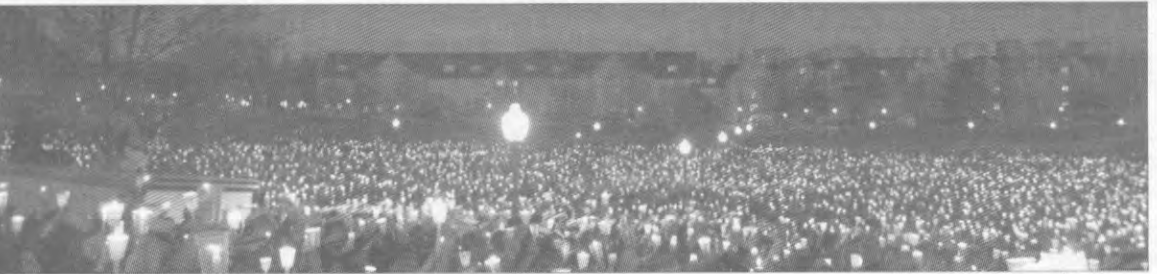
Last week's events at Virginia Tech have prompted other colleges to look at their own vulnerability to violent attacks. At Saint Mary's there seems to be a false idea that students are secluded

from risks such as these because of the small, isolated campus. However, Saint Mary's College experienced an analogous emergency situation on October 19, 2000 that ended much more auspiciously.

According to *The Collegian* archives, Public Safety officers and members of the Moraga Police Department stood off against a lone gunman near Ageno Park in 2000 and convinced him to surrender after a 45-minute standoff. There were no injuries during the confrontation and police confiscated live ammunition and illegal drugs from the gunman, who was not a student at Saint Mary's.

The incident began when maintenance workers discovered a bullet hole in an upperclassman's dorm and reported it to Public Safety. When the inhabitant of the

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dorm, a friend of the gunman's, returned later that day, he was confronted by Public Safety officers. They had searched his room and discovered the gunman's backpack, which contained a gun, some pills, and marijuana.

The gunman, who was with the student at the time, fled when he saw that Public Safety had his backpack in possession. Officers pursued the man, a 20-year-old resident of Walnut Creek, toward Ageno Park, where he pulled out a revolver and fired into the air. Officers quickly ordered people to stay back as they tried to contain the man. In an interview with *The Collegian* at the time, Mary McCall, then the interim Dean of Student Development and Leadership, said that "[Public Safety officers] were just trying to get him to stay outside - which they fortunately managed to do."

Public Safety was able to contain the man until the Moraga Police arrived. At that point, the man became increasingly unstable, and fired another shot into the nearby hills. He also pointed the gun to his head and threatened

to kill himself several times, saying he didn't want to go to prison. After 45 minutes, police convinced the man to surrender and he was taken to the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center in Martinez, according to the *Contra Costa Times'* archives.

The man had been previously wanted on four outstanding arrest warrants dealing with drugs and weapons. In addition to the items confiscated from his backpack, college officials said that the man had been carrying roughly \$800, which police suspected had come from drug deals. He had been removed from Saint Mary's by Public Safety once before for trespassing.

In an interview with *The Collegian* at the time, the student who hosted the gunman said he admonished the man for firing a weapon in his room before—which created the aforementioned bullet hole—and requested him not to bring a weapon again. The student said he trusted that the gunman would "honor my request, and he did to the best of my knowledge, except for the day of the incident." The

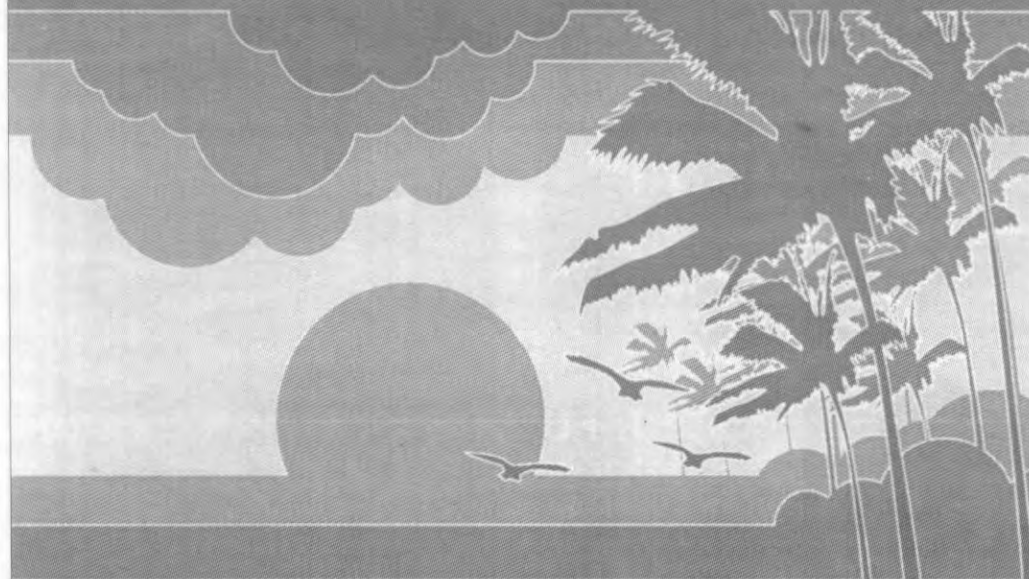
student said he was prevented from returning to his room later that day because Public Safety had shut down the entire upper campus. Later, the student was given an eviction notice and was barred from going to class or any dormitories.

At Saint Mary's, we live in a small, fairly inclusive community where outside threats stand out. As Chief of Public Safety Bill Foley put it, "No one accidentally comes to Saint Mary's. You have to search it out." For these reasons, these students naturally feel safer than they would be in a more urban environment where an open campus makes it harder to monitor visitors.

McCall, now the current Dean of the Psychology Department, was in charge of the Counseling and Health and Wellness Centers at the time. Explaining the response to the incident, she said, "I remember that while the Director of Residence Life, Steve Nygard, and the police located the

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SCOTT CULLINANE

Remembering and preventing genocide

No one remembers genocide.

Early in the twentieth century hundreds of thousands of Armenians were killed in a genocide perpetrated by the Turks. In remembrance of that tragic event and other genocides, April 24 is Genocide Remembrance Day.

Hundreds of thousands of Armenians died during their ordeal, millions of Jews died at the hands of the Germans. Even in our lifetime, we have overlooked the genocide Saddam Hussein committed against the Kurds and the other people of Iraq.

