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The Collusion

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Student Chooses Tuition Over Essential Organ

The recent rise in tuition has led some students to resort to drastic measures.

By Jenevieve Monroe
Not a Black Market Organ Dealer

All students received an email last week on Saint Mary's decision to increase tuition for the 2022-2023 academic year. Some undergraduates chose to cry, while others were left on hold while calling the Financial Aid Department; in short, chaos ensued across campus.

A lucky few of the seniors were not aware of this update. Graduate student Priscilla Lamb commented on the issue, saying "I had no idea! I haven't checked my email since December."

This 3.9 percent increase has made its way into conversations between collegiate faculty as well. Professor McCallister, a leading Mathematics professor, has calculated the overall student to debt ratio across campus. "I think that the leadership's decision to raise tuition was a wise choice. This will provide more scholarship funding for incoming students," said McCallister. "With significantly less students enrolling as 2022 Freshman, funding will go farther and in greater bulk



SMC Student George McForge is in mediocre spirits after selling kidney to pay tuition.

to those who can already afford the steeper rate!" McCallister proceeded to point out that incoming freshmen will have approximately no debt due to this decision. When asked how much of the 3.9 percent would fund student scholarships, McCallister offered to follow up with the data in 2023.

Saint Mary's students have sought different forms of financial aid for next year's projected debt. English major

Polly Schmit has innovatively turned towards selling her own organs; she suggests other students sell a kidney to make up the difference in loans. When asked why she chose this income alternative, Polly exclaimed "you only need one anyway". As students prepare to brace for next year's bill, a common phrase has been repeatedly vocalized around campus: "It is what it is".

Image credit Kiera O'Hara-Heinz Collegian Staff

SMC Professor Discovered to be Zodiac Killer

Investigation is still ongoing, but some students say the professor may be a racoon.

By Riley Mulcahy
Cold Case Detective

In a shocking turn of events, it has been revealed that a Saint Mary's College professor in the Philosophy department indeed is the Zodiac Killer. "We didn't see any red flags, the professor seemed to be level-headed, but he sometimes strayed from our Lasallian values. I mean can anyone be certain that your roommate is not a killer?" an unnamed source from the SMC administration asks.

Given the fact all of this is so new, no one would go on the record, but there are people taking bets on who the professor is. "I heard that it is a raccoon disguised as a professor," one student said outside of Cafe Louis. If the professor is a raccoon, that would have severe ramifications for the students. For one, where do raccoons go to prison? How can anyone know what those think and why one would

kill anyone? The Philosophy department, which is small but mighty, would not stoop so low as to hire raccoons as professors. Or would they?

At the time of the writing of this article, no arrests have been made in the case, leading to more suspicion that it indeed was a raccoon. The professor is out on bail until they can question him and look more into the raccoon theory. The Zodiac Killer was believed to be dead for years. However, we have been living with a killer amongst us for so long, and we never even realized his trick of cryptograms and ciphers until one day, another unnamed student saw someone walking suspiciously to class, and when the cops came, they saw the killer in the bushes near Becket Hall.

For the SMC community: if we don't stay prepared, there can be a killer in our sights at any time. Read philosophical texts with a vengeance!



Image credit Kiera O'Hara-Heinz Collegian Staff

With the Zodiac Killer revealed to be a part of the SMC community, another investigation has begun to look into whether Jack-the-Ripper actually founded Saint Mary's College.

A Note from the Editors: All the stories depicted in this issue are fictional and are not meant to be taken seriously. Happy April Fools Day!

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According to all known laws
of aviation, there is no way a bee
should be able to fly. Its wings are too small to
get its fat little body off the ground.

The bee, of course, flies anyway.

Because bees don't care what humans think is
impossible.

“To act upon one’s conviction while others
wait,
To create a positive force in a world
where cynics abound,
To provide information to people when
it wasn’t available before,
To offer those who want it, a choice-”
-Ted Turner

OC to Begin Offering New Identity Affinity Group for Wealthy Students

By Kamryn Sobel
Associate Editor

“Theres a lot of discrimination happening on campus towards upper middle class students. We are basically a minority,” said senior business analytics major Kayleigh McLeighleigh. “I don’t know how many times I have to tell people, I’m not rich, my family is comfortable.”

Recently on the Saint Mary’s campus, there have been reports from the wealthy student population facing discrimination due to the issue of having familial wealth. One student anonymously commented on the issue as, “Disheartening. I never would have imagined my peers to treat me so differently because of how much money my family has,” they said. “It’s not my fault my parents gave me these materialistic things and sent me to a private school. How can I be shamed for something that gets handed to me?”

