

Dear Friends,

This fall has been one of the busiest recruitment seasons our membership has seen yet! In a few short months AAP members covered over 75 college fairs, two receptions, and have already endorsed 70 applications for next fall! I want to formally thank all of you who generously donated your time and energy in representing SMC at a local college fair. As a membership, you covered 30 more fairs than any other past year and collected over 1300 inquiry cards from interested students – **HIGH FIVE!** As you know, the College would not have otherwise connected with these students without you. Your contributions to SMC and these students are not only appreciated by everyone here at SMC, but they help advance the mission of Saint Mary's College throughout the country. Thank you again.

Yours for Saint Mary's,  
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**P.S.** Please be sure to check out the Alumni-Admissions Program web-page where you can access upcoming volunteer opportunities, training tools and other important member resources.  
Login at: [www.stmarys-ca.edu/alumni/aap/](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/alumni/aap/)

## ADMISSION NEWS

**ALUMNI-ENDORSED APPLICATION:** Once again the Admissions Office is strongly encouraging the use of our online application. Please help us in this effort by waiving the application fee of a prospective student. Simply instruct the student to apply online at: [www.smcadmit.com](http://www.smcadmit.com). This will allow the student to submit their application without paying the \$55 application fee. Past data shows that students who apply with alumni endorsement have a higher rate of enrolling to the College if accepted. Please help us find talented students in your area, and encourage their online application. The application deadline for fall 2007 is January 15, 2007.

**NEW FACES:** The Admissions Office welcomes the following new members to our office:

**Lin Larson**, Senior Assistant Director and Coordinator of International Student Recruitment. Lin comes to SMC with years of experience in both International education and recruitment. Her goal is to increase the number of International students on our campus. Lin also plans on taking the Alumni-Admissions Program overseas to help her recruit talented International students to SMC.

**John Agnone**, Senior Admissions Officer. As a first-generation student himself, John is excited to be a member of the SMC community and provide access to higher education. He will work with both faculty and parents in developing stronger communication with prospective students and families.

**Linde Waite '06** joins our team as an Admissions Officer. While a student at SMC she majored in Religious Studies and was actively involved in both theatre and choir though her highlight at SMC was studying abroad in Rome, Italy. Linde will assist in the recruitment and training of Admissions Office student volunteers.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Chris Carter '97 Joins Alumni Relations

Chris Carter is the new Associate Director of Alumni Relations in charge of reunions, online communication and the SMC Update electronic newsletter. He assumed his new position on Oct. 16, 2006. Carter has spent the past three years working in the Office of Admissions, where he served as Assistant Director for Operations.

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Students Win Prestigious Honors at Scientific Conference

Six Saint Mary's College students received high honors for their scientific research at the annual Sigma Xi conference in early November.

"We are grateful that our scientific peers recognize and value the work that students do here in conjunction with their faculty members," said Dean Brian Jersky. "The School of Science is proud of our hands-on teaching. We think these awards are a testament to the quality of the education that students at Saint Mary's obtain in the School of Science."

Competing with students from more than 100 colleges and universities, the SMC students made poster presentations at the Sigma Xi Meeting and Student Research Conference in Detroit on Nov. 3 and 4. It was the second consecutive year that all Saint Mary's students attending the event earned awards.

Founded in 1886, Sigma Xi promotes excellence in investigation and cooperation among researchers in all fields of science and engineering. There are nearly 65,000 Sigma Xi members in 100 countries.

"There was such a broad range of science and mathematics represented at this conference," King said. "Sigma Xi did a good job of getting a diverse group of people to attend the conference and really stressed the importance of maintaining diversity in the field of science, whether it's race, gender, religion or interests."

Dean Jersky sees a bright future for Saint Mary's students in Sigma Xi.

"Saint Mary's has a chapter of Sigma Xi on campus, and we will continue to sustain this and thereby contribute to the scientific conversation," Jersky said. "Our success there was not only academic and professional, but also personal. The students bonded together and enjoyed themselves as a confident, fun-loving and cohesive group. We're very proud of them."

For more on this story, please go to: [http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news\\_events/news](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news_events/news).

--Kevin Damore  
Office of College Communications

## ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

November 15	Priority Application Deadline
January 15	Application Deadline
February 15	Priority Financial Aid Deadline

## AAP MEMBER PROFILE

Each issue the AAP Newsletter highlights one of our outstanding members. For this issue we are highlighting two original AAP Members, Joe Siler '62 and Marty Breen '64. Many of you may have read about these two outstanding Gaels in the latest issue of *Saint Mary's Magazine*. In that issue, both Marty and Joe were celebrated for their ongoing devotion and generosity to Saint Mary's College.

