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First sexual assault case of year

Offense occurred day after Oasis dance, raises questions about campus safety

by **Jennifer Kennedy**
Staff Writer

According to the Saint Mary's 2006 Crime Statistics Report, three total forcible sex offenses on campus property were reported last year.

On September 22, the day after Oasis, a sexual assault was reported from De La Salle Hall at 12:35 p.m. This latest report brings renewed attention to the issue of sexual assault and campus safety at Saint Mary's.

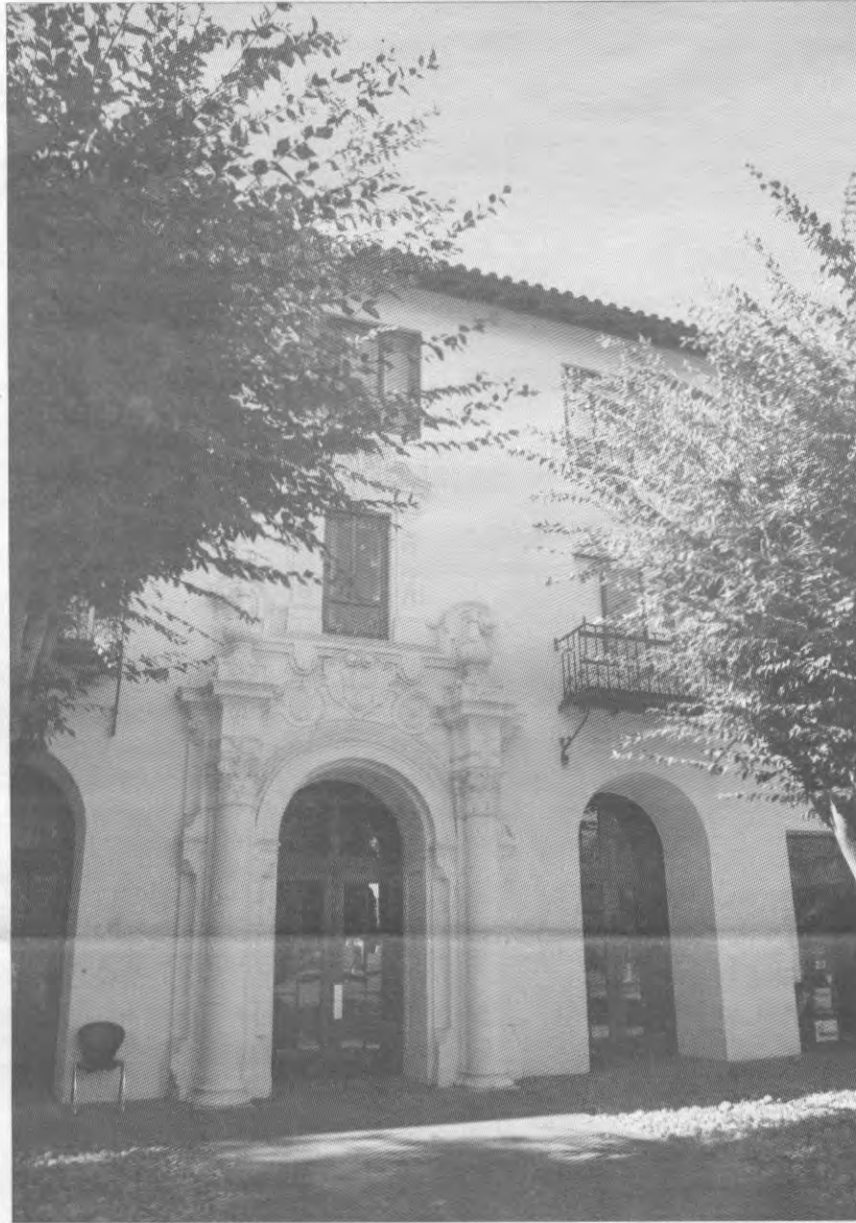
Coordinator of Sexual Assault, Awareness, Outreach, and Education Joanna Snawder said most of the previous sexual assault cases did not involve strangers; the two individuals were acquaintances.

Assistant Director of Residence Life Jim Sciuto said, "Although I do believe that students always need to be vigilant and report any suspicious circumstances, it seems this issue is more about students respecting each other, looking out for each other, and ensuring that the entire community is safe."

According to Snawder, in a typical situation two students get together, possibly at a party, start acting interested in each other, flirt, consume alcohol, and, as a result, inhibitions are reduced.

Alcohol can lead to blackouts, which are defined not as passing out, but as the consumption of alcohol to a point where the individual can still function, but will not remember what he or she has done. Blackouts are a big issue in cases of sexual as-

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Discussion sparks interest in Ombuds model

by **Jennifer L. Tang**
Staff Writer

Ombudsperson of Stanford University David Rasch came to speak last Wednesday in Hagerty Lounge during Community Time.

A seemingly strange term, "Ombuds" is derived from a Swedish word meaning representative. An Ombuds is a mediator who provides neutral, confidential, independent, and informal listening and resolution assistance with faculty, students, and staff. It is these qualities that make the Ombuds approach unique from traditional methods of problem solving.

Sponsored by the Office of Faculty Development, Celebrating Diversity Committee, Staff Council, and Provost Council of Deans, Rasch came to Saint Mary's last week to discuss this model of conflict resolution with various members of these, as well as other, organizations.

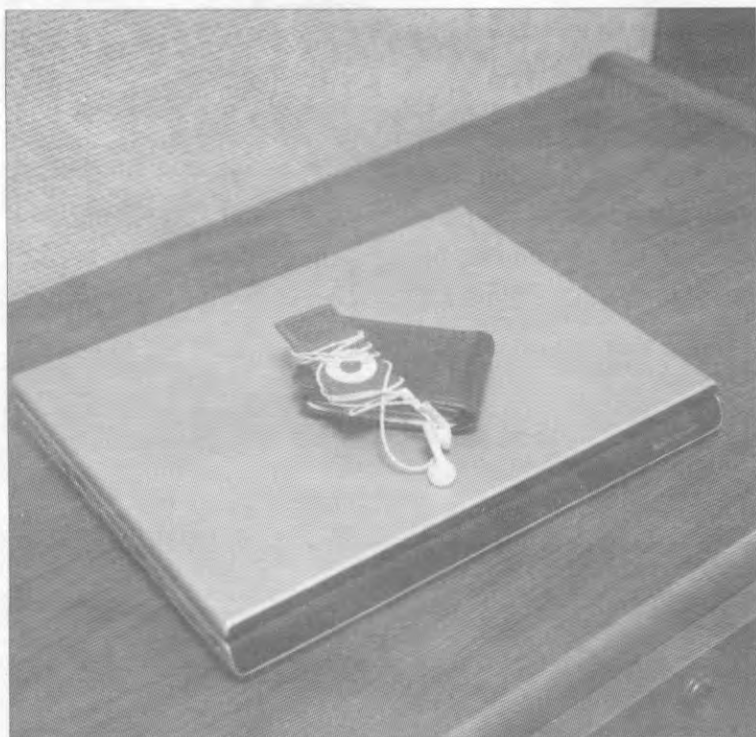
The presentation, called "Promoting Civil, Effective and Cooperative Communication: The Ombuds Role on Campus," consisted of a roughly sixty-minute presentation by Rasch followed by a discussion in which the members of the audience posed questions to the speaker.

Dean of Faculty Development and Vice President of the Office of Mission Carol Swaine said, "Today had a very successful outcome. We had a very nice representation of faculty, staff, and administration in attendance. I hope that today begins the conversation [about the Ombuds model]."

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Theft in multiple residence halls following Oasis weekend

Moraga among safest of California towns, yet always use caution with valuables



Various thefts can be easily prevented by tucking valuables out of sight.

by **Melissa Vlach**
Chief Copy Editor

Among the incidents of drunkenness and belligerent behavior surrounding Oasis were several cases of burglary.

Criminals seemed to hit the jackpot at Saint Mary's as a number of thefts took place during a period of just a few days. On September 23, a wallet and an iPod Mini were reported stolen from Aquinas Hall. Later that same afternoon, a laptop computer was stolen from Syufy Hall. Then, on the evening of the 25th another laptop and an iPod were swiped from Justin Hall.

Lieutenant Linda Brown Curtis of Public Safety said that the Aquinas room was accessed through an unlocked door, while the other two rooms were entered through open windows. "There were no forced entries made

where a door was kicked in or a lock forced open," she said.

While this number of incidents in just a few days may seem alarming, Brown Curtis said that this year has been no different than most. Crimes like these occur when someone leaves belongings unattended or in an easily accessible place. "Thefts can occur in any room where a window or door is unlocked and left open," she said. She also said that this type of theft is "not a rare occurrence."

The thieves were not caught in any of these cases, as none of the victims saw the culprits. "The reports we get are usually after the act, or what are called cold cases. It is rare that we get called to a crime in progress," said Brown Curtis.

She also stated that the recent events have not been related to each other in any way, and that

people have not been coming onto campus to steal from students. Instead, people steal things when there is little risk involved, in what is called a "crime of opportunity."

However, breaking-and-entering has happened on campus. Blaine Badasci '10 had his room broken into during last Easter break. He and his roommate both had items taken, including clothes, books, money, an iPod dock, and a flat-screen TV. So much was stolen that the police were brought in to do an investigation, even dusting the room for fingerprints. Despite these efforts, no one has been caught.

Badasci's room was on the ground floor of Augustine, but he said he did not leave it unlocked. "They broke the window and they left the door wide

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Career Center biased toward SEBA majors

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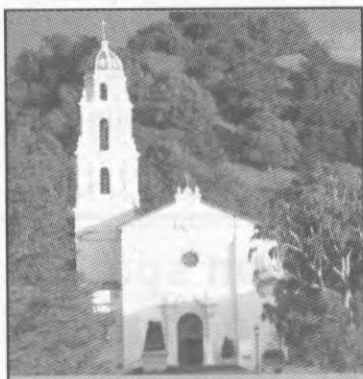
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SnapShots



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In front of Cassin Student Union, the morning sunlight illuminates the flowing waters of the functioning fountain.



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Visitors register for events at Fall Preview Day.



LINDA HUA

Into the abyss

Lucky me, I have already decided that I will be taking a semester off of school next year in order to search for graduate schools and take the GREs. Otherwise, after last Tuesday's senior graduate school information night, I probably would have become a nervous wreck.

