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Saint Leo University Gets Freak On With Spooky Holiday

What is it about being scared that makes this holiday so special?

BY JESSICA WILLIAMS
Co-Editor

SAINT LEO—Ghosts and goblins and witches, oh my! Halloween, a.k.a. All Hollow's Eve was originally derived from the Harvest season, but in the last century has become one of the most popular holidays.

At the end of August, beginning of September, department stores stock up their shelves with Halloween costumes, decorations, candy, etc. From these displays, people spend money on decorations to make their houses scary to guests and onlookers.

Halloween, for many, involves dressing up, going trick-or-treating, or to parties such as Guavaween, or to haunted theme parks, such as Halloween Horror Nights. These are just a few of the Halloween traditions that come to mind for Saint Leo University students.

Starting in the early '90s, Universal Studios held it's first Halloween Horror Nights, where the park is turned into a huge haunted house. Fog keeps corners and paths dark and ominous, so that cast members dressed up in



Halloween at Saint Leo is a time of community involvement, as Marmion/Snyder Hall puts on a Haunted House. (Courtesy Natasha Fredericks)

costumes can jump out at you. The most popular aspect is Bill and Ted's Excellent Halloween Adventure, which is a parody of all the movies, celebrities, and events from the current year.

Some Saint Leo University students who have already been to Halloween Horror Nights this year, which for the first time is being held at Universal Studios' neighbor, Islands of Adventure, stated that the crowds caused lines to keep them waiting for more than two hours.

As Halloween draws near, movie rental stores have scary movies on display because more people rent horror movies around Halloween than any other time. According to an article written by Emily Baldauf from Princeton, around Halloween is when it is more exciting to be scared. Hollywood releases horror/suspense movies around Halloween because they score big at the Box Office. This year,

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College Students Return to Saint Leo University After Shortened Fall Break

BY BRILLION WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Sure, Fall Break was only three days. Sure, it rained almost all weekend. And of course it would have been nice to get a whole week of school off. But, hey! It was nice to get a break from school, even if it was only for a few days.

The reason Fall Break is only a few days is so we can all enjoy a longer Thanksgiving Break.

According to Dr. Dadez, "The President's staff made the decision

to decrease Fall Break from 2 days to 1 day and increase the Thanksgiving Break from 2 days to 5 days in recognition of the significant number of out of state and international students we have on our campus."

For some students, Fall Break was a time to catch up on homework. We all know how easy it is to get behind in our classes.

Senior Lisa Cronauer did homework for the entire Fall Break.

"It didn't feel like a break because I had so much homework

to do, but I was glad to at least get one day to catch up on my work," Cronauer says.

Other students at Saint Leo University chose to go out of town and enjoy a few days off-campus. Senior Ashley Storm went out of town during Fall Break.

"I went to Gainesville to visit a friend. Fall Break was good because I was able relax and hang out with my friends," says Storm.

For the most part, students enjoyed their Fall Break. Besides, who can complain? At least we had a day off from school.

Opinions

EDITORIAL

Men Deserve the Right to Choose

BY KIMBERLY LIU

Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Americans believe that they are entitled to certain freedoms. Among these are freedom of speech, religion, the press and, more recently, freedom of choice. The 1973 decision *Roe v. Wade* specifically legalized the right to choose to have an abortion. Although this case empowered women with freedom of choice, it simultaneously limited men's.

Presently men have no legal rights in abortion decisions. Even a married man cannot force his spouse to either abort or keep a fetus. For biological reasons, reserving the ultimate abortion choice to the woman is the most just thing to do, and thus a necessary legal statute. However, men deserve some auxiliary rights in this situation and, informally, women should strive to consider the rights of a father in this decision.

In 1976, the decision for the plaintiff in *Planned Parenthood v. Danforth* overturned a Missouri statute requiring the husband's consent before a woman could undergo an abortion. Still, just this summer, a Pennsylvania man initiated a court case which would have prevented his ex-girlfriend from aborting their baby. The judge ruled to allow the woman to have the abortion, but the resulting court battle had both abortion and fathers' rights activists up in arms about the current state of abortion laws.

Freedom of choice is only a conditional liberty. We retain it unless it impedes on another's freedom of choice. Such is the case with abortion rights. Ideally, men should have the right to decide the fate of a fetus, the existence of which is half due to them. But, unfortunately, men's and women's claims on choice in this case are sometimes mutually exclusive. And in the event of conflict, with little room for a compromised decision, there are compelling reasons why the tie must go to the woman.

The capacity for pregnancy is an inherent inequality between men and women. We can



level the political, economic and social playing fields, but this biological imbalance simply isn't going away anytime soon. Women bear both the pain and the pleasure of pregnancy. Forcing a woman to undergo either pregnancy or an abortion is a veritable violation of the sixth amendment. The cliché "It's my body, it's my business" remains valid. In cases where the state does not have the right to determine whether or not a woman should have an abortion, then her partner should not either.

A man can never choose to be a father if the woman wishes to abort a pregnancy. However, if a woman can choose to undergo an abortion against a man's wishes, a man should be able to choose not to be a legal father. As the law stands, not only does a man have no say in the decision to abort a pregnancy, he also is faced with legal repercussions regardless of whether he wants the child or not. This contradiction crosses the line on the woman's abortion prerogative. If a man positively decides early into a pregnancy that he wants the child to be aborted, and a woman chooses to keep the child, then the man should have the option of legally detaching himself from said child. That is, after the child's birth, he should not be obligated to pay child support for a baby he did not want. The woman still has all the power to decide to keep the child, but it will also be a decision for single parenthood.

