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## Statistics show recent student exodus

Attrition report finds 23 percent of 2006 first year students have left

by **Nora Garcia**  
Staff Writer

Mark Figueroa, director of institutional research, announced last week that 23 percent of first year students who enrolled in fall 2006 did not return to Saint Mary's College for the fall 2007 semester. Of 611 new students enrolled for the fall 2006 semester, 139 withdrew or dropped out. These new attrition rate statistics are greatly higher than the 15.6 percent from fall 2005 to fall 2006 rate as well as the 15 percent average attrition rate between 1997 and 2004.

The focus, thus, is on how to reduce the number of students leaving the College in their first year as it is a statistic that reflects poorly upon Saint Mary's. The attrition rate of a higher education institution is very important due to its publication in college guide books and the interests of third parties such as the Government and the public.

Mostly, the attrition rate is used as an average measure of institutional effectiveness. To better understand why so many students decided to leave Saint Mary's, withdrawing students



The number of students leaving after their first year jumps nearly 50 percent compared to previous years.

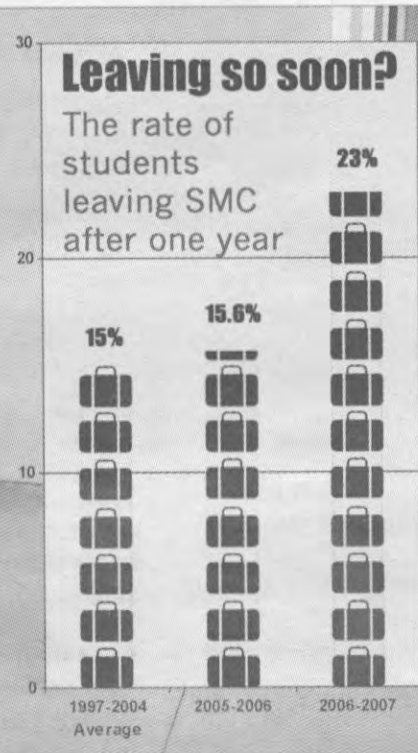


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were asked to partake in a standardized student survey. Sixty-four students completed the survey representing 46 percent of the 139 non-returning students. The top five reasons students gave for their decision to withdraw from Saint Mary's

1. Decided to attend a different college
2. Wanted to move to a new location
3. Did not like the size of the College
4. Dissatisfied with the so-

cial life of the College

5. Wanted to live nearer to my parents.

While the top five motives for departing from the College are mostly personal preferences, Saint Mary's still feels there is see ATTRITION, p4

## Search for new provost lacks student input

by **Julie McAvoy**  
News Editor

On-campus interviews for four finalist provost candidates concluded last week. Students were invited to participate in an open forum to interview and evaluate each candidate. News of these forums was spread through word-of-mouth and the weekly e-mail edition of Campus Bulletin. However, only a small number of students actually participated.

Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) Vice President for Student Affairs Erik Coloma '09 led the open forums along with Vice President for Administration Danny Weeks '08. Coloma said that besides publicizing the forums through the Campus Bulletin, "I also contacted senators and clubs to come [to the open forums] and bring friends." Despite this effort to involve students, a maximum of 15 students showed up to the first forum. The other three attracted between five and seven students each.

ASSMC President Connor McNeill '08 said, "The provost holds one of the highest faculty positions at Saint Mary's, yet most of the students at Saint Mary's don't even know who the provost is."

However, McNeill did not think that student apathy was to blame and offered suggestions to change the lack of knowledge. see FORUMS, p4

## MidKnight Madness gets hyphy tomorrow in McKeon

Gael Force members get free admission, other students charged \$15

by **Zack Farmer**  
Managing Editor

MidKnight Madness, organized by Gael Force and the Athletics Department, will kick off the 2007-2008 men's and women's basketball season, and this year's main attraction sets a new standard of performers.

"It's none other than Keak Da Sneak performing at MidKnight Madness," said Sam Westermann '09, co-president of Gael Force. "Get ready to get dumb and hyphy with Keak Da Sneak."

Keak, as he is more commonly called, is known for recent hits such as "That Go," "Super Hyphy," and "T-Shirt, Blue Jeans, and Nikes" featuring E-40. He also worked with E-40 on his hit "Tell Me When To Go."

Keak was signed by Gael Force no more than three weeks ago and has brought a lot of excitement to this annual event. "I'm extremely excited with this being my senior year. I wanted to go out with a bang," said Gael Force Co-President Whitney Lopez '08.

"Signing him was very difficult," said

Westermann. "There were a lot of obstacles along the way."

The research process for setting up MidKnight Madness began at the start of the academic calendar. Gael Force executives believed the Warriors Dunk Team, who had performed each of the past two years, was not enough for this event. Lopez, in her fourth year as president of Gael Force, was the person who initially brought Keak to the table.

After Gael Force approved the idea, Lopez went straight to work. Knowing it was a long shot, Lopez made the attempt. "I found the e-mail for his manager and he [surprisingly] responded."

"It was hard communicating back and forth with [his agent]," said Lopez. "It was basically me e-mailing him everyday back and forth."

The traditional date of MidKnight Madness was changed because Keak will be appearing on MTV on Thursday.

The Oakland native has also performed at other local colleges such as Stanford University and University of California, Berkeley.

Gael Force officially released Keak's name to the public on Sunday through flyers and Facebook.

With approximately 200 new members of Gael Force and over 1,000 total members, Gael Force predicts a large turnout.

Westermann is very excited, not only about the event, but the impact of Gael Force during games. "I've been to about five of the [West Coast Conference's] gyms and the way our gym is set up, if the student body picks up what a Gael is [they are a factor]," said Westermann.

Among the other events occurring during MidKnight Madness are player introductions, highlight film from the 2006-2007 season, skits by each team, contests and more. The Spirit Team and SMC Sports Band will also be participating in the event. The men's basketball team is also going to teach the crowd chants for the coming season.

The event is open to all Gael Force members and costs \$15 for all non-Gael Force members. McKeon Pavilion opens at 10:30 p.m. tomorrow and the event will go until midnight.

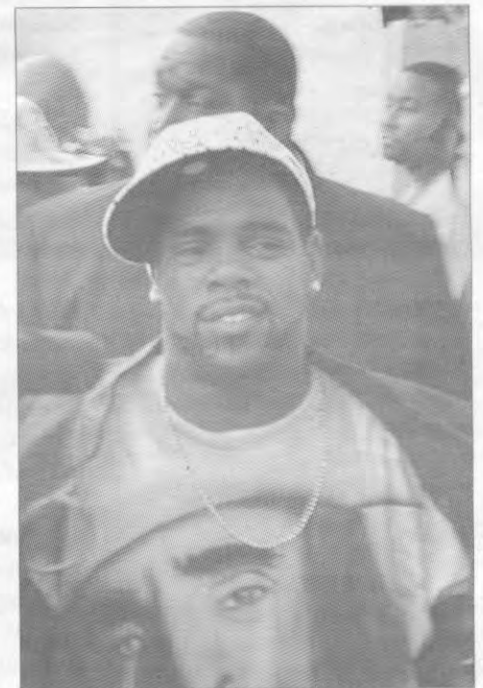


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Bay Area rapper Keak Da Sneak will help get students excited for the upcoming basketball season at MidKnight Madness on Wednesday night.

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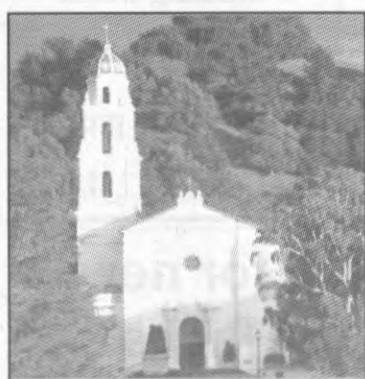
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## SnapShots



Photo courtesy of Kate Bowers

The Residence Hall Association and Rec Sports organized a group of students to participate in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in San Francisco last Saturday.



LINDA HUA

## Student media rollercoaster: Buckle in

Being a media head brings along not only a lot of rewarding life experiences, but also a lot of weight-bearing responsibility.

Yes, it is exhilarating to be among the first to hear the latest and greatest news, but it also hurts to walk into a room and have everyone hush for fear of you overhearing and reporting the conversation to the world.

It is amazing when faculty and staff respect you because you are in such a high leadership role, but it is also frustrating when they forget that you are also a student with student needs.

This is a phenomenon that has become more and more apparent among the leaders of *The Collegian's* staff. As the paper grows and gains more credibility, its makers are fused into one and are all primarily (and sometimes solely) referred to as *The Collegian*—the big, bad media.

This is fine if we are working in the context of *The Collegian*, and we thank you for taking us so seriously, it shows how professional and dependable the paper is.

However, we are not only *The Collegian*. We are also leaders of other clubs, we are also people of other cultures, we are also enthusiasts of different endeavors, but importantly, we are also students.

While we may pick up leads here and there, we are not going to rashly pursue the end of someone's career based on a rumor.

For the most part, we receive all of our information from those who ask us or expect us to cover it.

Just because we know intimate details about someone's life, we are not going to irrationally tell the public—would they even care? All news that we report must be relevant and objective.