As a first-generation college student, I had no idea what I was supposed to do in order to get into graduate school, not to mention that there were several different programs to which one may apply. Nor did I know that in order to do anything remotely related to psychology, I need to have at least a master's degree. Luckily, I was already ambitious and aiming for a doctorate.

However, the graduate school information night—to which only seniors were invited—did not serve as much help to seniors who are looking to go to graduate school in the fall of 2008 as this is the prime time to be working on applications to grad programs.

Such information nights and workshops should be presented to juniors especially, but open to sophomores as well.

The graduate school application process is so much longer than it seems: not only does one need to know what one wants to do after graduation, but one must also research schools and know where to apply, but one should also have work experience, internships, or research accomplished related to the intended field of study. Already drawn out, the process also includes making friends with professors, studying for the GREs—and what the heck are those? Yes, one must also do research and perhaps take preparation classes for the test as well.

So here I stand, looking at the end of fall semester of senior year, at the last opportunity to take the GRE, to research and start the application process for grad schools to be eligible for fall 2008 admissions, and I think I'll say, "no, I'll wait," because I wasn't informed that I had to have this step done by now.

It sometimes seems that our school is so focused on getting business, accounting, and economic students into \$45K-plus jobs that they forget to help the other 70 percent of the traditional undergraduate population.

While we are encouraged to use other resources available on campus outside of the Career Development Center (as their name clearly implies work placement as a priority), I would encourage departments to hold multiple graduate information nights that are open to all students at every grade level. This way others, like myself, would not be lost in the abyss of graduation and what to do afterward.

Crime Beat

9/28/07 5:00 p.m.

Incident: Theft of college property

Synopsis: Keys missing from Saint Albert Library Help Desk; referred to Ed Biglin (CATS).

9/28/07 9:50 p.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Minor under the influence of alcohol in Augustine Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

9/28/07 11:45 p.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Non-compliant minor under the influence and in possession of alcohol in Ageno East; referred to Student Conduct.

9/29/07 12:53 a.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Public intoxication, disorderly conduct, obstructing a college official, failure to comply, abusive conduct, and challenging

a fight in Aquinas and Mitty Quad; referred to Student Conduct.

9/29/07 4:30 p.m.

Incident: Medical Assist
Synopsis: Faculty member fell in front of Chapel – no transport; referred to Human Resources.

9/29/07 11:41 p.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Minor under the influence and in possession of alcohol in De La Salle Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

9/30/07 10:43 p.m.

Incident: Suspicious Circumstances

Synopsis: Unlocked door to the post office.

10/1/07 5:00 p.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Possession of cocaine, amphetamines, and marijuana in

North Claeys; referred to Student Conduct.

10/1/07 7:13 p.m.

Incident: Information Only
Synopsis: Follow-up investigation of sexual harassment in De La Salle Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

10/1/07 10:20 p.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Possession of marijuana and prohibited weapons (air soft pistol) in North Claeys; referred to Student Conduct.

10/2/07 7:35 p.m.

Incident: Information Only

Synopsis: Investigation into possible drug sale in North Claeys; referred to Student Conduct

10/3/07 5:50 p.m.

Incident: Vandalism

Synopsis: Broken window by thrown water bottle in Dryden Hall.



The Collegian NEWS

Weekly Featured Profile

Club/Organization

SMC Law

by DJ Bowen III
Staff Writer

The process of getting into a law school parallels the process of getting admitted into college. The former is even more grueling and difficult than that of the college admission, with the competition being cutthroat and fierce.

No worries though, SMC Law President and founder Charlie Schnellbacher '09 is here to help those interested in learning more about getting into law school and the types of specialty law available.

"With the vast amounts of information out there... people were getting shortchanged," Schnellbacher noted as a main reason for starting the club. He wanted to "make it so the ball is in their court... in their advantage."

Schnellbacher started the club in the latter portion of last semester for the purpose of providing information to those in need of unbiased information about getting into law school. "[The] sooner they start [getting informed] the better," Schnellbacher said.

He also had another motive to start the club: he was interested in a career in the field of law, and the research he was doing was so intriguing, he wanted to share his findings with the rest of the Saint Mary's community.

"Every single thing you see in the world has to do with law," Schnellbacher stated as a reason for the need for a law club. For proof, he said that the architect that designed the building anyone is in designed it with a lawyer looking over his back to ensure he wouldn't get sued for his mistakes.

Also, any product with a warning label in a store, any contract signed in sports, and every restaurant with injury liabilities has a lawyer at some point. It was with this broad vision that Schnellbacher designed the club, which includes a variety of majors on campus. Professional lawyers of different kinds speak at the club meetings to increase club members' exposure to different kinds of law.

"[Hopefully] it's going to increase law school admissions [from Saint Mary's]," Schnellbacher optimistically said as another long term goal for the club. So, in other words, Schnellbacher is setting the table for future students at Saint Mary's interested in law.

These far-reaching aspirations with a positive outlook for the future are qualities one would look for in a start-up club.

Families seized opportunity to visit

Students share a day in their lives with classes, games



Mel Olson/COLLEGIAN

Visitors enjoyed the sun on the Chapel Plaza during last weekend's activities.

by Stephanie Carlsen
Staff Writer

Saint Mary's welcomes visitors with open arms. Last Saturday, Saint Mary's College opened the campus to the families of all students for the Parent and Family Day '07.

The day began at 8:30 a.m., with students and parents gathering in the entry way of the Soda Center where Danny Weeks '08 and Erik Coloma '09 were waiting for check-in. After receiving their nametags, programs, and lunch tickets, parents visited Lauren Vandam '08, who helped them choose which, if any, 10:15 a.m. class to attend.

Among the programs were a mandatory 2+2 nursing program presentation presented by Professor Christa Kell, "The Roots of Country Music" presented by Professor Bob Gardner, and "Meditation" presented by Brother Camillus Chavez.

Once the parents checked in, they were greeted by a welcome brunch. During the brunch, the guests were treated to a brief history lesson from a Christian Brother and a lesson on the past, present, and future of the Saint Mary's campus. Carol Halverson, mother of Kelsey Halverson '11, said she "loved the presentation."

Patrick Young's '09 mother, Ruth Young, agreed; she said "I loved to hear the history of the school, and the breakfast was excellent."

The end of brunch left many doors open. From 10:15 to 11:15, parents could attend "Classes Without Quizzes" where they

could experience the quality liberal arts education by taking a class from one of Saint Mary's faculty. Young said that Bob Gardner's "The Roots of Country Music" presentation was wonderful. "He was very knowledgeable," she said.

After the academic workshops, Father Salvatore Ragusa presided over a special Mass in the Chapel for all who were interested. Carol Halverson enjoyed the Mass, in which her daughter Kelsey was a Eucharistic Minister. "It was the first time I had ever received Communion from her," she said.

The end of Mass led into a picnic in Poplar Grove between Galileo and Brousseau Halls. The SMC Tango Club performed as one of the many lunchtime activities. Other activities included a water balloon toss competition, a parents versus students softball game, and the opportunity to hike to the cross or take a campus tour.

Erika Avancena '11, who had been expecting hamburgers and hot dogs at the picnic, was truly impressed. "The food was really healthy, surprisingly. They had grilled vegetables and chicken," she said, adding that "the activities were fun to watch."

While Avancena had been more than willing to participate, her parents kept her from getting involved. "I wanted to do the water balloon toss, but my dad didn't want to get wet," she said, laughing.

After lunch, the Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action (CILSA) gave a short presentation on living the Core Principles.

They discussed how students engage in community service and social justice education both in and out of the classroom, and how and why service is a big part of student engagement in Saint Mary's Lasallian education and mission.

The afternoon workshops came next. Spanish speaking families were invited to attend "Supporting our Spanish Speaking Families." Junior and senior families were invited to learn more about the opportunities offered to students before and after they graduate, while freshman and sophomore families could attend an interactive discussion designed to introduce parents to the many ways they can support their Saint Mary's College student.

Avancena attended the "Supporting Our Millennial Students" presentation for freshman and sophomore families. "They answered the questions parents had, and talked about different resources available. The parents talked about Assumption Hall and how it is the 'ideal' place to live because of the tutors living there and the quiet environment," said Avancena, a current "Assumptionite."

The event had a successful turnout. Many families took advantage of the day to come and visit their children, and many of them enjoyed the day. Avancena summed up the day as "cool, not the most exciting thing on campus, but the parents got a lot of information, and I was able to show my parents a day in my life, so it was okay."

Campus Calendar

Hearst Art Gallery Presentation

"Art in the 21st Century"

Tuesday, October 9

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Contact Heidi Donner
x4069

Pygmalion Reading

Tuesday, October 9

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Soda Center

Contact Barry Horwitz
x4439

Law School Day Preview

Wednesday, October 10

11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

De La Salle, Hagerty Lounge

Contact Brother Glenn Bolton
x6267

Campus Dialogue - Personal and Social Responsibility

Wednesday, October 10

12:40 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Soda Center

Contact Jennifer Pigza
x4755

Italian Nite on the Piazza

Wednesday, October 10

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Chapel Plaza

Contact Father Sal Ragusa
x4814

Graduate Student Reading

Wednesday, October 10

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Soda Center

Contact Graham Foust
x4457

Film Showing: Quinceanera

Wednesday, October 10

8:30 p.m.

Delphine

Coffeehouse

Wednesday, October 10

9:00 p.m.

National Coming Out Day

Thursday, October 11

Midterm Holiday - No classes

Friday, October 12

Student Leadership Workshop

Monday, October 15

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Delphine Lounge

Contact Dan Rott
x8197

Planning an event?

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Dante 120 at 6:00 p.m.



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ASSAULT: Unawareness of alcohol safety may be factor in case

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sault.

Under Saint Mary's policy, consent cannot be given if under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Snawder said, "I've been involved in around 10 to 12 cases; there is only one that I remember that didn't involve alcohol." Snawder also believes that "sexual assault awareness has to go hand and hand with alcohol awareness."

When a student wishes to report sexual assault, his or her options are to go to the Women's Resource Center, a counselor, a teacher, or a confessional with a priest.

If a student tells a teacher, faculty member, or anyone in the Women's Resource Center, they are required by law to report it to the college. Snawder said, "Sometimes [the individuals] don't want it reported to the college. And there have been cases where a stu-

dent is just trying to get information and before he or she knows it this process has begun, and that isn't what he or she wanted. In some of those cases the student usually withdraws from school."