Today, let's remember these events and their victims.

But we should also learn from what happened and look to the future to see if we can avoid it from happening again.

Walid Shoebat, a former Palestinian terrorist who is now a converted Christian recently spoke in the Bay Area and what he said is particularly applicable on Genocide Remembrance Day. He said, referring to Israel, that "the Holocaust never ended but the victims have decided to defend themselves."

The descendants of those evil forces that massacred Armenians and gassed the Jews are in the world striving for our destruction right now. Today they are known as radical Muslims. They seek not the destruction of just one people, but of many.

These certain Muslims seek, and have on numerous occasions not just killed Jews, but Christians, Americans, Europeans, Asians, Africans, even their fellow Muslims who do not ascribe to their particular cult of death. Radical Islam seeks to commit genocide on freedom.

The President of Iran today clearly says that he wants "Israel wiped off the map" just as clearly as Hitler wrote about his hatred of Jews during the 1920s in *Mein Kampf*. When Hitler spoke honestly about his intentions the world did not listen and did not act, but appeased.

Today Iran speaks honestly, but the world appeases. Over six million Jews died, along with millions of others, when the world appeared in the 1930s.

How many more people will die if we refuse to act and face the danger this time?

The events on September 11, 2001 showed America what a few guys with small knives could do; imagine what an entire country with nuclear weapons is capable of.

On Genocide Remembrance Day think back to mass crimes from the past, but also think about preventing genocide.

The Nazis were defeated 60 years ago, but their mentality still exists today.

We must fight and defeat this threat to stop the next genocide.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As I read the latest installment of my complimentary former-editor-subscription to this publication, I can't help but notice the evolution of a newspaper that I credit most of my undergraduate and professional success to. With all of my grammatical errors aside (apologies to my beloved SMC English Department) I must recognize the staff of 2006-2007, most of whom I watched wander the SMC hallways in their freshmen diapers, looking for their places within the many organizations and grasping the opportunities to develop their talent and perpetuate their passion. Now as prominent leaders in the SMC community, they have - I believe - continued the tradition of quality and maintained the integrity of *The Collegian*. From their honest reporting of campus diversity, administration, events, politics, sports, and the individuals and groups that make a difference, to the consistent professionalism and graphic presentation that secures my attention, this year's staff has, simply put, impressed me. While I cannot speak on behalf of either my preceding editors (Ms. Runolfson, Mr. Farley, Ms. Camarena) nor my direct replacement, Mr. Morales, I can state that the current oversight staff and Ms. Hua have established themselves as reputable journalists whose primary responsibility is to their readers of the SMC community. I look forward to reading the remainder of this year's *Collegian* as well as the work of future *Collegian* staff. Congratulations on a wonderful year and good luck to you all.

Sincerely,
 Chris Mateo '05

Collegian View

We at *The Collegian* are amazed with the rate of student responses to our opinion articles—next to none. For this issue we received five letters to the editor, two from professors, two from alumni, and one from an undergraduate student.

It is not that we undervalue letters written by those other than undergrads, but since we are a paper put together by and for undergraduate students, one would expect more student responses.

You may not know the author of one of the letters this issue—Skylar Covich '09. Mr. Covich is a blind political science student at Saint Mary's. He took the time to go through *The Collegian*, and the time to write a letter in response to Scott Cullinane's editorial. We applaud him.

However, there are others who are fully capable of reading and writing with the ease of sight, some of whom have told us that they would love to write a letter in response to Zack Farmer's editorial about the feasibility of ASSMC elections, but were too lazy or busy otherwise (those who've mentioned this include Senate members, which only goes to further his point).

So traditional undergraduate students of Saint Mary's, we challenge you to step up, fight student apathy, and write us a letter. Tell us that we produce a horrendous piece of work if you truly think so. We won't cry—promise.

Dear Editor,

I loved my Saint Mary's College experience and as an Alum of the Class of 2006 I try to stay involved as much as possible. On Friday, April 13th, the Alumni Association in conjunction with the Student Alumni Association hosted the Annual Senior Alumni Social. This is an event that I attended last year as a senior (about 300 seniors, staff and faculty were present). So this year I gathered a few of my friends together to attend, I was so excited because the event was so much fun last year. I mean how can you beat a classy event where mingling and having fun is the only objective? So I left work, headed home to dress, up and anticipated a great time. I walked in to the Soda Center and was shocked and disappointed in the turnout. There were only about 50 people in attendance (including students, faculty, and staff). Needless to say the evening was not what I expected and not what I remembered. The key elements were in place, the open bar, the food, the DJ, the nice decorations, but the people were missing. I don't know what went wrong here but this annual event is a great way to network with alumni and enjoy, with friends, one of the last weekends of college. Seniors, Alumni, Staff where were you?

Sincerely,
 Laci Jackson '06

Dear Editor,

I'm responding to Mr. Cullinane's article concerning Britain's response to Iran's temporary holding of 15 British soldiers. Mr. Cullinane goes on a tirade complaining of England's response to the situation, the soldiers' lack of courage, and the EU's lack of military aggression. However, nowhere in his article is it mentioned that the fifteen soldiers were brought back safely. Nowhere does he mention that they weren't tortured. And nowhere at all does he mention that a huge powder keg was diffused before being allowed to explode into an all-out war. The most important point is that a war with Iran, and potentially the bloc of Islamic nations of the Middle East, was averted because diplomacy prevailed. Unfortunately Mr. Cullinane chooses to speak only of "credibility" and "shame" and not about peace and diplomacy. Some of the greatest military acts have been those of diplomacy and I, like most others, am thankful that this situation was resolved without bloodshed. Shame and credibility mean less than the fact that lives were saved and war spared. It seems he and other misguided conservatives are only too eager to militarily engage Iran and get us into another war.

Sincerely,
 Skylar Covich '09

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OPINION

Patriotism and its discontents

The word patriotism is itself incorrect. Patria-pater-father. Where is mom?

Whose patria are we talking about? The so-called Indians are the original Americans. Their homes were stolen by European invaders. The remnants of dozens of tribes were finally dumped in what is now Oklahoma, a place none of us wanted any part of until the oil started to gush at the Osage reservation.

Certainly, it is very hard for most Americans to be patriotic when there is no agreed-upon country to cherish, only warring tribes and a National Security State to keep the lid on. There is one nation for a black, one for a boat-person, one for a Cherokee, and milk and honey for that one-fifth of the population with money.

