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It's Official



James June

Garaventa Brings SMC into the 21st Century

Ribbon cutting marks first new academic building since 1928

By Amanda Chavez
News Editor

Students, faculty, friends, and family alike turned out on Thursday, October 10, for the dedication ceremony of the Mary Candida Garaventa academic building.

This building, the first to be built for classroom use since Galileo and Dante were first constructed in 1928, brings much needed modern facilities equipped with state of the art technology. With this newest addition to the St. Mary's campus, it sets the precedent for new buildings to come.

The Garaventa family has

played an active role at St. Mary's for many years. Two of Mary and Silvio Garaventa's five children are alumni of St. Mary's College. Another facility on campus carries the Garaventa family name. The Silvio Garaventa Sr. Soccer Field has been used by the College soccer teams since 1991.

On Thursday, around 280 people came to honor the Garaventa family and celebrate the dedication of the new building. The dedication started at 4:30PM with F. Gerald Fitzpatrick, Board of Regents, as Master of Ceremonies. The St. Mary's choir then sang a beautiful rendition of "Ave Maria" and a blessing by Fr. John McDonough, OP, was given. This

was followed with a procession of speeches.

Brother Mel expressed his gratitude to the family in his speech stating, "We are overwhelmed by their magnificence...We thank them profoundly." Mary and Silvio Garaventa's daughter Louisa, then gave an emotional speech thanking her parents, reiterating their love and support for education.

After the ribbon was cut, ending the dedication ceremony, a tour of the Mary Candida Garaventa Hall was provided. Then, it was on to Soda Activities Center, where an

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SMC Pot Use: Have We Inhaled?

Reporter investigates prevalence of pot

By Aimee Lu Duc
Staff Writer

People today are puffing, blazing, getting high, or baked off schwag, weed, or ganja. The impact has broken all class and societal boundaries. From different ethnic backgrounds to the rich and poor, everyone is smoking marijuana. One question that has yet to be answered is whether or not this craze has infiltrated past the public safety gates of St. Mary's and made a significant impact on students.

Whatever it's named at the moment, marijuana has established itself as an attractive drug with staying power. Colleges and universities of all shapes and sizes have been battling this drug from their opening days. It comes as no surprise that marijuana use is a common challenge facing society.

National studies released by Harvard University in 1995 have recorded marijuana activity in several different areas. The study analyzes students' personal accounts, campus infractions, police reports, and arrests. Statistically, St. Mary's is below the national average on all areas of drug use by one percent. Additionally, from 1993 to 1995 there was a 17% decrease of annual marijuana use by St. Mary's students and a 29% decrease of regular or monthly marijuana use.

The Presidential Task Force on Substance Abuse headed by the Dean of Campus Life, Ron

Travenick found, "Overall, the 1995 results indicate Saint Mary's student alcohol and drug use is below the national norm in all areas. By contrast, the 1993 report showed Saint Mary's significantly above the average in 10 areas." There was no explanation available for the drastic change in these statistics in this short time period.

This information, collected exclusively for Saint Mary's use, came from a core survey sent to students through the mail in 1995. The same survey was given to students in 1993. From the most recent poll the survey showed that of those who responded, 36% were seniors, 24% were freshman, and 40% were in remaining classes. Eighty-two percent were between the ages of 18 and 22, while 67% of those surveyed were female.

Half of those surveyed lived off campus and slightly more than half held a full or part time job. All were full-time students and 15% of those reported five or more hours in volunteer work a month.

Out of 600 surveys, a total of only 102 were returned. Although that is a meager reciprocation, Dean Travenick saw the questionnaire's results sound enough to evaluate the school's drug atmosphere. Combined with the Harvard study, the Task Force worked to improve the small but

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The Winners Are...

Senators elected for class of 2000

By Jason Vitucci
Staff Writer

On September 26th and 27th, St. Mary's newest class of students elected the six members of their senate to office. The class had a large group of candidates to choose from, but in the end, the voters chose the most qualified for the positions. The elections resulted in a strong group of senators with qualified backgrounds and excellent leadership skills.