If a student wishes to be anonymous and/or have their story remain confidential, they can call the 24-hour crisis hotline (925-878-9207), go to a confessional with a priest, or go to a counseling session.

After a report has been made and the Office of Residence Life decides that the incident is a sexual assault case, the respondent or suspect is immediately placed under interim suspension. This means that they must go to the disciplinary hearings and are not allowed to partake in school activities or live on campus but can still attend class.

Snawder said, "I feel like the policy of interim suspension cre-

ates a negative climate; it makes it very hard for us to work under the assumption of 'innocent until proven guilty.'" The policy is under review at the moment.

The disciplinary hearing then takes place to determine whether the report is more likely than not to have occurred. If the respondent is found guilty of sexual assault, the sanction is expulsion. If the offense is determined to be sexual misconduct, the minimum sanction is one year suspension and an educational project.

Resident Advisor of Michael E. Ageno Hall (Ageno A) Pete Dowdalls '08 said, "I don't think there's a lack of safety on campus, I just think the school needs to reevaluate how they handle these kinds of problems."

Another resident advisor of Ageno A, Morgan Veyna '08, said, "There should be more education about sexual assault pre-

vention on campus."

The Women's Resource Center is a resource on campus which provides information about sexual assault and misconduct. They have programs such as the empowerment group to gain self esteem, assertiveness, positive self image, and healthy relationships. On Wednesday nights, there is also a women's discussion

group called The Circle.

Myrna Santiago, the director of the women's studies program, said, "I worry a whole lot, both for female and male students, for what we are not teaching them about treating each other with respect, for what they are learning about violence as acceptable behavior, and for the suffering that results from sexual assault."

If you have been sexually assaulted and have not reported it, please

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Call the 24-hour CRISIS HOTLINE (925) 878 - 9207

Alert PUBLIC SAFETY x4282

OMBUDS: Faculty, staff, administration look into Ombuds for Saint Mary's campus

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Courtesy of www.stanford.edu
Last week's speaker David Rasch.

Rasch said, "An Ombuds is a place for people to talk and express concerns without fear of it going somewhere else." To do this, an Ombuds' task involves coaching, educating, providing options, and connecting people with solutions.

According to Rasch, issues that arise at the Ombuds Office range from faculty department politics to staff performance appraisals to student grade disputes to housing problems.

Many attendees of Wednesday's discussion found it interesting and informative. Human Resources Senior Consultant Barry Chersky said, "It was extremely clear in presentation... For [Rasch] to speak to the college sparks more interest. I am interested to hear what students' reactions would be to Ombuds."

"I feel this is an extremely important conversation to have. Though it is difficult to tell if having an Ombuds on [Saint Mary's] campus would occur, it is important for our decision makers to enter this conversation," said Barbara McGraw, a faculty member in Business Administration. She added, "Help for people with difficulties is very important... It improves our community and helps realize the mission of the College."

Being an Ombuds is a unique job, as Rasch describes. "I help people think more clearly, to think about their actions before doing them and to realize that they can assert for their rights... I go through more Kleenex as an Ombuds than I did as a therapist," he said.

Dean of Faculty Development and Vice President of the Office of Mission Carol Swaine said, "Today had a very successful outcome. We had a very nice representation of faculty, staff, and administration in attendance. I hope that today begins the conversation [about the Ombuds model]." At the end of the presentation, Swaine publicly invited Rasch to return to Saint Mary's to speak again in the near future.

Swaine said, "Judging from the attendees, there is wide support from many organizations. There is already an expressed need to look into Ombuds. I hope that after today, the conversation continues in other venues, and that we continue to explore it."

THEFT: Crime sprees remind students to lock up rooms

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open," he said.

Although situations like this sometimes happen, most thefts occur because items have been left in a vulnerable spot. Brown Curtis said that the best way to protect belongings is to be vigilant.

"The first thing anyone can do is to take care of their valuables and belongings. Lock up your

wallet or iPod in your closet. Don't leave your wallet, cash or jewelry laying around for others to see," Brown Curtis said.

"Always make sure your windows and doors are locked when you leave your room," she said. Overall, she advised awareness. "Just think about being safe and taking [c]are of yourself and your belongings," she said.

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FEATURE

Administration optimistic about students' financial situations

Recent alumni have various experiences with such optimism

by D. Deyo & S. Wang

Opinion Editor & News Editor

It is no secret that over the past few years the cost of Saint Mary's has gone up at an increasing rate while at the same time interest rates have made it harder to pay back loans, especially if the loans did not come with a fixed rate or began accruing interest on the principal amount before graduation. However, some perspective is necessary before anyone drops out of college for lack of funds.

Lloyd Schine, the director of Alumni Relations, said, "People come out with great amounts of loans...but there is an increasing number of alums giving back." Schine graduated from Saint Mary's in 1998 and is still paying off his school loans, but he isn't worried about his debt.

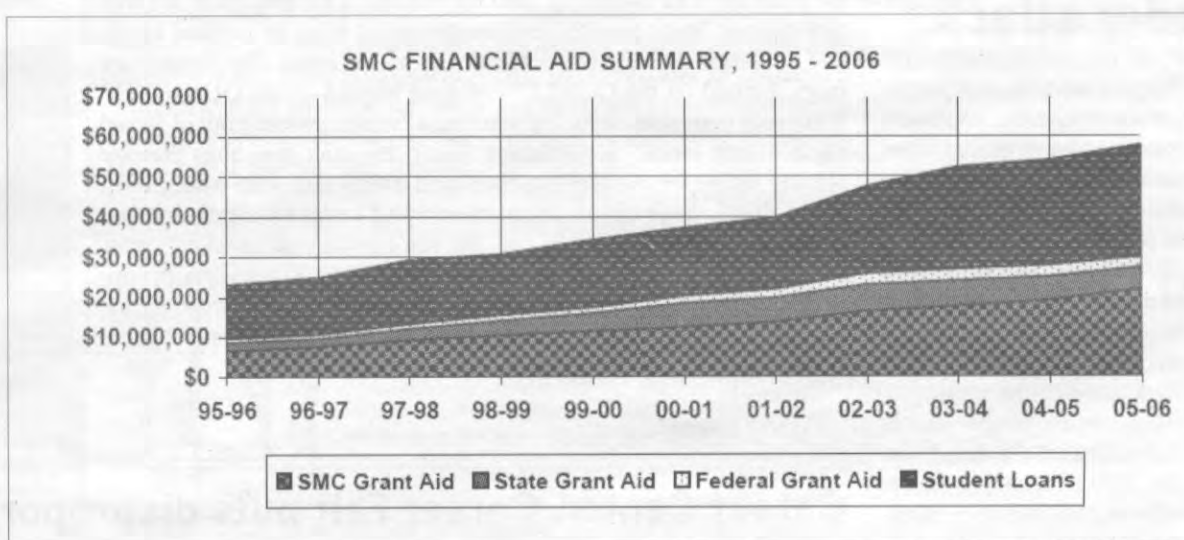
Regarding the current cost of attending Saint Mary's, Schine said, "When I was a student in

will not accrue interest until after graduation.

Also, once students graduate from a masters or doctorate program, the salaries from the jobs students can then get will pay even more than those from undergraduate level studies, averaging about \$78,093 per year.

However, there are serious negative points about the financial situation of students graduating from Saint Mary's. The percentage increase cost of the school has been exceeding inflation so that if salaries remain roughly stable (as most people expect inflation to be around two percent for the next few years) then the cost of Saint Mary's in loans will exceed a student's ability to pay them off quickly.

If a student graduates with



Courtesy of the SMC Fact Book

of Financial Aid Linda Judge. "[The rate's] about level, it's always an issue that we have small increases," said Judge. The cohort default rate is "the percentage of a school's borrowers who enter repayment on certain Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program or William D.

of the seriousness of loans." Graduating seniors are also required to have an exit interview prior to Commencement to learn "how to save once they go through [their] rights and responsibilities [for loans]."

Judge advises students to think carefully think through loans because loans may be easier to get now, but the interest rates are something to take into consideration. She said it is "better to take out federal loans first, private loans are more expensive."

As far as alumni are concerned though, students need to think about how they will pay off their loans beforehand. Rosella Iaccino '04 said, "Getting a bi-weekly paycheck has made it very easy to manage my assets. One of the problems I have run into was consolidating my loans...my goal instead has been to pay off the loans as quickly as possible. I had at least one job the entire time I was in school to help pay for daily expenses, and [I avoided] getting into credit card debt, or other traps that college students typically fall into. That has been what has helped me out the most."

Other alumni reported that as-

sistance from parents has been a huge factor in paying off their loans, especially on the lower end of the salary distribution.

Students do have alternatives though, said Bettina Adragna '05. "Student [loans are] definitely becoming an issue. I'd say my experience at Saint Mary's was worth the cost, but I'd advise everyone else to make sure a private school is worth the cost for them. If it's not, they can save themselves a lot by going to a vocational school, a community college for two years, or a public school."

On the other hand, Lewis said "as a fairly recent alumnus of Saint Mary's, I can personally tell you how difficult it has been to pay back my student loans" but stated that all that he's gained from his college education has been well worth the financial obstacles.

"I've still got a few years left, about \$8K to go," he said, "but, the bright side of this, and there is one, is that I don't ever question what I got in return for what I borrowed....You are getting more from this college experience than you'll ever pay, or owe, and others are working to keep it reasonable."

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Cost of SMC	\$32,351	\$36,540	\$41,106
Federal Loans at SMC	\$25,486,386	\$27,744,277	\$27,868,595
Number of students with loans	5117	5131	4236
Financial aid package per student	\$17,930	*	\$18,868
Total indebtedness of grad seniors	\$19,334	\$19,953	\$22,988
Federal funds rate (as of August that year)	1.00%	1.25%	3.25%
Inflation (average for initial year)	2.27%	2.68%	3.39%

*Data not available

**Data based on current averages

Compiled by Darwyn Deyo, information from the SMC Fact Book, www.bls.gov, and www.bea.gov

'98, [costs were] about 20 to 25 [thousand] for everything. I know it's very hard, but people definitely find a way [to pay]."

When considering the real cost of loans, it should be taken into account what a Saint Mary's student can expect to make after graduation. While the School of Economics and Business Administration (SEBA) has an average salary of \$45,000 to \$55,000 a year, liberal arts majors can expect a salary of about \$35,000. As long as the principal doesn't exceed the student's average salary, the monthly cost to the student should not be astronomical, given that they begin paying off the loans as quickly as possible.

