

Saint Leo Urbanizes

Lisa Montgomery
Staff Writer

The Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club will soon change the face of Saint Leo as we know it. Eight hundred homes and two eighteen-hole golf courses are underway, complete with a park and racquetball and tennis courts. The development is sure to have an impact on the College and community.

One thousand six hundred acres were cleared for the site, including thirty-three acres of former College property. The project extends north to Mission Road and stretches east into Dade City. The development will feature a gated, upscale community comparable to Saddlebrook. The Golf and Country Club has received a warm welcome from Saint Leo.

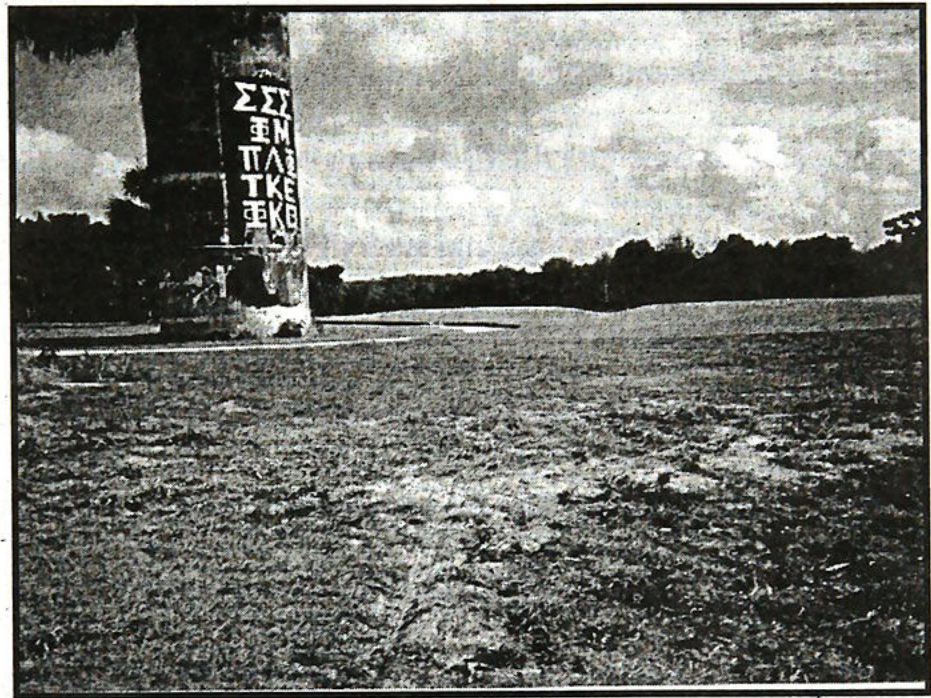
The development is located off Highway 52, east of the Saint Leo College campus. It can be viewed by taking a short walk up to the old tower

near the lake, north of the baseball field. The project is enormous and quite impressive.

Saint Leo College has benefited from the sale of the property with improvements on campus. Another positive feature of the project is a wetland conservation program. When a development is planned, retention ponds must be added to prevent flooding. Man-made lakes are to be put in, and, in addition, areas have been flooded to serve as scenic and practical wetlands.

Another attractive feature is the trees. East Pasco County takes pride in having many Tree City USAs. The Lake Jovita Project has saved as many trees as possible. Some trees are one hundred years old. There is no mistaking the beauty and tranquillity of this area, but will this development result in negative change?

Saint Leo is approximately one square mile, and its residents include



This Saint Leo landmark will not be taken down despite the fact it sits only a few feet from the Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club golf course.

those living on the opposite sides of the lake from Saint Leo College. The small town has a town hall and post office. Oh yeah, and a college.

Saint Leo resident Jerry Morphew says, "I would like this to remain a quiet rural community, but change is inevitable." Many residents are not necessarily excited about the addition of the eight hundred homes but are accepting. It is a wait and see situation.

The golf courses are near completion, and model homes should be ready in six months. Planned names for the areas are "The Estates" and "Lakefront Preserve." Condominiums are to be located near the lake but will not be considered "lakefront." "They must limit lake access in the new community to residents only. Otherwise, the addition of people and boats will ruin it."-Jerry Morphew

Saint Leo Renovates A/C System

Lisa Bisordi
Assistant Editor

The residents in Benoit and Henderson halls will be pleased to be informed about the new desiccant system. A desiccant system will be used to precondition the air in Benoit and Henderson. The system will dry out the air before it enters the halls. This conditioning of the

air will decrease the mold and moisture in resident hall rooms. There will not be an abundance of humidity in the halls when the project is complete. The project of installing the desiccant system is only a fraction of the whole project that has yet to be completed.

