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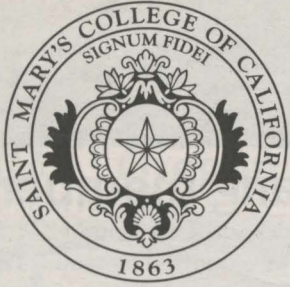
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Father Greg Boyle discusses his work with gang members in East Los Angeles

Audrey Agot

Assistant News Editor

There was not one empty seat at the Soda Activity Center on Tuesday, October 16, when Father Greg Boyle and two of his "homies" came to speak. Homeboy Industries, a youth program founded by Father Greg, has received international recognition and is one of the biggest programs of its kind in the U.S. It is located in East Los Angeles, CA, and has been guiding former gang members (referred to as "homies" throughout the event) on the right path for 25 years. Initially, the program focused on providing jobs for homies. Today, in addition to Homeboy's many services (including Homeboy Bakery and Homeboy Silkscreen), they have expanded to offering a variety of classes, with subjects such as parenting, anger management, and GED classes. They also offer free tattoo removal, which is utilized by 10,000 homies per year.

One homie, Joseph, also known as Tito, said of tattoo removal: "Yeah, I've had tattoos removed. Yeah, it hurts, it stings. But the way I see it, it hurt to join the gang and it hurts getting out of it." The event began with Tito's telling of his story. His mother had been involved with gangs and his father left the family. Making trouble from a young age, Tito found himself in and out of jail—hardly "out" for very long. This left little to no time for his children who, before he joined Homeboy Industries, barely knew him and never asked about him. Now, according to Tito, he is able to be a parent to his children.

Tito's story was followed by Mario, another homie. He was also involved with gangs from a young age. He lived with his grandparents in a relatively nice town, but got involved with the wrong people. It wasn't until after he was shot in the stomach and suffering from depression that he decided to join Homeboy Industries. Before that, Father "G" would consistently approach Mario in juvenile hall, reaching out to him with genuine concern.

Both homies referred to Father G as an open, caring man—qualities that were evident as soon as he took the microphone with his turn to speak. Father

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A night of remembrance, understanding, and awareness

Event honors memory of SMC alum Catalina Torres and discusses domestic violence



by CJ Cosas

Staff Writer

It takes a truly remarkable person to merit a night dedicated to their memory, and in the case of Catalina Torres it was more than deserved. Last Tuesday night was the Women's Resource Center (WRC) 5th annual night of remembrance dedicated to the life and work of Catalina Torres, a strong activist and advocate for the cessation of domestic violence.

This event began in 2008, when Catalina Torres was tragically killed in a case of domestic violence while she was trying to help the people who were involved. Since then, together with the campus group Hermanas Unidas and the Women's and Gender Studies Program, the WRC puts on this "Night to Remember" every year to commemorate her, and raise awareness against domestic violence. As an SMC alumnus, Torres was deeply involved with both the WRC and Hermanas Unidas and worked within both groups to promote both social awareness and social equality

on campus. Even after college, Torres continued to work toward equality and to end domestic violence from wherever she could.

To start off the night's event, a Brother who had known Torres personally expressed some of his thoughts and said a blessing. Afterwards, students came forth and read current abuse and rela-

► The plaque dedicated to [Catalina Torres] hanging in the Women's Resource Center reads: "I give back because of what I received. If we don't focus on changing society, we will never be free of violence."

tionships statistics to emphasize the severity and prominence of the issue throughout the nation. Stories regarding relationship abuse were read, poems were voiced passionately against violence issues, and a campaign ad by POWA was shown to emphasize the emotional depth and burden the issue truly has. Also,

starting this year, the WRC has decided to award and recognize exceptional students who work toward social justice, just as Torres had. After the planned events were over, the floor was opened up so that anybody may speak and give their thoughts. A number of people came forth, both people who knew her personally and those who were just inspired by the kind of person she was. Some simply told stories and memories of her, others read poems inspired by her, or simply expressed how they were feeling. To end the event, the audience was invited to attend a short walk to the front of the chapel where a prayer and a candlelight vigil was held to honor her once more before the night was over.

This is a great event that not only commemorates the life of a great person, but that is also very informative and thought provoking. It is open and understanding as guests are encouraged to express themselves and talk about whatever they feel they need to talk about. They emphasize the resources of the center and encourage people to

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speak to not only help themselves, but to help whomever they may know who might be having problems. It is events like these, and people like those from the WRC, that really help establish and spread the importance of awareness of issues such as domestic violence. Because when it comes down to it, action can only happen once people are aware of the problem. No one knew this or exemplified this better than Catalina Torres, as the plaque dedicated to her hanging in the Women's Resource Center reads: "I give back because of what I received. If we don't focus on changing society, we will never be free of violence."

Her words could not ring truer, especially in light of the knowledge that thousands of women and families struggle to get by day by day. In the end, the night was not about wallowing in the sadness of the loss of a young woman. It was about remembering her memory and what she stood for, and using that memory to work for the millions of people who are suffering in silence.

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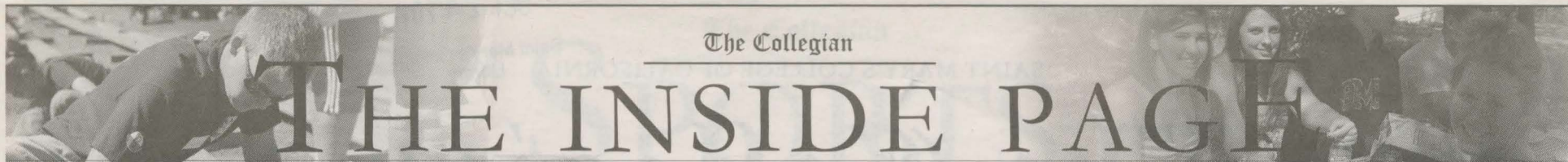
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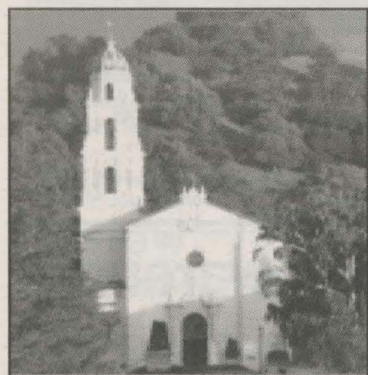
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HOMIES: Service and rehabilitation among former gang members

Greg, a Jesuit Priest since 1984, was able to discuss a dark subject matter in a way that could be humorous at times, but was still sincere.

He told a story of two homies, Manuel and Snoopy, who frequently texted jokes to each

other. Manuel and Snoopy used to be part of rival gangs and now, Father Greg commented, "They [have gone] from shooting bullets at each other to shooting texts."

