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Summer renovations planned for Oliver Hall

Digital ordering, custom-made meals will replace traditional cafeteria-style dining next Fall

by Casey O'Brien
 Staff Writer

These final two weeks of school are the end of the "Pay for what we serve to you" protocol at Sodexo. At the start of next semester, students at Saint Mary's College will have the ability to customize their own meals through digital ordering, which is used in only one other campus nation-wide.

"Next year Saint Mary's will have two touch-screen ordering systems like those used by restaurants to deliver custom-made orders from the kitchen: cooking the food our customers want, tailored just the way you like it," said Matt Carrol, general manager of Sodexo. This touch screen device will be located before a wall that will be constructed during the renovations.

When accessing these devices, students will have the option to hold the capers on their grilled salmon sandwich, or put bacon on their gourmet cheeseburger.

After ordering the meal on this touch-screen device, the request is delivered to the terminal of "Hot off the Grill," one of the five new stations to be located in the kitchen area. "Hot off the Grill" will be home to three to five standard food items, and daily specials.

The touch-screen system is ideal be-

cause it is efficient, but also serves the customer a freshly-made meal. Food quality at Sodexo has always been a controver-



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sial topic at the College, but with the renovations during the summer, the food quality will be more similar to much bigger universities like Loyola Marymount or Pepperdine.

"We serve you what you would like to be served. Initially, we will start with two screens to make sure the transition is

smooth. Possibly, after time there will be touch-screen devices in the front of the dining facility, and other student-orientated

places like Dryden," said Carrol. As the year passes along, more and more of the devices will be placed around campus. If you can get your timing right, there will be virtually no time wasted in waiting for your sandwich.

Freshly-baked sandwiches will not be the only indulgences at Oliver Hall next

year. Along with "Hot off the Grill," students will be able to have the option of choosing from four different food stations: exhibition cooking, a pizza parlor, a traditional meals selection, and a new deli-salad bar.

The exhibition cooking center will offer daily gourmet specials that will all be cooked to order. "Hot off the Grill" and the cooking center showcase the transition of service at Sodexo.

Pizza has always been a reoccurring meal at Oliver Hall. Joe Kehoe, the director of the Physical Plant, explains the new prize in the pizza scene. "At the pizza section in this new structure, you will tell the chef what you do and do not want on your pizza. There will be cheese, pepperoni, and gourmet pizzas ready at-hand. These gourmet pizzas are made right-then-and-there in a pizza oven, and served fresh to you," said Kehoe. Imagine this: asking to hold the Canadian bacon on your pineapple pizza. The pizza parlor also serves single sides of lasagna, and calzones, all made when you order the meal.

Past the smell of the pizza parlor is where the "traditional foods" section is located. At this sublet, there is an abundance of tra-

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New APA coordinator to take office

Joan Cube selected as new APA Academic Advisor

by Stefanie Wang
 Assistant News Editor

Nearly an entire academic school year has passed without an Asian Pacific American (APA) Coordinator. Until now.

Joan Cube, formerly the director for the Center of Academic Success at Whittier College, will be the new academic advisor for APA students. Academic Advising and Achievement has been actively searching since last year. After an unfruitful search from late September to December, a second search started in January.

"The position was vacant for this past academic year because we have taken great care to find a coordinator who would bring us the knowledge and skills that are critical to this position," said Russ Tiberii, dean of Academic Advising and Achievement. "Considering the strengths and qualities that Joan is bringing to Saint Mary's, I can say I am very happy that we decided to conduct a second search, rather than settle for someone who did not have the appropriate skills or background for the position."

Hailing from Rowland Heights in southern California, Cube received her Bachelor's degree from the University of California, San Diego and her Master's at New York University. She had been at Whittier College for about four years before transferring to Saint Mary's.

This position was an ideal choice for her because her Master's degree is partly in APA studies and she is also fond of the Bay Area. Saint Mary's is not unlike her previous institution. Cube prefers schools "where the community is strong, [which



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Joan Cube, the new Academic Coordinator for Asian Pacific American students, fills a position that was left empty for a year. She was previously the director of the Center for Academic Success at Whittier College and received her Bachelor's degree from UC San Diego.

is] normally found in smaller schools."

So far, her transition to Saint Mary's from Whittier College has been fine. "I still feel like I have a lot to learn," said Cube,

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Budget cuts for 2007-2008 hit clubs

Annual evaluations change clubs' allocated money

by Mark Freeman
 Staff Writer

The Senate giveth and the Senate taketh away-tis the season for budget allocation.

The new budget brings changes for many clubs, in the form of budget increases or decreases. According to the 2006-2007 Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) President Shane Keane, "the budgets for clubs and organizations... change from year to year," due to the annual evaluation process which ranks clubs on key areas. "The assessment is done on a five-point scale (five being the highest). Clubs are evaluated across a number of key areas, which are averaged to get a final score for the year. Based on the score, a club or organization will experience a ten percent decrease (lower evaluation scores), a ten percent increase or no change," Keane said.

Every year, ASSMC determines the funds that each club and organization will receive for the following academic year. According to Merria Iaccino '08, current ASSMC Vice President for Finance, the budget "is determined by the Vice President for Finance as prescribed by the evaluation process in collaboration with the ASSMC executive team as well as the SIL staff members." Though Iaccino is the Vice President for Finance for the '07-'08 academic year, next year's budget was drawn

up by her predecessor, Alia Bana '07.

Iaccino explained that "the factors for club funding are laid out in the rubric for organizations and clubs that were handed out when annual evaluation packets were distributed." But even after examining checking how well a club matched up to the factors, "there was also a need-based factor to take into consideration," Iaccino said. She explained that clubs who had been allocated money and did not use or need all of it, as well as organizations that needed more funding, "had their budget adjusted in the same manner."

The budget adjustments can be rough for some smaller clubs. Amnesty International, a club devoted to protecting human rights, had their budget downsized from \$250 to \$200 according to the organization's vice president, Lindsay Isles '09. Isles said she felt "disappointed at first" when she heard that the club's budget would be cut, but she "didn't think it would matter since we hadn't spent any money or done any events or fundraising that year up to our evaluation." Because the club had not spent the allocated funds, it "got very low scores on our evaluations, so I understand why our budget decreased," Isles said.

For clubs that had their budget downsized, Iaccino suggested that they could "implement new and entertaining events and fundraisers" in the upcoming

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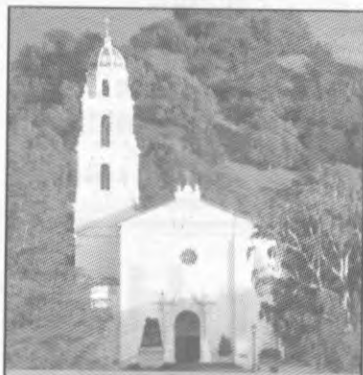
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Rachel Vatuvei and Maria Takapu (pictured above) performed the traditional Ta'olunga at last Saturday's first annual Lu'au, which was organized by Humans Actively Practicing Aloha (HAPA). See www.smccollegian.com for full coverage of the Lu'au.



ZACK FARMER

The Farmer Manifesto

Well we have come to the end of another year and I feel that this has been my best and worst year here at Saint Mary's College.

Academically, I feel that I have taken strides toward gaining the useful tools that I need after I leave the Moraga Hills. My social life has built bonds with people that will be very hard to break.

We publish what we feel is necessary for the campus to know and we regret nothing that we have published as well. Our duty as journalists is to report the happenings of the Saint Mary's campus. News is not always reporting on events that happen on campus. News at times is reporting on what is not visible on the surface or simply asking questions of what the functions of organizations are.

Our function is to ask questions and to take the information we learn and notify the community. We have a responsibility to the community to report what goes on. The funny part of this is that we are, at times, ridiculed for asking questions.

Is this because of the negative stigma that the media has? Maybe but we do this because it serves the community and furthers the progress of the institution, not personal gain.

If you believe that we have somehow picked on you, it was not intentional. If we asked a difficult question of you and could not answer, it should not be seen as demeaning but as an opportunity to find the information out for yourself.

We have been accused of not being good journalists a number of times this year. Many times these claims came from people who have never had to write an article nor know how a newspaper really works.

We handed out invitations to some of these people to see how much work is put in to what we do. These invites were met halfheartedly or not at all.

This is to educate and inform, not only the rest of the community but the people we interview as well. For those of you that misinterpret this, I am sorry because that was not our intention.

We write to inform the community of, not only what we think, but also what the community thinks. In this is the message and take note that the campus is not content. We are not content. No one should be.

I want this campus to be better after I leave than it was while I was here. One more year to go and I hope that no faculty member or student leader will be content with what has gone on. What I write and say is for that purpose and will continue to be so.

Crime Beat

5/4/07 9:38 p.m.

Incident: Possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Synopsis: Becket and Justin Halls, referred to Student Conduct, minors in possession of alcohol, lying to a college official.

5/5/07 12:31 a.m.

Incident: Possession of marijuana.

Synopsis: More Hall, referred to Student Conduct, possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

5/5/07 1:30 a.m.

Incident: Minors in possession of alcohol and failure to comply.

Synopsis: More Hall, referred to Student Conduct, lying and disrespecting a Public Safety officer.

5/5/07 10:30 a.m.

Incident: Student Handbook violation.

Synopsis: Soccer field parking lot, referred to Student Conduct, minor in possession of alcohol.

5/5/07 12:10 p.m.

Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: Syufy Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center, minor under the influence of alcohol transported to John Muir Hospital.

5/5/07 12:15 p.m.

Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: Syufy Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center, intoxicated student transported to John Muir Hospital.

5/5/07 2:56 p.m.

Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: McKeon Gym, referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center, minor under the influence transported to John Muir Hospital.

5/5/07 3:35 p.m.

Incident: Lying to a school official.

Synopsis: Gaelstock beer garden at practice field, referred to Student Conduct, providing false identification.

5/5/07 5:00 p.m.

Incident: Possession of marijuana.

Synopsis: North Claeys, referred to Student Conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia.

5/5/07 9:45 p.m.

Incident: Student Handbook violation.

Synopsis: Justin Hall, referred to Student Conduct, minors in possession of alcohol.

5/6/07 1:08 a.m.

Incident: Public intoxication

Synopsis: Guerrieri East, referred to Student Conduct, failure to comply.