A chilled water system will be installed to benefit

many of the buildings on campus. The chiller plant will consist of two five hundred ton chiller water units planted in the ground. There will be room left in the ground for a third unit if there is a need to expand. The purpose of the chilled water system is to cool the air and distribute it through-

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Due to Saint Leo's exam schedule, I had to take a final on Saturday. I do not know one student or teacher who wanted to stay and give or take a final on a Saturday. I can not imagine that the only possible exam schedule was one that placed a final on a Saturday. It seems to me that there could be a better solution than to have students flying home on a weekend when it costs more. I had three days in the middle of the week when I did not have one thing to do, but on that Saturday at 10:10am, I was taking my English exam. I look at the finals schedule, and I see a lack of logical thinking. I know most students have an 11:00am class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additionally, most students have a 10:30am class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. So, if most students have class at this time, why would it make sense to schedule the final exams for both those classes on Saturday? Students with an 11:00 class had their final exam at 10:10 on Saturday, and students with a 10:30 class had their final exam at 2:00pm on Saturday. I was fortunate enough not to have to take my 10:30am exam, but I know most students were not. So why would administration want to make exams harder than they already are? Students are already cramming to get a good grade. But instead of placing these two exams on different days to help the students out, the exam schedule made it more difficult. One possible solution to this problem is not placing an exam on Saturday. Many students had class on Monday and Tuesday, and exams started on Wednesday. Therefore, I think it would be possible to start exams earlier so students would not have a Saturday exam. I think a student-centered college should keep the students best interests in mind when exams are scheduled. **By: Kelly Kohn**



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Creative Writing Corner 3

Sounds

Dear Dad:
Time passes quickly.
Like a breath,
frozen over centuries,
the time I knew you was not enough,
and the time without you is too much.
My prisoner is your smile,
my captive is your laugh.
The strength I never knew I had
you always knew;
an emptiness wants to fill me,
but thank you for not letting it.
It's theoretical that turbulence takes time to thaw-
I never suffered that feeling.
A moment of change goes unnoticed;
this too will change if the pain is yours.
Words I never said are not regretted -
Everything was set on our table of life.
I'm bitter not for what I want -
for your being gave me all I need.
There shall be pain, but never again will it touch me
like the hurt on that night;
What a blow I was dealt!
Your form is gone, but never from my senses,
and my tears are joyful for what I had.
You'll always be in me, my loving dad.

Leonard J. Umhoefer, Jr.

Ralph's

He took the dart into his hand
And threw it at the board.
He placed his aim at the twenty
But only got the four.
He took the other dart from the table
And begged for the twenty again.
But the dart would not agree with him.
And this time he got the ten.
He positioned the last dart between
his fingers
hoping to get the twenty once more.
He cursed and cussed after the throw
Because he hit the stupid four.

Robert Norris

The thunder was an illusion,
As was the dove on the horizon.
A husband's hug a dusk
Comes after the sun has shunned
his love.
A hundred thuds won't muster suspicion,
But suggesting commitment does
Make us shudder.
Come run under the sun
and have some fun,
'cause all of a sudden -
Life could be done!
Adjusting is like being stuck in gum;
running away does not mean you've won.
Without luck the gum will still be stuck.
Support each other like a loving mother.
Suggest religion 'cause the conclusion comes
from the master up above.

Jen Molloy

The Color of My Pride

I stand in front of the cafeteria staring blindly
I stare at the ground, I stare at myself, I stare ahead.
I'm so upset and hurt, yet no one understands.
People smile, I smile back.
Everyone thinks I'm happy.
If only they knew the truth.
I look ahead and see a figure coming towards me
The figure comes across the circle.
I focus, I see maroon.
Suddenly a true smile comes across my face.
The figure comes to me
Without a word just gives me a hug.
The figure is you, my sister.
You always seem to know when I'm sad.
A simple look, a smile, a nod
Lets me know that you care and understand.
Words are hardly needed as you know me by heart.
You know what I'm thinking, this sets us apart.
I want you to know what you mean to me.
The eight of us here, sisters are we.
I'll always love you and we will always be
Sisters forever, you and me.

Jennifer Chadeayne

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Faculty Profile: Dr. Dirk Budd

Lisa Bisordi
Assistant Editor

Dr. Budd, Professor of English, Director of Theatre, began teaching at Saint Leo twenty years ago in 1978. Before Saint Leo he taught at Wilks College in Wilksbury, Pennsylvania and at Keuka College in New York. He taught mainly English courses. Dr. Budd received his BA at Lafayette College, his MA at Columbia University, and his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania. At Saint Leo, Dr. Budd teaches all of the theatre courses, a variety of English courses, and senior seminar for English majors.

Dr. Budd has proved to be a great asset to Saint Leo College. His influence on Theatre Playhouse 90 has been very beneficial. His talent is well known, and his dedication doesn't go unnoticed. Dr. Budd enjoys being a part of Saint Leo's community. He states, "It has been enjoyable all of the way. I like the kind of student we get. I have always taught at private liberal art colleges. I wouldn't teach at a state institution."