Also, students tend to accumulate large sums of credit card debt while in college, debt which usually has a higher interest rate than student loans, whether the loans are from a federal or private institution. Therefore, current alumni recommend that students make credit card debt a priority as well.

Another consideration to keep in mind is that even if students go directly to graduate school after receiving their bachelor's degree, Stafford student loans

about \$40,000 in loans and expects to make about \$40,000 a year, then even while their salary becomes worth less in real terms, their loans are accruing interest. They would have to pay off more than the minimum monthly payment to work off the principal amount they took out.

Jim Weyland, coordinator of the Career Development Center, states that the cost for attending Saint Mary's "has significantly outpaced inflation in the past couple of years." Weyland is a Saint Mary's graduate of the class of 1960 and as a commuter student in the 1950s, he was able to be a full time student and pay off tuition with a part time job.

Of course, he recalled the tuition in the fall of 1959 to be \$235 a semester. Weyland said that "in private school sectors, [tuition] has reached astronomical amounts." On average, it costs about \$40,000 to attend a private school and about \$26,000 for a public school in the UC system.

Fortunately, Saint Mary's has had a fairly stable and low default rate. Going into 2005, Saint Mary's default rate was 1.6 percent according to the Director

Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program loans and default or meet other specified conditions prior to the end of the next fiscal year" according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Judge added that all students who choose to take out loans must first have an entrance interview in order to be "informed

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SCOTT CULLINANE

World freedom under attack

For too many young people it seems like the implosion of the Soviets almost twenty years ago marked the completion of the Wilsonian desire to make the "world safe for democracy."

As if 9/11 was not enough to remind us that this goal Woodrow Wilson encapsulated decades ago was still not achieved, recent events are strong reminders.

History remembers Boris Yeltsin standing on a tank in Moscow in 1991, resisting an attempted coup, and history remembers the anonymous demonstrator standing in front of the Chinese tank in Tiananmen Square in 1989. History, however, did not take notice of the massive 1988 massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators in Burma. Just a few days ago, the so called "saffron revolution" of Burma surged upwards in massive protests quieted with bullets.

We need to remember that the fight for freedom and liberal democracy still rages and that it did not end in 1991. Furthermore, we must remember that in this war for freedom we are not winning. Where in the world is liberal democracy spreading?

Burma remains firmly in the grip of totalitarianism with few reasons to think that will change anytime soon. China, though its economy may be liberalizing, has a government that is using all that money to find new ways to track, spy on, and control its people. Russia, under the leadership of Vladimir Putin, is backsliding in its democratic progress. Lebanon is timidly fighting for its own freedom, but members of the government that stand up for democracy have a penchant for being murdered. The people's paradise of North Korea remains a backwards non-functioning state that makes the Stone Age look downright advanced. Hugo Chavez in Venezuela, besides crushing free speech, looks like he plans on remaining in power no matter what his people want. Long known as the Dark Continent, Africa is living up to its name and remains mostly untouched by the light of liberal democracy.

One of the few places where democracy is spreading is in Gaza, and there the population is so brainwashed it elected Hamas, which is not going to allow any more elections. The two bright spots for liberal democracy in the world now remain Afghanistan and Iraq, but even in those cases, a sizable portion of the U.S. population wants to cut and run from these victories.

The battle to make the world "safe for democracy" goes on and we had better act because it is a war we are not guaranteed to win and very well may lose.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is mostly directed towards Zack Farmer's "opinion" article entitled "Organic hype dramatizes health benefits." Zack's article and his "opinions" skewed statistics and used opinions that actually don't make sense. The very first line in his article is actually wrong. No, organic foods are NOT going to "be the reason total costs on this campus will rise to over \$50,000." Organic foods will be the reason that students' meal plans will be raised about \$500 more...maybe the zeros got a bit confusing...and the fact that it's a meal plan. It's true that organic farms produce less, people spend more on organic foods, and the farms use 97% less pesticides. It makes sense. The farmers are more focused on the QUALITY of food instead of the QUANTITY. Also, your comment about not wanting a "worm...wriggle out of [your] apple during lunch" is ridiculous. Pesticides can't stop bugs that are already inside the piece of produce (and if they did, who would want to eat that?). Your claims about cancer and being physically hurt by pesticides are a bit confusing, too. So, you can only get brain cancer or leukemia from pesticides? So the facts about the 500 additives in conventionally-grown food linked to allergic reactions, headaches, asthma, growth retardation, etc, don't matter? Reread Irene Nino's article about organics.

Sincerely,
 Project Green

Dear Editor,

Thank you for a good edition of the Collegian (October 2, 2007). I especially enjoyed the views of Staff Writer Jordan Greif "Keeping Perspective on Iranian President's visit to U.S." I thought he captured not only the Iranian situation but also his understanding of Ahmadinejad's "posturing" and "politicking" quite well.

Thanks for another good newsletter.

Sincerely,
 Brother Dominic Berardelli

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Career Center, Career Fair puts disproportionate focus on SEBA students

Liberal arts, science majors left without employment, grad schools

We are told constantly that the Career Center is there to help all seniors of all majors find job and/or internship opportunities for life after Saint Mary's. To the contrary, after having attended a few sessions, including last week's Career Fair, it appears that many of the majors are neglected.

The vast majority of the companies and graduate schools that attend these career fairs are geared toward accounting, business, and economics majors.

Albeit that the School of Economics and Business Administration (SEBA) houses the two largest majors on campus, but even so, they only represent 26.9 percent of the students who have declared a major. The School of Liberal Arts represents 47.8 percent of the campus yet are vastly underrepresented at the career fairs. This is the inherent problem.



ZACK FARMER

After removing graduate schools and non-profit organizations, there is a total of 74 organizations at the Career Fair. Of those, 21 vendors were specifically looking for business administration. Thirteen mentioned finance and 12 sought accounting majors. The 38 remaining vendors were looking for all majors.

The communication major is the third largest major at Saint Mary's, representing 10 percent of the population, yet it was represented by only four vendors at the Career and Internship Fair. The second largest major, psychology at 10.6 percent, had a to-

tal of four references, including the non-profits and graduate schools. How is that fair? I know the College has the Graduate School of Business which does very well and that SEBA will make money for the school down the line, but this is a liberal arts institution; shouldn't the majors in the School of Liberal Arts have the same opportunities as those in SEBA?

For that matter, because we are a liberal arts school, why doesn't the School of Science get a fair shake? Only seven vendors catered to a science major. Kaiser Permanente was one of the few but specifically wanted nursing majors, most of whom transfer to Samuel Merritt College after two years. Furthermore, why is it that outside of Samuel Merritt College there is no graduate school catering to science students? For many of the science students, their degrees mean little without extend-

ing their education into the graduate level, if not the doctoral level.

Increasing the mismatched numbers between vendors and majors, why is it that we have three graduate theology schools at the Career Fair, but not a single science-related graduate school? I know we are a Catholic school but the numbers don't fit the need. There are only 13 Religious Studies majors on campus, compared to the 400 students in the School of Science. Something just does not add up.

Will the Career Center help find me a job? More than likely. Do they need to cater to the needs of students beyond SEBA more? Of course they do. Not everybody on this campus has a flexible major after the undergraduate level. That needs to be remembered.

We are not a business school; we are a liberal arts school.

Nuclear power best avenue to energy independence

Going green by going nuclear is cheaper, safer than current methods

Nuclear power has wrongly been vilified as toxic, costly and dangerous when it actually has the potential to deter global warming and save America from an energy crisis.

It's unfortunate that there is such stigma attached to nuclear power, especially since it is "greener" than other forms of energy. Unlike coal and petroleum plants, nuclear power only sends non-radioactive water vapor into the atmosphere. In addition, nuclear plants can run continuously unlike "renewable" resources like wind turbines and solar panels.

Despite nuclear power's advantages over other forms of energy, environmental groups like Greenpeace want to stop its expansion and shut down every plant in America. Doing so would be a terrible disservice to the country, especially because most groups are misguided about nuclear power's supposed "risks." Critics have long derided



MARK FREEMAN

nuclear power on numerous fronts, the first being that construction costs outweigh potential gains. While it's true that nuclear power plants are expensive and take years to build, this is because contractors have to jump through unnecessary bureaucratic hoops before they can even break ground.

But the government recently streamlined its rules by making it less complicated to build a plant. According to the Wall Street Journal, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the agency in charge of the nation's reactors, is preparing for a "flood of applications over the next 15 months, which could cover as many as 29 new reactors at 20 sites" across

the country. These new plants will give the industry a much needed boost.

Hazardous waste is another one of nuclear power's "evils" according to its critics. Many environmental groups point out that spent fuel rods and other types of waste remain radioactive for hundreds of years but they don't mention that these wastes can actually be recycled for further use. Unlike other nuclear-powered countries, the United States does not engage in waste reprocessing because of national security risks. We bury used fuel rods underground instead of keeping them in the fortress-like power plants which the NRC has determined can probably withstand a 9/11 like attack.

The critics try to trump nuclear power by reminding the public of the 1979 meltdown at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania and the infamous 1986 Chernobyl explosion in Ukraine. But while Chernobyl was tragic, that reactor was built on shaky technology

only used in the Soviet Union. Regulations on nuclear power plants remained the same in Western countries after the explosion. Ironically, the less serious Three Mile Island case crippled America's nuclear industry despite the fact that no one was hurt or exposed to radiation.

America cannot restrict such a useful energy source especially when it could be the nation's key to energy independence. Today, nuclear power supplies 80 percent of electricity to France and 30 percent to Japan. These countries have had no serious problems with reactors and use reprocessing to reduce the environmental risks. The U.S. only has 104 plants which produce 20 percent of our energy.

If America wants to end its addiction to oil, it's going to have to start building more reactors immediately. Nuclear energy could be our savior or a missed opportunity.



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OPINION

Can women really improve a company's bottom line?

Catalyst study unreliable, full of skewed data

J. Harry Painter

Darwyn Deyo

With specialization, women are more productive

According to a recent Reuters piece, a study found that "having women well represented in the corporate boardroom can help improve financial performance."

Feminists across the country could rejoice, if only the study was a bit more reliable. Unfortunately, the organization responsible for conducting the study was Catalyst Inc., a group designed in part to research data concerning women in the workplace. According to its own website, "Catalyst is...working globally with businesses and the professions to build inclusive environments and expand opportunities for women and business."

We're supposed to find credibility in a study carried out by an institute clearly interested from the start in achieving this conclusion?

