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Increasing organic food may inflate tuition

Student group promotes green campus, Sodexho to implement more organic choices

by **Melissa Vlach**
Chief Copy Editor

Organic food will soon make an appearance on campus.

Project Green is collaborating with Sodexho to plan the Eat Local Challenge.

"We're going to do all organic food that was produced within 150 miles of Saint Mary's," said Matt Carroll, manager of Sodexho.

The first meal will be held as a barbeque on October 10. The second will be indoors on November 7. A similar event was held last year.

"We want to make it a point to say that it's locally-grown organic food because organic in itself can mean so many different things, especially because the...USDA has loosened the regulations so much," said Kaitlin Caruso '10, a Project Green coordinator. She said that transporting food can cause it to lose nutrients.

While these specific events will only occur on two days during the next few months, Project Green hopes to increase the amount of organic food in Oliver Hall on a regular basis.

"The idea eventually is that Oliver Hall is going to have all organic...at least mostly locally grown [food]," said Kyle Bonderud '09, another Project Green coordinator. They hope that this will happen before the current freshmen graduate.



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Saint Mary's is joining the organic food craze by slowly implementing more locally-grown, organic, and seasonal food. This may increase food costs and decrease variety of available foods in Oliver Hall.

Sodexho has already begun to serve some organic foods on a regular basis and will continue to do so in the coming months.

"We're going to start adding produce that is in-season and that is at the right

price," said Carroll. This alone will not cause meal plan prices to increase. However, an all-organic program would cause price increases. "Price is a major issue with organic foods...It's priced about three times

more than regular produce," he said.

The Project Green coordinators agree that price is an issue, but downplay the effects of such a program. "It's a little bit more expensive; so it would add on to your tuition, not as much as you would think, though, not, like, thousands of dollars," said Caruso.

In addition, an all-organic program would affect the variety of foods offered. "One of the issues with organics is you have to follow the growing season. So there won't be as much variety...as normal," said Carroll.

Project Green and Sodexho have also been introducing "compostable disposables" into Oliver Hall.

"We're using biodegradable and compostable products: plates, cups, bowls...spoons, forks, and knives in lieu

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Four finalists chosen Sunday

President, faculty to select new provost

by **Julie McAvoy**
News Editor

Plans are underway for Saint Mary's College to have a new provost by January 1, 2008.

Last Sunday, four finalists were selected out of 37 total applications for the position, which was posted last June. Current provost Sally Stamp announced her plans of resignation last spring and a search committee has been seeking a replacement ever since. "Sally understood our mission and worked hard to accomplish it," said President Brother Ronald Gallagher. "You can't find Sally's knowledge of the people here, but you hope that they will develop that."

The search committee is made up of nine faculty members from all areas on campus and consultant Paul Gallagher, who was also involved in the search for Vice Provost for Student Life Jane Camarillo last January.

This past weekend, seven semi-finalists were interviewed at the Hyatt Hotel near the San Francisco Airport and the search committee spent the weekend deliberating. Dean of Faculty Development and Chair of the Provost Search Committee Carole Swain said, "We did a very thorough job of reviewing each candidate individually and collectively."

From this group, four were chosen to come to the Saint Mary's campus for further interviewing between October 4 and 18. "We are looking at a whole group of people who are very competent, so we will be looking for a better sense of the person," said Gallagher. "It's a learning experience for us about them and them about

" We did a very thorough job of reviewing each candidate individually and collectively.

Carole Swain,
Search Committee Chair

us."

During this time, the finalists will meet with students and faculty and will be evaluated based on how well they meet the Provost job description. "Students will have an active role when the candidates are on campus. The ASSMC President Connor McNeill '08 will have dinner with each candidate the night they arrive and all groups from ASSMC will also meet with the candidate," said Swain. "Students will

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Lerner shares poetry, insight

Acclaimed poet visits Saint Mary's

by **Alex Lavaroni**
Staff Writer

Author Ben Lerner came to speak at Saint Mary's College last Wednesday in the Soda Center. Born and raised in Topeka, Kansas, Lerner is a graduate of Brown University with a bachelor's degree in political theory. Upon his graduation, Lerner continued his education for two more years, completing Brown University's Master of Fine Arts (MFA) program, where his thesis soon led him to his first book publication.

Beginning in 2008, Lerner will teach MFA programs and writing and literature programs at the University of Pittsburgh.

In 2004, Lerner's first book, *The Lichtenberg Figures*, was published. This book of poetry won the Hayden Carruth Award from Copper Canyon Press and was named by *Library Journal* one of the best books of poetry published in 2004. Lerner's second book, *Angle of Yaw*, was published by Copper Canyon Press in 2006 and was a finalist for the National Book Award. Lerner traveled to Madrid, Spain as a Fulbright Scholar. He also co-founded and co-edits *No: A Journal of the Arts*, a magazine of art, poetry, and criticism.

The evening began with a quick introduction of this dynamic poet, given by Pro-

fessor Graham Foust, the director of the MFA program at Saint Mary's. Next, English Professor Brenda Hillman came forward to share the many accomplishments of this well-known author. Hillman read a review about Lerner's work that stated,



Courtesy of www.cjonline.com

Ben Lerner has published two books of poetry and co-founded a poetry magazine. He shared some of his poetry last Wednesday during the Creative Writing Series.

"The pangs and vertigo, which Lerner use [sic] in his poems, enhance the poems' ability to pull off an abstract art and style."

The first excerpt that Lerner read was from his book *Angle of Yaw*. This book of poetry consists of a mix of cultural traditions; it tells of redemption of the past that can never be overcome in time.

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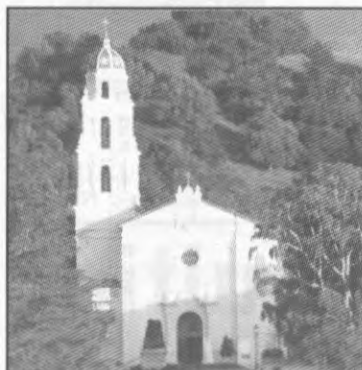
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The International Fair tempted students with study abroad and travel opportunities last Wednesday in Ferroggiaro Quad.

Crime Beat

9/21/07 **n/a**
Incident: Medical assist - Oasis dance.
Synopsis: Hagerty Lounge, referred to Student Conduct and Health & Wellness Center, minors under the influence of alcohol (one transport).

9/21/07 **10:20 p.m.**
Incident: Failure to comply.
Synopsis: De La Salle Drive, referred to Student Conduct, physical altercation.

9/21/07 **10:40 p.m.**
Incident: Possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
Synopsis: Claeys North, referred to Student Conduct, possession of paint ball guns and equipment.

9/21/07 **11:21 p.m.**
Incident: Attempting to obstruct a college official through intimidation.
Synopsis: Southwest entrance to De La Salle Hall, referred to Student Conduct, minors under the influence of alcohol.

9/21/07 **11:24 p.m.**
Incident: Driving under the influence of alcohol.
Synopsis: De La Salle Drive, referred to Student Conduct, failed sobriety test - arrest.

9/21/07 **11:25 p.m.**
Incident: Providing false identification.
Synopsis: De La Salle Drive, referred to Student Conduct, ID card confiscated.

9/22/07 **11:20 a.m.**
Incident: Informational only
Synopsis: Claeys South, referred to Residence Life and Physical Plant, clogged toilet caused flooding.

9/22/07 **11:30 a.m.**
Incident: Assault and battery.
Synopsis: Ageno East Hall, referred to Student Conduct, suspect never located.

9/22/07 **12:35 p.m.**
Incident: Sexual assault.
Synopsis: De La Salle Hall; referred to Student Conduct and Women's Resource Center; female reports sexual assault and suspects identified, under investigation.

9/23/07 **12:58 a.m.**
Incident: Hit and run.
Synopsis: De La Salle parking lot, suspended, damage to right front passenger door.

9/23/07 **1:49 p.m.**
Incident: Petty theft
Synopsis: Aquinas Hall, referred to Student Conduct, blue iPod Mini and wallet stolen.

9/23/07 **2:30 p.m.**
Incident: Burglary.
Synopsis: Syufy Hall, referred to Student Conduct, Dell laptop computer.

9/24/07 **2:29 a.m.**
Incident: Violation of residence hall suspension
Synopsis: Sabatte Hall, referred to Student Conduct, failure to comply.

9/25/07 **9:20 a.m.**
Incident: Property damage.
Synopsis: Traffic circle at De La Salle Drive and McKeon Pavilion, referred to Physical Plant, traffic sign struck and bent in horizontal position.

9/25/07 **9:50 a.m.**
Incident: Petty theft.
Synopsis: More Hall rear patio, referred to Student Conduct, Ping-Pong table missing.

9/26/07 **8:17 p.m.**
Incident: Burglary.
Synopsis: Justin Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Moraga PD, stolen laptop computer and iPod.

9/27/07 **10:45 a.m.**
Incident: Information only.
Synopsis: More Hall parking lot, referred to Student Conduct, live 12-gauge shotgun shells found.



ZACK FARMER

End of an era

As I watched Barry Bonds trot out to leftfield on Wednesday night, September 26, I knew it was finally the end of an era. After 15 years of service with the San Francisco Giants, Bonds will be moving on and will not grace the leftfield grass as a Giant again.

It is a joyous and sad moment. It is joyous because the Giants will be finally doing what they should have done three years ago instead of milking his remaining years for the home run record.

But it is sad because Barry Bonds is the greatest player I have ever seen and probably will ever see. This is not only because I grew up watching the Giants and I have been an avid Bonds supporter. It is because in no stadium across the country is there a player in any sport who held the nation's attention while he performed as much as Bonds.

