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ASSMC elections conclude today, fill freshmen class positions

Four candidates contend for freshmen presidency, one runs for junior class president

by M. Vlach & C. O'Brien

Chief Copy Editor & Asst. News Editor

Freshmen and juniors have the chance to elect their class leaders this week. Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) elections began yesterday and conclude today. Several freshmen positions are up for grabs, while the junior class will only vote for president.

William Woods '11 is one candidate for freshmen president. Currently declaring political science as his major, Woods plans to "join the Naval Academy after college and work as a lawyer with the Navy." Although Woods has no previous experience

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Sergio Trejo '09
Junior class
presidential candidate

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with student involvement, he wants to "get freshmen included in their class and school." He wants to encourage greater involvement, and said, "Student involvement in clubs is a unique and enriching



Tosveena Thomas

John Skaff



Connie Tai

William Woods



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Freshmen presidential hopefuls

attribute to Saint Mary's College that I would work to expand and promote, urging everyone to take advantage of their opportunities here."

Student involvement is also a central theme in presidential candidate John Skaff's '11 campaign. "I am running for president because I know that I'll be able to get more students involved with all this college has to offer. We invest so much in this college, so let's make the most of it," said Skaff. He aspires to, "get our class down to San Francisco... and see the great underground concerts and music in the city." Since coming to Saint Mary's, Skaff

has joined Project Green and Asian Pacific American Student Association (APASA). He also has some experience with his high school student government. "I really want to get more people involved; lots of people like me are apathetic, and I want to get them out," he said.

Connie Tai '11 is another contender for the position of freshmen president. She is pursuing a double major of business and accounting. She feels that this type of position runs in her blood, having been involved in student government since seventh grade. Her past experience includes being president during middle school and

sophomore treasurer and senior class representative in high school. During high school, she was also captain of the varsity track team for three years and editor-in-chief of the yearbook.

Tai hopes that this role will help her make the most of her college years. "I just hope, I guess, to get a good education out of it," she said. She also wants to benefit the college community. "I really like giving back to the school," she said.

Finally, Tosveena Thomas '11 is seeking the presidential position for the fresh-

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Small class sizes, community involvement attract new students

by Jennifer Kennedy
Staff Writer

After graduating from high school and leaving home for what is most likely the first time, the new freshmen class of 2011 joins Saint Mary's College, bringing diversity of culture, experience, and knowledge.

This year, 3,929 students applied to Saint Mary's and 3,231 were accepted. Out of that, 611 enrolled. Women hold the majority at about 60 percent, while men account for about 40 percent of the student population. The average GPA of accepted students was a 3.3.

The exact numbers for the demographics have not been developed but to give a general idea about what the class of 2011 is like, estimates have been made. Around 66 percent came from Northern California and 18 percent from Southern California. Out of state students account for 15 percent and one percent are international students. Over half came from public schools. Roughly 34 percent came from Catholic schools and eight percent from Lasallian schools with the remaining from independent (non-Catholic) schools. Fifty-

five percent identify themselves as Catholics. Around half of the class of 2011 is white, seven percent are African-American, one percent American Indian, 10 to 14 percent are Asian-American, and 20 to 23 percent are Latino.

The freshmen have chosen a wide range of majors. The most popular is business administration. Other popular majors include psychology, liberal and civic studies, and communication.

This diverse group chose to attend Saint Mary's because of the size, the reputation, the religion, and the location. "I came from a small high school and that's one of the main reasons I came to SMC. I didn't want to get lost in the shuffle," said Caitlin Graveson '11. Mark Blucher '11 came here because he was recruited for cross country and Saint Mary's had the best financial aid option for him. Rosa Caitlin Brummel '11 joined the class of 2011 because of Saint Mary's dedication to social justice, along with the fact that the campus and classes are small in size.

The small school size allows for students to get to know their professors, making it

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SMC Republicans hang banners to commemorate 9/11 today

by Darwyn Deyo
Opinion Editor

Every year since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, clubs on campus have organized events to commemorate the tragedy; this year the SMC Republicans have hung banners to draw attention to the individual victims.

Last year, the SMC Democrats and Progressives, in collaboration with members of other clubs, painted the SMC letters black while the SMC Republicans decorated the front lawn with hundreds of national flags. The fact that the clubs were not unified raised concerns about politics taking precedence over the memorial, though most club members who were interviewed claimed their first concern was commemorating the victims. This year, the controversy will likely stem from the fact that the SMC Republicans is the only club officially organizing anything for the sixth anniversary of the attacks.

For this year's memorial, the Republicans have hung red, white, and blue banners on the columns and breezeways on campus. The banners list names of the vic-

tims of September 11 and are held up with rope, so as not to violate the new rules about flyer postings. However, the club also received special permission for the banners two weeks in advance because it has been planned since last year. There will be no

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Laura Gibble
SMC Republicans, President

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flags planted in Chapel Lawn and there will be no speaker, said Republicans President Laura Gibble '10. "Flags are difficult to put in, they're expensive, and maintenance didn't approve... [so] we're putting up banners to make it so people know what's go-

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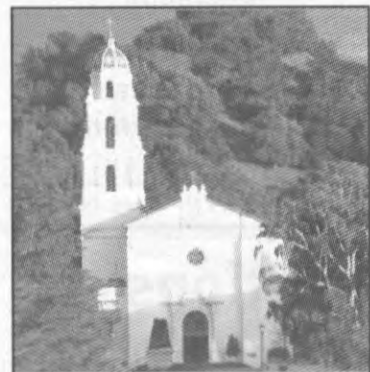
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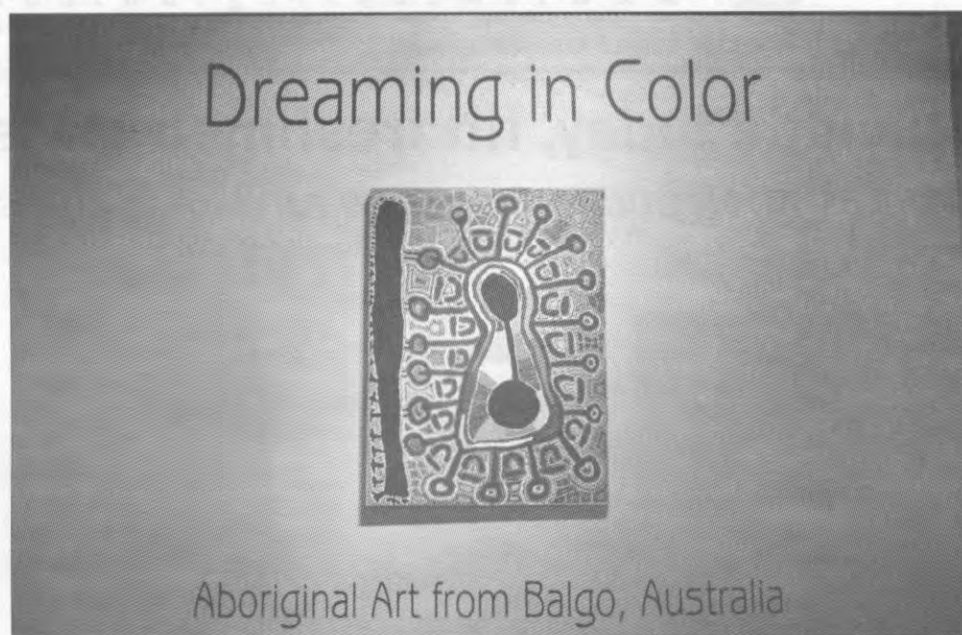
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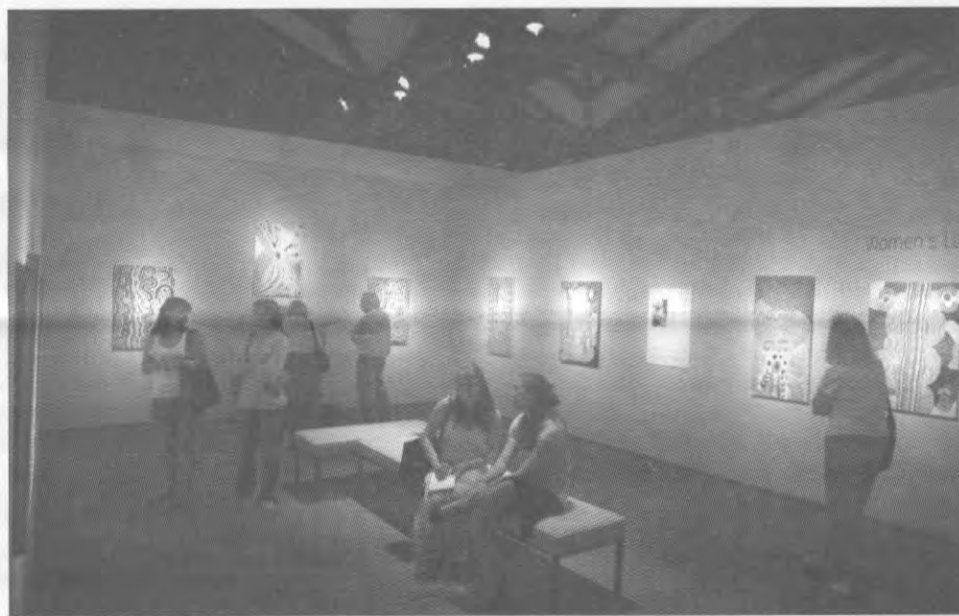
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On Sunday, the Hearst Art Gallery unveiled the new exhibit of Australian Aboriginal Art titled "Dreaming in Color." For more information, see article on page 3.



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Crime Beat

9/5/07 1:45 p.m.
Incident: Fire alarm activation.
Synopsis: Ageno East, referred to Residence Life and Physical Plant, burnt food set off alarm.

9/5/07 8:05 p.m.
Incident: Informational Report.
Synopsis: Augustine Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Counseling Center, roommate issues.

9/6/07 7:00 p.m.
Incident: Suspicious circumstances.
Synopsis: San Francisco Ocean Beach, referred to Residence Life, keys missing.

9/6/07 8:30 p.m.
Incident: Information report.
Synopsis: Chapel, suspended, suspicious circumstances.

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Next meeting:
Monday, Sept. 17 @ 6 p.m. in Dante 120

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LINDA HUA

Calling for a central public forum

Associated Students elections are being held today, did you know that (other than having just read it on the front page)?

The junior class still has no one running for vice president, the senior class has no one running for vice president, and many other significant holes exist in the system. Is this because students are apathetic or because they did not know that the opportunity was there for them?

Other than freshmen, how many people can explicitly say that they knew officer petitions were out?