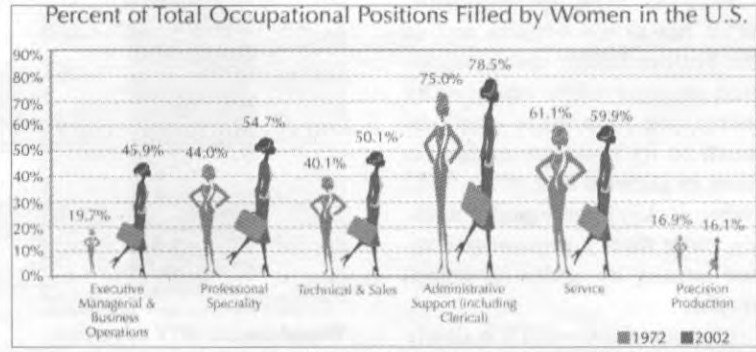
The report itself wasn't very convincing in itself either. The study found a "strong correlation" between the number of female directors and the net income of top companies. In three fields—return on equity, return on sales, and return on invested capital—the study found that companies with more female board directors consistently outperformed those with less female board members. Of course, as the group noted in the study itself, the old law of logic stands: correlation does not imply causation.

While I cannot conclude that female board directors are not the cause for improvement of a company's bottom line, the burden of proof is on Catalyst. It's going to take a lot more than a superficial study of two random facets of Fortune 500 companies to convince me that one facet is responsible for affecting the other.

Out of a list of the 25 most profitable companies in America, only eight were in Catalyst's "Top Quartile of Women Board Directors." Two of the 25, in fact, were in the "Bottom Quartile." The

other 15 were somewhere in between the two quartiles, leaving us with much more ambiguity than the study would suggest on whether or not the percentage of female board directors has any bearing on net income for a company.

How can Catalyst imply these circumstances suggest anything other than a coincidental correlation? It is not that Catalyst is nec-



Courtesy of Bureau of Labor Statistics, Women at Work: A Visual Essay

essarily wrong, but if it wants to be taken seriously, the organization should find proof before jumping to the conclusions it strives for.

Diversity in the workplace is good. Giving women, minorities, or whoever a board directorial position is fine—however, pushing an agenda of diversity for diversity's sake is the wrong way to go about achieving a diverse work environment. If a company can achieve the same goals with old white men on the board that it can with a young black woman, it should not favor the young black woman just for the sake of pleasing partial groups like Catalyst.

The problem is much wider than this particular situation. By claiming that more diversity is automatically better is an assertion that there is a fundamental difference between people of different sexes or cultures. Those who make this claim, such as Catalyst, are not truly arguing for equality; they are arguing for special treatment for the traditionally disadvantaged.

A recent study by Catalyst, Inc. says that companies with women in the corporate boardroom tend to improve financial performance.

While the company may suffer from some bias as they are an institution that promotes women in executive roles, there is sufficient economic data to back up the Catalyst report. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the propor-

tion of unmarried women to married women is growing and the number of unmarried women should soon exceed the number of married women, if current trends persist. The percentage of women who were married at a young age but then divorced is also growing: 1.7 percent of women aged 20-24 are divorced, and 9.7 percent of women aged 25-34 are divorced. Finally, more women are having their first child after age 35.

What does this have to do with improving a company's bottom line? First, more women are specializing as men have traditionally done and secondly, more women are entering the workforce.

When women, especially younger women, are not married they escape having to "specialize" in two roles. In traditional families, even if both the husband and wife work during the day, when the wives come home they are expected to cook, clean, and take care of the children. Meanwhile, men either are able to relax (so

they are ready for another day's work) or they are able to keep up-to-date on their field (so that they keep a competitive edge). The women are, by default, less rested and less informed. However, with changing marriage and child-bearing trends that is beginning to change, especially as employers and managers begin to take the increasing productivity of women into account.

When women who have never been married are able to focus on just their field, they are as productive as men. In fact, when they are compared to men who have never been married instead of all men, women who have never been married actually earn higher salaries. Based on the theory that every worker's marginal cost can be equal to but never greater than the marginal revenue they generate, women must be adding more value to the firm than their male counterparts. So long as they don't get affirmative actions, the value they add to the firm should increase and the bottom line is improved.

On the other end, as more women who also have families enter the workforce they are taking jobs that once went to men, e.g. the administrative jobs. They "cost" less because their average productivity is less but the demands of the job are still met, otherwise the firm would continue to hire men.

The end result is that women cost less for the lower-skilled jobs and that women who do specialize are on average more productive than men. The costs of the firm decrease and the revenues increase since specialists are in positions which generate more productivity. It is no longer the case that women, by constraint of their social roles, are unable to earn at least as much as their would-be husbands.

Today, it is realistic that they can earn and produce more.

Build a fence ...if you dare

by Nora Garcia
Contributing Writer

Fences are interesting things: they can keep people out and they can keep people in.

From the Minute Men to Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, Jr., WI-R, many feel that a \$1.2 billion fence 700 miles in length will help control illegal immigration to the good ole U.S. of A. Not only will this miraculous high-tech border stifle the flow of illegal Latino immigrants, but it will help improve homeland security and secure more jobs and resources for legal aliens and "real" Americans. It's an idea that's good in theory, but bad in practice.

Think of a couple of walls throughout history built for similar purposes that didn't do what they were expected to do. The Great Wall of China might still be standing, but it didn't keep the Mongols out for long once they figured out how to bypass it. The Berlin Wall built by East Germany during the Cold War as an "Anti-Fascist Protective Rampart" was torn down 28 years later.

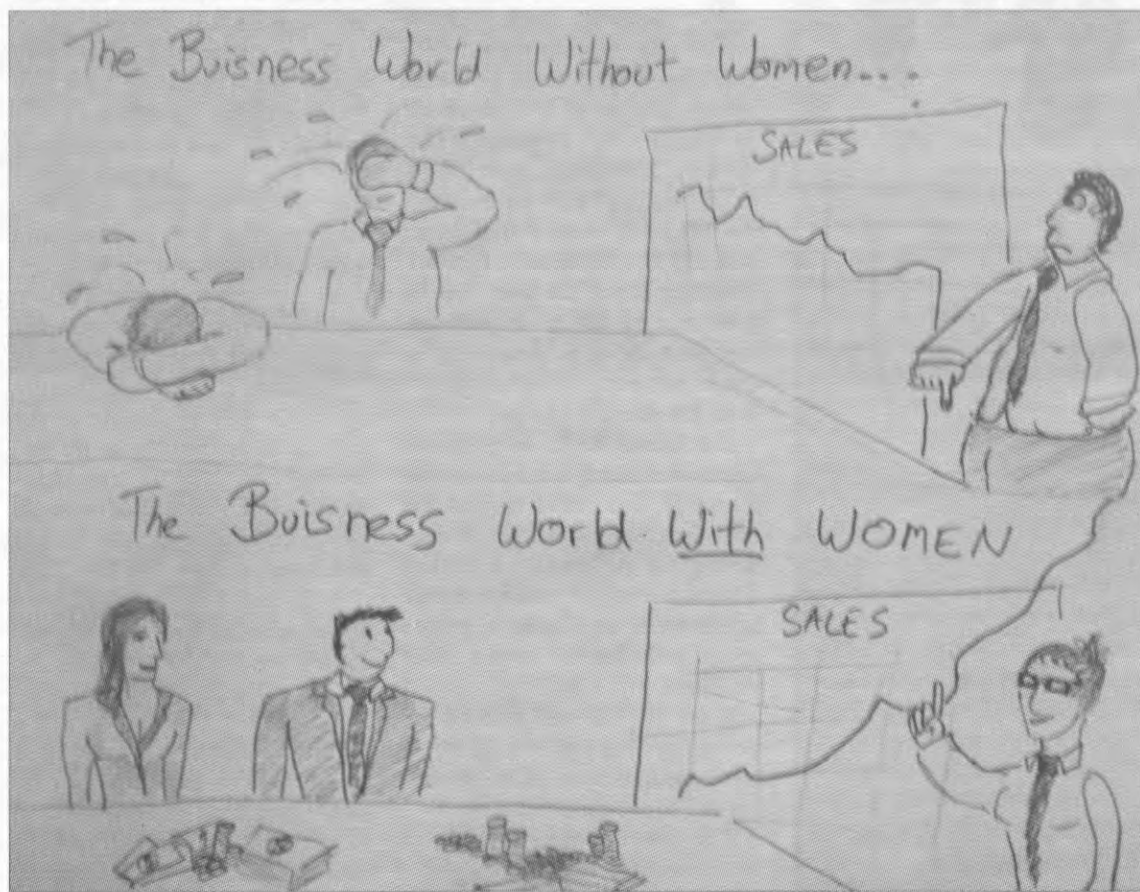
If the U.S. Government wants to build a wall for national security, go ahead. It shouldn't build one for immigration because then there would be no one left to renovate and rebuild military installations. Fort Bliss, Texas, near El Paso, Texas, and five connecting bridges away from Juarez, Mexico, are currently undergoing a \$2.6 billion facelift to welcome home the First Armored Division from Germany. Guess who's doing all the work? That's right, foreign laborers.

On September 15, according to the El Paso Times, immigration officials detained 12 laborers working without or with fake legal papers, despite claims by Clark McChesney, director of the Fort Bliss Transformation Office, that all workers had a legal right to be employed at Fort Bliss. Officials later told reporters that subcontractors hired all 12 employees. This is a governmental department providing employment and incentives for illegal immigrants. The government itself has become part of the problem and the solution is not a fence.

Maybe a big, bad, expensive fence (insert sarcasm here) will stop unwanted people from getting in, but our maids, cooks, and crop pickers should stay and bring their families (we could always use a good gardener or nanny).

After all, doing as little as possible and paying employees as little as possible is the American way. The government and the public on both sides of the fence have been fighting long and hard about immigration and the debate will continue. In the meantime, Americans need the people that make their lives just a little bit easier and more luxurious than other nations, and a fence will not stop the supply and demand.

So go, ahead, build a fence...if you dare.



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DETOUR



'Radiohead have made a record'

Money not acceptable excuse for missing out on Radiohead's latest

by J. Harry Painter
Detour Editor

This is the 1,623rd day since the declaration of mission accomplished in Iraq, but who's counting besides Keith Olbermann? Most of America, which doesn't share Olbermann's far-left principles, is counting the days since Radiohead's last studio album release (1,583).