The nation stopped to watch Bonds. Sportscenter stopped when Bonds was at the plate. He has been the most controversial sports figure on the planet and has performed no matter the pressure. How many athletes can say that?

Can Mr. \$252 million say that? If you ask New York, I don't think so. Sammy Sosa fell apart...hell, he "retired" to let the waters calm. We all know how the Rafael Palmeiro situation went down.

The appreciation for Bonds was heard loud and clear in front of the sold-out crowd on Wednesday night. Between every inning, every batter, and every 30 seconds while Bonds was in leftfield, the chants of "Bar-ry, Bar-ry" continued.

He almost gave us one last memory in his third at bat and hit Jake Peavy's pitch about 418 feet into the right centerfield gap, known as Death Valley, but came up about a warning track short of home run #763.

After that inning and his near home run, Peavy and Bonds embraced as it was his last appearance as a Giant.

Although he was dispatched in a very unceremonious fashion by the organization, the fans remember the moments he gave the fans.

In 1997, seeing Bonds hit a home run against the Dodgers to help propel the Giants into the postseason and, according to *Los Angeles Times'* Bill Plaschke, ruined the Dodgers for the next decade is definitely a warming feeling. Witnessing home run 715 fly out of the ballpark against Byung-Hyun Kim is also another great moment.

Next year will be disconcerting watching Bonds play in a different uniform. He should retire a Giant, not an Angel, Athletic, or any other MLB entity.

Just as signs said that very night, "Forever a Giant."

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Weekly Featured Profile

Lasallian Student Spotlight

Merria Iaccino

by Jennifer Kennedy
Staff Writer

By attempting to live out the Lasallian core principles on a daily basis, Merria Iaccino '08 has been nominated for the Lasallian Student Spotlight for exemplifying faith in the presence of God and respect for all persons.

In reaction to being nominated Iaccino said, "I never feel like I'm doing anything extraordinary. I'm just trying to be a part of everything, everywhere."

"It's not that I don't see it in myself, it's just that there are so many amazing people on this campus, it's hard for me to pick myself," Iaccino said.

The Lasallian core principles are important to her. "They kind of fall into the structure of just having morals, principles, ethics," said Iaccino.

In particular, faith in the presence of God and respect for all persons have special meaning for her. She said, "I have a great passion for Catholicism and I go to church weekly" and "I have a respect for everyone I come in contact with. I think that everyone has something to contribute in one way or another."

Iaccino is very involved in campus life. She is Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) Vice President for Finance, resident advisor for the fourth floor girls of De La Salle, captain of the dance team, an active participant in Habitat for Humanity, a member of the Dante Italian Club, and a Eucharistic Minister at Mass.

This year is Iaccino's first year as a resident advisor and she wishes she would have done it sooner. "The camaraderie in the building is magnificent," and for her "It's like being a big sister," she said.

Iaccino is also very passionate about the dance team. She has been on the team for the past four years and serves as captain this year. Dance for her is used as a stress reliever or therapy.

Almost her entire family has gone to Saint Mary's: her four brothers, her sister, and her dad. Coming to the graduations on campus made her want to be a part of the Saint Mary's community. She was attracted by the smiling faces, how people treated one another on campus, and the safe environment.

During her past three years at Saint Mary's, her favorite thing has been the sense of community. It is, she said, "unlike anything I've ever felt anywhere; knowing that there are faculty, staff, and students that you can trust. People actually care about you."

"I enjoy being able to come here and feel at home," she said.

Seminar room dedicated to Brother

Countless contributions of Brother DeSales Perez to seminar department inspire dedication of Dante 203

by Casey O'Brien
Staff Writer

The collegiate seminar program of Saint Mary's College dedicated its first classroom to Brother DeSales Perez this past Friday, in order to celebrate his

designing the classroom," said Hamaker.

Entering into the Brother DeSales Perez Room is like stepping back into time. An actual blackboard with mahogany framing has replaced the newer whiteboard. *Don Quixote* art is

that surround the new seminar table in the DeSales Perez Room.

"By donating a chair, the donor will have his/her name written on a plaque on the back of the chair. This is a great way for family, friends, or alumni to not only make a donation to the collegiate



Peter Hunter/COLLEGIAN

Dante room 203 now has a brand-new mahogany discussion table and chairs along with an antique-looking chalkboard and *Don Quixote* decorations in honor of Brother DeSales Perez. A dedication ceremony gathered friends and family of Perez and supporters of the collegiate seminar department last week.

contributions to the seminar department.

The Brother DeSales Perez Room is located at Dante 203, and "will be used mainly for seminar classes, but other conferences or discussions may be held there also," said Charlie Hamaker, director of the collegiate seminar program.

"Brother DeSales Perez was the director of the seminar program for 17 years, and we still see his contributions today. Brother DeSales Perez brought seminar plays to the program and encouraged students. He also taught seminar for many years, mainly the Renaissance, 17th century, and 18th century class. Brother DeSales Perez loved *Don Quixote*, and we remembered that while

placed along the other walls, one of which depicts the scene of knight errant Don Quixote being gored by a windmill. Also, there is a picture of Cervantes and Perez. The windows have a broad view of the John Baptist de La Salle statue and the chapel lawn. The room has a new, large, circular mahogany table at its center and new padded mahogany chairs around it.

The dedication ceremony, which took place next-door in Dante 204, hosted friends, family, alumni, and students, all of whom came to remember Perez and how he affected the Saint Mary's Community.

All in attendance at the dedication were given the opportunity to donate one of the padded chairs

seminar department of Saint Mary's College, but also to remember the great life of Brother DeSales Perez," said Hamaker.

The Brother DeSales Perez Seminar Room is not the only room to be dedicated to a Saint Mary's College professor or director. Although there are few, for example in Korth Tower, this dedication concept could possibly be used in the future for other departments.

"I'm not sure if other departments have any movements for dedicating rooms afoot, however I believe it's a good idea. It's a great way to remember those who have made a strong impact on not only the students, but Saint Mary's College overall," said Hamaker.

Pygmalion

A comedy of language and class

A reading with American accents in the here and now with African American Eliza Doolittle

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Soda Center @ 7:30 p.m.

Campus Calendar

Career Information Night-Grad School

Tuesday, October 2
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Soda Center, Clays Room
Contact Patty Bishop
x4600

Oktoberfest Career and Internship Fair

Wednesday, October 3
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Ferroggiaro Quad
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x4600

Provost Candidate Interviews

Wednesday, October 3
11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Soda Center, Lafayette Room
Contact Sally Jamison
x4406

Diversity Dialogues

Wednesday October 3
12:40 p.m.-2:10 p.m.
De La Salle Hall, Hagerty Lounge
Contact Nancy Clark
x4111

King Lear

Wednesday, October 3
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Soda Center, Orinda Room
Contact Barry Horwitz
x4439

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Thursday, October 4
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Soccer field
Contact Chris Olson
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Fall Preview Day

Sunday, October 7
8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.
McKeon Pavilion
Contact Paula Martinucci
x4106

Old Testament

Monday, October 8
7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Soda Center, Moraga Room
Contact Tom Poundstone
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PROVOST: On-campus interviews of four provost finalists starting this week

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evaluate each candidate based on the provost job description with a five-point scale."

Swain emphasized the important role that the provost plays in the functioning of the College. "We moved to the provost model in the first place to give the president an opportunity to do more work externally, networking with alums and donors for the advancement and development of the College," she said. "There is probably no part of the college that isn't touched by this person in some way."

Gallagher described the pro-

vost as "a very important partner to the cabinet and president." Swain also depicted the provost as the person who "manages the daily operations of the college."

After all of the finalists are interviewed on campus, the search committee will use the student and faculty evaluations to recommend the top candidate or candidates to Gallagher. He will then make the final selection by December 1 at the latest and a new provost should be in office by January 1, 2008. Gallagher said that he is looking to hire "some-

one who will be a good fit, who understands our values, helps promote them, understands our mission, and helps us promote that, and will live it."

Stampp will remain provost until the end of the fall semester and will take a sabbatical in December. "Next fall she will come back and teach psychology classes and work with newer faculty in the Faculty Development Department," said Swain. "Sally is an extraordinary teacher and has won the De La Salle award, which is the highest honor awarded from alumni."

ORGANICS: SMC increases environmental-awareness

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of plastic and Styrofoam," said Carroll.

The new cutlery is made out of sugarcane, while the plates, bowls, and cups are starch-based. The new pieces are being implemented a little at a time as the old pieces already in stock are phased out.

"Our eventual goal...which we're working on now is to have essentially all of the waste from Oliver Hall be compostable," said Bonderud. He hopes to have the compost taken to a biodigester, which turns the methane gas from the compost into fuel for the

trucks that transport it.

However, regulations about trash crossing county lines are hindering the project at the moment, as the facility is in Alameda County.

Another program in the works will encourage students to return plates, cutlery, and other items that they have borrowed from Oliver Hall. "The reason for that is to help lower the cost of buying all the paper products, and also, if you use more china, silverware, and plastic glasses, it'll reduce the waste from all that...paper," said Carroll.

LERNER: Brown alum reads from 'one of the best books of poetry published in 2004'

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Lerner said, "Serious artworks have irresolvable tension in work." The second excerpt which Lerner read for the evening was from his newest creation, *Mean Free Path*, which has yet to be published. Lerner states that both these poems "are an art that can inspire alternatives to reality—by giving new hope."