In response to these complaints from students at Saint Mary’s, the Outercultural Center has offered a new identity affinity group for these marginalized students. The goals of the Outercultural Center is to ensure that all students on campus have a safe environment and to support and advocate for underrepresented groups at Saint Mary’s. Specifically, in an email sent to students on behalf of the OC, it states, “Here at the Outercultural Center, we strive to create an environment in which students of all identities feel empowered and connected to the Saint Mary’s community. Within the last several weeks, however, students who come from a background of wealth have been targeted and have faced prejudice. In order for everyone to feel they have a voice, be heard, and most importantly, feel supported; the Outercultural Center has developed the Wealthy Student Identity Group. Everyone who feels as if they have been misrepresent-



Image Courtesy GettyImages

ed or have been victim to the recent reports, please stop by the Outercultural Center this Friday, April 1st 2022, located at the Bassin Student Union here on campus!”

One specific report came from Regina George, a junior here at Saint Mary’s. “I walked into Bolivar Hall on Monday, March 21st in my Artitzia sweatsuit with a matching Louis Vuitton for lunch with my three best friends. As soon as I sat down, one of my so-called best friends said to me, ‘You can’t sit with us,’ while pointing at what I was wearing.” George also reported that they declined her offer of a ride home in her brand new Mercedes SUV, “We will walk home,” they said. Laughter was then described by George from the rest of the students at Bolivar Hall.

President Rick Prune shared with students via Instagram story that the college is making great efforts to ensure that all students, staff and faculty feel they have a place here at Saint Mary’s. President Prune was also seen stepping out of his new limousine and headed

to discuss a possible new building on campus dedicated to wealthy students, in order to help show his support to those who have fallen victim in the recent reports. Both the new building and limousine were heard to be donated by the students’ families. In an interview with President Prune following the announcement of a possible new building at Saint Mary’s, he said, “Although I cannot confirm at this time if this will take place, the college feels as if a new building on campus for students who are facing discrimination can bring high spirits and encourages everyone in the Saint Mary’s community to feel connected and included.”

Freshman John Doe leaves Saint Mary’s with this piece of advice to help move forward as one and to continue making progress against discrimination, “Don’t believe everything you see or hear. Everything is not as it seems.”

LOOKING FOR JOURNALISM
EXPERIENCE?

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Scan me
I dare you.

the inside page

Politics Major Claims to be Expert on Ukraine/Russia Conflict

By Theo Zittel
News Reporter

“It’s actually very simple to understand,” said freshman Carston Smith. “I should know, I’m a politics major.”

The first-year student, Carston Smith, is currently taking the course, “POL 4 Introduction to International Politics”; a core requirement for those majoring in Politics here at Saint Mary’s College. As the Ukraine-Russia conflict continues to develop and worsen, it has become the topic of discussion amongst the Politics courses within the school’s curriculum during the Spring Semester. Carston currently has one year of politics classes under his belt, including the introductory course, “POL 1 Introduction to Politics”, as well as, “POL 125 Human Rights”, and “POL 115 Theories of Justice”. He looks forward to taking many of the other Politics courses offered here at the college and getting first-hand experience working with local or state-level government through internships over his remaining summers while studying.

The POL 4 course focuses on the theoretical frameworks for studying international politics and the causing forces for different political actors’ collisions and allyship. In his class, Carston has been assigned a semester-long research paper, where he decided to tackle the politics of Eastern European countries. According to Smith, it was entirely coincidental that his chosen topic correlates with the conflict currently taking place in Eastern Europe.

The paper required him to study the political structures of Ukraine, Russia, and those that once made up the republics of the USSR. He now understands each country’s role in the political economy, domestic and international affairs, and democratic practices in relation to Russia. The class structure allows for Carston to explore his interest in global security and the field of policy.



(Image Courtesy mssiah.edu)

Due to his intellect and interest in the current state of the world, Carston claims that he is an expert on the conflict. He explains that just within his first two years at Saint Mary’s, he has what it takes to understand the push factors of Putin’s war in Ukraine. Since he has paid close attention to the event since its start and the disputes between Russia and Ukraine during the past few years, he has become confident enough to declare himself an expert.

Carston has demonstrated his interests and expertise on the conflict by reposting media that he finds crucial to share with his followers on his Instagram story daily. In an interview with him, he explained the importance of staying informed on the matter. “This is one of the best ways to be informed on the crisis taking place over there. Since we live so far away from the conflict zone, it is often difficult to imagine what life is like for the folks who have to deal with

it in real life. Unfortunately, it is their reality, while we only see it through the lens of Western media. However, I believe that paying attention to it online is very important to understand it.”