At the same time, there are those who go to us and overload us with all sorts of information to add to the upcoming issue.

However, do not get me wrong, we are extremely grateful of the respect that we have earned, and one day, we may wish to individually become fully immersed in medium culture and being.

However, today, we are still students trying to learn and gain experience. Let us not forget that at Saint Mary's College, we are first and foremost, students.

So today, when you see us, jump not to label us with one word, but address us as unique individuals.

## Crime Beat

**10/12/07 6:31 p.m.**  
Incident: Handbook violation: fire alarm.

Synopsis: Lit candle in Ageno C set off fire alarm, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.

**10/12/07 8:45 p.m.**  
Incident: Vandalism to College property.

Synopsis: Damage to fire extinguisher hose in Augustine Hall, suspended.

**10/12/07 9:00 p.m.**  
Incident: Possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, and prescription drugs.

Synopsis: Vandalism and prohibited items in Aquinas Hall, referred to Student Conduct.

**10/12/07 11:30 p.m.**  
Incident: Driving under the influence of alcohol.

Synopsis: Arrest at Saint Mary's Parkway at front gate, referred to Student Conduct and Moraga Police Department.

**10/13/07 12:48 a.m.**  
Incident: Fire alarm.

Synopsis: Unknown cause at Ageno C, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.

**10/13/07 11:00 a.m.**  
Incident: Informational.

Synopsis: Angry student in Dante Hall left campus without incident, referred to associate dean of School of Education.

**10/13/07 10:41 p.m.**  
Incident: Vandalism and illegal dumping.

Synopsis: Cement bags dumped and graffiti at Rheem Center, suspended.

**10/13/07 11:48 p.m.**  
Incident: Fire alarm activation.

Synopsis: Food cooking set off alarm in Guerrieri West, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.

**10/14/07 12:15 a.m.**  
Incident: Information only.

Synopsis: Suspicious circumstances and vehicle search at front gate, referred to Student Conduct.

**10/14/07 1:45 p.m.**  
Incident: Property damage.

Synopsis: Damage to vehicle from baseball in baseball parking lot, referred to Athletics and Business Office.

**10/15/07**  
Incident: Informational (occurred 10/12/07 at 1:30 a.m.).

Synopsis: Assault off campus, referred to Student Conduct.

**10/15/07**  
Incident: Vehicle accident (occurred 10/12/07 at 8:30 a.m.).

Synopsis: Vehicle hit front gate building—minor damage, suspended.

**10/15/07**  
Incident: Damage to College property (occurred 10/11/07 at 11:45 p.m.).

Synopsis: Broken window pane in Guerrieri West laundry room, closed.

**10/15/07 4:57 p.m.**  
Incident: Fire alarm activation.

Synopsis: Food cooking set off two alarms simultaneously in Guerrieri East and Thille Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.

**10/15/07 9:10 p.m.**  
Incident: Damaged property.

Synopsis: Personal property damage due to toilet overflow in Augustine Hall; referred to Residence Life, Physical Plant and Business Office.

**10/16/07 1:25 p.m.**  
Incident: Fire alarm activation.

Synopsis: Cooking set off fire alarm in Thille Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.

**10/16/07 4:39 p.m.**  
Incident: Fire alarm activation.

Synopsis: False alarm in Dante Hall, referred to Physical Plant.

**10/16/07 5:15 p.m.**  
Incident: Fire alarm activation.

Synopsis: Cooking food activated alarm in Freitas Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.

**10/16/07 6:50 p.m.**  
Incident: Fire alarm activation.

Synopsis: Prohibited items: George Foreman Grill set off alarm in Ageno C, referred to Student Conduct and Physical Plant.

**10/16/07 9:10 p.m.**  
Incident: Graffiti to College property.

Synopsis: Writing on window with a Sharpie marker in Garaventa Hall, suspended.

**10/16/07 11:38 p.m.**  
Incident: Student Handbook violation.

Synopsis: Possession of cocaine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia in Ageno B, referred to Student Conduct.

**10/17/07 5:08 p.m.**  
Incident: Student Handbook violation: unlawful burning of incense.

Synopsis: Destruction of College property and unauthorized use in Justin Hall, referred to Student Conduct.

**10/17/07 6:30 p.m.**  
Incident: Lost property.

Synopsis: Kodak camera lost on campus, suspended.

**10/18/07 1:19 a.m.**  
Incident: Handbook violation: minor in possession of alcohol.

Synopsis: Possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Justin Hall, referred to Student Conduct.

**10/18/07 2:03 a.m.**  
Incident: Medical assist.

Synopsis: Intoxicated student in Aquinas Hall transported to John Muir Hospital, referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center.





# The Collegian NEWS



## Weekly Featured Profile

Lasallian Student Spotlight

### A. J. Garcia '10

by Melissa Vlach  
Chief Copy Editor

For this week's Lasallian Student, music is a main focus of life.

"It's an outlet for me," said Anthony (A.J.) Garcia '10. Because of his love for the subject, he decided to major in music. "I chose music because it is a huge part of my life," he said. His minor is religious studies.

Garcia has a lengthy history with music. "Music is just what I grew up with," he said. He was always around it because father was a drummer. He became involved with church choir in fourth grade, beginning with singing and eventually learning tambourine and drums as years passed. He currently plays guitar, bass and many percussion instruments. He played saxophone for a while, but cannot play it as well as the others. He is also learning to play piano. He is in jazz band at Saint Mary's as he was throughout high school.

Writing music is also a hobby for Garcia. Recently he has been writing a combination of jazz and rock. "It's like a mix between...Maroon 5 and Los Lonely Boys," he said. He uses songwriting as a way to let his emotions out. "[When I was younger] I used to say, 'Man, if I was a better guitarist, I could play what I feel,'" he said.

Garcia was not initially sure that he wanted to major in music. He worried about how he would pay the bills and support a family. As a result, he did not take any performance classes during his first semester at Saint Mary's. The absence made him realize how strong his passion for music is. "I missed it," he said.

He now has a tentative plan for after college. He says he will probably teach, but he wants to continue performing as well. He and the friend who taught him to play guitar have discussed possible future plans. "We've talked about opening up a studio where kids could come to learn and play music," said Garcia. He said that between the two of them, they know how to play quite a few instruments.

Garcia was chosen for faith in the presence of God and inclusive community. He displays his faith by playing guitar and percussion with the church choir for both English and Spanish Masses. He has also participated in some of the service projects put on by the Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action (CILSA).

His faith is also clear when he talks about his future. Despite his original uncertainties about a major in music, he feels confident in his choice. "I don't really know what I'm going to do with it, but I know it's going to go somewhere...it's going to be right for me," he said.

## Students join strides against breast cancer

Recreational Sports sent students to Golden Gate Park

by Stef Ordoeza  
Staff Writer

Recreational Sports participated in this year's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk last Saturday, October 20.

In cooperation with the Residence Hall Association (RHA), Saint Mary's Recreational Sports provided a 56-passenger charter bus to transport students to Golden Gate Park in San Francisco to join thousands of other participants who hope to build awareness and raise funds to fight against breast cancer.

"It's one of the best events we offer our students because it gives them the chance to get outdoors, get involved and get educated about breast cancer," said Kory Hayden, director of Intramural Sports.

According to Kate Bowers, the assistant director of residential programming and the adviser of RHA who is in charge of this year's signups, 36 students reserved a spot on the bus to San Francisco at the time of the interview. "We are almost at our capacity and are hoping to get more people interested in going," said Bowers. "The fact that Recreational Sports is providing a bus this year helps us get more of the community out there for a good cause."

Recreational Sports, whose purpose is to offer Saint Mary's

students the opportunity to attend off-campus events, visit various locations in Northern California and compete in intramural leagues, has promoted the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event as a way for students to "Walk for a Cure!" for the past three years.

Amanda Powell '08, whose sister was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago, is one of Saint Mary's College's most avid participants. A resident advisor (RA) on campus and a Recreational Sports student leader, Powell plans to participate in Making Strides for her third straight year. "I walk to support my sister and all those affected by the disease," Powell said. "Every year, the event is awesome. It's a nice atmosphere filled with survivors and others who want to support them. The best part is everyone is there for the same purpose."

Corin Daly '10, who will be leading the Saint Mary's community at this year's Making Strides walk, has also been affected by breast cancer through a family member and a family friend. "For me, leading the walk is not important. It's more about all of us being together," said Daly. "Going to the walk and taking time out of my life to be there for other people is a way for me to help others and show that I care."

Making Strides, which began in

1993, has had more than 3.5 million walkers and has raised and allocated over \$230 million towards groundbreaking research, education, advocacy, and patient service programs.

Breast cancer, which occurs mostly in women, remains the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2007 alone, about 40,460 women will die from breast cancer in just the United States. Moreover, the chance that breast cancer will be responsible for a woman's death is about one in 35.

However, progress has occurred over time. Since about 1990, death rates from breast cancer have been declining, with more obvious declining death rates in women under the age of 50. These decreases are believed to be the result of earlier detection through screening, increased awareness, and improved treatment, which the American Cancer Society has been able to provide more consistently to the public due to fundraising events such as Making Strides.