What we are now witnessing is not so much the disintegration of the United States as the realization that we are never going to integrate in the more perfect sort of union that Bismarck and Lincoln dreamed of.

Is it any wonder that our many tribes are unfurling their standards and casting wide the webs for support and defense against the state no one loves? If the President chose not to fight for his country in Vietnam, why



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should anyone?

All our turkeys are coming home to roast and the skies are dark with their unlovely wings.

Jefferson foresaw our eventual system breakdown and suggested that we hold a constitutional convention once a generation. But neither our rulers nor their critics will allow such a thing.

If the state is bad, then each tribe must protect itself and we will exchange the world of Jefferson for Hobbes. In time, the idea of the nation may be obsolete as the nation. Russia is a better mirror of us than either cares to admit. In any case, it will be the collapse of the world's already skewed economy that will make for great change, not the firing of a patriot's gun at some National Security Fort.

From the one, many.

That could be our happy fate in a single, interdependent world, with no flags to burn, no guns to be shot in anger, and no taxation without representation.

A new world disorder with freedom and justice for all.

Faith, not logic, creates beasts

by Eric Giannini
Staff Writer

Besides regimenting religiosity to the lay, Catholicism clings irrationally to the pseudo-economic theory of the common good that the matter has moved beyond rationality to the realm of faith—a realm in which dialogue and the engagement in the logic are prohibited.

The Church holds their epistemology to be Aristotelian, but is it? Aristotle claims that to know a thing is to know what causes the thing to be. Causality is explained as responsibility. Responsibility is that which brings a thing about.

What brings about capitalism?

Private property will always be expropriated out of the hands of the many into the hands of the few and it will be further expropriated out of the hands out of the few to the fewer. Expropriation will always lead to capitalism. Private property is responsible for capitalism.

The Church refuses to follow the syllogism from premises to conclusion. Pope Leo XIII articulates the Church's official stance to denounce Aristotelian epistemology and logic. "Socialists, therefore, by endeavoring to transfer the possessions of individuals to the community at large, strike at the interests of every wage-earner, since they would deprive

him of the liberty of disposing of his wages, and thereby of all hope and possibility of increasing his resources and of bettering his condition in life."

Pope Leo, I know that it can get a little tough to breathe among all the ether of the Vatican, but breathlessness is no excuse for not doing one's homework. Read Karl Marx's *Das Kapital!*

The Church's stance is beyond rationality. The absence of logic in the Church's stance on private property is like the ever-present logic of capitalism but capitalism at least has the dignity to present the façade of a syllogistic advance through qualitatively different terms of a syllogism.

Karl Marx describes the façade in his book *Das Kapital*. "Capital comes out of circulation, enters into it again, preserves and multiplies itself within circulation, emerges from it with an increased size and starts the same cycle again and again." The process regresses in *finitum*. Capital becomes more capital. The end of capital is itself capital, and capital is but a means to capital. The end is the means and the means is the end. There's no final cause. What is illogical is irrational. Is it manly to deprive man of rationality?

Instead of promoting rationality, Pope Leo's superficial endeavors actually promotes beasthood!



DARWYN DEYO

Bear your arms at gun control

Last week's massacre at Virginia Tech has brought back images of Columbine and the school shootings that have plagued America since then, but refusing to deal with the reasons behind that shooting because of high-running emotions is dangerous to the freedoms that keep us free.

Whenever the issue of gun control comes up, liberals dismiss the Second Amendment as trivial, though it is the practical foundation for so many other freedoms.

What good would the Third Amendment be if civilians had no means to stop soldiers from quartering themselves in our homes? What good would the Fourth Amendment be if civilians had no way to at least threaten state officials who attempted "unreasonable search and seizure?"

One of the difficulties with President Bush's warrantless wiretapping is that it is very hard to wave a weapon in the face of an operator who spies on you from a distance. If they were in close proximity to your home, you could stop them. Not everyone knows how to take out an intruder in hand-to-hand combat, and if that was our only line of defense—not the last—then the next debate would be about who should be trained in self-defense.

Those who argue for more careful screening of who should have access to guns do have one point. Those who are deemed mentally unstable (though certainly not for political reasons) should not have access to firearms, regardless of whether or not there is enough government funding to keep them in an asylum.

Cho Seung-hui was released from a mental hospital because they lacked funds to keep him; at the least his name should have been put on a blacklist. Putting child-safety locks on guns is another legitimate way to prevent accidents, but arguing that a civilian has no use for an AK-47—while it may seem sensible in our revolution-smothered society—is the mentality that would remove all firearms.

It is the right to bear arms that won't hurt anyone.

They're guns, that's what they do. We keep them for the good reason that some people need to be stopped in their tracks.

There is plenty of data on the damage that guns cause; what about the damage that guns prevent? It's hard to collect data on the attacks that don't happen because someone pulls out a gun and the attacker gets the hell out of there.

In the face of the defenseless victims of Cho, it is absolutely necessary to remember that you are the first person to defend yourself and that the right to bear arms has never been about hunting.

Ten percent soldiers are one hundred percent mishandled

Why the U.S. devalues its fighting and wounded soldiers during Iraq war

America gives 110 percent. Too bad it's in the wrong places.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center effectively illuminated hapless post-Iraq life of America's brave. Substandard conditions prompted President George W. Bush's pleasant promises about correcting the situation. But the situation is far worse than what Walter Reed showcased.

Tim Ngo has a hole in his head. The U.S. Army veteran was injured while serving and survived. He lost his ability to walk and talk after sustaining a head injury, which required surgeons cut out part of his skull.

Ngo was treated at Walter Reed.

April Croft served in the U.S. military in Afghanistan. She was diagnosed with leukemia.

Croft received the same treatment Ngo did; they were deemed 10 percent disabled.

Thirty percent disability or higher qualifies soldiers for monthly disability checks and a stay in the military's health care system. At 10 percent, these two Americans received neither.

Croft contested her rating three times. She was rejected three times. Ngo suffered a stroke related to his injury while uninsured by the U.S. Army, amounting to \$10,000 in medical bills his severance pay—what would have been disability checks had he been diagnosed properly—cannot

cover. Labeling injured soldiers 10 percent is a nothing more than a money-saving technique, a testament to deemphasizing human lives during war time, whatever side they may be on.

The war was supposed to be a Desert Storm replay, an in-and-out operation that asserted America's identity with no real repercussions.