Where are students to find this information?

The office of Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) is basically the only resource. There was no announcement in the Campus Bulletin that petitions were due on Thursday. There was no mention of elections on Gaelpage. Even searching for the date of the elections on SMCNet proved futile.

There may be students out there who are absolutely capable of fulfilling the positions, whom, without public announcement, would not have thought about it otherwise. Because of this lack in advertising, we could have missed out on great student leaders.

The root of the problem is general campus communication.

Where are students to turn to find out what is happening at Saint Mary's College? Gaelpage had been a dud for so long that no one cares to look at it anymore, SMCNet is not user friendly and has a horrible search engine, *The Collegian* comes out once a week with a limited budget and over-extended staff, students are so used to their e-mail inboxes being inundated with school-wide e-mails that don't apply to them that they no longer read them, and some clubs and administrators are currently using Facebook with some success, but the announcements do not reach every member of the Saint Mary's community.

There exists no one central public forum.

We may live in an age where information needs to be fresh and eye-catching, otherwise the Millennials, who all happen to be diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, may not notice it. However, that does not mean that there cannot be one place to turn to for all the on campus news and resources.

We are all college students, we are thus all busy. We cannot spend the time to search multiple sources to find information. Also, we cannot suddenly decide that we are apt to do something that we did not think about before.

We need a single concrete system. We need one reliable source to which we can turn to find information.



The Collegian NEWS

Weekly Featured Profile

Lasallian Student Spotlight

Anthony Arteaga '09

by Linda Hua
Editor-in-Chief



Linda Hua/COLLEGIAN

Theology and religious studies major, pipe organ player, and Vice President of Dante Club, Anthony Arteaga '09, was nominated by a fellow student for living out the Lasallian Tradition in exemplifying quality education—one of the five core principles of the Lasallian Tradition at Saint Mary's College.

According to Arteaga, "Quality education is an essential part of just becoming a well-rounded human being," he said. "By having quality education at Saint Mary's everyone has the chance to live out their goals and dreams."

Arteaga was drawn to Saint Mary's College because "My friend also used to live by here and we would come onto campus for the daily Masses and every time I'd come here, it would just be so beautiful and had such a great student life, and I felt I was called to come here."

Arteaga's favorite thing about Saint Mary's College is "being involved in Mission and Ministry and the close friends I have made there," he said.

Therefore, Arteaga can often be found in the Mission and Ministry office as he is, "involved with many things within Mission and Ministry such as being a liturgical minister, a member of the Chapel Choir, and a student worker in the office."

Truly enjoying his education in theology and religious studies, Arteaga wants to pursue further religious education. He said, "I hope to go to grad school after SMC and receive a master's and hopefully a doctorate in theology." But Arteaga also wants to give back what he has gained: "I then hope to become a college professor of theology." This attitude embraces the core of the Lasallian Tradition as it embodies the Christian Brothers' motto: "Enter to learn, leave to serve."

"To me the Lasallian Tradition can be summed up in three words:

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Author Yiyun Li writes of two worlds

Chinese-American fiction writer moved to U.S. in 1996

by Stef Ordoveza
Staff Writer

After initially pursuing a career in science, Yiyun Li started writing fiction in her second language, English.

Last Wednesday, the Creative Writing Reading Series took place, featuring Yiyun Li, author of *A Thousand Years of Good Prayers* and winner of the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award, the Hemingway Found/Pen Award, and the California Book Award for first fiction, as the first keynote speaker of the year.

The event only lasted an hour, but that was just enough time to allow all the attendees, ranging from Saint Mary's professors to students to members of the outside community, to enter the world of the author Yiyun Li.

Li, born and raised in Beijing, came to the United States in 1996. She first studied science and pursued that field of study for a few years. It wasn't until she attended the University of Iowa that she began to develop her writing skills and become deeply engaged in creating short stories.

One of these short stories was shared Wednesday night in a short reading by Li herself. The story, titled *Sweeping Past*, was one of her newest stories, so new that those present were the first to ever hear it. It was a story of friend-

ship, family, culture, and time—all recurring elements in Li's works that have gained her such recognition over the past few years.

The rest of the evening was devoted to a short "Q&A" period.

When asked about the time Li spent as a scientist before becoming an author and whether or not she regretted not getting into writ-

“ There's always a seed for a story in real life.

Yiyun Li

ing earlier, Li said, "I learned from being a scientist, especially relating to mathematics. There is mathematics in every story—multi-triangles with characters...and mirrors, for example. It's something I consciously think about when I write."

Li also said, "And no, I don't regret spending some years as a scientist. I believe there was a reason for it. The good thing about writing is you can get there when you're 60 and still have 20 years left to do it."

Another student inquired where Li gains the inspiration to create short stories and how she has come to formulate so many of her eccentric characters and intriguing plots. Li said, "There's always a seed for a story in real life." Li explained that many of

her stories have been products of "beautiful and bizarre" occurrences she has read about in local newspapers and online websites. Even a number of her minor characters are created from real people she has read about or met.

When asked about her personal life—how she balances being a mother, a teacher, and a writer all at the same time—Li confessed that she never has time to sleep. With two children at home (the eldest just starting kindergarten) and being a professor at Mills, Li only finds time to "be an author" from midnight to four o'clock in the morning. However, Li said, "Yes, it's hard...On the other hand, I like writing. If I don't write, I'm not happy. I'm not myself."

It is clear that Li's passion for writing is what has helped ease her transition from disciplined scientist to creative writer. It also has gained her the attention she has received from many people nationwide. Moreover, as a Chinese woman coming to America with English as her second language, Li has definitely created a name for herself in literature that cannot be overlooked by people all over the world.

Next Wednesday, September 28, the Creative Writing Reading Series will feature another reputable author, National Book Award nominee Ben Lerner. It will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Soda Center.

Saint Mary's exhibits Aboriginal paintings

Aboriginal art from Balgo, Australia presented in Hearst Gallery

by Irene Nino
Staff Writer

A striking array of acrylic canvas paintings are on display until October 14 in the Hearst Art Gallery. The collection consists of 45 strangely stunning and colorful paintings from the Aboriginal community of Balgo, Western Australia. Eric Foresman '09 said, "It's interesting because [the art] is all about how [the artists] interpret the dreams, and they use signs to interpret them in an artistic manner."

The art is used to communicate key elements of a history which has been passed down through generations. The theme throughout the art exhibit is "The Dreaming." The tales of the dreaming are expressed through a myriad of artistic forms; the most recent way being acrylic paint on canvas.

Tiffany Warner '10 said, "The colors are really great. The paintings are vivid and bright. At first glance, you would think they are simple, but they are really so complex. It's beautiful."

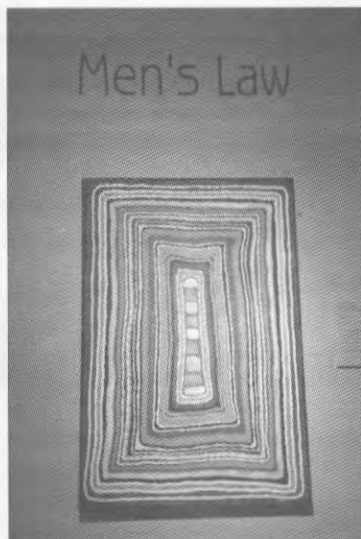
Sunday, the opening day of the exhibit, students visited Hearst Art Gallery for various reasons. Some students were required to view the art for a class including Professor Heung's World Cultures: Australia. Many others entered the gallery simply to en-

joy the unusual display of Aboriginal art. Amber James '11 said, "I am just checking [the art gallery] out for the first time. I like it; it's really interesting and cool that we have this on campus."

This Aboriginal art depicts the people's beliefs about ancestral beings giving birth to mankind, forming the landscapes, and creating the moral code, known to

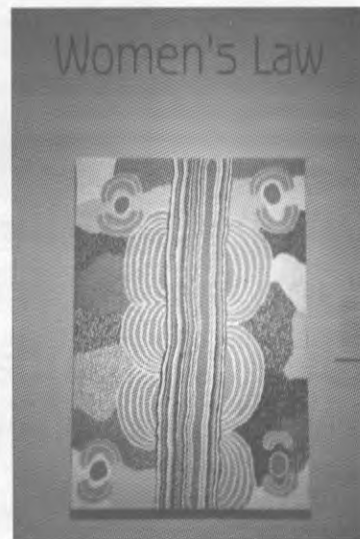
the Aboriginals as the law. Two prominent pieces in the gallery featured a visual representation of the different laws that were established for men and women and how they were developed.

Check out the Hearst Art Gallery and experience one of the most fundamental and enduring expressions of Australian Aboriginal culture right here on Saint Mary's campus.



Irene Nino/COLLEGIAN

Sam Tjampitjin depicts an area set aside for men's law in Palkudar. The painting reveals a central clay pan surrounded by sand hills. The artist also shows lines of bush foods growing between sand dunes. The lines throughout refer to tracks taken by dreaming ancestors as they hunted Tjampitjinis, one of the senior custodians of the country.



Irene Nino/COLLEGIAN

Sarah Napanangka portrays two old women dancing around a ceremonial pole in Mina Mina in The Greatest Sandy Desert. This is a sacred area for women's ceremonies. The women dance to bring rain and a good supply of food. A series of long sand hills is represented in the center, bordered by designs used in women's ceremonial body paintings.

Campus Calendar

Career Information Night

Tuesday, September 11
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Soda Center
Contact: Patty Bishop
x4600

SMC Volleyball "Meet the Team"

Tuesday, September 11
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Redwood Grove

Engagement Chatroom

Wednesday, September 12
12:40 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
Soda Center, La Morinda
Contact: Kayla Banion x4708

Creative Writing Series Russ Rymer

Wednesday, September 12
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
De La Salle, Hagerty Lounge
Contact: Chris Sindt x4088

Sociology BBQ

Wednesday, September 12
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Justin and Mitty Commons
Contact: Diane Bianchi
x4706

Resume and Interview Workshop

Thursday, September 13
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
De La Salle Hall, Hagerty
Lounge
Contact: Joseph Moranville
(925)207-3318

LASA Welcome Back BBQ

Saturday, September 15
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Justin and Mitty Commons
Contact: Enrique Ortiz x4665

Janice Garrett Dancers

Sunday, September 16
2:00 p.m.
LeFevre Theater
Contact: Sharon Cahill x4670

Violence Prevention Speaker:

Chris Kilmartin
Monday, September 17
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Contact: Joanna Snawder
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9/11: Republicans commemorate anniversary

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ing on.”
On the other hand, the SMC Democrats have nothing planned this year. They will not be painting the SMC black, they will not be hosting a speaker, and they are not involved with the SMC Republicans on the banners, though Gibble said that the club was open to volunteers.
Skylar Covich '09, president of the SMC Democrats, said his club decided not to do a memorial this year. “The Republican club is in charge of the work putting up some banners...there were some logistical problems getting all the plans made, but we definitely support the Republican efforts in commemorating the events.” Instead, the SMC Democrats are going to use their resources to focus on the future.