"Efforts like this at the university level are a great support to the students," said Justin Clark, the Special Events Coordinator for the American Cancer Society. "It is small actions like this that help elicit long-term commitment to causes, such as the fight against breast cancer."

## Cultural Corner: Ethiopia

### Languages:

- 82 live languages spoken in Ethiopia
- 3 extinct languages
- 1 deaf sign language

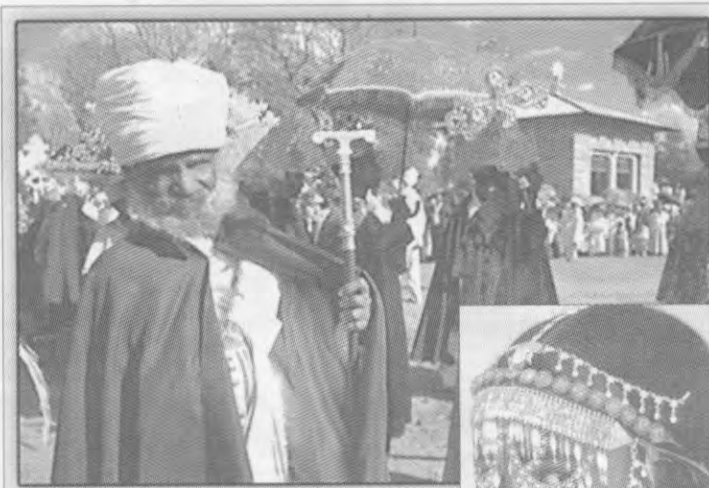
The three languages with the largest number of mother tongue speakers are Oromo in Eastern Ethiopia (4,526,000), Oromo in West Central Ethiopia (8,920,000), and Amharic (17,372,913). Languages fall under four main groups: Semitic, Cushitic, Omotic, and Nilo-Saharan.

### Historical facts:

- Ethiopia is the oldest independent country in Africa.
- Mentioned by Greek historian Herodotus in fifth century B.C.
- Legend says King Menelik I, son of King Solomon and Queen of Sheba, founded Ethiopia.
- Christianity first introduced in fourth century A.D. by Egyptian and Syrian missionaries.
- Islam became a more prevalent religion in seventh century A.D.
- Ethiopia came into contact with the western world when the Portuguese visited in 1493.

### Miscellaneous:

- Ethiopia's main export is coffee.



A man celebrates the Ark of the Covenant festival (above). According to the Old Testament, King Menelik I brought the Ark to Ethiopia from Israel.

A girl wears traditional head jewelry (left).



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Its economy relies heavily on agriculture.

• The next Ethiopian holiday is on December 28, Kullubi-the feast of Saint Gabriel.

• Ethiopian Christmas is January 7.

• Common jewelry is silver and gold, often accompanied by amber or glass beads.

• Singing is a large part of their lives; both secular and religious music play large parts in Ethio-

pian, specifically festivals, ceremonies, births, marriages, and deaths.

### More information:

Culture and miscellaneous  
<http://www.selamta.net/>

Culture and history  
<http://ethiopianculture.org/index.html>

News  
<http://www.ethioindex.com/>

## Campus Calendar

### Sabbatical Presentation: Jeanne Foster of Graduate Liberal Studies

Tuesday, October 23  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
De La Salle Hall, Hagerty Lounge  
Contact Nancy Clark x4111

### Greek Thought Lecture

Tuesday, October 23  
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Soda Center, Moraga Room  
Contact Barry Horwitz

### Chocolate covered strawberries sale

Wednesday, October 24  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Library Quad  
Contact Elia Morena x8545

### Food Demonstration with Professor Denis Kelly

Wednesday, October 23  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Soda Center, Lafayette Room  
Contact Patty Bishop

### Women in Globalization

Thursday, October 25  
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
De La Salle Hall, Hagerty Lounge  
Contact Diane Bianchi x4706

### Halloween Party -4- Kids

Friday, October 26  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
De La Salle Hall, Hagerty Lounge; Dante  
Contact Kory Hayden x4949

### Humor in the Workplace

Friday, October 26; Saturday, October 27  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.; 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Galileo 112  
Contact Grete Stenersen

### Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 27  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Ferroggiaro Quad  
Contact Megan Havlice x4707

### Student Dances

Saturday, October 27  
10:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.  
Soda Center, Moraga Room  
Contact Dan Rott x8167

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Sorry, but due to space limitations we cannot list individual club meetings.





## ATTRITION: Students leaving with no common link

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something that can be done by the administration and staff to retain students. Everything from SAT scores, student loan amounts, and academic and disciplinary standing, to dorm placement and ethnicity were examined to determine if there is a standard profile for students more likely to leave the College. Unfortunately, no common thread was found and so the focus turns to improving the general first year experience.

First year student Einar Cerda '11 was not too surprised that freshman would leave the College, but also affirms Saint Mary's appeal. She said, "The education is really good...you really can't find this kind of education anywhere else." The College, with its unique courses and programs such as Seminar and Integral and its lovely setting, has a certain lure among prospective students. Once students arrive, though, Saint Mary's apparently needs to find a way to keep them interested and happy.

Anyone wishing to read the Attrition rate report should go to the link provided by campus news or contact the Department of Institutional research.

## FORUMS: Lack of advertising left general student population uninformed, uninvolved in provost search

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"The students are the essence of any college or university and the provost is so essential to the running and success of the College that there should be a more direct relationship and knowledge between the two," he said.

Junior Class President Sergio Trejo '09 agreed with McNeill. "I think a lot of people do care, especially since it is going to affect us directly. I've talked to a lot of students, and a lot of us only know the current provost as an e-mail address," he said. "I think one of the main goals should be to change that."

Many Saint Mary's students do not know who the provost is or how the position affects them. "Students are not very aware of what the provost does and I think it is important for them to know," said Coloma. "I think more student involvement could have been achieved through more education about the position."

Mallory Campeau '08 said that even though this is her fourth year at Saint Mary's, she has never learned about the provost or had

any contact with the position. "I've heard of the provost, but I've never really heard much about the job or what it entails," she said.

Dexter Cheng '09 did not know anything about the role of the provost either. He also did not know about the opportunity to interview the candidates in the open forums. "Yeah, sure I definitely would have gone if I had known about it," he said.

Another student who would have gone to the open forums if she had known is Morenike Oshi-Ojuri '08. "I never even heard about it, maybe that's the problem because I would have been involved if I had known," she said. "When it comes to things like that, they need to announce it in each class, even if they have to do it personally."

Most students interviewed said that they usually do not read the campus bulletins. "I hardly ever read those," said Rebecca Almanza '08. "The campus bulletin always has the same title so I just assume that it is the same bor-

ing material since it is the same title."

Oshi-Ojuri hardly ever reads the campus bulletin either. "I get emails from tons of people: students, teachers, work, and friends, so when it says 'campus bulletin' I'm not really going to read it. I don't have time," she said.

Cheng also admitted to never reading the campus bulletin. He said, "They should put a bold message on SMCNet when you log in or something to tell students about activities."

Some students saw the lack of publicity as indicative of how much the school values student opinion. "It shows how they value the student's opinion and feedback since I didn't even know about it," said Oshi-Ojuri. She asserted that if they really wanted students there, they would have advertised better.

Trejo also had suggestions to increase student involvement. He said that organizers should "make it part of Community Time. I think that would have made it more inclusive for all students,

especially since it is something that directly affects all of us."

McNeill and Coloma also said that student involvement in the process was thwarted by not having students on the search committee. McNeill suggested "better communication and putting students on the search committee" to encourage more student participation. Coloma said there was "no student representative in the search committee and I was kind of disappointed about that."

President Brother Ronald Gallagher and Search Committee Chair Carole Swain both explained in previous interviews that students were not included in the search committee because of the nature of the provost position. Swain described the provost as the one who "Oversees faculty and staff" and is the "chief academic officer." Because of the position's intimate interaction with faculty and limited exposure to students, Swain and Gallagher decided to create a search committee made up of all faculty and no students.

## News briefs

### Fire threatens Pepperdine University

As of our deadline on Sunday, October 21, a wildfire was approaching the campus of Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. Faculty and staff were urged to evacuate while students

were instructed to gather their belongings and report to the cafeteria and basketball arena to await further instruction in the case of evacuation. Though power was out on campus, the evacuation

areas were supplied with generators. The fire threatening Pepperdine is one of at least eight blazes in Southern California fueled by hot weather and the strong Santa Anna winds. Because of the

strong winds, the fire was zero percent contained and the mayor of Malibu said, "We're at the mercy of the wind." The campus was deemed safe Sunday afternoon and power was restored.



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**Drinking Trends**



Seventy-three percent of violations are committed by freshmen

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**by Zack Farmer**  
Managing Editor

Fire trucks driving down Saint Mary's Parkway and around De la Salle Drive is not an unfamiliar sight for Saint Mary's students. They are seen at freshmen dorms as well.

"It's very rare that alcohol brings us to an event," said Scott Kier, associate dean for residence and community life. "[Freshmen] tend to do more heavy drinking in their room than seeking it."

