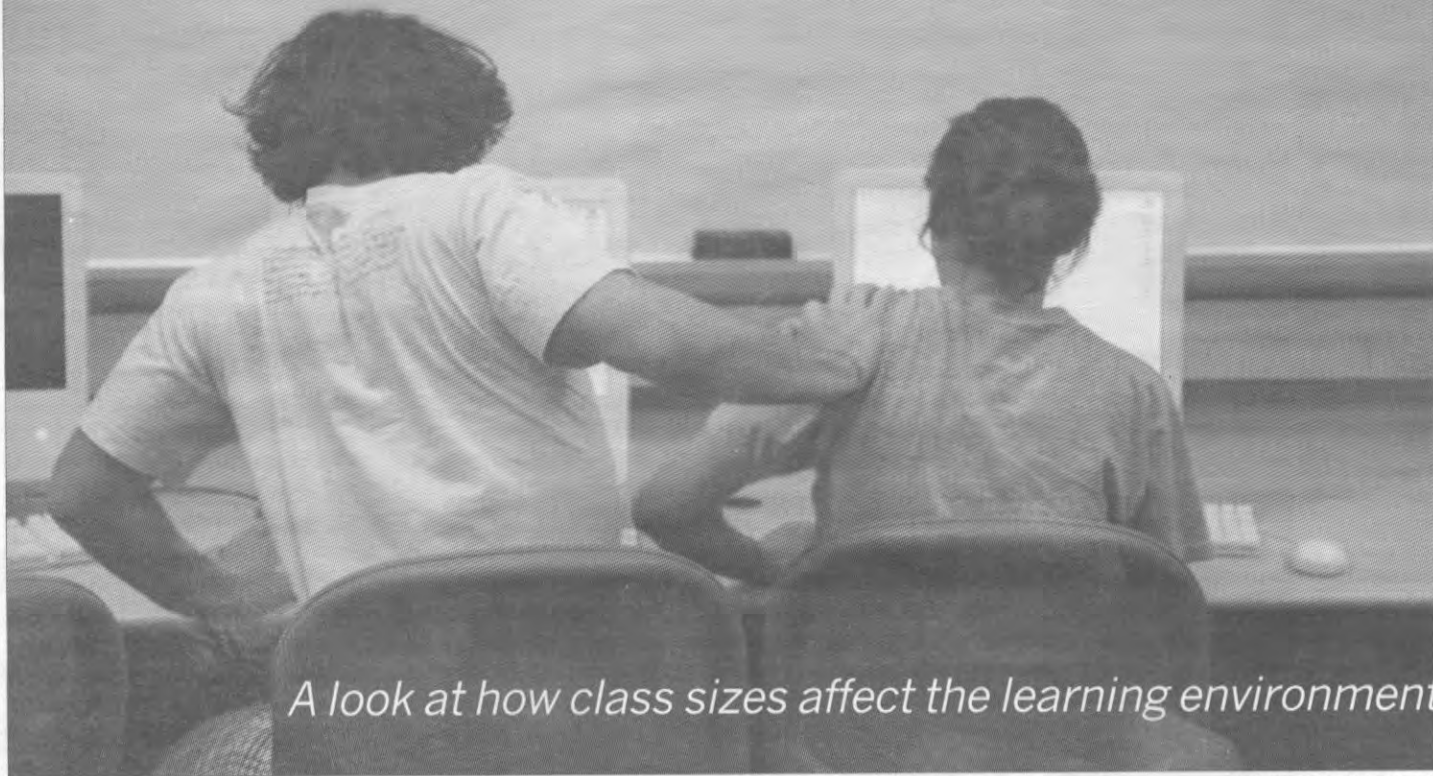




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# Not enough space?



*A look at how class sizes affect the learning environment*

Mel Olson/COLLEGIAN

Are class sizes becoming an issue for students? See News Feature on page 5: Larger class sizes surprise students, popular majors may have 'impacted' classes.

## Saint Mary's chosen for early viewing *Art:21* Environmental sustainability discussed after 'Ecology' episode

by **Melissa Vlach**  
 Chief Copy Editor

About 40 students, faculty and staff members saw a sneak preview of a PBS show that will air publicly next month.

The program was the "Ecology" episode of the series *Art:21-Art in the Twenty-First Century*. It will premiere on PBS on November 11. Hearst Art Gallery hosted the Saint Mary's presentation. The episode showcased four modern artists whose works deal with humans' relationship with nature.

The first artist, Ursula von Rydingsvard, grew up in Polish refugee camps during World War II as one of seven children. She creates sculptures out of layers of cedar. "I love the man-made and nature...really becoming fused," she said.

The next artist depicted, Inigo Manglano-Ovalle, works with technology to make sculptures. For example, he used data from a thunderstorm to find the exact shape of a cloud, and turned this into a sculpture. He said that all of his work has underlying political themes, "but [he doesn't] want to reveal [his] position."

Next, the episode displayed Robert



Courtesy of www.pbs.org

Mark Dion moved a fallen tree to Seattle, WA. It was a statement on the complexity of nature.

Adams. This photographer focuses his work on the American West. He said that at the beginning of his career he took pictures of track homes and highways, things that he despised, but he found a strange beauty in the photos after they were developed.

He also spoke of the constant transfor-

mations in nature. "To retake a landscape picture is almost impossible," he said. He has a book coming out soon about both the exhaustion of land and the exhaustion of spirits.

The final artist presented in the show was Mark Dion. He enjoys searching flea

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## SMC hosts social responsibility forum

by **Nora Garcia**  
 Staff Writer

The Walk the Talk program is part of a Saint Mary's grant to re-evaluate existing curricular and co-curricular programs and implement new ones as part of a two-year project funded by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU). Dr. Jillian Kinize of Indiana University and Dr. Patricia King of University of Michigan visited last week during community time for the Shared Mission Dialogue held by the Walk the Talk team.

The College is one of 23 institutions nationwide to receive the grant. This program promotes personal and social responsibility among undergraduate students. The Saint Mary's team is composed of Co-Chairs Vice Provosts Frances Sweeny and Jane Camarillo and Associate Deans Shawny Anderson, John Ely, Mark Figueroa, Scott Kier, and Jennifer Pigza. Anderson said, "The general plan is to be sure we really live the mission."

Faculty and staff made up the majority of those who attended the dialogue, consisting of a brief update from the Core Curriculum Task Force and presentations from King and Kinize. The students primarily consisted of Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) members, resident advisors and other student leaders.

Although multiple emails announcing the event were sent and a burrito buffet was promised, it was still not enough to get many from the general student population to attend. The Walk the Talk team has scheduled a series of dialogues, consultant visits, and similar events over the next two years to enhance student engagement in areas related to social justice.

The Task Force is reviewing the curriculum and the general undergraduate experience at Saint Mary's for the 2008-2009 school year while visiting professors King and Kinize serve as consultants on campus involvement. The project includes the five core principles of the Lasallian social mission and an examination of how well students live up to the Lasallian mission while at Saint Mary's.

The three main objectives of Walk the Talk are curriculum development, community leadership, and student engagement, as well as institutional strategies and assessment. These aspects of undergraduate life have been deemed essential by Walk the Talk to the overall undergraduate experience and are currently being reviewed by the Core Curriculum Task Force and the Walk the Talk Team.

Despite the student-oriented mission of these two groups, it appears many students are unaware of or too busy to note the effort being made to better Saint Mary's for

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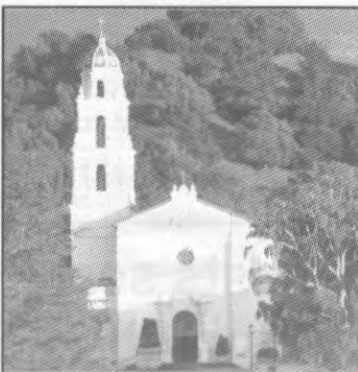
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## SnapShots



Courtesy of Father Sal Ragusa

Students, faculty, and staff enjoyed Italian food last week at Night on the Piazza. It was hosted by the Dante Club.



Courtesy of Father Sal Ragusa

## Crime Beat

10/3/07 4:15 p.m.

Incident: Suspicious circumstances.

Synopsis: Dead cat found hanging from pipe in catacombs underneath Oliver Hall.

10/4/07 1:05 p.m.

Incident: Petty Theft.

Synopsis: Cisco 1100 wireless access point missing from Graduate of Business Office; referred to CATS.

10/5/07 8:47 p.m.

Incident: Fire alarm activation and student handbook violation. Synopsis: Possession of marijuana and smoking marijuana in Guerrieri West; referred to Physical Plant and Student Conduct.

10/5/07 11:40 p.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation.

Synopsis: Prohibited items found in room (air soft pistols and ammunition) in Ageno B Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

10/5/07 11:50 p.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation.

Synopsis: Minor in possession of alcohol in Ageno A; referred to Student Conduct.

10/7/07 12:58 a.m.

Incident: Driver under the influence of alcohol.

Synopsis: Possession of an open container by driver and passenger in upper De La Salle parking lot; referred to Student Conduct.

10/7/07 6:31 p.m.

Incident: Vandalism.

Synopsis: Damage to door jam and locking mechanism in Guerrieri West; referred to Student Conduct.

10/8/07 12:54 a.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation.

Synopsis: Possession of drug paraphernalia (hookah) and prohibited items (butane torch) in Thille Hall; referred to Student Conduct.

10/8/07 12:05 p.m.

Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: Student with abdomen pain in Mitty Hall transported to Kaiser in Walnut Creek; referred

to Residence Life and Health and Wellness Center.

10/8/07 12:20 p.m.

Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: Student with severe stomach cramps in Aquinas Hall transported to John Muir Hospital; referred to Residence Life and Health and Wellness Center.

10/8/07 1:45 p.m.

Incident: Misdemeanor hit and run.

Synopsis: Vehicle damage to right front quarter panel in lacrosse parking lot; suspended.

10/10/07 11:46 a.m.

Incident: Burglary.

Synopsis: Missing audiovisual equipment in St. Albert Hall audiovisual storage room; referred to Moraga Police.

10/12/07 2:11 a.m.

Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: Alcohol intoxication in Guerrieri West, student transported to Kaiser in Hospital Walnut Creek; referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center.



ZACK FARMER

## It's not all about star players

My fantasy basketball draft is this coming weekend and I have my strategy ready. I have never been one to go for the biggest names but I get players who will fill up the stat box.

Sleepers are always going to make and break a fantasy league.

You need players that are just under the RADAR and will get you big numbers. I am not saying these players are people that you would draft in the original draft, but they will be players to keep your eye on.