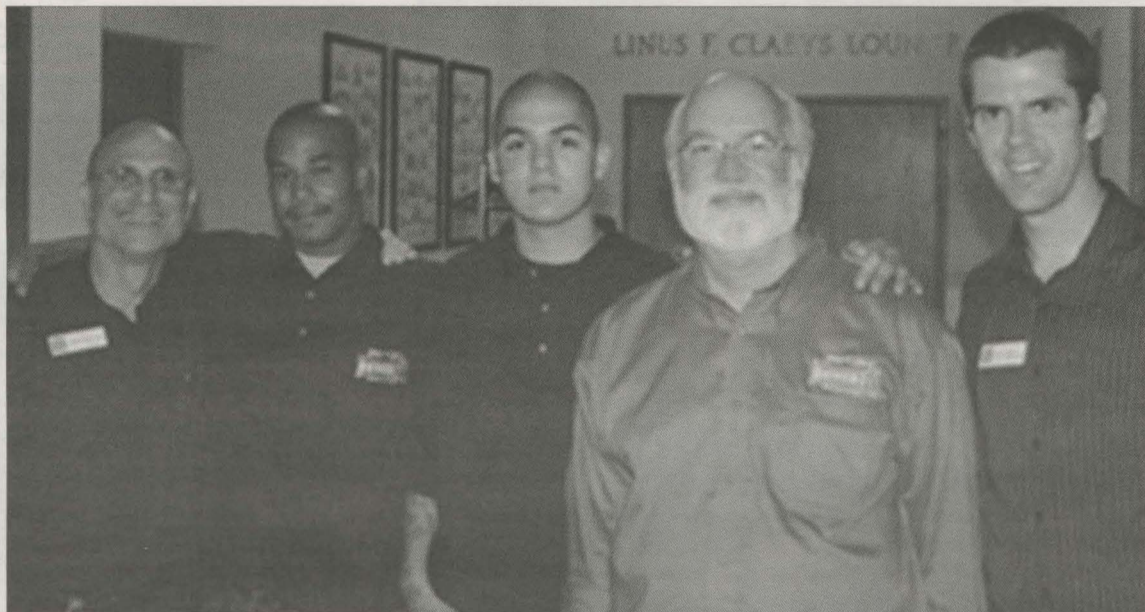
People of every race, gang, and gender can be found at

Homeboy Industries. It is not uncommon for two former rivals to be working side by side. When asked, the homies Tito and Mario had no incidents to report as far as homies not getting along. The purpose of Homeboy Industries, says Father Greg, is

to "create a community of kinship recognized by God." There is a universal sense of respect throughout the community.

In addition to respect, Father Greg emphasizes that this kinship should be based on what he called "exquisite mutuality," where there is no "us" and "them," but just an "us." This refers to the relationship of "service provider" and "service recipient," which Father Greg states is not really part of the environment of Homeboy Industries.

At Homeboy Industries, everyone is there for give and take. He says with great humility that the homies save him every day—whether it's teaching him how to be patient, or teaching him the ins and outs of texting. According to Father Greg, service is not just about helping. He says that service is only one part of God's dream that we become one—a dream that is also "our deepest longing for ourselves."



Courtesy of Dan Murphy

Saint Mary's debate team brings wins and a passion for rhetoric

Macken Debate Team encourages opinionated members to speak with confidence

by **Charlie Guese**
Chief Copy Editor

St. Mary's College is known for its athletic teams that receive acknowledgement nationally and internationally for their talent and excellence, but another St. Mary's team also draws recognition for their enduring performance—The Macken Debate and Speech Team.

The team, which is currently composed of Samantha Edmondo, Jon Gumz, Noah O'Connor, Miranda Rowley, Jennifer Stanley, and Carmen Terlaje, compete regionally on various styles of debate, including Persuasive Speaking, Informative Speaking, and Extemporaneous Speaking, among others. The debaters work tirelessly on their speeches and cases in hopes of speaking their best while representing St. Mary's.

"I love the activity," said Edmondo in an interview with The Collegian via email. "It allows one to learn a variety of skills that can be used for life."

Stanley said that she sees herself evolving in participating in such a passionate extracurricular activity. "I hope to accomplish seeing myself grow as a person and seeing how arguing and doing something I love further influences me," said Stanley.

The Macken Debate and Speech Team have also proven some admirable results so far this semester at various tournaments across the region. At the Northwest Parli-IE Warm-up Tournament at Bellevue College in Bellevue, Washington on September 22-23, O'Connor and Edmondo placed second in the junior division, while Rowley and Terlaje placed fourth. Rowley also placed seventh as a junior speaker and third in

Persuasive Speaking. Edmondo placed third in Persuasive Speaking.

At the Golden Gate Regional Opener at San Francisco State University on September 28-30, O'Connor and Edmondo survived to become open octofinalists, while Gumz and Stanley were novice quarterfinalists. Gumz placed eleventh out of 66 in novice debate speakers. O'Connor also placed nineteenth out of 74 in open debate speakers. Rowley received first place in novice Persuasive Speech. Rowley, as well as Terlaje, were finalists in novice Extemporaneous Speaking.

More recently, the team traveled to Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon for the Steve Hunt Invitational on October 12-14. Gumz and Stanley were quarterfinalists in novice debate. Rowley placed first in Persuasive Speaking, while Terlaje placed third in Extemporaneous Speaking.

The team also competed at the Keven Twohy Invitation at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, California this weekend, though results were not available before this article made to print.

The team does not exist solely inside the speech and debate bubble, however. The mission of speech and debate—arguing passionately and reasonably in order to create an impact on others—echoes closely to St. Mary's values.

"I think the Debate Team relates to a larger St. Mary's community by representing the beliefs of the students here as a whole," said Stanley, "as well as a student body that enjoys getting involved. From what I have encountered so far here as a first[-year] student is that many of the students here are not afraid to voice their opinions on matters."

Crime Beat

10/12/2012 9:31 p.m.
Incident: Information
Synopsis: Verbal threats and harassment in Garaventa Hall; referred to Community Life and Academic Advising.

10/13/2012 12:09 a.m.
Incident: Student Handbook Violation
Synopsis: Underage possession of marijuana, paraphernalia and alcohol in Aquinas Hall; referred to Community Life.

10/13/2012 1:01 a.m.
Incident: Information
Synopsis: Battery in Aquinas Hall (suspects unknown); referred to Community Life.

10/13/2012 1:12 p.m.
Incident: Petty Theft
Synopsis: Mountain bike miss-

ing in breezeway between Augustine and De La Salle Hall; suspended.

10/14/2012 4:58 p.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm
Synopsis: Burnt food set off alarm in Thille Hall; referred to Community Life and Facilities Services.

10/14/2012 5:06 p.m.
Incident: Student Handbook Violation
Synopsis: Tampering with smoke detection equipment in Justin Hall; referred to Community Life, Campus Housing & Facilities Services.

10/15/2012 9:20 a.m.
Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Damage to college vehicle in Ageno B parking lot;

referred to Facilities Services and Loss Prevention.

10/15/2012 5:55 p.m.
Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Ripped posters and messages of information boards in Augustine Hall; referred to the Dean of Students.

10/17/2012 11:50 a.m.
Incident: Injury Non-student
Synopsis: Visitor injured leg at tennis court walkway to the baseball parking lot; referred to Athletics and Loss Prevention.