After his readings, Hillman sat with Lerner to discuss his work.

When asked where he obtains his inspiration, he said, "I draw inspiration from pieces of art that can destroy themselves. The negative inspires me and I am interested because these negative works allow the reader to imagine a confident alternative." She soon opened a question-and-answer session for the audience.

Lerner answered a question about his emotional process of

writing and the use of irony throughout his poetry, saying, "The experience of the poetry can be emotional, but not all poetry should draw from emotions alone. Personal experiences play a major role in the art of poetry. Self reference helps to draw greater attention to a piece of art. As for irony, the formal irony is inexhaustible and to me that is what makes poetry interesting."

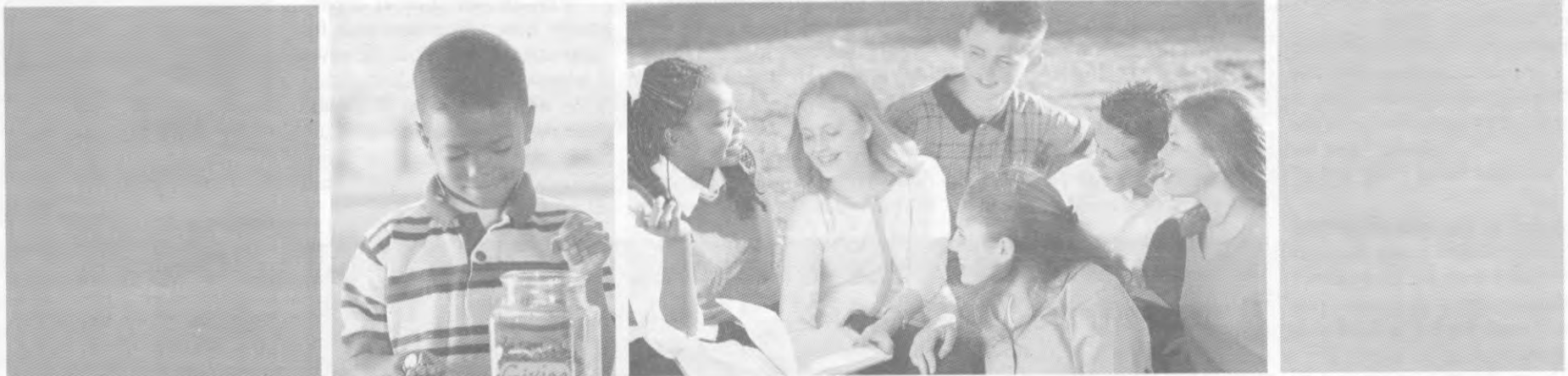
Correction

Last week's issue incorrectly identified Stephanie Tang as the author of "Annual Oasis dance avoids rain." It was written by Jennifer Tang.



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From backpacks to briefcases

Saint Mary's Career Development Center helps students succeed

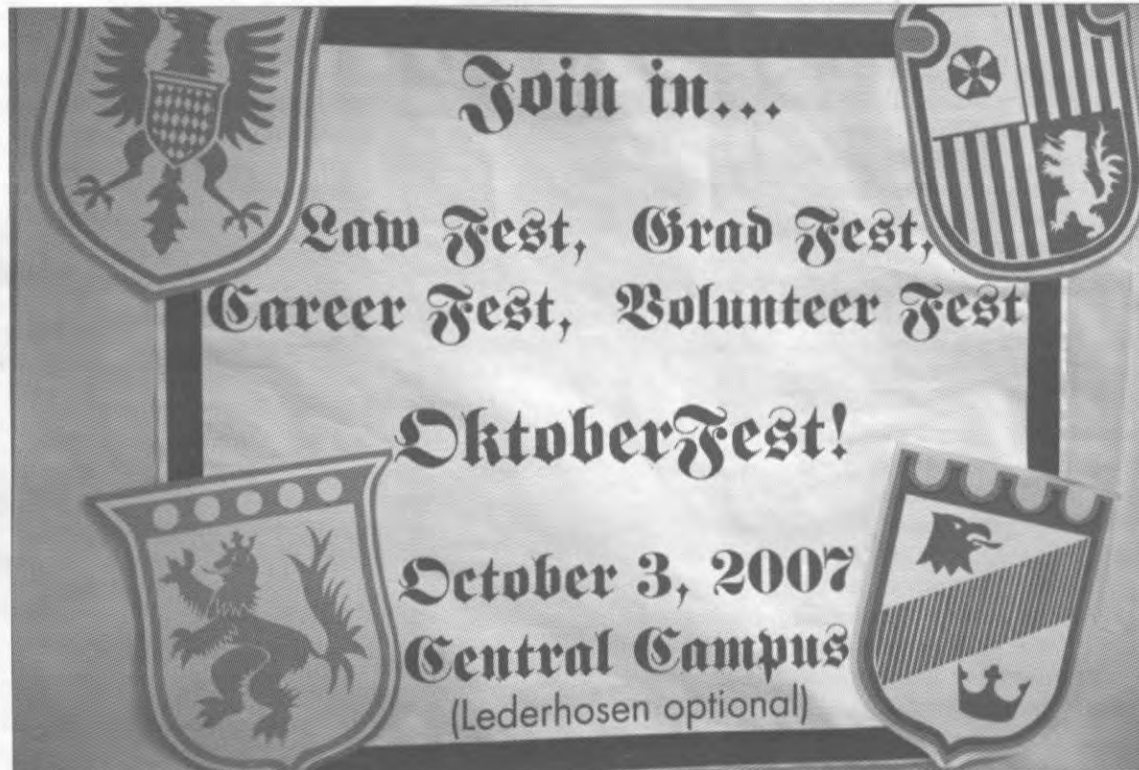
by Irene Nino
Staff Writer

Life after college is a distant and daunting notion for most undergraduates. Graduation, and the world that comes with stepping outside those college gates, is inevitable.

There are more than 34,000 alumni who have already taken on this challenge and proven that this college fervently cultivates students who embrace their passions, successfully preparing them for their future.

The College's Career Development Center (CDC) attempts to be an intermediary and a guide for students as they search for opportunities. Patty Bishop, employer relations manager, focuses on the senior population, "working with the employers and with the students to get the two together." Bishop plays a versatile role, not only dealing with companies and employers, but also "coaching, guiding, and sharing with [students] about what to expect and what an employer is looking for." This enables her to build relationships with many students.

Because of this bond students develop with their career counselors, they continue to come back long after graduation. Jim Weyland '60, coordinator of



The Career Development Center (CDC) helps Saint Mary's seniors and graduates develop a resume, perfect their interviewing skills, and network with employers. Alumni have been employed all over the world with the help of CDC. Tomorrow is their annual Career and Internship Fair where students can get into contact with potential employers.

Linda Hua/COLLEGIAN

Ninety-eight percent of accounting majors get one or more offers. Because accounting and consulting are specialized fields, they are also often the jobs which pay more generously. Weyland said most alumni get an average salary of "45,000 give or take,"

school, within five years of graduation. Tiffany Hickey '10 said "I want to go to law school. My dream school is Stanford, but more realistically, Hastings School of Law." The most popular law schools for Saint Mary's law alumni are Santa Clara University and University of San Francisco.

However, the most popular grad school overall for Saint Mary's students is Saint Mary's itself. "Most alumni stay at Saint Mary's for grad school, especially if they want to get their MBA or teaching credential," said Carter.

Thirty percent of students go to grad school directly after graduating. Saint Mary's proudly sends 80 percent of the pre-med students to medical school.

Carter pointed out that no matter what a person's undergraduate focus is, "you can do just about anything with your degree." Weyland said "the major isn't really important for what you want to do. What is important and critical is a degree from a great institution, like this one."

Carter emphasized the importance of having a liberal arts education. "The whole point is that you are well-rounded. You are not learning a trade; you are learning how to think. You can do just about anything with your degree," he said. Recruiters who go from college to college all around the country come to Saint Mary's and are thoroughly impressed with the students. Weyland said, "Our students have interpersonal skills; Saint Mary's is good at developing those skills."

Julia Barboza '05 got a Bach-

elor of Arts degree in sociology from Saint Mary's. At the time, she only knew that she "wanted to work with people." Saint Mary's provided Barboza a place where she could develop her skills and passions before she dedicated herself to a specific field.

After graduating, Barboza received a two-year Lasallian Volunteers scholarship, which she used to travel to Harlem, New York, and Memphis, Tennessee, serving the Christian schools in those areas. The students in these inner-city schools "need someone



Linda Hua/COLLEGIAN

Only 40 to 45 percent of students use the Career Development Center, which is located on the second floor of Ferroggiaro Hall.

to listen to, someone to guide them, a positive role model in their lives, and I wanted to be that for them," she said.

Not many people know of the Lasallian Volunteer program, and Barboza is working hard to change that. "You learn so much about yourself by immersing yourself in other cultures and taking the children's problems and situations and learning to deal with that as

they come," she said.

One-third of Saint Mary's students go into a service-oriented career. From teaching to social work to counseling, alumni embody the school's motto, "Enter to learn, leave to serve." Barboza said "serving is a part of the mission and it's a part of giving from ourselves."

Saint Mary's gets more graduating seniors into the Lasallian Volunteer program than any other school in the country. "It's more than a program, it's a bond, a family," Barboza said.

Barboza is now a graduate student at Saint Mary's and certainly not the only alum back on campus. Admissions Officer Linde Waite '06 said, "There are alumni in every single department." The admissions office alone has six alumni. Waite said Saint Mary's was "the first time in [her] life that [she] enjoyed school and [she] couldn't think of anything better" than to work for the College, and "tell high school students about the experience."