It was not. And 10 percent is the result. Soldiers enter the military to serve their country, but they do so assuming they will receive protection in return for themselves and their families.

Iraq's aimless mission against guerilla fighters places soldiers in lose-lose situations on both fronts.

According to Pentagon statistics, fewer military benefits are being distributed since the start of the Iraq war.

Before it propelled itself into pre-emptive attack, the government should have ensured it could provide benefits for its defenders. Furthermore, thousands more are leaving the military, but through desertion. Deserters cannot claim benefits, thus there must be more available.

In 2001, 102,000 were receiving benefits.

In 2007, it is 89,500. The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) picks up slack for governmental failure. The VA rates the 10 percent bracket over 30 percent—enough for benefits—more than 50 percent of the time. Injured soldiers are given better



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treatment by the VA than by the Pentagon. As a result, overwhelming demand for the VA causes a long waiting period for the VA, making it difficult for soldiers to procure benefits deserved. Sadly, the VA does not offer coverage for military families as benefits from the Pentagon do.

Gordon England, the deputy secretary of defense, believes soldiers are accessed and treated "fairly and accurately." England should meet Ngo and Croft.

The Commander and Chief, the Pentagon, they are giving 100 percent to evading their responsibilities, to damaging their character. The other 10 percent is going to the U.S. military, embattled for years in a quagmire, only to return home to fates dealt to soldiers of prior generations.

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Where is Springfield?

In anticipation of *The Simpsons Movie*, we explore the age-old question

by Z. Farmer & J. H. Painter
Managing Editor & Detour Editor

The release of the official *The Simpsons Movie* trailer has brought up the all-telling question: where is Springfield?

The Simpsons creator Matt Groening has always left subtle clues but has never plainly said where the town of Springfield is, so we getting to the bottom of this.

In the trailer, Ned Flanders brings Bart up to a hilltop in Springfield and says, "Look at that, you can see the four states that border Springfield: Ohio, Nevada, Maine, and Kentucky." If the trailer is any indication (which it may not be because Groening likes to mess with people) the real Springfield is in a state bordering one of the aforementioned states.

There are 28 Springfields in the United States so this is a bit much. But of those bordering states, only seven of them have a Springfield within the border.

Ohio—It is one of the states that Flanders mentions but it does border Kentucky, which makes it a contender. Not only that, in *The Simpsons* there are three major cities, Springfield, Shelbyville, and



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Capital City. Ohio also has three major cities, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and the capital Columbus. The state also needs to touch a large body of water due to the accessibility of it in *The Simpsons*. Lake Erie provides as the large body of water, which Cleveland sits next to.

Kentucky—It borders Ohio but it does not touch a large enough body of water. Not only this, but Kentucky has no major cities to speak of (Louisville doesn't count).

New Hampshire—This borders Maine and touches the Atlantic Ocean. It has mountains which could provide the setting for a Mount Springfield.

Tennessee—This state has the cities to go by but it does not have the body of water to accommodate the Springfield docks. The Mississippi River is not large enough. Also, remember dolphins attacked Springfield at one time. Now upon further review, Ohio falls into the dolphin category as well. Sorry, Buckeyes.

Virginia—The Old Dominion does touch the Atlantic Ocean, as well as Kentucky. It also is home to a portion of the Appalachian Mountains. The issue with Springfield, VA is that Washington, D.C. is close enough to walk there. In an episode of *The Simpsons*, they flew to D.C.

West Virginia—No water of worth and it's West Virginia.

Oregon—Groening is from Portland, Oregon and Portland has an Evergreen Terrace and Lovejoy Street. There was a nuclear power plant in northern Oregon, which was demolished 20 years ago, about the time of the creation of *The Simpsons*. Mount Hood, the tallest mountain in Oregon, eerily resembles Mount Springfield. There are three major cities in Oregon (Portland, Eugene, and the capital Salem). It touches the Pacific Ocean. It touches Nevada. Springfield, OR is a short drive from Eugene, which by the way has a place called Max's Tavern, which some say looks like Moe's Tavern in the show.

The cases can be made but we believe that the strongest case is with Oregon. We are on to you Matt Groening.

Caution! Warning labels getting out of hand

by Whitney Medved
Staff Writer

I recently found myself traversing a considerable distance on one of the few stationary bikes remaining in the Power Plant. After surveying the general area for a while, my gaze fell upon a boldfaced white inscription below the blaring red display of RPM's and total calories burned that stated, "Warning, stop pedaling if you don't feel well". I realize that at the crux of most spin classes, "well" is probably not the word of choice used to define a person's condition. But even in these circumstances it would seem that the individual would have enough common sense and foresight to discern when further pedal revolutions would pose a mortal threat. Assuming makes an arse out of me and every Fortune 500 company that has ever been taken for all their worth though, better to be safe than sorry—I guess.

We've all heard them, these stories of seemingly blatant idiocy prompting commonsense labels: "So you know why McDonald's coffee cups say 'HOT!' all over them, right?" and "There was once this kid, he was trying to steal pop out of a machine but it fell on him...pay up Pepsi"—the list goes on.

I realize the legal system was instated so as to protect those inalienable rights we all hold so near and dear, as well as to maintain a certain level of order in society, but we may be getting a little out of control here. I think that when a bottle of Neutrogena Oil Free Acne Wash—dermatologist recommended—warns me that said product is for external use only, it sort of insults my intelligence. As far as I am concerned the word "wash" entails that there will be some sort of water and soap contact with the surface of my face. I have difficulty understanding why one would think to slurp such a product, or by some other method internalize it.

Lastly, while this particular warning doesn't necessarily show up on the actual product, I would love to know who initially thought to use butter or ointment to treat a severe burn. Much emphasis was added to this maltreatment in both a first-aid book I had in high school and an anatomy book. I just can't get my head around it.

Someone could though, just as someone spilled coffee and cashed in, and someone else found the loop-hole in attempted theft. Presumably, someone even thought to devour his or her skin care product. Maybe at the end of the day the problem is not out-of-control labels, but rather people's inability to harbor a little common sense. The scariest part of all is that maybe labels that warn me not to use a hair dryer while I am in the bathtub or shower might actually be needed.