Dr. Budd will be on sabbatical



Dr. Dirk Budd

for the Spring, 1999 term. He will be returning in the Fall of 1999. He hopes, while on sabbatical, to develop ideas regarding an acting major. Saint Leo only has an acting minor. "The idea is to make Theatre Playhouse 90 better, if that is possible." Dr. Budd has a very positive outlook for the future of Saint Leo College. His comment on the conversion to a university, "I think it's going very well. Dr. Kirk and Dr. Astolfi launched a strong vote. Dr. Kirk is exceptional with administrative strategies. Dr. Astolfi is intellectual."

Dr. Budd has been a wonderful instructor at Saint Leo College. His contributions as a professor and as a director have been greatly appreciated.

Alumni Profile: Scott Kelyman

Dr. Stephen Baglione
Faculty Advisor

For most, the dream of a sport's career ends on the very competitive playing field. For Scott Kelyman, the dream continues off the field as the Event's Coordinator for Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. Scott, a New Jersey native, graduated from Saint Leo College with a degree in Sports Management in 1993. Warm weather and Saint Leo's Catholic tradition attracted him, but it was the faculty that kept him here, "You're not a number. Teachers know who you are. If they haven't seen you in awhile, they see you, and they are genuinely concerned about you." That concern proved invaluable. An automobile accident during his second semester left him unable to attend classes. Coach Swart "talked to all my teachers to allow me back" when he recovered. Return he did, to complete his classes and an internship with the New York Yankees. That eventually led to his becoming general manager of the Tampa Yankees which included running Spring train-

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Club Profile: Phi Theta Kappa

Jennifer Hawley
Staff Writer

Saint Leo's Phi Theta Kappa is an alumni association for those transfer students who were members of Phi Theta Kappa at a community college. PTK is an honor society which is involved with various community service activities. Saint Leo provides a \$4500.00 scholarship in recognition of the performance of these students at the junior college level. Membership in Saint Leo's chapter of PTK is not necessary to receive this scholarship, but it does enable the members to help others. PTK Co-President Amanda Camp says, "I really feel strongly that we should give something back to Saint Leo and the community. Our mission is to support local Phi Theta Kappa chapters, help transfer students who are Phi Theta Kappa members and give back to Saint Leo College." Co-President LeeAnn Homburger states, "One of our missions in making our alumni society



Amy Johnson, Lee Anne Homburger, Leigh Wazocha, Sally Moore, Georgette Mottl, Candie Taylor, Kathe Patrick, Shirley Evers, Pam Johnson, Lynn Ericson, Charlotte Staats and Sharon Bilby

is to aid transfer students. There are not many transfer organizations on campus, and we are trying to make the transition more comfortable. We intend to have a strong showing at Community Service Day, again this semester." PTK's staff advisor, Carrie Corbett, remarks, "We are a really dynamic group. We combine commuters and resident students and have been active already in the cam-

pus community." The organization's goals are: "to function as a welcoming committee for new PTK students on campus, to provide assistance to the Office of Admissions in recruiting PTK students, to assist local active PTK chapters, and to work to ensure the continued excellence of PTK members at Saint Leo College."

Elections will be held in February. All positions are open. Current officers are: Co-Presidents Amanda Camp and LeeAnn Homburger, Treasurer Keisha Morant, Secretary Carrie Corbett, and Senator Amanda Camp. PTK is currently awaiting charter, and they plan to have an induction sometime this spring. The club's current membership of thirty students is more than that of USF's PTK alumni chapter. This proves that Saint Leo is attracting honor transfer students. PTK meets at 12:30 P.M. on every other Thursday in the Student Activity Center. Past membership in a community or junior college chapter of PTK is required.

Student Profile: Grace A. Dyer

Leonard J. Umhoefer
Photography Editor

A major in Political Science/Pre-Law would probably keep most people too busy to engage in other activities, but not Grace A. Dyer. The Junior, thirty-two year old native of Long Island, NY, is on track to graduate early in December of 1999. She plans on attending Stetson College of Law at the beginning of January, 2000. Ms. Dyer leads an active life both in and out of school. On campus she's carrying a 3.9 GPA and is enrolled in the Honors Program. She attributes her decision to attend Saint Leo to "the individual attention from the administration and the emphasis it puts on guiding me towards accomplishing my goals."

Her mentor, Dr. Hudson Reynolds, Associate Professor of Political Science and head of the Saint Leo Honors program, has this to say about Ms. Dyer: "I think Grace is representative of the kind of transfer student that we're now getting into Saint Leo College, who comes well-prepared from the Junior Colleges, and who's really excited about participating in class. She's very ambitious as a student and is performing at the top level. I would



Grace A. Dyer

hope that the other students who are attracted to the College will be at her level."