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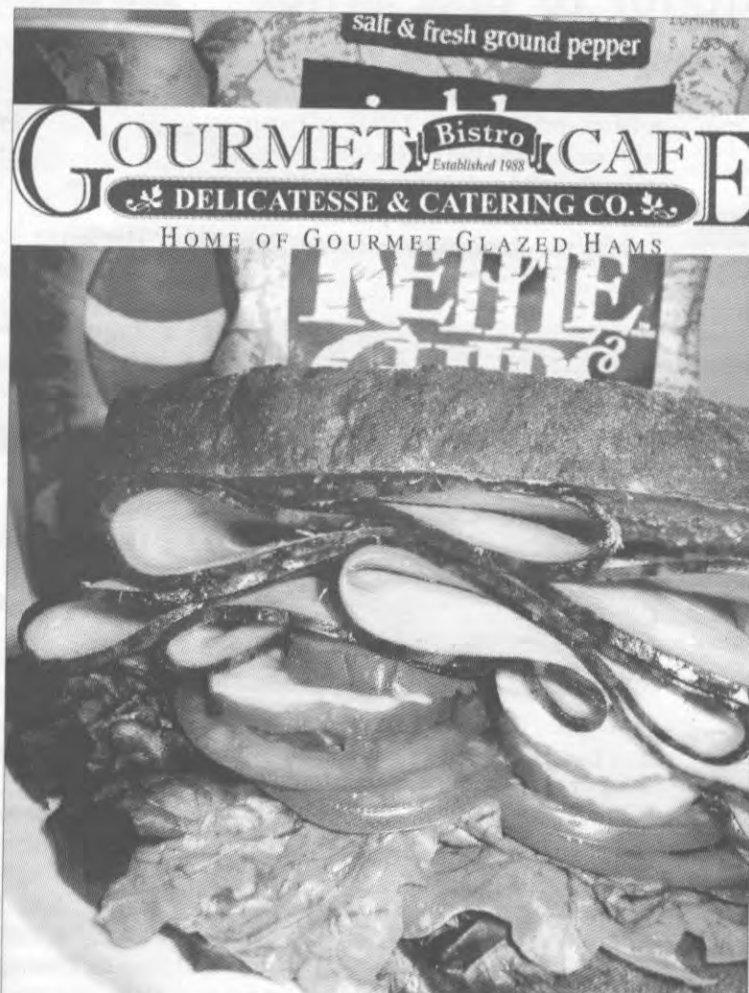
Incident: Student Handbook violation.

Synopsis: North Claeys, referred to Student Conduct, cohabitation and lying to a college official.

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Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: De La Salle Hall, referred to Student Conduct, minors in possession of alcohol and disrespect to college official.



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Three staff members of CILSA resign

by Alex Branch
Staff Writer

The Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action (CILSA) is suffering some serious losses this year, perhaps none greater than the departure of the only director of its eight year existence, Janet Luce. In addition to losing Luce, or "Lucie" as many know her, Molleen Dupree, Norma Lopez, and Debbie Ng have also stepped down from their positions. All together, it is the exit of one director, two assistant directors, and a coordinator, in the course of just over a semester, that leaves CILSA looking not only for new personnel, but also for new homes for some of its programs.

In the eight years of CILSA's existence under the leadership of Luce, Saint Mary's has "progressed from a campus with sporadic individual efforts in civic engagement to having an annual record of 1,000 students who perform more than 47,000 hours of service," according to a recent email release from Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Frances Sweeney. CILSA operates programs like Jump Start, Bonner Leader, and Carnival-4-Kids, and has collaborated with faculty to create service oriented classes like the January Term class that helped rebuild New Orleans.

Of Luce's departure, Student Action Leadership Team (SALT) member and co-chair for Carnival-4-Kids Tiffany Melo '09, said, "I'm sad to see her leave. She has had a great impact on my life and working with CILSA. She exposed me to different types of leadership skills and qualities, and was able to help mold me into the better leader I am today."

With the loss of Molleen Dupree, some of the CILSA programs, like Spring into Action: Day of Service and Lasallian Community have had to be taken over by other departments; and some programs such as Cummins Summer for the Common Good, have yet to find new homes.

Despite the challenge facing CILSA, Luce said, "I feel like CILSA's in a great place now. It's a developed program that will just take off and fly. CILSA does not need me." Luce described her decision to leave the college as "more of a life choice; just needing to slow down." A woman who is not old, but no longer young, Luce cites her commute from San Francisco as a major factor in her retirement from Saint Mary's. "For every month that I'm at Saint Mary's working, I drive the equivalent of a week in time. It's a really stressful, exhausting drive, and over eight years, it wears you down."

Dupree said she was only originally hired on to fill a temporary, experimental position "and I personally am looking for a position that has Campus Ministry at the

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ASSMC places three clubs on probation

What are the effects of probation on struggling clubs?

by Melissa Vlach
Staff Writer

A number of clubs have received probationary status following the Annual Reviews in April.

The Accounting Association, the Business and Accounting Latino Association (BALA), and Best Buddies all face the rebuke after failing to meet all requirements. According to the *Student Organization Handbook*, clubs must maintain constant communication with the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) and Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL); have certain information, such as the charter and constitution, on file; serve its members through leadership and activities; use money to provide activities and events for students; attend certain mandatory events, such as All-Organization meetings; and give reports at Associated Student Senate meetings. Violating two to three of these requirements may lead to probation. This status is a fairly common occurrence among Saint Mary's clubs.

The unwanted standing limits the clubs in a number of ways. "Being on probation means that they may not program or plan events, they may not have access to their ASSMC account...and they are limited to regular meetings and ASSMC-slash SIL-sponsored events, such as the involve-

ment fair and all organization meetings," said ASSMC Vice President for Student Affairs Erik Coloma '09.

Joseph Moranville '08, president of the Accounting Association, spoke of the club's reproof, and said, "We failed to file an annual review." He shared that the

"We [ASSMC and SIL] don't want them to view being on probation as a way to hinder their progress."

Eric Colma '09
VP for Student Affairs

group was not especially active last semester, and he believes that many accounting majors do not know about the group. Despite probation and any other problems, he has high hopes for the upcoming year. "We all have quite a bit of enthusiasm," he said.

Fortunately, even though the club is on probation, the Accounting Association will still be able to plan events as long as they follow certain guidelines set out by ASSMC. Meet the Firms, an event for accounting majors, which Moranville calls crucial, was in jeopardy, but will still occur in October. It serves as a fundraiser for the Accounting Association and gives students an opportunity to network with potential employers before gradua-

tion. Officially, the probation sentence lasts for a number of months. "They are on probation until the Semi-Annual Review, around either late October or November," said Coloma. However, he explained that the clubs may fundraise and access their accounts sooner by keeping up regular contact with ASSMC and SIL to show that they are making progress. Also, if certain steps are completed, clubs will be able to access their fundraised accounts before the Semi-Annual Review, but not their main ASSMC accounts.

Despite the restrictions, Coloma makes it clear that the purpose of probation is not to punish. "We [ASSMC and SIL] don't want them to view being on probation as a way to hinder their progress. We wanted a way to help, because obviously there was some miscommunication," he said. He said that their goal is to remedy any confusion over the correct processes. "Our oath is to open that communication and to help and support them in any way possible," he said.

See www.smccollegian.com for full coverage of the first annual Lu'au.

Campus Calendar

Walk the Talk
Wednesday, May 16
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Soda Center, Moraga Room
Contact: Darcy Tarbell x4040

SMC Jazz Concert
Wednesday, May 16
12:40 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
Soda Center, Lafayette and
Claeys Rooms
Contact: Marty Rokeach
x4682

BSU End of the Year Dinner
Wednesday, May 16
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Delphine Lounge
Contact: Matthew Milton

APA Graduation Celebration
Wednesday, May 16
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center, Moraga Room
Contact: Staci A. Hamaguch
(925) 878 - 9419

Nightingales Concert
Wednesday, May 16
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chapel
Contact: Marty Rokeach
x4682

Lasallian Volunteer Commission Ceremony
Thursday, May 17
12:45 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.
Chapel
Contact: Sally Jamison
x4406

High Potential Senior Night
Thursday, May 17
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: Brenda Kiba x4165

SMC Chamber Musicians
Thursday, May 17
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chapel
Contact: Marty Rokeach
x4682

Latino Student Banquet
Friday, May 18
4:40 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Delphine Lounge
Contact: Beatriz Marquez
(916) 261-1519

Alumni Wine Tasting
Sunday, May 20
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: Lloyd Schine x4200

Undergraduate Commencement
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"But I'm excited about being here."

Currently, her exact duties are unknown. ASSMC Vice President for Student Affairs Erik Coloma '09 said those in charge are "looking more to academic than programming" duties for the new APA Coordinator. "[We're] not sure if they're just looking at students on academic probation or also [helping] out with programming on campus," he said.

Cube's particular responsibilities next year are yet to be decided, but she said she will primarily be an academic advisor, so she'll be working closely with students on registration and classes. She might help out with Project Success or teach first year seminar.

Whatever her duties will be here, she is sure that she will be able to do the job well. "I have a lot of experience with this particular group of students," said Cube. At Whittier College, she also worked closely with APA students. She "provided academic guidance, worked with students, [not including] registering for classes." At Whittier College, she taught a writing course, held study sessions for students, and had an "academic coaching peg."

Tiberii said, "Joan Cube stood out because her previous experience includes all of the skills and knowledge that we are seeking, and her background and experience incorporates the areas of academic skill development and cul-

tural support that are particularly important to specific aspects of the coordinator's role at SMC."

This summer, she will be working on next year's plans. Cube also plans to attend the last meeting for Asian Pacific American Student Association (APASA) and looks forward to "working closely with them" as well as the general Saint Mary's student population.

Cube is the "type of administrator who likes to attend a lot of student events, make [herself] approachable to the students." She has an open door policy and wants to be "visible to students" and is "excited about meeting everyone."

Coloma is also excited about finally having an APA Coordinator around. "It's nice to know that there's someone there," said Coloma. He knew what it felt like to be able to work with a coordinator as a freshman, but this year "felt vacant" for the lack of an advisor. "I'm definitely excited to see what she can bring to the APA community and students at Saint Mary's." Coloma said, "It was unfortunate that [this year's] freshmen couldn't experience what I experienced last year."

Cube is looking forward to the job. She said, "This is a good position for me. [I've] always been interested in ethnic studies. Cultural programming has been important to me, [and] I'm passionate about helping students as well. It's a good marriage between the two."

OLIVER HALL: New system implemented for Fall

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ditional meals like fried chicken, mashed potatoes, steaks, and other side dishes. All of this will be located near the existing left counter-tops in the kitchen area.

Located near the left corner of Oliver Hall is where the payment stations will be located. To improve the efficiency of the restaurant, there will be an installment of another register. Another new concept in Oliver Hall is that anybody will be able to come in and eat at the cafeteria; it will not be student-exclusive.

The sandwich sector of Sodexo will also undergo renovation. There will be a new concept of the deli-salad section, using more organic vegetables and fruits.