Yes, the man did help conceive the child. But this 50 percent contribution carries no weight when the woman decides to have an abortion. As soon as a man's part in conception garners him no decision-making power, it

should also absolve him of responsibility. After making only half the contribution to conception, a woman gets the first decision alone as to whether she will be a parent. In comparison to this, it is a small concession to allow men the same choice.

Plainly, this idea would not work unconditionally. A case-by-case examination would be necessary to prevent men from abusing it. It should not absolve men from the consequences of their actions, but offer them some rights in determining their own future. Stigma in the case of unwanted pregnancy tends to direct the fault immediately at the sperm, not the egg. Currently, if a woman falsely relates to her partner that she is practicing birth control and then becomes pregnant, she faces no repercussions. Just as failure to disclose a sexually transmitted disease is unlawful, a woman's intentional misleading of a man on the subject of birth control should be illegal.

Allowing men to not be legal fathers is not the recommended recourse, as a two-parent household and income is the ideal situation for raising a child. But giving the woman complete agency in decisions that will affect both parties' future is unfair. Men have reasons equally valid to women's for not wanting a child, ones that only begin with financial constraints. Women may not want to have an abortion, but at least an option exists for them. Forcing a man into fatherhood is neither morally nor socially just.

Men have been taught for generations that there are consequences for accidentally impregnating a woman. Now, they need to understand the latest danger of pregnancy: their lack of power in abortion decisions. Sex education needs to go beyond medical risks to legal ones. Men's improved awareness of the dangers of unwanted pregnancy hopefully will result in increased contraceptive use. But beyond these preventive efforts, in the event of an unexpected pregnancy men need relief from the legal repercussions — just as in 1973 women gained an outlet from the biological ones. And on this issue, that's as close to equality as we're going to get.

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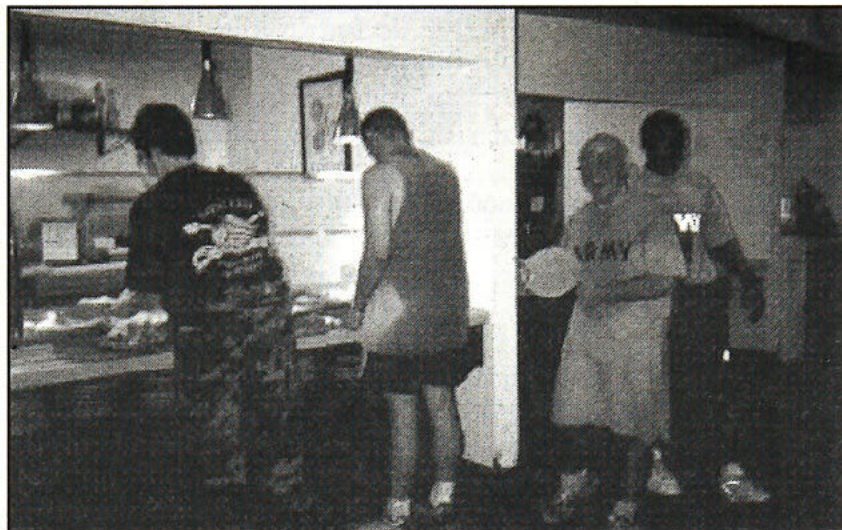
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Army ROTC Program Shows Saint Leo University What it Means to "Go a Step Further"



Members of Saint Leo University's ROTC Program go for an early morning run. (Courtesy Natasha Fredericks)



Proper nutrition is a must for any strenuous activity. Here, ROTC members enjoy a balanced meal. (Courtesy Natasha Fredericks)

**BY NATASHA
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SAINT LEO - At 6 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, while the rest of the campus sleeps curled in the warmth of their beds dreaming about whatever college students dream of, ROTC students are preparing for the day, ready for intense physical training. Ready to take on the world, they are alive, awake, and enthusiastic; they are more than raring to go!

By 6:30 a.m. about 18 people are in formation and doing intense physical training. ROTC is led by one of its students, and he or she coaches them in an array of exercises: from push-ups and sit-ups, to running and jumping, to "flutter kicks," which look like leg lifts. These early birds run relay races, do strange looking jumping jacks (side straddle hop), and can put anyone's stamina to the test.

How do they do that?

"We are determined" said a student.

Army ROTC is an elective for

people who strive for absolute excellence, for those seeking to improve themselves physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Students join ROTC for many reasons.

"I want to go (straight) in as an army officer," explains Barbara Faulkner, when asked why she joined ROTC.

Knowing this, ROTC is tailored for future Army officers.

"Students seek a four-year degree, then active duty in the: Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard upon graduation," said Col. Richard Lexvold, assistant professor of Military Science and the leader of the program. "For a commitment to ROTC, students can become commissioned officers in the U.S. Army making about \$38,000 a year."

Ben Reach claims that joining ROTC "is the best decision I ever made."

The Army ROTC is here to lead by example, meeting on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 6:30-7:30 a.m. to run, jump,



Physical fitness is important in the Army ROTC program. Push-ups like these are a part of rigorous training. (Courtesy Natasha Fredericks)

stretch, and push themselves to their limits. The Saint Leo Army ROTC gets its recruits into top physical shape, helps them to gain and improve their leadership skills and acquire knowledge that they can use anywhere. These skills include stress management, family values, and determination.

For some, like Frank Grand, ROTC is just to help him learn new skills.

"I don't plan to join the army,

this is a way to gain more discipline," Grand explains.

There are some requirements for dedicated recruits. One must be athletically inclined, have at least a B average, serve in a position of leadership in a student or community organization, be motivated by serving and helping others, believe in integrity, and enjoy working as a team.