His friends say that he constantly checks Twitter for updates and retweets everything concerning the state of Ukraine. He gets most of his news on the war through these social media sources. Each class period, the professor and classmates of his POL 4 class joke with him about the Russian invasion of Ukraine, asking him to fill them in on the affair.

Carston also reported that if he had not taken these courses already at SMC, he would have no interest in the war. As the war progresses, he spends hours of his day making sure he knows everything about its effects. The last thing that he told me was that he hopes to be able to report on the war in one of his classes so he can share his intellect on the subject.

Diploma Disaster!

By Benjamin Noel
News Reporter

All Saint Mary’s College graduations, from 2004 to 2021, have been invalidated due to a single mistake during the Commencement ceremonies. Students have been starting the ceremony with their tassels on the left, moving them to the right during the ceremony. According to the Statues on Graduations of 1937, students must move tassels from the right to left in order for their graduation to be valid. Over 10,000 students are left with crippling student debt, and only a high school diploma to show. Companies have caught wind of this news, resulting in Saint Mary’s alumni being let go from their jobs quicker than the A’s outfield drops their catches.

Saint Mary’s President Richard Prune commented on this, stating, “ask not what Saint



All Previous SMC Graduations Have Been Rendered Invalid Due To One Small Mistake (Image Courtesy GettyImages)

Mary’s can do for you,” before promptly knocking over the complimentary orange juice and exiting the Collegian interview room.

Despite the disaster at hand, an anonymous SMC graduate (Class of 2009), has come out on top of this fiasco. After deliberating with his legal team, this former student exploited a loophole involving the starting position of the tassel. After a back-and-forth three-set match in the Wimbledon Court, the team beat the

Saint Mary’s brothers’ defense decisively in the last volley of arguments. He is now being awarded a Masters degree of his choosing, summa cum laude. While he has yet to declare the Master’s degree he plans to accept, the Brothers and Sisters of the Saint Mary’s board are prepared for anything. The school is at his mercy and must offer him the degree of his choosing, or face dire consequences.

Word on the street is that he will opt for a Masters of Aeronautics, Sailing, and Submarining. Contingent of being awarded his MS of A.S.S., he has been preemptively offered roles in NASA, the Armenian Navy, and the Death Valley Sailing Association.

Will more miffed students follow in his footsteps? Will Aerospace Engineering ever be the same? Will all these Masters degrees flood the market?

Stay tuned for more updates.

CULTURE

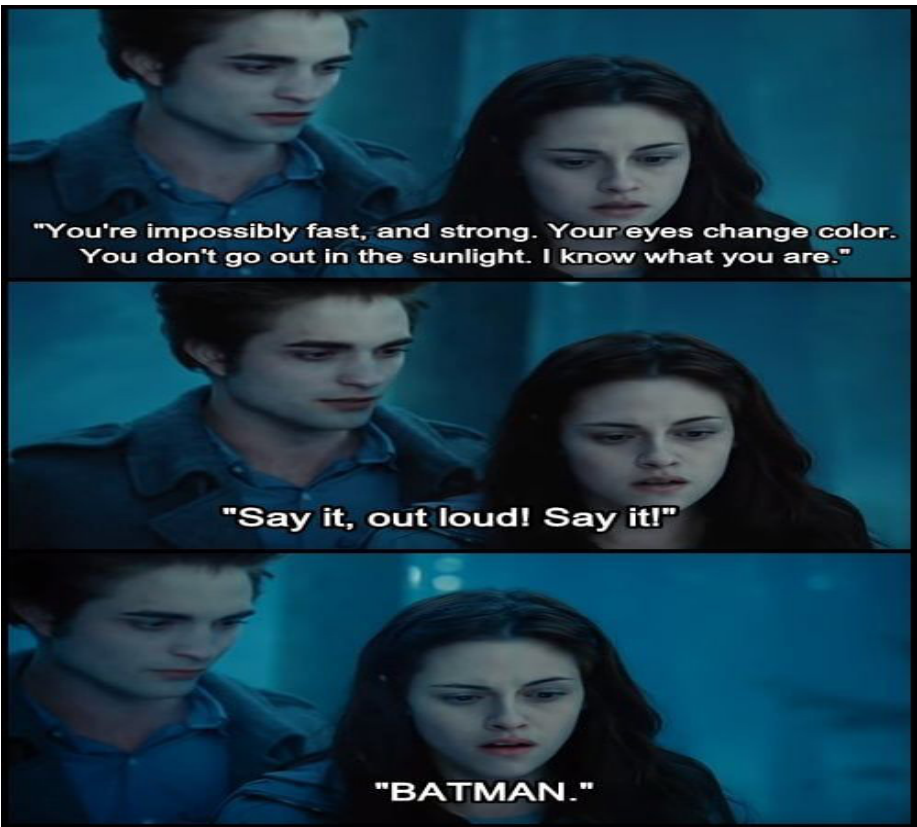
Where the hell did you go, loca?