10/18/2012 11:20 a.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm
Synopsis: Testing of fire alarm system by Cintas Fire Service Technician in Brother Jerome West Hall; referred to Community Life & Facilities Services.

10/18/2012 11:30 a.m.
Incident: Bias Incident
Synopsis: Graffiti scratch into door at South Claeyes; referred to Dean of Students.

10/18/2012 1:30 p.m.
Incident: Property Damage
Synopsis: Damage to college vehicle at Maintenance Shop; referred to Facilities Services and Loss Prevention.

10/18/2012 1:45 p.m.
Incident: Information Only
Synopsis: Inappropriate message left on vehicle in Filippi Parking Lot; suspended.

10/18/2012 10:12 p.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm
Synopsis: False alarm in De La Salle Hall; referred to Community Life and Facilities Services.





The Collegian NEWS



Beyond the Bubble

Because there's a whole world out there...

French man's skeleton found in bed after 15 years

In Lille, France, police try to identify a skeleton that is thought to have lain undiscovered for 15 years. Allegedly, the body belongs to the elderly owner of the property who does not seem to have any relatives. The body could have gone undetected for a number of reasons: French citizens over 60 years old do not pay property tax, mail is delivered through a slot in a door (its lack of collection would go unnoticed), and neighbors could have assumed that the man simply abandoned his property.

Zumba prostitution scandal shakes small town in Maine

Upon the discovery of a prostitution ring run out of a local Zumba studio, the town of Kennebunk, Maine, faces a struggle between the privacy of individuals and the state's interest in prosecuting the crime of prostitution.

Fitness instructor Alexis Wright has been charged with running the prostitution ring. What has become known as "the list" has stirred up controversy in Kennebunk. The list, documented by Wright, is composed of 150 Kennebunk men, including businessmen and professionals. So far, 21 of the 150 names have been released, with dozens more expected for release.

The Kennebunk police have received a mix of both criticism and support for the prosecution of the alleged solicitors.

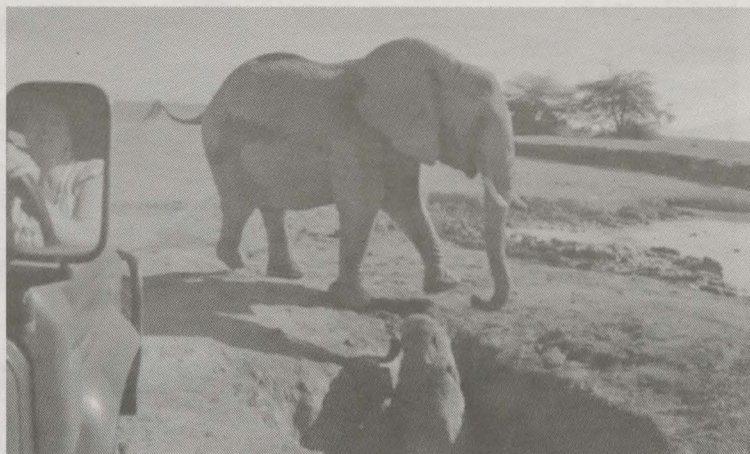
Baby elephant rescue sheds light on family dynamics of animals

In Kenya, at the Amboseli National Park, a baby elephant fell into a deep well that it could not manage to climb out of. The baby elephant's mother, panicking nearby, exhibited emotions resembling that of what would be expected from a human mother. Thinking that the rescuers from Amboseli Trust for Elephants were a threat, the mother attempted to sit on the rescuers' Land Rover.

Eventually, the rescuers were able to save the calf by pulling it out with the SUV. A happy ending, but even happier when the calf and its mother reunite, eagerly galloping toward each other, meeting in a warm embrace.

Police apologize for tazing blind man

In Lancashire, England, police received reports of a man wandering the streets and wielding a samurai sword. In response to these reports, they tazed 61-year-old Collin Farmer. Unfortunately, Farmer was not only not in possession of a samurai sword, but he was blind--his



Courtesy of the Washington Post

walking cane was mistaken for a sword--in addition to being a two-time stroke victim.

Blasted with a 50,000-volt shock, Farmer likened the sensation to that of "grabbing an electricity pylon." He was then tackled to the ground and handcuffed so forcefully that the bracelet he was wearing, a family heirloom, broke to pieces.

Lancashire Constabulary has issued a statement saying that they "deeply [regret] what has happened" and are "extremely sorry."

Connecticut woman arrested for driving under the influence after drinking hand sanitizer

Jennifer Wilcox was arrested this last week for intoxication while driving after police officers discovered she had chugged half

a bottle of hand sanitizer, which is equal to 23 shots of vodka according to ER doctors. She has been released on bond.

Beloved three legged tortoise stolen from a Denver naturalist

"Wildman" Phil Rakoci has had his three legged tortoise, known as "Stumpy," stolen. Stumpy, the star of his traveling show that educates students in schools throughout the Arizona area, was in Denver with his owner for a reptile convention. Rakoci left Stumpy and his reptile brethren (including a python, and several tarantulas) in his car during a trip to Wal-Mart. Upon his return he discovered that his car had been stolen. Luckily, the car along with its animal contents was found abandoned in a parking lot on Thursday.

InterVarsity asks students to question morality and themselves

Bacon or exercise? Question opens discussion surrounding Christianity

by Mitchell Alan

Contributing Writer

This is the question students were confronted with as they exited Oliver Hall on October 11th and 12th. The folks asking it were InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Saint Mary's. They were engaging the campus in a poll, asking which students and faculty would rather have right now -- a half-strip of bacon, or an opportunity to exercise by doing 15 pushups or 25 jumping-jacks. The results are in! Forty-five people who chose bacon, and fifty-nine chose exercise. But what does bacon or exercise have to do with Christianity?

After the participants either ate bacon, or exercised, they were asked why they chose what they did. This brought up a whole range of answers, from, "Bacon, because it is delish and it was right in front of me," to, "Exercise because, well, I'm a vegan." These responses led to further discussion: Do you think one of these is a better choice? What makes it better? InterVarsity's goal was to get the participants to think about the moral value of human desires. While SMC students were split on whether one of these choices was morally better there was almost universal agreement

that human desires can be categorized morally. For example, one faculty member said, "If I have to evaluate someone's desires and they want both to kick puppies and to feed starving children... the latter desire is clearly morally better." Participants were also asked to find a relationship between the bacon and exercise and a quote from John 6.27: "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life." While students thought this quote clarified some questions with the initial poll, they often felt it couldn't be perfectly analogous since exercise might prolong your life but wouldn't produce an eternal result as indicated in the quote.

When asked why they were out taking the poll the president of the student club, Riki Berglin, said, "Our mission is to share a passion for Christ on campus. That's why we're out here, we want to engage the campus in a conversation, and that means listening more than talking. Part of loving our neighbor is listening. We want to take the pulse of the campus on issues that are relevant to students. As students we're constantly being offered a variety of ways to fill our desires, many of which make this pile of bacon look healthy." She gestured to the pile of bacon on

offer to passersby.