Regarding Dr. Reynolds, Ms. Dyer says, "I'm grateful for the experience and knowledge Dr. Reynolds shares with me. I admire

"She is a very ambitious student and is performing at the top level."

-Dr. Hudson Reynolds

him as my mentor because he has obtained some of the same goals that

I hope to achieve. The personalized approach Dr. Reynolds offers is something I value very much."

Ms. Dyer lives off-campus in a home she owns in Spring Hill. Although she was widowed in 1995, she never lost sight of her long-term goal of working as an attorney for the state of Florida. Her eight-year-old son is enrolled in Hernando County's Gifted Program, an accomplishment Ms. Dyer is very proud of. Ms. Dyer also enjoys raising champion, purebred Chinese Pug dogs.

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out the buildings on campus. All of the existing air-conditioning units will be phased out, and the water chiller will take care of the air conditioning. Nearly all of the buildings will be affected by the new system except the residence halls. Alumni and Roderick already benefit from the preconditioned air system. Henderson and Benoit will benefit from the desiccant system. The window units in the Henderson and Benoit rooms will not be removed. Those units will stay so that the residents can control the temperature in the rooms.

Most of the major construction will be done over the summer or in the evenings. Faculty, staff, and students will not be overly inconvenienced due to the construction. Two trailers have been purchased and will be placed next to St. Edward's hall. These trailers will be equipped with telephones, fax machines, and computers. Those faculty and staff who are inconvenienced

due to the construction will be able to use these facilities in order to carry on with their work.

The desiccant will improve indoor air quality. The chilled water system will provide a state of the art air-conditioning system. In addition to these improvements, lighting will also be improved. A modern, energy efficient lighting system will be installed. State of the art fire safety equipment will also be installed during the renovation. This entire renovation will eventually lead to a computerized management system to control air throughout all the buildings on campus.

The appearance of the campus will not be bad during the construction. Everything will be reconstructed shortly after the work has been completed. The project is scheduled to take five hundred days. Jim Killmeyer, Director of Physical Plant, states "I am very excited. This is going to benefit the whole campus. It will provide a more efficient, better quality environment for everyone."

Faculty Column: Phenomenal Personality of Grace Smith

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Patricia Montgomery
Saint Leo Record Specialist

When I began working for Saint Leo College in June of 1977, one of the first people I met was Grace Smith. At that time I began working for the Registrar Office, and Grace had been there since 1968. She began her employment with the College in the Admissions and Record Office. Grace was pregnant with her first child and went on maternity leave shortly thereafter.

A phenomenon began to occur. When students called the office, they always wanted to talk with Grace. We told them she was on leave. Inevitably we heard, "Will she be back? How is she? Tell her I said Hi!" Some called her at home to congratulate her on the addition of her first son to the family. They meant the Saint Leo College Family, not just the Smith Family.

Grace came back part-time for a while, then her second son was born. She left to spend time raising her boys. In 1985 Grace returned to the Registrar Office. Shortly after her return she became responsible for the processing of transcripts. To say that she took on this responsibly well would be an understatement. In the past few years she has accomplished keeping the turnaround time for transcripts down to two to three working days. Most colleges' turnaround time for transcripts is usually ten to fourteen days.

Grace's last day working for Saint Leo College was Friday, January 15, 1999. To say that she will be missed would be another understatement. Co-workers and students will surely miss her. Many students may never have met Grace. Those who have met her, either personally or by phone, will miss her focused dedication a dependable work ethic. Coworkers describe her as one-of-a-kind. We say she is industrious, hardworking, and energetic. She will take these qualities with her.

I believe that the phenomenon will begin again. Students will call and ask "How is she? Will she be coming back? Tell her we said Hi!"

6 Sports Profiles

Male Profile: Brett Slaughter

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

Brett Slaughter was named Sunshine State Conference Player of the month in December. He broke the school record for most three-pointers in a game and is in more top ten categories than any other player in the Sunshine State Conference. He leads the Monarchs in scoring by averaging 20.1 p.p.g. In addition, he averages 40 percent from behind the arch by making 76 of his 93

attempts, and he is second on the team in assists (3.2 a.p.g.) and rebounds (6.6 r.p.g.). Slaughter is a captain for the third year in a row. The Monarchs had a losing record when Slaughter joined the team three years ago, when first year head coach Mike Hanks brought him in with Austin Ojukwu. He

"Brett is our go to guy. We count on him. He wants to play so bad, but he's in so much pain."