An interview with Matt Velasquez of Rebelution

Singer calls Gaelstock opening gig 'blessing' for band, excited to play for Gael crowd

by Adrian Garro
Staff Writer

Santa Barbara-based reggae band Rebelution is ready to head north for Gaelstock 2007. The band, comprised of Matt Velasquez (vocals/guitar), Eric Rachmany (vocals/guitar), Marley Williams (bass), Wes Finley (drums), and Rory Carey (keyboards), is attaining a faithful fanbase despite not having yet released a full-length album. Their debut, *Courage to Grow*, is due out soon, and they will be performing songs from the album at Gaelstock. I conducted an e-mail interview with Velasquez in an effort to let the Saint Mary's community learn more about these young up-and-comers before they take the stage on Cinco de Mayo.

Adrian Garro: Who would you say are your biggest influences as a band?

Matt Velasquez: There are so many to list. Some of us listen to all kinds of music from hip-hop, rock, to country, and others listen to mainly reggae. Some of us like to rock out and some of us like to try and stick to the more reggae vibe. Each one of us has many different musical influences which I feel make our sound what it is. We try not to suppress one another's style to make them fit our individual expectations of what our music should be. We

usually start with a few chords and build up from there and try to mold a song in to what we think sounds good. If I had to name some bands that have influenced our style I would say Bob, dredg, Gentlemen, Barrington Levy, Sublime, Incubus, 2pac, Don Carlos, etc.

that's it.

AG: What made you want to play at Saint Mary's College?

MV: One of my friends actually suggested us to the board and pushed for us. Then one day I received a phone call asking to play at Gaelstock and we all agreed. We heard good acts have head-

lined in the past and we wanted to be a part of it. We also heard someone started a Facebook page that was requesting us for Gaelstock so I think it was the fans that really sparked our interest.

AG: What is the largest show you have played thus far as a band (such as biggest headliner you supported, or biggest venue)?

MV: Last year we opened up for E-40 at Extravaganza in Santa Barbara. There were a little over a thousand I would say. We have been to Hawaii twice and this last time we played with Barrington, and Israel Vibration, it was crazy. Hawaiians love reggae music; we can't wait to go back. One of the shows probably had around a thousand people there too. We keep gaining more and more fans and we don't even have a full-length album out yet. Our new album should be out soon and we are hoping for a good response.

AG: What kind of reception do you hope and expect to receive at Gaelstock?

MV: We hope they love us. Four of us are from northern California and any opportunity to play up there is a blessing. We don't get up there enough but will be aiming to more this next year. My cousin went to school there and played rugby; he said they always used to listen to our CD. So I know we have fans up there. We're curious to find out how many.



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AG: As a reggae band comprised of Caucasians, is it hard to avoid the Sublime comparisons? Do you think this is a fair comparison?

MV: Personally, I don't think we sound like Sublime at all and we are not trying to. I have seen so many bands try to emulate Sublime's sound and for me it just doesn't work. You can have a serious career trying to sound like someone else, [but] you have to be yourself and that's what we are doing. Whether we are [an] all white band or not, it doesn't matter. We are trying to make good music and it happens to have a predominantly reggae sound;

AG: What are the origins of the name "Rebelution?" Any special meaning?

MV: For the first several months we were playing we didn't really have a name. We came up with some but we didn't all agree on them. Then one day I was driving home and "Rebelution" came in to my head so I called Marley and told him and it eventually became our name. To me, Rebelution is us five guys who

Nocturnal Nibbles

Eating late in the Bay Area: Part 3 of 3

by **Christo Raines**
Staff Writer

**This week's featured area:
San Francisco**

Nocturnal Nibbles is a three-part series designed to inform the Saint Mary's community about nearby dining that continues to serve even after the last Costco chimichanga has been consumed in Oliver Hall. These eateries are open late and you don't need to bust out the fake I.D. for admittance. Here is the third and final installment:

Baghdad Café (2295 Market near Castro)

Open 24 hours, 365 days a year
Baghdad Café is supposedly one of the quintessential late-night spots to check out in the City (Unfortunately, it was closed due to an apparent gas leak last Friday night). Its menu was the priciest of the 24-hour places, (\$10 for breakfast/lunch and \$5/\$6 for dessert) but Baghdad seemed the most charming of the late night options. There is a picturesque country feel to the wooden interior one might expect to find in some rural town. It seemed like a mellow crowd would hang out there and it would likely be a great place for a quiet date.

Lucky Penny (2670 Geary near Masonic)

Open 24 hours, 365 days a year

The Lucky Penny is highly regarded by the online community, but was not particularly impressive upon visiting; it was a truck stop minus the truckers. The waitress said most people ordered the Good Morning Special, which was reasonably priced around \$6. Most of the other food ranged around the same price, and for this reason I can see why it is so popular online. Still, this restaurant seems like the place the locals go but do not brag about.

Orphan Andy's (3991 17th near Market)

Open 24 hours, 365 days a year

Finally, a place worth going to the City for. Orphan Andy's definitely serves to supply a listless night with more color than the rainbow flag two blocks away from it at the epicenter of the Castro. Orphan Andy's offers food one would expect to see at a diner, but of a higher grade than the other late-night options. Breakfast and lunch are around \$7- \$11 and dinner is closer to \$12. One can feel less environmentally guilty because Orphan Andy's both recycles and composts. If you do visit, check out the chili-cheese fries (\$7) that could easily feed two typical SMC students or nine SMC cheerleaders.

Sparky's Diner (242 Church near Market)

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Walking around the Castro en route to Sparky's, I overheard a few people trying to figure out where they wanted to eat. On Sparky's, the group concurred the food is "overcooked and tastes awful." The restaurant "exists only because drunk people have no taste buds." Given this information, and since it was one of the later places to check out on my list, it seemed better to do a walk-by rather than actually sitting down at Sparky's. It was dimly lit but crowded with the indie/scene/pre-yuppie folks one might expect. The menu was run-of-the-mill diner food with prices that matched (lunch and dinner \$8-\$10). It did not look as bad as the group suggested, but not a place worth trekking out to the City for. Regardless, it seemed like one of the more lively spots and worth a try.

Video Café (5700 Geary near 22nd)

Open 24 hours, 365 days a year

The Video Café is definitely not to be missed. Its walls are adorned with faded pop movie cutouts and posters of the last 20-odd years. As the name suggests, Video Café shows movies from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. every night on its four or five televisions (three of which are side-by-side big screens). Food is diner-esque, decent and reasonably priced at \$6-\$9, but the service is great. The only waitress

there was a grandmotherly lady named Rose, who had worked there for 20 years. She seemed like she could talk for months at a time about her "regulars" and had a warmth in her smile that made me want to hug her. Rose gave me three rules about the place: "No homework, no movie requests, and you have to order \$2.50 worth of food or drinks if you want to sit." The place has been around since 1983 and there is a reason.