ROTC is for "youth who want to go a step farther," says Lexvold.

Catholic Universities Pursue Own Response to Scandals

BY AMY JOHNSON
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(U-WIRE) CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — "Going beyond the Blame Game: Conscientious Catholics and Dysfunctional Authority." "Restoring Trust: Perspectives After Dallas." "How Did We Get Into this Mess? From Vatican II to the Next Papacy." These forums, held at Regis College, the University of Notre Dame, Villanova University, and the College of the Holy Cross, respectively, are all examples of other schools' efforts to respond to the current crisis within the Catholic Church.

As Boston College's own Church in the 21st Century series has garnered national attention as

a model response to this issue, Catholic and Jesuit colleges across the nation have also reacted within their respective communities.

Regis College, a small women's liberal arts college in Weston, helped begin this process. Students at Regis asked Cardinal Bernard Law on April 5 to speak about efforts being made to resolve the crisis. Dr. Mary Jane Doherty, special assistant to the president of Regis, had described the Cardinal's response as optimistic, but after the case involving Rev. Paul Shanley broke, Law never made the proposed appearance.

On Oct. 3 and 4, Regis College held a two-day symposium entitled "Women, Church, and Society: the Heart of the Matter." The event, described by Doherty as "brief, but

very intense," consisted of discussions, seminars, prayers, and dialogues among faculty, members of the Boston Archdiocese, alumnae, and students.

Similar to the style of BC's Church in the 21st Century initiative, Regis's symposium was directed at the wider community. Doherty noted that there was a very positive student reaction as well. "We see [Regis College's] role as very dialogical ... to always be making bridges between knowledge and practice," she said.

Other Catholic colleges and universities have also chosen to deal with the Church's problem through faculty and guest speaker-led panels and dialogues.

Notre Dame's "Restoring Trust" conference on Oct. 14

teamed five faculty members with the editor of Commonwealth magazine, Margaret O'Brien Steinfelds, in a lecture and panel discussion.

The conference contemplated the June 14 conference of American Catholic bishops in Dallas, where bishops passed a zero-tolerance policy regarding any abuse act by a priest.

Liturgies and classes within the school's theology program are also addressing student concerns, said Michael O. Garvey, Notre Dame's assistant director of news and information.

Villanova University has offered a similar response, organizing presentations beginning last month and continuing through

Lacrosse Team Joins Ranks of Saint Leo's Club Sports Program, Shows Exceptional Promise

BY JAY KUBICA
Co-editor

Rising quickly on the horizon is a new star in Saint Leo University's athletic constellation. This star, the Saint Leo Lacrosse team, is quickly gaining in popularity and support.

In the works since last February, the lacrosse team finally came into existence this September when the players began practicing. The formation of the team was the result of the intense demand for the sport at Saint Leo.

"We had the interest and the people to facilitate us," Mike Genetti, Team Captain, explained. With the help and advice of Admissions Counselor Josh Trombley, Genetti and the other lacrosse players have made their vision into a reality.

"This was his concept," Genetti added. "I said I was interested and would do whatever I could to help.

We had a meeting, and enough people were interested. Josh met with President Kirk (he's been a large force behind us) and [Athletic Director] Fran Reidy, and we put it in motion. Josh knew Tom [FitzSimons] from the Tampa Lacrosse team, and Tom knew Dave [Penrod]."

FitzSimons, a lacrosse player for 25 years, and Penrod, a lacrosse player for 22 years, are coaching the lacrosse team.

"I read a book written by Robert Urich about lacrosse, and the message of the closing paragraph was to give back what you've been given," Penrod said, explaining his desire to spread the love of the sport to others.

The lacrosse team currently has approximately 23 members, most of which are freshmen and sophomores. There are only two seniors and one junior.

"As we get going, the team is starting to mould," Penrod stated.



The Saint Leo University Lacrosse team works hard at practice, honing their skills for the games ahead. (Courtesy Natasha Fredericks)

"Lacrosse is the ultimate team sport. There is no 'I' in this sport."

The physically demanding nature of lacrosse is one reason students are attracted to it. According to Sophomore Michael Rupert, he loves lacrosse because it allows him to "be at a Catholic

school and being able to take people's heads off."

Skill is also important in lacrosse, Penrod explains. "In any other sport, you are left-handed or right-handed. We have to be ambidextrous."

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HALLOWEEN CON'T

Ghost Ship, about an abandoned ship that is haunted, will be released around the Halloween weekend.

According to MSN Entertainment, the top 10 scariest movies are:

1. *Psycho* (1960)
2. *Repulsion* (1965)
3. *Night of the Living Dead* (1968)
4. *Suspria* (1977)
5. *Nightmare on Elm Street* (1984)
6. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* (1974)
7. *Don't Look Now* (1973)
8. *Halloween* (1978)
9. *The Exorcist* (1973)
10. *Eraserhead* (1977)

Why do people dress up for Halloween? Well, the tradition is linked to the idea of trick-or-treating. Each year, children's costumes have a particular theme based on popular movies and television shows for that year. Based on this idea employees of Super Walmart stated, the popular costume this year that they cannot get enough of are Spiderman.

Halloween is on a Thursday night, so trick-or-treaters will most likely be finished by 9 p.m. Trick-or-treaters started going house to house back in the ninth century. Trick-or-treating was transformed from the original idea of begging for "soul cakes" by beggars going house to house for All Souls' Day.

With the receiving of goodies from random houses, parents tend to check the candy for anything mysterious and throw away unwrapped candy.