The topic of desire, or thirst, is InterVarsity's theme this semester, and they continued to reflect on it at The Well on October 15 in the Intercultural Center. There Carl Pascual, a Phillipino-American speaker from Oakland moved the crowded room by talking about humanities mixed up desires and God's plan for the world. He encouraged students to attend the bay area wide conference titled Rewritten to learn more about Christianity, God, and themselves. Carl said, "no one can be truly at peace, truly happy, truly alive, if they don't fill their desires with God. That is central. And we can't train ourselves to desire God on our own. It takes community. That is why gatherings like The Well and Rewritten are so important, they get folks together and give them a space to connect with God, and with one another, and then to go back to the campus with something to do. So many folks think they can just be under-cover, solo, Christians, which is an oxymoron. It is great to see these InterVarsity students engage and do something positive."

InterVarsity holds weekly bible studies and prayer meetings open to the whole campus. Also open to the entire campus

is the conference Rewritten from November 2nd-4th, where students can sign up online by going to bit.ly/fallcon2012. Last year they had 200 students in attendance and they are expecting as many this year. After observing InterVarsity this week this author has now signed up.

Planning an event?

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

Campus Calendar

Does History Matter?
Tuesday, October 23, 4:30 p.m.
Hagerty Lounge
Contact Myrna Santiago, msantiago@stmarys-ca.edu

Germany and The European Debt Crisis
Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.
Soda Activity Center
Contact Caralinda Lee, clee@stmarys-ca.edu

The Lounge @ SMC
Wednesday, October 24, 9:00 p.m.
Hagerty Lounge
Contact Campus Activities Board

Undocumented Students: Every Dream Counts
Thursday, October 25, 5:00 p.m.
Delphine Lounge (Intercultural Center)
Contact x8545

The Declared, but Non-existent, War on Religious Freedom
Thursday, October 25, 7:30 p.m.
Soda Activity Center
Contact Professor Tom Poundstone, tpoundst@stmarys-ca.edu

Halloween Bash
Friday, October 26, 9:00 p.m.
Soda Activity Center
Contact Campus Activities Board

Interfaith Saturday of Service
Saturday, October 27, 9:00 a.m.
Various Locations
Contact CILSA



The Collegian
OPINION

Fox News Chief to stay with network

by **Charlie Guese**
Chief Copy Editor

Fox News Channel CEO and Fox Television Stations Chairman Roger Ailes signed a four-year contract to stay with the network. This means that Fox will likely retain its role as the mouthpiece of the Republican Party and anathema to the field of journalism.

Ailes, who worked under the Richard Nixon administration, has turned the 16-year-old cable news channel into the nation's most watch. Ailes has also turned the channel into a chiefly conservative outlet that mixes news with opinion. While Rupert Murdoch, the CEO of Fox's parent company News Corporation, is also equally responsible for the cable channel's ideology, Ailes has altered the cable news conversation in the United States for the worse.

Fox's rival network, CNN, was the world's first 24-hour cable news channel, and was the only one available in the United States until Fox's entrance in 1996. Until that point, CNN remained a relatively neutral space for international reporting and objective analysis of domestic issues. Ailes and Murdoch took objection with CNN's perceived left-leaning editorial bias, and with both of their previous dreams of swelling the news conversation with commentary, Fox News was born. Instead of being paid by cable and satellite companies in carriage fees, Fox News did the opposite—they paid those companies per subscriber in order to be placed in the homes of millions of Americans.

CNN couldn't keep up. Viewers flocked to Fox News, a news source that reflected their own viewpoint, in a patriotic post-9/11 United States. In five years' time, Fox News passed CNN as the most watched cable 'news' channel. MSNBC also saw the opinionated cash cow that Fox News was milking and decided to become a liberal counterpoint to Fox. This has resulted in a spiral to the bottom in U.S. cable news, with most of each channel's airtime dedicated to either presenters lecturing their audience with their own opinions or inane political punditry.

The days of objective reporting, solid newscasts, and an authoritative tone are gone on all U.S. cable news channels. And Fox News—Roger Ailes—was the catalyst for the destruction of televised cable journalism. News Corporation and Fox's disregard for ethics, impartiality, and quality journalism have not only made a ripple effect in the field of journalism, but it has also given false credence to unfounded political viewpoints and has shifted U.S. political discussion into extreme partisanship. With nothing to stop Ailes' agenda from permeating American cable and politics, Ailes will oversee that Fox News will continue to be a major negative influence in these areas.

Political Cartoons



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We the people must make our voices heard

Voting is a historic and important American privilege

by **Matt Ringard**

Assistant Opinion Editor

As American citizens, we have very few real civic duties to perform. We must respect the law, pay taxes, and vote. Of these three, only the first two are actually required. Voting is optional. Many Americans perceive the ability to vote as a natural right and something not to be taken too seriously. I can't tell you how many people have told me that they don't vote because their votes don't make much difference. Some people don't vote because it's inconvenient, or it's raining outside and they don't want to get wet.

However, we must put things into perspective. While democracy is a trend in governments that is gaining momentum and spreading, it is still far from universal. Many people in the world are subjected to authoritarian regimes or denied voices in their societies. The United States does not have a spotless history when it comes to voting rights, either. Before the twentieth century, only white males in the U.S. could vote—though this changed through various political movements.

So to understand the right to vote as perfectly natural is to misunderstand the state of affairs and reality of the world. In the United States, we do indeed have the right to vote. But

in the global perspective, we are *privileged* to be able to vote. We are lucky. Granted, we are many—California alone has a population of 37 million—but that we are able to have voices in government and express our wishes through election is extraordinarily fortunate.

Each vote matters. Each vote is important. A little bit of inconvenience or rain are pathetic excuses not to vote. If you are eligible to vote in this upcoming election, you have a duty to do so. With California's new online voting registration, absentee ballots, and CILSA's registration drive, there is absolutely no

reason not to cast a vote on November 6. It's easy, takes little time, and makes a difference.

For those of you with elaborate political opinions, voting is also a way to express them. So rather than complain about Obama's health care reform or Romney's tax plan, vote for someone. If you're unhappy with the current administration, stop whining and be ready to line up on voting day. If you're afraid of a Romney presidency, get registered and vote on November 6. If you're disillusioned with the Democrats and Republicans, find a third-party candidate who suits you and vote

for him or her. Whatever your political positions are—and I mean this sincerely—please do your duty as an American citizen and vote.

Democracy takes work. We the people within this democracy cannot simply stand on the side, observe, and comment. We must also participate. Even if we cannot dedicate our lives to the political world, we can vote and make our voices heard. If you do not vote in this election—and really, in all elections—you forfeit your right to complain about the results. So go to CILSA or go online, get registered, and vote.



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Obama and Romney bring energy to rematch

The second presidential debate energizes the voters

by **Natasha Davis**
Staff Writer

Things are heating up. After quite a lackluster debate earlier this month, on October 16, Governor Mitt Romney and President Obama appeared at Hofstra University in New York for the second presidential debate. This debate was in the town hall meeting style, in which people are allowed to ask questions and the candidates are given two minutes to respond. The great part about this debate was that the candidates were allowed to move around the floor and address the people directly. It seemed much more natural than having them stuck behind podiums the whole time. This format also allowed the candidates to address each other directly about assertions that their opponents were making that they believed to be untrue. For example, the President's policy of granting permits for oil companies to drill on public land.