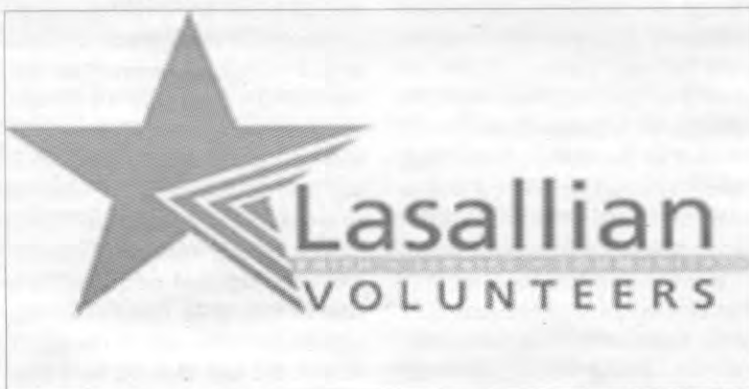
Courtney Carmignani '05 is currently a Saint Mary's graduate student as well as the assistant director of alumni relations. She is a perfect example of how Saint Mary's alumni "like keeping in touch with the community," Carter said.

Although there is an abundant amount of alumni still residing at Saint Mary's, there are plenty more frolicking about throughout the United States.

Of the approximately 40,000 Saint Mary's alumni, 10,000 have settled in the bay area. Oregon and Washington are infested with Saint Mary's alumni, and New York and Washington DC are populated as well. Carmignani sets up a myriad of regional events everywhere alumni live, and approximately 3,000 alumni attend regional events.

The majority of alumni, however, are located in the Contra Costa County. Carmignani said "Alameda, San Francisco, and Silicon Valley are like Saint Mary's alumni hubs."

"Alumni are passionate about Saint Mary's," Carter said. "Most of students' scholarship money comes from alumni gifts." There is currently about 11-percent alumni donor participation. "Students should prepare to stay connected and continue to be part of the Saint Mary's community after graduation," said Carter. "Alumni are as much part of the community as the students are."



Courtesy of cbconf.org

Lasallian Volunteers offers students opportunities to teach in inner-city schools and live in a Christian Brother's community. Saint Mary's College sends more graduates to Lasallian Volunteers than any other college every year.

CDC, helps alumni network and find jobs. Weyland said that people will come to him for a variety of reasons; they often "need help with a resume, a cover letter, and interviewing skills because they are unhappy or have a bad boss."

Weyland provides his 300 to 350 alumni clients with job postings, informational interviews, and advice. "Many pay a lot to get career counseling, but a perk of being a Saint Mary's alum is that you get it for free," said Associate Director of Alumni Chris Carter '97.

Sixty-five to 70 percent of the seniors who use CDC get at least one job offer at graduation. Some students get two to three job opportunities when they graduate, and an additional 15 percent have pending job offers before graduation. Bishop said that the amount of job offers may vary and that "some students get multiple job offers; one girl got 11 job offers by graduation."

while accounting and consulting jobs "get paid in the early, mid-50s."

The most recent tracking found that only 40 to 45 percent actually utilize CDC. However, Weyland said this is "pretty doggone good, because other colleges only have 10 to 15 percent utilizing their career centers." Bishop also explained that "10 to 20 percent go back home to figure it out or to work for a family business and 30 percent of seniors think they want to go to grad school so they write [CDC] off."

Students who plan on going to graduate school shouldn't disregard CDC automatically. Bishop said, "Most students aren't aware that many employers will fund their employees' expenses for grad school. It's expensive to go to grad school, but the employer often wants the employee to develop their expertise and skill."

About 50 percent of Saint Mary's students go to graduate school, including law or medical

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United Nations joins global warming trend

by Sean Kent
Staff Writer

In an age where every institution and every individual are encouraged to be environmentally conscious, the United Nations is now taking the role of interventionist on behalf of humanity as a whole, or so they claim.

In the first ever U.N. summit on climate conditions, guest speakers (or guest stars) Al Gore and our very own Governor both gave speeches stressing the urgency to act now. Governor Schwarzenegger's plea was especially poignant as he is a Republican, a party traditionally reluctant to enact environmental protection legislation. This point was even further emphasized by the absence of President Bush, though he did attend a private dinner later that day with some U.N. representatives.

As U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon told the General Assembly, "today, the time for doubt has passed," it seemed as though he was taking on the role of a substance abuse interventionist, while the U.S. played the addict in denial. As almost all other modernized Western nations have agreed to some form of international treaty guaranteeing a gradual reduction of emissions in the coming years, the U.S. seems to be the only holdout. However, the one retort issued by American officials blatantly stated that developing countries such as China and India should regulate themselves before pressure could be put on the U.S. While statistics would support that India and China are two of the worst environmental offenders, the childlike "he's doing something bad too" tone in which the justification was offered didn't bolster U.S. credibility.

While the Bush Administration did host its own conference in Washington on climate change with 15 other nations later in the week, some observers saw through the veiled attempt. "The Washington meeting is a distraction," explained Hans Verolme, a climate campaigner for the World-wide Fund for Nature in a cbsnews.com report. Others, such as the Japanese envoy Yoshiro Mori, thought that the Washington talks would help generate a "consensus" on the matter. The only apparent consensus that was generated at the two meetings was that all developed nations need to establish emissions limits.

Just as it looked as though the world was wagging its collective finger at America, the Associated Press published an article that quoted many climate scientists as stating that while global warming was a problem, they're optimistic that things still have time to change. Many of the scientists emphasized that while the glom-and-doom rhetoric is effective to initiate action in the political arena, it's important not to give up. So in the end, maybe the U.S. was right to hold out all along.

At least that's what we'll say.

Don't confuse ignorant schoolkids for hardened bigots

Jena Six protestors pitiable attempt to revive civil rights movement

What year is it? We have nooses hanging from trees. We have blacks segregated from whites at schoolyard lunches. We have the Black Panthers. We have the Ku Klux Klan. We have MLK. Welcome to Jena, LA.

Okay, so it's only Martin Luther King III and all he did was march, they're not the original Black Panthers, the KKK is about as relevant today as Fred Durst, and in this case the nooses weren't actually used. Given all that, the case of the Jena Six is about as close as we've come in a long time to reliving a period that now survives only in history books and Spike Lee movies, and that's a good thing.

Seriously, if a symbolic noose-hanging and a misguided district attorney is as bad as it gets, there is little to complain about by comparison.

Here's a brief summary of what happened in the friendly little Negrophobic town of Jena, LA: a black teenager sat under a tree normally occupied by the white kids. The next day, some white kids hung nooses on the tree. Sev-



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eral months later, a completely different group of black kids attacked a white kid without reasonable provocation, knocked him unconscious, and continued to kick him after he went down. Nearly a year later, Al Sharpton is on the television preaching that the six lowlifes who ambushed Justin Barker deserve a fair trial.

They do. But who said they weren't going to get one? It may have appeared that way early on—according to CNN, all six were originally charged with second-degree attempted murder and conspiracy. However, judging by recent events, justice is being served correctly. So far, at least four of the murder charges have been reduced to aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy. Unless prosecutors decide that two of the kids were trying to murder Barker and the other

four were just trying to draw some blood, there's no reason why the last two charges won't be reduced as well.

Last Thursday, Mychal Bell was released from jail after a judge ruled that he should have been tried as a juvenile. Today, his juvenile court proceedings begin.

So far, so good.

So what exactly are people protesting? Are people simply angry that the racist white kids who hung the nooses were only suspended, while the merciless (but maybe a bit less racist) black kids are being tried?

Sorry folks, but having contemptuous thoughts about a race of people is still legal in America, thanks to the First Amendment. Ganging up on, attacking, and

leaving a guy bloody and comatose—not so much.

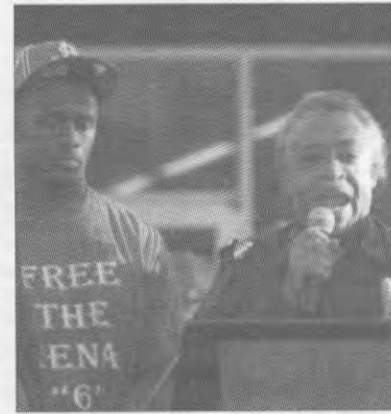
This case has preemptively been turned into a public race issue. It's not that the local courts shouldn't be questioned; District Attorney Reed Walters has made some pretty shaky remarks to say

the least. That, coupled with the history of racial problems in the area, is enough to justify that the trials be monitored.

But there has been such an unwarranted public outcry over this that one has to wonder what people

are really trying to achieve.

We know racism lives in America. However, taking a case about minor scuffles between schoolchildren and blowing it up into a major civil rights crisis will not make matters better.



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Al Sharpton demanding justice for the Jena Six like an MLK Lite.

Keeping perspective on Iranian President's visit to U.S.

Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad still misunderstood by Americans, leaders

by Jordan Greif
Staff Writer

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has once again been stoking the flames of indignant fervor this week.

News has surfaced that the Iranian president wanted to visit NYC's 9/11 memorial on his way to a debate at Columbia University. The university's president, Lee Bollinger, seized this opportunity to take the world leader to task on some of his more ludicrous remarks and all that his presence at Ground Zero might imply. "For the illiterate and ignorant, this is dangerous propaganda," scolded Bollinger.

Whatever the mental capacity of the country's president, Iran is not an illiterate country. If anything, the longstanding Persian

and Shia traditions of scholarship are growing there at an unprecedented rate. Their country has become a regional power and it's time Americans started treating them as such.