Because of this heavy drinking, freshmen tend to have more disciplinary citations. In fact, 73 percent of the violations collected by the Office of Residence Life (ORL) are for freshmen.

Assistant Director of the ORL Jim Sciuto, an alumnus of the College, believes the culture has

not changed much since he was a student. Although, "Students are at [a] greater risk for harsher experimentation," Sciuto said. "I think as you get older, you start to know your boundaries and know what's enjoyable."

"You learn from your mistakes, from one bad evening or day," said Sciuto.

These "bad evenings" can lead to a Category 3 violation. The Category 3 violation, according to the 2007-2008 Student Handbook, states, "Regardless of age, student exhibits any of the following behaviors: vomiting and/or incoherent, unconscious, needed or received medical attention (including treatment by EMTs and/or transport to hospital, and/or including treatment at College sponsored events), loss of control of bodily functions,

memory loss, a pattern of alcohol abuse, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol."

The College events include Campus Activities Board's Gaelstock and Oasis.

According to Sciuto, there were 50 Category 3s in the 2006-2007 academic year. Eighteen of the 50 were freshmen and, of the 50, 32 were first time offenders. This means that the students had not received a citation before the Category 3 incident. Kier said, "It's very rare that the first time a freshman touches alcohol is in college."

As of October 17, there had been 13 medical assistances called in for students; eight of the calls came on the night of Oasis. Five of the calls this semester were for freshmen, four were juniors, three

were sophomores, and only one was a senior. Kier said, "Your outlook on life is different as a senior than a freshman."

"When you're a freshmen, its 'I can't do it so I have to do it,'" said Kier. Although Kier said, "[Drinking] gets old after a while, too."

Kier said that one of the biggest differences between the drinking habits of freshmen and seniors is that freshmen drink to get "trashed" and seniors tend to drink more socially.

According to a study done by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University in 2005, 67.9 percent of college students reported drinking within the past month. In this same study, 57 percent of college students believed their social atmosphere promoted alco-

hol use. Of the 141 schools surveyed, 75 of the schools had populations between 1,000 and 5,000 students and 62 percent of the students surveyed said they attended a private college, unde both of which Saint Mary's falls.

Saint Mary's reported nine medical assistances for the entire fall semester of 2006. The total for last school year was 33 medical assistances, and 13 of these were at Gaelstock.

Sciuto states that the largest concern for the ORL "First and foremost is the safety of the community" and "Ensuring there are no disruptions to the community."

Both Kier and Sciuto believe that noise is usually what brings a resident adviser to a party and possibly to the discovery of alcohol use. "It's very rare that alcohol brings us to an event," said Kier. "The upperclassmen know how to control a party." He also said the freshmen are disorganized when it comes to controlling a party. This could be because, according to Kier, "Freshmen aren't throwing the parties."

Despite these numbers, Kier says that the drinking violations have gone down in the six years he has been at Saint Mary's. This trend could also be because students are moving off campus to gain more independence. "As they get older, they tend to move off campus," said Kier.

This school year has seen a decrease in vacancies in the townhouses, both lower and upper, but the number of vacancies in the canyon area, which consists of Becket, More, Claeys North, Claeys South, Michael Ageno, Marjorie David Ageno and Ferdinand & Camille Ageno Halls, has more than doubled. Last school year, there were 27 vacancies as of October 6 as opposed to this year where there are 56 vacancies. The class of 2010 also had 32 vacancies last year in the central campus dorms. There are only 16 vacancies this year.

Whether the drinking policy coincides with students moving off campus is unknown at this time but with programs like the required AlcoholEdu and others, the College hopes to make the on campus living experience as safe as possible.

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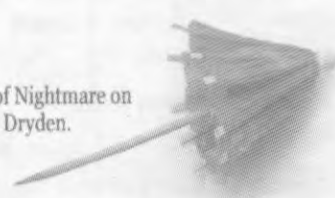
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## Nobel politics replace 'peace' with 'green'

The Nobel Peace Prize has become a political issue with Al Gore's win.

On October 12, former Vice President Al Gore won a Nobel Peace Prize with the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for creating an awareness of global warming. Examples of his work include his Academy Award winning movie *An Inconvenient Truth*, as well as various speeches.

However, according to the U.K. Press Association and Fox News, a high court judge in London has found nine scientific errors in *An Inconvenient Truth*. Gore has promoted false information and still receives a Nobel Peace Prize for it. In addition, the Nashville Electric Service said that in 2006 Gore used about 221,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity while the average household used 10,656 kilowatt-hours. So why can't Gore reduce his own emissions? Does he think he's superior to everyone and has a right to use more energy? He's a fraud because his actions are the complete opposite of what he is asking us to do. If he wants people to take him seriously, he should practice what he preaches.

What does promoting awareness of global warming have to do with peace? Past winners of the Nobel Peace Prize have included Mother Teresa (1979), Martin Luther King (1964), and Nelson Mandela (1993). Al Gore cannot be compared to these great visionaries. He has done nothing to promote "peace" the way these leaders have. The standards of what counts as a Nobel Peace Prize are changing. Martin Luther King fought for rights for African Americans, Nelson Mandela fought for the termination of apartheid in South Africa, and Mother Teresa was a missionary leader. An environmental issue is not in the same category as these, and the Peace Prize should be reserved for furthering peace in our world.

The will of Alfred Nobel says that the Nobel Peace Prize will be awarded to "the person who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses." Environmental issues are important for us to be aware of and to take part in, yet this issue does not fit into Alfred Nobel's will. Dennis Miller, a radio talk show host, said "It's a we-hate-George-W.-Bush-vote."

Although it is important to promote global awareness of environmental issues, awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to Gore diminishes what the prize stands for.

## Che Guevara: once a revolutionary, now just a T-shirt fad

### Anniversary of revolutionary's death remembered this week

by DJ Bowen III  
Staff Writer

As we approach the 50th anniversary of Che Guevara's death, the question becomes: how?

How did this indomitable legend whose life only lasted 38 years become a cultural icon for our generation? Is he just a Hispanic Malcolm or possibly a minority Vladimir Lenin? If he is popular because he is a minority radical, why not choose Fidel Castro, Mao Zedong, or even Nelson Mandela? Where did Guevara's unquantifiable mystique originate? It is my firm belief that the legend of Che Guevara is simply a fad mindlessly followed by masses that are ignorant to the principles Guevara represented.

Guevara is an extremely interesting character to examine. He was an athlete in his younger days but also dabbled in chess, poetry,

photography, archeology, medicine, psychology and literature while growing up in an affluent family in Argentina. It wasn't until a spontaneous cross-country motorcycle journey with a friend that he was enlightened to the impoverishment that existed in the local countryside.

He associated himself with the likes of Fidel Castro (and played a part in the Cuban Revolution), and his wife was Hilda Gadea Acosta, a key member of the American Popular Revolutionary Alliance. He left his footprints in Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador by spreading revolutionary words to the masses that would listen.

I'm all for a Communist revolutionary as much as the next guy. I'd like to consider myself fairly educated on the matters of what Communists, Marxists and Socialists stand for, but I've come to

the conclusion that Guevara's fame and infamy is simply based on the masses following a sexy trend.

Without his famous death, Che Guevara would not be the revolutionary martyr he is today. The death involved him being executed in a worn-down schoolhouse, and Guevara allegedly saying many prolific quotes, the most famous being, "Shoot, coward, you're only going to be killing a man." The weirdest part of the execution was the amputation of Guevara's hands after his death, as if the murderers felt Guevara's lifeless body would resist the fate he had already experienced. This death, the source of most of the legendary beliefs in regards to Guevara, proves that sometimes the leader of a revolution is worth keeping alive.

If all the "followers" of Guevara who sported his face on their shirts, on bumper stickers,

or on coffee mugs knew that this man was responsible for inspiring acts that perpetuated the Cold War, then they would not carry those same beliefs. Without Guevara's assistance, Castro would have struggled to gain power in Cuba and the majority of the debacle regarding the Bay of Pigs and ensuing disarmament could have been avoided. The fear instilled in American schoolchildren who grew up in fear in the '60s because of a possible Soviet nuclear attack was a low point in the history of this nation, and might have been minimized without the rebellious acts of Guevara.

So despite his "fight the power" looks and bravado, Guevara should be regarded for what he really was: the root of a revolution that proved destructive to the United States; and he should be recognized for what he is: a fad followed by the masses.

## Congress investigates Ivy League profits, tuition increases

### Public universities are government's domain, get no attention

by Nora Garcia  
Staff Writer

Private universities are currently under Congressional investigation because of profitable stock portfolios and stingy efforts to combat rising tuition costs.

Lynne Munson, an adjunct fellow at the Center for College Affordability and Productivity in Washington, asked the congressional committee, "Senators, what would your constituents say if gasoline cost \$9.15 a gallon? Or if the price of milk was over \$15? That is how much those items would cost if their price had gone up at the same rate that tuition has since 1980."

Higher education officials weren't allowed to speak at the hearing last month but instead presented their testimony last week, arguing that ample funds are being allocated for public services and that endowments come with limitations and agendas.