The answers from both candidates were much more direct and focused than in the first debate. President Obama did much better in this debate with explaining his tax and job creation plans. Governor Romney did assert his support of small business, but still could not explain how his "magical" tax plan will work. One of the most interesting points in the debate was when the question about a woman getting 72 cents for every dollar a man makes doing the same job. President Obama gave a strong answer stating that women deserve the same pay and opportunities as



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men. Governor Romney on the other hand shared his personal stories about hiring women for his cabinet in Massachusetts. He set up a committee to go and find women to work for him and was given many binders full of options, as if these women need to be ferreted out because they are so scarce. It is almost offensive that Governor Romney did not know and could not find any intelligent and well-qualified women in the state of Massachusetts to come and work for him sans the exploratory committee.

The disagreement the candidates had over the exact wording and timing of the President's statement about the tragedy in Libya was also a "win" for President Obama. Governor Romney would not concede the point that the

President was in the Rose Garden the morning after the attack calling it a terrorist attack. President Obama's attempt to convince Governor Romney was only quieted when the moderator stepped in and agreed with the President. I was pleased that at least in this instance there was some form of a "fact check."

The closing statements were interesting. Governor Romney said that President Obama's campaign had spent most of its time attacking him instead of prescribing a plan. This strikes me as odd because most of what Governor Romney has done in the debates is attack President Obama's policies instead of giving the American people specific details about his plan. At this point I understand that he has a five-point plan to get

the economy back on track but I do understand the specifics or the implementation of that plan will function in reality. On the other hand President Obama's closing statement eloquently and accurately finally addressed the 47 percent comment made by Governor Romney. With a poised attack the President painted a picture of the 47 percent as hard working taxpayers not victims. No matter how many times Governor Romney waxes poetic about how much he cares about 100 percent of America he cannot erase the doubt that what he really means is 53 percent. President Obama made great strides but did not significantly damage Governor Romney. The debate on Monday should make for a very interesting conclusion to these debates.

Americans have fallen victim to reality TV

by **Katie Maccariello**
Staff Writer

Jersey Shore. Keeping Up With the Kardashians. Here Comes Honey Boo Boo. If you have never fallen down the rabbit hole of reality television, then I applaud you. However, if you have tumbled into the trap, I question you this: when did your life become so dull that you find it necessary to live through programs lacking any moral or intellectual value?

I am not referring to those who flip through channels and settle on a reality show because it is the only thing on. I am talking about those who plan their days around the scheduling of their favorite shows and quote Honey Boo Boo in their day-to-day lives; primarily those brainwashed beings who resort to reality TV to satisfy their need for social amusement, as they are incapable of providing it for themselves.

Back in September, more viewers tuned in to watch Honey Boo Boo and her redneck family than the Republican National Convention. This means that a percentage (and I'm not necessarily saying that it is a large percentage, but still) of American voters qualify a seven-year-old's fight with her mom about her eighteen-year-old sister's three-thumbed child as more relevant than the opinions of our presidential candidates.

Where did our obsession with reality television originate? It's not just that watching Honey Boo Boo make a fool of herself, strutting around shouting "a dollah makes me hollah" makes us feel better about ourselves. It's the fact that some Americans actually want lives like the celebrities broadcasted on reality television. An avid follower of the Kardashians may watch their show because he enjoys seeing what their lives are like because he wishes he was in their family.

What really bothers me about reality television, however, is the promotion of the normality of behaviors that were once perceived socially unacceptable. Watching pregnant Snooki wobble around a club, margarita in hand, has now become an image to chuckle at, rather than to sneer at and cover our children's eyes. What happened to sitting down with the family in the evening and having a discussion about the latest world events? Or even watching a classic comedy, filled with witty humor and intellectual jokes? Instead, Americans now crack open a beer and lounge on the couch, snorting over the latest fart jokes or drunken girl with her head hanging over the toilet.

Reality television is slowly (or not so slowly, I'm not sure) deteriorating the minds of its viewers. I fear that within a few years, it will have entirely taken over regular programming. Already, one has to pay an extra fee to reach channels such as BBC America, while TLC is included in a flat rate. With Mitt Romney proposing the idea of cutting PBS, what other path could this lead America down?

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to Tori Stringer's article criticizing Pope Benedict XVI of offering indulgences as "an incentive for being faithful," I find it pertinent to recall what the purpose of indulgences are according to the Catholic Church. Since Saint Mary's College of California is a Catholic college, to remind students of Catholic doctrine, in this case, the arguments why indulgences are encouraged, seems entirely appropriate.

Miss Stringer begins with an incorrect definition of an indulgence: "An indulgence is a way to erase all of your prior sins and start anew with a clean slate." The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states, "An indulgence is a remission before God of the

temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven" (CCC 1471). In accepting the free gift of faith that is offered by the grace of God, the eternal punishment of sin is washed away. However, the Christian still sins and the temporal punishment for those sins "must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory" (CCC 1472).

As revealed by Christ in Matthew 18, Peter (the first vicar of Christ) and all successive Popes have the power to bind and loose, viz. to absolve the temporal effects of sin. Concerning those who wish to obtain an indulgence from God through the Church, "the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to

works of devotion, penance, and charity" (CCC 1478).

Miss Stringer says, "people should not need an incentive to be faithful; they should want to be because they believe in God." Having the gift of faith is not up to our own volition, belief, or works. Faith is a free gift from God. It is offered to all who hear His Word whether they want it or not. Once faith is offered, it is then up to the individual to accept or reject it. The Christian accepts the gift of faith and acts on it. Paul encourages us "work out your salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12) and James reminds us: "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? [...] Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is

dead" (James 2:14-17).

Miss Stringer suggests that the Church is headed to a "corrupt environment" analogous to that of the Middle Ages by its practice of indulgences. What actually causes a corrupt environment is heresy, i.e. the choosing and preaching of only part of the Gospel rather than the whole Gospel. To encourage Christians to not worry "about your sins this year, [rather] focus on your faith" is heretical. I would encourage everyone, including Miss Stringer, to take a closer look at what the Church really teaches instead of relying on outside sources. I think you will be surprised at the wisdom and beauty found in the Church's teachings.

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DETOUR

The zombies are coming...



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by Gabi Reyes-Acosta
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There is something chasing after you in the dark. Maybe it lumbers slowly, its limbs dragging across the ground. Perhaps it runs quickly, forcing you to run so fast you hardly know what is happening and all you can do is run for your life. All you can hear are the groans escaping from its throat and the

sound of your own heart thumping loudly in your chest as you know, deep down, that the end is near. That thing chasing after you in the dark is no sparkling vampire of misunderstood beast, but a zombie, devoid of life and humanity. In recent years, the zombie has resurfaced in pop culture, seen in television shows, movies, and even internet memes.