Covich said, “We’re planning on using more of our resources to do some events that [deal] with what’s happened since 9/11, with all of the wars that have been caused by the aftermath of 9/11. We’re planning on having some debates and forums [but] we don’t have specific topics or dates.”
Some students are upset that the Republicans are the only club putting a memorial together. Mimi Villalpando '10 said, “I didn’t know that the Republicans were more publicly active on campus and I wish that wasn’t true. If [the Democrats] had some idea of what they were saving for...it doesn’t seem like they’re on top of things.” Regardless of the criticisms, there will be a visual reminder of the attacks.

Elections: Four freshmen running for class president

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men class. This business major is involved with APASA. She has not had student government experience in the past, but feels that freshmen year is a good time to try new things. “This is a new experience for me and...this is a new experience for all the freshmen too,” she said.
Along with the presidential elections will be elections for freshmen vice president and senators. The vice presidential candidates are Drew Williams '11 and Daniella Baltodano '11. Candidates for freshmen senator are Thomas, Williams, Tantica Thompson '11, Carlos Mongalo '11, and Raymyah (Ray) Dixon '11.
A junior presidential election is also taking place, as the position was left empty after last year’s elections. Sergio Trejo '09 is the

only candidate for the position. Trejo is currently a psychology major and has been a Lasallian and Santiago Community member. In addition, he served as class president during his junior and senior years of high school. He wants to use the position to its full potential. “I feel that the resources given to previous presidents were not used to their full potential in making strides towards bettering our school and campus community. I feel it is my responsibility, as it is the responsibility of all students, to make positive change and help in molding campus services for the students—present and future,” said Trejo.
Students can vote online at SMCNet for positions in their class.

ARTEAGA: Quality education

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Catholic, Service, and Education,” Arteaga said. “I believe it is important to live the Lasallian Tradition by creating a community in which we serve each other and bring each other closer to God.”
Ultimately, Arteaga’s life ambition is “to faithfully serve God and do His will,” he said.
Arteaga is grateful for all that he has experienced while here at Saint Mary’s College, he looks forward to additional positive experiences.
Arteaga said, “I want to thank my friends for being there and supporting me in what I do and my professors for educating me so well and expanding my outlook on life. I look forward to continue experiencing and living the Lasallian Heritage with all those on campus.”

Student Leadership Series

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more likely that the professors will actually care about their students. This is exactly what Edmund Arnold '11 liked most about Saint Mary’s. Eric Niemann '11 chose Saint Mary’s due to the fact that it was far enough away from home. Finally, Kris McNamara '11 is attending Saint Mary’s “because it is a small Catholic community full of opportunities for me to grow in education and faith.”
These students bring to Saint Mary’s a wide range of interests and talents, which will lead them into community involvement. Graveson, a former high school basketball player, plans on playing Recreational Sports. McNamara’s faith has led her to join Mission and Ministry. Brummel was a cheerleader in high school and is now trying out for the Saint Mary’s cheer team. Melanie Gonzales '11 played soccer in high school and now plans on joining club soccer along with Saint Luke’s Pre-Medical Society. Arnold just wants “to help serve the community.” Their past experiences and interests allow for involvement in a wide range of activities.
Hannah Brunner '11 loves Saint Mary’s so far and loves the people, but does not like the weather or the food. Blucher said, “What I like most is the campus, faculty, and students here.” Niemann likes his suite and meeting new people, but dislikes the size of the weight room. Arnold is pleased with his new home in De La Salle and said, “Sam is the best RA anyone could ask for.” Others, like Brummel, have been feeling homesick, but are still excited about the start to the new school year.
The class of 2011 is a unique group of individuals coming from different backgrounds with various interests and passions that we now welcome as the newest members of Saint Mary’s community.



The Collegian FEATURE

Discipline process revolves around community *Process meant to help students not 'get them in trouble'*

by Mark Freeman
Staff Writer

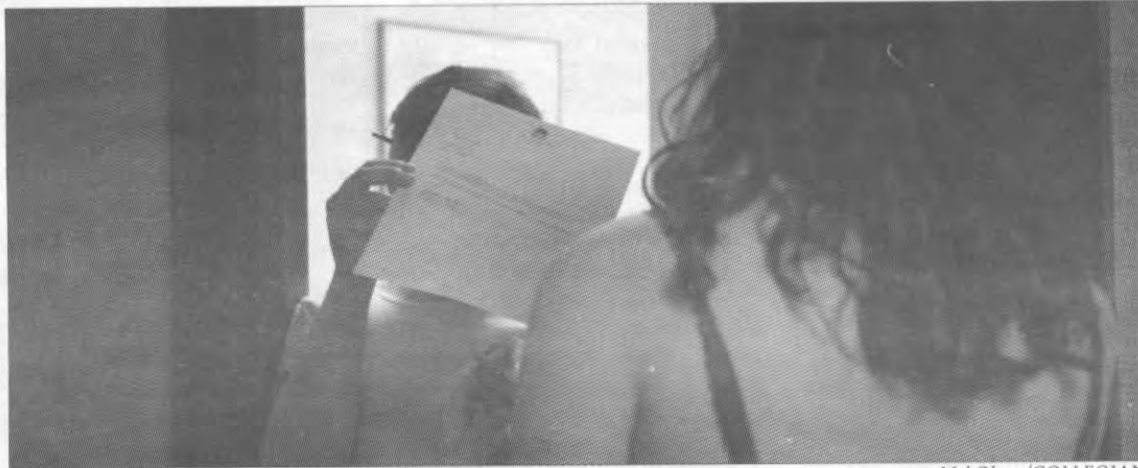
Underage drinkers prefer to keep their activities under wraps, that is until Public Safety gets to them. But the story doesn't end when a party is broken up.

Students caught violating the school's Student Handbook are referred to Jim Sciuto, the associate director of community life. Sciuto oversees the discipline process at Saint Mary's College, but explains that his job is more than just "getting people in trouble."

His primary focus is "looking after the well-being of students," making sure that they're "healthy and happy."

"I'm going to deal with the conduct, of course, but I'm more concerned about what got them to that place," Sciuto said.

To that end, the College takes great care in its discipline process. Jeff*, a senior at Saint Mary's, ex-



Mel Olson/COLLEGIAN

Jim Sciuto, associate director of community life, says, "suspensions are far and few between [but] anything that puts the community or that person in danger could have severe consequences."

of their life," Sciuto said. "Having professors on the board makes you think about things differently."

But perhaps the most effective disciplinary board is the Peer Council, which consists of students nominated by the community. The pool of 15 students is a "leadership formation program,"

repeat the same mistakes."

"I am sure few students actually take the time to read the handbook, and if they do it is probably because they are in trouble," said Maude.

However, some students have less faith in the disciplinary process.

One senior said that "there's

consequences could ultimately include being expelled from Saint Mary's and having one's degree withdrawn.

Typical sanctions involve fines and education programs, which the student can appeal. But the senior found that these programs didn't help him very much. He explained he had to complete the "tedious task of making some flyers...to remind everyone to always practice safe sex, never to drink or do drugs, etc. I was a little upset when a day later, my flyers got torn down by a bunch of drunk people. I worked hard on those."

Sciuto believes the College's community approach to violations helps students deal with personal problems they might be experiencing. "We want to know

what's going on," Sciuto said. "Are they stressed, overwhelmed, homesick, or having relationship problems?" Any of these could be indicators why someone would drink excessively or take drugs, he explained.

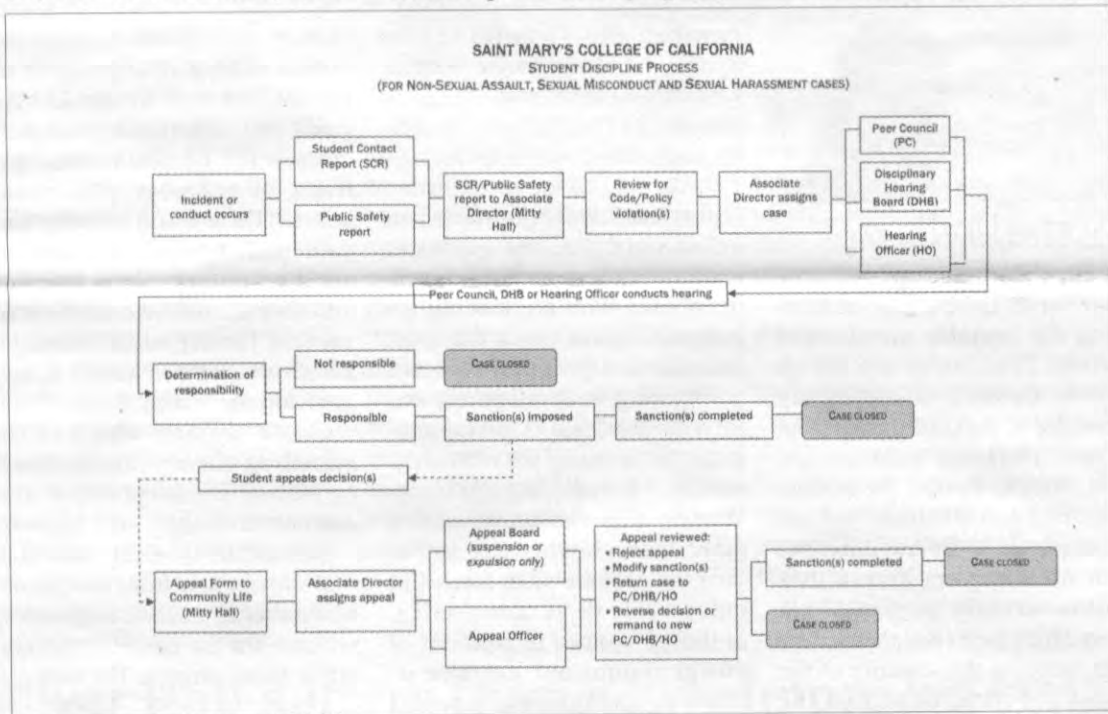
Yet college is a time where students "test boundaries" and have to "become comfortable with who they are," Sciuto said. "Students are really discovering themselves," he said, which may explain their decision to experiment.