It's been exactly four and one-third despairing years, or approximately 9.72 years by the unofficial New-Millennium Calendar Adjusted for Consumer Impatience Regarding Radiohead (NMCACIRR), since the release of *Hail to the Thief*.

Despite this being the largest gap between Radiohead albums ever, no related suicides have been reported. This speaks volumes to the resilience of Radiohead fans, who make up roughly 100 percent of Americans with taste, enough to populate Rhode Island and most of Massachusetts. Some have speculated that the only motivation for many fans to get out of bed every morning is the knowledge that Radiohead's latest, *In Rainbows*, is arriving.

There have been flashes of alt rock greatness since 2003 to keep the old auditory ossicles busy. Tool put out a fine fourth LP, Arcade Fire showed it was here to stay with its second effort, and solid new bands like Silversun

Pickups and The Raconteurs emerged onto the scene. Best of all, Green Day quite literally drowned in its own obnoxiously shallow political blather (if only it wasn't an animation). However, none of this made up for the insufferably large gap between Radiohead albums.

"Radiohead have made a record" is the straightforward wording of the message welcoming visitors to the band's website, which now redirects its guests to the exclusive *In Rainbows* online store. This deliberately frank assemblage of words is enough advertisement to persuade any devoted fan of one of the most consistently great bands of the past decade. For those not-so-devoted fans, the Grammy Award-winning English group has also made an offer that can't be refused: you choose the price.

When you've finished blinking dramatically, go to the website and see for yourself. Once you've added the album, which comes in downloadable MP3 format, to your "basket," you are asked to

enter your desired amount into the price field. If you enter zeroes, you will be charged £0.00.

free of charge on the Internet? This is so much better. We have a band which has spent its entire career, up until this record, under the rules of a major label, EMI. Now that Radiohead, whose members no longer need money, is free of EMI's six-album contract, the band has decided to do the unthinkable—take the industry standard CD distribution method and shove it back into the industry's face.

Maybe we shouldn't be surprised, however, that a band known for experimenting, changing, and growing with each album has once again taken the role of pioneer in the music business. Amid concerns about this decade's constantly dropping CD sales and online piracy, Radiohead has stepped forward and embraced the internet without fear.

This move has set an example for others looking to adjust to the Internet age, the age

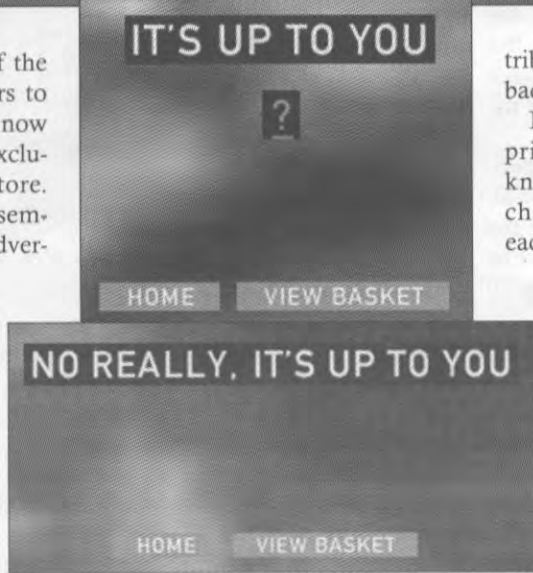
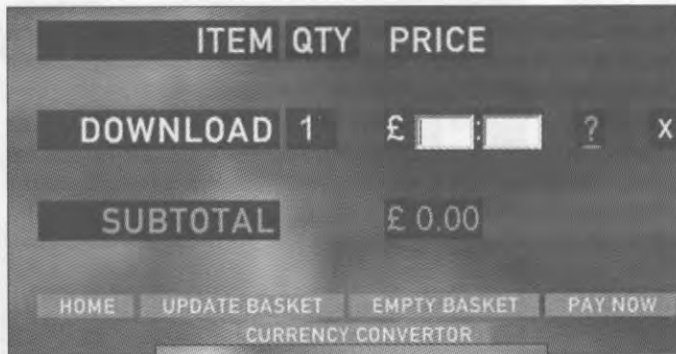
which has drastically changed the way people obtain and listen to music, as well as how music is publicized. Radiohead has pre-

vented early leak of the album; the band sent no promotional copies to magazines, which must receive early copies sometimes three or four months before the wide release date in order to review them in time for publication. This means that for the first time in ages, *no one* will have heard the album before October 10. This is good news for record companies, most of which are at a loss for how to prevent piracy and keep record sales up.

The one problem with this is obvious: not every artist can afford to let the consumer decide how much the music is worth. Frankly, not every artist is worth as much as Radiohead. I ran into someone at the bookstore who said he would pay \$20 for the download. Would he be willing to shell out the same amount for a rising artist like Tapes 'n Tapes, a band he might not be as familiar with?

On the other hand, letting the customer decide how much to pay seems to be a publicity stunt in this case more than anything else. Minus that feature, what we may be witnessing are some of the first efficient steps into the increasingly digital era where everything is purchased via the Internet.

The NMCACIRR may have to be reworked a bit by the time Radiohead's eighth hits the shelves—or whatever it hits instead.



All photos courtesy of www.inrainbows.com
Radiohead assures us that the price of *In Rainbows*, out tomorrow for digital download, is in our hands.

Remember Napster? Remember that liberating feeling in your spine when you found out you could get any song you wanted

Bring out hypocritical hippopotami

My Chemical Romance calls own genre 'garbage'

by Jose Alvarez
Staff Writer

"I think emo is a pile of sh**"; it's garbage. I think there's bands that unfortunately we get lumped in with that are considered emo and by default that starts to make us emo." My Chemical Romance (MCR) frontman Gerard Way said in an interview on September 24th.

For the uninformed, emo was once a genre of music derived from punk rock that was popular from around 1984 until it faded out around 1993. The original wave of emo was popularized by bands such as Rites of Spring. Its death, however, was caused by the breakup of many emo bands and by many of them moving more into the mainstream, while emo was then seen as an indie movement.

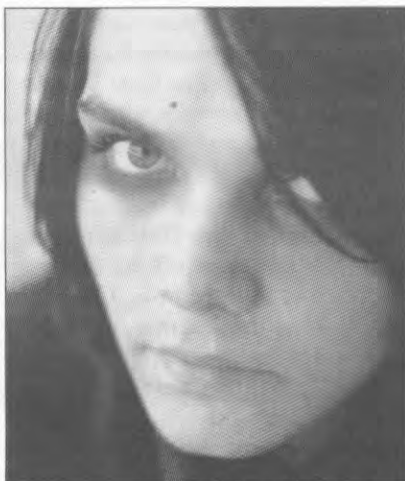
Now things have changed, and emo is at the forefront of the rock scene today, as is MCR—which is what makes Way's comments so ironic.

Nice way to bite the hand that feeds you, announcing that the genre your music is classified as is garbage.

The media initially praised the band because of its "nonconformity" to the generic emo move-

ment when it started in 2001. In actuality, MCR had simply thrust itself into yet another shallow music fad.

The band was unsigned for its first album in 2002, and was relatively unknown in the music scene, but by *Three Cheers for Sweet*



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Gerard Way has denounced emo music.

Revenge (when they did get signed to a major record label), they had gone into the mainstream.

It was all downhill after the band sold out. The lyrics and the vocals were so clouded by childish discharges of emotion that no one gets the message anymore. In one of its songs, "Teenagers," Way croons: "Teenagers scare / The living shit out of me / They could care less / As long as someone'll bleed / So darken

your clothes / Or strike a violent pose / Maybe they'll leave you alone, but not me." Nice to hear this, Way, considering the majority of the fans of MCR actually are teenagers. On another track, "This Is How I Disappear," we must endure Way repeating this gem of lyrical genius: "And without you is how I disappear / And live my life alone forever now." When you want to disappear and live your life alone forever, aren't you leaving us a huge hint, Mr. Way?

Acclaimed shock rock artist Marilyn Manson said of MCR, "I'm embarrassed to be me because these people are doing a really sad, pitiful, shallow version of what I've done."

Manson's hit the nail on the head, and Way is the nail. Way is quite the hypocrite, seeing as many stereotypical "emo kids" follow his music robotically as if it were the guiding force in their lives, and Way makes a complete 180 and says that emo is garbage.

Way to go, Gerard. You define the entire emo movement; you are one of its leaders. After you've made your millions and acquired a following, you turn right around and bash that which made you famous.

But nothing you say will change whether or not MCR is emo. It is, Way. And so are you.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Tara Larson



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Sophomore Tara Larson was instrumental in the Gaels' win on Friday against San Jose State. She recorded eight saves against the Spartans.

Karrie Hagedorn



Courtesy of smcgaels.com

Senior Karrie Hagedorn placed 10th in her return to the track at the SF State Gator Invitational. She finished only four seconds behind SF State's Vera Ross.

Hagedorn places 10th in return at Gator Invite
Men's and women's teams place seventh, ninth overall

by Stef Ordoveza
Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams competed in the San Francisco State Gator Invitational in Golden Gate Park last Saturday. The men's team placed seventh overall while the women's team placed ninth.

The women's team, who participated in the 6K race, finished in ninth place overall over Sonoma State and CSU Monterey Bay.

Senior Karrie Hagedorn, the leading runner for the Gaels, has been suffering from a mild back strain and did not compete in the last race.

Returning back into competition at the Gator Invitational, Hagedorn rose to the top for the Gaels and crossed the finish line at 23:02, garnering her a top 10 finish.

Behind Hagedorn came freshman Tess Grannemann, who has shown consistent improvement in her freshman career. Ending with a time of 23:35, Grannemann placed 17th in the competition, gaining the Gaels 17 points.

"I just try to run the best I can. It's been a good experience, really competitive, and hard work, but it's been fun," said Grannemann.

The Gaels were rounded off by



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Karrie Hagedorn '08 placed 10th at the SF Gator Invite.

more freshmen: Maddie Dengler, Jade Lewis, and Alex Bettencourt, who finished with times of 25:38, 26:17, and 28:02, respectively.

"We [freshmen] just feel like

we'll keep improving throughout the years and were really trying to build a strong team for later," said Grannemann.

The men ran an 8K at this event and were led by junior David Stiles, who finished with a time of 28:08 and 52nd overall.

Freshman Mark Blucher came in second for the Gaels at the 28:43 mark while senior Daniel Reyes and junior Eric

guys, we all stepped it up and finished with good times."