The most visible example of this is in the AMC television show *The Walking Dead*, which is going strong in its third season. Based on the popular comic book series, the show tells the story of a group of people struggling to survive in the wake of the zombie apocalypse. The characters are all people that we recognize: the mother across the street, the police officer hiding

a dark secret, the young man drifting through life, and the sheriff trying to bring everyone together. These characters must battle very real concerns about where they will get their next meal, where they will find clean water, and how they will escape the constant hordes attacking them. Most of all, they must battle their own fears and worries, and sometimes they must even battle each other.

The show deals with issues that are very human, despite the haunting idea of a monstrous zombie. Perhaps these themes of fear, pain and desperation are what draw people to shows like *The Walking Dead* and the hundreds of other ways that zombies exist in pop culture. In the 2012 Spring Term, Saint Mary's had its own brush with the hype when the Campus Activities Board held a campus wide game of *Humans vs. Zombies*. During those few days, students could be seen walking the lawns and sidewalks of central campus, gripping their Nerf guns tightly and looking around them to ensure that they were not the next victim.

Robby Tabor, one of the chief organizers of the event, was one of the students who took part in

what participants called HvZ. He is also one of the many that follows the new phenomenon of zombies. The idea of a zombie apocalypse fascinates him, especially the idea of being alone and desperate in a world of uncertainty. He says, "This premise alone takes the 'us vs. them' theme into the gray area where the only certainty is 'me.'" Finding a thrill in the uncertain is not uncommon among zombie fans and the rest of the world. Tabor put it best when he says, "When done correctly, it's a realistic science fiction that has as much to do with external conflicts as internal."

Life is full of uncertainties and can often be seen as terrifying. Not knowing what the future holds is something that every person struggles with, which is perhaps where the zombie fanaticism comes from. Although it is easy to get overwhelmed with the gore and the ridiculous idea of the dead returning to life, there is always the relatable idea of desperation and survival that everyone has felt. In the end, zombies perhaps come back because they represent all the things that humans fear, and all the doubt that surrounds our lives.

Taylor Swift just wrote 16 songs about you

by Mahsa Dinyari
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Taylor Swift
Red

Taylor Swift's new album, *Red*, welcomes her back into popularity with fun, catchy, new pop songs that anyone can sing along to. Swift's first song that was released from the album is called "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together," which topped the charts within the first few days it was released. It's one of those songs that you can blast in your car and sing along to with your friends; it's fun, breezy, and provides a happy tune that gets stuck in your head for hours. The song is the closest to Swift's songs from previous albums, including oldies like "Teardrops On My Guitar" and even her more recent songs like "Back To December."

The album also includes the song that it was named after, "Red." The song is another of Swift's lighthearted songs with an extremely appealing tune; the words are easy to memorize as it is another sing-along hit. The song keeps Swift's country feel with the guitar instrumentals that stay true to the sound she has in previous albums once again.

As the album continues, however, Swift's voice matures with each song. The song called "State of Grace" sounds completely different from anything she has ever released. The song sounds more of a light rock song, which is quite different from all her other pop-country songs. Swift's usual happy, pop sound is completely transformed in "State of Grace," as it is a song that provides a much more relaxing mood. Her voice seems to have matured a lot and it is a song that older audiences (not just the typical preteen girls) can enjoy and relate to. Swift's new voice is calming and a lot more developed than anything she has ever produced.

Last but not least, Swift's new song "I Knew You Were Trouble" is on its way to becoming her next hit single. The song is extremely relatable and once again shows her maturation. It is about how she takes full blame for her distress in a relationship, which shows that both her and her album are developing to greater depths. Taylor Swift as a whole is making major changes to her music, which seems to be a step in the right direction for the popularity of her music and her album *Red*.

Grade: A-
Download: "State of Grace"

Frightened Rabbit delights Scottish indie rock band takes over San Francisco

by Carlo Sosa
Staff Writer

On October 18 at The Independent in San Francisco, an enthusiastic fan shouted, "Scott, you're awesome!" to the band as they finished playing their first song of the night.

"It's always a f---- dude! If it wasn't a guy in a beard and a check shirt, I'd be happy!" replied Scott Hutchinson, lead singer of the Scottish indie rock group Frightened Rabbit. Laughter ensued thereafter.

This banter pretty much summed up Thursday night's sold out show at one of the bay area's most intimate venues. There were plenty of laughs, plenty of stories, and plenty of playful comments from the band's vocalist. Best of all, the five guys that stood in front of the few hundred people present didn't seem like they were touring around the world for a living, or are known by facial-hair-growing, plaid-wearing hipsters everywhere. They talked to the audience as if they've known every person in the crowd for ages. They seemed grateful and at times even surprised that people were coming out to their shows and singing along to their tunes. It's hard to fathom why they would think that they don't deserve all their success.

Frightened Rabbit's performance was rock solid: no fancy gimmicks, just good music and a high-energy performance. They started the night strong with some of their more upbeat tracks, like



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"Nothing Like You" and "Old, Old Fashioned" that got the crowd bobbing their heads and tapping their feet to the steady beat of the drums. Their more anthemic songs then kicked in, such as "State Hospital," "Swim Until You Can't See Land," and "Backwards Walk." These really got the crowd involved, as no one could resist singing along with the "oh's" and "ah's," or to such catchy hooks like "you're the s--- and I'm knee deep in it."

Around an hour into the show, the band said their goodbyes. Of course, this was met with a few minutes worth of clapping and yelling for more songs. Scott then climbed back on stage by himself accompanied with only his acoustic guitar. He performed the band's more gentle and melancholic songs, like "Poke," with its heartbreaking falsettos. Then the rest of the band returned to play three more, ending with "The Loneliness and the Scream." Here

the band got the audience clapping in rhythm and got them singing the "woah oh's" at the very end of the song. However, the clapping and chanting did not stop when the band left the stage, and right on cue, out came the quintet for one last song, "Keep Yourself Warm." With a hook like "It takes more than f----- someone to keep yourself warm" that the crowd sang every time, the chorus kicked in and a powerful rock and roll instrumental to finish made for a perfect way to end the night.

Frightened Rabbit certainly proved tonight that they are the same caliber as well known indie acts like Death Cab for Cutie or The Shins. It may be because of their deeply cathartic lyrics, the contagious hooks, the shirt-soaked-in-sweat-after-two-songs energy, or their humorous song introductions. Nonetheless, whatever you are into, there is definitely something for everyone to enjoy in a Frightened Rabbit show.

SPORTS



NCAA: Oregon could fall, USC could make late run

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Oregon and Oregon State will face off later this month which could have major BCS implications.

8 Michigan where they won 41-14. Out of all division one teams, they rank number one in points against and by far have the best defense in the FBS, which is why they will make another National Title run. The next three weeks will prove to be big as they face three ranked SEC teams.

Team that could fall: *University of Oregon.* No one on the stat sheet has been more impressive than the Ducks, but no one in the top 10 has had less of an impressive schedule thus far than Oregon. Yes, they have played ranked No. 22 Arizona and No. 23 Washington, but both games were at home and both of those team's records are now a combined 7-7. The Ducks will have to win at No. 10 USC, at Cal, home against No. 20 Stanford and the highly anticipated Civil War game at No. 8 Oregon State, if they want any chance at a national title. It wouldn't surprise me to see the green and yellow drop at least one of those games, putting them in the Rose

Bowl situation yet again.