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**Players
of the Week**

Volney Rouse



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Senior Volney Rouse has been the top player for the Gaels all season. Rouse scored the game-winning try against Army with under four minutes left, advancing the Gaels to the Elite Eight.

Andre Sion



Courtesy of www.smcgaels.com

Last Sunday, senior Andre Sion came back in the third set of his match against Santa Clara in the playoff round of the WCC Championships to clinch third place, the highest finish for men's tennis in recent history.

THE GAEL NOTEBOOK

Softball: The Saint Mary's softball team remained near the top of the Pacific Coast Softball Conference standings, splitting a Saturday doubleheader in San Diego with the Toreros.

The Gaels were able to squeeze out a win in the opener by a final of 5-4. A late inning comeback was needed as Saint Mary's was down 3-0 through four innings.

However, the Gaels were able to rattle off five runs in the fifth, mostly on the bat of senior Lauren Mello.

Mello had a two-run single in the fifth that scored both Molly Bergeson '08 and Kayla Aldridge '09. Mello set the tone offensively with two hits and two RBIs, while junior Browyn Russell also added two hits and an RBI. Sadie Dolcini '09 and Megan Galloway '08 each drove in a run of their own.

Galloway's heroics on the mound overshadowed her feats at the plate. She earned her sixth win of the season, allowing three earned runs and 10 hits. She survived a seventh inning run to earn the complete game victory.

The Gaels' bid for their second comeback of the day fell short as the Toreros were able to secure the win 4-2.

After consecutive runs in the final two innings cut San Diego's lead in half, Christina Haake closed out the complete game. Galloway drove in Russell in the sixth on a sac fly, while Lauren Clark '09 plated Sandra Ruezga

'08 with back-to-back doubles in the seventh.

The Gaels took the third game of the series, shutting out San Diego 5-0. All five of the Gaels' runs came in the fourth inning.

With no one out for the Gaels and the bases loaded, thanks to two walks and a Torero error, Bergerson hit a RBI single, keeping the bases loaded.

Russell hit a bases clearing single to knock in three.

Senior Kate Albaugh made the five runs stand, giving up no runs in her complete game performance.

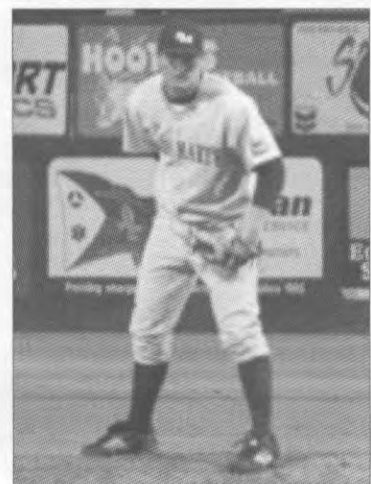
Baseball: Still in search of their first West Coast Conference win, the Saint Mary's baseball team traveled to Spokane, Washington for a three game series this past weekend.

Things looked promising as the Gaels jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the opener on Friday night, as senior Eric Cattoni drew a lead-off walk, stole second, and scored on two consecutive groundouts by Ryan Mulligan '10 and Randy Wells '10.

Gonzaga took the lead for good in the third when they exploded for six runs, sending nine batters to the plate. The big blow came on a three-run homer by Aaron McGuinness.

Saint Mary's scored a run in the seventh on a J.P. Musgrove '07 homer and another in the ninth on an Anthony Allioti '10 RBI single, but it would be in vain, as

the Bulldogs sealed the victory 6-3.



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Junior Sean Gleason took the loss, dropping to 4-5 on the season. In eight innings of work he allowed six runs on seven hits while striking out four.

Allioti paced the Gaels offensively in the first game with a pair of hits and an RBI.

Saturday, Saint Mary's ran into another offensive onslaught as the Bulldogs belted three home runs

en route to a 7-2 victory.

Gonzaga starter Clayton Mortensen pitched well allowing only one earned run on six hits, while striking out eight in eight full innings of work.

Freshman Brandon Berl took the loss (2-5), allowing five earned runs on nine hits in five and two thirds innings.

Once again, the Gaels struck first, loading the bases with two outs and plating Kenny Fuglerud '08. In the third, Gonzaga plated three runs, two of which came on a homer. The next inning, the Bulldogs' Mike Terry hit another two-run homer to extend the lead to 5-1.

The Gaels' highlights include a second run in the eighth scored by Allioti on a sac fly and Cattoni's 26th stolen base of the year.

Gonzaga completed the sweep on Sunday with a 10-4 win, handing the Gaels their 12th straight conference loss.

Saint Mary's record falls to 16-23-1 (0-12) for the season.

**Sports
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Today, April 24
Baseball
vs. Patten
2 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse
@ California
4 p.m.

Friday, April 27
Baseball
vs. Portland
3 p.m.
(3-game series until Sunday)

Women's Rowing
WCC Championships
All Day

Saturday, April 28
Women's Softball
@ LMU
12 p.m.
(4-game series until Sunday)

Women's Lacrosse
vs. UC Davis
1 p.m.

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Gaels battle for third

Men's tennis beats Santa Clara

by Zack Farmer
Managing Editor

The fifth-seeded Gaels started the weekend off strong with a 4-1 win on Friday against the Portland Pilots. Junior Joel Kusnierz started the Gaels with a win in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

Senior Andre Sion extended his undefeated streak to six matches as he beat Portland's Alex Strom 7-5, 6-3. Sophomore Achim Christner and junior Yury Platonov both won their matches.

The only loss came from senior Adam Fauvre, falling 6-3, 6-2.

With this momentum, the Gaels faced the defending NCAA champion Waves on Saturday only to take a disheartening 4-0 loss.

Saint Mary's managed to win only one set against Pepperdine. Freshman Andrea Zannoni won his second set against Pepperdine's Mahmoud Kamel 6-4, after dropping the first set 6-3. Kamel finished the match with a 6-0 set win.

With the loss, the Gaels entered the playoffs for third place, where they faced the Santa Clara Broncos.

The Gaels had recently lost to the Broncos at home during regular season 5-2.

The Gaels started out losing the doubles point, but came back with strong performances in singles play.



Stefanie Ordoveza/COLLEGIAN

Junior Joel Kusnierz came back from a 1-5 deficit to win the third set 7-5 against the Broncos at the #1 spot, bringing the Gaels closer to their 4-2 victory to take third place at the WCC Championships.