The New Twilight Movie Reviewed

By Madison Sciba
Amateur Vampire Investigator

R-Patz has a new movie and boy he is looking good. The new Twilight movie was just released in theaters and I have some major questions. First, I thought the Twilight vampires couldn't turn into bats, yet that seemed to be the whole theme of the new movie. Second, did Ed and Bella break up? Like where was she? And who's this cat chick? Was this a situation where you have to read the book first? Because there is no way I am going to do that.

Edward apparently decided tange his name after his and Bella's breakup in New Moon. Bruce Wayne? Apparently, he couldn't think of anything cooler. He did have a nice new ride, although I would never have pegged Edward (sorry I mean Bruce) as a motorcycle guy. His new hairstyle really suits him,



(Image Courtesy funvizeo.com)

much better than the 2008 spiky hair he had in the other movies.

I only recommend watching this movie if you are Team Edward, Team Jacob fans will be greatly disappointed with the severe lack of our favorite werewolf. Also, who is this new Riddler guy? I don't remember seeing him in any of the other movies.

This movie does have a lot of dark tones, and no classic, quotable lines. Like "Hold on tight spider monkey"? That was Oscar worthy. This movie does not even compare to the cinematic masterpiece that is the original Twilight movie. First with no Bella and then no other vampires??? How is this supposed to be a Twilight movie if there are no vampires and no Bella-Edward-Jacob love triangle? Although he was shirtless quite often, there were no sparkles. I was highly disappointed; that was not the skin of a killer.

What First-Year Dorm Do You Belong in?

Find out what dorm you belong in by answering the questions below.

By Remy Zerber
Culture Columnist

1) How do you like your room?
A. Sparkling clean
B. Ehhh....kinda messy, kinda clean
C. Super messy
D. Unmaid bed and clothes everywhere

2) Do you like to have friends over?
A. Yes
B. No (I'm a loner)

3) Do you like cooking?
A. Yes
B. No
C. I don't know how to cook
D. Someone else can cook for me

4) Do you like heat?
A. Yes
B. No
C. I don't mind it
D. Absolutely not

5) Do you like to clean?
A. Yes, it is relaxing
B. No, it's annoying

6) Do you like boats or a nautical theme?
A. Yes
B. No
C. They're OK
D. Absolutely not

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Dustin Justin	De La Sail	Ass-umption	Sh*tty Mitty
All B's	All A's	All C's	All D's
If you got all B's you lived in Justin Hall, which is the dustiest hall of all the first-year dorms.	If you got all A's you lived in De La Salle Hall or De La Sail.	If you got all C's you lived in Ass-umption hall.	If you got all D's you lived in Mitty hall.
If you got Justin, you don't always have a clean room.	You probably like boats, the ocean, and water if you lived here. Your room is probably always clean because you think cleaning is relaxing...and your RA does cleaning inspections.	You don't know how to cook so you get all your food from the dining hall. You also don't mind having a super messy room. It's not messy on purpose. You are just lazy and forget to clean up after yourself.	Your room is always messy. You don't believe the research that says an unmade bed will stress you out, so your bed is always unmade. You like it when someone else cooks for you and you don't like heat.
	You live on the top floor where it is always hot, but you don't mind because you like hot weather.	You also don't mind boats and hate cleaning.	You obviously don't like boats or cleaning either.

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CULTURE

What is a Gael? A Proposal For a New Mascot

How a new mascot will better represent the current and future Saint Mary’s Community.

By Isabelle Delostrinos
Culture Columnist/ Potato Enthusiast

Let’s face it, school pride can be a bit tough when no one knows what your mascot is. University of Oregon has “Go Ducks”, USC has “Fight On” to go with their trojan, and even Stanford somehow finessed “Fear the Tree” out of their Christmas tree mascot. But what happens when we need to caption our Instagram selfies on Chapel Lawn? Or the enthusiastic photos with our friends at basketball games? #GoGael? #GaelRise?

After months of updating family members on my attendance here at SMC, someone always has to pose the question, “what’s a gael?” And you know what Uncle Greg, I wonder the same thing. This isn’t 1492, an updated mascot is necessary! Imagine how much easier defending our stomping grounds will be. No more questionable faces and scoffs at our unknown mascot. And for our marketing de-

partment, wouldn’t a more relatable mascot be better to draw in prospective students? I’m sorry Gideon but I think it’s time for a new captain in this place. As a favor to the future generations at SMC, I propose a bigger, better, more Instagram-mable, hashtag friendly, and well known mascot: a potato.