This year's eager freshman senators are Mark Hatch, Erika Hughes, Melissa Hunt, Katy Joslin, Jake Stansky, and Bridget Vorhees. Stansky and Hughes were the runners-up in the Presidential and Vice-Presidential races, respectively. Each senator has been involved

in a form of leadership before and brings past experience to their current positions. Whether it was involvement in student government in high school, various extra-curricular organizations, or part-time jobs, each senator brings some form of leadership experience to their new task.

The six senators, along with the president and vice president, attended a leadership retreat on September 29th. The main focus of the event was team building. During the retreat, the group was placed in different situations which demanded they tackle obstacles as a team. "We were made to conquer different obstacles, which, in turn, broke down barriers, opened avenues

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It's Not the Same Old Saga

Marriott presents new faces and a "student union"

By Heidi Bryant
Staff Writer

Over the past few months, several changes have taken place within the Marriott Food Service, broadening its range of service to St. Mary's students while rearranging staff positions.

One of the recent changes seen in Marriott is the addition of Club Dryden. Over the summer, Dryden Hall was renovated to become a student union. This project was a joint effort between Vice President for Student Affairs William McLeod, Director of Student Activities Michael Sullivan, and

Food Service Director Julie Sloan. The idea of Club Dryden is to provide a place that students can call their own. McLeod, Sullivan, and Sloan are working with stu-

dents to accommodate their needs, and are very excited about Club Dryden. Sloan said things are going well, but it may be too soon to tell. She encouraged student participation by saying, "It's yours!

Another change this year was the implementation of the Flex Dollar program. This was designed to give students a variety of meal choices on campus. Each meal plan comes with a set amount of flex dollars that can be used at Cafe Louis, the Firehouse Grill, and Taco Bell, during the semester. The program, created to better meet student needs, resulted in extending the hours of the retail outlets on campus. This change, combined with a

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OPINION

Jumping aboard the hi-tech bandwagon



Jonathan Randall
Editor-in-Chief

When I first came to St. Mary's back in September 1993, I thought our college was technologically impaired. While my friends at other schools were busy swapping e-mail addresses and becoming web site junkies, the SMC internet service was just getting on its feet. Things have changed dramatically since then, and St. Mary's appears to have put its extension cord where its mouth is.

On October 23, the administration will unveil a new web site which will provide information about the college in a cohesive, electronic format. Now, when you're wandering through Upper Volta with your laptop, you can check out the latest news and developments in the academic world of St. Mary's.

TCI cable, the network which brings us quality programming like the Home Shopping Network, TNN and about three hundred other channels, will soon be providing fiber optic hook-ups for phone, television and internet service. If you want to see their work in progress, watch out for their giant spools of cable creeping their way into outlets everywhere. As I understand it, the fiber optic cable will allow people to log on to the internet from a remote location without dialing a service. (If you understand what that means, then I think you'll be pretty happy.) Don't thank the College for this technology, however. TCI Cable, alone, is responsible and they're footing the bill. Of course we should be thankful that St. Mary's will reap the benefits of TCI's industrious (and highly profitable) efforts.

Also, be sure to check out the new KSMC 89.5 web site which will actually allow you to listen to our own radio station from anywhere in the world. Natu-

rally, you have to have a computer that can play music, has the right software and has a modem that's hooked up to an operable phone line. But once you have all that, you can hear Mike and James in the morning, Mary-Colleen's news show, or any other KSMC marvel. While more and more college media are discovering that international distribution is as easy as 1-2-http, it's good to see that St. Mary's has not been left behind.

Perhaps the greatest advancement we've made can be found in the newly christened Mary Candida Garaventa Hall.