The first one is a player that will be gone by the third round and although he had a lackluster playoff performance, Monta Ellis should be near the top of the sleeper list. He is a sleeper because he is a borderline starter with Baron Davis still on the Warrior roster. He is ranked 64 in the Yahoo! Fantasy League.

Another sleeper is from the same roster and he will also probably be drafted by the sixth round. Matt Barnes will fill up a stat box with rebounds, points, steals, blocks, and whatever Don Nelson needs him to do. Considering how much running this team will do, it will benefit any fantasy owner to have a Warrior on the roster.

Rookies are always interesting cases in drafts and I don't think there is a rookie ready to be drafted, even the highly-touted Kevin Durant. Two of the rookies that will make impacts later in the season are Seattle's Jeff Green and Atlanta's Acie Law.

Both will get significant minutes on their teams and they just have a knack for getting the ball in the basket. They were also two of the most NBA ready players in the draft. Playing second fiddle in both locations will benefit them by staying under the RADAR for now.

The last half of this list are blasts from the past.

Houston's Steve Francis will have the starting role for the Rockets in no time. Mike James and Rafer Alston are "nice" point guards but the only point with significant experience and ability to do the job is Francis. I believe Houston will also embrace having him back because he never wanted to leave.

Kurt Thomas will be getting a bulk of the minutes for the Sonics and he will grab a bunch of rebounds for a team. He will even score when necessary. "The Diesel" is the last sleeper. I know that sounds weird but Shaquille O'Neal is not the same player but he will take over from time to time.

This is the quick list of sleepers for the coming season. Happy huntings.





# The Collegian NEWS

## Weekly Featured Profile

### Faculty/Staff Jonesy & Mary

by Stephanie Carlsen  
Staff Writer

Assumption Hall houses an "unofficial" resident director (RD) team of newlyweds: Chris "Jonesy" Jones and Mary Volmer.

Jones, a recently tenured associate professor of math, became infatuated with Volmer during RD meetings almost two years ago. "We first met at a basketball game for the Saint Mary's women's team," said Jones.

But that is just the beginning. It was not until they were both attending RD meetings that their relationship really blossomed. They flirted and dated solidly for about a year, with the RD meetings being a very important aspect to their relationship. "Chris would pass me notes during the meetings," said Volmer.

On one cold day, they hiked up to the cross together. They were both bundled up in sweats and sweatshirts. As they hiked, they felt a spray against their faces, and heard a rustling. They had been sprayed by a skunk! They did not notice the smell until entering a residence hall.

They showered and washed their clothes in Augustine Hall's laundry room. Jones recalls the smell coming from the laundry room once they put the clothes in the dryer. "We had to throw them all out," he said. Jones also remembers asking one of his resident advisors (RA) to come to his room right after he had showered multiple times, trying to get the scent off. He asked her to see if he smelled, and as she leaned in, she noticed the redness of his eyes. "She asked me if I had broken up with Mary!" Jones exclaimed. After that, the rest is history.

Jones proposed to Volmer during the midterm break in 2006, in Monterey Bay. He purchased a five dollar ring from Longs Drugs because "I didn't want to spend a lot of money on a ring she wouldn't like," he said.

Volmer commented, "He had been humming 'Here Comes the Bride' for about a week before hand." She still has the first ring, and proudly wears the beautiful one they chose together.

They were married June 16 this year on the patio outside the Soda Center. They honeymooned in Italy, and returned this year to teach and live on campus.

Jones is the official RD of Assumption Hall, but if you ask around, the students living there see both of them as RDs. Jones watches out for the well-being of the students, and is the "boss" over the RAs. Volmer's official role is the Honors Coordinator. She plans special off-campus events for honors students. The activities Jones plans are mostly on-campus, and consist of tea and cookies every Wednesday night, and hall dinners.

## Students close Latino Heritage Month next week Organizers and students reflect upon events, impact on SMC

by Linda Hua  
Editor-in-Chief

As Latino Heritage Month draws to a close, few opportunities are left to discover and celebrate the Latino culture. To recap what happened during the month, one must ask, what is the purpose of Latino Heritage Month (LHM)?

Asian Pacific American Student Association (APASA) President Rommel Devera '08 said, "LHM is celebrated at Saint Mary's because there is a significant amount of Latin American students that attend the College...and they have a big voice on campus. LHM is a celebration of the Saint Mary's College Latin American Community. The Latino community is one of the many identities of the College."

Every year, Saint Mary's College focuses on a different aspect of Latino Heritage. "Every time, there's a different theme to it," said Latino American Student Association (LASA) President Enrique Ortiz '08. "This year, it's Crossing Borders, which is not only crossing the border in a physical way, but people coming from different countries also...struggling in the United States...crossing that invisible line."

The planning for the events that took place from Tuesday, September 18 with syndicated columnist Ruben Navarette's address, through Thursday, October 25 with the Latin Lounge: Noche Roja, began at the beginning of the

school year with a committee.

Devera was a part of this committee and said, "Although I did not play as big a role as some of my other peers, I wanted to offer myself as another student voice for the committee. I shared my ideas about what I would like to see as a student and what activities and events appeal to most students."

Advertising for the events happened by "putting up posters and by word-of-mouth especially, by letting them know what Latino Heritage Month is," said Ortiz. "I let them know there are events for them to gain knowledge about the Latino culture."

"Of the many events, I quickly recall LHM Opening Ceremony, Latin Faculty and Staff Night, Salsa Dancing, the showing of *Quinceañera*, and the Latin Lounge," said Devera. "Of these, unfortunately due to my time constraints, I have only been able to attend the opening ceremony and the *Quinceañera* movie night and discussion. I am looking forward to Latin Lounge or Noche Roja [on] October 24th."

"There was a movie showing and discussion of *La Quinceañera* sponsored by LASA and GSA to address taboos in Latino culture with sexuality...and talk about it instead of being ignorant," said Ortiz. "[The events have] been going pretty well...turnout of the student, faculty, and staff was more than we estimated."

"I think the events were executed very well. For the events

that I attended, there was plenty of student participation," said Devera. "Also, a good number of faculty and staff attended the events. I hear the same attendance numbers for the events I missed. I think that the students took ownership of the planning and execution of the events. With their hard work and excellent support from staff, I think that the LHM events were very fun while still offering good educational value."

Such hard work proved worthwhile as Devera said, "I think that the students who attended participated very well and engaged in thoughtful dialogue about many issues that this society faces. There were discussions about immigration, the education of people from underprivileged backgrounds, and Latino and homosexual stereotypes. Students, faculty, and staff candidly shared their thoughts and I am glad to see that these discussions are increasing on campus."

"I think they received it pretty well," said Ortiz. "There was a lot of turnout. I personally would like to see more people—Asian, Black, and Caucasian—come out and see more about our culture."

"Latino Heritage Month is a special month that is set aside in order to encourage everyone to embrace and learn about Latino culture," said Devera. "Latino culture surrounds us and I think the school celebrates LHM to try to cultivate respect for this culture and to educate people about this culture."

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**CPA Review Speaker**  
Tuesday, October 16, 2007  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Galileo Room 201  
Contact Joseph Moranville  
x4000

**Core Curriculum Task Force  
1st Public Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
12:40 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.  
Soda Center: Lafayette Room  
Contact Ellen Rigsby  
x4953

**Ecotopia in Japan**  
Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
12:40 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.  
Soda Center  
Contact Diane Bianchi  
x4706

**Science Student Presentations**  
Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
12:40 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.  
Galileo Room 201  
Contact Brian Jersey  
x4892

**Creative Writing Reading Series**  
– Diana Abu-Jaber  
Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Soda Center  
Contact Chris Sindt

**The Dobrzelewski Duo**  
Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Chapel  
Contact Marty Rokeach  
x4682

**Third Wave Feminism**  
Thursday, October 18, 2007  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Delphine Lounge  
Contact Sharon Sobotta  
x4171

**Free Inflatable Laser Tag**  
Friday, October 19, 2007  
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
De La Salle Lawn  
Contact Student Involvement & Leadership  
x8018

**Mid Autumn Festival**  
Saturday, October 20, 2007  
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De La Salle Lawn  
Contact x4146

**Rajiv Chandrasekaran Lecture**  
Monday, October 22, 2007  
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Soda Center  
Contact Sharon Cahill  
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## PBS SHOW: Students discuss art, environment, sustainability

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markets and garage sales for objects to use in his work. "I love the world of stuff," he said. He did a major project in which he transported a fallen tree from the forest into a sculpture park in Seattle, Wash.

In order to keep the ecosystem surrounding the tree alive, he created an elaborate irrigation and lighting systems. "We really tried to highlight the difficulty of replicating what nature can do," he said.

The complexity displayed his point that, "Despite all our technology, despite all our money, when we destroy a natural system, it's virtually impossible to get it back."

Dion does not have a very positive view of the future of the environment. "We have a test ahead of us in terms of our relationship to the natural world. If we pass the test, we get to keep the planet, but I don't really see us doing a very good job of that right now," he said.

After the film, Gerard Capriulo, chair of the biology department; Ronald Olowin, chair of the physics department; and Colin Gallagher '08 formed a panel with Dean of the School of Liberal Arts Steve Woolpert as moderator.

The discussion was meant to address sustainability at Saint Mary's, but the conversation focused a lot on definitions of art.

"I've never really thought that art could really be alive like that," said Anushka Sadri '10.

The discussion did touch on the relationship between man and nature, though. "We actually need the things that we destroy in order to be alive ourselves," Capriulo said.

He also spoke of one of Dion's pieces that used dead rats in it. "Those kind of animals [that are disliked] are essential to a functional ecosystem," he said.

Despite the different direction that the conversation went, the event's coordinator seemed pleased with it. "I'm struck by the beauty and the brilliance of Saint Mary's students and faculty," said Heidi Donner, manager of public information and educational programming for the Hearst Art Gallery.

Although she did not go into specifics, she mentioned hopes for collaboration in the future, and said, "Our science students and our art students can come together and do something."



# News Alert

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## News briefs



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Students gathered in Dryden Hall last week for Henna and Massage Night hosted by Campus Activities Board.

**Henna and Massage Night Wednesday, October 10** Campus Activities Board (CAB) hosted a night of stress relief for midterms. CAB hired a masseuse and a henna artist for the night. Everything was free of charge and was held in Dryden Hall from 9 p.m. to

11 p.m. The night had a decent turnout. In addition to massages and henna tattoos, CAB also provided painting supplies, paper, Play-Doh, and a Wii. Students could socialize and relax in Dryden. Refreshments and health snacks were also provided.

### Mental Illness Awareness Week

The Psychology Club posted flyers and held a bake sale to promote awareness for mental illnesses. Fact flyers are posted across campus. For more information, contact Vanessa Barbosa or [psych@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:psych@stmarys-ca.edu).