It's true that these institutions

have raked in a substantial amount of money during the last fiscal year. Yale earned 28 percent this year, increasing the school's endowment to \$22.5 billion. Harvard, with an endowment of \$34.9 billion, beat the market with a 23 percent return, and Bowdoin received 24.4 percent profit over its endowment.

These figures must be staggering to anyone who knows what hard work it is to find funding for Saint Mary's, but why is Congress so interested in the amount private institutions allocate for financial aid? Why isn't Congress investigating state university financial aid?

First, the government has no right to interfere with private educational institutions. Government has no say in their curricula, the admissions requirements, or the school regulations, so it overstep its bounds by trying to direct how school funds are spent. Secondly, UC and Cal State undergraduates have been arguing for

years that tuition costs rise much too quickly, yet Congress does nothing to help them, despite the fact that the government can and does tell public institutions what to do. As fellow students, we know the only thing harder than paying for tuition is doing it without going into mega debt.

Every summer, fall, and winter many of us are told we are ineligible to register for classes or we will be dropped from classes unless we pay up. Well, it could be worse. At Saint Mary's we have a small business and financial aid department that wants to help and actually does. Other college students who attend over-crowded public schools, however, are not so lucky, and that's where the government *should* step in.

For the government to go after

private wealthy schools and try to regulate how much money they spend on financial aid is to point out a private failing when instead Congress should instead be solving a nationwide problem.

In an age where a college degree is getting to be a necessary part of life, something should be done to make it more financially attainable for everyone, not just for Harvard undergrads. I'm all for getting as much financial aid as possible—after all, I don't want to spend \$100,000 or more a year to send my future offspring to college—but I know that what Congress is proposing to do isn't a solution to the nationwide problem of constantly rising tuition costs.

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**EDITORIAL FEATURE:**

**Turkey lashes out at one of few U.S. allies in Iraq, haunted by Ottoman past**

by Sean Kent  
Staff Writer

For those who question why we study history, they've been getting a firsthand lesson in how the chain of circumstances in World War I are still relevant nearly 100 years later.

Over the past two weeks, the debate in Congress and around the country has reached a fever pitch over a proposed non-binding resolution that would acknowledge the massacre of somewhere between one and a half to two million Armenians under the flag of the Ottoman Empire.

To complicate matters even further, Turkey, the modern-day heir of the Ottoman Empire, has vehemently stated that if the resolution is passed, they will seriously consider ending their cooperation with the United States military.

At first glance this might seem like an empty threat, but considering that our troops in Iraq receive nearly 70 percent of their air cargo

through Turkey and that Turkey is home to airbases crucial to our presence in the Middle East, this resolution could have long-term consequences with the United States' Middle-Eastern actions.

Turkey's warning in turn prompted members of our government, including the President, to plead that the resolution be dropped. And as the motion now sits in limbo, even its most prominent backer, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, is unsure it will ever come to a vote, as Congressmen from both sides are now revoking their support.

Happening very nearly simultaneously, the United States also proceeded with honoring the Dalai Lama in the face of threats from China. In a statement the day after the ceremony, Foreign Minister Liu Jianchao stated,

"The move of the United States is a blatant interference with China's internal affairs which has severely hurt the feelings of the Chinese people and gravely undermined the relations between China and United States."

It's interesting how in this instance our politicians had the courage to continue hosting a ceremony, yet they were unable to take a moral stand when it came to the murder of millions of in-

nocent people. be argued by anybody except the Turks is that what happened to the Armenians between 1915 and 1923 was, in fact, genocide.

In the twilight of the Ottoman Empire's 600 year reign, the Central Committee of the Young Turk Party executed the slaughter of millions. Veiled within the chaotic violence of World War I, attacks on the Armenian Christian minority began in a series of calculated steps.

battalions, Kurds and Turks were allowed to partake in the slaughter of the Armenians along the way. Indirect routes through tough terrain away from Turkish villages were chosen and meager food supplies provided to lengthen the suffering.

While it was natural for all the Ottoman's enemies (Great Britain, France, Russia, and especially the United States) to detest the massacres, even Germany and Austria-Hungary, the Turks' allies, at one time spoke out against the slaughter. On the eve of the next World War, one of the strangest and most compelling parts of the genocide's history was summed up in a statement Adolf Hitler made to the leaders of his killing squads. As he was encouraging them to mercilessly kill Jews he reminded them, "after all, who today remembers the extermination of the Armenians?"

With that in mind, there's no doubt this tragedy fits into the category of genocide. At the same time,

while its victims should be remembered, the question that comes to mind is: why does a piece of legislation need to be passed here?

While the United States was a participant in relief efforts following the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, why does there need to be an official declaration of genocide by this country nearly a century later? We were neither a perpetrator nor the victim, so why are we involved? Why does there need to be an official piece of legislation anyway?

Even if legislation was passed, the opinions of each individual person are what truly matter and with the increased awareness brought about by this controversy, that's a victory in itself.



This father is one of many Kurdish rebels who are being targeted by Turkey's invasion into Iraq.

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nocent people.

As if things weren't diluted enough, the Turkish Parliament this past week also decided to send its forces to battle Kurdish rebels that have been launching attacks against Turkey from northern Iraq.

This is the worst possible situation for the United States considering that the Kurds are one of the few groups in Iraq that, in general, cooperate with our troops. Now Turkey, who viewed us as a tolerable more than a full-fledged ally, seems to be slipping from our grasp of influence. In a situation that grows increasingly hostile by the day, the United States needs all the friends it can get, whether they're part of an official state or a small rebel group.

One of the few things that can't

First, Armenian soldiers in the Imperial Army were disarmed and had their status transformed to members of slave labor units where many were worked to their deaths. Then, on the night of April 24, 1915, over 200 Armenian intellectual leaders were rounded up and arrested in the nation's capitol. Shortly thereafter, most were either hanged or shot.

With the community's leadership now gone, "butcher battalions" of newly-released Turkish prisoners were unleashed on the remaining male population who were usually shot, bayoneted or hanged to death outside their towns.

In the last step, women, children, and the elderly were "relocated" to the southeast on death marches in which the butcher



SCOTT CULLINANE

**Appeasing our enemies only fuels terrorism**

Somehow people still do not understand that appeasing your enemies does not make you safer, it puts you in more danger.

Right now we are fighting a war, and by we I mean the Western world, but it seems like most people in the West cannot even bring themselves to recognize it. How many times has someone used the example of Prime Minister Chamberlain as an example of why appeasement does not work? There could not be a clearer example for Western countries dealing with terrorists today.

In the middle of July, 23 Christians from South Korea were captured and taken hostage by the remnants of the Taliban in Afghanistan. Two of them were brutally executed. The remaining 21 were recently released after the South Korean government paid \$10 million in ransom for their release. Twenty-one lives were saved by this, but countless more are now in real jeopardy.

The Taliban, desperate and worn down, has been steeled by this victory. A Taliban fighter, Mullah Hezbollah, described the appeasement money as a "God sent opportunity." He said "It has helped us to multiply our stockpile of weapons and explosives to wage battle for at least a year." Reports say that the millions from South Korea have gone not only to weapons and training for the Taliban in Afghanistan, but also to prepare for attacks in the United Kingdom and the United States. The Taliban is sure to repeat this tactic.

The historical precedent for this is the 2004 Madrid bombings. Al-Qaeda set off bombs in Madrid just before that country's election. Those bombs swayed public opinion and brought down the pro-U.S. Government of Spain and replaced it with a socialist one that withdrew Spanish troops from Iraq. Now Al-Qaeda is trying the same thing with Poland. Ahead of an upcoming election in Poland Al-Qaeda in Iraq has been targeting Polish troops and even came very close to killing the Polish ambassador to Iraq.

We must learn that evil cannot be appeased. By continuing to play nice with the terrorists and trying to negotiate with them we only harm ourselves. It shows them how weak we are and makes them think that, maybe, they have a chance to win. The terrorists are not totally incompetent; when they see that a tactic works for them they repeat it. Paying for the release of hostages and voting in response to attacks gives power to the terrorists.

Hopefully we learn that we cannot do this before too many more people have to die.



Peter Hunter/ COLLEGIAN







# Classical concert draws large crowd

## Swiss father, son, Saint Mary's professor captivate Chapel

by Zack Farmer  
Managing Editor

Jan Dobrzewski, Jean-Christophe Dobrzewski, and Professor Lino Rivera put on an impressive performance in front of a near-capacity crowd in the Chapel. The father-and-son combination and Saint Mary's College's own master pianist, having only met last Sunday, displayed the great cohesiveness expected from professionals.

The concert consisted of a five-piece repertoire with one intermission. The first piece of the night was Antonio Vivaldi's "Concerto in B-flat major for Oboe, Violin, Strings, and Cembalo." All three performers took the stage for the opening song but because none of the performers were oboe players, Jean-Christophe played the oboe part with his piccolo trumpet.

The second movement of Vivaldi was very somber and moving. Jean-Christophe played about as mellow of a trumpet as is humanly possible.

Jean-Christophe has performed over 500 times in orchestras, brass quintets, and other ensembles. He has also won multiple competitions, including the Selmer Competition in Paris (1999) and the

Concerto Competition at the University of Maine (2001). He is currently a lecturer of trumpet at West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

The second piece was played by Rivera on piano and Jan on violin. Ludwig van Beethoven's

scherzo in the third movement was a jolt of excitement that woke the crowd back up.