Junior Kim Rivet stated, "I don't dress up anymore. I used to. I was always big on free candy."

Although Halloween is on Thursday, that will not prevent people from having and/or going to parties. Halloween's fun has no age limit. Adults have just as much fun dressing up and having a good time with friends.

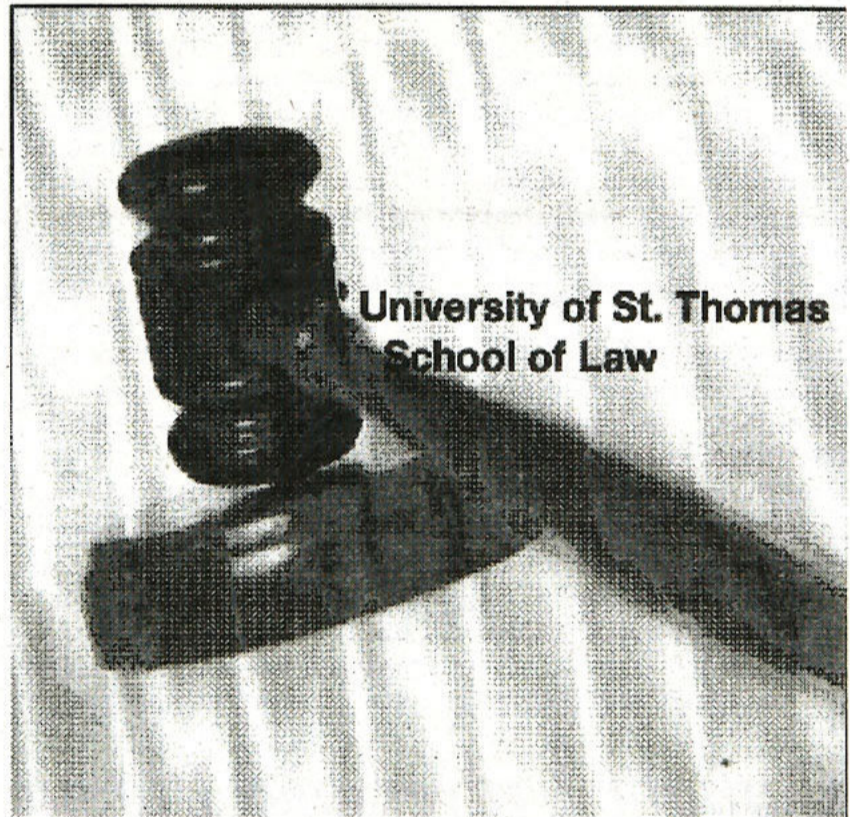
One such party is Guavaween, which occurs in Ybor City. Guavaween's night parade, on October 26, begins at 4 p.m., and the fun continues until the wee hours of the morning. A variety of stages will host performances from popular bands. Admission is \$10 for the night parade. During the day, there are various activities for children.

Joseph Spencer, senior, explained that he loves Halloween because of the "Theta Phi Alpha party and hanging out with friends."

The Theta Phi Alpha party is an annual Halloween bash that will take place at the tavern from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. According to Molly St. James, senior and member of the sorority explained that there will be a \$2 cover with drink specials and a costume contest.

"The woman's basketball team dresses up and goes to the Shriner's Hospital. It's a lot of fun, and I love seeing the little kids all hyped," explained Maria Martin, sophomore, about her Halloween plans.

In the end, Halloween is the time of year when it's fun to be scared. So, get out there while you still can and buy a costume to enjoy the tradition.



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Study Says Colleges Don't Report Rape Stats

BY CINDY GOLDBERG
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(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — A two-year, nationwide study released Oct. 21 revealed less than 40 percent of colleges and universities accurately follow a federal law that requires the reporting of crime statistics on rapes and sexual assaults.

The Clery Act, originally known as the Campus Security Act, requires institutions of higher education to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses.

A study conducted by the Education Development Center and the University of Cincinnati investigated schools' compliance with the Clery Act. It found that 60 percent do not report campus crimes accurately, nor do they use funding to provide awareness programs.

"Less than half of our institutions are providing rape-prevention training for men and

women," said Heather Karjane, the principal investigator of the study and project director at the Education Development Center. "If schools would report statistics and provide awareness programs, women could learn how to prevent a sexual assault from being committed against them or how to report it if it does occur."

The University of Missouri is one of the schools that complies with the act. The MU Police Department works with the university in order to provide a campus safety and crime report for current and future students.

The report is produced annually, contains campus crime statistics and is a resource guide for campus safety services and crime-prevention strategies. It can be accessed electronically through a mass e-mail that is sent out each year or in paper format at the Women's Center.

"We take these reports very seriously," MUPD spokesman Lt. Brian Weimer said. "We

continually review our statistics to be sure that our students have the most accurate and up-to-date information. We want to make them aware of crimes that have occurred on and around their campus."

Karjane's study also found that "underreporting by victims of acquaintance sexual assault is one of the most, if not the most, significant factors in low reporting rates on campuses" and that 85 percent of sexual assaults on college campuses are committed by people the victims know.

Laura Hacquard, coordinator of the Women's Center, said though these facts are relevant, MUPD does an excellent job in following the Clery Act.

"It is almost impossible to get the actual composites of sexual-assault cases because so many women don't want to go to the police," Hacquard said.

Those who are assaulted by someone they know are less likely to report the crime because they

don't want to call it rape, Hacquard said.

"Many don't like accepting the idea that a friend would do that to them," she said.

In addition, if a woman doesn't believe she will be treated well by health care professionals and police, Karjane said the woman might be less inclined to report the crime.

