

Campolindo Graduate Inducted into SMC Hall of Fame

By Jennifer Wake

Since third grade, when Tracy Morris Johnston played for the Lafayette Moraga Youth Association, basketball has been a part of life for her and her family. Johnston, who now serves as the assistant women's basketball coach at Saint Mary's, will be inducted into the Saint Mary's College Hall of Fame on Sunday, April 29 at the Soda Activity Center.

The Hall of Fame was established to recognize individuals whose efforts have enhanced the college's reputation through their excellence; it is a collaborative effort of the Saint Mary's College alumni, Alumni Office, and the Department of Athletics and Recreational Sports. Other inductees this year include Trisha Dean, John Leykam, Ed Lickiss, James Mouton and Cassidy O'Hara. The 1985 women's volleyball team, winners of the NAIA national championship, will also be inducted.

For Johnston, being inducted into the Hall of Fame was an honor. "I think I was very fortunate to have such great coaches and wonderful

teammates while at Saint Mary's," she said.

Johnston came to Saint Mary's in 1996, following her older sister Kelly from Campolindo High School to the SMC campus and onto the court. She quickly made a name for herself, as she was the all-time scoring leader for SMC women's basketball, was the 1996-97 WCC Freshman of the Year and a three-time member of the All-WCC Team.

Johnston says the most exciting moment for her was winning the West Coast Conference Tournament her junior year and receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"I chose Saint Mary's because I wanted the opportunity to play with my older sister again. I wanted to stay close to home," she said. "Saint Mary's had the perfect balance - small school environment and Division I basketball. It is a beautiful campus surrounded by a very supportive community."

Now a part of the coaching staff, Johnston is driven to instill certain values in her players. "I want

them to be fierce competitors that would do anything for their teammates and their coaches; to have pride in what they do and what they represent; and to enjoy the experience and stay connected with the program and the college long after graduation."

Being a former student-athlete at Saint Mary's has proved beneficial. "I know what the classes are like. I know what the people are like. I know how things work at St. Mary's," she said. "Having been a player, I know what our girls are going through. I know how hard it can be and I know how good it can be. I think I can relate to them because I have been there and they know that."

The induction ceremony will begin with a reception at noon followed by the Hall of Fame banquet at 1 p.m. in the Soda Center. Registration is available through the Saint Mary's alumni office at 925-631-4200 (deadline is April 23). Tickets are \$50 per person, \$30 per child.



Saint Mary's cast in rehearsal at LeFevre Theatre.

Photo by Jennifer Wake

Urinetown:

One-of-a-Kind Musical Production Opens at SMC

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When starving artists were rationing money for the day, they found themselves confronted with pay toilets and the decision of whether to use the facilities or to eat. Through this revelation, the Tony award-winning musical "Urinetown" was born.

Set in a futuristic Gotham-like city with a terrible water shortage, "Urinetown," written by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollmann, is a comedic tale of greed, corruption, love and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. Critics describe the score as "passionate, melodic and hilarious," incorporating musical styles from Guys and Dolls to West Side Story and Les Miz.

The epic musical, which features a live five-piece orchestra and is directed by award-winning Saint Mary's faculty member Reid Davis, opens Thursday, April 26 at 8 p.m. at Saint Mary's LeFevre Theatre.

"It's an absurd way of saying where we're all heading," said Davis, who is part of a cadre of professionals involved in the production; the staff includes musical direction by Greg Zema; choreography by Megan Opel and Shaunna Vella; scenic design by Michael Cook; lighting by Rob Anderson and costumes by Valera Coble. Davis describes the musical as "a 30s Depression-era musical with a dash of futuristic dystopian drama."

The 16-member ensemble cast each has a rich character to play. "And they're hilarious," added Davis. "A lot of [the students] have been working in theater since they were little kids. We needed a high operatic score and their voices are astonishing."

The cast includes Saint Mary's students Danielle di Paola, Vincent Rodriguez, Andrew Russ, Jillian Duffy, Marc Helou, Katie Cooper, Elizabeth Morales, Taylor Johnson, Mary Eileen Young, Danny Gutierrez,

Felisa Arguello, Lillette Lorenzana, Chris Coleman, Jose Luis Cordoba and Bethany Souza. Because of the cast's stellar singing ability, Davis said he and the others realized they could work with a smaller cast of 16 without adding a host of supporting cast members.

"It's exciting to see the students put on such a professional production and learn a score that's very complicated," he said. "We're all blown away by their talent."