There you'll find three loaded classrooms ready to take students into the modern era of all things electronic. Now we can join the rest of the world in computerized learning, information gathering, banking, shopping and more. We should not only thank the Garaventa family for their monetary contri-

bution, but also for their foresight. Computers probably were not an important component of the Garaventa's success, but they still see how investments in technology can aid our future.

With the Garaventa's in mind, let's continue prodding St. Mary's in the direction of new technology. The fact that computers are taking over cannot be denied. It doesn't matter whether you're a bonafide "net-head" or an ancient typist with a "Save the Endangered Daisy Wheel!" t-shirt, you can not escape the effects of worldwide computerization. No longer are there isolated groups of geeky computer nerds spouting terms like "hard drive" and "modem." Now we're all geeky computer nerds who use hi-tech ATMs, electronic card catalogs, word processing programs and the internet. So here's to the new SMC web site, TCI Cable, KSMC, and the Garaventa family who are helping the College to alleviate the darkness of technological obsolescence by hitting the on-switch.

(By the way, the Collegian is looking for help to develop its own web site. Call (510) 631-4279 for more info.)

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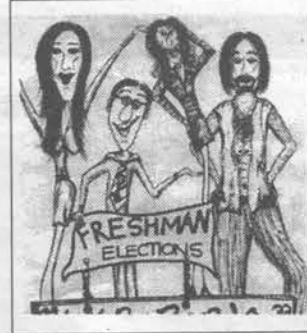
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Hi-tech improvements are keeping the College from becoming technologically impaired

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Because I am a person of honesty and integrity, I find it difficult to conceal my dismay and indignation over a recent illustration by Michelle Kloss. Entitled "The Campus According to Kloss", Ms. Kloss depicts a drugged-up hippie, a dweeb, and a pair of women in short mini-skirts as the candidates for Freshmen Class Office.



If Ms. Kloss would have set aside ANY time to meet these accessible candidates, perhaps my fellow class representatives would not have been unfairly and inaccurately skewered as "posers" and, generally, morons.

In retrospect, this caustic pictorial doesn't serve an indictment of the Freshmen Class President, Vice-President, and

my fellow Senators. Instead, it demonstrates the incompetence and ignorance of an individual hell-bent on slandering others.

On a positive note, the Freshmen Class Team eagerly anticipates cooperation with the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Class Teams in promoting the best interests of our school. Furthermore, the

Freshmen Class Team anticipates feedback for the betterment of the Saint Mary's College experience. Should you have any questions or comments, feel welcome to contact Dave, Sharlene, Jake, Bridget, Melissa, Katy, Erika, or myself. Thank you for your time.

Mark Hatch
Government 2000

Dear Editor,

I am extremely disappointed in Saint Mary's for the first time since I fell in love with it my sophomore year of high school. I am quickly losing respect for this institution. What has caused this change? The naming of our new classroom building.

The Garaventas have done a lot to help our school. They provide scholarships, funding, and they even have a soccer field named after them. In October they will also have the "Gamma" building named after them. I admire the Garaventas for what they have done for our school. However, I take offense at the idea that our newest building dedicated to learning will be named after them.

Our institution has buildings dedicated to Dante, Galileo, and soon Garaventa. Who is Garaventa? Will the name still be recognizable in another century? Does the name carry any intellectual connotation? Has Mary Candida Garaventa furthered the search for knowledge?



It is a sad state of affairs when a sum of money can place you in the same category as great thinkers of the past. Here at Saint Mary's we have several buildings named after donors and this practice does not offend me. The donors deserve recognition for their generosity. However, in my mind, there is a tremendous difference between naming a residence hall after someone, and naming an educational hall after the highest bidder.

What has happened to the integrity of this school? How can an institution that named a hall after Galileo, and individual who changed our entire view of the universe, name a building after some dollar signs on a piece of paper? When did money become the primary judge of who was worthy? Is this a message that we want to send to future Saint Mary's students?