Jeff, who has been written up for possessing alcohol and beer bong and keeping pet turtles agrees that students will often flaunt the rules. "People are going to drink on campus and have parties, but when my RD requested to meet with me and questioned if I had a father figure in my life, I felt that they were taking things a little too far," he said.

Ultimately, the discipline process is necessary to keep students on track. Those who break the rules may feel stressed and inconvenienced, but "once you enter the real world, you still have these same rules," Sciuto said.

Despite his criticisms, the senior admits the process changed his ways. "I can say I learned my lesson...I'm a real rehabilitated man now," he said.

* Name changed for anonymity due to nature of story.



Courtesy of the Office of Residence Life

This student discipline flow chart shows the steps that are taken when the Student Handbook is broken.

plained that he had to "meet with Residence Life to review the campus rules and regulations," the first time he was written up. Sometimes, other officials will get involved as well. "My [Resident Director] also took it upon himself to meet with me and discuss the events that had happened," he said.

Jeff's example is one of three ways the college handles code of conduct violations. The first method, meeting with a hearing officer, involves a one-on-one discussion about the incident. The other two methods, the Peer Council and Disciplinary Hearing Board (DHB), involve panels of three people who review the student's case.

While the latter two may seem like they are designed for more serious cases, Sciuto explained that the selected method for a particular case is more due to scheduling issues than anything else. "All three are equal," Sciuto said.

The DHB is unique because it often consists of professors. "Students don't normally think how a decision is going to affect the rest

according to an informational flyer. Students on the Peer Council "discover personal leadership styles while helping other students make ethical and responsible decisions."

The council, formed last year, has been very successful, according to Sciuto. Since it was formed, "over 75 percent of students who had a meeting with the Peer Council Board had no more code of conduct violations that year," he said. This is probably because "students are a lot harder towards other students" in terms of punishment. "Facing a peer is different than an administrator scolding you," Sciuto said. The system has a "positive effect," because "the students are honest with each other."

Students on the Peer Council agree. Meagan Krave '08 explained that she applied for the board because she "wanted to be able to help students see that working with their peers is much easier than working with adults." Joelle Maude '09 also said that, "the main point of Peer Council is to educate students so that they don't

nothing quite like getting written up, then receiving your letter for your trial where you have to sit there while the 'judge' gives you a little BS speech, which may include anything along the lines of 'you're better than that, I know you can turn this behavior around,' or 'don't worry, it's not as bad as it seems.'"

The senior explained that the process was often long and frustrating. "You have to wait for what seems like (and literally is) an eternity for your conviction letter to come in" and "right when you think 'oh they must have forgotten all about it, maybe I'm off the hook,' you hear a knock on the door from your friendly [Resident Advisor]."

"The RA smiles at you warmly and hands you the letter that says you get the boot off campus for a semester," he said.

While the senior received a harsh punishment, Sciuto explained that "suspensions are far and few between." But, "anything that puts the community or that person in danger could have severe consequences," he said. Such

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OPINION



SCOTT CULLINANE

Hillary panders, has no solutions

As the presidential campaign goes on, so does the pandering.

Hillary Clinton, like many of the other candidates, has recently pandered to the gays and the unions by taking part in their debates, and has even pandered to southerners by spontaneously developing a southern accent on certain occasions.

The latest group she has pandered to is the old. She has used the favorite scare tactic of the left, telling the old how the other guy wants to take away their God-given Social Security. Hillary promised the line of "no benefit cuts, no raising the retirement age, no privatization."

That line is fine and dandy for the more senile voting bloc, but for those of us who think a little more clearly, there are some major problems with the proposal Hillary is putting forward.

Hillary wants a "renewed national commitment to Social Security," which she describes as "one of the greatest inventions in American democracy." Yet for all her grand statements she is ignoring the fact that Social Security is going bankrupt and is failing. In FDR's day there were 32 people paying into Social Security for every one pulling money out.

Today that figure is a little more than three people paying in for each one being paid, and as more baby boomers retire the situation is not going to improve. In 2018, little more than a decade away, Social Security will start paying out more than it takes in and every year after that it will go further in debt until it is hundreds of billions of dollars in debt, until it is totally bankrupt by 2042. Some people quibble about the exact day it will go bankrupt, but no one other than Hillary thinks Social Security is doing well.

Hillary's approach to this situation reminds me of an ostrich with its head stuck in the sand with a Mack truck of bankruptcy speeding toward it.

When Social Security goes, what will we do? Will we skyrocket taxes to cover the difference, send the economy into free fall, and raise unemployment? Will we abandon the program, leaving paying Americans, the group current SMC students will find themselves in, with nothing? Whoever the President is, the problem must be fixed because the Hillary plan for do nothing now and hope for the best is a plan for economic ruin.

During speeches Hillary is fond of touting her "experience" but so far her only experience making undeliverable promises.

Hillary is just another politician, and like the rest of them, she isn't doing anything.

Collegian View

Today is the sixth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the Flight 93 hijacking. Most Americans feel some grief or anger with this memory, and as time goes on, the significance of the attacks should be remembered as other days are. We still remember the attacks on Pearl Harbor from December 7, 1941 but we do so in the larger context of what came afterward. We memorialize Pearl Harbor because it was the event that sprung us into World War II. While September 11, 2001 was horrific for those involved, with time September 11 and the Iraq War will need to be remembered more as Pearl Harbor and World War II are remembered: with perspective and permanence.

Last year there was a sense that we would never forget what happened that day; ironically this

year there is a distinct lack of observance. An attitude of indifference is particularly strange when we do remember Pearl Harbor and Memorial Day. We should not brush aside September 11 as repeated and old, but instead continue to have respect for that day.

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Quacky Quotables

TIME—"The Case for National Service" by Richard Stengel

This reporter has gotten it into his head that since "confidence in our public institutions is so low" and that since "people see volunteering not as a form of public service but as an antidote for it" there should be a publicly funded national volunteer service. Quoting from Benjamin Franklin in 1787 who told a woman that we had a republic "if you can keep it," Stengel thinks that requiring a year of military or civilian service is the only way to keep that republic.

It would be very strange that in order to save itself a republic would have to take on characteristics of the monarchy Franklin and his contemporaries wanted to avoid. Compulsory action and national taxation were not elements of the Constitution ratified by the original 13 states so there is no reason to assume that Franklin would support Stengel in his desire to make Americans more dependent on public institutions he knows they are losing faith in.

Stengel admits that it might not be acceptable for participation in a national volunteer program to be compulsory, but he is only thinking in terms of labor. He has not taken into consideration the taxes Americans would be paying toward this system, and would have no choice about paying. As with education, when the state requires more private funds to keep its public institution going, the private element disappears. Good going, Stengel. Way to get rid of voluntary volunteerism altogether.

News from the cracked up mainstream media

Women not biologically predetermined to be trophy wives International perceptions predispose women to limit themselves

Always with the men and their famous strengths; it's time for women to take back their strength.

Historically most men (and young women) can't see that women are anything but sweet, productive members of society who work for the good of all in category X. If that view were accurate, there would be no Susan B. Anthony or Harriet Beecher Stowe, Marie Curie, or Gertrude Bell. None of these women were known for their sweetness and they probably did not have the good of mankind as their priority.

Most women who did manage to make themselves known throughout history did so by not playing by the rules; they didn't marry for love, they didn't sacrifice themselves for someone else's vision, and they didn't take "you're a woman" for an answer.

In contrast to this view, women in most of the world are expected to be sweet or slutty, and sometimes the roles coincide. The former serves the purpose of pro-



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tecting a stable society, while the latter serves the purpose of satisfying the unstable members of society. These roles are not so strictly defined or commonly identified in the United States, but if one explores the backdoor into Asia, Africa, Russia, the Middle East, or Latin America, women are expected to be anything but their own purpose; instead they exist to serve the purpose of another. Don't forget that these countries make up the majority of the world population and that the roles for women in them are more dominant than our own.

As for American perceptions, the most common images we have of women today are those on the silver screen or those promoting some social justice. Name the last challenging woman you saw

onscreen who didn't fall in love by the end of the movie without compromising another woman's strength and you'll have an oddity in Hollywood.

According to an investigative report on LateNightShots, an online site for college graduates to record their night-time adventures, men who are looking for potential mates think the most desirable occupations for women are working in development and international aid. Correspondingly, this is one of the most commonly listed occupations. Women who choose something other than pleasing another as their life goal are often labeled as untouchable or as domineering, as though women in positions of power should not exercise it. There are some jobs that shouldn't exist and there are some women who are unqualified for a job, but that doesn't mean they are biologically inferior or better suited for housework and baby-making.

Is it because people fear the dark side to the strength of women? It is true that we have

enough evil people throughout history without adding women to the list, but women should take credit and responsibility for their choices. Is it because it is just different, or against people's moral beliefs? There is still a strong fundamentalist belief that women are the cause of man's downfall and they should be controlled to prevent further social damage. Either way, women are the scapegoat and the victim.

Those women who choose something else are strange, crazy, or labeled as exceptions to the normal tendency.

Statistically speaking, on a normal distribution from dangerous tendencies to creative tendencies, women are the central tendency while men comprise the tails.

That is not biological predestination; it's social preservation. Men go start wars and women have dinner ready when they come home. It's not the 1950s but we're a long way from the 1920s.

Wake up and get over the sweetness.

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Ban on driving with cell phones: will it change anything?

Phones used for more than emergencies

Emily Esquerro

We're constantly on our cell phones.

We talk at all hours of the day and night, for a mixture of reasons, for different amounts of time, and at various locations. We're on our phones at school, at work, at home, in the hallways, and especially in our cars. When's the last time you drove somewhere, by yourself, and haven't made a phone call? We love to talk while driving. Is it dangerous? Some may think so. Is it practical and efficient? Most definitely.

Envision this: you're driving to school and after mentally scanning all the assignments that are due today you suddenly realize you left your English book and homework on the counter. Lucky for you, your roommate is in the same class and she hasn't left the house yet. Grabbing your cell phone, you frantically place the call, your roommate grabs your homework, and the day is saved.

Now imagine not being able to make that phone call. Picture walking into class, no textbook or assignment in hand, and facing disappointed looks from your professor. Or worse, imagine getting pulled over by Moraga PD, already late to school, and getting a ticket for talking while driving.

The situation sounds absurd, but a scenario like this may not be all that far-fetched beginning in July 2008. Thanks to our very own California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, new legislation will prohibit drivers from using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle unless the cell phone is equipped with hands-free device. In this way, drivers will still be allowed to talk while they keep both hands on the wheel. Those who violate the law will

face a fine of \$20 for a first offense and no more than a \$50 fine for each subsequent offense.