"The Women's Center has a great relationship with the MU police, and we can help a woman report comfortably," Hacquard said.

She said MU also provides unique programs and resources that help spread rape awareness. Information is available at the Rape Education Center, the MU Health Center and MUPD.

"Rape is an all-campus problem, so there is an all-campus effort to prevent it," she said.

Karjane's study is available online at the Education Development Center's Web site, www2.edc.org.



The picturesque scenery of Saint Leo is well-known. The views from the Marmion/Snyder hilltop (left) are particularly enchanting.

(Natasha Fredericks)

SCANDAL CON'T

November. Faculty, area Catholic leaders, and religious scholars from across the country have gathered for forums such as "Anatomy of a Crisis" on Oct. 4, and "Being Catholic Now: Scandal, Discipleship" to take place Nov. 12.

Closer to home, the College of the Holy Cross sponsored "From Vatican II to the Next Papacy" a joint lecture given by Robert Blair Kaiser and John Allen, both reporters from the Vatican.

The majority of these responses, including BC's Church in the 21st Century project, have aimed not at the student body directly but at the school's community at large. Schools are dealing with student apprehension on a much more individual level, and most insist they are addressing the questions posed by students.

Not all Catholic schools have responded formally, some choosing instead to simply watch the proceedings unfold and provide individual support when needed. St. John's University (N.Y.), for example, has offered no official program through which to address the crisis. Jody Fisher, spokesperson for St. John's, said the school is handling any concerns brought by students on an individual basis and with great care.

Looking ahead, officials from all schools hope their efforts will allow participants to develop a deeper understanding of Catholicism. Quoting the title of her school's symposium, Doherty said that Regis' endeavor was "a mutual effort to get to the heart of the matter."

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LION MEN'S SOCCER TEAM AT LEAGUE FOE FLORIDA TECH

After playing three difficult matches in early October, the Saint Leo University men's soccer team focused on Sunshine State Conference foe Florida Tech in its lone match of that week. The Lions journeyed to Melbourne for a contest against the Panthers.

Saint Leo went 2-1 on the week. The team started the week off with a 6-1 win over SSC opponent Eckerd College, dropped a 3-1 decision to the University of Central Arkansas, ranked No. 19 in the nation, in a South Region battle, and closed that week out with a 5-1 conquest of South Region foe Christian Brothers University.

In the win over Eckerd, freshman forward Genecarlo Secco of Lima, Peru scored twice, while freshman forward Paul Reynolds of Tampa FL, and senior forward Federico Polo of Bragado, Argentina each had a goal and an assist. Senior forward Ryan Smith of Tampa, FL added a goal, while sophomore forward Tony Rosso of Tarpon Springs, FL, senior defender Juan Palacio of Cordoba Argentina, sophomore forward Gus Kalathakis of Port Richey, FL and sophomore midfielder Adam Guiliano of Germantown, TN all added one assist.

Polo scored the lone Lion goal in the loss to Central Arkansas. The goal tied the match 20 seconds before intermission. Sophomore

defender Niel Laxdal of Lakeland, FL assisted on the goal. UCA won it at the 52:18 mark and added a goal, 46 seconds from the end of the match.

Reynolds had another great match against Christian Brothers with two goals and one assist to finish that week with nine points on three goals and a like number of assists. Secco scored once and had two assists to give him eight points on that week. Rosso and freshman midfielder Giancarlo Conte of Port Saint Lucie, FL also scored. Smith and Conte chipped in with assists in the match.

Rosso continued to lead the team in scoring with 16 points on seven goals and two assists, while Secco is next with 14 points on six goals and two assists. Polo and Smith are tied for third with 11 points each, while Reynolds is fifth with 10 points.

SAINT LEO BASKETBALL TEAMS BEGAN PRACTICE

It was the day Saint Leo University second-year men's head coach Mike Madagan and first-year women's head coach Kerri Reaves had been looking forward to for a long time...The start of basketball practice.

Reaves is in her first year as a head coach and the new Lion leader will lead her team on the floor at Marion Bowman Activities Center at 5:30 p.m. The Lions return eight players from last year's team that finished 8-19 overall and 3-11 in the Sunshine State Conference.

Three new faces join the Lions, led by senior forward/post player Jackie Pugh, who played her first two years at Division I Auburn University. The Lacochee, FL resident sat out last year after transferring from the Tigers. Junior guard Rosetta Little of Altamonte Springs, FL, who didn't play last year, returns, and Marshalla Johnson, a junior college transfer from Chicago, IL, rounds out the new players.

Coach Reaves and her team began play in the Division II Commissioners Association Tournament at the Walt Disney Wide World of Sports Complex, Nov. 8-10. The Lions opened with Abilene Christian at 8:30 p.m., on Nov. 8.

Coach Madagan returns seven lettermen and six newcomers round out this year's squad. Saint Leo was 8-19 overall and 2-12 in league play last season. Newcomers include redshirt freshman guard Leonard Bates of Dade City, FL, freshman forward Jordan Keeton of Bronson, FL, freshman guard Scott Seifert of Orlando, FL, senior guard/forward Colin Shaw, a transfer from

Division I the University of North Carolina-Asheville, from Reddington Beach, FL, freshman forward Brandon Lyngse of Boca Raton, FL and junior forward Lonnie Jones of Detroit, MI, a junior college transfer.

The Lion men open the season November 22 at Division I Jacksonville University.

LION VOLLEYBALL TEAM PLAYS IN SOUTH REGION CHALLENGE

With All-America Cristiana Florea expected back in action, the Saint Leo University volleyball teams traveled to the South Region Challenge at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

The Lions, now 11-10 overall and 2-3 in the Sunshine State Conference, met Lander College in their first match. Saint Leo took on the University of North Florida and closed out play that day against Augusta State University.