Ahmadinejad is just a public figure and retroactively blaming him for 9/11 due to his desire to visit a memorial flat out defies reason. It forgets that one of our closest allies in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia, is the country that produced the majority of the hijackers (15 out of 19) on 9/11. I am not ignorant of Ahmadinejad's wild claims: he publicly dismisses one of the world's most documented events, the Holocaust, as "a myth," and has stated goals such as trying to "wipe Israel off the map," yet we treat this elected leader as though he were a mili-

tary dictator. He isn't even in charge of Iran's military. This bombastic leader is saber-rattling with the only country in the region that has a nuclear stockpile capable of wiping virtually any country in the world off the map, Israel. Ahmadinejad is a politician; he kowtows to his conservative base with bombastic rhetoric for votes much in the same way that conservative politicians here curry favor with faith-based voters. He should be afforded the same free speech as President Bush and, notably, their approval ratings hover around the same abysmal numbers.

If the media rancor weren't enough, now the House of Representatives has joined the fray. If the three naval rotating strike groups stationed on their shores

weren't enough, Washington passed a bill to toughen energy sanctions (which, when utilized in pre-war Iraq, worsened humanitarian conditions and targeted the very poor). To boot, the House approved officially labeling Iran's Revolutionary Guards as a terrorist organization. These hastily passed sanctions against Iran were deemed necessary by a vote of 397 to 16 (overwhelming support on both sides of the aisle), despite the fact that the best U.S. intelligence reviews estimate Iran to be some eight years away from being able to produce a nuclear bomb.

Average Americans ought to think of the average Iranian. They vividly remember the last time the U.S. media machine turned its ire on one person, and Iran does not want to go the way of yellowcake uranium, WMD, and endless war. They've got doctors, government workers, IT guys, teachers, busboys and mechanical engineers who live day-to-day, knowing that U.S. warships are stationed on their shores, warships. Our foreign policy has proven capable of callously dismantling entire nations in their backyards; anger and frustration in Iran is predictable.

The violent and misdirected rhetoric the media employs against Iran has been matched by the equally violent and misdirected sanctions and proclamations of our House. This pitch has been heard before, early in 2003. Back then I was hoodwinked into supporting a now apparently permanent war. I won't be taken twice. Fool me once, warmongers, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me.

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Organic food at Sodexho: is it really worth the hype?

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Organic hype dramatizes health benefits

Oliver Hall will offer organic foods? It's too good to be true. What's the catch?

Organic food might seem like an insignificant change in routine but only if one is unaware of the destruction that our soils, waters, and bodies are currently enduring. Conventionally-grown foods contain pesticides, chemicals, and approximately 500 additives which have been linked to allergic reactions, headaches, asthma, growth retardation, hyperactivity in children, heart disease and osteoporosis. Under the New Organic Certification, several of these additives are banned, yet are continually used in the farming process.

U.K. Soil Association reported that 50 to 93 percent of pesticide residues remain on potatoes, apples, and broccoli after washing. A U.S. study in April 2001 quantified the difference in nutrient levels between organic and conventional food, reviewing all the available comparative studies on crops produced with organic matter and inorganic fertilizers. They found that organic crops had a higher average level for all 21 nutrients analyzed.

As college students, it's a given that we don't live healthy lifestyles. Shouldn't the school be countering this imbalance rather than encouraging it with deep fried foods and mystery meats? It's good that Sodexho finally caught on to the importance of organic food. Organic farming delivers the highest quality, best-tasting food, produced without artificial chemicals or genetic modification, and with respect for animals and the environment. It's unclear whether Sodexho is even concerned with the earth or just with how much of a profit they can make of it since they must have discovered is also the more financially friendly one.

In the U.S., it has been calcu-

lated that the total environmental and public health costs of pesticide use are about \$3 to \$4 billion a year. Cropland loses at least three billion tons of topsoil every year, making agriculture the single largest non-point polluter. Con-



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ventional farming uses more petroleum than any other single industry; consuming 12 percent of the country's energy supply. A comparison of the full economic performance of organic and conventional farmers in Pennsylvania found that organic practices cut production costs by 25 percent, eliminated inorganic fertilizer and pesticide use, reduced soil erosion by more than 50 percent, and increased yields.

Even if you hate organic food, which is only due to your deprivation of it, you should subject yourself to it because it's better for the environment. If you hate air, grass, rivers, pretty much the breath of life, then the more convincing truth is that organic food tastes better and does the body good.

Get excited, Saint Mary's, our school is taking part in making our earth and our bodies look and feel abundantly better.

Organic foods are going to be the reason total costs on this campus will rise to over \$50,000 per year in about three years. Albeit the health benefits of organic foods are great, but at what cost to the consumer?



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According to *Science Magazine*, organic farms yield 20 percent less produce than typical pesticide using farms. UC Davis researchers have determined that U.S. consumers who grocery shop healthy, spend 20 percent more than those who do not. This means that to eat organically, people must pay more. Here, Sodexho pays more for the food and our meal plan rises to pay for food expenditures. Are you willing to pay more money than you already do to go here or to eat here?

The price for this institution of higher learning is ridiculous as it is. Do we really need another project to help that along? Pesticides have their risks but they are not enough to warrant switching from the system we have currently.

Farms in the Midwest use hundreds of different pesticides to help keep their crops clean of creepy crawlers and ready for

consumption. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "a pesticide is any substance or mixture of substances intended for: preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest." Not only this, *Science Magazine* states that organic farms use 97 percent less pesticides than other farms. I'm pretty happy when a worm doesn't wriggle out of my apple during lunch.

The EPA also says, "most pesticides create some risk of harm—pesticides can cause harm to humans, animals, or the environment because they are designed to kill or otherwise adversely affect living organisms." Of course they have their risks. Everything has its risks. Driving a car is risky, just like eating at McDonald's or Burger King is risky.

Numbers wise, according to the National Resources Defense Council, early exposure to pesticides shows an increased risk of being diagnosed with brain cancer or leukemia. However, the American Cancer Society reports that only four percent of leukemia patients and less than two percent of brain cancer patients actually pass away. Keep in mind those diagnosed are not all due to pesticides.

The National Academy of Sciences also reports that only between 4,000 and 20,000 people are diagnosed with cancer due to pesticide exposure. That is between 0.00013 and 0.00066 percent of the population. I'm sorry to reduce lives to mere numbers but facts are facts. More people die from automobile accidents (42,642 in 2006) than they do from pesticides.

The health movement has been all the talk the past few years, but don't take the hype at face value. Do your research and look at the facts; there is more to it that you would think.



ALEX BRANCH

Insurance info invades privacy

Remember when company health care plans were an incentive to work someplace?

If not, your parents probably do. They probably also remember when their health information was considered private, their business only. They remember when people smoked wherever they wanted, ate whatever they wanted, and sat at home on the couch on weekends if such was their idea of relaxing.

Such idealistic notions are fast losing their credibility, however. It is now your employer's business whether or not you smoke, are overweight, have high cholesterol, have high blood pressure, or any number of other health issues. If an employer is providing an employee with health insurance, they now can penalize their employees for being unhealthy or reward them for leading healthy lifestyles.

According to MSNBC, Cincinnati-based Western and Southern Financial group adds \$15 to \$75 to employees' monthly insurance premiums depending on their Body Mass Index (BMI) scores. The program seems to be effective. "Fifteen percent of employees who paid surcharges in 2006 received refunds this year, and about 40 percent of employees in the company's health plan pay the charges."

For a company to charge employees according to their health, it has to inquire into employee health and then use that personal information to enforce what seem to be discriminatory practices. If companies can legally charge employees for living unhealthy lifestyles, or for having health issues they are unable to control, such as some high blood pressure patients are, where does it stop?

Of course, there are government regulations preventing discrimination. "The HIPAA [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act] nondiscrimination provisions generally prohibit a plan or issuer from charging similarly situated individuals different premiums or contributions based on a health factor...However, the HIPAA nondiscrimination provisions do not prevent a plan or issuer from establishing premium discounts or rebates or modifying otherwise applicable co-payments or deductibles in return for adherence to programs of health promotion and disease prevention."

Besides other health related charges, what if companies can start charging you based on your driving record, your family history, or other "personal" information? How long until your employer knows as much about you as your mother, and uses it to discriminate against you?

This needs to stop here.



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Celebration of love in city by Bay **It's bigger than hip-hop** *Love's got everything to do with LoveFest 2007* *Rappers face taboos surrounding music*

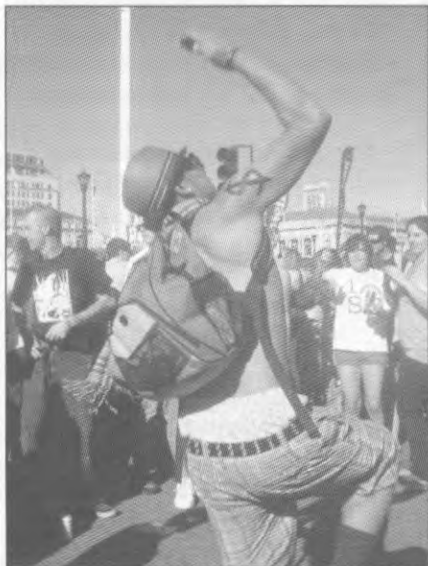
by **Emily Esquerro**
Staff Writer

In the city once known for "The Summer of Love," where anti-war protestors fought against the Vietnam War and where dozens of parades, demonstrations, and rallies take place each year to promote peace and love, the 4th-annual LoveFest was held. This year's LoveFest proved more successful and commemorating than in preceding years, drawing over 65,000 people this past Saturday to the city by the Bay. From the steps of City Hall to the corners of Market Street, LoveFest attendees danced, sang, and celebrated its philosophy of peace, community, and love.