Rivera first won a piano competition at the age of eight in his native Philippines. He has been a professor at Saint Mary's for a number of years. He will be on a

played a C trumpet with a straight mute for the first half of the piece.

The piece was very fast-paced and reminded me of the theme from the recent remake of *Catch Me if You Can*.

Laurent Mettraux's "Sililoque," a violin solo, was the next piece.

This song is unique, performed from behind the audience. Its discordant tune and stop-and-go pace is meant to induce wandering dreams. At times it felt like the score of a horror film.

Jan has won many international competitions and has toured throughout the United States, Asia, and Europe. In total, he has performed more than 1,500 concerts in 35 countries.

The final piece of the night was a duet by Jan and Jean-Christophe from Philippe Gaubert called "Cantabile et Scherzetto." The first movement was very much lounge music and almost jazzy. The last movement was incredibly fast and

the trumpet was hitting notes faster and cleaner than you could blink.

The concert was very enjoyable and the performers were incredible. If you ever get a chance to see any one of these performers, do not pass up the opportunity.



Father and son Jan and Jean-Christophe Dobrzewski enthralled the Chapel crowd.

"Sonata for Piano and Violin in C minor, Opus 30, No. 2" is broken up into four movements. The second movement was extremely long and drawn out. I began to fall asleep listening to the adagio cantabile movement. However, the third movement quickly grabbed my attention. The

solo tour this coming spring in Florida and Georgia.

After the intermission, the Dobrzewskis played a piece composed by Saint Mary's Professor Martin Rokeach called "Fast Lane." The piece was written specifically for Jan and Jean-Christophe. Jean-Christophe



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**30 Days of Night**  
Horror/Thriller  
113 minutes  
Rated R (for strong horror violence and language)

by Jordan Greif  
Staff Writer

Have you been aching for another generic, uninspired vampire flick?

You'll get it in *30 Days of Night*, the new film from Director David Slade, a movie that struggles to give much needed gravity and emotion to the horror genre but falls short amid a blizzard of clichés and hollow performances.

One thing's for sure; *30 Days* utilizes a clever arena for the vampires to run amok. The story is set in Alaska's northernmost town just as the hardy citizens are preparing for the last sunset before their annual month of darkness.

Unfortunately, it seems as though the movie's writers lost their creative steam after ironing out the nifty locale. As a result, the movie languishes in mediocrity as there is little substance to match the flashy concept.

Josh Hartnett (*Sin City*, *Pearl*

# Vampire thriller lacks thrills

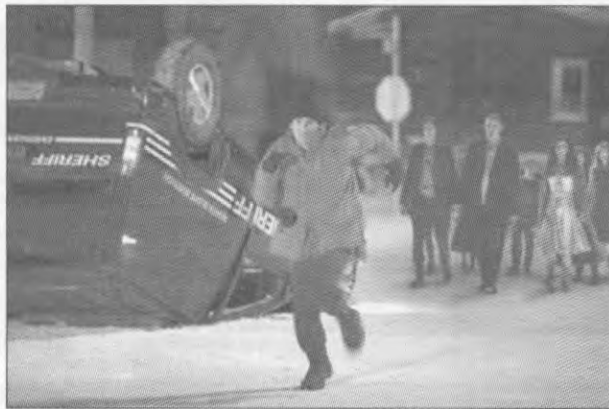
## 30 Days of Night unoriginal, unnecessary

*Harbor*) is wooden and distant in the role of the melancholy local Sheriff Eben Oleson. The plot picks up as the Sheriff is flooded with reports about a bizarre string of vandalisms just as an ominous Stranger, played by Ben Foster, wanders into town. The Sheriff's ex, Stella Oleson (Melissa George), misses her last flight out of town and is forced to tough out the darkness with her ex.

Granted, vampire flicks are hardly the best vehicles for an onscreen romance, but this film's love story is obligatory and hollow. It is difficult to blame George, as her character isn't given one line that doesn't reek of tired formula. The few details that are given about the couple's past are superfluous and paper-thin.

Foster, on the other hand, manages to portray the Stranger with conviction and steals the show in his brief screen time. Foaming at the mouth and spewing surprisingly authentic frontier gibberish, Foster captures the sense of impending doom perfectly. It is too bad the rest of the film pales in comparison.

In sequences painfully familiar to fans of the genre, the weak, isolated and sexually amoral among the townspeople are picked off one by one by the menacing monsters. The only problem is that once the vampires finally make their appearance on screen, they really aren't all that menacing. In an apparent cost-saving move, the



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vampires from this film have an identical wardrobe, facial tattoos, and fictional language to the bloodsuckers from the *Blade* series. The nasty vamps even use their superhuman strength, speed, fangs and claws (yawn) to thin the herd of townfolk until the final survivors stage a last-ditch effort to save their lives.

The action sequences are littered with seen-it-before blood

and gore. A rare highlight is a sequence where one villager shows creative gusto, using his construction vehicle to kill off the menacing hordes; this makes for a couple nice "oohs" and "ahhs."

Everything else, however, is bogged down by a lack of creative spark and a particularly overbearing Mickey Mouse score. What made this particularly frustrating was that Slade was capable of scoring big; he showed this in one brilliant sustained bird's-eye shot of the vampires massacring the populace. This brief snippet stood head and shoulders above the rest of the bloodbath, making me long for another break from the stale pattern.

The best points of the film were the ill-fated attempts to bring depth and meaning to the roles of the vampires. The unintentional comedic value of the vampire king and queen trying to rationalize their reign of terror on the townspeople was off the charts. Yet this movie missed the mark in just about every other sense. I'd advise skipping this one, or, if you're simply dying to see vampires in Alaska, waiting for the DVD.

# Asqew Grill healthy, delicious grub

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by Linda Hua  
Editor-in-Chief

Having been voted "#1 healthy" by Citysearch for the past three years does little to express the sin-free yet orgasmic experience of a quick lunch at Asqew Grill.

Now, I am certainly no health freak, nor do I particularly like healthy foods—my body mass index will definitely attest to this. However, my perspective may have changed since my recent visit to the Haight & Ashbury joint of this tiny chain.

I have always been disgusted at the fattiness of restaurant baby back ribs, especially at places known for the ribs, like Chili's, Tony Roma's or Applebee's. Thus, aside from the place looking very homey and smelling very good, I had rather low expectations for the quality of Asqew's ribs, considering it is a low-key, stand-in-line-and-order-then-seat-yourself kind of place. However, when my boyfriend's "regular order" of ribs over garlic mashed potatoes with Asian coleslaw showed up, I was made to try a rib, and it was spectacular. It was one of the leanest, juiciest ribs I have ever had.

For myself, I took a half-order of the cilantro lime chicken; they recommended cilantro jasmine rice as a "starch," but I went with citrus cous cous instead. It was light yet tasty with an amazing sauce.

All the main entrées at Asqew are grilled and, aside from the ribs and grilled chicken, everything is served on skewers. A full order consists of two skewers over a "starch" or salad, and a half-order is the same, except with just one skewer. The "starches" consist of the aforementioned citrus cous cous, cilantro jasmine rice, marscapone polenta, and garlic mashed potatoes. There are various salads, such as Caesar, southwestern, spicy Thai, and more. All the starches and salads may be ordered à la carte as well. Varieties of entrées come in several categories: chicken, meat, seafood, and vegetarian.

Starters like zucchini sticks, stuffed peppers, and corn on the cob are available. For those in love with artichokes, the artichoke halves—grilled, of course—also looked delicious.

For "treats," Asqew provides an array of options. Some highlights: The "Asqew grilled banana split" ("grilled banana with hot chocolate, caramel & almonds atop ice cream"), grilled caramel apple sundae ("grilled apple rings, caramel & almonds atop ice cream"), and the "ginormous brownie" (and it is ginormous).

Asqew has five locations in San Francisco, one in San Jose, and one in Emeryville, on Bay Street.

Food: Service: Price: \$





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**SPORTS**

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

**Megan York**  
Volleyball



Courtesy of smcgaels.com

Freshman Megan York posted an outstanding game against Pepperdine on Saturday, collecting a career-high 28 kills in the 3-2 win. She also totaled 20 kills against Loyola Marymount on Thursday.

**Scott Eberhardt**  
Men's Soccer



Courtesy of smcgaels.com

Freshman Scott Eberhardt punched in his first collegiate goa against Loyola Marymount on the road for the 1-0 win on Sunday.

**ATHLETIC SCHEDULE**

- Thursday, Oct. 25  
Volleyball @ Portland
- Men's Golf @  
Del Walker Intercollegiate  
Thursday-Friday
- Friday, Oct. 26  
Women's Soccer @  
Loyola Marymount
- Men's Soccer @ San Francisco  
7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 27  
Cross Country @  
WCC Championships  
Belmont, CA  
10 a.m.
- Volleyball @ Gonzaga
- Women's Crew @  
Head of the American
- Sunday, Oct. 28  
Women's Soccer @ Pepperdine
- Men's Soccer v. San Francisco  
2 p.m.