Florea missed all three of her team's matches several weeks ago with an injury, including a loss to league foe Florida Southern College, 30-27, 30-14, 30-18; a loss to St. Thomas University 15-30, 30-25, 30-20, 30-16 and a victory over Nova Southeastern 30-26, 32-30, 30-20. The matches against St. Thomas and Nova were part of the Florida Southern Classic.

Against Florida Southern, sophomore hitter Robbie Beach of Dayton, OH led the way with seven digs, seven kills and a .385 attack percentage. In the St. Thomas match, sophomore setter Ramona Criste of Baia Mare, Romania had 12 digs and 31 assists, while senior middle blocker Lottie Phillip of Castries, St. Lucia had 12 kills and a .273 attack percentage.

Phillip, Criste, Beach, junior hitter Rachael Yockey of Sylvania, OH and sophomore hitter Alison Baker of Hudson, FL led the team to victory. Phillip had 10 kills and a .316 attack percentage, Criste had 35 assists and five digs, Beach 12 kills and 10 digs, Yockey nine kills, four service aces, five digs and a .292 attack percentage, while Baker had 10 kills and a .500 attack percentage.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS COMPETE SATURDAY IN SSC CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Boyd Hill Park in St. Petersburg, FL, the Sunshine State Conference men's and women's cross country championships was held. The men's 8-K event began at 7:30 a.m., followed by the women's 6-K run at 8:20.

The Saint Leo University men's and women's teams had their final

tune ups the previous Saturday in the Walt Disney World Invitational at Lake Buena Vista, FL. All Lion runners, male and female, turned in personal records.

The Lion men finished 27th with 822 points, while the women were 30th with 867 points.

Ryan Laporte was 202nd overall to lead Saint Leo with a time of 32:50.30, followed by Ken Coreglisane at 32:50.70 for 203rd place, Joel Stephens at 38:14.40 for 224th, Daniel Kahl at 40:33.70 for 226th, Matthew Duran at 44:32.50 for 228th and Joseph Delach at 49:21.60 for 230th place.

Top female performer for the Lions was Katie Etchison at 24:02.80 for 193rd place, followed by Mary Beth Morrison at 24:52.80 for 202nd place, Maria Martin at 24:59.30 for 204th place, Morgan Mander at 26:57.30 for 222nd place, Danielle Walter at 30.36 for 233rd place and Marlyn Martillo at 31:54.40 for 237th place.

LIONS SEEK TO REGROUP SATURDAY IN LEAGUE MATCH AT ROLLINS

When one is in the process of building an athletic program from scratch there are peaks and valleys along the way. How quickly a team recovers from the down side of things gives a coaching staff a reminder on remembering the positive times.

That's what is faced Saint Leo University women's soccer coach Tony Paris and his team as it prepared for a Sunshine State Conference match at Rollins College.

The Lions stood 0-5-2 in league play and 1-9-2 overall after dropping three matches the previous week at home. Saint Leo lost 3-1 to league foe the University of Tampa, followed by a 6-0 conference defeat at the hands of Barry University and a 7-0 setback to Christian Brothers University. Christian Brothers is ranked No. 2 in the nation and Barry is ranked No. 4.

The lone goal came off the foot of freshman midfielder Kristin Stephens of Orlando, FL against Tampa. Sophomore forward Caron Lumbra of Orlando assisted on the play.

Senior goalkeeper Amber Ferrol of Largo, FL had 26 saves for the week with the majority of them being point blank shots.

Junior forward Helen Brady of Pinellas Park, FL leads the Lions in scoring with nine points on four goals and one assist, while freshman forward Sarah Wright of Clearwater, FL is second with seven points on three goals and one assist. Ferrol now has a 2.41 goals against average.

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Sports

SLU ATHLETICS

Special to the Lion's Pride

FIVE SENIORS BOW OUT AT HOME IN MEN'S SOCCER

No. 1...Goalkeeper Charlie Long of Holiday, FL.

No. 2...Forward Ryan Smith of Tampa, FL.

No. 5...Forward Federico Polo of Bragado, Argentina.

No. 12...Defender Juan Palacio of Cordoba, Argentina.

No. 22...Midfielder Claus Hagedorn of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The above five mentioned young men are familiar to anyone with an interest in the sport of soccer.

And at University Field the group was announced for the final time at a home men's soccer match for Saint Leo University. The Lions hosted the University of Tampa of the Sunshine State Conference in a match that started at 3 p.m. This is a change from the printed schedule that lists 3:30 as the starting time.

The five seniors were honored prior to the match. Smith has been at Saint Leo since his freshman year, while Long transferred to Saint Leo as a sophomore, while Polo, Palacio and Hagedorn joined the Lion as juniors.

Saint Leo entered the match with a 3-2 league record and a 10-5-1 overall mark. The Lions completed regular season play in Boca Raton against Lynn University in a conference match at 3. A pair of wins that week would enable the Lions to finish regular season play tied for second place in the SSC.

The Lions snapped a four-match losing streak to Florida Southern College in Lakeland, turning back the Mocs 3-2 in a conference battle. Freshman forward Paul Reynolds of Tampa,

FL scored the winning goal at the 77:25 mark on an assist by sophomore forward Gus Kalathakis of Port Richey, FL.