Junior transfers, Nick Shea and Mario Mendoza, who have been leading the men's team during the past four races, took a break this weekend to rest up for the upcoming event and the West Coast Conference (WCC) Championships.

"Yesterday showed the depth of the team," said Shea. "They did really well for the race situation, and they all performed to their potential. There were some personal bests in there and they were all faster than last year."

"Now, we're looking forward to improving, working harder, and running good times all together. It's not about one person and just the WCCs but about everyone getting better and reaching personal bests," said Reyes.

"As far as the WCCs though, we are obviously trying to get out of the bottom," said Shea. "So we really want to surprise some people because they're not expecting us to, and we think we could really give them a run for their money."

The men's and women's cross country teams will now be looking forward to their next event, the Santa Clara Invitational at Baylands Park in Sunnyvale, CA, which will take place on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Villegas followed closely behind with times of 29:42 and 29:47, respectively.

"We're happy with the results. I think we did well," said Reyes. "Especially without our top two

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Today
Men's Golf @ Mackenzie Invitational
Fairfax, CA

Friday, October 12
Women's Soccer @ UC Davis
4 p.m.

Volleyball @ Santa Clara*
6:05 p.m.

Women's Tennis
Saint Mary's Invitational
Friday - Sunday
All Day

Men's Tennis
ITA Regionals
Friday - Tuesday

Saturday, October 13
Cross Country @ Santa Clara
Invitational
10 a.m.

Sunday, October 14
Women's Soccer @ San Francisco*
1 p.m.

Men's Soccer v. #3 Santa Clara*
2 p.m.

* - WCC Game Bold - Home game

TRANSACTIONS AND STANDINGS				
Men's Soccer		Women's Soccer		
Team	WCC PTS	Overall	Team WCC PTS Overall	
GON(21)	2-0-1 7	7-2-1	SCU(1) 0-0 0 7-1-1	
SCU(3)	2-0-0 6	7-1-2	USD(22) 0-0 0 7-1-2	
POR	1-0-1 5	4-3-3	POR(2) 0-0 0 7-3-0	
SMC	0-1-1 1	4-3-1	GON 0-0 0 6-2-1	
USE	0-2-0 0	4-5-0	LMU 0-0 0 6-3-1	
USD	0-1-0 0	3-6-0	SMC 0-0 0 4-4-2	
LMU	0-1-0 0	2-5-1	PEP 0-0 0 1-4-3	
			USF 0-0 0 0-6-3	
Gonzaga(21)	1		Saint Mary's	1
Saint Mary's	0		San Jose State	0
Portland	0			
Saint Mary's	0 OT		Volleyball	
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Cross Country				
SF State Gator Invitational Men's				
1. San Francisco				
2. Cal				
3. Chico State				
4. CSU Stanislaus				
5. UC Santa Cruz				
9. Saint Mary's				
Women's				
1. Chico State				
2. Cal				
3. San Francisco				
4. CSU Stanislaus				
5. Humboldt State				
7. Saint Mary's				
Random SMC Sports Fact of the Week				
The men's soccer record for most wins in a season is nine. It has occurred five times and happened for four consecutive seasons between 1988-1991.				
Men's Golf				
Xavier Fall Invitational				
1. Marquette .23				
2. Campbell .21				
W. Carolina .21				
4. Saint Mary's .20				
5. E Kentucky .14				
Xavier .14				

Women's soccer finishes strong before WCC play

Gaels to begin conference play with Dons

by DJ Bowen III
Staff Writer

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Patience and fortitude conquer all things." The Saint Mary's women's soccer team learned this first hand by waiting until the final five minutes to score the winning goal in a 1-0 road contest versus the San Jose State Spartans.

The goal came off the foot of freshman forward Alex Ciliento to make up the final margin. It was her team-leading fifth goal of the season, which ties her for the conference lead with Amy Epstein of the University of San Diego and Natalie Budge of Portland. Also, three of those goals were game-winning goals, which is also a tie for the conference lead.

The Gaels (5-4-2) are back to their winning ways after losing two consecutive games last weekend to highly ranked Stanford and California. Prior to those two losses, they had won three in a row. On the other hand, the Spartans (1-8-2) are looking to get on track this season after a strong showing, but eventual loss, last weekend versus last year's na-

tional runner-up Cal State Fullerton and now this loss to the Gaels.

If one were to view the stat sheet, the Gaels seemed to be outplayed in nearly every category but saves. In terms of shots, shots on goal, corner kicks, and home-field advantage, San Jose State seemed to hold the edge. But Ciliento made all the other statistics look meaningless with her clutch, late goal that came off an assist from midfielder Stefani Rocco '09.

Rocco kicked the ball to the right side of the field where Ciliento slipped past the goalie and shot into an empty net for the deciding goal.

Not to be overlooked, the Gaels' goalie Tara Larson '10 stepped up to the plate with eight saves. Her average of 5.57 saves per game will possibly propel her into the conference lead, trailing only her own teammate Cari Makino '11. She recorded her fourth shutout of the season in the victory.

The Gaels have two more road games next week before the start of their league schedule: Friday at UC Davis and Sunday at San Francisco.



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came back in game three. The match went back and forth with four lead changes until the game was tied at 15-15. The Gaels took the next points and the lead until San Diego tied the game at 23. But the Gaels held on to the third game for a 30-27 victory in a game that saw the score tied 15 times.

In the game, the Gaels out-attacked San Diego keeping their errors low. Despite the 21 kills by the Toreros, the Gaels were able to capitalize on the 11 errors by USD.

With momentum from game three, the Gaels were able to take game four easily. The Gaels held a seven point advantage early with a 9-2 lead. The Gaels held the Toreros to a -.040 attack percentage.

In the fifth and final game, the match was tight. Down 3-1, the Gaels went on a 6-3 run to take a 7-6 lead. The Toreros came back with back to back kills of their own before Saint Mary's tied the game at 10-10. Unfortunately a net violation and a quick 5-1 run by San Diego gave the Toreros the final game 15-11.

Freshman Megan York led the Gaels in kills with 19, but once again it proved to be Lowell with the best attack percentage at .323. Fisher had a game high 26 digs.

The Gaels drop to 10-6 on the year and 2-2 in WCC play. Saint Mary's will face Santa Clara in their next match on Friday.

Sympathy for the steroid era
Players not to blame for baseball's latest PR nightmare

by **Jordan Greif**
Staff Writer

ESPN junkies turned social critics like to paint the image that every player who ever juiced was some nefarious cheater hell-bent on destroying the "integrity of baseball." But these purists would do well to think about the matter from inside the cleats and cap of the "average" professional baseball player.

Let's just say that the year is 2001. You are on the 40-man roster of your favorite MLB club and want nothing more than to survive the final 15 cuts and make the 25-man team for the long haul. Baseball is no mere game for you. It is your livelihood. You have clawed your way through four long years in the minors for your one true shot at MLB bliss.

You still make a hearty living (\$52,000 a year), but the coin you pull in is hardly the robust life of luxury most fans usually associate with professional athletics.

However, with the stroke of a pen to a contract, you stand to make a minimum of roughly seven times your current salary by securing a roster spot in the Bigs this year. Where else in the real world can an employee hope to raise their salary that much with a single promotion?

Additionally, with three years



Courtesy of www.citizenscampaign.org

Countless Major League Baseball players have either tested positive or been suspected of steroid use. Are the millions of potential dollars worth the risk?

experience, you stand the chance of garnering millions more (the average MLB salary in '01 was \$2.3 million) in arbitration. The sweet life for you and your loved ones seems just within your grasp.

Except this year, several players who were merely gap to gap hitters last year are routinely driving the ball five rows deeper into the seats than you can muster on

your best bolt. What gives?

You busted your hump for the entire offseason, forsaking junk foods and downtime on the couch for nonstop hardcore training, yet still you have fallen behind.

When you ask about their new training techniques, they refer you to one of the countless steroid warehouse websites running at the time, and even give you recommendations on what to use and how to maximize your cycles for chemically enhanced performance on the field.

Sensing your 40-man roster spot is now in jeopardy, you could opt to stay clean and toil away in the minors.

The other option: drop \$1200 on a few cycles of steroids to try to close the gap between you and your competition. That's not much capital investment for a potentially exponential increase in wages. With those very real numbers floating through your head it's clear that abstractions like integrity or purity would have no bearing on your decision.

It's always been known that players have and will continue to do anything for an advantage on the field (like taking "greenies," stealing signs or analyzing a pitcher for his patterns or tips).

Don't let the suits at MLB fool you with their head in the sand routine; they too took note of the burgeoning biceps and tape measure home runs. However, everyone kept mum because they were making so much money. The players were completely cornered; they had tangibly lucrative results at their fingertips, albeit unnatural and unhealthy results from a syringe.

Meanwhile, the ownership and management that should and could have been controlling the situation seemed comfortable turning a blind eye as long as the cash cow kept mooing.

So please, let's have a little sympathy for the millionaire star athletes and start turning our blame machine on the billionaire owners who were the only ones that could have stopped it.

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college football ranking systems by having people change their minds to allow Division I-AA teams to be on the top 25. This changed things off the field, not just on. Boise State had represented last year and also during previous years, but now all the dogs are coming to the party.

After the Mountaineers waxed Michigan, they got back into the mix by taking care of a highly motivated and Paterno-driven Penn State team. Representing the image that someone down can never be counted out. In different conferences as well, teams are showing consistency in competitiveness from top to bottom. Once considered an amateur league, the

Pac-10 is showing some grit with four teams in the top 25, two in the top three.

During those few "preseason" weeks where the underdogs get to show what they are made of, this year they actually have. This season has been very strong in the early goings. The underdog is becoming a pertinent part of our society now, and is here to stay for the coming years, and even potentially in the future playoffs.

UPDATE!

#2 USC falls to Stanford (2-4) 24-23

#5 Wisconsin falls to Illinois (5-1) 31-26



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Year of the 'dog

BCS in the hands of the underdog

by Nick Gionfriddo
Staff Writer

The gap between Goliath and David in college football is closing quickly. Small schools will not be embarrassed, and likewise even schools that used to be pushed around are remaining competitive. Never have such prominent names in the college ranks fallen with such force, this year has definitely distinguished itself as one for the record books.