However, the law also states that "emergency" phone calls are an exception. That is more than a little ambiguous. What constitutes an emergency phone call? Who decides? You? The police officer? The state of California? There's a vast discrepancy.

While the reasons we talk on



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our phones while driving usually have more to do with finding the address to a party than a quasi-emergency call like our English homework, it's still our choice to determine what's important.

The hands-free devices are ineffective simply because when we're talking on our cell phones while driving it's not a matter of physically having our hands on the wheel, but the fact that our minds are elsewhere in conversation. Who really drives with both hands on the wheel at all times anyway?

Certainly no one I know.

Jennifer Kennedy

Phones cause accidents, kill children

Between 4,000 and 8,000 crashes related to distracted driving occur daily in the United States, according to the American Automobile Association (AAA).

Cell phone usage is very common among drivers these days as you can see for yourself, especially while driving on the freeway, and is one important distraction that leads to distracted driv-

ing crashes. the driver's reaction time would be delayed, and that's not the only thing to pay attention to when driving. In fact, some studies show that driving with cell phones reduces the driver's focus to the level of a drunk driver's, with the same consequences.

Many argue that they already drive with one hand on the wheel so driving while using the other hand to talk on the phone is not dangerous. What is not understood is that the other hand is free in case of an emergency. If you are on the phone and an emergency comes up, you suddenly have to execute tricky maneuvers with only one free hand. Unless you are an expert driver, the maneuver could be impossible without two hands.

When the phone rings, your phone is not handy, more times than it is. Instead, it's in a purse or under the seat next to you. This requires looking over to see where it is, taking eyes off the road, losing stability, and/or using one or both hands to retrieve the phone.

This is yet another distraction from the task at hand. A car accident can happen in the one second it takes to reach over and get the phone, or a kid can run in front of your car. That one second makes a difference.

The use of Bluetooth for emergencies is the best solution to this problem. This allows for both hands to be free and available if need be. At the same time, if the usage is for emergencies only, the driver will not be distracted by the conversation.

Cell phones are one of the biggest distractions to drivers today and by banning their use we can stop many more accidents from happening each day.



J. HARRY PAINTER

WWE gives in to media on steroids

For all the brutality of the Chris Benoit double murder-suicide, something positive may just have resulted from the slayings.

Just under two weeks ago, it was reported that World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), Benoit's employer (while he lived) suspended 10 wrestlers. The 10 wrestlers were all clients of Orlando's Signature Pharmacy, a company under fire for distributing steroids and growth hormones illegally.

Steroid use is against WWE policy, but before the Benoit incident it appeared the policy was implemented to prevent any criticism the company might receive—the type it is currently receiving. Now, however, it looks as if WWE might actually be taking the policy seriously as some of the wrestlers alleged to have been on Signature's client list have major roles in WWE.

Randy Orton is a former World Champion who consistently appears in main events, John Morrison, a former ECW (a WWE program inspired by the former wrestling company) Champion, and Mr. Kennedy and Umaga are also major players in WWE.

This is not to say that WWE is not interested in the outlook of wrestling and specifically the company itself, but WWE surely could have avoided suspending such key wrestlers to appease the media. Why not fine Morrison, for example, instead of having the former champion disappear from the nationally broadcast weekly television show, leaving fans confused?

Whatever the reason or intent, WWE has taken steps that no other "real" sports are actively taking in encouraging an end to steroid abuse.

Wrestling has the same problem with steroids that baseball has. Wrestlers, just like baseball players and other professional athletes, take steroids out of necessity to successfully compete. No one is forced to take a drug, but guess who gets to hold the championship belt. Guess who still hits home runs at 43 like he's 23. As an athlete or performer, once you realize that steroids are what it takes to achieve money and fame, you'll take the risk regardless of the negative aspects.

In taking a no tolerance stance against steroid abuse, whether for the right reasons or not, WWE has set an example for the MLB and the NFL. Think about it this way: If a guy like Barry Bonds were capable of being indefinitely suspended just on suspicion of steroid abuse, everyone would be in danger.

If only the "real" sports would get on the train and take the same measures that WWE has taken.

Oliver Hall suffers from newly improved vision of change

Administration, students don't share appreciation for increased traffic

Oliver Hall looks different, but the long lines are here to stay.

Last year, we were promised touch screen computers to order our food. Students were led to believe that there would be a significant change in Oliver Hall. There clearly isn't a whole lot going on there for the students to see. There's an ugly and awkward partition separating the fruit and yogurt bar from the sandwich and salad bars. Every food item needs to be swiped through except fruit and yogurt. Is that food group all of a sudden not important enough to be paid for? We're technically paying for it anyway, but now we don't need to pay for a limited selection of fruit.

More importantly, back to the touch screens. It was mentioned in an article in the spring semester that only one other college in the United States has a touch screen system for ordering food. Have you ever thought of why that is, Sodexo? It's because it's a horrible thing! Touch screens? Was the lunch time rush factored into



STEFANIE WANG

the plan? What of the dinner rush? Do you not see the problems that have already arisen? It's been less than a month since the start of the new school year and there are already problems.

Those problems are things that have been shifted around and muddled up. Before, during the lunch hour traffic, there was an actual system. There was a method for the students to line up. Now if you are unfortunate enough to have to eat during regular lunch time, you face a large mass of people that don't know where to go. The area the lunch line spilled into is now blocked by two large and aesthetically offensive food bars. The line to swipe your meal card is also outrageously long. That stupid line then spills into the food serving

area. That's not fun, administration, it's really not.

A great deal of the new and flashy things described in last year's article already exist. Oh, great, there's supposedly going to be a new deli and salad section. For now, the ones in Oliver Hall are the same as the ones from last year, and, on top of that, the selection of bread is sub-par.

Pizza, pizza, pizza. I don't see my gourmet pizzas anywhere. I see no daily specials at Hot Off the Grill. Just same old, same old.

The card swiping machines also like to randomly hate students. Sometimes my card works without any problems, other times it takes several swipes to get it through. It's extremely discon-

cerning for a student with the smallest meal plan to see the card swiped three times. There goes half a week of food if the machine had a stupid glitch.

I don't taste a difference in the food. I don't see a positive difference in Oliver Hall. Students without a kitchen in their living residence (basically every non-townhouse resident on campus) has to have a meal plan. I am paying over \$4,000 a year to eat food that I don't enjoy in a place that resonates with empty promises and poor service.

However, I must thank the administration for one thing: thanks for commandeering Dryden Hall: I like eating in an air conditioned place.

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CONCERT WATCH



Students, staff discover Moraga's main attractions
Favorite off-campus destinations among Saint Mary's community

by **Irene Nino**
Staff Writer

Wednesday, 9/12
Justin Timberlake - 7:30 p.m. @ HP Pavilion

Thursday, 9/13
The Roots - 8:00 p.m. @ Fillmore

The Bravery - 8:00 p.m. @ The Warfield

Friday, 9/14
Velvet Revolver with Alice in Chains & Sparta - 7:00 p.m. @ Sleep Train Pavilion

Guster - 8:00 p.m. @ The Warfield

Saturday, 9/15 & Sunday, 9/16
Treasure Island Music Festival (featuring Modest Mouse & Thievery Corporation) - 12:30 p.m. @ Treasure Island

Far from a college town, Moraga's quiet and small atmosphere does not immediately appeal to Saint Mary's students. Despite common belief, there is more to the small city than a Safeway and 7-11.

Oliver Hall and Hagerty can only be the center of student life for so long before students begin to wonder what else is out there.

"I have no idea what's in Moraga," said Noel Toms, information attendant in Filippi Hall. "All I know is that it is over there," she added as she pointed out toward the hills.

Many students and faculty have this same ambiguous and detached relationship with the city. Matthew Fontan '11 said, "I don't really know much about the places in Moraga, but it seems like it is very peaceful and safe and community-like." With its golf courses, community parks, and lofty homes, Moraga is apparently repellent to the average college student.

Kyla Tom '08 said, "My favorite place in Moraga is Saint Mary's. This school is really it." She added, "Really, there's nothing in Moraga."

Although it might seem as if there is no hope for students to find an enjoyable place in a town infested with soccer moms,

the best view of Moraga." Grant said her favorite place is "Rancho Laguna Park, at the end of Camino Pablo, because at night at seven, everyone meets up there and brings their dogs." Moraga provides an atmosphere that encourages community and invites that community to search and find the town's beauty.

Lucia Minor, another administrative assistant for the School of Economics and Business Administration, said she loves "the Hacienda Historical House. It has beautiful gardens. I used to eat lunch there in the gardens because they were just so beautiful."

The Hacienda de los Flores

The grounds include a nature trail and a botanical garden.

Where the faculty appreciates the trails and gardens Moraga offers, the students appreciate its food and atmosphere. Chris Campbell '10 said "I love Terzetto [Cuisine]. I like to go there because it gives me a break from Sodexo. You get sandwiches and all that good stuff." Located on Moraga Way, Terzetto is an appetizing café that serves breakfast and lunch, with a side of wireless service.

Kevin Swiryn, a fifth year senior, enjoys going to "Gourmet [Bistro] Café because it's got the best food in Moraga. There are nice people and it has a good atmosphere."

Swiryn adds that it "is a great place to have lunch with friends or girlfriend."

Annie Kimmerlein '09 has found one of her favorite places to be the "Thai food place [Royal Siam]...it has really good Thai

food and I love Thai food." But she might just have a soft spot for Thai food.

For students looking for a change in their Oliver Hall routines, Moraga offers a variety of fancy diners as well.



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plagued by spoiled children and central to disc golf lovers, the city is still abounding in beautiful places to hike and bike, as well as delicious places to order entrées and desserts.

Cherie Grant, an administrative assistant in the School of Economics and Business Administration and Mayor of Moraga in 1996, was an active member in The Park and Recreation Committee, as well as The Park and Recreation Foundation. Grant said, "The best hike is up Donald Drive, and Mulholland Ridge has

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Atreyu changes for better

Shocking new sound does not tarnish band's major label debut

by **Easar Forghany**
Staff Writer

You're listening a song on the radio, and you're on the fence about whether or not to change the station. The drums are cool, the guitar is catchy, but your finger is still hanging by the button. Enter the screeching vocals; you've had enough of that song.