One of the most innovative aspects of this renovation is the introduction of a digital, nutritional kiosk located near the front of the cafeteria. This kiosk is very interactive because it can help Saint

Mary's College students watch their consumption in an engaging manner. In addition, the Kinesiology Department will use it for class projects and discussion. "The kiosk is great for sporting teams because it can help for dieting, training, and weight-loss," said Kehoe.

The renovations that will take place during summer will begin instantly. "Some of the work may carry over into the school year. Sodexo is a company that is open 361 days a year, and summer is tougher for us because we have very diverse orders," said Carrol.

In addition, Dryden Hall will be used for seating. "The 'game room' in Dryden Hall will be moved to Hagerty Lounge in De La Salle, and Dryden will be used for socials, formals, and other events. Dryden will also be an extension to Oliver Hall. Anybody will be able to go through Dryden into the dining area be-

cause the payment method is different," said Carrol.

Many clubs and departments will be moved around this summer due to their renovations. Program Board, Dryden Game Room, and student-orientated clubs will be moved to bottom floor of De La Salle. The current programs in the bottom floor of De La Salle will be moved to the basement floor of freshman dormitory Aquinas Hall.

"These are just a beginning of the kind of improvements that the College hopes to make on the student-centered areas on campus. We are consulting with members of the ASSMC and Program Board about the possible renovations for the first floor De La Salle Hall; but our first point of focus is on the service that we know a significant number of our students use daily, that is dining at Oliver Hall," said Jane Camarillo, vice provost of Student Life.

BUDGET: ASSMC cuts some clubs' budgets

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year. In this way, the club could raise money and potentially be given a budget adjustment during the next set of evaluations. Iaccino also said that clubs are encouraged to take advantage of the General Fund and Media Fund, which are "for events that the clubs would like to sponsor, but are unable to due to financial constraints."

Just being under the specter of financial difficulty could cause problems for some clubs. "It was

really embarrassing to see our tiny budget compared to all the other approved budgets for next year," Isles said. "I really don't like that they showed everyone how much each club gets," she said, referring to the evaluation meeting. "It is embarrassing for clubs like Amnesty, and [it] can cause hostility towards clubs that receive significantly more," she said.

But a budget cut doesn't necessarily spell doom for an organization. As Iaccino explained, "The

goal of ASSMC is to support club functions and activities, but there is a limit to funding." She encourages clubs to speak to her on an individual basis if they have any concerns. Isles agreed that a \$50 cut won't be the end of Amnesty International. "I don't think a lack of funds will stop us. I pay for everything myself even though I'm pretty much broke. I just love the club, so it's worth it even if I don't end up getting paid back," she said.

CILSA: Reorganizes after three positions left void

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heart of it." She said, "everybody seems to be honing exactly what it is they want to do. To put it all in context, there's not one big, catastrophic reason why a bunch of people are jumping ship. It really is just a weird collision of events."

Debbie Ng was at Saint Mary's for about a year when an old friend of hers unexpectedly of-

fered her a position at UC Berkeley, which she chose to take. Norma Lopez has worked here for about five years, spending some time in Academic Affairs and the rest of the time in CILSA. She recently decided to pursue her interests in social work and is now a social worker employed by the city of Berkeley.

All in all, this has been a time of

tremendous change for CILSA, but hopefully positive change. Melo said, "I think CILSA still will be strong and surviving and still produce great events that everyone enjoys."

For those who may be interested, there will be a thank you and farewell for Janet Luce in Delphine on Thursday, May 17, from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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Voices from Palestine

This past January Term, Brother Donald Mansir led a travel class to Israel, Palestine, Turkey, and Italy. While in Palestine, the class met with students from a sister school of Saint Mary's College, Bethlehem University. These students were very vocal in sharing their experiences, which some described as akin to a "prison" but remained hopeful. Two of these students, Amir Bannoura and Areej Ja'fari, were interviewed for *The Collegian* with the aim being to pass on some of these worldviews beyond the 12 Saint Mary's students in the course and present them to the rest of the community. Interviews by J. Harry Painter.



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Student interviews from Middle Eastern Jan Term trip

Palestinian college students share their views on American government, hopes for the future

Name: Areej Ja'fari
Gender: Female

Location: Dheisheh Refugee Camp
Graduation Year/Major in school: 2007/Computer and Information systems
Religion: Palestinian
What are your interests/hobbies?
Basketball, volunteer work with

tives in another city, that means I should take in consideration am not doing anything in that day, because I don't know when I might be able to be back home, the checkpoints that might not let me pass and can't go back home, or they will let me wait one, two, three, four hours...up to whenever they want to let me pass. Everyday I wake up and am still a refugee, the OCCUPATION is still there. I have been a refugee

Name: Amir Hanna Bannoura
Gender: Male

Location: Beit Sahour ("The Shepherd City")
Graduation Year/Major in school: 2008 / Computer Information Systems
Religion: Christian
What is your favorite food?
[laughs] Good question I don't say no to eating, I like Italian pasta, French fries and Palestinian food such as "Humos and Falafel" you should try it.

Who is your idol/hero?
Everyone who respect the others and accept them as they are without discrimination in sex, race, religion, nationality, because after all we are the children of God and we are equal.

What are your aspirations (career, future, etc.)?
After graduation from Bethlehem University I'm planning to continue my studies abroad maybe in the United States or Germany, it depends on the availability of the Scholarship. Also I'm hoping to have the opportunity to work in a major company that leads the industry of the technology.
What does a "Lasallian education" mean to you?

Inspiration and innovation may be the best two words to describe the "Lasallian education" since I have witnessed many Lasallian Brothers who helped and dedicated their efforts to help and develop the Palestinian society. To all of them I say thank you for everything because you believed in us.

What is it like to live in Palestine? Describe a typical day.
Palestine is a beautiful country but in the recent years many killing is happening between the Palestinians and the Israelis, and I'm really sad because of these actions. Yesterday (Saturday, April 21) the Israeli army invaded Jenin and Nablus, killing eight people, this is a typical day in the north of Palestine. Living here became more difficult than before even if there is no shooting or anything but we are still living in a big prison. You might say what prison? The wall around West Bank diminished our traveling through the country, you can drive your car around California and go from city to city, but I can drive

only 20 mile which is really difficult to imagine because I don't have the permission to pass to Jerusalem or even to another Palestinian city with my own car.
What do you want American students to know about Palestine?
Most Americans including the American students have a wrong idea about what happens in Palestine since you watch the American media which provide sometimes misleading news to the Americans and since that I want you to look for the truth rather than accept the news as it is. Ask your friends who visited Bethlehem and the Holy Land how beautiful the land is. And please ask them if they enjoyed our company or not. You are welcome anytime to be our guests.

How do you think peace can be achieved between Israel and Palestine?
I think maybe one day we will have peace in the Holy Land but I don't see it soon since both parties are not thinking right and not thinking [of] the children of both countries.

I also think that the people want peace but the political society think peace is something [that]

can't be achieved, and I see that the problem is with the Israeli Government that doesn't try hard to sit and negotiate with the Palestinians.

How do you feel about the United States?

Exactly I don't have any problem with the United States and the people of the United States but most people here hate the government of the United States because of its policies in the region. We have many friends and families living in the States also I wish to continue my studies in the States because of that I think the government is responsible for the different actions that happens in the region not the people themselves.

Do you have anything else to add?
Finally, dear friends, you have the opportunity to change the future so help us to make this world a beautiful place that we all can live in peace and love, I hope that this interview gives you an idea about us and if you want to contact me, please don't hesitate. My e-mail is abannoura@hotmail.com. God Bless You All.



Photo courtesy of Mark Gilson

children and women, reading.
What are your aspirations (career, future, etc.)?
First thing is to stay alive till tomorrow, because that is not sure for me especially in condition that we are going through. I hope to gain a position that is relative for the Palestinian Refugees like the United Nations.
FUTURE, it's a big word, and you might find it in the bottom of my dictionary, but I wish it can be in my original village where my family were uprooted from it in 1948 and living in Peace with everybody with equal rights.
What is it like to live in Palestine? Describe a typical day.
If you can imagine how hell is then you can imagine life in Palestine, am not being pessimistic, am very hopeful, but life is very hard in this country especially under occupation and fishiest order. Everyday pass we lose people, children might not born yet, they will die before they see this life. People lose their lands, their houses, their children and their life for nothing, or maybe because they want to be treated human as anyone else on this earth. If am thinking about visiting some friends or rela-

for 59 years, I think this is more than enough, the international community should be ashamed, it's the 21st century and there is a nation being occupied, and no one care about this nation anymore.
What do you want American students to know about Palestine?
I want them to know we are human being just like you, we love life and we want to live in peace and equal rights as anyone else on this Earth.
How do you think peace can be achieved between Israel and Palestine?
Peace was achieved everywhere, we just can be the same as all nations.
How do you feel about the United States?
People of the US are naïve, they don't know what is going on in the Middle East, and they being brain-washed by mass media controlled by the Israeli Lobby and the United State Government, they don't want their people to know anything about foreign politics. I think the US government is controlling the American people more than before.

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OPINION



SCOTT CULLINANE

Viva le French!!!

The French revolution has come again!

The French have picked a radical new President, Nicolas Sarkozy and everyone in America should take note.

Sarkozy is a conservative that breaks with what has been French political orthodoxy. France has grown to be synonymous with the words, socialist, big government, and anti-American, but the new French President is none of those things. Sarkozy is pro-American, pro-free market, and wants to reform France.

Sarkozy may not be Reagan, but he is moving in the right direction.

Sarkozy beat out a socialist woman named Segolene Royal for the top post and even did it winning a healthy margin of victory. The election was even more stunning when you consider the fact that they had an 84 percent voter turn out rate, something we can only dream about here in America.

Sarkozy, a man who has been described as a workaholic will need every bit of strength he has to fix France's problems. First, he must tackle the problem of France's weak economy. Because of the huge amount of regulation France has, their economy could best be described as a squirrel weighed down by cinder blocks. The socialist state's spending and taxing is incredibly large and keeps the economy from reaching its full potential. The negative effects of this can be seen in the per-capita GDP of France and the fact that one in four (of those that do work) work for the French government. This quarter of the work force just regulates the rest; this is what Sarkozy must fix.

One of his major ideas for solving this is to lower taxes to try and encourage more of the French work force to actually work. The other thing he wants to do is to try, and rein in the giant workers unions that have so much control over French politics. His other major platforms include taking a strong anti-crime stance and addressing the immigration problem.

France has a huge number of Muslim immigrants and they are not assimilating into French culture or society. A big reason the French need these immigrants is to prop up their failing socialist state, but in doing so they are also harming France. Sarkozy wants to make it harder for these immigrant workers to bring their families to France, hence encouraging them to just work in France and not move to France permanently.