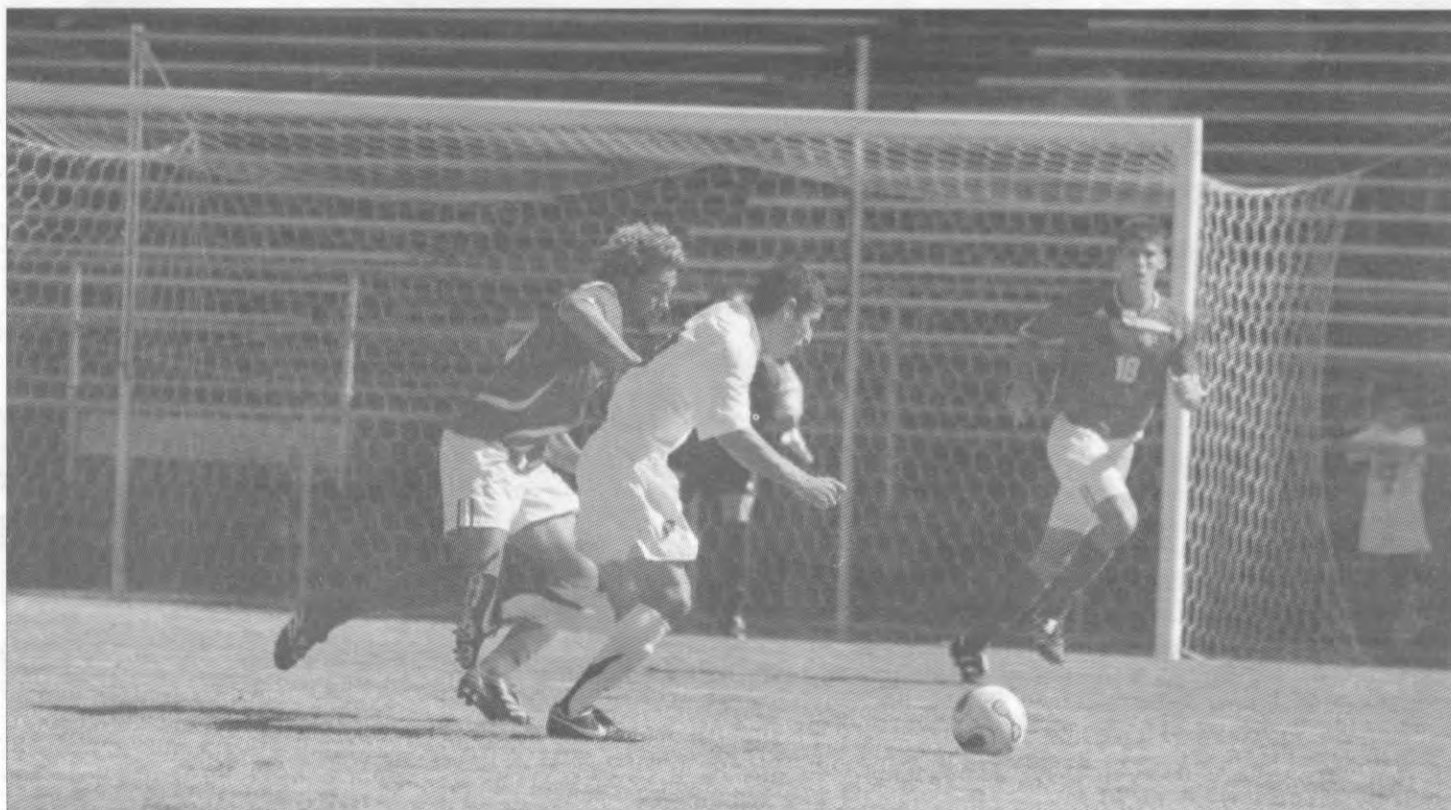
The underdog is officially back. For any college football fan this is great news, because it breeds a season of suspense and another reason for persuading the NCAA to change its postseason to a play-off system. Among many college football critics a theory for the anatomy of an underdog has been developed to determine who will stick out more than the other non-powerhouse schools. (See: Boise State 2006). Never have we seen an underdog barrage like this before.

Once the week five massacres ceased, five top ten teams had fallen with almost half of the total top 25 facing threats from lower favored teams. This was the first time in over four years that the top five had been hit so hard, but was it fun to watch. However, the fact of the matter is that the upsets that have happened in almost half the season have been abnormally significant. Appalachian State traditional laws by being the first Division I-AA team to beat an Associated Press top-25 ranked team. They finally broke

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Men's soccer ties up Pilots

Gaels record first conference point against Portland, fall to Gonzaga



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Senior Erik Robert (left) and freshman Jordan Grider (18) pursue a Portland player on Sunday in their 0-0 tie to the Pilots.

by Zack Farmer
Managing Editor

The men's soccer team started conference play this past weekend and fell early against #21 Gonzaga 1-0 but rebounded against Portland for the 0-0 tie.

The Gaels were able to hold Gonzaga in the first half of the game, allowing only three shots, one on goal but were unable to capitalize on their inability to score.

Gonzaga's only strike of the first half came in the third minute of play as the Bulldogs' Tye Perdido's kick was saved by senior goalkeeper Brian Mason. It was Mason's only save of the game.

Saint Mary's took four shots, three on goal, but were unable to put a goal through. Gonzaga goalie Vito Higgins recorded three saves in the first half.

Fourteen minutes into the second half, Gonzaga broke through and scored on a one

timer by Grant Lundberg.

The Bulldogs, despite only taking five shots on the game, made the most of their opportunities. The Gaels took 10 shots but came up blank.

Sunday's game was more favorable as they played a very tough Portland team to a 0-0 tie in double overtime.

Sophomore Keenan Flynn held strong, recording three saves for his first career shutout. Flynn, in only his second career start, is 1-0-1 for the Gaels.

Freshman Erik Rivas took two shots, both on goal, and had an opportunity to put the Gaels on top with 10 minutes left in regulation, but Portland goalkeeper Austin Guerrero saved the game for the Pilots. Defense was strong in overtime as both teams combined for two shots in both overtime periods.

Saint Mary's (4-3-1) will return to action this weekend against #3 Santa Clara (7-1-2) at Saint Mary's Stadium on Sunday.

Streaky Gaels fall to Dons, Toreros on road

Volleyball loses tough matches against San Francisco, San Diego for first conference loses

by Frankie Mangini
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team had a tough weekend, losing both their road matches. In their Thursday match, the San Francisco (USF) Dons swept the Gaels.

The Gaels actually held a six point lead in the first game at 13-7. But USF found a way back into it, tying the match at 14-14. The Gaels did not give up the lead so easily, outscoring the Dons eight to five to gain a three point advantage. But USF answered and tied the game at 24. The game would stay tied until 28 before a Gael error and a Don kill would end the game in favor of USF.

Although the Gaels would keep the second game close, the Dons would take game two as well with a 30-27 victory. In the final game, Saint Mary's remained in the match early at eight-eight. But the Dons were too much as they went on a 10-3 run to take a seven point

lead in the third game. The Dons maintained their seven point margin to win 30-23 and hand the Gaels' their first West Coast Conference (WCC) loss of the season.

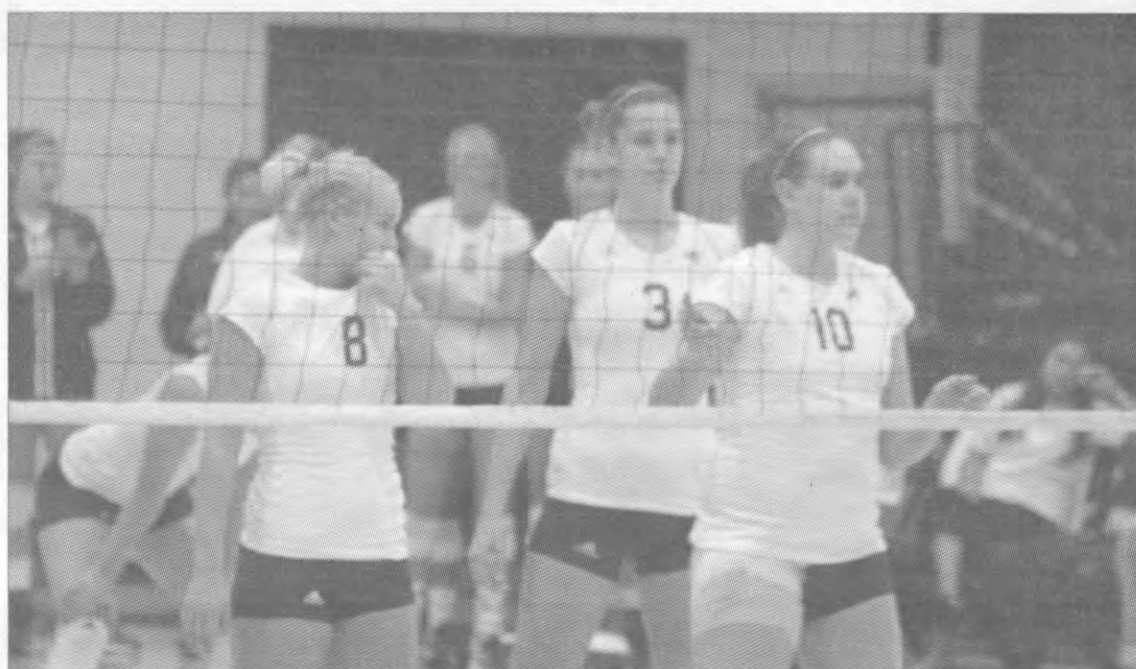
In the match the Gaels managed 42 kills to the Dons' 54. Freshman Shannon Lowell tied sophomore Megan Burton for the team in kills with 11 apiece. Lowell however proved to be efficient with a .421 kill percentage.

Freshman Kapua Kamana'o had 40 assists in the Gaels' effort, while sophomore Alita Fisher led the Gaels in digs with 12.

On Saturday the Gaels lost to the 14th ranked Toreros of San Diego (USD) in a five game match.

The Toreros dominated the first game beginning with a 6-1 run to open the match. The Gaels could not stop the Torero attack as USD had .519 attack percentage compared to the Gaels' .061. USD took the game easily 30-16.

The Gaels played better de-



Peter Hunter/COLLEGIAN

Megan York '11 (left), Brittany Barker '09, and Shannon Lowell '11 look to rebound against SCU this weekend.

fense in the second game, holding the Toreros to .286 attack percentage. But still it would not be

enough. The Gaels kept it close but San Diego was in control, cruising to a 30-23 victory.

Down two games, the Gaels see VB, p11