## FORUM: Staff, faculty, student leaders attend discussion

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everyone. When asked if she had any idea what the event or Walk the Talk was about, Jennifer Osborne '09, an attendee, said "I don't, but I'm hoping to learn more about it by my presence here and about how I can contribute to the SMC community." On the other hand Karina Salgado '08, who didn't attend the event, said "I work during that time and couldn't go. I knew it was hap-

pening, but I don't know what it's about."

The Walk the Talk team seems determined to make the College a whole new and improved place to learn in upcoming years. Students interested in participating or finding out more about the grant should watch for the next campus dialogue scheduled for next semester or contact [walkthetalk@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:walkthetalk@stmarys-ca.edu).

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# The Collegian FEATURE

## Larger class sizes surprise students, popular majors may have 'impacted' classes

*Some classes capped for better student-faculty experience*

by Mark Freeman  
Staff Writer

Saint Mary's is known for its small, intimate classes, but students may be in for a surprise when they find popular courses are often packed.

While the College's official website says that the average class size is 20 students, those who are in popular majors may find more crowded classrooms. "I do notice a lot of people with business and communication majors always complaining about class size," said Scott Glovsky '09.

Because the College only has a limited number of courses available, some students may find their classes are "impacted," or larger than average.

The College's Fact Book, which provides enrollment and other statistics, confirms that business and communication majors tend to have larger class sizes. In the fall 2006 semester, business courses had an average of 24 students and classes in the communication department averaged 22 students. Current figures were not available when this article was written.

Students shouldn't be surprised by the larger class sizes. "The average class size figures...in the Fact Book describe a distribution of enrollments," said Steve Woolpert, the dean of liberal arts. "When students register for classes, some classes always wind up above the average, some below," he explained.

Those in lower division courses should even expect larger class sizes. Tammy Mission '09 explained that her "freshman year was the only year when I noticed

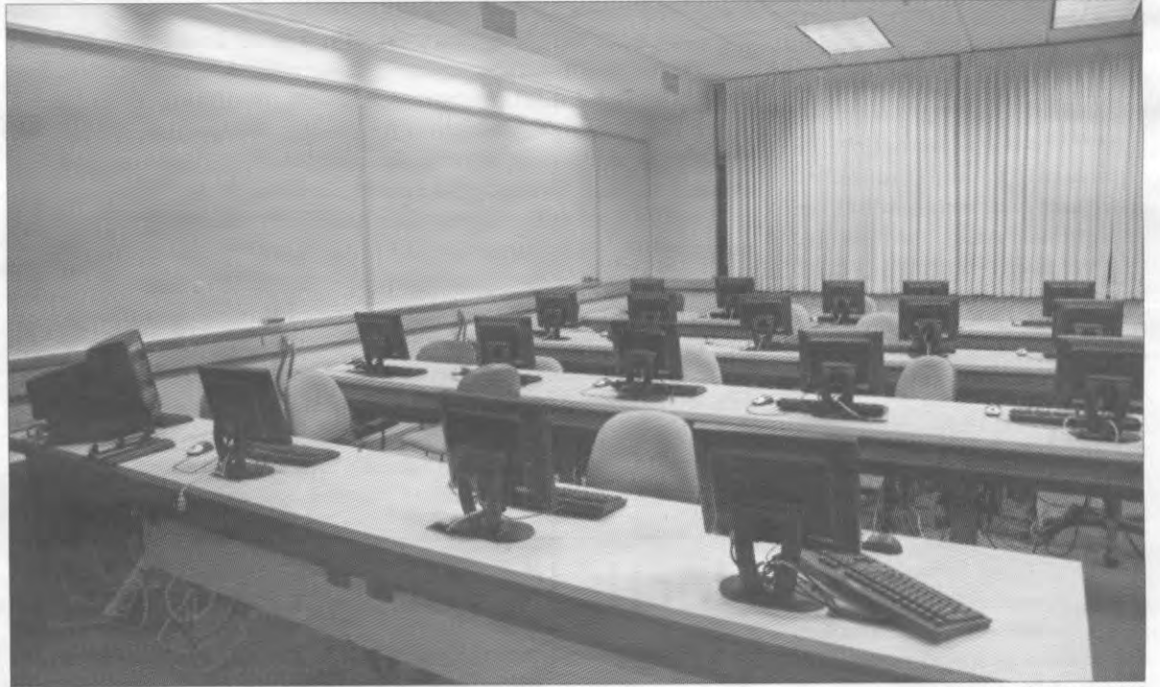
big class sizes by Saint Mary's standards. The biggest were my [chemistry] and calculus classes. Both with about 25-35 students in each." Mission said that in her experience, general education classes tended to be larger.

Nicole Najafi '09 added that class sizes depend on how many people are required to take the course. "I have had economics classes packed to full capacity, and some with only 10 students. Some courses such as Macro Theory, Micro Theory and Principles of Micro and Macro are required for other majors so they tend to be larger," she said. In contrast, courses only designed for economics majors "tend to be smaller," she said.

Class sizes aren't set randomly; the school considers them a great priority. "Each year the Board of Trustees sets an average class size (ACS) target for the undergraduate college as a whole," Woolpert said. Once the school factors in the Board's target and the total number of undergraduate students, "the Academic Vice Provost Frances Sweeney determines the number of undergraduate courses to be offered during the upcoming academic year. If the ACS goes up, fewer courses will be offered, and vice versa."

The school faces a challenge balancing student demand for classes and keeping class sizes in line with the Board's ACS. Woolpert explained that the school tries to "meet student demand for popular required courses," as well as "maintain an adequate array of courses in smaller departments" and "attain class enrollment levels that optimize student learning."

After the school factors in the



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number of courses, individual "department chairs prepare their schedule for that year," Woolpert said. The chairs "have considerable discretion in setting course enrollment caps. They may, for example, set higher caps for introductory or lecture-style courses and lower ones for advanced or seminar-style courses. Caps in freshmen English and collegiate seminar classes are deliberately kept at 21 or lower," he said.

Professor Elena Escalera explained that she caps her cross-cultural psychology class at 20 students because otherwise, "it would be impossible to really teach it the way [she wants] to." While she could easily accept more than 30 students in the class, she finds that "the more students there are, the greater the distance between the teacher and the student." Because cross-cultural psychology is an upper division course taught in a "cooperative style that incorporates service learning," Escalera does little lecturing. Instead, her role is "more

of an equal who is discovering with [her] students, rather than an expert who is teaching at the students."

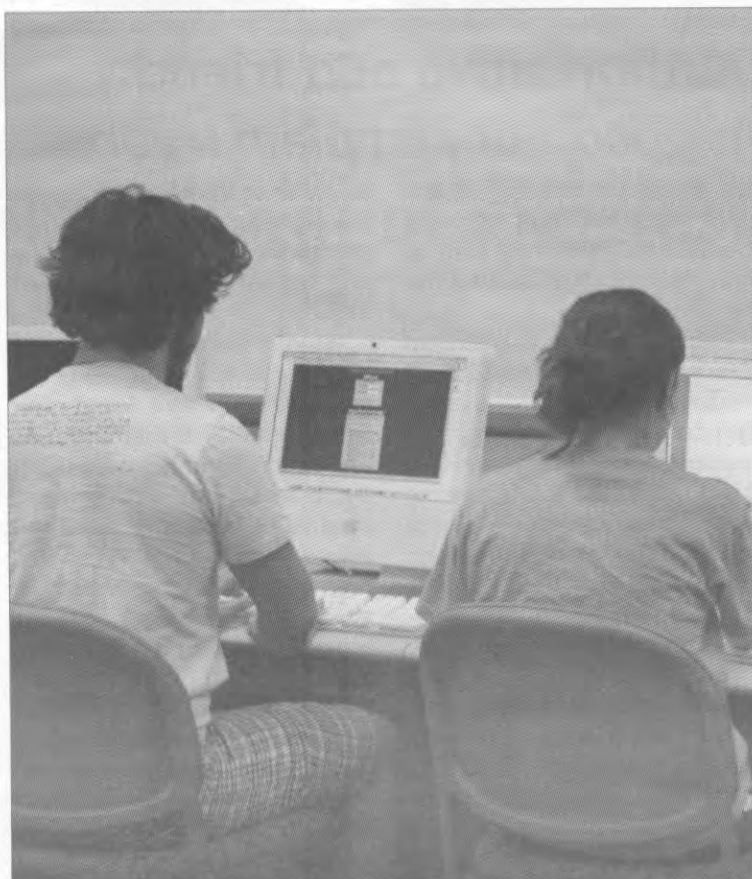
Since "much of the teaching is done through the experience of building an interdependent classroom," Escalera said that "this is very difficult to do in a large class." She said that for "every crying senior I add, I say to myself, 'I am sacrificing the class dynamic so this person can graduate.' I hate that." While she doesn't like chasing students out of the classroom, "they eventually understand that I can't even add one more student, or the whole classroom dynamic breaks down," she said.

While students in larger classes may have a harder time finding a desk, they shouldn't worry—the College isn't planning to raise class sizes dramatically. Woolpert explained that "in recent years [the Board of Trustees' target] has hovered around 20-21 students." The Fact Book confirms that average class sizes across the College have remained steady since 1998.

Some students think that regardless of class size, Saint Mary's offers a superior learning environment compared to other institutions. Glovsky, a transfer student from Diablo Valley College (DVC) said that professors at DVC "didn't help students, they simply referred them to the tutoring center to answer their questions. Often times you could never even get an e-mail response in time for class." In addition, "the classes were enormous," he said.

At one point, Glovsky said that he was in a class with 150 students. "All we did was listen to [the professor] lecture in the most boring fashion." Glovsky's experience at Saint Mary's has been "drastically different." Here, "the classes are so small that attendance is always taken, quite a shocker for me. The teacher knows my name, as well what sport I play and what I may or may not have done over the weekend."

For Glovsky, small class sizes are a big relief. "I couldn't find anything bad about [Saint Mary's] class sizes," he said.



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## Jones: return it, you didn't earn it

by Nora Garcia  
Contributing Writer

On October 6 an emotional Marion Jones, winner of three 2000 Olympic gold medals in track, admitted to steroid use and lying about it in front of a Federal Courthouse.

Unlike Barry Bonds, who is still under a grand jury investigation regarding his suspected role in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative (BALCO) scandal, Jones was caught in a web of lies concerning BALCO and decided to come clean. She finally decided that she didn't earn the medals and returned them. Jones did the right thing by returning the Olympic medals, as they never belonged to her in the first place.