Biggest disappointment: *University of Arkansas.* I was very tempted to put USC up here with all of their preseason hype, but no one has been a bigger letdown than SEC's Arkansas Razorbacks. The preseason's number 10-ranked team now stands at a record of 3-4 with not a favorable schedule in sight. The program came to an all-time low in the second week when they fell to Louisiana-Monroe at home, followed by three more straight losses to bring their record to 1-4. They have won two straight SEC games since but they will end the season playing three teams in the top-15 which will make it difficult for the Razorbacks to even make it to a bowl game.

Biggest surprise: *Oregon State University.* The Beavers have been the story of 2012, coming off a team that only won three games last year. So far they have won against No. 13 Wisconsin, at No. 19 UCLA, and at BYU to name a few of

their notable wins. They have been able to win the last two weeks even without starting quarterback Sean Manninion who has been out with injury. The Beavers have Saturday November 24 highlighted when they host the Oregon ducks which could very well be for the PAC-12 North title and a trip to the PAC-12 Championship game.

What to look forward to: *PAC-12 race.* Experts thought that with the departure of Andrew Luck and LeMichael James that it would be a rebuilding year for the West Coast. They could not have been more wrong as this turns out to be the deepest PAC-12 in recent memory, with many quality out of conference wins. At one point there was six top-25 teams from the PAC-12. Between Oregon, Oregon State and USC, the PAC-12 will be very interesting to see who will come out with the Championship and possible Rose Bowl or National Title implications.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Gabby Jolly

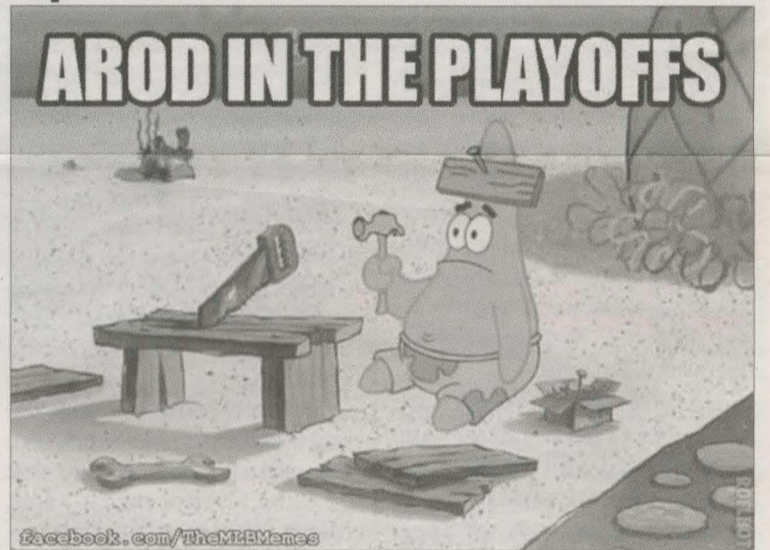
Women's Volleyball

The senior had 18 kills in a win against No. 13 San Diego, handing them their first West Coast Conference loss. She will this week look to lead the Gaels against Santa Clara and San Francisco.



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Sports meme of the week:



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Women's soccer blanked twice

Gaels outscored 0-5 by USF and Portland

by Alicia Shimkus
Staff Writer

Friday, the Gaels squared off against the USF Dons at home. Despite the fact that the Gaels dominated most of the game in both shots taken and possession, the Dons took advantage of goalie miscalculations and defensive miscommunications and won the game 2-0.

The Dons got a goal in the first half when the ball was perceived to be out by Khayla Jones, but instead rolled into the goal. In the second half, when Saint Mary's was attacking offensively, Kate Brenot came up to half field to support the effort, but unfortunately the Dons were able to get past her on a breakaway and scored.

Christina Tognetti lead the

team in shots, while Anne Whipple had equally impressive runs down the field, setting up offensive plays for the Gaels. However, most of the shots that Saint Mary's took were not challenging enough to fine the back of the net.

Saint Mary's returned to the home field on Sunday when they played the University of Portland Pilots. The Pilots started off aggressively and scored a goal within the first five minutes, catching Saint Mary's off guard.

However, the Gaels responded with attacks of their own, holding possession for much of the first half, and playing a very strategic passing game.

However, nothing the Gaels pressed forward would go in, and in a counterattack, Port-

land secured their lead with another goal.

In the second half, Saint Mary's was forced to play tight defense, and Casidee Lynch had an excellent defensive game, catching up to Portland players that had made breakaways and taking the ball from them.

As a team, Saint Mary's had a good passing game, but were unable to finish with any goals, and only few shots on goal.

Portland scored one more goal in the second half off of a free kick, and Saint Mary's lost the game, 0-3.

Next week Saint Mary's will travel to Provo, Utah to play BYU. With both heartbreaking losses now behind them, Saint Mary's is 6-9-2 for the season and 1-4-0 in the WCC.



Jake Fulton/COLLEGIAN

The Gaels will look to rebound after a tough week at home.

SPORTS THIS WEEK

Volleyball:
~ Thur. @ Santa Clara 6:00pm
~ Sat. vs San Francisco 1:00pm

Women's Soccer:
~ Sat. @ BYU 12:00pm

Mens Soccer:
~ Fri. vs Gonzaga 3:00pm
~ Sun. vs Portland 2:00pm

Cross Country:
~ Sat. @ West Coast Conference Championships (Portland)

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NCAA football mid-season review

by George Robles

Sports Editor

The college football season is midway through the 2012 season, and an exciting one it has been to say the least. From top ranked teams going head to head, to major upsets, this collegiate football season has already been one for the record books. I am here to look at the best and the worst of the season that is now halfway through.

Mid-point Heisman winner: *Collin Klein, Kansas State University.* Many experts would have said West Virginia Quarterback Geno Smith, who a few weeks ago had one of the most memorable performances in college history when he had 656 yards passing and eight touchdowns in a 70-63 win over Baylor, would be a top choice for the Heisman, but Smith has declined the last two weeks throwing for only two touchdowns while throwing two picks in two losses. Meanwhile, Klein has been on the upswing, throwing for 323 yards with three throwing touchdowns and four rushing touchdowns in a blowout win against West Virginia this past weekend, proving his dominance over Smith. His dual threat of throwing and running makes it a nightmare for defenses, leading his KSU team to a 7-0 start.