**Gaels drop two to Pacific Northwest**  
*Saint Mary's remains winless in conference play*

by DJ Bowen III  
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's women's soccer team began the weekend with a winning overall record, but ended it with a losing overall record and at the bottom of the West Coast Conference totem pole by getting shut out in two league matches at home to Portland on Friday and Gonzaga on Sunday.

The first match of the weekend pitted the Gaels against #7 Portland. The Pilots showed extreme discipline and teamwork by controlling the ball for nearly the entire game, exhibited by limiting the home team to zero shots on goal.

All the frustration of not being able to muster any offensive attacks culminated in defensive leader Jessica Menzhuber '09 losing her cool and getting awarded a yellow card in the 79th minute. Despite all this negative energy against Saint Mary's, they continued to hold off highly-ranked Portland until Stephanie Lopez perfectly placed a free kick to the left of a Gael wall of defenders and into the net to determine the final margin in the 83rd minute.

The lone bright spot from Friday's match was the resilient defensive front put up by the Gaels who constantly resisted relentless Portland attacks. Goalkeeper Tara Larson '10 was proud of her unit's effort after the game,



Peter Hunter/COLLEGIAN

Junior Jessica Menzhuber (16) runs down the ball as Gonzaga's Jamie Blanche is in pursuit.

after amassing seven saves for the match, by saying, "It's a joint effort... We're a special group."

As if being shutout by a key division rival wasn't hard enough on this Gaels squad, an injury to midfielder Mika Matsui '09 took the wind out of the Gaels' attack in the middle of the second half and the Gaels never recovered in their 2-0 loss to Gonzaga on Sunday afternoon.

Both of the Bulldogs' goals were scored off deflections from

Larsen's initial saves. Ashley Riley followed up Jamie Blanche's shot in the seventh minute of the match to get Gonzaga out to an early lead. The play did not happen exceptionally fast and it definitely was not flawless, but all the Gael defenders seemed to be watching the play as Larsen gave her body to Blanche's shot and let Riley punch it in net with ease.

The second goal was also from a close-range rebound shot, but

Blanche finished this one. The first shot came from Sheridan Jones as Blanche put it in the net in the 70th minute.

At the end of the weekend, the Gaels sit alone in last place (0-3-0 in WCC play) in one of the most elite women's soccer conferences in the nation. The schedule does not get any easier for the Gaels as their final four league games include three on the road, two against nationally-ranked opponents.

**TRANSACTIONS AND STANDINGS**

**Men's Basketball**

Head coach Randy Bennett signs a contract extension through the 2012-2013 season.

**Men's Soccer**

Team	WCC	PTS	Overall
SCU(3)	4-0-2	14	9-1-4
GON(27)	3-1-2	11	8-3-2
USD	3-1-0	9	6-6-0
POR	2-1-3	9	5-4-4
SMC	1-3-1	4	5-5-1
USF	1-3-0	3	5-6-0
LMU	0-5-0	0	2-9-1

Saint Mary's	0
San Diego	2
Saint Mary's	1
Loyola Marymount	0

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7. Dayton
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**Women's Soccer**

Team	WCC	PTS	Overall
POR(7)	3-0-0	9	11-3-0
USD(18)	2-0-1	7	11-1-3
SCU(11)	2-1-0	6	10-3-3
USF	2-1-0	6	2-8-3
LMU	1-2-0	3	9-5-1
GON	1-2-0	3	9-5-1
PEP	0-2-1	1	3-6-6
SMC	0-3-0	0	6-7-2

Portland (7)	1
Saint Mary's	0
Gonzaga	2
Saint Mary's	0

**Volleyball**

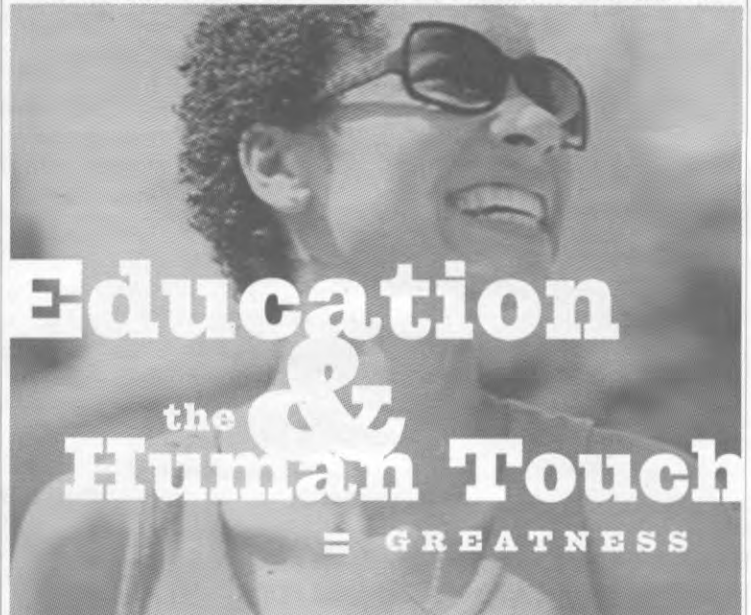
Team	WCC	PCT	Overall
USD(16)	6-1	.857	16-5
SCU	6-1	.857	14-9
PEP	4-3	.571	12-7
GON	3-4	.429	15-8
USF	3-4	.429	14-9
SMC	3-4	.429	11-8
LMU	3-4	.429	11-9
POR	0-7	.000	7-14

LMU.....(3)	30	31	31
SMC.....(0)	18	29	29
PEP.....(2)	23	30	30
SMC.....(3)	30	23	24

**Random SMC Sports Fact of the Week**

The record for most shutouts in a single men's soccer season is six. Brian Mason in 2005 and Chris Beatty in 1997 both accomplished the feat.

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# The Collegian SPORTS

## Season Preview

### Women's basketball gears up for season

Women look to improve in fourth place finish

by Leslie Ajari  
Staff Writer

Fall is here and it is almost time for the basketball season to get rolling. Many expect a great season from the women's basketball team this year. With new offices and locker rooms, a new and improved McKeon Pavilion, not to mention the new talent and returning players, it is bound to be one of the most exciting seasons in the history of Saint Mary's women's basketball.

Team captain Lauren Shaughnessy '08 said that this year will be even better than the last one for a number of reasons. Last year the team hired Head Coach Paul Thomas, but now that the transition year is over she expects that the team will step up its game to a new level.

The return of leading scorer Jontelle Smith '09 will also be a key factor for the coming season as well as transfer Jasmine Smith '10, sister of Jontelle from Oregon State.

Also adding to a better season this year is the fact that forward Mikaela Cowles '09 will be returning to the lineup after being injured for most of the season last year. Senior Maija Lahde is also fully expecting a great year. There are three new freshmen on the team, and Lahde is confident that they are a positive addition.

The up and coming freshmen are forward Louella Tomlinson, an exchange student from Australia; forward Leanna Richey from Brentwood; and guard Suzie Davis from Oxnard.

The coaches and the captains are confident that these new players will help in having a successful season. In addition to these rookies, there are nine returning players from last season, which is a great advantage, since most of the players will have already developed team dynamics.

Thomas has a competitive outlook for the new season. He has high hopes for the team and will push them to succeed. He expects the players be competitive in each and every game, and to give it their full effort every time they step onto the court, whether it is in game or in practice. "Of course the aim is to win every game this season, but as long as the ladies give their maximum effort that is all I ask," said Thomas.

He also puts a lot of emphasis on the leadership of the team. His philosophy is that good leadership equals success.

Thomas also emphasizes the idea of teamwork and team community. The emphasis is on team, and not the individual player. He also stresses that the team needs



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Seniors Lauren Shaughnessy (11) and Serena Benavente (not pictured) were named captains of the women's basketball team for the 2007-2008 season.

to stay healthy. Injuries can be a major setback in any sport, and if any of the players are injured it could be a setback in the season.

The Gaels have also acquired a new assistant coach Jesse Clark. A former assistant coach at University of San Francisco for two years, Clark has made a smooth transition into assistant coaching for the Gaels. With his experience at USF, Clark was already familiar with the West Coast Conference (WCC) and many of the players on the women's basketball team. He is looking forward to a phenomenal year. "The program is on the rise and I couldn't be coming into a better situation," said Clark.

The ladies begin the preseason with a game against Loyola University of New Orleans on November 3. The next weekend they are off to a tournament in Texas starting November 9. Over this

weekend they will be playing Prarie View A&M, Howard University, and Baylor University.

Shaughnessy and fellow captain Serena Benavente '08 expect this

to be a physically challenging weekend for the team, but definitely one that they can handle.

It is going to be one impressive basketball season.

### ALVAREZ: Young roster carries Rox

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Rookie of the Year candidate, Troy Tulowitzki; and a somewhat respectable pitching corps led by Jeff Francis.

Consider these statistics: the Rockies were never perennially a great team, usually occupying the bottom half of the NL West standings. They had the bats—so much offense, in fact, that the team led the NL in home runs and set some records in the 1990s.

But where were the strong arms? Simple.

They didn't want to pitch in Colorado, as there would be a huge dent in their statistics that would hinder better contracts down the road.