I can't run, I can't catch and my friends are still making fun of the way I dribble a basketball. I am a horrible athlete and I only watch sports during championship times. I have friends who are sports fanatics and it is for them that I feel bad for when a sports scandal hits. Jones obviously felt that she needed the help of a controlled substance to have an edge over the competition. She apparently wanted the Olympic medals badly enough that she risked scandal and incarceration and so got rid of the level playing field to give herself a boost.

Awards, records, and championship wins clearly mean a lot to athletes. Winning anything in the sports world is physical proof of the sacrifices made to play and play well in competitive sports. It's proof of the talent they have learned and refined throughout their lives.

Doped-up contestants deceive themselves if they think they earned an award. The years of practice, training and sacrifices mean nothing once a contestant takes steroids. Chemically-improved talent is not even in the same league as naturally-earned talent.

They did not earn the acclaim they received so they should return the prizes with an apology. The apology should be directed to fans, family, and their peers who played fairly. I believe in fairness, and it is only fair that after athletes are found to have won any kind of recognition by illegal means, recognition should be given back or taken away and given to the real athletes.

The Marion Jones case sets a precedent for future cases like it. The ruling and decision is clear: if an athlete is caught cheating with steroids then they need to own up to their mistake and return or be stripped of any awards. Fans may be disappointed and other athletes may feel cheated by a peer's drug use, but an athlete who has used performance-enhancing drugs should realize that lying about steroids and the extent of their abilities is delusional.

Jones was right in returning her medals and I can only hope that Bonds, if he is found guilty of the same crime, is gracious and humble enough to ask that he be stricken from the record books.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We at the Career Center want to thank the Collegian for the opportunity to set the record straight. The Career Center hosted 107 organizations on October 3 for the Career & Internship Fair. Mr. Zack Farmer claimed, "the vast majority of the companies and graduate schools that attend these fairs are geared toward accounting, business and economics majors."

Nothing could be further from the truth. We strive to include organizations looking for students from a variety of majors. Many of these organizations exemplify the core values of Saint Mary's College. Among the organizations at the fair were the Capital Fellows Program, one of the most prestigious fellowship programs in the nation; Teach for America, dedicated to ending educational inequality; Maryknoll Missioners, striving for social justice, peace and fullness of life, for people in need; and Stanford GSB Summer Institute, where students interact with faculty from Stanford's world-renowned MBA program.

All of these organizations specify that they are for "all majors," and in fact, Stanford's program is specifically for NON-business majors. Of the 107 organizations in attendance, only 13% were looking exclusively for accounting, business and economics majors. The remaining 87% are interested in ALL majors, from Accounting to Women's Studies.

Sincerely,  
The Career Center

Dear Editor,

I am a St. Mary's student who took some offense with the article "Don't confuse ignorant schoolkids for hardened bigots" concerning the Jena Six Protest. The way this article was written seemed like it was demeaning the entire civil rights movement. I do understand that this is an opinion article, but I just feel that if someone is going to write an article and summarize the facts, they should include all facts. I simply feel that even writers should consider their audience before assuming that everyone thinks that "Jena Six is about as close as we've come in a long time reliving a period that now survives only in history books and Spike Lee movies, and that's a good thing" (P2). The thing I ask of The Collegian is to have the writers of articles more aware of the issues they are writing on. Know the facts, but also be aware of what diction is appropriate for the article.

Sincerely,  
Derrick Montalvo '10

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## North Korea, South Korea talk after seven years Divided countries meet, work on regional peace projects

North Korea and South Korea are like two disgruntled neighbors living side by side.

For decades they go without speaking to each other, look opposite directions when doing garden work, and fail to address the decaying fence that delineates their vast property. One neighbor is overwhelmingly intimidating while the other is mildly passive-aggressive. About seven years ago, they spontaneously discussed their problems, but nothing was settled and if anything it only made matters worse. Recently, the neighbors met to start thinking about settling this prolonged grudge.

This is the division that exists in Korea; a former country split in two, disunited and war-ridden. North Korea holds a stockpile of nuclear weaponry, while South Korea builds toward economic well-being. At the Korea Summit Meeting in the first week of Oc-



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tober, the Koreans discussed plans to build "joint projects" that would repair shipping routes and fishing in the countries, with South Korea proposing a project that would solve disputes that exist in the Yellow Sea.

Although North Korea and South Korea are certainly not roommates yet, this summit meeting shows that the two neighbors are willing to work with each other to improve upon their controversy.

From this meeting on, North Korea needs to put down their dukes. They've made promises in the past to nuclear agreements but have yet to accomplish them. Historically they've been a big bully

swinging at the wind, but it is only when nuclear weaponry development ceases in North Korea that there be an actual prospect for peace.

To their credit, the North Koreans have signed a declaration that kick-starts an eventual peace treaty between them and their Southern counterparts, and it seems that they are abiding by a new moral code. Under the declaration, the two Koreas will regard each other with "mutual respect and confidence irrespective of differing ideologies and systems" (New York Times, Oct. 5, 2007). By establishing this moral code, the North Koreans and South Koreans can step into each other's lawns and not feel unconfident or awkward.

However, the fact that North Korea still remains under the Communist regime, a one-man dictatorship and rule-of-thumb law creates room for negative implications by twentyfold. North

Korea, relative to the size of Mississippi, is dominated by "Mr. Metrosexual" Chief of State and National Defense Councilmen, Kim Jong-il. According to the New York Times, "the country's founder, the so-called Great Leader, Kim Il-sung, was succeeded at his death in 1994 by his son, the Dear Leader, Kim Jong-il, an eccentric playboy invariably seen (in his few public appearances) in platform shoes and a khaki jumpsuit."

With the summit meetings, and projects currently taking place, it is safe to say that both Koreas are "thinking about" reunification. With the present winds, there will be safer waters to sail in, and the fishermen out in the Yellow Sea won't be so confrontational.

This project could really catch wind and refurbish the relationship between the two neighbors, but with so many differences left between them, it will be in years to come.

## RAs have two roles, should be authoritative and friendly Finding out what really makes RAs good...or just plain trouble

All those who have lived on campus or are living on campus have interacted at one time or another with their resident advisor (RA).

There are strict RAs, there are lenient RAs, and there are RAs somewhere in between. What makes the ideal RA? Is it the RA who brings the hall food every couple of weeks? It might be the RA who does not move a muscle to bother the traditional townhouse party no matter how loud it gets.

The ideal RA is someone who actually takes the time out to get to know his or her residents enough to know what type of hall they have. This way the RA can shape their jurisdiction to what the residents would prefer.

I know the RA is the authority in the building and does need to



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lay down the law but one should not be overbearing. On top of this, it is not the responsibility for the RA to be a glorified babysitter. Because we are college students, we need to take responsibility for what we do and stop hoping that the RA will be our savior.

Residents should not be afraid to try to resolve a situation themselves before bringing the RA into it.

This is why RAs should not break up parties on the weekend so quickly. I know there is a cer-

tain noise level that may violate quiet hours, but there are some RAs that will break up a party or write someone up without a warning.

This is where the situation can turn ugly. Being detached from residents is also not a wise move. This detachment can alienate the residents of the building into thinking that the RA is nothing more than an extension of Public Safety. The students do not want to feel that if they decide to have even the slightest bit of celebration, they might be written up for a noise violation.

Believe me, Residence Life does not want to see a pile of write-ups a mile high from one RA.

But this is not to say that the RA who does nothing is a good RA either. The lackadaisical RA can be so detached as to not even

notice he or she has residents. An RA should be around often enough for their residents to actually see them when they need help.

Another problem is having the RA be your friend. Students forget that even if their friend is an RA, they still have a job to do. As an RA, it is his or her responsibility to make sure all residents, even their friends, uphold the rules.

Availability is huge to being a good RA. Upholding the law but being lenient are both important. Fellow students understanding the RAs' role and taking personal responsibility makes life much easier on everyone.

We do need to let the RAs breathe every now and then but the RAs have to remember to balance their roles. That's the key.



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**EDITORIAL FEATURE:**  
**The Saffron Revolution, how history continues to repeat itself**

**B**urma is again in a state of unrest.

Conflict began on August 15 when the government removed subsidies on fuel and natural gas prices, causing the price of fuel to rise as much as 100 percent and the price of natural gas to rise within the first week to five times its original price, motivated in part by suggestions from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to remove subsidies in order to improve economic growth, though they did not suggest removing the subsidies unannounced.

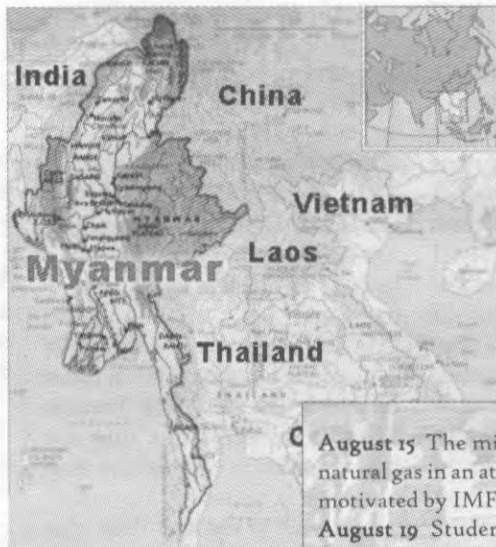
Part of the drastic price rises were due to the removal of subsidies which kept the price below its natural market level, but they were also partly due to the fact that the government is a monopoly supplier of both fuel and natural gas and thus the price is higher than at the natural market level. That the IMF and the World Bank thought prices would reflect a free market exchange when a state monopoly runs the market is a reflection of how those organizations usually don't set free market guidelines for a country's economy. Instead, what usually results from their guidelines are countries which are more financially dependent on the IMF and the World Bank and further from economic independence.

Regardless, as a result of these price hikes, the cost of food and of bus transportation soon also rose. These were in addition to earlier price increases during the spring of this year, making the second adjustment even harder on the population. Unsurprisingly, on August 19 students and activist members from the political opposition took to the streets to protest the unannounced price changes, resulting in reprisals from the military junta. The government first responded to the initial protests with arrests and beatings, with 13 arrests of high-profile Burmese dissidents. Following these arrests, other countries began to respond, with the U.S. State Department calling on Au-



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gust 22 for "the immediate release of [the] activist and for an end of the regime's blatant attempt to intimidate and silence those who are



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engaged in peaceful promotion of democracy and human rights in Burma." By then, however, the government had long since abandoned thoughts of negotiation with the protestors. The economic conditions endured by its citizens were less important to it than long-term economic growth, despite international calls for dialogue and release of the activists.