Christner won his match at the #3 spot 6-2, 6-4 and Fauvre won his match at the #4 spot 7-6, 6-2.

At the #1 spot, Kusnierz was down 1-5 in the third set. Fighting off three match points, Kusnierz came back to win six straight games, taking the match.

The clinching match came from Sion, who also went to three

sets. Down 0-3 in the third and battling cramps, Sion had a momentous comeback of his own, earning the Gaels a third place finish in the WCC. His final score was 7-6, 6-7, 7-5.

This season was the first time head coach Michael Wayman has finished in the top four in conference play since 1996.

Golf finishes fourth in WCC Championships

by Frankie Mangini
Sports Editor

The men's golf team competed in West Coast Conference Championships this past week. The Gaels came out strong and were led by their two freshmen, Daniel Cone and Robert McRae, but faltered in the final round of play as they finished fourth.

Saint Mary's had a three-stroke lead over eventual champion Pepperdine and San Francisco going into the final round.

In the first round, the Gaels shot a 295 to take the top of the leader board.

Junior Mike McRae along with Cone led the Gaels with even scores of 72. R. McRae was one stroke over with a first round score of 73.

The Gaels followed their first-round performance with a 297 in the second round on Monday afternoon.

Once again, the freshmen led the way for the Gaels with R. McRae matching his first round score of 73 and Cone shooting a 74.

Heading into the final round, the two were just two strokes off the individual leaders.

In the final round, the Gaels

saw their three stroke lead diminish as they shot a team score of 312, 15 strokes higher than their previous round.

The Gaels were overtaken by all three southern California schools in the final round of play.

Despite the poor round, the Gaels' first two rounds still allowed them a top four finish. They placed two strokes above both Santa Clara and San Francisco with an overall score of 904 (+40).

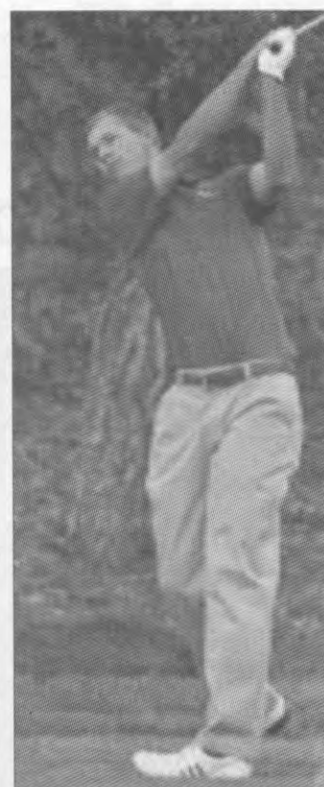
R. McRae had the best round for the Gaels as he shot a two over 74, giving him a total score of 220. His four over par was good enough to place him fourth in the field.

Both Cone and M. McRae shot seven over 79 in the final round to give them final scores of 225 and 226, respectively. Cone finished tied for ninth while McRae finished the tournament tied for 13th.

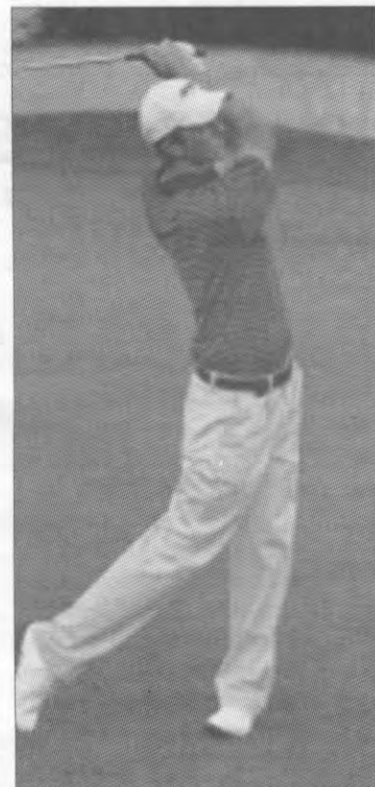
Junior Josh Kelley was the fourth golfer for the Gaels as he shot a 78, 75, 80. His +17 score of 226 landed him in 26th place.

Junior Brett Morman was the final golfer for the Gaels. His overall score of 240 was the lowest for the Gaels and landed him in 35th place.

This is the final tournament until the NCAA Regionals.



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Above: Junior Mike McRae (left) and freshman Robert McRae led the Gaels to a fourth place finish at the West Coast Conference Tournament. R. McRae paced the Gaels with a three round score of 220 while Mike McRae shot a 226.

Notes: The Gaels earned four post-season awards this year.

Both McRae brothers were named to the First Team All-WCC. This is the second straight for Mike McRae. Daniel Cone earned an WCC Honorable Mention, and head coach Scott Hardy was named WCC Coach of the Year.

Final Tournament Standings

1. PEP	892
2. USD	898
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T-5. SCU	906
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Rugby upsets #5 Army in Sweet Sixteen Suffers 24-17 heart-breaking loss to Navy in Elite Eight

by Adam Vasser
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's rugby team's motto going into the postseason was "Against All Odds Tour 2007." The Gaels certainly needed to beat the odds in order to advance to the Final Four of Collegiate Rugby.

Going into the National Championships, men's rugby knew that their backs would be against the wall, after seeing several key players already suffer injuries, including Brendan O'Meara '08, Kyle Mickiewicz '08, and Matt Leatherby '08. Many other players were also carrying injuries into the game against Army.

Perhaps the best word to describe their effort against the Black Knights was resiliency. When asked about Leatherby's injury, Mickiewicz said, "I was surprised that Matt could even get up, but he kept going."

Army came into the game Friday at Penn State University the clear favorites to win. Saint Mary's was a lowly 13 seed. Although ranked #5 in the nation to end the season, seedings are determined by recent performance in the championships.

Seedings, however, mean little once both teams hit the field.

During the game, Army was the bigger and more physical team, but Saint Mary's used their supe-



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Seniors Josh Merliner '07 (right) and Kevin Swiryn '07 were an integral part of the Gaels' victory over Army.

rior speed to open up Army's defense.

Volney Rouse '07 was yet again the difference for the Gaels. The All-American converted several crucial penalties against the Black Knights and scored the game-winning try with less than four minutes left in the game.

Army responded, desperately trying to even the score.