Perhaps most importantly to the U.S., he likes us and wants to have good relations with America. Hopefully Sarkozy will bring new life to the French economy and France's relations with America.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The profession of law is the third most popular career of students graduating from St. Mary's. Considering many current students are unaware of what the legal field entails, and what they must do to actually pursue a legal career, I have taken it upon myself to initiate a law organization to cater to the current students considering law. We are having our first event this Wednesday, where a graduate from NYU who is now a veteran at the Princeton Review speaks on what students should do now to become a lawyer. We will also be offering LSAT prep courses at a discounted rate, so I encourage everyone to attend as it will be very informative and beneficial. Hope to see you there.

Wednesday, May 16th Galileo 201 7:00PM Questions call ext 3762.
 Respectfully,
 Charlie Schnellbacher '09

Dear Editor,

This comes in reply to Zack Farmer's article last week concerning Program Board.

To begin is there anything positive that comes from the Collegian slandering fellow student run organizations? Is it helpful or constructive? No. If you feel our efforts are not meeting the needs of students and the community tell us personally and provide constructive feedback rather than ridiculing students with no facts and consideration. It's an abuse of power.

You were correct in asserting that PB had no control over the power outage AND it was the senior administration's decision to cancel the event, one of the few correct claims in your article. There was a campaign on Facebook to have a Spring Oasis. Unfortunately despite having the event cancelled, Program Board was still obligated to pay for security, medical staff, the DJ, extra labor, etc. We lost thousands of dollars. While a Spring Oasis was requested, funding and physical resources to cover the costs of an additional Oasis were unavailable.

In addition, a Spring Oasis or event to replace the canceled Oasis was never promised as claimed.

There indeed was a Facebook campaign for Reblution to play at Saint Mary's. A Saint Mary's staff member suggested Reblution in March and it was only AFTER we signed a contract that we discovered the Facebook campaign. Wasn't this a great decision? For this, we get no credit?

As you openly admit you were "inebriated" at Gaelstock—what validity do any of your acquisitions hold? As the entire Program Board was sober and working hard to provide a fun afternoon for our fellow classmates, let us correct some of your false claims. Last year 1,100 people attended Gaelstock. Of those approximately 750 had purchased their tickets prior to the show. This year 425 tickets were pre-sold for Gaelstock. Your claim of 500 is obviously inaccurate as you did not question anyone from Program Board or Student Involvement & Leadership. Total attendance was 775 students, only 325 less than last year. Did you not see the ridiculously long lines of students purchasing tickets at the door? While attendance was less this year, Program Board was granted an additional \$10,000 last year. While you may not have done the research on band prices, we did and \$10,000 can make a huge difference in the quality of pursuable acts. We also competed against a holiday and other events that drove students off campus.

Guest registration and deadlines were well publicized through fliers, Facebook, an email (the official means of College Communications) from the Assistant Dean of Student Life and on the SMC.net registration page itself. We apologize if you had hoped to register a guest and missed the numerous forms of publicity. As a Collegian Journalist we would hope that you researched the online registration and information website before claiming the registration deadline was not well publicized.

The mission of Program Board is to provide an inclusive community of campus activities for fellow students. The Murder Mystery Party was a small group of 20 students; the Chocolate festival was much larger with 75. From dances with 500 students, hypnosis shows with 250, festivals with 150, to Coffeehouses with 30 to 125 students, events have been well attended and publicized. More importantly, people actually enjoy our events and we were selected as ASSMC Organization of the Year by our peers. "Good music, free cookies and coffee, I mean what more could you possibly ask for?" Michael Antonopoulos '09. "The coffeehouse events are great. You get to meet new people and just kick back. It is very relaxing." Steven Espinola '10. "Gaelstock was a good event overall, Reblution was an unexpected surprise." Megan Grady '08. While you may have not paid attention to the publicity for events, your fellow students did (we would be happy to provide you with attendance records). As a member of a campus Media that is funded by ASSMC just we are, we would hope that you would be informed of events occurring on campus and seek out more information. Whether it was laziness, bad journalism, inebriation, or all, your fellow classmates managed to attend, why didn't you?

Before you attack a fellow student organization we would ask you do some research (no one from Program Board was interviewed for this article) before making false and unacceptable reports. If you still find fault with our efforts why not provide us with suggestions and feedback so that we may improve? Criticism such as this is obviously not written with a sense of inclusive community and is pointless. Your uninformed attacks help no one. While your article may have been written in your inebriated hangover from Gaelstock, do everyone a favor next time and do some real journalism.

Sincerely,
 Program Board

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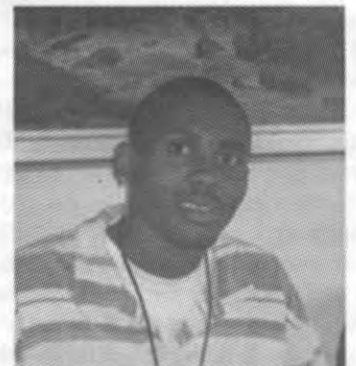
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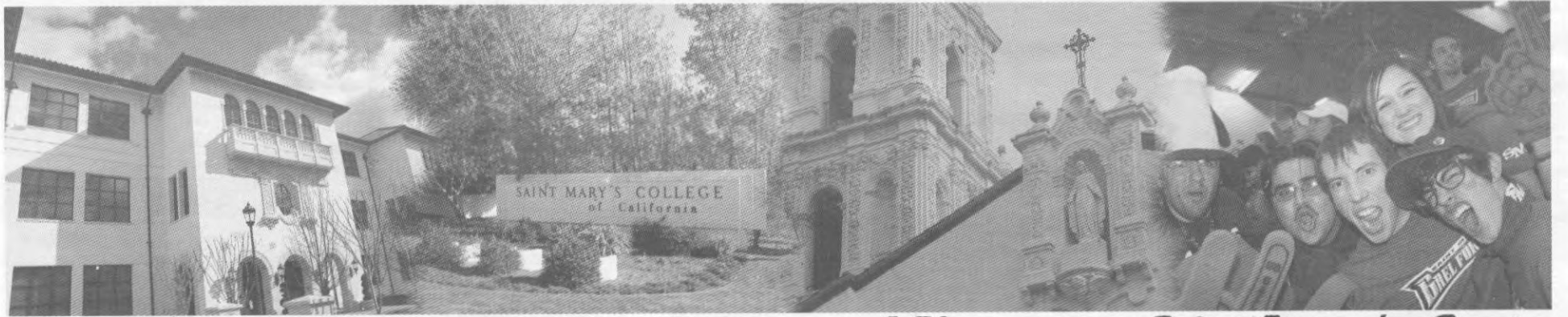
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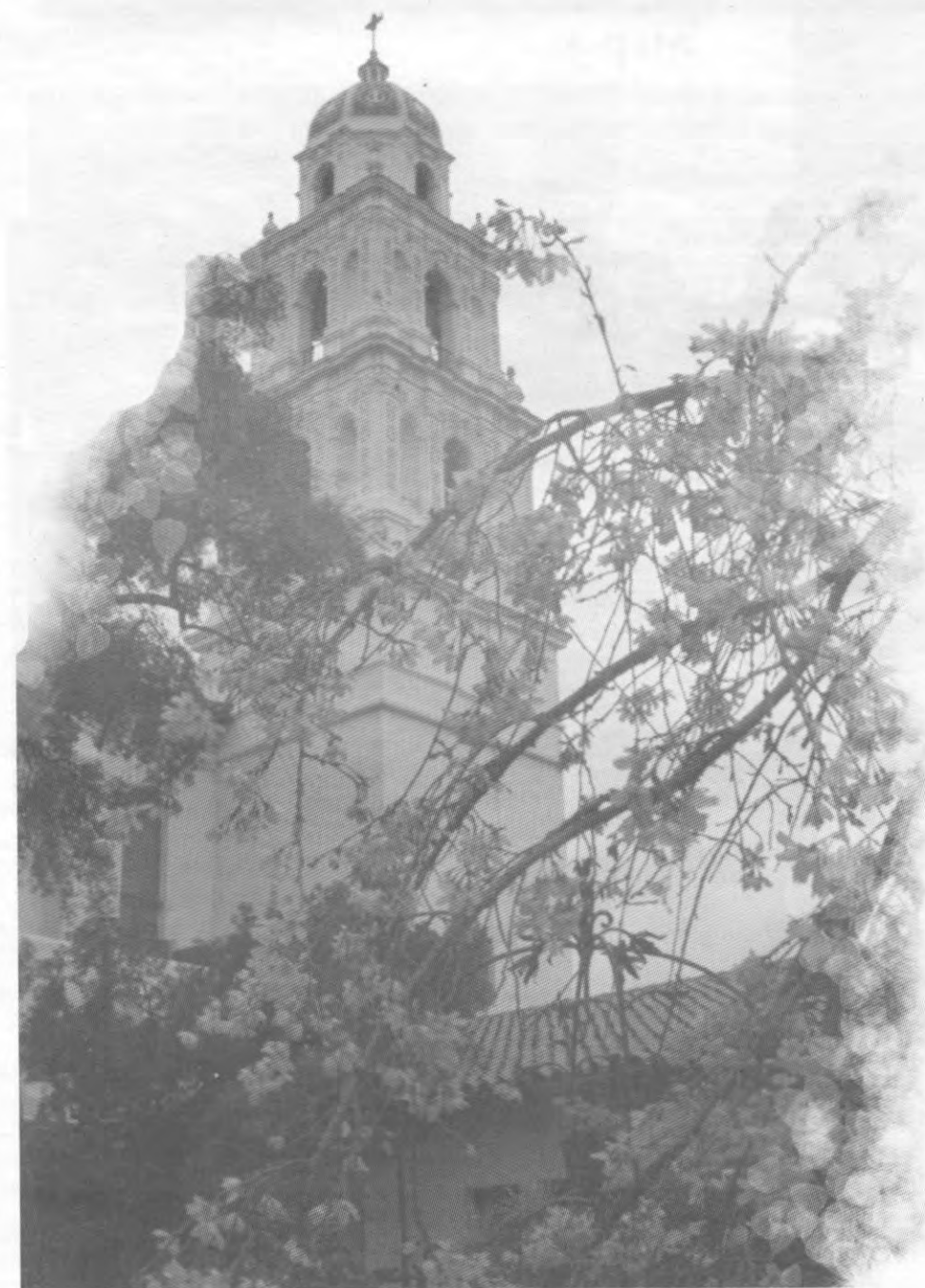
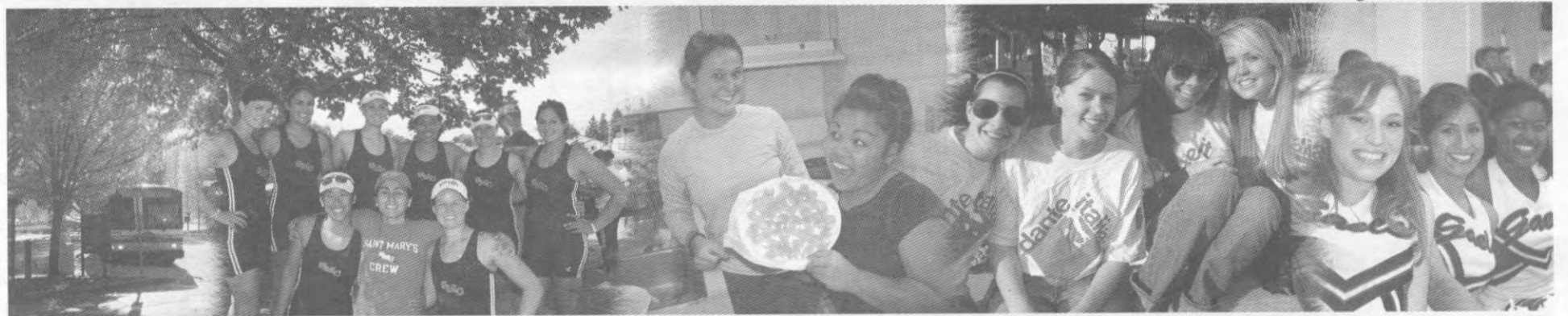


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A Year as a Saint Mary's Gael



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The Collegian

With many ups and downs this year, Saint Mary's Gaels have once again managed to have a spectacular time living out the Lasallian mission, learning, and having fun all at once. So here we are, with snapshots to remember some highlights of the year. This is what it means to be a Gael.