The protests have been highlighted by disputes between the military and the monks over hostages, protest areas, regulations regarding the monks, and the denial of religious services to soldiers. The role of the monks has been significant in that the people of Burma revere them and the government's mistreatment of the monks aggravated an already out-of-control situation so that the protests began to spread all over

the country. Individuals who were seen providing food and water to the monks in the Shwedagon Pagoda were arrested on the grounds of participating in illegal protests. Call me ethnocentric, but when peacefully protesting a government's decision becomes illegal, it's time for a regime change to one that takes into account the population's input.

On September 27 the government initiated its harshest actions yet by raiding monasteries in the early morning, making arrests in Yangon and in the northeast part of the country. Afraid they would be shot for breaking curfew, locals remained inside despite the screams of the monks for help. Mizzima News, an independent Burmese newspaper, reported that

next day, the U.S. issued sanctions against the country and urged China to do the same. Despite the probable good intentions of those who issued the sanctions, the military junta will likely have little trouble in acquiring necessities. It is the local population who will suffer and the sanctions will probably make the protests break more quickly than if they had a steady flow of food and supplies coming into the country. Since then, civilians have been forced to attend pro-government rallies, which are really just pretenses to gather and arrest protestors. However, given the number of arrests which have occurred and how little this has stopped protestors from coming out, there is little to suggest that the Burmese are not giving up their cause just yet.

As an individual versed with and grateful for her country's freedom of speech and assembly, to see others in distress because their country values a collective goal more than the lives of its individual members inspires frustration.

It is frustrating to see Americans support the institutions that set standards for developing countries in the name of general goals without regard to the impact upon individuals.

It is frustrating that Americans do this, despite what history has taught the IMF and the World Bank with Africa, the former Soviet Republics, and the Asian Financial Crisis.

Above all this, it is most frustrating to see developing countries think that these global institutions solve their problems when clearly, even in Burma, nothing positive has come of them. It is time both sides of the intervention took a second look at their idea's consequences.

- August 15** The military junta removes subsidies for fuel and natural gas in an attempt to improve Burma's economic growth, motivated by IMF and World Bank recommendations.
- August 19** Students and political activists begin protests.
- September 22** The U.S. State Department condemns the junta's reprisals against the protestors. 2,000 monks march through Rangoon and 10,000 march through Mandalay
- September 24** 30 to 100 thousand people protest in Rangoon, making the event the largest protest in Burma in 20 years
- September 27** The military junta begins raiding monasteries to quell the protests, arresting about 700 monks. U.N. envoy Ibrahim Gambari enters the country.
- October 13** Three of the remaining leaders are arrested after attending a pro-government rally under duress.

Courtesy of usatoday.com

Buddhist monks in Burma sit in protest against the military after being halted on their way to the Shwedagon Pagoda.

"bleeding monks were forced into a vehicle. They couldn't cover themselves." That day however, there were 50,000 protestors in Yangon. After being warned against extreme action, nine civilians, including Japanese photographer Kenji Nagai, were shot and killed, with the photographer's camera being confiscated by a Burmese soldier. Free speech disappeared soon after free assembly.

After that protest, new regiments were formed specifically to target protestors, and on the same day U.N. special envoy Ibrahim Gambari entered the country. The



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**Basketball**  
**Jones: The Isiah Thomas story**

**L**ike some of his peers, after his career as a two-time NBA champion, Isiah Thomas continues to work in basketball as a coach or executive. Some wish he hadn't.

Thomas left a trail of destruction everywhere after his career as a player: from his four years with the dismal Raptors franchise as president of basketball operations, to attempting to broadcast on the now-defunct NBA on NBC, to bankrupting the Continental Basketball Association, to coaching the Indiana Pacers to ineptitude, to taking the coaching reigns of a Knicks franchise that had no direction after the firing of storied NBA coach Larry Brown. The latest stop on the Thomas trail is a sexual harassment case.

The matter came to light in January 2006 but it has only recently gone to trial. A jury awarded Anucha Browne Sanders, a former Knicks executive, \$11.6 million to be paid by Thomas and Madison Square Garden for sexual harassment and condoning a hostile work environment.

In a world where athletes are constantly under scrutiny for their actions, court cases involving athletes are bad examples. But really, is \$11.6 million too much for a sexual harassment case? That was about the average salary of a Knicks player in the James Dolan era. If the Knicks franchise is able to shell millions of dollars out for mediocre showings in the standings then they should be able to afford this sexual harassment lawsuit.

Thomas allegedly hurled obscenities at Sanders, calling her a "b\*\*\*h." When approached about this, Thomas stated that "it is not okay for a white man to call a black woman a b\*\*\*h," but when he was asked if it would bother him if a black man called a black woman a b\*\*\*h, Thomas said "not as much." However, after the decision Thomas said, "I'm innocent, I'm very innocent, and I did not do the things she has accused me in this courtroom of doing...I'm extremely disappointed that the jury did not see the facts in this case."

It doesn't matter what the man's skin color is, Mr. Thomas, calling a woman a b\*\*\*h is demeaning toward women and that isn't right. Isiah Thomas is not only disgracing himself as a basketball executive but as a person. Thomas currently plans to appeal the court's decision, but he is already guilty in the public's eye.

It's time to pull out the checkbook, Mr. Thomas. You can afford to pay millions for this lawsuit if you can throw millions at mediocrity.

**The Wrath of Old Testament God**



Ben Larsen/Contributing Illustrator





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## Completing the big 28: Progress report

'Beyond Saint Mary's,' are you more game than The Collegian staff?

### Freshman

I've checked off four out of the "28 Things to do Beyond Saint Mary's" list within the first few weeks of my freshman year. Is there some sort of quota I've fulfilled?

With a full workload and tons of to-do lists, it seems a bit hefty to take on yet another list, but most of us have probably accomplished quite a few of these tasks without much thought or effort. After all, they're fun!

Visiting Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf (#12 and #16) seems like a rite of passage for any newcomer to the Bay. Each is heavily trafficked with tourists, and this does not go unnoticed, even to those new to the Bay. Clam chowder vendors galore crowd Fisherman's Wharf. At Fisherman's Grotto, a bowl of clam chowder goes for eight dollars and comes with an amazing sunset view and attentive waiters.

Berkeley also makes several appearances on the list and because it is only a two dollar BART ride away, it's a worthwhile place



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to escape the serenity of Moraga. Ethnic eateries (#21) of all kinds dot the streets, but the "Asian Ghetto" on Durant offers the best as well as cheapest Chinese and Japanese food.

The Greek Theatre (#26) is a unique concert venue, an outdoor amphitheatre with concrete seating that justifies the venue's name. Even without tickets, concerts can still be enjoyed from the University's Big C atop the hill or from the Foothill dorms next to the Theatre.

Though the list offers worthwhile suggestions to escape from our quiet campus on the weekends, I doubt I'll make it a point to do all 28 things. Still, the list is a good starting point for those who don't want to spend another weekend exploring every nook and cranny of our local Safeway.

### Senior

Now in my fourth year at Saint Mary's, I can check off a good number of items on the list of "28 Things to Do Beyond Saint Mary's" from the College's website.

To date, I have done 17 of the activities. One of the standouts from the group I have completed is eating a clam chowder bread bowl at Fisherman's Wharf (#16). Everyone has that one food he just cannot resist trying at least once from every place he goes; mine is New England clam chowder. I check to see if there is NE clam chowder at every restaurant I visit. I will have to say that the clam chowder bowl from Boudin's at Fisherman's Wharf is amazing.

Another one of the best activities is attending a performance at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco (#14). The San Francisco Symphony is one of the best collections of musicians in the country and it is truly a pleasure to experience it.

There are a few things on the list that I believe to be out of



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place. Bowling at Diablo Lanes is a fun time out, but not worthy of a ranking in the top 28.

Trying ethnic food in Berkeley is overrated, but then I am from the Bay Area and I had plenty of it before I got to college.

Attending an A's game is good, but I believe that attending a Giants game should also be on this list. AT&T Park is one of the most unique experiences as far as baseball games go.

It's not the best list. A few more concert venues should be included on it, not just the Greek Theatre. There are exclusions that are more important experiences than some items included. For someone outside of the Bay Area, this is a great list of places that the area has to offer, but the local resident will find many activities commonplace.

## She Wants Revenge dish best not served



Courtesy of www.amazon.com

by Jennifer Kennedy  
Staff Writer

Will She Wants Revenge (SWR) survive the release of a sophomore album that lacks lyrical and rhythmic variety?

Known for its 2006 hit "Tear You Apart," She Wants Revenge is previously notorious for singing about taboo issues—things that occur behind closed doors.

The duo of Justin Warfield and "Adam 12" Bravin released its sophomore album, *This is Forever*, on October 9.

The entire album is filled with heartbreak and bitterness toward love. "And with every kiss I remembered you / Because your feelings never got in the way / I know that you never loved me," sings Warfield in the album's first single, "True Romance." This theme of heartbreak is overused in *Forever*, making the band sound a bit whiney. It gets very old fast and should not extend beyond a song or two and definitely not throughout the whole album.

"Written in Blood" is the only song on the album that contains some of the edgy sexual elements of the first album. Since SWR's three hit songs from the first album all pushed the boundaries with their sexual lyrics, the band became known for that. Without this element of shock, the band is not as fun and may lose fans.

A problem that has crossed over from SWR's debut LP is that SWR has not found its own sound. It is an unimaginative blend of Interpol and Depeche Mode. Warfield mimics the steady monotone vocals of Interpol's Paul Banks (although Warfield's interpretation of the sound has become tired), while Adam 12's retro dance beats set us back 20 years to when Depeche Mode and other synthpop bands ruled the music world. SWR lacks the creativity to make music without deriving heavily from other bands.

On top of that, when you sit down and listen to the entire album it is difficult to even notice there is more than one song to this album. In fact, I can hardly distinguish between SWR's two records.

SWR's sound is catchy and danceable, but this just is not enough to make up for its numerous flaws. The band even has potential, but it has a long way to go.

Even if you are a SWR fan, consider checking this one out online before you waste your money on it.

### 28 Things to Do Beyond Saint Mary's

Saint Mary's College has promoted a list of interesting activities off campus. According to the Saint Mary's website, by completing a "Beyond Saint Mary's" card, available in the Student Involvement and Leadership office, students can become eligible for prizes at the end of the year.