The festival originated in Europe in 1989 with the fall of the Berlin Wall, and was called LoveParade, but was renamed LoveFest when San Francisco adopted the event in 2003 for its own.

Perhaps the most riveting and liberating aspect of LoveFest, and one which seems to grow in popularity year after year, is the eccentric attire that almost all people wear for the festival and parade. This year's costume collection didn't prove any different either, ranging from unicorn outfits to balloon-made jumpsuits to golden sequenced booty shorts to...nothing at all.

Saint Mary's College junior Carolina Valverde said, "It was ridiculous and loud and fun and one of the best events I've ever been to. Dressing up was like the best part too. It really got you into the whole mood and purpose of it



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A man lets loose at LoveFest in San Francisco Saturday as onlookers egg him on.

all and just showed how into [it] people are. I've also never seen so many naked and crazy-dressed people all in one area before, either."

Not just a celebration and parade, LoveFest is also one of the largest free music dance festivals in California, which is probably one of the key contributors in helping to "facilitate the love." With approximately 10 different

stages, dozens of groups (most notably the Chemical Brothers), and hundreds of DJ's, music fans danced not just on the ground in front of the stages like your standard concert, but literally throughout the entire fairgrounds, which encompassed nearly five blocks, a large park, and the front steps of the surrounding buildings which included City Hall, Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, and San Francisco Public Library. Attendees climbed floats and stages to rage alongside their favorite groups and DJ's, while the artists only continued to spin, sing, and play, not minding at all that the stage was completely inundated with dozens of overzealous dancers. Other participants danced and just kind of jumped in the street, often forming small circles where break-dancers took turns showing off moves.

In most ways it seemed like the typical San Francisco autumn afternoon: beautiful warm weather, many unconventionally dressed people, passionate partygoers and peace promoters, and thousands of politically and socially driven people celebrating a common purpose. It was about love, peace, community, music, dance, freedom, nonviolence, tolerance and diversity, and it was definitely the best Saturday afternoon I've spent this school year.

by **B. Macey & A. Davis**
Staff Writers

What do you get when you combine the king of the south, a video vixen, "Superhead," ivy-league professors, and Al Sharpton? A tension-heavy two-part series marking what has surely been one of BET's most groundbreaking and controversial shows.

Hosted by BET's Cousin Jeff and Toure, "Hip-Hop vs. America" confronted the industry in terms of its values, goals, and effect.

It's no secret that hip-hop has long been responsible for both tormenting the status quo and providing a soundtrack for the streets. Its overt sexuality and continual references to 'hood life have gone from white America's guilty pleasure to universal phenomenon.

But, along with its enormous popularity comes a slew of accusations.

Imus calls the Rutgers women's basketball team "nappy-headed hos," and hip-hop is all of the sudden the reason why. From marketing campaigns to spoof movies, hip-hop is made a mockery of on a consistent basis by mainstream media.

How does BET try to solve this problem? Start off by giving the rappers a chance to defend themselves. Let them tell us why the scantily clad women in their videos do not add to the sexual ste-

reotypes of black women. Tell us why their glamorized image with all the bling and the cars does not cut short the dreams of black children. By providing this platform, BET forced hip-hop to stand up and speak for itself.

Confronted by incredibly influential black leaders, hip-hop was put on the spot. Unfortunately, most of what was said can basically be summed up with "It's not our fault."

Perhaps it's deeper than just pointing a finger. The question that was completely neglected by the hip-hop side was why these rappers carry such a negative image and whether they should work to eliminate it.

Sure, rappers make money. But in the process of commercialization, lifestyles that would otherwise be indecent are now made acceptable. It's not just the n-word anymore. Negative aspects of hip-hop-inspired culture are leaking into the rest of the world.

This show has highlighted the defenseless and senseless acts of hip-hop and its inability to give valid reasoning for them. But beyond that, it reveals a need for change and a need for self-reflection.

Blaming hip-hop for everything isn't right, and we're not going to pretend that it is. But hip-hop does need to take responsibility for what it does contribute, and judging from this series, it looks like it contributes a whole lot.

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Fall TV previews

House (Tuesdays at 9 on FOX)

House returned from the summer break with the brilliant yet egocentric Dr. Greg House lacking a team to help solve his medical cases. At the end of season three, Dr. House fired one of his three employees and lost the other two after they quit. In season four's premiere, House denies that he needs a team but fails what would have been an easy case for his old team. But we likely have not seen the last of his old team.

- Bryant West

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (Thursdays at 9 on CBS)

After last season's finale, "Living Doll," one would have expected a heart-racing episode to premiere season eight of *CSI*. Yet "Dead Doll" brought only a conclusion to the previous episode, leaving little anticipation to watch the next episode.

There is only one case (find Sara), the Miniature Killer is apprehended, and we don't find out why she did what she did or what psychosis she has. Nor does the shock of Sara's imminent death retain its value, because as soon as others begin to assume her dead, we find her alive.

It was merely an appropriate ending rather than a gripping opening.

- Linda Hua

Private Practice (Wednesdays at 9 on ABC)

The *Grey's Anatomy* (*GA*) spin-off *Private Practice* got off to a slow start. Addison makes the trip from Seattle Grace to Los Angeles. Made to feel unwelcome by the staff, Addison claims her stake at the practice, letting everyone know she is there to stay.

While the drama was high, the constant twists in the plot were a little much. If you remember Addison's first trip to SoCal, this episode may have been slightly disappointing.

But the show's potential and automatic *GA* crossover fan base, it definitely has a head start.

- Be'Anka Macey

Grey's Anatomy (Thursdays at 9 on ABC)

Let's see...Burke resigned, Izzie saved a deer, Miranda's bitter, Callie gets no respect, Christina's "fine," George is still an intern, and as for Meredith and Shepherd, they're "broken up."

Grey's Anatomy kicked off its new season last Thursday, picking up 17 days after the cancelled wedding and Izzie confession. With the former interns all grown up, this season is sure to make the week-long wait between episodes unbearable!

Ending with the sexiest breakup ever and George's controversial "I love you [Izzie], too" there's no telling for sure where this drama-filled season may lead.

- Be'Anka Macey



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Halo: series evolved

Third, final chapter in trilogy likely to place series among legendary games



by Jose Alvarez
Staff Writer

The Halo craze is not over. This was made abundantly clear upon the U.S. release of Halo 3 last Tuesday.

After hauling in \$170 million in a mere 24 hours of sales of the latest addition to the vastly popular franchise, the gaming industry and fans alike know that the obsession with one of today's top-selling video game series is as lively as ever. Halo 3 is also the first in the franchise to debut on the seventh-generation Xbox 360, while the previous Halo games came out for the original Xbox, a sixth-generation console.

The series, developed by Bungie Studios and published by Microsoft, was seen as Microsoft's heavy hitter in the video game industry when the Xbox was released. The game is a futuristic first-person shooter (FPS) whose protagonist, Master

Chief, fights for Earth against the dreaded Covenant, a hostile alien race. The original Halo sold a modest one million copies from the Xbox's debut in late 2001 to April 2002. When Halo 2 hit the scene, the

PlayStation 2, Xbox, and GameCube. However, PlayStation 2's sales were still riding high and Microsoft had yet to make a dent

year old, Halo 3 is probably giving the Xbox 360 the ground it lost to the surprise hit Nintendo Wii. The game is also pushing Xbox 360 sales further ahead of the PlayStation 3, which is

the "M" rating of all three games), a book series, and even a life-sized replica of Master Chief's helmet packaged into Halo 3's "Legendary" edition. Microsoft has truly taken the series to a level above and beyond merely a game.

Due to the popularity of the Halo series in sales and in following, there have surfaced numerous on and off again reports and rumors about a possible Halo movie during the series' run.

By 2006, five years after the first Halo game was released, it was announced that there would be an actual Halo movie, but the lack of funding had shelved the project several times. It supposedly will be based upon the plot of the video game. However, no further details are known, as a series of problems have pushed back the release date of the film from summer 2008 to 2009 at the very earliest.