How to become a Gael

Step 1

Get recruited during one of Saint Mary's Outreach programs such as Fall Preview Day (pictured below).



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Step 2

Take some classes and get smart...maybe do some research like these hardcore Sigma Xi kids (pictured below).



Ariana Garcia/GAEL

Step 3

Participate in the annual Freshmen Olympics and build bonds with others in your class while getting dirty (pictured above).



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

Step 6

Have great parties in preparation for the Hawaiian-themed dance Oasis then go dance the night away...Or have your barbeques in the dark because an elderly woman ran into an electricity pole in Moraga, throwing the whole campus into darkness, cancelling the dance.



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

Step 4

Join a club sport and build an amazing team like rugby, who are currently number five in the nation.



Annie Douglass/COLLEGIAN

Step 5

Join some clubs during the annual Club Info Fair, get involved on campus, and fight student apathy.

Step 7

Live it up Lasallian style

The Collegian YEAR AS GAELS

Living Lasallian & having fun



Zack Farmer/COLLEGIAN
Ben Petrofsky '09 (left) leads children to collect candy from Public Safety Sergeant Gonzo Silva (right) during the annual Halloween-4-Kids campus-wide celebration.



LindaHua/COLLEGIAN



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Carnival-4-Kids a success!
Right: Carnival-4-Kids volunteers have some fun making puppets.
Left: Amma Dodi '08 with her kid, getting food at the annual event.
Bottom right: Meredith Arnett '09 and her kid clapping along to the Pulses performance.



LindaHua/COLLEGIAN

The Collegian would like to thank Gael yearbook for sharing not only their photographers, but also their cameras with us this year as ours have been in and out of the repair shop and eventually ceased to work. We would like to express our gratitude for Gael Editor-in-Chief Anne Douglass. By misspelling of her name four years ago in *The Collegian* as "Annie Douglass" the name has stuck and she has been taking photos for us under that name ever since. We will be sad to see her go at the end of this year.



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Having fun the Gael way!

Left: German Club's first Oktoberfest snitzel-eating contest.
Right: The biggest party of the year: Gaelstock. Students jump and cheer as Phantom Planet and Reblution rock out.
Bottom: Pulses put on a high-energy show during a sweltering day at Carnival-4-Kids.



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Even we at The Collegian found some time to have fun: Zack Farmer '08 flying back at Gaelstock.



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**2007-2008
 Associated Students Budget**

	26% of Student Body Fee
Rec Sports	
Accounting Association	\$346.50
Amnesty International	\$200.00
APASA	\$3,404.50
Asian Cultural Night	\$4,000.00
BALA	\$315.00
Best Buddies	\$600.00
Black Student Union	\$858.00
Business Club	\$650.00
Campaign to End the Death Penalty	\$250.00
Collegian	\$26,900.00
Dante Italian Club	\$300.00
Expressions of Blackness	\$3000.00
Gael Force	\$4,400.00
Gael Yearbook	\$8,300.00
Gael Vision	\$9,800.00
German Club	\$350.00
GSA	\$250.00
God vs. Science Forum	\$600.50
Habitat for Humanity	\$510.00
HAPA	\$250.00
Improvisational Comedy Troupe	\$250.00
International Club	\$2,025.00
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	\$1,100.00
Japanese Popular Culture	\$250.00
KSMC	\$8,897.00
LASA	\$2,100.00
Latino Cultural Night	\$3,000.00
L&CS	\$350.00
Program Board	\$73,300.00
Psychology	\$250.00
Pulses	\$750.00
St. Luke's Pre-Medical Society	\$350.00
Science Club	\$400.00
SMC Democrats	\$250.00
SMC Progressives	\$225.00
SMC Republicans	\$350.00
SMC Sports Band	\$3,850.00
Speech Force	\$330.00
Spirit Team	\$3,350.00
The Bash	\$3,000.00
Associated Students	\$46,250.00
ASSMC Enlivenment Programming	\$36,375.00
Class of 2011 Start-Up	\$1,000.00
Senior Ball	10,000.00
Diversity Dance	\$3,000.00
General Fund	\$22,000.00
Media Production Fund	\$25,000.00
Take-Out Workshops	\$500.00
Total	\$313,213.50

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This year in sports



The Collegian
OPINION

Saint Mary's year in review: The questions, answers, more questions that need to be heard

Here is some helpful advice for my adoring readers.

Saint Mary's girls: Uggs, a skirt, and a sweater. Are you cold or hot? Make up your mind.

A recent study shows not having a car and living at Saint Mary's campus causes brain tumors.

When will freshmen learn lan-yards are the same thing as painting a target on their back?

The Pope recently announced hiking up to the cross once a week guarantees salvation.

The chairs in Garaventa are uncomfortable. There is no joke or enlightening notion here. It's just a fact.

The book part of the De La Salle statue in front of the Chapel will be rented out for advertisements next year.

Why does the Saint Mary's Lasallian Core Principles poster state one of the principles as an inclusive community yet the students in the photograph are all white?

God is a Gael and he's damned depressed about it.

How effective is Saint Mary's new front gate policy? Now, Public Safety is an outstanding outfit, but if a psychopath is going to enter campus, they are just going to do it before 9 p.m. when you can drive right through.

Jesus turned water into wine, could He hook us up? We have plenty of water, but no wine and we need to make jungle juice.

Ever wonder why your favor-



DANNY ACOSTA

ite Saint Mary's athletic teams are not mentioned on ESPN? Have you ever been to a party on the weekend? There is your answer. Now I am not pre-med, but I am guessing excessive partying cannot be a positive for cardiovascular health and athletic performance...unless of course you are on the rugby team and party as hard as you play—and win. But there is an exception to every rule.

Here is a list of famous Saint Mary's alumni:.....

Program Board has the biggest budget for any student run organization on campus and still the majority of students are complaining about Gaelstock. I suggest student voting should be incorporated into next year's selections, at the very least for the opening bands. This would potentially stop whining and engage students. Granted, students do not vote for Senate and class presidents, but doesn't *American Idol* get more votes than American Presidential elections? With a \$73,300 budget (\$30,000 for Gaelstock), perhaps Program Board could reevaluate and bring a notable artist to Gaelstock.

Showing up to class late or not

at all has proven health benefits.

A plurality of Saint Mary's students are business majors. I thought this was a liberal arts school.

Saint Mary's is currently negotiating with major public figures to speak at Saint Mary's next year, some rumored names include: Pat O'Brien, Bill O'Reilly, Rev. Tom Haggard, and Brother Craig Franz.

The core of a Saint Mary's education is the Seminar program. The program is well-intentioned, but ultimately fails. It is based on peer discussion. Too bad my peers are half-asleep, do not show up, or do not read. But can you blame them? Who wants to read Saint Augustine's narcoleptic prose?

Barack Obama stopped at Saint Mary's College this year before making a speech in Berkeley. He needed to use the bathroom.

Have you ever noticed how much Subversions and The Grill come from exactly the same storage room as breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Saga? Why does Saint Mary's fruit have the shelf-life the length of a *Flavor of Love Girls: Charm School* episode? Why is there only edible food in Saga when prospective students arrive? At least the workers in Saga are friendly and provide the best dining experience possible. And to think Sonoma State has on-campus 24-hour pizza delivery.

Best event of the year, hands down, no question: Oasis.

Have a terrible, terrible break.

Graduating? Take the leap of faith

by Ryan-Joseph Resurreccion
2006-07 Senate Rep.

Much can happen in "a blink of an eye" as it has for me and my time spent here.

Unlike most transfer students who are usually sophomores or juniors, I am a transfer senior and my one and only year here at Saint Mary's is winding down to its final days.

When I think "Where has the time gone?" I am reminded of the request of the early Christian disciples to Christ on the Road to Emmaus, *Mane nobiscum Domine* ("Stay with us, Lord").

Once one gets fond of a place it's always difficult detaching from an environment and the temptation is to stay.

We've come to the end of another school year, which for me has been a time of reflection and growth.

Saint Mary's provides that element to seek for the higher Truths in life, if you know the right place to look.

While Saint Mary's strives for higher learning, like any other institution, it has its strengths and its weaknesses—all components that make Saint Mary's what it is today.

I arrived thinking that I'd be in and out in a year and fade into the background of the college life; little did I know that within the context of that year many connections would be made, many lives touching mine, and many opportunities of learning and growth.

Various moments at Saint Mary's have played pivotal roles

in my formation ranging from the esteemed faculty—(especially the Philosophy Department)—to the dedicated students (outside by the fountain), from crunch time study sessions in the library to the parties both on and off campus, from committed brothers like Br. Richard in the library to the hospitable workers like Jorge in Oliver Hall, from the inquisitive members of *The Collegian* to the Ambassador responsible for me being able to attend Saint Mary's, and from the thought provoking discussions with my roommate to putting Post-Its on the senior class president's car.

So what happens now after all is said and done?

For those who depart this year, a new chapter has opened in our lives to make a difference in the world, but not by simply accepting the status quo, but standing up for Truth and tolerating dissention.

A perfect example of this is our school's patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who knew that much can happen in "a blink of an eye."