1. Walk across the Golden Gate Bridge
2. Tour Alcatraz
3. Eat a deep dish pizza at Zachary's Pizza
4. Visit the Marin Headlands
5. Bowl at Diablo Lanes
6. Enjoy a sandwich at Bianca's
7. Shop in the Haight/Ashbury district
8. Attend an A's, Warriors or Raiders game
9. Ice Skate at the S.F. Embarcadero Center or Oakland Ice
10. Picnic on Angel Island
11. Have breakfast at Rick & Ann's (Berkeley)
12. Visit Pier 39 for shopping, sea lions and more
13. Walk or bike the Reservoir Trail in Lafayette
14. Attend a S.F. Symphony, Opera or Orchestra performance
15. Visit Tilden Park (Merry Go-Round or the Steam Trains)
16. Eat clam chowder in a bread bowl at Fisherman's Wharf
17. Take a cable car ride
18. Attend a Saint Mary's Student Retreat
19. Visit MOMA, the Metreon or the MLK Memorial
20. Eat breakfast at Millie's
21. Try a new ethnic food in Berkeley
22. Shop in Union Square
23. Take a trip to Yosemite National Park
24. Visit St. Anthony, St. Boniface or DeMarillac School
25. Have coffee at La Scala
26. Attend a concert at the Greek Theatre
27. Dine at Crepes a Go-Go
28. Check out the view of the bay from Fish Ranch Road

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Where She's Been

- Former vocalist for Anglo-Irish electronic/pop duo Moloko
- Featured on *Grey's Anatomy* soundtrack

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- Latest album *Overpowered* just released.
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**Tyler Perry gets Married**  
Screen adaptation a success

**by Be'Anka Macey**  
Staff Writer

Expect to be on your feet, laughing and screaming at the top of your lungs in chorus with the rest of the audience. Tyler Perry's highly anticipated screen adaptation of his famous stage play *Why Did I Get Married?* is going to tap into so many emotions, you'll be dying to see it again.

Produced, directed, and written by Tyler Perry, the movie further showcases just how incredibly talented and insightful he really is. His unfaltering ability to create such multi-dimensional characters and story lines is revealed in what is without a doubt his best movie yet.

Based on the married lives of four couples, the story follows Terry, played by Perry, and company to Colorado in an attempt to revive their marriages. However, major setbacks occur when all the little secrets come to light and all the stuff hits the fan.

Janet Jackson stars as award-winning psychologist Patricia. In her effort to solve everyone else's problems, she neglects her own problems at home by denying the truth of an unfortunate situation.

Even with such a serious issue at hand, her trials prove to be miniscule compared to the constant fighting of Angela (Tasha Smith) and Marcus (Michael Jai White). Angela is loud as hell and makes no apologies. Plagued with baby-mama drama and some extra-marital affairs, her character provides comedic relief in situations where it's needed the most.

And speaking of comedy, Mike just can't stop laughing at his wife. Apparently "through thick and thin" didn't go beyond the figurative for Mike (Richard T. Jones), when he married Sheila (soul singer Jill Scott). The overweight and under-confident Sheila struggles to keep her man despite all his fat jokes and obvious resentment.

Lastly is Terry himself. All he wants is for his wife Diane (Sharon Leal), to get off the phone and spend some quality time with him. Begging her to find a way to balance marriage and her career, he resorts to teaching her a lesson that she'll never forget.

Whether you are in a relationship or single, this movie is so easy to relate to. With thought-provoking issues and a seemingly accurate depiction of the trials of married life, it will be difficult to not fall in love with this story.

Perry's knack for storytelling is remarkable in what it inspires in the viewer. You'll laugh for sure, and you might even cry. You'll certainly leave with a newfound appreciation for the power of love.

**Stephen Colbert is America**  
Political satirist's first book pokes fun at self, deplorable quirks of American culture

**by Jose Alvarez**  
Staff Writer

Stephen Colbert, host of the satirical news show *The Colbert Report* and former correspondent on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, is now the author of a new satirical book: *I Am America (And So Can You!)*.

The book, an autobiography of Colbert's fictional right-wing television pundit character, hit shelves on October 9. It lampoons practically every aspect of American life, from family to religion to higher education.

At the end of every chapter, Colbert has a section called "Stephen Speaks For Me," in which someone gives testimony affirming the truth (or truthiness) of Colbert's writings, and a "Fun Zone," which is a friendly (and funny) game or puzzle.

These only add to the comedic genius Colbert has injected into

every single page of this hysterical book, along with his own notes in the margins.



Courtesy of i.realone.com

Now, to point out an obvious "flaw," the title of the book is a grammatical error in itself. However, Stephen Colbert, as "America," is saying "I am myself (America), and so can you, be yourself." *I Am America* is a fictional satirized autobiography

of Colbert himself and how he got to where he is today as he dealt with issues in his "life" from family to science. Now for one funny quip from the "Science" section, as Colbert defines evolution: "To put it simply, evolution is an affront to God. Anyone who believes in it will burn in eternal hellfire, probably while being prodded by flaming chimpanzees with razor-sharp bananas."

Those who religiously watch *The Colbert Report* will find this book hilarious without a doubt; the irony and wit lives up to the standards set by the show. For casual viewers of Colbert's show, his book may lose a bit of its purpose; it is funny regardless, but much of the humor is derivative of running themes on the show.

Like any book, there are a few flaws. For example, the chapter on religion is a slight letdown, as well

as the chapter on Hollywood. He breaks character in the former chapter, and is too predictable in the latter. These problems are only a minor disruption, however, to the flow of Colbert's otherwise entertaining book.

The very fact that he touches on nearly every part of American culture, even the sensitive and divisive issues such as immigration, religion and family values, is so funny that I wish I could read the book and watch the show at the same time for twice the laughs.

We should print the entire book in this column to get everyone to read it without even buying the book, but \$25 for brilliant humor is hardly a chore compared to \$42,000 of classes which swamp us with papers and tests. It's a worthy investment and a good laugh when we're swamped with finals and midterms and whatnot.

So what are you waiting for, Saint Mary's? Become America, become yourself, and purchase this book. It'll be the best \$25 you ever spent in your entire life...at least until Colbert writes another book.

**Radiohead's latest one of band's greatest**  
*In Rainbows does not hold back; add another classic to list*

**by J. Harry Painter**  
Detour Editor

Radiohead's latest has been well-publicized. Fans had been anxiously anticipating the *In Rainbows* for over two years, and this month were pleased to discover that, shockingly, Radiohead had decided to release the album independently via its website for MP3 download.

What has been less well-publicized is that, oh yeah, *In Rainbows* happens to be one of the best albums over Radiohead's career too.

From the shuffling drums on "15 Steps" that open the record to melancholy piano chord of "Videotape" at its close, there is not one slow moment.

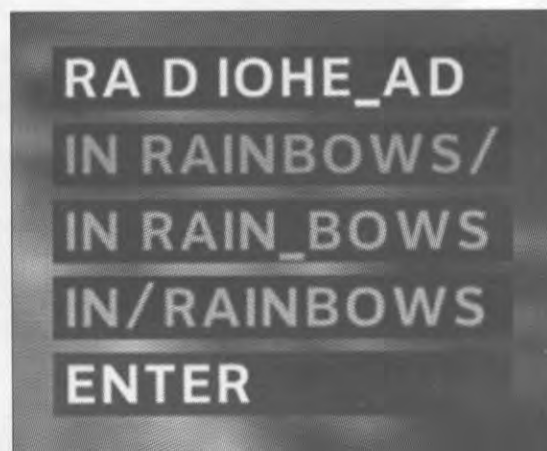
As has come to be expected of the distinguished five-piece rock band from England, Radiohead's seventh full-length studio album sounds drastically different from

everything else the band has released.

Moving even further away from the electronic experimentations of *Kid A* and its follow-up, *Amnesiac*, Radiohead has reassured listeners that it is still a rock band. However, *In Rainbows* is hardly a 180 degree shift. There are still elements of the minimalist, bass-heavy pulsations characteristic of *Kid A*, but this record's sound is much more accessible, utilizing Jonny Greenwood's guitars and Yorke's vocals more conventionally.

The strongest track is probably "Jigsaw Falling into Place," an upbeat, discordant tune that, at its core, is unlike anything the group has ever made. But it is unmistakably a Radiohead song. This is what makes the record so

amazing—Radiohead has been around for upwards of 15 years yet is still able to create music that evolves its sound without com-



Courtesy of www.inrainbows.com

particularly disturbing by the refrain: "I have no idea what you are talking about / I'm trapped in this body and can't get out." Sentiments like this echo unsettlingly throughout the record.

*In Rainbows* is also full of recurring lyrical themes. One of these themes is, appropriately, the concept of light and dark. The clash of the two sends the listener into a frenzy of conflicting emotions.

What sets Radiohead apart, however, more so than Yorke's inventive lyrics, is its ability to be so dynamic and experimental and still retain the quality to keep fans listening (and attain new fans). The band can write an avant-garde electronic piece in strange time signature, juxtapose it with a straightforward and traditional rock song, and still keep its integrity. This kind of diversity is accomplished effortlessly on *In Rainbows*.

Radiohead will probably never achieve something as flawless as *OK Computer*, its masterpiece. However, the band is going about attempting to exactly the right way. Instead of trying to recreate a successful work, as some artists do, Radiohead has fused the best elements of all its previous work. It works.

promising the essence that defines the band itself. Other artists who have lasted as long simply cannot master this ability.

Lyrical, *In Rainbows* compares to the pessimistic musings of the band's greatest, *OK Computer*. In a 2006 interview with British music magazine *NME*, frontman Thom Yorke said the album is "about that anonymous fear thing, sitting in traffic, thinking, 'I'm sure I'm supposed to be doing something else.'"

The second track, the brisk and guitar-heavy standout "Bodysnatchers," proves Yorke's words to be appropriate. The song induces chilling memories of the Terry Schiavo case, and becomes

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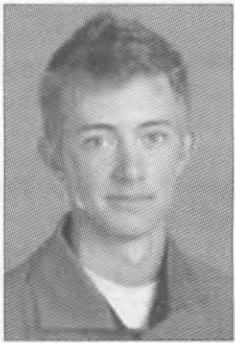
**Mike McRae**



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Senior Mike McRae finished tied for fourth place with his brother Rob at eight-under par. Mike jumped 11 spots in the final round last Tuesday.

