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**University of Saint Mary Global Studies Institute Presents The
People Speak: America Debates Its Role in the World**

7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— On Thursday, Sept. 30, Dr. Nicholas Riegg, executive director of the Global Studies Institute at the University of Saint Mary, will address the issue of America's role in a global economy as part of the nationwide discussion series *The People Speak*. The public forum will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Social Room, second floor of Saint Mary Hall at the University of Saint Mary, 4100 S. 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. Attendees are then invited to stay in the Social Room to watch the televised Presidential Debate immediately following the forum.

The People Speak is taking place in hundreds of communities across the country. It invites people to express their opinion about America's role on the issues of economics, environment, and new diplomatic challenges in the world. Dr. Riegg will talk about prosperity in a global economy, particularly involving economic globalization, the pros and cons of the issue, and the vital role America plays.

“In an election year where global policies have taken center stage, we need to bring the discussion of America's role in the world to the most important decision-makers - the American public. We invite you to join us for this important discussion, because your voice is needed,” Dr. Riegg said.

The Global Studies Institute (GSI) is sponsoring this event to educate and encourage involvement as American citizens on the subject of America's role in globalization. GSI is committed to studying the history, development, problems, implications, and potential of the integrating global community. The Institute, located on the main campus of the University of Saint Mary, provides students with globalization workshops, exchanges and intern programs.

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