Her *Fiat*—Her Yes to an angel, led her on a wild ride in "a blink of an eye," so too for us who's futures lay ahead, let us together take that leap of faith into the unknown.

Dear readers,
Have a great summer!
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Those you neglected

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DETOUR

But I don't wanna graduate!

Reflections of soon-to-be-but-not-loving-it alum

by Adrian Garro
Staff Writer

When I walk across the stage on May 26, I have no idea what my next step will be (well, other than the one off the stage). To continue with hokey clichés, if my life was a book, the next chapter would be blank, unwritten pages. I have basically no idea what I am doing after graduating. To be honest, I wish I was not graduating yet. So many of the other seniors I see around school are of the mindset that "I can finally start living my life! I'm so glad school is over!"

I do not share this perspective. The prospect of being shoved out into the "real world" is a daunt-

ing one. Being an English major probably does not help much in that regard either, since I reject the typical English major job of being a teacher. If I do not become a teacher, what good am I? Maybe I can sit in a corner and write some depressing, self-deprecating poetry that will one day be taught in some school. If that happens perhaps I will be deemed a "success."

As for being on *The Collegian*, that has also proven a good experience, and it is one that I wish I became involved with prior to my last year here. The chance to voice basically anything that is on my mind is a nice one to have, and hopefully this journalistic experience catches up with me later

on in life.

I want to take this opportunity to express that people should try to focus on the positive aspects of their time here at Saint Mary's instead of dwelling on the negative. Sure, this school is anything but perfect. The food kind of sucks. There's nothing to do around Moraga. Contrary to popular belief, though, quite a lot goes on within the realm of the campus. All those flyers that bombard you as you walk around by Oliver Hall? Those are mostly advertising a specific event of something to do. The fact that there are hundreds of them all the time makes it hard to pay attention to one, but hopefully it has shiny colors and glitter. Then maybe

someone will show up.

What I am trying to say is that people should try to get out there and have fun, and enjoy their time while they have it. Instead of whining about how Gaelstock sucks for whatever reason, try to focus on the positive part of the day instead of the negative. This may be a bit idealistic, but it will pay off in the end.

I have made many friendships while here that I really hope will continue after I move on. I have had a great experience, but if you spend your four years here complaining, by the time you graduate you will not have had a very enjoyable experience.

But alas, my time has run out. Later.

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Top 10 Summer
Sequels to See

1. Shrek the Third
2. Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End
3. Evan Almighty
4. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
5. Rush Hour 3
6. Ocean's 13
7. The Bourne Ultimatum
8. Live Free or Die Hard
9. Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer
10. Halloween 9

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100 Word
Reviews

Oh no, more emo!

by Adrian Garro
Staff Writer

Linkin Park has turned emo. On their new album *Minutes to Midnight*, the typically rap-rock band ventures into a more stripped-down realm. Songs such as "Shadow of the Day" imitate U2, while others, like "No More Sorrow" are more reminiscent of past LP, with crunchy guitars and angry lyrics. After a four-year silence following 2003's *Meteora*, the band has returned with a new direction, and the result is positive. While some of the songs are a bit mellow compared to past work, the change is welcomed, and *Minutes to Midnight* presents a band that has reinvented itself for the better.

The possibility of
ticks is illuminatingby Mel Olson
Chief Layout Designer

The stigma around country music has been truly fulfilled with Brad Paisley's song "Ticks." Perhaps the most redneck song ever conceived, the song stories a guy who uses the pickup line, "I'd like to check you for ticks." Perhaps it is closed-minded to think this is not a romantic line, but the overly catchy country song has surpassed the normal bounds of acceptable back-country ideology in other country songs. So just think the next time you go walking through a field of wild flowers, "You never know where one might be/There's lots of places that are hard to reach/I gotcha."

Final dance for Grace a success

Dance Company ends year with great performance

by Khalida Sarwari
Staff Writer

The renowned American dancer and choreographer Martha Graham once said, "Dance is the hidden language of the soul." On Thursday, May 10, this language was expressed beautifully and with grace (pun intended) in LeFevre Theatre. The 10th anniversary concert aptly entitled "Grace," was presented by the Saint Mary's College Dance Company.

The two-hour program featured a total of nine performances. Many of the performances had an ethereal quality to them and seemed to get more intricate as the evening progressed. The tempo of the dances was generally rapid with intervals of slower dances. The dancers were all excellent with agile feet and energy that was sustained for the entire duration of the evening. There was no singular theme to the performances, but rather an array of diverse themes.

Although all of the dances were modern, one of the more avant-garde dances was entitled "The End of the Road," choreographed by Amber McCall. The focus of this dance was on global warming awareness. The performance featured two big projectors on both sides of the stage with a microphone set up on the far right. Periodically during the performance, one of the dancers would speak into the microphone and their movements would be projected dramatically in slow motion on the screen. Interspersed into the dance were facts and figures about the effects of global warming around the world. The social awareness theme of the dance was complemented by the accompaniment of new age music courtesy of Idiom Creek and Mr. Dark Keys.

A few of the dances were of the cultural variety. Dressed in traditional Mexican clothing, Fabiola Rufino and Corinne Simpson did an outstanding job performing the "Ballet Folkorico Mexicano."

Three pairs of couples danced "The Tango," which was surprisingly amusing while being romantic at the same time. Elizabeth Morales, Rebecca Almanza, and Luis Siu danced exquisitely in the colorful "Deep in a Tree," making it one of the more visually pleasing dances. The most exciting performance was entitled "Somata, the Spirit of Thunder." According to the program guide, this dance tells the story of Somata being a manifestation of God in the form of light, sound, lightning, and thunder. The dance was accompanied by the marvelous drumming of Pope Flyne.

To cap off the concert, all of the dancers performed "Grace," accompanied by a haunting rendition of "Amazing Grace," performed by members of the Gospel Voices of Saint Mary's. It was easy to see just how much of their heart and soul the dancers poured into each and every performance. If only we could see the soul express itself like this more often!

High Like Five
plays Slimsby Adrian Garro
Staff Writer

In case you don't have eyes (and did not see all the flyers around school), High Like Five played at Slim's last Friday. The band, fronted by Hector Zaragoza, sounded better than they did at the St. Patrick's Day Pub Night event at Dryden a few months back. Working with their producer friend Tomas (not "Thomas") from Diffuser (a band on the *Mission Impossible 2* soundtrack) has resulted in a crisper, more effective sound. Maybe it is his frosted blonde highlights, but whatever he has done with the band has made their overall sound progress in a good way.

This was a weird sort of "battle of the bands" night at Slim's, with about six random local bands playing to a mostly empty venue. The band playing when I arrived, Against the Grain, was unable to sell all their presale tickets, so they ended their set by throwing the extras in the air in a fit of rebellious angst. Or just to be funny.

HLF played about half an hour, and for those of you who hate on them relentlessly, they sounded good at what they do.

I lovingly refer to High Like Five as a band that sounds like a high school band but in college, and I mean that in the most endearing way possible. Fun, brash pop-punk is something I enjoy for whatever reason, so the crunchy sounds of HLF are appealing to me. That continued Friday night at Slim's.

Anyone curious what they sound like or how they are progressing, check out their debut album whenever it comes out. If the Slim's show is any suggestion, then the CD will sound similarly pleasant, if not cheery and light-hearted.

You could also just ask Bob Gardner what he thought, as he was there rocking out himself.

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DETOUR

Nothing to do over the summer?

Never fear, Northern California residents; take a trip to The City

by **Christo Raines**
Staff Writer

Summer, for all intents and purposes, is a breath away. While some of the Saint Mary's crowd will return to their So Cal cha-teaus, a good chunk of us Gaels will remain in the incomparable Bay Area. No longer occupied with the writings of Dante or Virgil, there is potential room for boredom. Fear not, my friends, for I have been assigned to make sure you have at least five economical but worthwhile Bay Area happenings to explore this summer season.

Clubhouse Comedy
Where: *Mason (and Geary), San Francisco, CA*
When: *Varies*
Cost: *Cheap to Medium (\$5-\$10)*

I have not heard much about this place, but the little I have heard has suggested the comedy club is worth visiting. Ten dollars for a night of comedy seems to be pretty reasonable. A quick trip to the website (www.clubhousecomedy.com) offers a calendar with numerous events.

Dolores Park Movie Night
Where: *20th St. (and Dolores), San Francisco, CA*
When: *Second Thursday of every month (times vary)*

Cost: *Free*
Simple idea: find a park, get a giant movie screen and projector,



Courtesy of www.britannica.com

then show cult classics like *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (1971). The model works and has made for Dolores Park Movie Night to be tremendously popular among San Franciscans. While there, enjoy a hot dog or snag a tamale from Virginia (the tamale lady). For movie times and listings, visit www.doloresparkmovie.org.

Palace of the Legion of Honor
Where: *El Camino Del Mar (and Legion of Honor Dr.), San Francisco, CA*

When: *Tue.-Sun. 9:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m.*
Cost: *Free first Tuesday of every month (\$10.00 all other times)*

Art enthusiasts will appreciate this most excellent museum. The Legion showcases a personal fa-

vorite, Rodin's "The Thinker," but also holds over 4,000 years of other superb art. After enjoying the collection, one is left with a tremendous view of the bay high on top of a hill with loads of cool nearby places to explore along the ocean.



Courtesy of www.sfbotanicalgarden.org

San Francisco Botanical Garden

Where: *9th Ave. (and Lincoln Way), San Francisco, CA*
When: *Open 365 days a year, Mon.-Fri. (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) and Sat.-Sun. (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)*
Cost: *Free*

Located in the heart of San Francisco, these beautiful and vast gardens host a wide variety of all the flora and fauna one could hope to see. Guided tours, which are also free, take place daily at 1:30 p.m. and are not to be missed. If books are your thing, the garden is also home to the largest horticultural library (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) in existence with nearly 27,000 volumes. The first Saturday of every month there are even free bird watching groups.

Stern Grove Festival
Where: *19th Ave. (and Sloat), San Francisco, CA*

When: *Various Sundays at 2:00 p.m.*
Cost: *Free*

Stern Grove is entering its 70th season of free concerts. Shows are at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays throughout the summer. Visit www.sterngrove.org for specific dates and listings. A few noteworthy musical and artistic performances this summer include Huey Lewis and The News, the San Francisco Opera and the San Francisco Ballet. If not for the music, check out the park itself, which is awesome in its own right.