-Chanita Olds

will leave as the winningest player in Saint Leo Men's Basketball history as a division two



Brett Slaughter attempts to block a pass.
Leonard J. Umhoefer JR. Photography

team. Coach Hanks comments, "For me, as a coach, when the program was so down and so bad then Brett and Austin come in and give us an outstanding recruiting class. They laid the foundation for a great program. We've been able to build on top of them." Slaughter is

playing with a very bad back. He is playing through the pain right now. Chanita Olds, a student assistant for the men's team, said, "Brett is our go to guy. We count on him. He wants to play so bad, but he is in so much pain." Brett Slaughter has continued to put up great numbers despite his injury.

Female Profile: Telicia Philip

George Root
Co-Sports Editor

Telicia Philip has come on strong as of late for the Monarchs. Nagged early in the season by injuries, she led the team to victory against Tampa with a career high 27 points and 17 rebounds. She hasn't completely overcome her injuries. She has tendinitis in her knee and had a stress fracture in her shin. She is second on the team in rebounding and scoring with 6.8 and 12.9 respectively. She has led the team in scoring six times this season.

The senior forward feels that the Monarchs have the ability to finish the conference strong, possibly even winning it's first conference champi-

onship. "We must bring it all together and play our best every night," stated Philip. In order for the Monarchs to be successful the second-team all-American must show up every night. Coach Hayes commented, "We rely on her heavily. Even when she doesn't have a big scoring night, she contributes on defense and rebounding." Telicia will be missed next season.

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Telicia Philip looks to pass to a teammate.
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Women's Basketball Update

George Root
Co-Sports Editor

The Monarchs record (0-5) is a little misleading. They are a scrappy group of athletes who are beginning to come into their own. Every team they have played so far is a nationally ranked team. Coach Hayes commented, "For a bunch of new faces and a tough schedule, we are beginning to come around."

One freshman who has had an immediate impact is Mindi Bodolus. Her teammates and coaches credit her as being a very "solid" player. "She has a real desire to improve and win," as Hayes noted. Statistically she is third on the team with 8.0 points per game, second in rebounding with 8.4 per game, and she leads the team in blocks with a 1.8 average. Telica Philip and Angela Meiser have been the major offensive contributors. The floor general

again this year has been Kelly Kohn who leads the team in assists at 4.2 per game. Joining Kohn and Philip in providing senior leadership is Dawna Ferguson. She is a tremendous defender and leads the team in rebounds with 9.0 per game.

The Achilles heal of this team so far this season has been injuries. Telica Philip has been playing injured all season. A stress fracture and an injured knee have troubled her. Kelly Kohn, the starting point guard, went down with an injury in the last game. If the team can overcome injuries, they should be able to turn their season around. Also, when they start playing some conference games they should be able to mount some victories. Go out and support your Monarchs. They play a very exciting and up tempo brand of basketball.

Men's Basketball Update

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

The Monarchs are currently 9-5 overall and 1-1 in Sunshine State Conference play. They are a team that can score from every position with four of their five starters averaging double figures. They have had two players recognized by the Sunshine State Conference. Darryl Kelsey was named Player of the Week, and Brett Slaughter was named Player of the Month in December. One problem the Monarchs will need to overcome is the amount of minutes played by the starting five. Four of the five average well above thirty minutes a game.

Adrian Hillman averages 25 minutes a game as the starting center. He became eligible in late December and has had an immediate impact on the

team. In addition to the heavy minutes, the team has had to change with the addition of Hillman to the line-up. He brings a big presence to the team under the basket. Prior to Hillman becoming eligible, the Monarchs were a guard-oriented offense that would run and gun. Adrian is an outstanding player who thrives in a set offense. Coach Hans commented on the change, "We have to become more of a set-up team instead of a 94 feet team, and that transition has not gone smoothly." On the other hand, the Monarchs are winning and have the majority of their conference schedule left to play. As Coach Hanks said, "We are not playing to our potential, and we are still winning. All we can do is get better. The fun part of coaching is helping your team evolve into the best team it can be."

Sports 7 Column: *Varsity Blues*

Sean Golden
Freelance

This past weekend I went with a friend to see the new release, "Varsity Blues" at a local movie theatre. The movie was about a high school football team in a fictitious town. Their coach has won twenty-two district titles and numerous state titles. He is more worried about how he can win his next title rather than the players on his football team. That is all I am going to say about the movie. I don't want to spoil anything.

As I was driving home from this movie I got to think about the many different coaches that I have had in the past. Of the coaches that I have had, there have only been a few like the coach in the movie. One coach that I can recall off the top of my head was one I had when I played Senior League Baseball. That was the league for 14-15 year olds. I helped lead the team to a league championship, which in turn made him the head All Star coach. We went on to win the District Championship and then lost in the Regional Tournament. This coach was the kind of person who would blame a loss on someone else instead of himself. He also had his favorites who would of course play every inning of every game.

The good coaches definitely outnumber the bad ones. These were the ones that you could learn the most from. You could learn from them not only on the field, but also off the field. These were the kind of people who would go out of the way to help anyone. My baseball coach during my senior year of high school was like that. Another great coach was my father. I remember when I played pee-wee football, there were some of my teammates who needed a ride to practice every day. Well, my father picked them up every day. He went out of his way to help these players.