Screaming rock anthems have rarely been appreciated on the mainstream level, but Atreyu has broken that norm with the release of their fourth album, *Lead Sails Paper Anchor* (LSPA). This album has strayed from the metalcore sound of their previous albums but is still excellent, with drummer Brandon Saller, the more melodic singer, dividing vocal duties with lead singer Alex Varkatzas.

Atreyu's sound has begun to emulate that of punk icons AFI—which appears intentional, considering the striking similarity in album artwork between LSPA and AFI's 1999 album *Black Sails in the Sunset*. LSPA possesses more of a pop-punk sound to it than Atreyu fans are used to, but the band still stays true to their

metalcore roots with songs like "Becoming the Bull," the album's lead single, and "When Two Are One," weaving Atreyu's classic sound together with their new sound flawlessly. Other songs like "Doomsday," "Honor," and "Falling Down" utilize a mesmerizing drum beat and captivating riffs, possessing massive potential for the band's major label debut to rank in the Billboard charts (it landed at number eight on the

Varkatzas' screaming, repetitive riffs, fast-paced drum beats, and face-melting solos, whereas in their new album, Saller's vocals

ered a big disappointment for some and a big success for others is title track "Lead Sails (And A Paper Anchor)." The song has a mellow acoustic beat with a subtle, electric country riff, the drums retaining the calm pace of the song. This song is the only one that completely strays from Atreyu's older work but is still put together very well for a first attempt at such a drastically different style song. This is one of the most admirable aspects of an already exceptional album.

Atreyu usually has fast paced songs that are good to mosh to, but this album shows maturity and a sense of bonding within the band. All the instruments harmonize together to create a beautifully crafted album.

Although Atreyu's old albums are great, this album is by far the best—signing to a major label has turned out to be a positive move. Fans of bands like Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, UnderOath, or Bullet For My Valentine will appreciate Atreyu's new change. LSPA is a big step for the band, showing huge potential for their future albums.



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Billboard 200 in its first week).

Atreyu's previous albums such as *The Curse* and *A Death Grip on Yesterday* were distinguished by

are more dominant and their melodic songs are more readily accessible.

A song which could be consid-

Underworld impresses at The Warfield Friday

Paul Oakenfold bores, headliner leaves San Francisco crowd entranced

by **J. Harry Painter**
Detour Editor

Not every trance act can pull off an amazing live show without feeding its audience ecstasy. It's hard to expect, of course, when an act is armed with little more than a set of turntables and some lights. Luckily, Underworld is one of the few that can, and did last weekend in the first of two consecutive shows at The Warfield in San Francisco.

The aging English electronic group, who wrote the soundtrack to Danny Boyle's latest film *Sunshine* with composer John Murphy, is best known to the general public for their song "Born Slippy .NUXX," which appeared in Boyle's 1996 film *Trainspotting*.

But they deserve more fame than they have, and perhaps if they had started playing 20 years later than they did, they could have achieved such fame. With today's increasingly electronic music scene, who knows where Underworld could have been in another 20 years.

One element that gives Underworld's live show an edge

over some other electronic artists is that they not only have a vocalist, but actually play instruments on stage. And it's a good thing, since Karl Hyde is one of the most energetic performers I've seen despite his having lived 50 years on this earth. Dancing around like an inebriated grasshopper on stage, Hyde puts fellow dinosaurs Mick Jagger and Sting to shame.

He made all the difference, too, because his live renditions

and fellow founding member Rick Smith played live keyboards—although it was hard to tell at times what was live instrumentation

sary footage of one of the band members posing in his tight-whities.

It only got better once "Two Months Off" came on, as the crew unleashed some rocket balloons, upon which Hyde would later goofily bang his head.

Underworld's performance followed a one and a half hour opening show by well-known English trance DJ Paul Oakenfold.



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and what was played directly off the record.

Underworld's recently released single "Crocodile" was a major highlight, giving us a promising preview of their upcoming album

Oblivion with Bells.

The show was enhanced by, along with the obligatory smoke and intriguing use of lights, an entertaining video. We were treated to a live video game session, featuring old-school favorites *Asteroids* and *Pong*, as well as unneces-

Oakenfold is not one of those blessed few exciting live trance acts. I suppose Oakenfold didn't do anything wrong, though, besides looking like he could have been chowing down on a Sourdough Jack while his music dragged on and it would have affected the show very little.

Q, a British music magazine, once named Oakenfold one of "50 Bands To See Before You Die." I disagree. I could have died a happy man without having experienced one bit of him. I couldn't, however, have lived a fulfilling life without having witnessed the greatness of an Underworld live show.

Oakland Korean food good for late night meal

by **Darwyn Deyo**
Opinion Editor

If everything in Moraga is closed and you're tired of settling for Crogan's in Walnut Creek, head for Dan Sung Sa in Oakland.

Located at 2775 Telegraph Avenue (between 28th Street & Merrimac Street), Dan Sung Sa is a Korean bar and restaurant that was once known as the porno palace or the porno bar. Today, however, the menu simply offers food and drinks with some specials coming together.

Inside the restaurant there are booths that are reminiscent of stalls, papered with American movie posters with Korean titles, but they do give you some privacy for about five people; otherwise you'll be sitting at a long communal table or near the ill-lit back. There's also a bar with pretty timely service though it's more orientated to male clientele and starts to fill up around 11:00 at night.

While there are some meals that you might only order as part of a dare, like the spicy snail salad, there's plenty of food that won't be strange to Saint Mary's students. One of the meal-alcohol combos is the spicy chicken pieces and a pitcher of Miller Genuine Draft for \$23.99, which can feed three people. Other main meals include the spicy rice cakes with a soju or 2 beers, or Korean pancakes. The spicy chicken isn't too hot for those with a sensitive palette even though the smell of spices is incredibly strong. There's also a good grilled beef dish with sweet onions, and every meal comes with an appetizer of carrots, cucumbers, and sweet 'n' sour chili sauce.

Don't bother getting more drinks if you order a meal-alcohol combo, but there is a selection of raspberry wines, rice wines, and hot sake. There are also some flavored cocktails, and the drinks, considering they come in bottles and pitchers, are reasonably priced, running from about \$6-\$10. Before ordering, check that they do have your drink because if they run out they might forget to tell you. Also, be sure your chopsticks skills are up-to-date because you won't get anything else to use, though most of the food can be eaten with fingers anyway.

This is a place you go for a mid-night snack more than a conversational dinner, but if you really can't finish what you bought they do have boxes for takeaway. The service for your vegetables and sweet 'n' sour sauce and whatever drink was ordered is pretty fast, but after that service slows down if it's packed with college students from Berkeley, like it will be on a Friday or Saturday night. Other things to keep in mind are that parking is on an as-you-come basis, which isn't difficult to find with all the side-streets available.

Above all, don't let the fact that it's not upper-class scare you out of having a good time with Oakland culture.



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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Allie Weiner



Courtesy of smcgaels.com

For the second week in a row, sophomore Allie Weiner has proven to be the on field

leader for the women's soccer team. She scored another two goals this weekend against CSU Bakersfield and Vermont.

Karrie Hagedorn

Senior Karrie Hagedorn finished in 10th place at the Chico State Invitational this past weekend. Her time of 22:50 is the sixth fastest time in Saint Mary's history.



Courtesy of smcgaels.com

Cross country sets record in Chico

Men's and women's teams each finish in third place

by **Stef Ordoeza**
Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross-country teams finished their first race of the season last Saturday at the Chico State Invitational at the Lake Oroville Forebay Aquatic Center. Both teams placed third overall, and Gael runners Karrie Hagedorn '08 and freshman Tess Grannemann broke Saint Mary's records, which greatly contributed to the women's success over five other teams at the Invite.

The men were led by junior transfer Mario Mendoza, who finished with a time of 27:32 and placed 24th overall in his first race as a Gael. Nick Shea '09, also a transfer, finished second for the Gaels with a time of 28:31.

The rest of the Gael pack followed closely behind with freshman Mark Blucher and juniors David Stiles and Eric Villegas clocking in at 29:41, 30:25, and 31:24, respectively.

The combined finish of the men's team garnered the team a third place finish, beating Simpson University and CSU Monterey Bay.

The women's team showed some bright improvements from last year's results with their incoming freshmen; however, Hagedorn still remains the convincing force for the Gaels, leading the women with a 22:50 at the 6K event. This



Courtesy of www.smcgaels.com

David Stiles '09 finished in 47th place and helped the Gaels to a third place finish at the Chico State Invitational.

finish placed her 11th overall and ranks her sixth all-time in the Saint Mary's record books.

Grannemann, in her debut race as a Gael, also has quickly made an impression on the program, finishing at 23:31, which placed her 19th at the Invite and etches her name in the record books as eighth all-time.

Grannemann was not the only freshman to finish in front for the Gaels. Not too far behind were freshmen Maddie Dengler and Jade Lewis, who crossed the line

at 25:29 and 25:50, respectively.

Hagedorn said, "I think our team, since I've been here, has been more fit than ever before. This has helped us a lot already this season because we can focus on things that, in earlier seasons, we weren't able to focus on."

These improvements in their fitness clearly contributed to their third place finish at the Invite over UC Davis, CSU Monterey Bay, Simpson University, and Shasta College.

Peter Mathieu '08, captain of

the men's team, said, "The course we ran at Chico was a little more lengthy than the traditional 8k race we're used to running...But I'm really excited [about this upcoming race] because we did some important things at the Chico race, and we just want to keep the ball rolling and run some fast times."

The program looks forward to even better results at the Aztec Invitational, which will take place this Saturday at 9 a.m. in San Diego.



GO GAELS!

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Today
Men's Golf @
SMC Intercollegiate Day 2
Pebble Beach, CA

Thursday, Sept. 13
Volleyball v. UC Santa Barbara
7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14
Women's Soccer @ UAB

Volleyball v. UC Davis
7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15
Cross Country @
Aztec Invitational

Sunday, Sept. 16
Men's Soccer v. Wright State
1 p.m.

Women's Soccer @ Vanderbilt

TRANSACTIONS AND STANDINGS

Athletics
Saint Mary's College and ADIDAS agree to a three-year contract extension.