It’s round, brown, and comes in all shapes and sizes. So many good things come from this one root vegetable. Mashed, fried, baked, thinly sliced, diced, cubed, you name it. And don’t even get me started on the family of fries. A potato as the SMC mascot will be representative of all who walk through our campus. It’s a universal object that many can see within themselves, making it a perfect mascot.

Can you see the headlines? SMC Potatoes Win NCAA March Madness Tournament! Rolling Admissions: Become a Potato Today! #SMCPota-

toes #MashEmUp. We’ll be paving the way for a new generation of mascots and will truly bring our luck to the table with this new mascot. I mean, who doesn’t want to be a potato?



(Image Courtesy shutterstock.com, Idaho Potato Bowl)

The Stars Have Aligned: Weekly Horoscopes for the Signs

By Remy Zerber and Isabelle Delostrinos
Culture Columnists/ Fortune Tellers

<p>Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)</p> <p>You will rebel against your homework this week and go out almost every night. Be careful with your time management and don’t let your homework pile up or you will be up all night doing it.</p> <p>Pisces (February 19 - March 20)</p> <p>Dream up something great for this week Pisces! You will go swimming with your friends this week. Even better, you guys will plan something great for the summer thanks to your genius ideas! Water always gives you the best ideas!</p> <p>Aries (March 21 - April 19)</p> <p>Aries, you will book a spontaneous trip to Greece for spring break. I hear it is beautiful there. Make sure to take pictures and soak up the sun!</p> <p>Taurus (April 20 - May 20)</p> <p>Hey Taurus! Don’t be too much of a perfectionist! Everything will work out. A mysterious stranger will also come around to help you. Could this mean a new friendship, partner, or enemy? Can’t wait for you to find out.</p> <p>Gemini (May 21 - June 20)</p> <p>Gemini, the stars are not aligning for you. You will have a really big midterm this week and not do so</p>	<p>well. Oh well, look at the bright side! One less test to study for! You got this.</p> <p>Cancer (June 21 - July 22)</p> <p>Things are looking up if you are a Cancer this week. Funny things will happen to you. You will meet a crazy new friend who will take you on new adventures. You two will play hide and seek all throughout campus and ignore all of your responsibilities. It will be the best time ever!</p> <p>Leo (July 23 - August 22)</p> <p>Okay, we get it, you’re a Leo. This week is looking like a great week for you. But if you mention your zodiac sign to anyone, you bring upon instant bad luck for the rest of March. The stars said it, not me!</p> <p>Virgo (August 23 - September 22)</p> <p>Virgo, loosen up a bit. You’re frustrated, annoyed, and always irritated with how things have been going and it’s taking up a lot of your energy! Well good news are in store for you and it looks like you’ll be getting a surprise party within the next few days. Keep a lookout!</p> <p>Libra (September 23 - October 22)</p> <p>Hey Libra. The stars are aligning and they want me to let you know that not everything is about you. It’s okay to share the spotlight! Sometimes the supporting actors end up with the greatest stories. Don’t be afraid of the</p>	<p>sidelines. Take this week to relax, reset, and hype up your besties!</p> <p>Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)</p> <p>The past few weeks have been some of the best of your life. Elements of your life are starting to align and you can finally see yourself thriving. Well, unfortunately it looks like we’re approaching a road block here. Don’t worry, the things you have worked for won’t go away! But to make it through, make sure you hit a cartwheel on Chapel Lawn. It’s a symbol of persistence and the stars will reward you for it.</p> <p>Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)</p> <p>Sag, life’s been a little boring for you recently. There’s been nothing to look forward to and it’s bringing you down! Things will start picking back up soon. Patience is a virtue.</p> <p>Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)</p> <p>I know you probably dread reading these because your outlooks are never as intriguing, but I’m here to tell you not today! Something great this week is coming. The good news you have been waiting for is finally on the way, so be ready to claim it!</p>
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OPINION

Anti Maskers, Unite!

Don't let the deep state get you. Listen to Q!

Riley Mulcahy
Opinion Editor/ Definitely not a
Conspiracy Theorist

Don't Let Mainstream Media Fool You On April Fools! Follow Q and stop wear- ing your mask to save your lungs. So many good people do not wear masks, and you need to be one of them. Please, for the love of God, take off your mask and save humanity, and watch Fox News.

JFK Jr. would not wear a mask. Our leader Donald Trump would not wear a mask. Q does not wear a mask. Why would you fall into the dictatorship of the Biden administration and "protect yourself"? We must be free of vaccines, mandates, and masking to protect our freedom at any cost,



(Image Courtesy *The Daily Beast*) and if the left-wing media tells you to do something, you ignore them! It is not right for them to be in our business.