Best team: *University of Alabama.* The Crimson Tide currently have all 60 top votes in the AP Poll as a result of winning every one of their games by at least three touchdowns. Their best win came in their first game against No. 12 Auburn. [see NCAA, p7](#)

Gaels beat No. 13 San Diego in thriller

Despite losing to No. 16 BYU, volleyball rebounds against Toreros

by Simon Trynza

Assistant Sports Editor

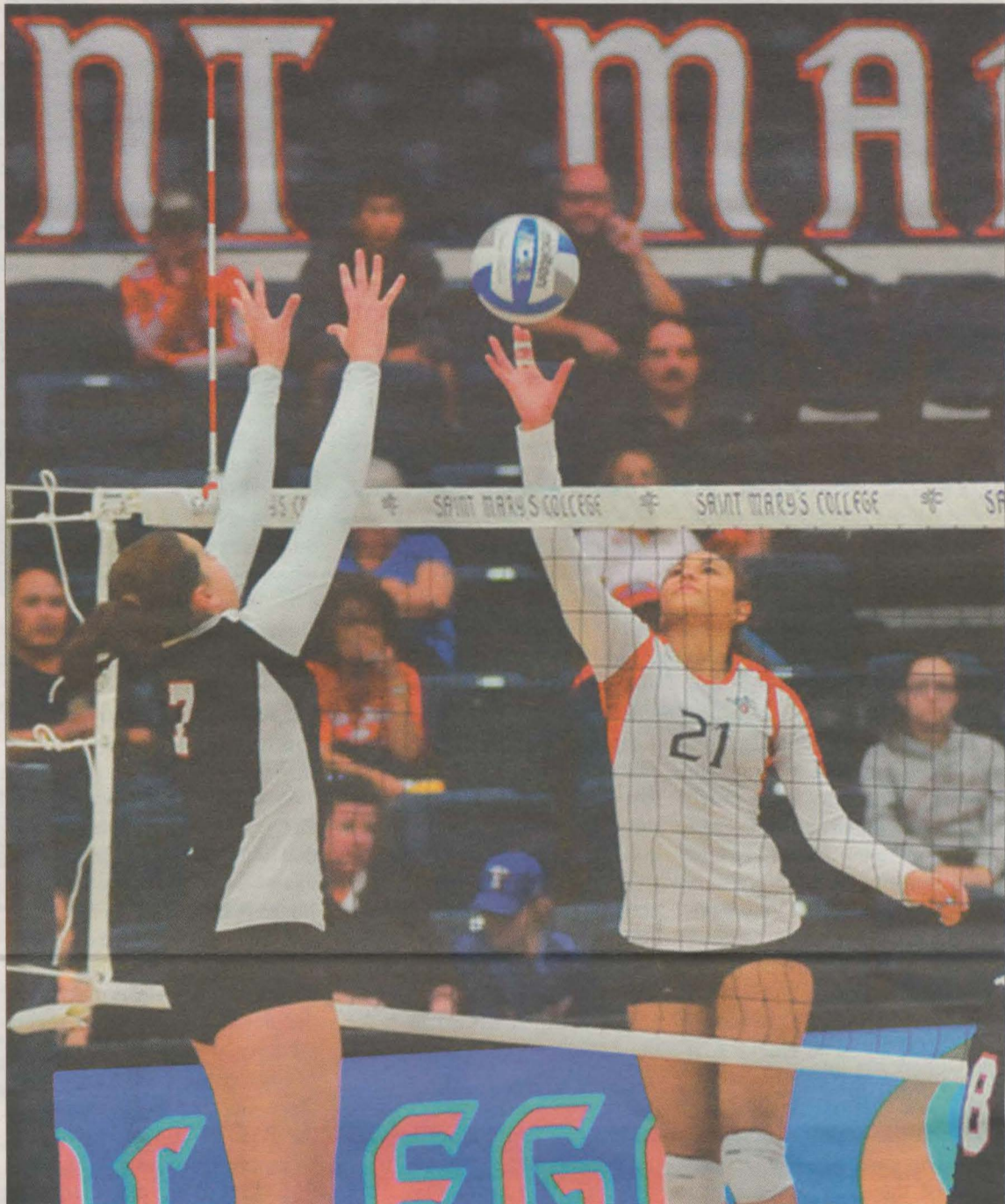
After a tough loss at Brigham Young on Wednesday, the Saint Mary's Gaels women's volleyball team returned to the friendly confines of McKeon Pavilion which has served as the home of Giant killers as the Gaels took down 18th ranked Pepperdine and 11th ranked BYU earlier this year.

This time, Saint Mary's played host to 13th ranked San Diego, a Toreros team that defeated the Gaels 3-1 a couple of weeks earlier in the year. This time, the Gaels would defend their home court valiantly and pull off another upset, winning late in the fifth set.

The match was a battle for both teams throughout. The Gaels took the first set 25-22, a set that featured seven different ties and three lead changes.

The Toreros would bounce back in the second set, taking over the lead from Saint Mary's once and winning the set 25-23. The Gaels, however, would respond with a 25-21 third set victory in which they led throughout. San Diego would even the fourth set to set up an epic fifth set.

After a fourth set victory, the Toreros raced out to a 10-7 lead. However, a Missy White service run gave tied the set up at 11 apiece. The Gaels would then push the lead to two on a pair of kills, yet San Diego would rally to tie up. With the score tied up at 13, San Diego committed a service error that gave the Gaels a match point. Missy White set up Kristina Graven for the kill that gave the Gaels the fifth set and the match, and a kill that gave San Diego their first conference loss



Andrew Nguyen/COLLEGIAN

No. 21 Samantha Tinsley helped the Gaels hand the Toreros their first West Coast conference loss.

of the year.

While the Toreros outthit Saint Mary's on the day (.308-.258), the Gaels were able to stay in the match behind ten aces to

San Diego's three. With the win, Saint Mary's improved to 11-9 and 6-3 in WCC while San Diego drops to 17-3, and 9-1 in conference play.

Saint Mary's next travels to Santa Clara to take on the rival Broncos, who defeated BYU on Saturday, on Thursday October 25th.

Men's basketball gives sneak peak into season

New Gaels shine in second annual Blue versus White scrimmage



George Robles/COLLEGIAN

Mathew Dellavedova (Blue) is guarded by transfer James Walker (White) in the 2nd annual Blue vs. White scrimmage.

by George Robles
Sports Editor

This past Saturday morning, the Saint Mary's basketball community was treated to a sneak peak into the upcoming season when the Gaels hosted the second annual Blue versus White inter-squad scrimmage. Hundreds of Gael fans woke up early for the event in McKeon Pavilion to see some pre-game warm-ups followed by a Blue against White scrimmage.

The Blue team was started with West Coast Conference Player of the year and Australian Olympian Mathew Dellavedova as the point guard, sided by Stephen Holt, Beau Levesque, Mitch Young, and Brad Waldow, all who are expected to start for the Gaels this season. Dellavedova and Holt controlled the tempo of the game with their ball handling and passing, while Waldow looked good

down low and is expected to have a big season for Saint Mary's.

For the White team, transfer James Walker, Jordan Guisti, Evidas Petruilius and Kyle Rowley were the starters. Walker shined the most out of any player on the court, scoring in a variety of ways from acrobatic lay-ups to NBA-range three pointers. Walker could be a huge X-factor for the Gaels this year, adding depth to the backcourt that has been lacking in recent years. Guisti did a solid job handling the ball and scoring against the defense of the Blue squad.

The White squad did a very nice job keeping up with the Blue squad the entire game, but eventually fell 68-63. Overall, the Gaels looked very balanced and deep to say the least. A full preview of Saint Mary's basketball will come the week before the Gaels open up the preseason on November 10.