"They were tenacious. It was

really intense, but we were able to hold on," said Mickiewicz.

During the game, the Gaels were given some unlikely encouragement.

Both the UC Santa Barbara and Chico State women's rugby teams were on hand putting their vocal support behind Saint Mary's.

When the final whistle blew, the crowd roared their approval. "When we won, they went nuts.

It was great," said Mickiewicz.

Army perhaps was not prepared for the Gaels who had flown under their RADAR up to that point. In the end, Saint Mary's recorded a big win, 31-27.

After the Gaels' inspiring defeat over Army, their quest to reach the National Championship was not over.

They now had to face another service academy, Navy, on Satur-

day.

Just like their first game, the Gaels were the underdogs.

However, the quick turnaround time would be a major factor because of the amount of players already with injuries and the punishing game the day before.

Navy had been able to rest many players in their game against Clemson on Saturday.

Saint Mary's did not have that luxury and injuries would be the difference in the game. "Half the team could barely walk," said Mickiewicz.

O'Meara, Rouse, and Kevin Swiryn '07 all had strong games for the Gaels but it was not enough as Saint Mary's lost to the Navy Midshipmen 24-17.

Despite the loss, many Gael players have looked at the positive side, considering this team to be the best team they had been a part of in many years.

The impact of injuries cannot be overstated, but perhaps what was most telling about the team was the determination to not let the injuries ruin their stellar season.

One attribute that cannot be measured in sports is heart, and there is hardly any doubt that the Saint Mary's men's rugby team had plenty of it.

Unfortunately, it was simply their bodies that would give out on them in the end.

Women's tennis takes second place in WCC Saint Mary's beats Broncos & Lions before falling to Waves

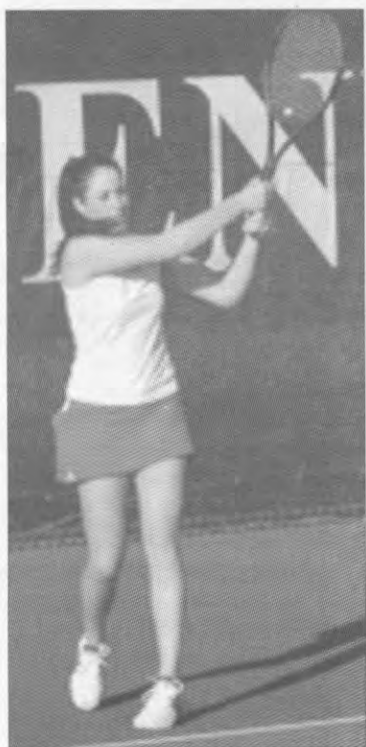
by Frankie Mangini
Sports Editor

The women's tennis team entered the West Coast Conference (WCC) Tournament as the number two seed, boasting a 15-3 record and an 8-1 record in conference. The Gaels finished the weekend in second, winning their first two matches before losing in the finals to perennial powerhouse Pepperdine.

The second place finish marks the first time in history that the Gaels have reached the WCC finals.

In the first round, the Gaels faced Santa Clara. After a long rain delay, the Gaels took the court in the afternoon starting with singles. It did not take long for Saint Mary's to impose their dominance as they swept the Broncos 4-0.

At the #2 spot, junior Jessica Hoath won 6-1, 6-2. Freshman Femke Strijbis took the #3 match 6-1, 6-1. At the #4 spot, sophomore Marah Calvo won her 18th match of the year by blanking her Bronco opponent 6-0, 6-0. The Gaels' final point was won by sophomore Erin Young with a 6-2, 6-1 win at the #5 spot.



Courtesy of www.smcgaels.com

Sophomore Erin Young clinched the match for the Gaels against the Santa Clara Broncos on Friday. This win earned the Gaels a spot in the WCC championships semifinals.

Senior Aude Lambert won the first set of her match at the top spot but was stopped when the Gaels won the match to allow the late matches get on court.

The Gaels did not allow the



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Sophomore Marah Calvo clinched the match against the Loyola Marymount Lions on the second day of play at the WCC Championships, giving the Gaels a spot in the finals.

Broncos one point during the entire season, sweeping all three head-to-head matches.

The Gaels' victory earned them a match-up with the #3 seed and #62 ranked, Loyola Marymount.

Saturday proved to be a better weather day, as the teams were allowed to start with doubles.

F. Strijbis teamed up with her twin sister, Nienke Strijbis to win the #2 doubles match 8-4. However, the Lions came back to win with victories over the Gaels' top doubles pair of Lambert and Hoath 8-4. The Lions preceded to take the doubles point as they won the deciding match at the #3 spot, beating the pair of junior Stef Ordoveza and Calvo 8-5.

Despite the quick 1-0 lead for the Lions, the Gaels stormed back in singles for the win.

Ordoveza led the run, winning the first point for the Gaels at the #6 spot, 6-2, 6-3. Young won the second point just ten minutes after with a 6-1, 6-2 victory.

F. Strijbis won the #3 match in straight sets 6-2, 6-2 for the Gaels, and Calvo sealed the semi-final victory with a 6-1, 6-4 win.

Lambert had a set in hand over the Lions' Pavla Mesterova while Hoath had won the first set at the #2 spot. With Saint Mary's victory, the final two matches were called.

The win clinched a spot for the Gaels in the WCC Finals to play #1 seed Pepperdine.

In doubles, the #1 pair of Lam-

bert and Hoath dropped their match 8-1, but the #3 pair came through for the Gaels as Ordoveza and Calvo won their match 8-6 to tie the doubles at 1-1. The Strijbis twins had a tough battle at the #2 spot as they needed to win a 10-point tie-breaker to settle the match. Pepperdine eventually defeated the Gaels with a slim 10-8 victory in the tie-breaker.

The doubles point proved significant as the Gaels dropped their bottom three matches.

Young lost her match 6-2, 6-2. Calvo lost only her second match of the year at the #4 spot, 6-0, 6-4. At the #6 match, Ordoveza had a close match, losing five games in deuce. She fell 6-1, 6-4, giving Pepperdine the title.

It was a tough break for the Gaels as they were leading in the top three matches. Lambert took the first set at the top spot while Hoath was leading 6-3, 5-4. F. Strijbis won the first set 6-4, but was down 3-5 in the second. All three matches were called.

The Gaels' final record is 17-4, with all losses coming from top-40 teams. Their second place finish is the highest in school history.

Saint Mary's is now on the bubble of making the NCAA Regional Tournament.