May 15 CD Releases:

Linkin Park ~ Minutes to Midnight

Wilco ~ Sky Blue Sky

Rufus Wainwright ~ Release the Stars

Megadeth ~ United Abominations

Summer Concert Watch

Saturday, June 9
High Like Five ~ 9:00 @ The Roxy (Hollywood, CA)

Wednesday, June 13
The Police ~ 6:30 @ McAfee Coliseum

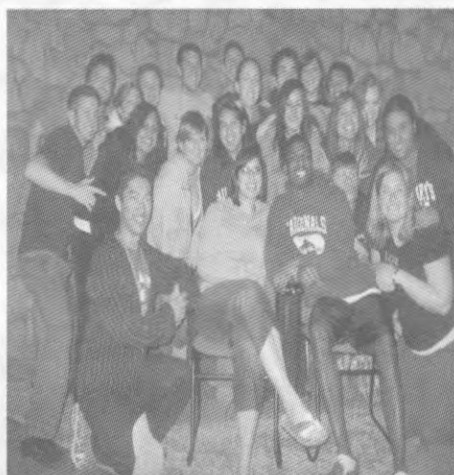
Tuesday, June 26
Three Days Grace and Breaking Benjamin ~ 8:00 @ Modesto Centre Plaza

Monday, July 2
Deftones ~ 7:30 @ The Warfield

Friday, July 27
Daft Punk ~ 8:00 @ Greek Theatre-UC Berkeley

Saturday, August 18
Rock the Bells ~ 12:00 @ McCovey Cove Parking Lot

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**Year End
Team
Trivia**

1. How many first place finishes did men's golf have this year?

- a. 0
- b. 2
- c. 4
- d. 5

2. How many ranked opponents did the men's soccer team beat?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 4
- d. 5

3. The men's rugby team beat #2 Army to advance to the Elite Eight. What was the final score?

- a. 24-17
- b. 14-10
- c. 31-27
- d. 63-0

4. Women's crew has won gold at the WIRA Championships for how many years in a row?

- a. 2
- b. 3
- c. 4
- d. 7

5. Baseball only had one tie during their 14-game unbeaten streak. What team did they tie with?

- a. Southern Utah
- b. Nevada
- c. San Jose State
- d. Columbia

6. What team had the highest WCC finish this year?

- a. Women's Volleyball
- b. Men's Golf
- c. Men's Basketball
- d. Women's Tennis

7. Which team has the highest GPA on campus?

- a. Women's Tennis
- b. Cross Country
- c. Men's Basketball
- d. Men's Tennis

Answers: 1. b, 2. b, 3. c, 4. b, 5. d, 6. d, 7. a

Baseball drops final series
Gaels end season in heartbreaking fashion

by Sean Kent
Staff Writer

Taking on cross-bay rival USF this past weekend in the final series of the WCC season, the Gaels were unable to preserve a late inning tie and a late inning lead in the final two games to salvage the series.

In the first game, USF compiled an 11-1 victory behind a six run offensive explosion in the seventh inning.

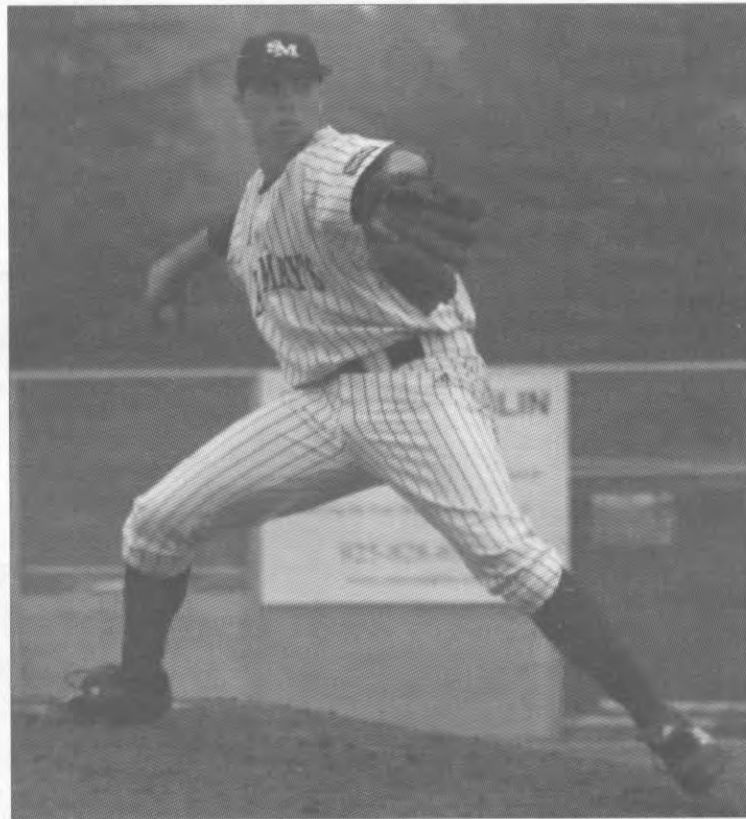
Junior Sean Gleason was pegged with the loss to drop him to 4-8 on the season. Gleason gave up nine runs, eight of which were earned in six and a third innings work, while reliever Jimmy Munhill '10 surrendered the final two USF runs in the eighth.

However, the Gaels did rebound well on Saturday, which turned into a genuine pitching duel.

USF struck first with a run in the bottom of the opening frame. The Dons' Joey Railey singled, advanced to second on a sac bunt and then scored on a wild throw to third by catcher Ian Gordon trying to catch the runner stealing.

The Gaels answered right back with a run in the top of the second on a two-out Fuglerud homerun to right.

The Dons, however, broke out



Zack Farmer/COLLEGIAN

The Gaels ended their season against the Dons, going 3-18 in WCC play.

again for two runs in the sixth with a string of three singles and a walk, all with two outs. It stayed that way until the ninth.

After Musgrove singled to start the inning and Fuglerud walked, Gordon drove in pinch-runner Brian Hawkins to close the gap to 3-2. Then, Fuglerud scored on a

throwing error, tying the score at three.

Taylor Stanton '10 came in to pitch and gave up a double and then intentionally walked the next batter. On a double steal two pitches later, freshman catcher Ryan Mulligan, who had just entered the game for Gordon, threw

the ball down the left field line to catch the runner, but not fast enough, giving the Dons the winning run.

Hoping to steal one win from the Dons, the Gaels drew first blood on the final day of the season, plating four runs in the top of the first.

After the first three batters reached base, Musgrove doubled and picked up two RBIs. Cipolla and Gordon drove in a run each on a groundout and sac fly, respectively.

USF tied the score in the third on three doubles and a pair of singles. Gael starter Brandon Berl lasted through the sixth surrendering only one more run, leaving the Gaels with a 6-5 deficit.

In the eighth, the Gaels got a three-run blast from freshman Anthony Allioti that scored pinch-runner Hawkins and Cattoni.

The final Saint Mary's run came in the ninth on back-to-back doubles from Gordon and Fuglerud.

However, the Dons weren't quite done, managing to score three more runs. A costly error by leftfielder Cattoni allowed USF senior Jonathan Norfolk a walk-off two run homer that secured the sweep of the series.

The Gaels end their season with a 21-29-1 record overall.

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Gael of the Year

Eric Cattoni, Baseball



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"I don't think it is ever easy to receive good grades...But I think I have excelled in the classroom because I enjoy learning. I put as much into the books as I do baseball- I am diligent about it."
-Eric Cattoni, Lowe's Interview

The Gael Award is awarded to the athlete who embodies the meaning of a true student-athlete. He excels in his sport, in the classroom, and is involved in the community.

Senior Eric Cattoni is a pre-med student, who despite his busy baseball schedule, manages to maintain a 4.0 GPA while taking courses, such as chemistry, calculus, and physics. This year, he was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team.

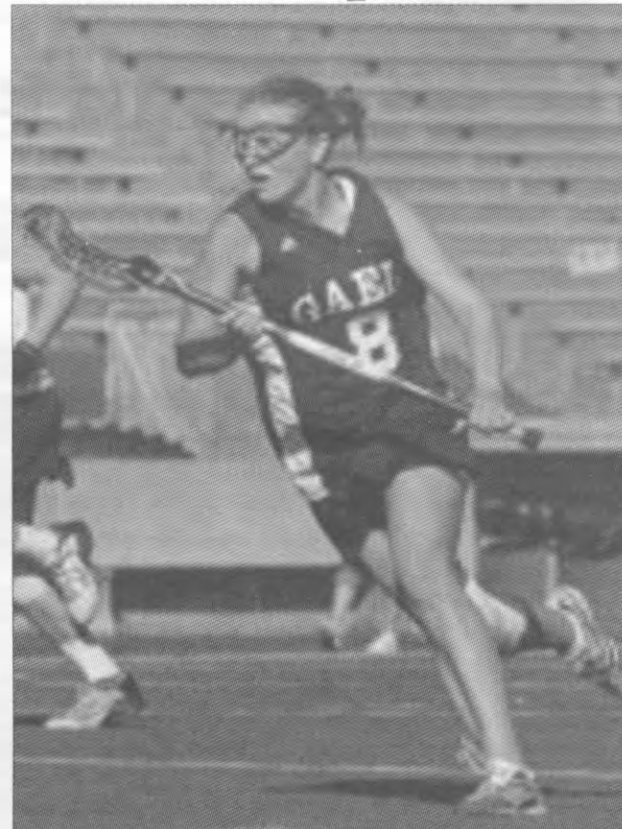
On the field, outfielder Cattoni is batting a .344 average and is also sixth all-time at Saint Mary's in stolen bases after only playing for two years.

In the local community, Cattoni is a resident advisor (RA) for Augustine Hall. He also serves as a volunteer at the Concord Youth Center and at youth baseball camps in Moraga.

Recently, Cattoni made it to the top 10 nominees in the nation for the Lowe's Senior Class Award.

Senior of the Year

Jackie Spencer

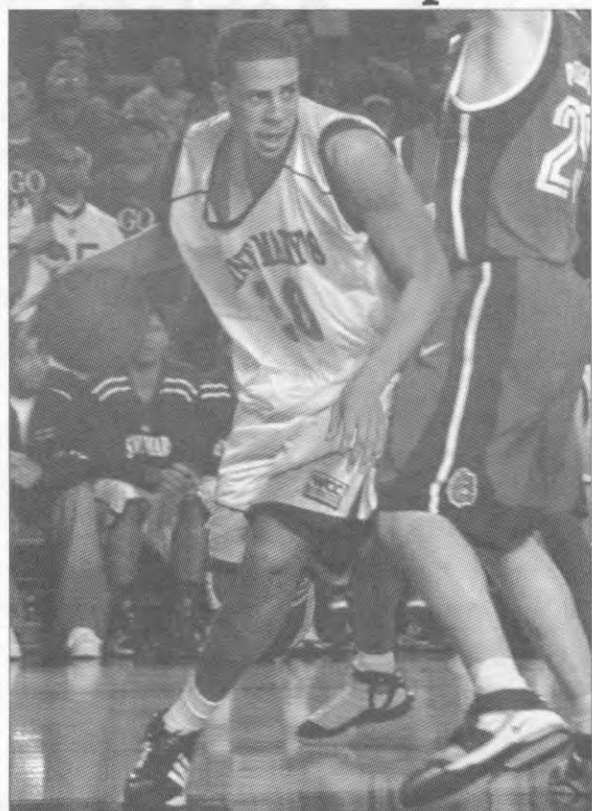


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Jackie Spencer '07 capped off her career at Saint Mary's with a career high six goals, becoming the third Gael with 100+ career goals. Spencer also led the Gaels with 30 goals on the year and was second on the team in points with 36.