The release of Halo 3 is already sending the series to an echelon occupied by many video game legends—a realm



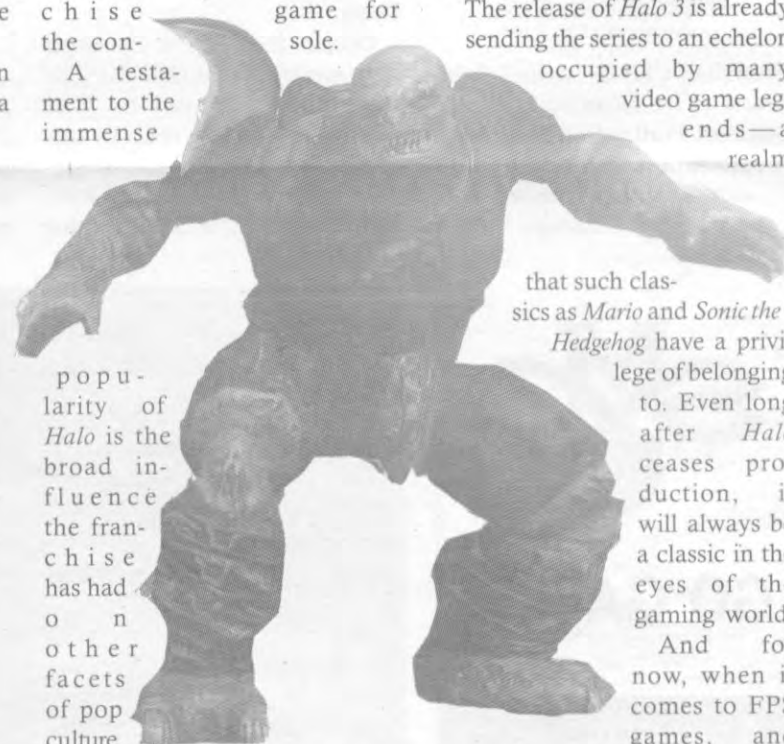
game's popularity shot through the roof, netting \$125 million in 24 hours on November 9, 2004, and possibly tipping the scales in favor of Microsoft in the sixth-generation console war involving the

into Sony's dominance of the video game console market. Now with the next generation of video game consoles almost a

still stuck in an apparently neutral mode thanks to the lack of a hard-hitting franchise game for sale. A testament to the immense



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popularity of Halo is the broad influence the franchise has had on other facets of pop culture. There are numerous YouTube videos of people playing Halo and even skits related to Halo, action figures of Master Chief (despite

that such classics as Mario and Sonic the Hedgehog have a privilege of belonging to. Even long after Halo ceases production, it will always be a classic in the eyes of the gaming world. And for now, when it comes to FPS games, and when it comes to games for the Xbox 360, Halo should continue to reign as the Master Chief.

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SPORTS

PLAYERS OF
THE WEEK

Taylor Groess



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Junior Taylor Groess played a crucial role in the Gaels' sweep this weekend. She recorded 19 kills against Portland and 10 kills against Gonzaga.

Christy Payne



Courtesy of smcgaels.com

Freshman Christy Payne led the Gaels as she recorded 34 assists against Portland on Saturday afternoon. She also picked up 13 assists earlier in the week against Gonzaga.

Gaels fall to ranked Bay Area opponents
Women's soccer allows eight goals in Berkeley, Palo Alto

by DJ Bowen III
Staff Writer

Playing the 22nd and fourth best teams in the nation on the road in a single weekend is not exactly a recipe for success. The Saint Mary's women's soccer team did just this when they faced fierce competition against #22 Cal on Friday and #4 Stanford on Sunday, and lost in both matches. The Gaels had their three game winning streak ended and fell to 4-4-2 with the two tough road losses of 4-0 and 4-1 respectively.

The game at Berkeley was close for the first half, but the relentless Golden Bear attack proved too much versus the Gael defense, as Cal was victorious 4-0. Facing a shot deficit of 23-5 in favor of Cal, Tara Larson '10 gave all she could with seven saves, and giving up three goals off ricocheted balls and another on a one-on-one opportunity versus Cal forward Alex Morgan.

Morgan recorded a hat trick by taking advantage of three of the goal opportunities for the Golden Bears.

Despite their efforts, the Gaels only mustered two shots on goal the entire game, one by Alex Ciliento '11, and the other by substitute Tara Farrell '10.

In the match versus Stanford, Saint Mary's again faced another



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Alex Ciliento '11 (right) and the Gaels played catch up all weekend against Cal and Stanford. Saint Mary's managed one goal all weekend.

extreme shot deficit against the opponent, 22-4, and it showed in the result. The Gaels fell to the Cardinal 4-1.

The Gaels looked to be on the comeback trail with a late goal to cut the deficit to two goals with 25 minutes still remaining. But the Cardinal put the game out of reach by scoring a fourth goal ten minutes later, stretching the lead

to three goals for the end result.

Gael midfielder Mika Matsui '09 scored the lone for the team on the weekend, off of a deflection on the left side. The only other Gael to even get a shot off on a Stanford goalkeeper was forward Caitlin Wallace '11.

Again, the Gaels had to face an aggressive forward, this time it was Cardinal Christen Press, who

took eight shots, two of which landed in the back of the net for goals.

The trudging road into the difficult part of the season doesn't end here for the Gaels. Their next test will be on Friday versus the Spartans of San Jose State, who is hot off an excruciatingly close loss to last year's national runner-up Cal State Fullerton.

ATHLETIC
SCHEDULE

- Thursday, October 4
Volleyball @ San Francisco*
War Memorial Gym
7 p.m.
- Friday, October 5
Women's Soccer @ San Jose State
3 p.m.
- Men's Soccer v. #21 Gonzaga*
4 p.m.
- Saturday, October 6
Cross Country @ San Francisco State Invitational
Golden Gate Park
8:15 a.m.
- Volleyball @ #15 San Diego*
- Sunday, October 7
Men's Soccer v. Portland*
2 p.m.

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SPORTS

Mills wanted 'best of both sides'

Bennett pulls sought-after Mills from Down Under

by Frankie Mangini
Staff Writer

Freshman Patrick Mills came to Saint Mary's for a number of reasons.

He had the plenty of opportunities to go elsewhere, but Head Coach Randy Bennett, along with Mills' family, convinced him Moraga was the best choice for his future.

Mills entered the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) three years ago at 16 years old. While attending AIS, Mills got to play with fellow Saint Mary's Australian-born juniors, Lucas Walker, Carlin Hughes, and recently transferred Ben Allen.

Upon entrance to AIS, Mills made up his mind that he wanted to play collegiate basketball in the United States.

"I believe the academic side is important to become a professional," said Mills. "[College] gives you the best of both sides, basketball and academics."

Hearing about the success of Daniel Kickert, Saint Mary's all-time leading scorer who graduated in 2006, among other Australians, encouraged Mills' decision to go to school.

With offers from Wake Forest, Virginia Tech and Utah, Bennett was instrumental in getting Mills to Saint Mary's.

Probably one of the most important factors in getting Mills to even consider Saint Mary's was Bennett's ability to build a relationship with Mills' parents, as they were the deciding factor to let him live on the other side of the world for four years. "Coach Bennett formed a good relationship with me and my parents as well...they trust the coaching staff" said Mills.

On his recruiting trip, Mills met his future teammates, and this was very important for him in choosing where he wanted to



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Patrick Mills '11 (left) and Vanderbilt's Andrew Ogilvy were teammates for the U19 Australian National Team.

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"[When] choosing a college, teammates were a main part [of] what I was looking for. The players on the team are people that I wanted to play with, live with, and eat with," said Mills.

"Great bunch of guys to be around and at the same time as much fun as they are; they are very determined and put a lot of hard work in."

And when asked about the Bennett, Mills said, "From past

Australians, Daniel Kickert, Adam Caporn, Bennett is a great coach, all the characteristics of a great coach, at the same time he treats everyone equally. Coming here, I am just another Saint Mary's basketball player. The great coach that he is, he's going to try his best to get the most out of all of us."

Now that Mills is here, he's looking forward to the upcoming

season. He is looking to make his strengths, such as his quickness, stronger and improve his weaknesses for the upcoming season. With the personnel here, he feels he has a chance to do just that.

Mills feels his position, point guard, has to be a good leader. Even as a freshman he is hoping to develop into one for the Gaels. But for now, he's looking to contribute through hard work. "I won't hold anything back on the court," said Mills.

When asked about the prospect of his first season with the Gaels, Mills said, "You gotta aim high and the goal is to win the [West Coast Conference]. I really think with the group of guys we can have a good shot at it."

"I'm pretty much excited more than anything to play," said Mills.

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early and maintain the lead for a majority of the time, fending off a five-point Payne serving run. It wouldn't be until Fisher stepped to the serving line and added another five-point run to give Saint Mary's the lead at 26-23 that they would cruise to victory.

The Pilots again took an early lead and held on to it in the second game. Lauren Jaeckel '10 and York led the team with four and six kills, respectively, while Brittany Barker '09 had two kills on four touches.

Gross took over the final two games with a combined 11 kills and a .667 hitting percentage in the third game. Saint Mary's would get off to a promising start and find their rhythm behind a serving run by freshman Kapua Kamana'o that extended their lead to four on their way to a 30-26 win.

Kelly Huston '10 started the game with a kill, one of her four on five touches and compile an .800 hitting average. Kamana'o had 16 assists, while Barker added three kills on five swings and two blocks in the second 30-26 win.

With the pair of wins, Saint Mary's improves to 10-4 overall on the season. The Gaels will go on the road tonight to play cross-bay rival USF and then travel down to San Diego Thursday to take on the Toreros.

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Playoffs finally arrive

ALDS brings early monster matchups

by Leslie Ajari
Staff Writer

The games have been played and the post season spots have been decided. In the AL West, it will be the Anaheim Angels. For the AL Central it is the Cleveland Indians. The AL East goes to the Boston Red Sox. And last but certainly not least, the AL Wild Card belongs to the New York Yankees. In this post season in the ALDS, it will be a difficult road, with all four teams in this league bringing spectacular line ups and talent to boot.

Two of these teams, in particular are bound to make the post season worth watching. Another match up with the legendary rivals: the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. Once again these teams will meet, hoping to make it to the World Series. Both of these teams are going to need their talented players to step up to the challenge. It is a well known fact that the Red Sox don't have nearly as many World Series rings as the Yankees' do (no one in baseball does), but they have won one more recently. It has been four long years since the Yankee's have brought home a World Series ring, and it seems as though it is about time.