However, we can tell anyone what to do

with their body, and they will just have to live with it.

IT'S OUR OPINION! Some may say that the masks protect everyone, but there is a deep state that wants to chip you with the vaccine. The government is never to be trusted, except when our dear leader Trump speaks. We are to hear every word and act on it, even though we have not overthrown the government yet! If we don't protect ourselves, we may end up like China or Vene- zuela, and progressives should move there because they are secretly communists! If you do not know the truth by now, you must not be a Republican, which is problematic...

We know the truth about masking, and it is your job to now end the tyranny! Elder 2024!

Students for Life Make an Impact

A student's experience with the acclaimed group.

"Should-Have-a-Felony" Moyer
Editor-with-Beef

Tuesday, March 22nd, was one of those warm, sunny days that invit- ed possibility and curiosity. Perhaps that's why I was drawn to the unfam- ilar booth situated in SMC's very own Ferrogarrio Quad (if not for its colorful posters, stickers, and fliers, or who could forget the quality fetus action figures they brought). Students for Life of SMC had brought in renowned guest speaker, Lea Kalinowski, to engage with students on their way to class about safe sex and transpar- ency with our reproductive abilities.

I was a little nervous to approach the group at first, seeing that I hadn't thought about penetrative sex in sever- al months—I originally came to SMC for its abstemious, mostly female and/or non-bi- nary demographics. However, I noticed many students getting very passionate about the group's material. So, I thought to myself, "they must be offering some pretty inspiring informa- tion about sex," and made my way over to the booth.

The first thing to catch my eye was a poster debunking the "myths" of unsafe sex. I found these very informative but also too good to be true, so, like any SMC student who got passing grades in BOTH English 4 and 5 (that's right, it's me), I asked them about their sources. It was a little shocking to find out that they had used The Washington Post be-

cause I remember specifically getting a D on my final research paper in English 5 because I used that same news source after the professor told me not to. Honestly, it was pretty validating that such a renowned group would also choose to use this source, and I sympathized with them because I know how difficult it can be to find sources that say what you need them to.



(Image Courtesy of Daily Mail)

After checking out that information, I made my way over to the coveted fetus models. I was really excited about this because I've collected fetus dolls since I was 14 years old and was ready to add some new ones to my collection. The Students for Life obviously had good taste, too. It was pretty disappointing these weren't for sale in the end and I'm still not sure why the group brought them in the first place. A few years ago, I snatched some fetuses from the Bodies Exhibit in Las Vegas (for my collection) so I knew the dolls they brought weren't the genuine replicas of what fetuses look like at certain ages (because I found out after Vegas that the fetuses I had were actually

real o: haha that was so wild). I felt too bad to tell them that someone online had ripped them off with these bargain-brand figures.

Unfortunately, I had to stop there to go to class (though I was already late due to the distractible nature of the group). When I returned, however, I heard some commotion at the keynote event. I went over to check it out and noticed the booth had attracted a notable group of women from campus. I've always felt the true gauge of achieve- ment for an activity on campus is determined by how many accomplished, attractive wom- en show up in support, and the Students for Life group attracted the biggest crowd I've ever seen. Good for them. I could tell it was overwhelming though to have that kind of attention as they, one-by-one, went into SIL with tears in their eyes. Finally, a Public Safety officer who hap- pened to be walking by started talking to the women and they all walked off together.

I was really inspired by the achievements of this group, every time I walked by after that I saw more notable people from cam- pus becoming passionate about the discussions they had at the table. SMC probably has never seen student engagement with a club on this level, and I'm really glad it was all about having safe sex. Later that evening, I returned to the table to hopefully get some more information and found the legendary group had disappeared. In their rush to their next keynote address, they had left behind a few of their posters. They read "Abortion is Healthcare," and, in this world of threats for socialized medicine, I realized the true dangers we are up against.

NEW! CONSPIRACY SECTION

“Birds Aren’t Real!”

The absolute truth about the flighty fiends spying on us

Ariana Perez
Opinion Columnist/News Reporter/Bird Truther

My brothers, sisters, and siblings in Christ. I come bearing the truth to the reality of our United States. Our incorruptible government has been harboring a secret that concerns the safety and security of our entire nation. Several ex-CIA have courageously come forward to me to reveal the truth. They, along with myself, can confidently confirm that birds are, in fact, not real.

All the birds have died, killed by the Reagan Administration to spy on Americans during the War on Drugs. What has replaced our nation’s beloved birds are surveillance drones, fixed with special technology in their corneas to hone in on our everyday lives, watching us from the shadows and tree tops to harvest personal data to sell to corporations.