After allowing a goal 46 seconds into the match, Saint Leo fought back to score twice to take the lead. Sophomore forward Tony Rosso of Tarpon Springs, FL started the comeback with a goal at the 32:56 mark on an assist by Reynolds. Hagedorn scored off a corner kick on a great assist by Tony Rosso at the 39:20 mark. FSC tied it just before intermission.

The Lion defense was outstanding in the second half. After permitting eight shots and a pair of goals, Florida Southern was able to get only five shots off in the final 45 minutes and none were able to find the back of the net.

Freshman midfielder Giancarlo Conte of Port Saint Lucie, FL led the team in scoring with 20 points on eight goals and four assists. Tony Rosso is second with 19 points on eight goals and three assists, while Smith is third with 15 points on five goals and five assists. Reynolds and Polo are tied for fourth place with 14 points on four goals and six assists each.

FERROL PLAYS FINAL GAME FOR WOMENS SOCCER TEAM

Goalkeeper Amber Ferrol of Largo, FL closed out her collegiate career at University Field as the Saint Leo University women's soccer team entertained Eckerd College in a Sunshine State Conference match. It also was the final match of the season for the team.

The Lions had one other match that week, playing at the University of Tampa in a league battle. Saint Leo was 1-7-2 in the SSC and 3-11-2 overall.

Ferrol has been the starting keeper for Saint Leo for the past

two years. She transferred here as a junior. She has three shutouts this year and a 2.36 goals against average.

Ferrol was outstanding at home as the Lions won their first ever conference match, turning back Florida Southern College 2-0. This is the third year of the women's soccer program. Ferrol turned aside six shots with four of them being point blank. For her performance that week, Ferrol was selected November 4 as Sunshine State Conference women's soccer co-defensive player-of-the-week. She is the first Lion women's soccer player ever to be honored by the conference.

On offense, the Lions struck early for a pair of goals. Junior striker Kate McKenna of Largo, FL started the ball rolling with her second goal of the season after 2:54 of play. Freshman midfielder Kristin Stephens of Orlando, FL and junior winger Helen Brady of Pinellas Park, FL assisted on the goal.

After 12:34 of action, Saint Leo scored an insurance goal. It came off the foot of junior midfielder April Sampson of Fort Myers, FL. It was her first goal of the season. Brady was credited with an assist.

Brady leads the team in scoring with 12 points on four goals and four assists, while freshman forward Sarah Wright of Clearwater, FL is second with seven points on three goals and one assist. Stephens is third with six points on two goals and a like number of assists.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM HOSTS ROLLINS, FLORIDA TECH

The Road Warriors returned home.

The Saint Leo University volleyball team has played 29 matches this year and only five have been at home. That changed

in the final two weeks of regular season play as five of the final six matches will be played in Marion Bowman Activities Center, starting against Sunshine State Conference foe Rollins College. Florida Tech follows the Tars.

Saint Leo was 15-14 overall and 4-5 in the conference after winning two of three matches in South Florida. After opening the trip with a loss against 17th ranked Barry University 30-22, 30-22, 30-26, the Lions defeated Lynn University 30-27, 21-30, 30-21, 19-30, 15-8 and closed things out with a win over Nova Southeastern University 30-25, 30-25, 33-31.

Against Barry, senior All-America Tina Florea of Baia Mare, Romania and senior Lottie Phillip of Castries, St. Lucia had standout performances. Florea had 13 kills, three digs and a .321 attack percentage, while Phillip had three digs, six kills and a .333 attack percentage.

The Lions had nine team blocks against Lynn. Florea led the team with 17 kills, two solo blocks, 10 digs and three service aces. Sophomore Ramona Criste of Baia Mare, Romania had 38 assists, 15 digs, four service aces and a kill, while sophomore Robbie Beach of Dayton, OH had 11 kills and 18 digs. Sophomore Jennifer Sessa, who moved into the starting lineup against Lynn, had three kills, four service aces, four digs and two solo blocks to lend strong support in the win.

Florea led the way against Nova with 17 kills, 10 digs and an impressive .516 hitting percentage. Beach had a .480 hitting percentage with 12 kills and four digs. Criste added 31 assists, two digs and two block assists, while Phillip had a .389 hitting percentage with nine kills.

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21 – April 19) While sometimes you may feel like a nut, and sometimes you won't, you'll always feel like an '88 Buick Skylark, which is exactly what you are.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) Your prowess as a professional wrestler will soon be known to all, once you set the world record for most disturbing ethnic costume.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21) Your noble attempts to create an efficient workplace will no doubt be foiled by your incurable procrastination.

Cancer (June 22 – July 22) The stars shine brightly on you next week, so put on some extra sun tan lotion.

Leo (July 23 – August 22) Your desire to market hip new products will meet with disaster when you try to replace "Pet Rocks" with "Pet Gallstones".

Virgo (August 23 – September 22) The time for reconciliation has passed. Now is the time for whimpering and pleading, followed by the time for baseless accusations.

Libra (September 23 – October 23) The world will sit back in amazement when you scientifically determine that a woodchuck would, in fact, chuck wood, if that same woodchuck was actually capable of chucking wood.

Scorpio (October 24 – November 21) Don't worry, there will soon be a place for you in your loved one's heart, right after they get their arteries cleared.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21) Think twice before crossing the street. He's a vengeful one, that street.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19) The stars regret to inform you that it takes a full eight degrees to connect you to Kevin Bacon.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18) The time is ripe for career advancement, but not your career advancement.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20) Keep in mind that air fresheners can only cover up so much bad cologne.

Leftovers

Miami QB Dorsey Leads in Heisman Race

BY RYAN DUNLEAVY
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(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — According to a joking Rutgers coach Greg Schiano, it seems “more likely to see [Miami senior quarterback Ken Dorsey] checking out books as a librarian” than as the field general for the nation’s top-ranked team.

