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**BALL ROOM DANCE**  
 Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 P.M.  
 Dance Lessons - optional from 7PM to 8PM  
 Veterans Memorial Building  
 \$10 per person at the door  
 Call 284-7404 for reservations



Photo Ohlen Alexander

## Gaelebration! Saint Mary's Knows How to Throw a Party

By Sophie Braccini

It was a perfect day to take a tour on a Ferris wheel. Temperature in the '70s, blue sky dotted with white clouds, a gentle wind carrying the earthy smell of autumn over the beautiful campus of Saint Mary's College of California. The spirit of Saint Jean-Baptiste de La Salle could be felt at the College last Saturday as it showed itself at its best during its 150th anniversary Gaelebration.

In his introduction at the day of celebration, Saint Mary's Brother President Ron Gallagher reminded attendees that Saint Mary's is a liberal arts college with a purpose, and that it is one of the top 10 colleges for community service. Academically, Saint Mary's was ranked the 12th best college in the West by U.S. News & World Report in 2011 and among the top 20 master's colleges by Forbes.

In every hall, in every plaza, all day long, thousands of visitors got to experience what a college of liberal arts really means. Lectures were numerous with each department featuring specific topics for discussion, such as "Thinking with the Brain in Mind" from the School of Education, "The Expressive World of Art Therapy" from the Graduate Counseling program, "New Venture Entrepreneurship" from the School of Business. Participants gazed at the sun through the safe lenses of the Astronomy Department's telescope.

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### Quote of the Week:

"Think carefully before you cast a throwaway vote. The candidate that you defeat may be your own.

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## Pine Grove Transformation Provides New View from the Top

By Laurie Snyder



Oh, say can you see? The dramatic transformation of the former Pine Grove site by Pulte Homes continues. Lamorinda Weekly photographer Ohlen Alexander recently preserved for posterity this stunning view of the Orinda Theatre as one drives up or down the hill on Altarinda Road.  
 Photo Ohlen Alexander

It's been a long time since pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers have been able to view the Orinda Theatre from the Orinda Village side of town. "The Orinda Union School District's (OUSD) Pine Grove School property has been a community resource since it first opened as an elementary school site in 1954. As the area grew, the District adjusted uses on the site to meet the needs of the surrounding community. The district added maintenance facilities and offices as the demand for classroom space waned in the late '60s and '70s.

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