These were just a few of the coaches that have influenced me in the past, the good and the bad. What about the coaches you have had?

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8 Winter Formal

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

Starry Nights and Frosty Dreams was the theme of this year's Winter Dance. It took place on December 13, 1998, at 9:00pm. The actual dance floor was in the cafeteria. Black Pride Productions were the deejays. In the Raleigh Greene room, students could have their pictures taken for free. The pictures were printed out from a computer, and students could pick them up moments later. Senior Patrick Bowen commented, "I like the pictures because it gives me a good memory of a good time at Saint Leo." Additionally, food and drinks were served in the Raleigh Greene room. Alcohol was served to students over the age of twenty-one. The occasion was advertised as semi-causal, but one saw an array of different attire. One student showed up in jeans and

a tee shirt, while another came in a tuxedo. At times there were so many people dancing that those students who could not find room began to dance in other areas. One complaint from a student was the lack of slow songs. Patrick Bowen commented, "It's a frigging dance. You want to slow dance with your girl." Craig Little thought, "I like the fact that it was free. And overall it was good, but I wouldn't want to go without a date." Telica Philip enjoyed the decorations, "The decorations were nice and the deejay was good. It was alright." Another student Bethany Smith had a good time although the music's volume was too high for her taste, "The music was really really loud, but it was a good evening. My boyfriend and some friends went out to dinner beforehand."

Monthly Horoscopes

Taurus: Do not drop everything for a good time this month. Be kind to a stranger you will soon meet; the relationship will grow into a romance.

Gemini: Your instincts will prove true this month. Meditate. Dream. Now is the perfect time to splurge on yourself.

Cancer: Keep an eye on loved ones this month. Change is all around you. Physical goals will be met soon.

Leo: Your ideas will be right on this month. Be careful to protect your pride! A new romance may be headed your way.

Virgo: This is your lucky month! Everything will fall into place for you. Concentrate on your long-term goals.

Libra: Your urges are strong this month. Do not

let yourself get carried away.

Scorpio: Pay attention to your dreams this month. Think deep and hard before making any major descions.

Sagittarius: Be straight forward with loved ones this month. Reflect on lessons learned in the past, they will be important this month.

Capricorn: Listen to advice from a stranger. Take a good look at your financial situation.

Aquarius: Share your knowledge with friends. Be careful of those with hidden agendas.

Pisces: Commitment opportunities will present themselves this month. Watch out.

Aries: Visit old friends and places. The past will put the future in focus.