Cross Country

Chico State Invitational Men's

1. Stanford University
2. Chico State
3. Saint Mary's
4. Simpson University
5. CSU Monterey Bay

Women's

1. Stanford University
2. Chico State
3. Saint Mary's
4. UC Davis
5. CSU Monterey Bay
6. Simpson University
7. Shasta College

Women's Soccer

Team	WCC	PTS	Overall
POR(4)	0-0	6	3-1-0
SCU(5)	0-0	5	2-0-1
USD	0-0	5	2-1-1
SMC	0-0	4	1-1-2
GON	0-0	4	2-2-0
USF	0-0	2	0-1-2
LMU	0-0	1	0-3-1
PEP	0-0	1	0-3-1

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Saint Mary's 1

CSU Bakersfield 2
Saint Mary's 1

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LMU	0-0	2	1-2-0
SMC	0-0	2	1-2-0

Saint Mary's 0
CSU Bakersfield 1

Volleyball

Team	WCC	PCT	Overall
SCU(19)	0-0	.750	6-2
GON	0-0	.727	8-3
USF	0-0	.700	7-3
POR	0-0	.667	6-3
SMC	0-0	.625	5-3
USD(18)	0-0	.625	5-3
LMU	0-0	.600	6-4
PEP	0-0	.555	5-4

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#9 BYU(3) 32 30 31

#17 Cal Poly (3) 30 28 30 30
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SMC Sports Fact of the Week

The most wins in a single volleyball season since entering the NCAA is 25. 25-4 in 2004, advanced to the Sweet Sixteen



Courtesy of www.usatoday.com

Team USA looks to improve on their 2004 Olympic effort in Beijing.

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Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant, arguably the best NBA player today, could be considered the third option offensively behind Cleveland Cavaliers LeBron James and Denver Nuggets Carmelo Anthony. The team has plenty of ball handlers and passers as well; with star Jason Kidd of the New Jersey Nets, Chauncey Billups of the Detroit Pistons and Deron Williams of the Utah Jazz running the passing game this summer the team would flourish.

After their dominating tournament, the team drew comparisons to the 1992 Olympic Team, known as the "Dream Team" that hosted Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Charles Barkley. With a starting lineup of Kidd, Bryant, Anthony, James and Dwight Howard of the Orlando

Magic, the team has the potential to be better than the Dream Team as long as they stay focused and work together.

"I learned that players can throw their egos and personal accolades out the window," James told the Associated Press after the team's victory over Argentina. "We came here for one reason and that was to get the gold medal."

Looking ahead to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, the team now has to decide who won't be going. The team can only take twelve men; it officially has 34 men on their roster. With about nine of the twelve spots all but guaranteed, the choice will be more difficult for Colangelo and Krzyzewski. Still, after such a dominating performance USA basketball fans can look forward to the Olympics again.

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Golf looks ready for upcoming season

Gaels return all five starters and add red-shirt senior Cocco to already strong lineup

by Frankie Mangini
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's golf team looks to have a strong season this year. Last year, the Gaels finished fourth at the West Coast Conference (WCC) Tournament. In fact the Gaels had a slight lead going into the final round of the tournament before being overtaken by Pepperdine.

Overall the Gaels won two tournaments and had a third place finish in another. From last year the Gaels return nine players including all five starters from last season. In addition, the Gaels get arguably their top golfer back in senior Chadd Cocco, who red-shirted the 2006-07 season.

Cocco has been named to the WCC First Team in all three years during his time at Saint Mary's, including being named Freshman of the Year in his first collegiate season. In the spring of 2006, Cocco represented Saint Mary's at NCAA Tournament.

While red-shirting, Cocco won the San Francisco City Amateur Classic and also finished third at the 2007 Scratch Players championship beating out 2007 NCAA runner-up Kyle Stanley as well as tying Stanford's Rob Grube who finished third in the 2007 individual NCAA Tournament.

The Gaels also return fellow seniors Mike McRae and Josh Kelley. McRae is coming off a strong junior campaign where he placed third in the Gael record books with a 72.3 stroke average. McRae was named to the WCC first team for the second straight year.

McRae was one of the most consistent golfers for the Gaels posting top 10 finishes in five of the Gaels' 11 tournaments. In addition to that, McRae was the medalist at the USF Triumph tournament.

Josh Kelley played along side McRae in the 2007 season. Kelley's play was instrumental in leading the Gaels to their first victory of the year as Kelley sank a birdie putt on the final hole to give the Gaels the lead and place himself in third place in the tournament.

Kelley has played in every tournament for the Gaels in his three years at Saint Mary's. Kelley was second behind McRae in stroke average in 2007 and will be a vital part of the Gaels' success this year.

Alongside the three, sophomores Rob McRae and Daniel Cone return after having solid freshman seasons. McRae and Cone were instrumental in the Gaels' fourth place finish in the West Coast Conference as they were the top two golfers for the

Gaels in the tournament; McRae placed fourth and Cone tied for ninth in the individual tournament.

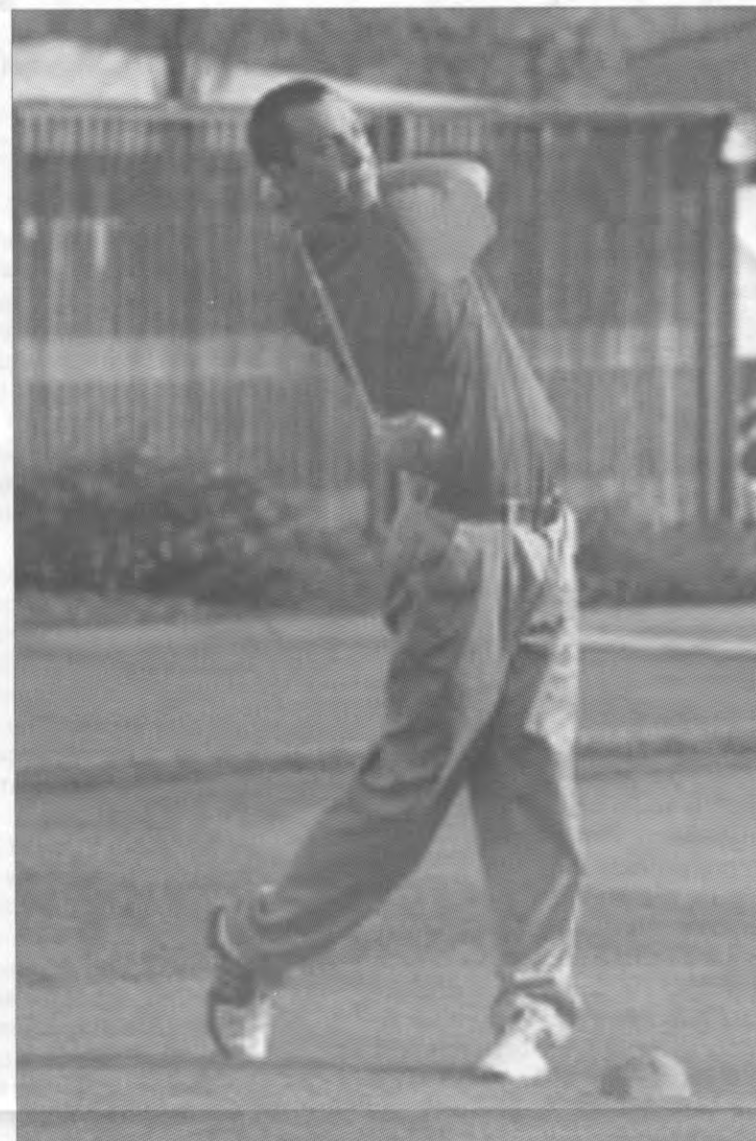
Rob McRae was named, alongside brother Mike McRae, to the 2007 West Coast Conference first team. Rob McRae scored a 74 average stroke which was best ever for a freshman and third on the team.

Cone was right behind playing in eight of the 11 tournaments for the Gaels. Cone had two top ten finishes. Competing with Cone for the starting line-up is senior Brett Mormann who played in ten tournaments last year.

The Gaels will have tough competition as many of the top players from the West Coast Conference return. Defending champion Pepperdine returns four of their five starters from last season. Loyola Marymount returns its starting line-up including the Player of the Year.

The Gaels started the season yesterday and play the final round today as they host the Saint Mary's Invitational where the 18 team field includes San Francisco, Santa Clara and Loyola Marymount.

For full results of SMC Intercollegiate, go to www.SMCGaels.com



Courtesy of www.smcgaels.com

Red-shirt senior Chadd Cocco is making his return to a very deep squad.

Men's soccer falls to Bakersfield

Gaels lose one goal heartbreaker to Roadrunners



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Corey Heldreth '09 took three shots on Saturday.

by Max Robertson
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team lost a heartbreaker to the Cal State Bakersfield Roadrunners 1-0 in their home opener on a late second half goal last Saturday. The goal was scored by Roadrunners

forward Javier Barba and assisted by Oscar Coppieters. Barba's shot deflected off one of the Saint Mary's defensemen and trickled in the lower back side of the net.

The Gaels had many opportunities but they just could not capitalize. The Gaels' young team showed great composure. Fresh-

men Eric Rivas had a game-high seven shots, only one of them on net.

When the first half of play was over it was tied at zero. They out shot the Roadrunners and had possession of the ball for the majority of the first half.

When the second half started, the Gaels came out a little flat as the Roadrunners had a free kick chance that sailed high. Right after the free kick the Gaels were back on track as they continued to pepper Trojanowski with shots the rest of the half. One big play in the early second half came when Justin Kim '09 made a backwards header to Rivas whose shot sailed wide.

As the game went on the Gaels kept bounding the Roadrunners zone. Bakersfield scored to make it 1-0 on a goal by Coppieters in the 73rd minute.

The Gaels put themselves in great chances throughout the ball game but just could not find a way to get one by. Late in the game, the Gaels had one last shot when they took a corner with under one minute to play. Corey Heldreth '09 made a cross and headed the ball right on net, but Trojanowski was there to make the save.

The Gaels are now 1-2 on the year and will play Wright State in Saint Mary's Stadium on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Return to glory for USA

by Bryant West
Staff Writer

After an extremely disappointing loss to Argentina in the 2004 Olympic Games left the USA men's basketball team with the bronze medal, major changes were needed to insure the country that hosts the NBA would regain its top status.

However, the USA men's team failed to get into the 2008 Beijing Olympics last summer after a loss to Greece in the FIBA World Championship, which earned them another bronze medal. The newly formed team had to wait until this summer for the Olympic Qualifier; the team didn't lose a game, going 13-0 in the tournament and averaging 116.7 points per game, gaining the gold medals and a berth for the Beijing playoffs.

Inexperience and the lack of role players cost the US the gold medal in the 2004 Olympics. Jerry Colangelo, former Phoenix Suns and now Toronto Raptors general manager, was brought in as the team director to help select the players, and Duke's famous Mike Krzyzewski was brought in as the head coach.

When Allen Iverson, the captain of the 2004 team, was not invited to play, it signified the team was looking to go in a more selfless direction. The new team has plenty of scorers.