However the Yankees will have to beat the Indians this upcoming week if they want to get anywhere near those final seven games. And even if they do beat the Indians, they will still have to beat the Red Sox or the Angels depending whoever wins that series. This will be a difficult task, especially if Boston wins and Josh Beckett has anything to say about it. In game six of the 2003 World Series Yankees vs. Marlins, Beckett (pitching for the Marlins) pitched a shut out game to win the series.

With Saturday's win against the Minnesota Twins combined with the Indians loss, the Red Sox have secured the home field advantage. They will open the ALDS, playing the Angels at home in Fenway Park beginning tomorrow.

Hopefully a home field advantage will help Boston a lot, since the Angels are having a great season, playing with phenomenal success. John Lackey, the Angel's star pitcher, will be leading off the first game of the ALDS. With an ERA of 3.01 he will not be an easy man to beat.

What will this year's post season bring? Old rivalries will rise, glory will be won and games will be lost. Only time will tell who will win and who will lose, and until then all baseball fans around the world will be watching and waiting to see who strikes out and who bats in the winning run.

Gaels sweep Northwest in openers

Bulldogs' bark worse than bite, Pilots manage single win

by Sean Kent
Staff Writer

The Gaels opened their regular season schedule with a visit from the West Coast Conference's two Pacific Northwest schools and sent both teams home pondering where it all went wrong. Gonzaga was swept in three straight games, while Portland managed only a single win in their 3-1 loss.

Unlike their characteristic blistering starts that had become a common occurrence during the preseason, the Gaels began their first game against Gonzaga trading points. First-game jitters might have been to blame as both the Gaels and Bulldogs committed seven and nine attack errors, respectively, in the first frame.

The largest lead of the game favored Saint Mary's by six at 22-16, however, that was squandered by a series of attack and service errors.

Both teams see-sawed momentum for the rest of the game until the Gaels had a chance to seal the deal at 29-26. A close call went against the home team as a Gonzaga return barely caught the end line to keep the game alive and opened the flood gates for a

four-point Bulldog run.

The rally was halted by a Taylor Groess '09 kill that tied the game at 30. After trading a pair of points, Saint Mary's prevailed on a Megan York '11 kill and a bad set by Bulldog Heather Dunn, 33-31.

While Saint Mary's and Gonzaga matched up evenly in the attacking statistics, it was the Gael's seven total team blocks to the Bulldogs' one that made the difference.

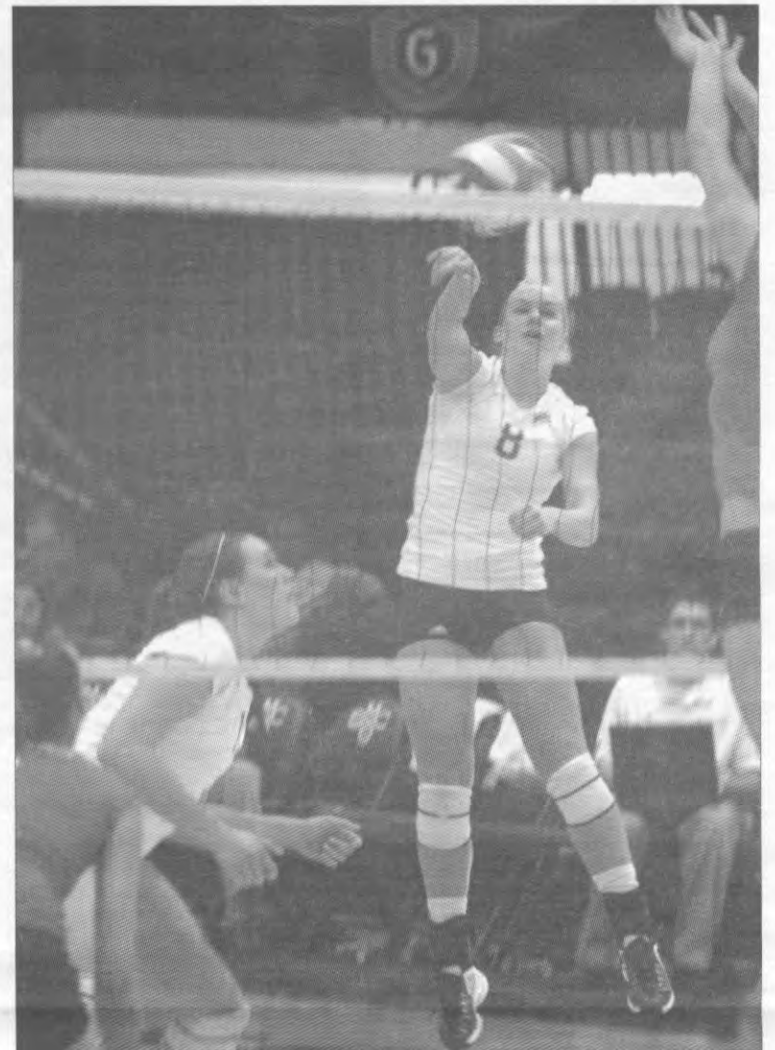
The second and third games were far more routine as Saint Mary's cruised to a 30-15 win and outlasted Gonzaga at 30-25.

Sophomore Megan Burton played big the second set with three kills and five blocks, while freshman

Christy Payne added 10 assists. The combination of power with York on the attack and Alita Fisher '10 on the serve, coupled with outstanding blocking from Lowell and Burton seemed to keep the Bulldogs confused and frustrated all night.

The third game was less one-sided, however, as the teams remained within striking distance of each other until 17-17. Beginning with York's 12th kill of the match, the Gaels began to distance themselves from the Bulldogs, never looking back.

GAELS 3
PORTLAND 1



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Freshman Megan York (8) recorded two more double-doubles this weekend bringing her season total to 10.

The Pilots provided stiffer competition, but not much, mustering the only win in the second game as the Gaels still rolled to

victory, 30-24, 28-30, 30-26, 30-26. Portland would assert itself see VB, p11

Cross country backtracks at Stanford

Gaels finish 31st and 25th in race

by Zack Farmer
Managing Editor

The men's and women's cross country traveled to Palo Alto to compete in the Stanford Invitational and finished in 31st and 25th respectively. Junior Nick Shea and freshman Tess Grannemann finished first for their teams in the race.

In a field of 32 teams, the men's cross country team finished in 31st place, finishing ahead of only Cal State Monterey Bay. They trailed Ventura University by less than a minute.

Shea finished in 181st place with a time of 26:34. Freshman Mark Blucher finished in 229th place with a time of 27:11 and junior David Stiles finished less than a minute after Blucher at 28:03 in 266th place.

The host Stanford Cardinal won the Invite, finishing less than a minute ahead of Bay Area rival Cal. UC Santa Barbara, Adams State, and Chico State rounded out the top five finishers.

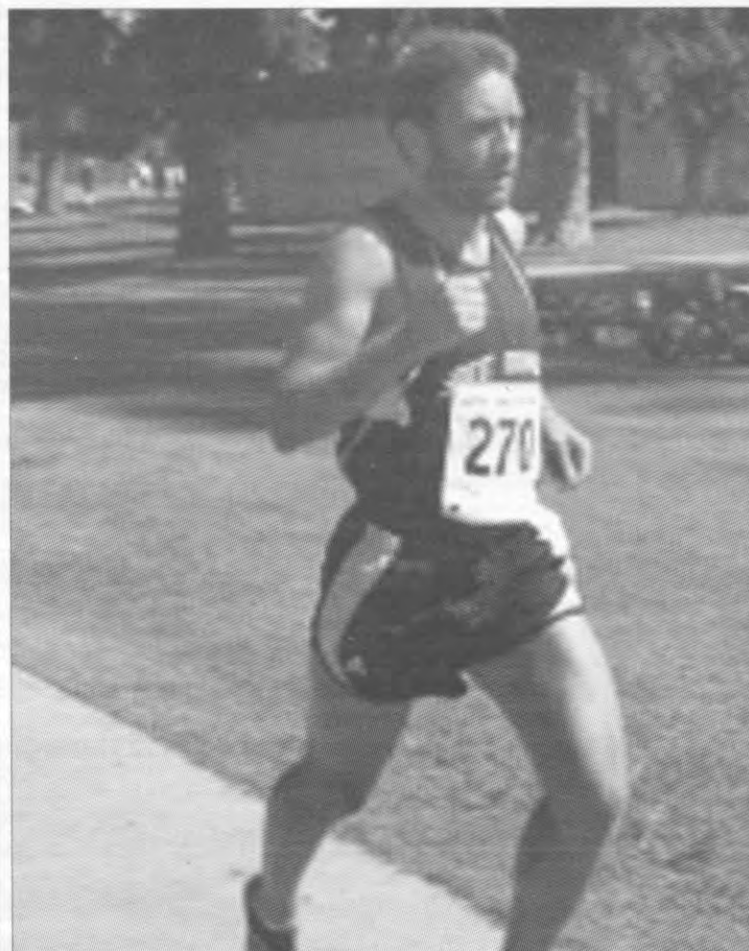
The women's team finished in 25th place in a field of 28 teams, just ahead of Sonoma State and five minutes behind Cal Lutheran.

Grannemann led the Gaels finishing in 157th place with a time of 24:20. Freshman Maddie Dengler finished in 187th with a time of 25:06. Fellow freshman Jade Lewis finished third for the Gaels with a time of 26:54 in 214th place.

Stanford also took the women's 6K race, finishing ahead of Adams State, UC Irvine, Arizona, and Guelph University.

The Gaels will return to the track on Saturday when they participate in the San Francisco State Invitational in Golden Gate Park.

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8:15 a.m.



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Nick Shea '09 finished in 181st place in the Stanford Invitational last weekend.