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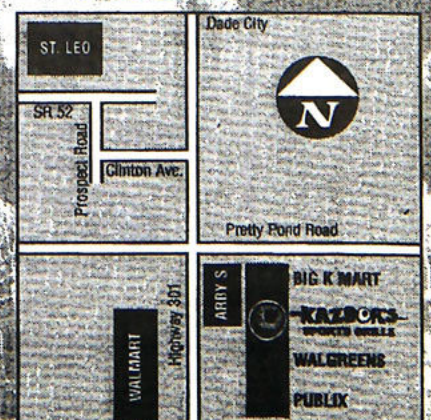
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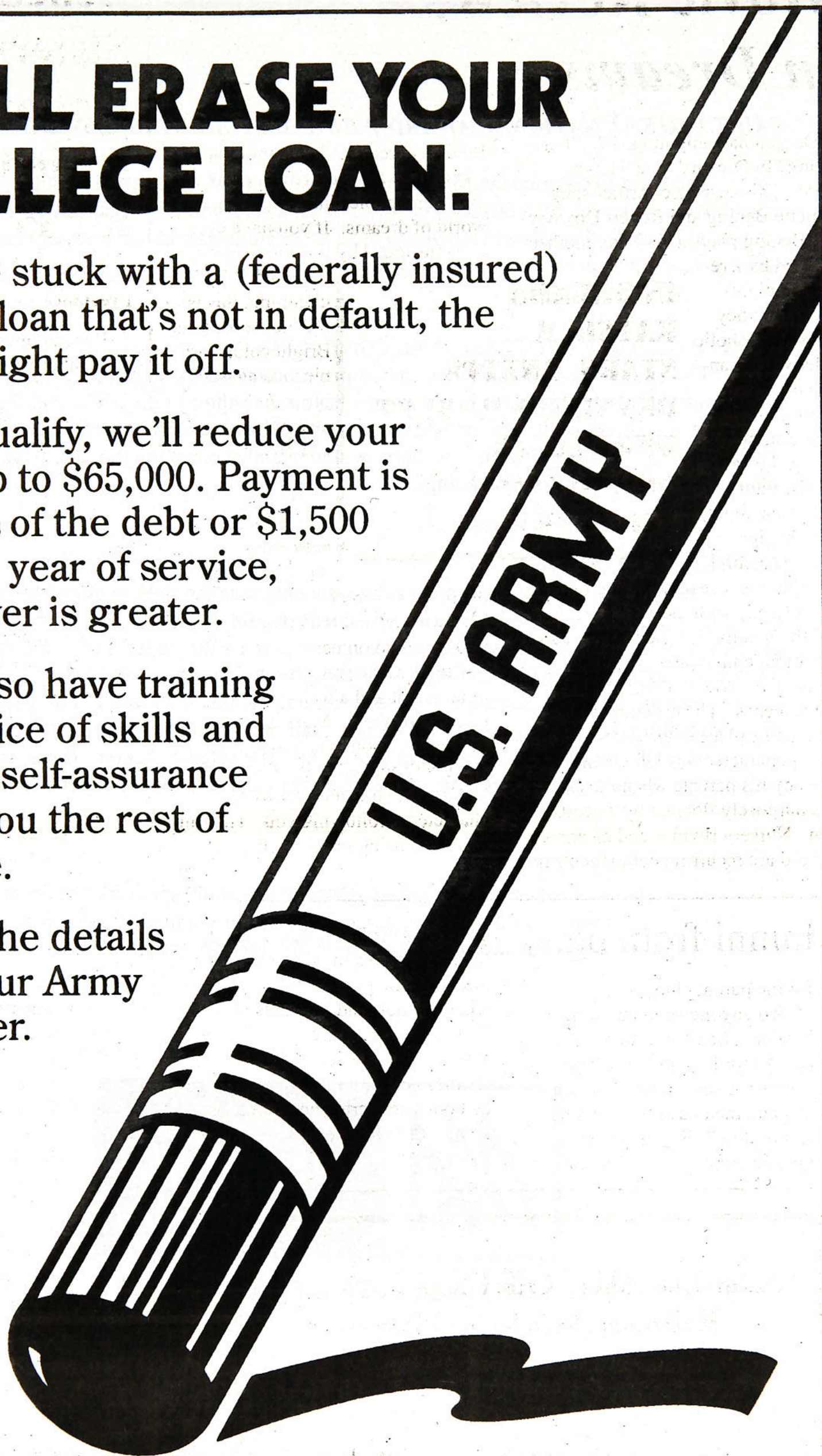
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Movie Review: *In Dreams*

Do you have nightmares? After seeing "In Dreams" you'll have more. This suspense-thriller stars Annette Bening and Robert Downey Jr., Bening plays a wife and mother tortured by a re-

curring nightmare. Downey plays a psychotic killer who channels dreams to Bening. Each time Bening falls asleep she can see the future, and a new nightmare begins.

There is a child-killer on the loose and Bening may be the only one with answers. "In Dreams" is based on the eerie idea of an underwater city. The theme gives way to chilling underwater scenes. The drowned ghost town is the place where Downey's young character was left chained to a bed by his parents when the city was purposely flooded by a nearby dam. Nursery rhymes and an apple orchard are recurring components in

IN DREAMS
RATED: R
STARS: ANETTE BENNING & ROBERT DOWNEY, JR.
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Bening's dreams. The photography and artistic aspects are beautiful. The film dabbles into the strange world of dreams. If you have ever been intrigued by the odd imagery of the mind when dreaming, this is the movie for you. Bright colors are blended against black and white, and soon Bening can dream while she is awake.

Bening's character is trying to help police solve the mystery. But the mystery soon becomes part of her own life, and the killer takes a stronger hold on her.

"In Dreams", rated R, is great entertainment and a well worth the price to go see it. Make sure that you go with someone though, so you don't get spooked in the parking lot and think that Robert Downey, Jr.'s character is following you. The film leaves a lasting impression.

games for the Devil Rays. His day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends 90 minutes after the game. But he loves what he does, and he wants to work in baseball for a long time. But that, along with plans for the Devil Rays' championship, will have to wait as he books concerts, the NCAA basketball final four, etc.

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ing for the parent club.

To anyone contemplating a job in sports, Scott says to get experience. As for his job, it's a "trade-off, you work your butt off for ten months and then have two months when it is slow." For those ten months, he prepares for 81 home

Benedictine 11 Sisters' Update: Benedictines for Peace

**Sister Mary David Hydro
Freelance**

Benedictines for Peace, BFP, a national organization whose membership includes 33 communities of Benedictine women and men throughout North America, has announced its solidarity with all who will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1998.

Sister Mary David Hydro, OSB, of Holy Name Monastery, Saint Leo, a member of the BFP national Steering Committee since '95, emphasized the appropriateness of this affirmation of worldwide commemoration. "The celebration of this anniversary fits well with BFP's purpose outlined in its mission statement:

The Benedictine charisma of peace challenges us to witness to the Gospel values. Recognizing this call to be peacemakers, BFP gives a common voice to a vision of peace as we confront the violence of our day with the love of Christ that it might be transformed by our prayer and actions.