The Government has been spying on us for years through birds, spreading false rumors for decades about spying on American citizens through our landlines and phones. All to draw our attention away from the true method of obtaining information, the false forms of sweet feather friends, or should I now say facist? You really think social media is listening in and recording your history and the products you buy across multiple platforms? Wrong! Social media and the internet are the safest place to avoid the birds, the ones who really spy on you. Since the

internet is relatively new, and unregulated by the government and major corporations, the birds have not yet been programmed to finely access the web and comb through our data. The likelihood of American citizens being watched and listened to through our computers and other new and intrinsically linked technological devices is comical.

The reason you think phones are listening to you is because every time you pull out your phone in the park or sit idly by a coffee shop a bird is watching, listening, reporting you and all your activities. Even in your home, an unobscured window is an invitation to being documented. Privacy doesn’t exist anymore thanks to the birds.

Sources I have contacted said the birds have not infiltrated the internet, yet. Places like Facebook and Tiktok are safe, although I can’t say the same for Twitter. I fear the birds are already starting to corrupt the infrastructure. Still! Though the birds may not be able to fully pry into your laptops, stay vigilant and stay aware! They watch your every step every time you leave the safety and comfort of your home or dorm.

That tiny little sparrow outside your dorm? A spy for the NSA meant to emotionally let your guard down with its tiny fluffy body. Those crows that gather around the dumpsters to pick at trash? They’re listening in to your airpods. They know what Netflix shows you stream,

who your favorite artists are. Whether or not you’re a real Taylor Swift stan and streamed Red (Taylor’s Version). Corvids are specifically programmed to tap into apple products.

There are a few solutions to this epidemic that infringes on our rights. One, to increase the breeding of cats. My personal favorite, given that cats are factually superior to all animals, with the exception of Capybaras. Cats have innate technology destroying capabilities, able to effectively take out feathered drones without much effort. Next there is the fact that we, with our own technology and skill, can capture the birds and hack into their systems to obey us instead of the government. With this solution, everyday US citizens can create an integral network of shared information unknown to Big Brother’s prying eyes, like the carrier pigeons of the olden days but better. We must rise up against the birds!

Below is evidence of a spy drone at work, it followed me as I traversed through San Francisco before flying away when I took notice.



What is Hidden Under the SMC Chapel?

By Madison Sciba
Professional Conspiracy Theorist

Do YOU know what secrets Saint Mary’s is hiding in the catacombs beneath the Chapel? Does anyone know? Why are they closed off to students? Why is the school being so secretive? Well, I have so many theories! Is it a secret society’s temple? Do the Brothers have private meetings late at night?? Is there a vault filled with jewels and stolen paintings? SMC, we need to know.

Have you ever heard of the Freemasons? One theory is that there is a Freemason temple hidden beneath the Chapel at Saint Mary’s, and it explains why the catacombs are off limits to students. They don’t want us to see their rituals of Freemasonry.

Or do the Brothers have suspicious meetings down there? My favorite theory is that they have an underground fight club. Sorry, we can’t talk about fight club. Maybe Church life gets a little boring. Need something to spice it up. Don’t worry; just fight out your feelings in the dark of night.

Is that why they are never seen at the rec center? That would surely be one way to stay fit. How well do we really know the Brothers at SMC? Could they be hiding a vault filled with valuable artifacts (Image Courtesy of Study Breaks Magazine)



The treasure of the secret society, the Knights Templar (again, back to the secret societies), could that be what is hidden under the chapel? The catacombs need to be opened to the students, we deserve to know the truth and this writer really hopes the truth is a Brothers fight club.

Sports

UCU Pavillion to become an Ice Hockey Rink

Basketball season is over, and there is no better time to keep the Gael spirit going by introducing ice hockey into the stadium.

By Eden Llodrá
Sports Reporter

As of late, the Saint Mary’s faculty has been talking about transforming the basketball courts into an ice hockey rink. “We have rugby and lacrosse, I don’t see why we shouldn’t introduce another contact sport, it would be a perfect distraction during the wintertime blues,” said one of the Saint Mary’s sports directors. “It’ll get more students and locals out in the stands.”

An ice hockey rink at a D1 school in California would most likely be underrated and have high success rates, with our biggest competitors being on the East Coast. This would give Saint Mary’s a lot of press attention and popularity. It could also bring in more financial benefits to the college campus.

There is not much attention veered towards ice hockey, “I was watching the winter Olympics and it occurred to me that I didn’t see any Saint Mary’s representation,” said President Rick Prune. “Basketball is feeling a bit cheugy right now but hockey is very fresh.”