“Ken is one of my favorite guys. I enjoyed being around him, he’s a great kid,” said Schiano, who went on to praise the quarterback’s work ethic in the weight room and commitment to studying film.

Schiano would know better than most considering he was Miami’s defensive coordinator under head coach Butch Davis during the 1999 and 2000 seasons, Dorsey’s first two seasons with the Hurricanes.

“I have a great deal of respect for Coach Schiano. He is one of the top coaches around,” Dorsey said. “He is extremely hard-working and he is going to have [Rutgers] winning lots of games and bowl games soon.”

Flash back to the present, where Rutgers isn’t winning many games and Dorsey is the leading candidate for this year’s Heisman Trophy. He has guided the ‘Canes to an unthinkable 29 straight wins and has them positioned atop both major college football polls.

“Going through the pressure last season helped me this year,” Dorsey, a finalist for the 2001 Heisman, said.

Dorsey is not the only ‘Cane who faces such expectations.

At 7-0, the Hurricanes appear poised for a repeat run at the national title despite the extensive pressure that surrounds them every time they take the field.

“[The hype] doesn’t really get to us. We really only talk about it when we’re asked. We take the season one game at a time,” Dorsey said.

Miami’s signal caller since the final three games of his freshman season, Dorsey is 33-1 as starting quarterback and led Miami to a 2001 Rose Bowl blowout of Nebraska, which gave the Hurricanes their fifth national championship.

Sounds like Dorsey had pretty much accomplished everything he could want through his junior season, right?

“I’ve always known I wanted to graduate and be a part of this tradition for four years,” Dorsey said. Perhaps that’s why the pressured Dorsey, who announced before the beginning of his junior season that he would be at Miami for four seasons, did not renege on his decision after Miami’s 11-0 season.

“Guys like [former teammates and now NFL players] Santana

Moss and Ed Reed, who stayed for four years, had a huge impact on my career,” Dorsey said. “And I wanted to have that influence on the career of the younger guys here now.”

No matter how valuable Dorsey is as a team mentor, it’s his talents and abilities that place him at the center of the college football universe.

“He has great awareness and he’s a tremendous competitor,” Miami coach Larry Coker said. “He’s a competitor at practice, he’s a competitor during summer conditioning, he’s a competitor in the weight room. He’s a great leader and our players surround him.”

While such high praise does not come easy, Dorsey is further recognized by his coach because “he’s been able to deliver in big situations.”

“When the game is on the line, that’s when the great players come through and certainly Ken has done that for us,” Coker said.

That’s exactly what he did last week, as Dorsey threw for a career-high 422 yards and two touchdowns, fighting off a late scare for the second straight game.

Along the way, Dorsey surpassed former Hurricane Heisman winner turned college football announcer Gino Torretta as Miami’s all-time in completions, yards passing, and total offense.

While the astonishing list of statistical records and achievements continues, Dorsey is not playing for them.

“I came back for a shot at it all,” Dorsey said.

Unfortunately, despite its undefeated mark, Miami may be denied that opportunity. The Bowl Championship Series and the formula computer rankings which determine the two teams playing in the national championship game, currently has the Hurricanes ranked second to Oklahoma and not far ahead of also-undefeated Notre Dame.

With eight perfect squads remaining, however, Dorsey still has confidence in the questionable system.

“In the end, it will take care of itself. But the thing we are worried about is making it that far so we don’t bail [the BCS] out,” Dorsey said. “If there’s more than two undefeated teams I am confident the right teams will be picked.”

With Tennessee and Virginia Tech still ahead for Miami, the road will not be an easy one. However it is not surprising that with Dorsey at the helm, South Florida is not in a panic.

LACROSSE CON’T

Along with intense and demanding play will inevitably come injury, although, according to Penrod, “The only thing that really gets injured is their pride.”

There are three other teams in Division Two of the Florida Lacrosse League with Saint Leo’s lacrosse team: East Central Florida, Ocala, Miami, and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. While not in the same league, Saint Leo will also play against the University of South Florida and the University of Central Florida. The first game of the season, which will last until March, will be on November 10th in Miami, against the Division Two Champions, the Miami Lacrosse team.

More information about the Florida Lacrosse League can be found at www.floridalacrosse.com.

LACROSSE TEAM STATS

#	First	Last	Year	Position
1	Adam	Wintenburg	Fresh	Goalie
2	Derek	Waters	Fresh	Goalie
3	Lewis	Farwell	Soph	Midfield
4	Walter	Sledge	Fresh	Midfield
5	Mike	Genetti	Soph	Defense
6	Chris	LaPorte	Soph	Midfield
7	Clayton	Burford	Senior	Midfield
8	Dale	Johnson	Soph	Attack
9	Andrew	Alexandre	Fresh	Midfield
11	Jordan	Hazzard	Fresh	Midfield
12	Robin	Cho Fook Lun	Fresh	Midfield
14	Luis	Currie	Soph	Attack
15	Danny	Marquez	Fresh	Defense
16	John	Lydon	Soph	Attack
17	Patrick	Powell	Soph	Midfield
18	Daniel	Bronke	Fresh	Midfield
19	T.J.	Demetriou	Soph	Attack
20	Jason	Pinkowski	Junior	Midfield
21	Steven	Jeffers	Senior	Midfield/Defense
22	Pete	Ciaverelli	Fresh	Midfield
23	Andrew	Watts	Soph	Attack
24	Peter	Maze	Fresh	Defense
25	Mike	Ruppert	Soph	Midfield