### Joe Siler '62

Leaving southern California, Joe came to Moraga in 1958; one of six children in his family and the first of his three brothers to attend SMC. As you know, Saint Mary's was strictly a college for men at this time, precluding his sisters from attending. However, Joe's sister Mary Ann sent all four of her children to SMC. Joe's three daughters also graduated from SMC contributing to the Siler tradition. In total, there are more than 30 Siler relatives who have attended Saint Mary's College!

Currently Joe is a member of the Saint Mary's Board of Regents, President's Club Committee Member, past Alumni Board of Director, and active AAP member.

### Marty Breen '64

Marty was first introduced to Saint Mary's by Brother Albert Rahill who visited his high school, Pomona Catholic. Marty fell in love with SMC and came to campus in 1960, the same year as Joe's youngest brother, Ken. Ken and Marty were roommates, allowing Marty to connect with the Siler clan and meet his wife, Kathy Ary, cousin of Joe and Ken. Kathy and Marty have four children, three of which attended SMC: Erin '90, Brian '94 and Kelly '02.

In the following of his mentor Brother Rahill, Marty is now an active member of the AAP, recruiting students from southern California to Saint Mary's. He has attended numerous college fairs and receptions, as well as taking the time to call and e-mail prospective students. He is recently retired and expecting his first grand-child.

The Office of Admissions would like to thank both Marty and Joe for this continued support of our recruitment activities. Their enthusiasm, knowledge and genuine passion for Saint Mary's is a gift to the College and every student they encounter.

## WINTER ALUMNI EVENTS

### DECEMBER

#### Saturday, December 2, 2006 - Black Alumni

**Celebrations.** Join with other alumni and friends and share Saint Mary's memories. For more information and locations, please contact the Alumni Office.

#### Monday, December 11, 2006 - Road Trip: Ride the

**Gael's Rails.** Come join fellow alumni for a road trip to watch the Gael's play the Reno Wolfpack at the University of Nevada. We depart the Martinez Amtrak Station on December 11, 2006 at 9:54am and leave the Reno Amtrak Station on December 13, 2006 at 9:14am. The Gael's Rails Road Trip Package includes: roundtrip train ticket, two nights at the Silver Legacy, discounted meals and shows, pre-game social and one ticket to the basketball game. All RSVPs must be received before October 23, 2006. For more information please contact Lloyd Schine (925-631-4026).

#### Sunday, December 17, 2006 - SMC Basketball vs. the University of Connecticut and Social.

See the Gaels take on U-Conn in Connecticut in Men's Basketball and celebrate with other Gaels to another hopeful Gaels victory.

#### Tuesday, December 19, 2006 - SMC Basketball vs. St. Joseph's University and Social.

See the Gaels take on St. Joseph's in Philadelphia in Men's Basketball and celebrate with other Gaels to another hopeful Gaels victory.

### JANUARY

#### Saturday, January 6, 2007 - SMC Basketball vs. Santa Clara University and Social.

See the Gaels take on Santa Clara in Men's Basketball and celebrate with other Gaels to another hopeful Gaels victory in the Claeys Lounge of the Soda Center after the game.

#### Monday, January 15, 2007 - Sacramento Chapter Men's Basketball Social.

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter will be watching the Men's Basketball game vs. Gonzaga at Pyramid Brewery in Sacramento.

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**Gonzaga University and Social.** See the Gaels take on Gonzaga in Men's Basketball and celebrate with other Gaels to another hopeful Gaels victory after the game in Claeys lounge of the Soda Center.

#### January 16-May 15, 2007 - 2006-2007 Brother DeSales Seminar Program.

This program offers alumni, parents and friends of Saint Mary's College, the opportunity to revisit the Great Books in discussions facilitated by Saint Mary's professors. The Alumni Great Books program has been recently renamed in honor of the late Brother DeSales Perez '53, who was the faculty moderator of these seminars for ten years.

#### Friday, January 26, 2007 - Alumni Awards Dinner.

Come celebrate the accomplishments of great Gaels with alumni, parents, family, students, staff and friends of SMC. This night we honor our greatest Gaels.

#### Saturday, January 27, 2007 - Graduate Business Alumni Chapter - Homecoming.

4:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. Social - Cocktail Mixer 7:00 p.m. Basketball Game & After Game Activities.

#### Saturday, January 27, 2007 - Homecoming 2007 Featuring Live Music Performed by Wonderbread

**5.** Come early for mass and a pre-game social. Then see the Gaels take on Pepperdine in great basketball action. Stay after the game and celebrate SMC and all that it has to offer with other Gaels with dancing, eating, sharing of stories and great Gael fun featuring the live band WONDERBREAD 5, [www.wonderbread5.com](http://www.wonderbread5.com). This will be a great party to remind us how special it is to be a part of the Saint Mary's Family.

For more information on all Alumni events, please contact the Alumni Office at (925) 631-4200.