The Rockies never had a Roger Clemens, Greg Maddux, or even a Brad Radke caliber pitcher pitch for them. The thin air just wasn't going to aid them. However, their development of at least decent pitching went on producing a Rookie of the Year in the process (Jason Jennings).

Another factor is their youth: outside of Helton, most of the regulars are under the age of 30, showing that this team still has their best days ahead of them.

This was all due to the fact that, like any good baseball team, they drafted smart, traded away high-salaried players in decline or let them go as free agents, and let the youngsters develop for the next generation of the team. This is a process unique to baseball, except in the case of the New York Yankees, but even they had to develop their own farm system due to recent playoff woes and injuries, but that's another story.

Now, what does this mean for the Rockies? It means teams won't take them as lightly anymore. The team is going to have huge expectations in 2008, whether they win the World Series or not. But for them, the NL pennant on Blake Street is just as great as winning a World Series.

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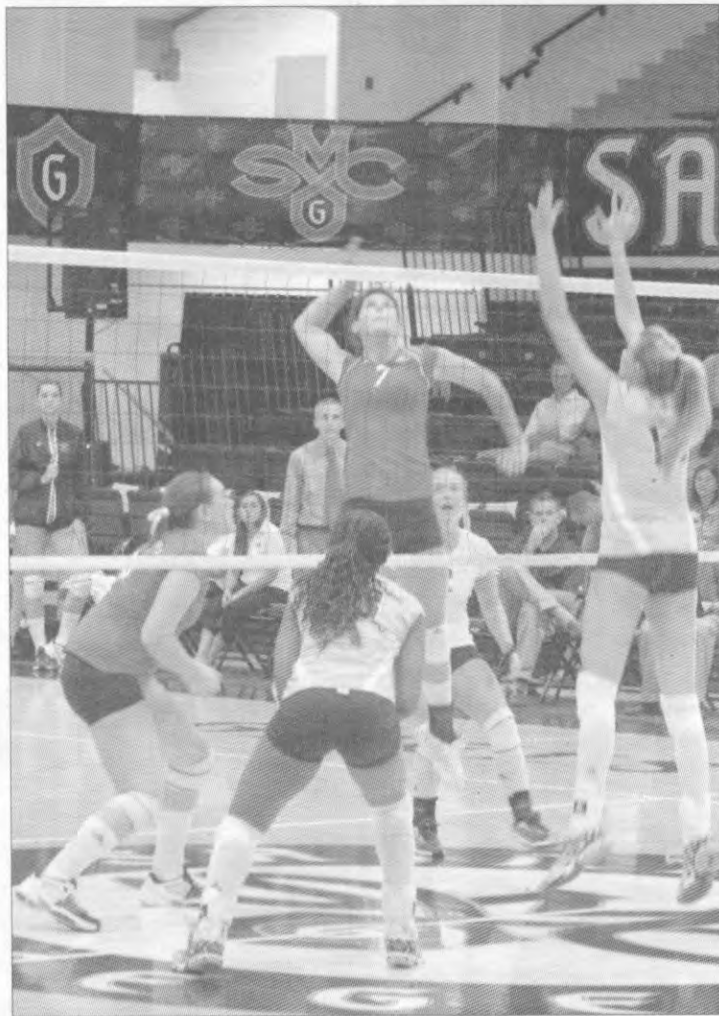
**Last season:**  
14-14 overall, 8-6 WCC  
4th place in WCC  
1st round elimination in  
WCC Tournament

**WCC Preseason Poll:**  
5th in WCC  
**Top returning scorer:**  
Jontelle Smith '09: 11.7 ppg



## Gaels get mauled by Lions, quell Waves

Saint Mary's swept by LMU, outlast Pepperdine in five games



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Taylor Groess '09 (7) waits to make the kill against Pepperdine.

by Sean Kent  
Staff Writer

Looking to snap a three-game losing streak, the volleyball team was able to manage a split this past weekend against the Loyola Marymount Lions and Pepperdine Waves. Although the Gaels were beaten in straight games against the Lions, they bounced back against the Waves,

overcoming a 2-1 deficit to steal the match in dramatic five-game fashion.

Even though LMU won three straight, 30-18, 31-29, 31-29, the match was much closer than the numbers show, with Saint Mary's poised to win either of the latter games. Except for the first game, Saint Mary's was able to give the Lions a pretty good fight. In the opening

match, both teams exchanged points for the first ten scores until LMU pulled out to a lead of 14-9, then 19-13 and never relinquished it.

The Lions' momentum carried into the second game as they got out to an early 7-3 lead. Saint Mary's was able to streak back to an 8-8 tie under a Kelly Huston '11 five-point serving run capped by a Megan York '11 kill. The teams would exchange points through most of the game, with the Gaels extending their lead to as much as three. Serving game-point, the Gaels were unable to convert and LMU rallied to steal the win.

Game three was almost a mirror image of the previous, with the teams trading points for a majority of the time. Saint Mary's was able to extend their lead to four points at 25-21; however, the Lions would once again rally back from game-point and steal the win at 31-29. For the match, York had a team-high 20 kills and threw in nine digs.

Rebounding from the tough loss, the Gaels opened up strong against Pepperdine, taking the first game 30-23. Much like the match against the Lions, neither team was able to assert itself early. It was until a five-point serving run by Nikki Gonzales '09 at 22-18.

Saint Mary's would keep the pressure on and seal the win with

a Taylor Groess kill, 30-23. The Waves were able to reverse the Gaels' energy and post a .300 hitting average with 17 kills on 40 swings and secure a comfortable victory at 30-23.

Pepperdine's momentum carried over into the third game as Julie Rubenstein served 10 straight times to give the waves an early advantage at 12-4. While the Gaels would battle back to make it close, they would never gain the lead and fell just short at 30-29.

Saint Mary's kept up the intensity and rallied from a 15-20 deficit, sparked by a kill by Lowell and a defensive stand that forced three Pepperdine attacking errors. Freshman Kapua Kamana'o served the Gaels to a 23-21 lead from which they would never falter. They took the game at 30-24.

The final tie-breaking game had the same back-and-forth rhythm as the rest of the match. Groess had five crucial kills, while Kamana'o had her part in 13 assists as the team garnered a .379 hitting efficiency. The Gaels were on the verge of elimination twice, but two huge kills from York kept the team alive enabling Groess to post her 18th kill of the match and finish off the Waves.

The team will venture to the Pacific Northwest to visit Portland and Gonzaga this weekend.

PEPPERDINE WAVES	2
GAELS	3

## Rox keep rollin'

Colorado streak to National League championship

by Jose Alvarez  
Staff Writer

The Colorado Rockies are at the top of the baseball world...or at least the top of the National League baseball world. For them, this is a huge accomplishment. The team came into baseball as an expansion team in 1993 along with the Florida Marlins.

Ironically, to get to the top of the NL baseball world, they faced another expansion team, the Arizona Diamondbacks, who came into baseball in 1998. After sweeping the Philadelphia Phillies and keeping that never-say-die attitude coming into the NLCS, they beat the Diamondbacks in another sweep. However, the road to the top was never easy.

Come September, every team's roster expands so that they all can bring out their best. The Rockies were 69-66, sitting in fourth place on September 1. They made an almost improbable run during that month to force a one-game playoff with the San Diego Padres. The Rockies, a team that is historically hitter-oriented, faced the Padres, who had Cy Young candidate Jake Peavy waiting for them.

After a hot run, you thought it was going to end there?

The Rockies won that game, and the Wild Card, and finished at 90-73, to cap off an amazing September that saw them Rockies climb from fourth into the Wild Card. They rode the back of superstar Matt Holliday; veteran Todd Helton; a

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## Men's soccer gets first conference win

Gaels pick up first win on road at LMU

by Zack Farmer  
Managing Editor

The men's soccer team pulled off their first conference win of the season on Sunday as they defeated Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles 1-0.

First, they ran into San Diego, who rolled over the Gaels 2-0. The Toreros struck in the 19th minute of action on a free

kick from Fabrice Gautrat just got passed the outstretched arms of Gael goalkeeper Keenan Flynn '10.

San Diego struck again late in the second half when Chase Tangney kicked in the goal from just inside the penalty box. Gael junior Justin Kim was the only

Gael to take more than one shot. The Toreros outshot the Gaels seven to nine.

Flynn saw five shots and collected three saves on the afternoon.

The Gaels' luck changed on Sunday when freshman Scott

Erberhardt scored his first collegiate goal in the upper left hand corner of the goal in the 28th minute of play to give the Gaels a 1-0 lead.

Kim picked up the assist. The goal ended a four-game scoreless streak for the Gaels.

Saint Mary's defense held strong as Flynn collected five saves without allowing a goal.

The Gaels ended a 14-game winless streak against West Coast Conference opponents. The last win for the Gaels came against,

GAELS	1
LMU LIONS	0



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David Blanchard '08 (7) chases down the ball as the Gaels pick up their first conference win of the season.

then, #10 San Diego. That win was the second consecutive win against a ranked opponent.

The other was #11 San Francisco at Saint Mary's Stadium. The Gaels will return to action

this weekend as they will play a home-away set with San Francisco on Friday and Sunday.