**Rob McRae**

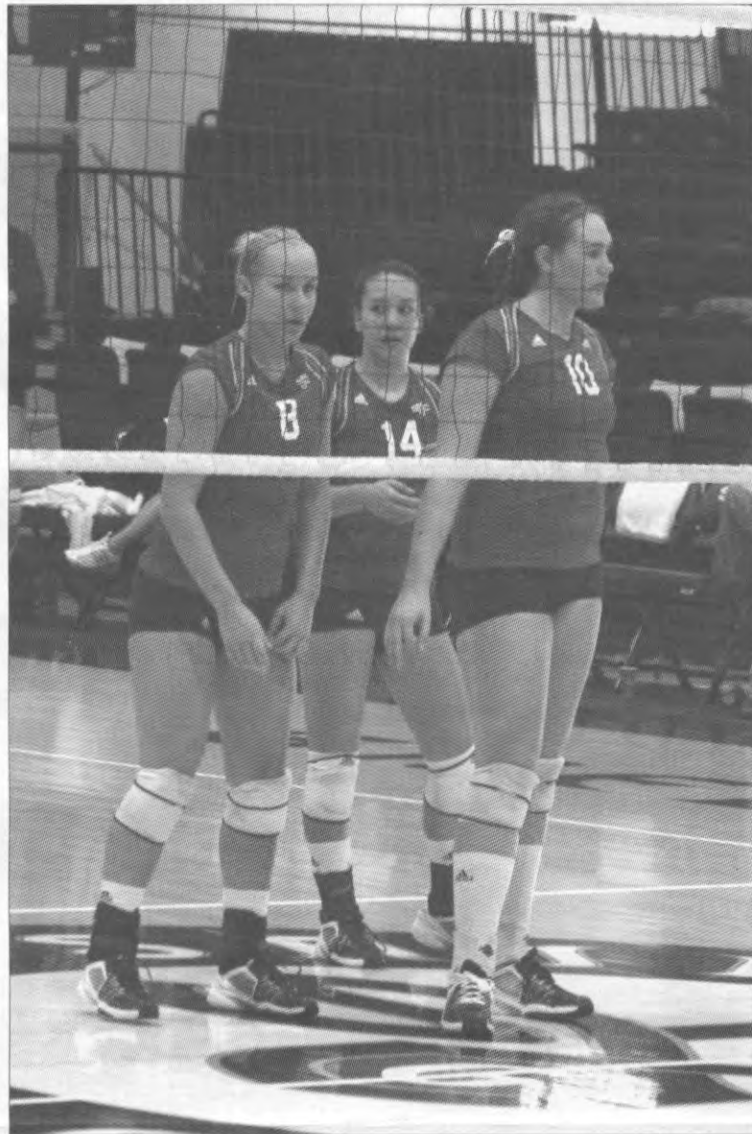


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Sophomore Rob McRae shot a career-low eight-under par at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational last week. He tied for fourth for the tournament.

**Volleyball falls at Santa Clara**

*Gaels unable to find offensive consistency against Broncos*



Peter Hunter/COLLEGIAN

Freshmen Megan York (left), Kapua Kamana'o, and Shannon Lowell were unable to find consistency in their offense at the Leavey Center.

by Zack Farmer  
Managing Editor

Rivalry weekend was kicked off by volleyball's only match of the weekend in Santa Clara but picked up their third conference loss as they fell to Santa Clara at the Leavey Center 30-26, 30-26, 30-21.

The Gaels played even with the Broncos in the first game with a .351 attack percentage to Santa Clara's .324 but were unable to get on track early. Freshman Shannon Lowell recorded five kills with no errors in the first game. Santa Clara's Brittany Lowe posted eight of her team-high 13 kills in the first game.

Saint Mary's precision faltered in the next two games. Despite going on a 9-2 run to narrow the Bronco lead at 22-21, they were only able to muster a .154 hit percentage in game two.

Sophomore Alita Fisher kept the Gaels in the game with her defense, racking up eight digs in the game. Freshman Megan York tallied six of her game-high 15 kills and 10 errors in the game. She also totaled 10 digs for her

ninth double-double of the season.

Santa Clara took a commanding lead early in the third game when they jumped out to a 15-5 lead. The Gaels held strong defensively with 13 digs in the match but were unable to prevent the Broncos from taking the game 30-21.

The Saint Mary's offense sputtered again in the third game with a .100 hit percentage including 12 errors.

Junior Taylor Groess picked up six kills on 32 attempts and four digs for the match.

The freshmen tandem of Christy Payne and Kapua Kamana'o recorded 31 assists for the Gaels. Saint Mary's finished with a .129 hit percentage on the match while committing 23 errors to Santa Clara's 20.

Freshman Kelly Huston totaled five kills and a dig for the match.

The win pushes Santa Clara to a 4-1 West Coast Conference record and 12-9 overall. The loss drops the Gaels to 10-7 and 2-3 in WCC play. Saint Mary's will return home this weekend when they play Loyola Marymount on Thursday and Pepperdine on Saturday.

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**ATHLETIC SCHEDULE**

Today  
Men's Tennis @ ITA Regionals  
All Day

Thursday, Oct. 18  
Volleyball v. Loyola Marymount  
7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19  
Women's Soccer v. Portland  
3 p.m.

Men's Soccer @ San Diego  
7 p.m.

Women's Tennis @ ITA Regionals  
Fri-Sun  
All Day

Saturday, Oct. 20  
Volleyball v. Pepperdine  
1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21  
Women's Soccer v. Gonzaga  
1 p.m.

Men's Soccer @ LMU  
2 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS AND STANDINGS**

Men's Soccer				Women's Soccer			
Team	WCC	PTS	Overall	Team	WCC	PTS	Overall
SCU(4)	3-0-0	9	8-1-2	USD(16)	1-0-0	3	10-1-2
POR	2-0-2	8	5-3-3	LMU	1-0-0	3	9-3-1
GON(23)	2-1-1	7	7-3-1	USF	1-0-0	3	1-8-3
USD	1-1-0	3	4-6-0	GON	0-0-0	0	8-3-1
SMC	0-2-1	1	4-4-1	POR(8)	0-0-0	0	8-3-0
USF	0-2-0	0	4-5-0	SCU(5)	0-1-0	0	5-5-2
LMU	0-2-0	0	2-6-1	SMC	0-1-0	0	5-5-2
Santa Clara(4)		2		PEP	0-1-0	0	2-5-5
Saint Mary's		0		UC Davis		0	
				Saint Mary's		1	
				Saint Mary's		1	
				San Francisco		2	

Cross Country			
Santa Clara Bronco Invitational			
Men's			
1. San Francisco			
2. Long Beach State			
3. Santa Clara			
4. Nevada			
5. CS Los Angeles			
16. Saint Mary's			
Women's			
1. Long Beach State			
2. Loyola Marymount			
3. UC Davis			
4. Sacramento State			
5. CS Fullerton			
16. Saint Mary's			

Volleyball			
Team	WCC	PCT	Overall
USD(14)	4-1	.800	14-5
PEP	4-1	.800	12-5
SCU	4-1	.800	12-9
GON	2-3	.400	13-7
USF	2-3	.400	13-8
SMC	2-3	.400	10-7
LMU	2-3	.400	10-8
POR	0-5	.000	7-12

Men's Golf			
Alister MacKenzie Invitational			
1. San Diego State			-24
2. Washington			-20
3. UC Irvine			-19
4. Fresno State			-16
Oregon			-16
9. Saint Mary's			-12

Random SMC Sports Fact of the Week			
The career record for Goals Allowed Average for women's soccer is 0.87 by Ruth Montgomery between 1999-2002			

**Men's golf places ninth at MacKenzie Invite**

*McRae brothers place fourth, lead Saint Mary's to 12-under performance*

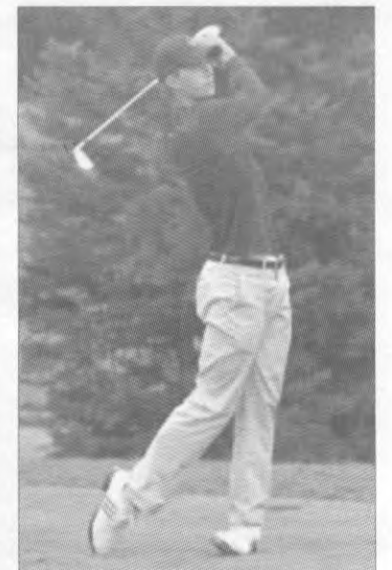
by Zack Farmer  
Managing Editor

Saint Mary's finished 12 shots off the pace last week at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational in Fairfax. Brothers Mike McRae '08 and Rob McRae '10 finished tied for fourth place at eight-under par (-8) on the 213-par course.

The Gaels finished in ninth place with a 12-under (-12) 840, just one shot off eighth place Louisville and a tie for sixth place with Oregon State and UC Davis.

The McRae brothers each started off the tournament with opening round 65s and finished with near identical round scores of 71 and 69 for Mike and 69 and 71 for Rob. Mike McRae moved up 11 spots on the final day to place fourth as he started in 15th place going into his final round. He shot a two-under (-2) 69 for the day. He picked up six birdies, two bogeys, and one double-bogey on the final day. A birdie on the 12th hole moved Mike to five-under for the day before a double-bogey and another bogey dropped him to two-under.

Rob McRae's eight-under was a career low for the sophomore



Courtesy of www.smcgaels.com

Senior Mike McRae places fourth.

golfer. He started and finished the final day in fourth place.

Senior Chadd Cocco and sophomore Daniel Cone each finished in 45th place with final two-over (+2) 215. Senior Josh Kelley posted a score of nine-over for the tournament.

Their next tournament will be next week when they travel to Long Beach to play in the Del Walker Intercollegiate on October 25 and 26.





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**SPORTS**

# #4 Broncos stop Gaels in tracks

*Santa Clara takes early lead against Saint Mary's, holds for win*



Zack Farmer/COLLEGIAN

The Gaels were unable to penetrate the Santa Clara defense as they were only able to get two shots on goal and none in the second half.

by **Zack Farmer**  
Managing Editor

The men's soccer team had the daunting task of facing #4 Santa Clara on Sunday and could not overcome their cross-bay rival, falling 2-0.

Santa Clara attacked early. In the fifth minute the Broncos placed a barrage of shots on goal and sophomore goalkeeper Keenan Flynn made three saves

in less than a minute. His success was short-lived as ten seconds into the sixth minute, off of a corner kick, Santa Clara's Jamil Roberts took a header into the left side of the net. The goal was Roberts third of the season and he was assisted by Matt Hatzke.

The Bronco defense did not allow the Gaels many opportunities to score. Saint Mary's was only able to take two shots on goal in the half, where Santa Clara took

five. One of the few chances the Gaels had was from about 15 yards out from junior Justin Kim; Santa Clara goalkeeper Kevin Klasila made a diving save to prevent the Gaels from getting on the board.

In the 33rd minute, Santa Clara struck again when Peter Lowry was awarded a penalty kick and placed it past Flynn on the left side.

The first half ended with the Broncos leading 2-0, and the

Gaels played catch-up the remainder of the game. Saint Mary's took six shots in the second half but were unable to put a single one on goal. Senior Erik Robert was the only other Gael to place a shot on goal.

With the loss, the Gaels fall to 0-2-1 and seventh place in WCC play, 4-4-1 overall. Their next matches will be on the road as they will play at San Diego on Friday and at Loyola Marymount on Sunday.

## ALVAREZ: Eyeing Celtics, rookies

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played well enough to make the 15-man roster.