Saint Mary's has an excellent reputation as an educational institution. Graduates are expected to be able to think clearly and critically. Upon completion of our education here, we will have read some of

the western world's greatest thinkers. We will have engaged in dynamic conversations that compare great thinkers of the world. All of this while studying in buildings named after men who promote the very thing we are studying. Men who went beyond what society set as a norm, men who opened the eyes of the world to different possibilities. Where does Mary Candida Garaventa fit in to this?

Was there no other scholar that a building could be named after? No person that stands out in history as a wonderful leader or promoter of a better world?

Can you tell me who Sichel hall is named for? I cannot, I looked Sichel up in several reference books at the library and did not find the name. I asked the reference librarian and I was told "well, most buildings are named after people who give lots of money." Will this be the fate of our "Gamma" building?

Saint Mary's seems to be idealizing the monetary contributions far above the intellectual ones.

The message to students seems very mixed. We are expected to broaden our minds and our education, yet money seems to be top priority here.

The building will be dedicated and named after Mary Candida Garaventa, future students will ponder what she has in common with Galileo and Dante. More buildings will be erected, and named after the highest bidder. As for me, I shall continue to call the building Gamma in an attempt to deny the reality of the power of the dollar and the weakness of our school. I can only hope that our institution will one day have the integrity to see the mistake they are making.

Jennifer Walters
Psychology 1997

President's Perspective



Dave Perry
ASSMC President

Hi. I am back to once again to unload all things Presidential to you. I have some new items to share with you that, I think, will be of interest.

First of all, we had our first senate meeting, and Brother Mel was our guest speaker. It was very interesting because he brought out development issues, such as the building of a new dorm, possibly Ageno D. What I feel is important is that it could be open for the fall of 1998, and that it is not going to be built on the same platform as the other Agenos. The new dorm is going to be a Townhouse style with all four person suites. This is par-

ticularly exciting for you Freshman and Sophomores.

The other development issue he brought up was the start of drawings for a new intercollegiate athletics building. This building will house all of the facilities that are currently in Madigan Gym. The exciting part about this for all of us non-athletes is that the sooner this project gets underway the sooner the school can consider building a student-use recreation center, replacing Madigan Gym.

And by the time you all are reading this I will have already attended my first Board of Regents meeting, and the dedication of Mary Candida Garaventa hall. I will update you on the regents meeting next time.

As always, I would like for any of you to stop me to say hi or discuss an issue that is facing you. I represent you, so your input helps me do a better job. Thank you for your support. See you in a fortnight!

The Collegian invites all students and faculty to write their personal opinion in a letter to the editor. Please feel free to express any and all views on the paper, the school or anything else that needs to be addressed.

Abortion in the realm of Rob

The time has come to take responsibility for our actions



Timothy Bone

Opinion Columnist

Well, after the response I received last week, I guess this SWM has found a home, so what the hell, lets do another! Do not fear, all of my articles will not be addressing political issues. However, for some reason, last issue's article on abortion struck a nerve, and I hold the strong opinion that abortion is wrong.

In today's society violence is glorified. Movies and television shows only tend to make it look even more exciting. We live in a culture where violence is a common everyday occurrence. Every evening we see it covered on our local and national news stations. We are always concerned about how bad things are and how this country is falling apart. If one from a different planet were to look at us he would realize that the heart of the problem stems from our huge lack of morals. Common sense (hereafter known as Rob) tells us that abortion is murder, and should not be supported in any way.

Rob (remember our friend Rob who feels that Jefferson takes too much of his paycheck for his bloated government spending) has been taught in today's society that if something feels good, to do it and do it as many times as one feels necessary. He has learned that we do not worry about the consequences of our own actions because someone will always be there to bail us out of trouble. However, Rob has pondered this and he has realized that our logic is not quite right. He feels people have obligations to themselves and those around them. He feels that it is time for people to respect themselves and those around them.

Rob morally cannot condone the abortion practices of his fellow citizens. Abortion does not help anyone. It kills an innocent unborn baby that studies and research have shown is alive inside a mother's womb. It is understood that a fetus has no chance of survival if it is removed from the mother too early, however, is it also impossible for a new born baby to survive on its own for the first

years of it's life? Does this mean we should also allow mothers to murder their children after a few months of life?