Following the opening performance on April 26, additional performances are on April 27 and 28 at 8 p.m., a matinee on April 29 at 2 p.m. and performances on May 2, 3, and 4 at 8 p.m. in LeFevre Theatre on the Saint Mary's College campus. Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 for Saint Mary's College students, faculty and staff.

To purchase tickets please call the Performing Arts Department at (925) 631-4670.

Moraga Baseball Association

Pony Division April 15

Moraga Mariners 5.

Lafayette Generals 4

Mariners highlights: Adam Newton 1-for-3, walk, GW RBI; Tim Coleman 2-for-3, RBI; Alex Currier 1-for-2, walk; KK Lowe 2 walks; Scott Lyness 3 IP, 1 hit, 4 walks, 1 run, 2 K's; Phil Wright 4 IP, 4 hits, 1 walk, 1 hit batter, 4 K's, 3 runs.

April 15 - Game 1

Concord Hawks 1, Moraga Cougars 11

Cougars highlights: Peter Matthias W, 5 IP, 8 K's, 1ER; Jaimie Vega 2-for-2, 2 RBI; Jess Bon 2 RBI; Matt Bruzzone 2-for-3, RBI.

April 15 - Game 2

Moraga Cougars 16, Concord Hawks 2

Cougars highlights: Dan Fadelli 2 IP, no ERs or hits allowed; Sean Wraith 2-for-2, 3B, 4 RBI; Chris Roming 3-for-3, 2B, 3 RBI; Jaimie Vega 3-for-3.

Mustang Division April 15

Orioles 8, Red Sox 6

Orioles highlights: Ben Skinner 2-for-3, 1 R, 1 2B, 2 GW RBI, 2 SB, 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 5 K's; Sean Smith 2-for-2, 1 R, 2 RBI, 2 SB; Nick Elliott 2-for-2, 1 R, 1 RBI, 4 SB; Marty Cummane 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 SB. **Red Sox highlights:** Nick Fafoutis 2-for-3, 2 R, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 2 SB, 2 IP, 1H, 0 R, 4 K's; Griffin Whiting 1-for-3, 1 R, 2 RBI; Scott Smoot 1-for-1, 2 R, 1 SB.

April 11

Rangers 9, Yankees 5

Rangers highlights: Ryan Geisreiter 3-for-3, 2 runs, 2 IP, 1 run, 5 K's; Wyatt McNeil 1-for-2, run; Tyler Bartis 1-for-2, 2 runs; Neil Kelley 1-for-2, 2 runs. **Yankees highlights:** Ramin Nazeri 2-for-3, 2 runs; Jacob Malloy 1-for-2; Kevin Lehman 2 IP, 1 run, 4 K's.

Red Sox 4, A's 6

Red Sox highlights: Nicky Fafoutis 2-for-3, 2-1B, 2 RBI; Griffin Whiting 2-for-3, 2-1B, RBI; Brendan Gordon 1-for-2, 1B. **A's highlights:** Drew Fass 2-for-3, 1B, 2B, 4 RBI; Zachary Cole 1-for-1, 1B, RBI; Alex Gannett 1-for-3, 1B, RBI.

April 10

Angels 6, Orioles 5

Angels highlights: Joshua Sherman 3-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI; Scott Chen 2 IP, 0 runs, 3 K's; Tristan Caro 1-for-2, GW RBI. **Orioles highlights:** Danielle Thomas 2-for-3, 2 SB; Patrick Ratchford 3-for-3, RBI, run; Ethan Yasuda 1-for-2, run.

April 10

Padres 9, Cubs 7

Padres highlights: Tristan Westermoff 3-for-3, 2runs; Dylan Caro 3-for-3, HR; Bryce Dugan, 3-for-3, RBI. **Cubs highlights:** Jabob Delaney 3-for-4, 2RBI; Declan Rector 3-for-4, 2B, Callan Beaver, 3-for-3, 2 RBI.



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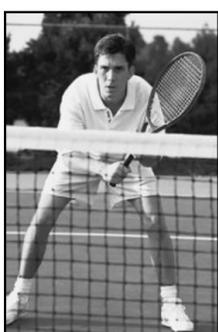
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Local Karate Kid Reaps Reward

Miramonte alum Nick Fleischman, age 18, earned a Bronze Medal at the 2007 Jr. World Goodwill Karate Championship on Sunday, April 1.

Fleischman's accomplishments at the National level led to his selection to the Amateur Athletic Union's USA Junior World Karate Team, and he spent the week leading up to the April 1 competition participating in a 5-day

training camp at Tokyo's Olympic Village.

Information for this story was submitted by Thomas Westernoff of Moraga's Karate and Fitness Place



Nick Fleischman



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