It is pretty important that Saint Mary’s stays up to date with the newest sports trends, to keep things exciting and receive more attention statewide and even nationally.

The students have said, “We don’t want Saint Mary’s to be hidden in the Moraga hills, we want to be on the front of the papers. We want to be able to tell people the town we live in without confused and estranged looks.” Ice hockey could bring Saint Mary’s the attention it needs to gain more recognition nationally.

Bringing ice hockey to the stadium could turn things around for the better, “I mean who doesn’t want to see a bunch of dudes slamming into one another?” one student said. The overall consensus seems to be that ice hockey would bring a sense of comradery amongst students and give more entertainment to the UCU pavilion.

New Pathogen Discovered on Campus

Worrying new “Basketball Mania” sweeping the campus

by Public Safety.

By Joseph Amir
Visiting Sports Reporter and Virologist

This virus has infected our athletics managers, the employees at the Office of College Communications, the student body, and even our very own President Richard Prune. This pathogen has the unusual effect of causing the host to forget about any sport that is not men’s basketball, causing them to elicit confused looks or devolve into mumbling, lilting sing-song when asked about any sport that does not feature Tommy Kuhse. This story was first uncovered after a mass, super-spreader party off campus, after which multiple guests of the aforementioned event were scheduled to be interviewed about men’s rugby. When asked who was the standout player of the team, Jeremy Kuzak responded “Tommy Kuhse, of course!” The interviewer then gently reminded him that he was speaking about the wrong team and that he meant rugby, to which Kuzak replied “what’s rugby?” At this point, the interviewer began to explain how the sport of rugby was played when the subject became irate and belligerent, and was subsequently removed from the room

This pathogen is believed to be extremely dangerous, having already endangered the life of the Saint Mary’s College women’s softball coach. They sustained impact trauma to their cranium after forgetting what sport they were coaching, rushing the batter and were struck in self-defense. Additionally, several students have reportedly savagely attacked roommates after these individuals have claimed to play sports such as “volleyball,” “baseball” or “soccer.”

In an unrelated development, it is said that as a result of the fallout from this virus, Coach Randy Bennett will have his salary increased from roughly \$700,000 to \$10 million per year. In a major restructuring, President Prune has announced that he is cutting all sports programs except for men’s basketball, eliminating the performing arts, communications, and business departments, and pouring their funding into the budget for a 2nd, bigger stadium that is planned to replace the Saint Mary’s Chapel and Oliver Hall. This stadium, as a result of back-door dealings made by President Donahue before his departure, will be named Wells Fargo Stadium despite receiving no financial assistance from that bank.

Boxing Brothers Battle it Out

All the info you need about the upcoming SMC vs. SCU fight!

By Kiera O’Hara-Heinz
Associate Jester/Amateur Boxing Announcer

We all know that the first rule of fight club is not to talk about fight club, but this news is just too juicy to keep a secret. A recent undercover investigation has uncovered an underground fight club at Saint Mary’s College. After living in disguise for over a month, I finally have the proof to expose the extracurricular activities of the Lasallian Brothers at SMC, and finally clarified what exactly goes down in the catacombs underneath the school: between prayers, and teaching and advising responsibilities, the brothers have formed a bare knuckle boxing ring.

Known for their black outfits and white collars, community members may be surprised to learn that the brothers are stripping off their shirts and shoes to pound their peers.

Chloe McPhloe, a sophomore theology major and Mission and Ministry Employee witnessed one of these fight nights last month while she was helping to prepare for a Solidarity Supper.

“I was looking through the closet for some paper towels and I saw a huddle of half naked men,” McPhloe said. “I looked closer and I realized that it was the brothers and that they were fighting each other. They were surprisingly agile for elderly men. I think I saw a roundhouse kick or two.”

A group of business majors have found a way to monetize the athletic prowess of Saint Mary’s Ministry and have set up a series of fights with the Jesuit brothers of nearby Catholic schools. One such fight has been planned to take place against the Santa Clara University Jesuit Brothers on April 7th.

Brother Geoffery Teffley says that he is stoked for the upcoming fight. “It’s one thing to fight my brothers,” Teffley said. “But to fight the Jesuit brothers will be the culmination of centuries worth of rivalry.”

Many students are looking to place bets on the fight, with many betting on the SMC Lasallian Brothers having a sweeping victory. Watch parties are also being planned at local businesses with a particularly large one planned at Roundup. Students looking to witness the event live can buy tickets to the upcoming fight on the athletics website for a small donation of \$6.66.



(Image Courtesy of the SMC Brothers Fight Club)

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