A couple years ago, Rob built a convent for a religious group called The Sisters of the Divine Master. For his generosity, the Sisters promised to keep him in their prayers. At this time, Rob and his wife had been avidly trying to start their family, however, they had not yet been blessed. Rob expressed his desire for a child. The Sisters told Rob that they would pray for his wife to become impregnated. Would you believe two weeks later, his wife became pregnant? Rob knew that, although he and his wife had done the physical work to create this little child, God had given them the opportunity. Rob feels that nature's ways are God's decisions; people do not have the power or wisdom to be in control. Therefore, he asks that people do not clutter God's work. God knows his job!

Doesn't He work in funny ways?

However, the issue of abortion continued to bother Rob. How can many Christian leaders such as Mother Theresa and the Pope continually talk on the evils of abortion, and yet no one listens? Do they

not repeatedly decree that abortion is wrong and should not be permitted? Rob remembers hearing them say it many times. Do people think that they make speeches without cause? If we consider them to be almost "saint-like," should we not respect their statements and follow their words and examples?

Abortion is wrong and in no way should it be tolerated. There maybe a few minor exceptions, but only in extreme cases (rape). People need to learn to deal with situations they have created. It is time for them to take responsibility for their own actions. We need to trust God. It is not our place to second guess his decisions in nature. He knows what is right. We do not have the right to choose who lives and dies amongst us, only God holds the reigns to that determination. We were created in the image of God, but we do not have a right to choose whether one has an abortion or not. Only natural abortions caused by the will of God are acceptable. So when one writes about whether men have any "right" in the decision of whether one can have an abortion, consider what Mother Theresa would think!

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The Campus According to Kloss by Michelle Kloss

The Rights of Illegal Immigrants

Hypocritical regulations against today's illegal immigrants



James Britto

Staff Writer

After a long and arduous battle, the United States Congress has passed legislation to stop illegal immigration to the United States. The battle was fueled by the debate between the White House and Republican politicians about whether or not to also penalize immigrants who are here legally. After extreme pressure from the White House, the Republicans backed off from their attack on legal immigrants, making way for the passing of the legislation.

First off, let me say that while the majority of illegal immigrants in this country come from Mexico, the political attack, which I feel is a bipartisan effort, has been directed solely at Mexicans. We should not lose sight of the illegal immigrants from Asia, Africa, Europe, and South America. While Mexico is geographically the closest in proximity to our country, the problem of illegal immigrants is not confined to Mexicans.

As for where I stand, I feel that immigrants should be allowed to come to our country, through the proper legal channels. However, when they do so, we must not treat them with any less rights than those which we are treated. In this country, we are a "melting pot" of many mixed backgrounds. Anyone who is not of Native American descent, has their place in this land because of immigrant ancestry. So, if most of us are the result of legal migration, how can we treat today's legal immigrants as inferiors to ourselves?

To identify the problem of why so many people come to our country illegally, we must see that most come to work. After the bill was passed, Senator Dianne Feinstein said she was "disappointed" that the law did not increase the penalties on employers who hire illegal immigrants. If we do not penalize people for employing illegal immigrants as much, if not more than the illegals, then how can we blame the illegal immigrants? Many people who know better than to hire these

people, such as politicians and wealthy farmers, are guilty of adding to this problem. They continue to do it for the mere convenience of cheap, slave labor.

Other provisions that are included in the bill are: the hiring of over 5000 border patrol officers over the next five years, 12 million dollars in funding for the building of new fences along the California-Mexico border, the hiring of 600 new INS investigators who will aid in the crackdown on the employers of illegals, criminal aliens, and visa overstayers. There are a few other minor provisions that I have omitted included in the bill to make all parties happy.