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Gaels go winless on weekend

Women's soccer ties with Vermont, loses to Bakersfield

by Zack Farmer
Managing Editor

The Gaels played host for the Saint Mary's College Fall Soccer Classic and played Vermont to a 1-1 tie and lost a heartbreaker to CSU Bakersfield 2-1. Saint Mary's were firing on all cylinders as they took a total of 47 shots, 29 on goal, in the two games but were only able to put two goals into the net.

Saint Mary's took their first lead against Vermont in the 39th minute when sophomore Allie Weiner one-timed a Marina Baham '09 pass over the arms of Vermont goalkeeper Eliza Bradley for the score.

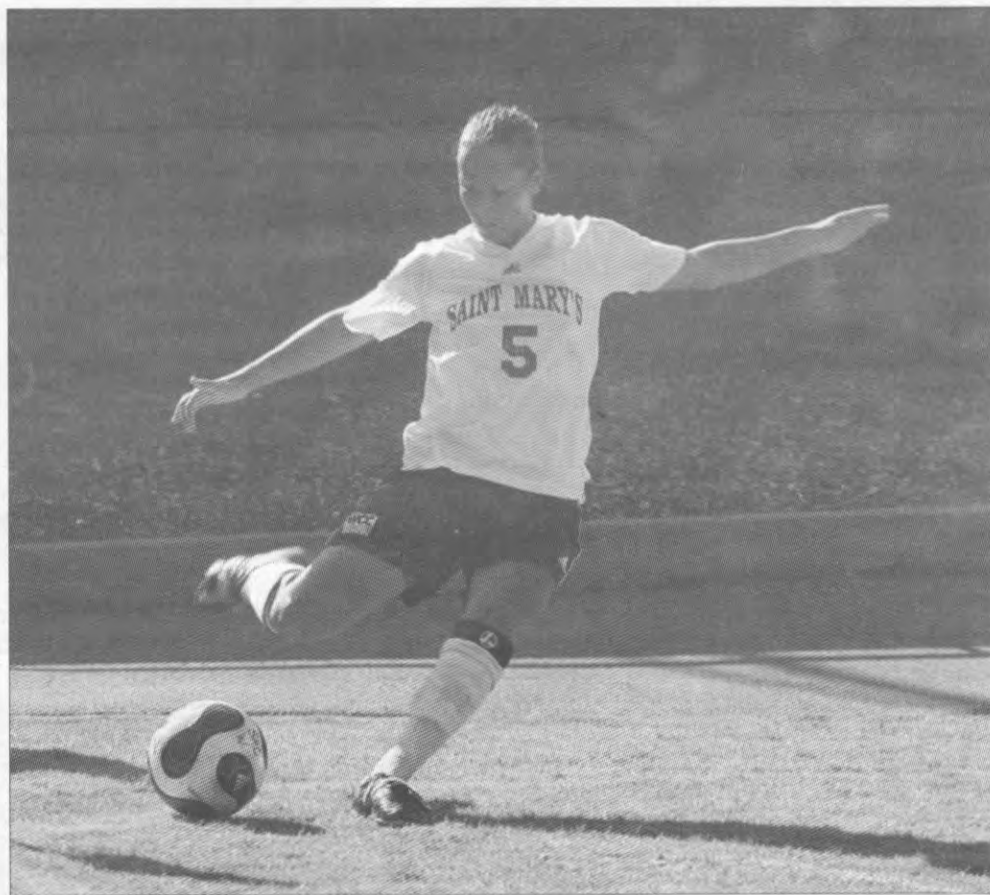
They would hold the lead until the 76th minute when Vermont midfielder Eileen Cirilli looped a ball over freshman Gael goalkeeper Tara Larson's head. After this goal, Larson proceeded to make three amazing saves to preserve the tie. Two of the three saves came in the same sequence when Larson tipped the ball away and saved a ricochet off the goal post.

The Gaels out shot Vermont 25-10 on the day, 18-8 on goal. Seven of the Gaels' shots came within the final 10 minutes of the second overtime period. In two overtime periods, Vermont took only one shot.

Larson finished with seven saves whereas Vermont's Bradley finished with 17 saves.

On Sunday, the Gaels lost a tightly fought game as Bakersfield took only four shots on goal and walked away with a 2-1 victory. Saint Mary's came out in a fury as they rolled off 10 shots within the first 15 minutes of the contest.

In the 34th minute, Bakersfield's Alexa Vickroy intercepted a backwards pass from a Saint Mary's defender and knocked in the game's first goal by Larson. They went into the half with a 1-0 score.



Zack Farmer/COLLEGIAN

Allie Weiner '10 scored two goals this weekend to push her season total to three.

Saint Mary's controlled the ball much of the first half, keeping it inside of Bakersfield territory. They out shot the Roadrunners 11-4 in the first half but were unable to put one through.

Thirteen minutes into the second half, Weiner evened the score with a one-timer past Bakersfield goalkeeper Nicole Padilla. Padilla finished the game with 10 saves.

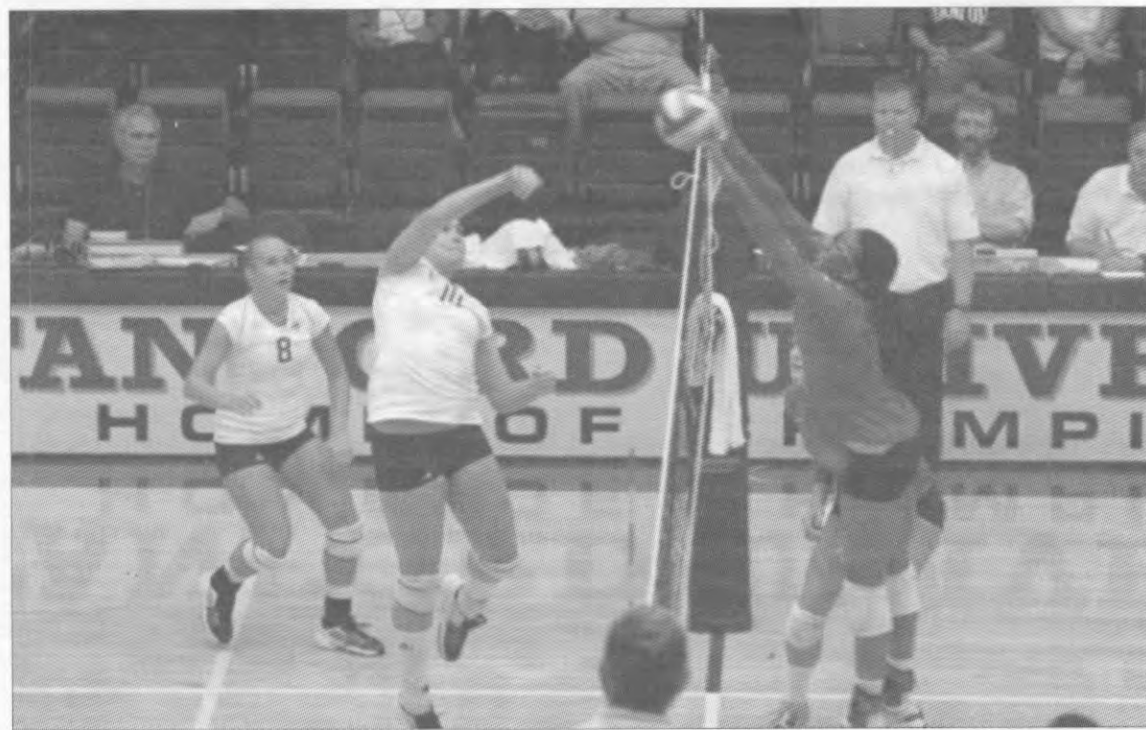
Vickroy scored again on set play off of a free kick in the 64th minute. Bakersfield played keep-away the rest of the game.

Saint Mary's out shot Bakersfield 22-13, 11-4 on goal. Sophomore Jessica Menzhuber took five shots, three on goal.

After their tournament, the Gaels are 1-1-2 as they travel to Tennessee to play UAB and Vanderbilt this weekend.

Volleyball drops first matches in Palo Alto

Three ranked opponents too much for young Gael squad



Courtesy of www.smcgaels.com

Freshman Shannon Lowell (center) attempts the kill against Stanford this past Thursday in Palo Alto.

by Zack Farmer
Managing Editor

Saint Mary's dropped their first matches of the season against three ranked opponents in the Stanford Invitational.

They opened with the host #2 Stanford Cardinal and were swept 30-21, 30-28, 30-23. Saint Mary's led early in the first game 4-2 but Stanford battled back to tie the game at seven. Gael junior Taylor Groess

finished with eight kills and eight digs for the match.

Two overpasses by freshman Shannon Lowell and a service error by Stanford gave Saint Mary's

a 16-15 lead. But Stanford came on strong late and rolled off six straight points and took a commanding 25-19 lead and did not relinquish it. The Gaels had leads in each game but were unable to hold on.

Freshman Megan York led the Gaels with 14 kills while sophomore Lauren Jaekel recorded seven kills and two digs with a team high .263 hit percentage.

The Gaels were out hustled in the game as Stanford out dug Saint Mary's 60-44. The Cardinal also held the Gaels to a .112 team hit percentage. Stanford was led by an 18-kill performance from freshman Alix Klineman.

The volleyball team continued on to play #9 BYU and kept close but fell 32-30, 30-22, 31-29.

Early in the first game, freshman Christy Payne scored an ace to give the Gaels a 6-4 lead. BYU came back immediately, putting an 11-4 run together to give them a five-point lead. Saint Mary's was able to put their own run together and go ahead late 29-28 but once again BYU stormed back and won the match 32-30.

The Gaels were unable to find

their rhythm in the second game while BYU went on a 10-3 run to take a game-high nine point lead and win the game 30-22.

In the third game, the Gaels were able to keep pace with the Cougars but unable to get over the hump. York led the Gaels with 13 kills and 14 digs on her way to her third double-double of the season. Sophomore Alita Fisher recorded 20 digs for the match.

The final match for the Gaels was against #17 Cal Poly and Saint Mary's won their first game during this match but were unable to come up with the win, falling 30-24, 28-30, 30-10, 30-26.

In the one victory on Saturday, York led the Gaels with six kills. The biggest lead for Saint Mary's was a 25-20 cushion held late in the game. In the third game, the Gaels were dominated after a number of Mustang runs gave Cal Poly a 17-2 lead. The Gaels only recorded four kills in the game.

The Gaels finished the weekend 5-3 and will make their home debut on Thursday, September 13 when they play UC Santa Barbara at 7 p.m. and have an encore on Friday against UC Davis at 7 p.m.