Performance of the Year

Diamon Simpson



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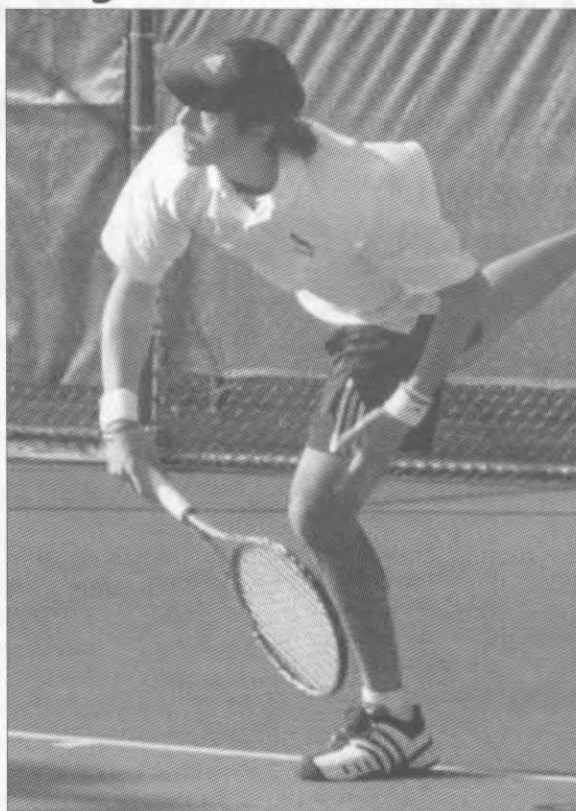
Diamon Simpson '09 scored a career-high 29 points in the men's basketball team's victory over Gonzaga, breaking their 30-game winning streak against West Coast Conference teams.

In the game, Simpson went 8-10 from the field in just 33 minutes of play. He also went 2-2 from behind the arc, had a game-high 11 rebounds, and blocked two shots.

Honorable Mention: The women's varsity-four boat winning gold at the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association regatta for the third straight year.

Comeback of the Year

Joel Kusnierz



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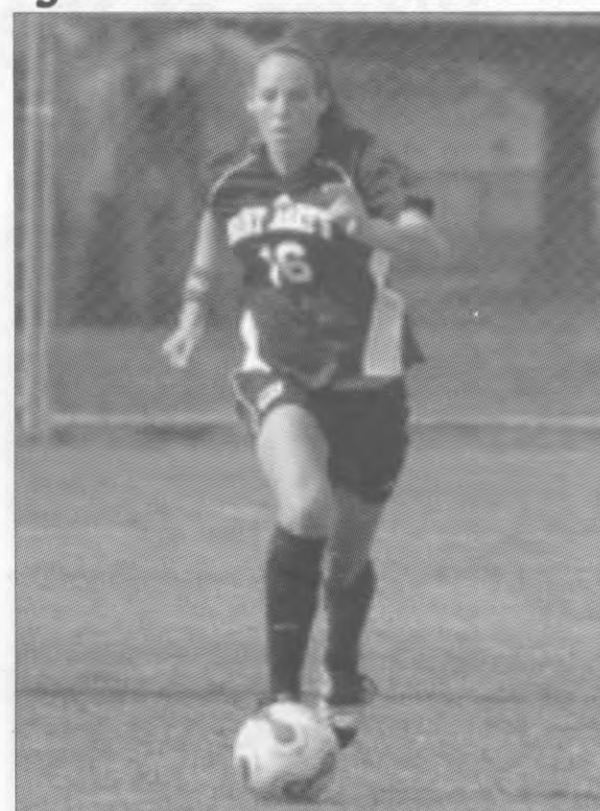
Joel Kusnierz '08 had a thrilling comeback at the #1 position against Santa Clara's Jan Macek to help the Gaels secure a third place conference finish, the highest in program history.

After splitting sets, Kusnierz was down 1-5 in third set. After fighting off three match points, Kusnierz brought himself back into the match, tying the score at 5-5. He then swept the next two games for the win.

Honorable Mention: The women's basketball team, down by 18 points against Miami, came back in the second half, scoring 48 points for a 69-68 victory.

Recordbreaker of the Year

Jessica Menzhuber

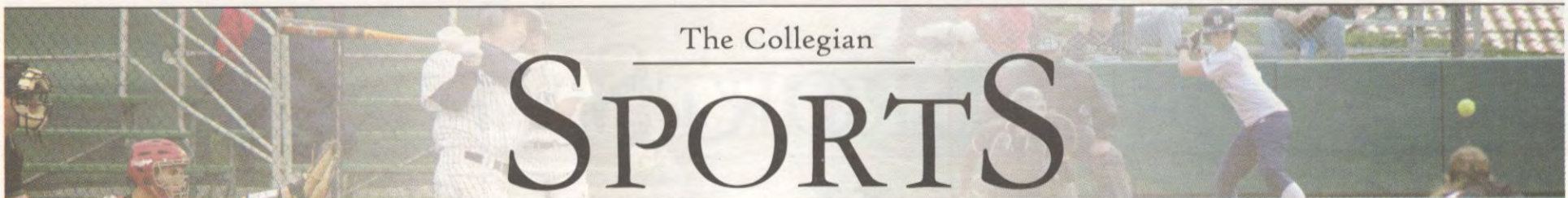


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Jessica Menzhuber '10 scored six seconds into the women's soccer game against San Francisco, the fastest goal in program history. Her goal is also tied for the second fastest goal in NCAA history.

Off the kick-off, Menzhuber received the pass from Nikki Schrey '09. Noticing the goalie 18 yards off the goal line, Menzhuber immediately shot the ball over the goalie's head, bouncing it into the back of the net.

Honorable Mention: Mandy Bible '08 breaking the all-time Gael assists record in the volleyball match against Florida A&M. She now holds the record at 5,362.



2007 GAEL AWARDS

Teams of the Year

Men's Rugby



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Women's Tennis



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The men's rugby team continued to be one of the top teams in the country this year. They advanced to the Elite Eight in the Men's Collegiate Division I tournament due to a comeback win over #2 Army in the last four minutes of the Sweet Sixteen game.

Overall, their record on the year was 17-3 with two of those losses coming from #1 Cal and the other from #3 Navy.

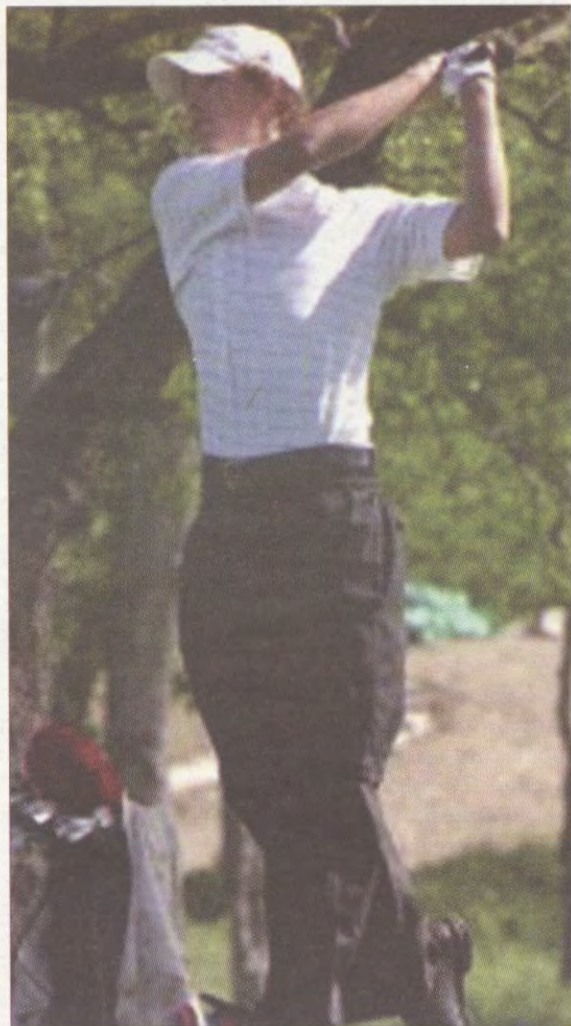
At one point, men's rugby was ranked as high as #3 in the country. After the season, they finished at #5.

The women's tennis team had one of their best seasons in program history. Starting off the season with a 10-game winning streak, they finished second in conference with a 10-2 record, their only losses coming from #19 Pepperdine. At the end of their season, they garnered eight individual conference awards.

On the year, the women's tennis team finished 17-4, posting seven shutouts, three of which were against rival Santa Clara. They finished with a final ranking of #55 in the country.

Player of the Year

Mike McRae, Golf



Courtesy of www.smcgaels.com

Mike McRae '08 has been one of the strongholds for the golf team this year. Remaining one of the most consistent golfers, McRae has had a great year, leading his team as the top scorer in five of the team's 11 tournaments.

As an individual, McRae won first place overall at the USF Triumph, posting a four under par (209), which also garnered a first place finish for the Saint Mary's team, beating #29 ranked Wisconsin, Loyola Marymount, and UC Santa Barbara.

Also as an individual, McRae has had five top 10 finishes over the competition.

At the end of regular season, McRae was named to the First Team All-WCC for the second straight year.

Recently, McRae was one of six individuals in the Western Region selected to participate in the NCAA Championships.

Honorable Mentions:
Mandy Bible, Volleyball
Aude Lambert, Tennis
Volney Rouse, Rugby

Breakthrough Athlete

Karrie Hagedorn, Cross Country



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Karrie Hagedorn '08 joined the cross country team and in one season, has changed the history of the program.

This year, Hagedorn led the Gaels in all six races.

She became the second fastest runner in program history with her personal best time of 18:36.

One of her highlights includes medaling at the Gator Invitational, where she recorded a 23:33 finish in the 6k event, which was the seventh fastest time in Gael history. She finished fourth out of 84 runners at this race.

After the regular season, Hagedorn was invited to compete at the NCAA Western Regionals, the only Gael to ever be invited to the tournament since the year 2002.

Honorable Mentions:
Anthony Allioti, Baseball
Marah Calvo, Tennis
Dylan Leslie, Soccer
Robert McRae, Golf