Sister Mary David explained, "The Benedictine Sisters of Florida found that our Corporate Commitment to respond to hungers with the compassion of Christ fits right with the BFP mission, that is why Holy Name Monastery is a BFP member community." A special prayer service has been planned so that member communities of BFP may sponsor celebrations of solidarity in their own areas. Sisters at the local Holy Name Monastery invite the public to their 7:00pm Evening Prayer Service on Thursday, December 10th. The prayer service will include readings from the U.N. declaration itself outlining human rights

BFP grew out of the participation of some Benedictine Sisters in a week long vigil and demonstration for nuclear disarmament at the Pentagon in 1980. Some of those involved formed a core committee and began networking with other monasteries in order to play a more active role in peace/justice issues.

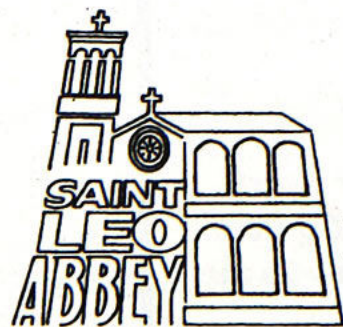
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Students Get Serious About Taboo Topics

Lisa Montgomery
Staff Writer

Brian Roper and Erin O'Hara want us to know one thing; bad things can happen to good people. At the Taboo talk on January 27, these students mustered up the strength and courage to deliver their message. In front of an audience of twenty-five students in the Marmion-Snyder Lounge, Brian spoke of his rape experience. Erin spoke about domestic battery. These sensitive topics are part of a possible program to start at Saint Leo.

Students and guest speakers will gather to discuss topics that are "taboo." The object of the program is to be free and open and to help students learn to resist judging others. The meetings send the message that before you laugh at someone because you don't understand their story, hear them out first.

The stories that you are about to read are not your everyday, typical scenarios. In fact they are often considered taboo.

Brian spoke of his isolated childhood. He had strict parents and low self-esteem. When he was sixteen he began dating a woman who was twenty years old and married. It was a rocky relationship with many breakups. Brian felt trapped because he thought that he was not worthy of dating someone better. His girlfriend at the time was in an abusive relationship with her husband and often took her pain out on Brian. One evening she invited him to a party. Brian had never consumed alcohol before, and he became intox-

icated. Later, his girlfriend raped him.

Not only was Brian raped, he was grounded by his parents for missing curfew, and his story was mocked. Brian said, "I was sitting there pouring my guts out and everyone was laughing at me." Brian wants to educate students that rape can happen to men. Although only one percent of men report the occurrence of rape, the numbers would rise if men spoke out about this problem, Brian said.

The fact that people in Brian's life thought that his story was a joke

document that ended in their arrest. She cried when she spoke of a frightening twenty-six hour jail experience. She sat in the cell with her sister in silence. This was an event that Erin said, "Almost destroyed my life." Erin wants to tell students that a male is not always the aggressor. Domestic violence includes family, and you can be arrested for fighting with anyone, even if you are female.

In court, the judge laughed at the charges, so did others. Her parents did not find it humorous. In fact they found it to be very painful.

Erin's dream is to become a cop. She now has a record and she feared that the record would make her lose her internship and ruin her dream.

"Knowing that it can happen to you can save you."

-Brian Roper

was bad enough, but also his parents shifted the blame on him, saying that he had to have done something wrong. Brian is 6'1 and weighs about 210. He would be the last person thought of as a rape victim. He wants us to know that this is serious.

"We've all heard the joke, you can't rape the willing. . . Well, I sure as hell wasn't willing." Brian's powerful statements touched the audience. One student said that he admired Brian's courage and what Brian said blew him away. Brian wants to emphasize that the roles were reversed here. This is not common but it does happen. His reason for speaking was to inform. He concluded by saying "Knowing that it can happen to you can save you."

Erin's story was also of role reversal. It involved domestic violence with her sister. Erin and her sister were involved in a heated ar-

Erin visited the jail again as part of her internship. She said that the sensation of hearing the jail door close behind her gave a disturbing memory of her time spent in jail.

After Erin's talk, Dr. Evelyn Vitale had a few words for the audience. "We live in a violent, violent world," she said. Dr. Vitale added that other than awareness, we can help suppress these problems by considering our own actions toward others. She referred to "verbal violence" and said that we'd be surprised to realize that we are often guilty of this.

Judging by the positive show of students, Taboo will most likely continue. It is a good time to visit and listen. Besides, snacks are provided, and the chairs are comfortable. Understanding others helps us to better understand ourselves. Next time, let's think before we judge.



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