The Magic let the oft-injured Grant Hill go to Phoenix, while a nice present in the name of Rashard Lewis came to town for the bargain price of a second-round draft pick, giving Dwight Howard some much-needed help in the Magic frontcourt.

I wish I could fit all 30 NBA teams in here, but I would like to end with my hometown team, the Golden State Warriors. They traded Jason Richardson to the Charlotte Bobcats for a draft pick (Brandan Wright) and released long-time Warrior Adonal Foyle.

This wasn't just any NBA off-season; it was an off-season where history was made. A single off-season vaulted Boston from a perennial mediocre team to now a serious contender for the first time in two decades. It is also an off-season where rookies are going to be counted on more than ever, especially rookie Kevin Durant of Texas. Can he turn around the woeful Seattle Sonics? Can the fearsome threesome of Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen turn the basement-dwelling Celtics into a potent championship force?

Watch some NBA games this season to see history be made. You know I'll be watching.

## TENNIS: Hoath, Ordoveza strong in first match

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freshman Alex Poorta beat LMU's Tamara Tanner 6-2, 7-5. Tanner was then defeated in the second round by Burdette.

In doubles, newly paired seniors Kathryn Malec and Feline Charlotte advanced into the quarter-finals. They beat both Santa Clara 8-6 and Sonoma State 8-4 before losing to Loyola

Marymount.

Ordoveza and Calvo also had a successful doubles tournament. In their first match they beat San Francisco 8-0. They followed that with an 8-2 victory over Santa Clara, but eventually fell to Stanford in the semi-final 8-6.

Overall the Gaels had a success-

ful tournament, advancing two individuals to the finals of their respective brackets and a doubles team to the semi-finals in the top bracket. The Gaels went 13-6 in singles and 6-3 in doubles as a team.

The Gaels will return to action next Friday when they play at Stanford in the ITA Regionals.

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## Women's tennis opens solid as host Saint Mary's Invitational proves good tune-up for season

by **Frankie Mangini**  
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's women's tennis team hosted their annual Saint Mary's Invitational this past weekend. Unfortunately, due to rain on Friday, the tournament was cut short and the single's finals were unable to be played. Nonetheless, seniors Jessica Hoath and Stef Ordoveza reached the finals in their respective brackets.

In the first two rounds, Hoath cruised to two easy victories. Hoath beat Gonzaga, 6-2, 6-1. She followed that match with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Santa Clara's Stephanie Galainena. In the quarterfinals, Hoath faced fellow Australian, Bojana Bobusic. Bobusic took the first set 6-2. Hoath battled in the second set, forcing a second set tie-breaker. Hoath eventually took the set 7-5. In the deciding tie-breaker, Hoath won 10-8 to advance into the semi-finals.

In the semifinal match, Hoath faced Stanford's Lindsay Burdette, the number one seed in the tournament. Hoath suffered a break early in the first set to Burdette. Down 3-1, Hoath managed to win five of the next six games to win the first set 6-4. After switching breaks again early in the second set, Hoath managed to push a flustered Burdette off her game, forcing poor shots.



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Stef Ordoveza '08 (pictured), along with Jessica Hoath '09, cruises early in the Saint Mary's Invitational.

Hoath capitalized and managed to break Burdette a second time, giving Hoath the second set and the match 6-3.

Like her counterpart, Ordoveza was able to cruise through the early rounds. After beating Portland's Doolittle 6-3, 6-3, Ordoveza defeated Davis' Emma Shapiro 6-1, 6-3. On day two, Ordoveza defeated Santa Clara's Ashley Pane 6-3, 6-3.

In her semi-final match, Ordoveza ran into a little trouble. After winning the first three games, Ordoveza then

gave up the next three in the match. Pacific's Gumenyuk went on to take the first set, in a tiebreaker.

In the start of the second set, Gumenyuk did Ordoveza a favor and double-faulted the first two points. Ordoveza took advantage and broke Gumenyuk easily. Ordoveza was quickly broken on the ensuing game, but managed to break Gumenyuk a second time. Ordoveza went on to win the set 6-2 to force a ten-point tie breaker.

After splitting the first four

points in the tie-breaker, Ordoveza won the next eight points to win the match 6-7(4), 6-2, (10-2).

Junior Marah Calvo also had a solid tournament, going 2-1. In her first match she defeated Bruna Paes of Fresno State 6-3, 6-2. She followed that up with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Emma Taylor from San Francisco. However she fell to freshman Jenni Heinser in straight sets in the quarterfinal round.

In her first collegiate match, see TENNIS, p11

## Hardwood classic returns

Changes make NBA season one to watch

by **Jose Alvarez**  
Staff Writer

Let's face it. Although in any NBA off-season there are a significant amount of roster changes, this off-season felt much different, for quite a few reasons.

The Boston Celtics, who posted a dismal record of 24-58 and challenged the record for most consecutive losses in a season in 2006-07 (and setting their own franchise record for consecutive losses in a season), are now predicted by almost every NBA analyst to win in an East where teams can go from playoff contenders to basement dwellers (and vice versa) in a season.

They did this by acquiring shooting expert Ray Allen from Seattle and Kevin Garnett from Minnesota. These two were brought in to team with Celtics superstar Paul Pierce, who played in only 47 games in 2006-07

due to injury. However, a complete overhaul of the roster had to be done in order to get these two perennial All-Stars. The Celtics also added defensive stalwart James Posey and center Scot Pollard via free agency.

Although the Celtics made the biggest impact this off-season, let's not forget about the other 29 NBA teams.

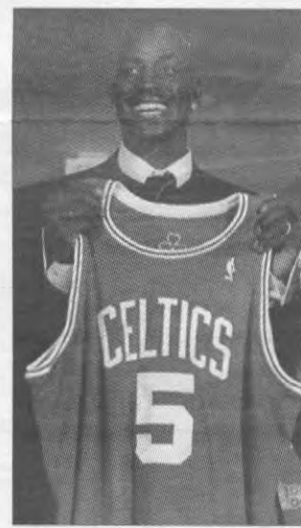
The draft proved to be deep, with Greg Oden of Ohio State going #1 overall to Portland and Kevin Durant going #2 overall of Texas to Seattle. However, Greg Oden recently underwent microfracture surgery and will be out for the entirety of his rookie year, leaving Kevin Durant as the top rookie to prove his worth.

Other news includes the usual off-season Kobe Bryant feud with Lakers management. Kobe will be back for the 2007-08 season. The team recently welcomed back Derek Fisher via free agency, but until Andrew Bynum develops into another Shaq, the Lakers won't be challenging Phoenix or San Antonio.

The Knicks trimmed salary, getting Zach Randolph from the Blazers for center Channing Frye and (finally) jettisoning Steve Francis out of the Big Apple in the same trade. They also welcomed back a familiar face—Allan Houston.

Houston originally played for the Knicks from 1996-2005 until being forced to retire because of recurring knee injuries. He was originally a camp invitee but

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## Gaels fall in opener, Dons get first win

Women's soccer drops first WCC game, USF picks up first win of season

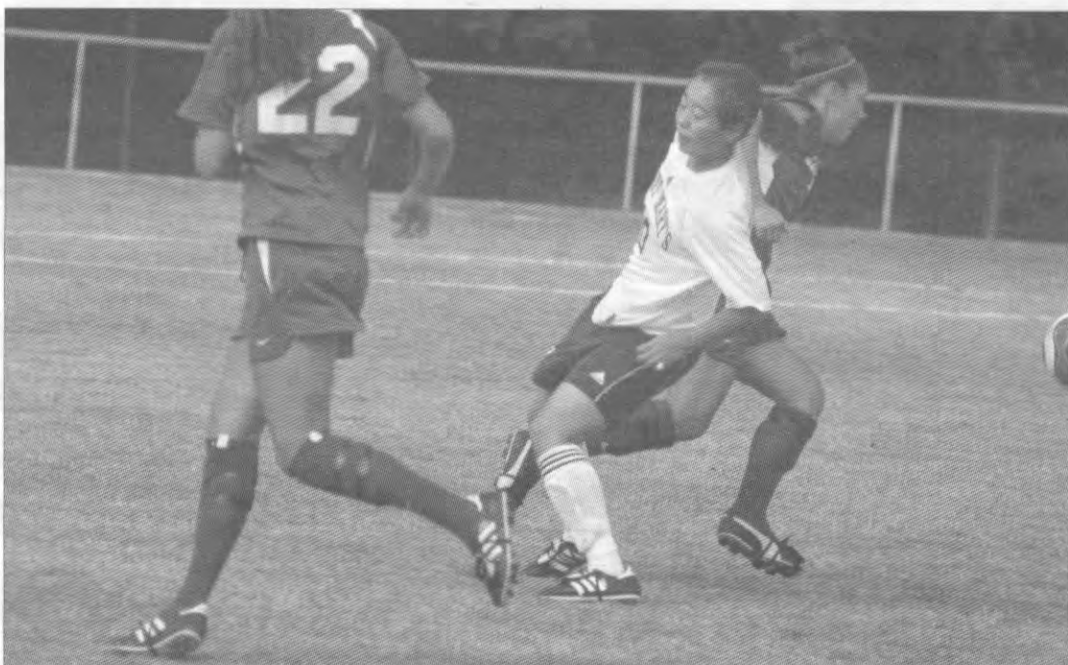
by **Zack Farmer**  
Managing Editor

The women's soccer team split their games over the weekend as they ended their pre-season schedule with a win against UC Davis and opened conference play with a loss at San Francisco.

The fifth Saint Mary's player collected their first career goal on Friday when freshman Caitlin Wallace scored in the 64th minute to give the Gaels a 1-0 lead that they would not relinquish. Red-shirt sophomore Allie Weiner found Wallace in an opening five yards out for the goal. It was one of Wallace's three shots on the day. Both Weiner and Wallace had two shots on goal.

Sophomore goalkeeper Tara Larson recorded nine saves on the afternoon.

Saint Mary's went into conference play with momentum and started with the winless San Francisco Dons. The Dons came out firing and oushot the Gaels



Peter Hunter/COLLEGIAN

Mika Matsui '09 (middle) gets tripped up by a San Francisco defender as the Gaels fell 2-1 on Sunday.

16-6 on the game. San Francisco broke through with a goal in the 36th minute by Katie Hoban that went right through Larson's hands.

Three minutes into the second half, the Dons struck again

when Lauren Maris scored her first career goal. Saint Mary's finally ended the shutout bid in the 83rd minute when Weiner scored her fifth goal of the season off of a pass from junior Mallory Lee.

Despite nine more saves from Larson, the Gaels fell 2-1. The split over the weekend brings the Gaels' record to 6-5-2 and 0-1-0 in WCC play. They will host both Portland and Gonzaga this weekend.