Does this not seem like a lot of red tape for a problem that should be opening

our eyes to a world economic dilemma, rather than closing our minds to looking for possible solutions? Each person in our society has a duty to make some type of contribution toward our world. We need to continue evolving into a place with a better social and economic order.

I feel that mass amounts of illegal immigrants need to be stopped, yet we must realize that the draw to our country comes from within many of our own law-breaking employers. We should attempt to keep people from entering our country without legal permission, but we cannot forget that illegal immigrants are people, too. We must treat them with the rights that all people deserve. We cannot work toward having a benevolent world, or the U.S. being a benevolent society, until we realize that this country of ours has a draw that is incomparable to any other. The new bill has good points and, hopefully, it will add to the sense of economic security in our state, whether it be a true sense or not.

But are illegal immigrants that much of a threat? If I was an illegal immigrant, knowing what could happen to me if I was caught, I would not take advantage of anything that might cause me to be discovered, caught, and prosecuted. So, will the immigration rights bill make a difference? It may stop some people from coming into our country, but there are other ways. As everybody knows, where there is a will, there is a way.

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LEGALIZING MARIJUANA...

First Amendment Right



Mike Krom

Staff Writer

As Americans, we tend to forget what it means to have freedom of choice. In a country whose first amendment supposedly grants us the freedom to choose our own lifestyle, I find myself outraged that this only holds true if the price is right. Too often do private interests make important decisions, supposedly for the benefit of our citizens. The prohibition of cannabis should be repealed due to the economical uses of hemp, medical benefits of THC, unjust actions which led to the ban of marijuana, and the money raising power of regulation.

Up to the late 19th century, ninety percent of all ship sails were made from hemp, as well as eighty percent of all textiles, clothes, tents, linens, rugs, drapes, quilts, bed sheets, towels, and even "Old Glory," America's first flag. Those who endorsed the use of hemp include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Governor Morris (delegate of U.S. Constitutional Convention in 1787). Henry Ford recognized that ninety percent of all fossil fuels used in the world today could be replaced by biomass, such as hemp. Biomass is converted to gasoline at a lower cost than crude oil, and does not release sulfur into the atmosphere, which is a known pollutant. At the same time, hemp is four times as durable as cotton and is annually renewable. And, if these facts are not enough, marijuana contains THC, which is considered a "wonder drug" by many physicians.

Cannabis made up half of all medicine sold from 1842 to 1900. When the 1937 Marijuana Tax Act was proposed, the American Medical Association was in complete disagreement, realizing the medical potential and the fact that marijuana had never caused any deaths by overdose. Current research has shown that 80% of asthma sufferers, 90% of those with glaucoma, and 60% of all epileptics would benefit with treatment of marijuana. These are just a few of the medical benefits known. With all the positive contributions of cannabis, why would a country choose to ban it outright? This is where democracy is seen at its worse.

Hemp fiber stripping machines were being perfected in the mid-30s, which meant the direct replacement of timber. William Randolph Hearst, who owned a

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paper manufacturing company, and Andrew Mellon, chief financial backer of Dupont (Dupont had just patented processes to make plastics from oil and coal, as well as new sulfate/sulfite processes to make paper from wood pulp) took unfair advantage of their political power for personal gain. Andrew Mellon, who was Secretary of the Treasury, appointed his nephew-in law to head the newly re-organized Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, who, in turn, focused the nation's attention on the "deadly" effects of marijuana. William Randolph Hearst, in the meantime, worked on the general public. Using his nationwide newspaper chains, Hearst exemplified the meaning of "yellow journalism." For example, "the story of a car accident in which a marijuana cigarette was found would dominate the headlines for weeks, while alcohol-related car accidents (which outnumbered marijuana connected accidents by more than 1000 to 1) made only the back pages. Our government officials could not have this go on any longer; with Hearst testifying such sensationalist ideas, Congress found itself with a simple decision. Congress passed the Marijuana Tax Act in 1937. This, might I add, was done without consultation of the American Medical Association.

As America imprisons more and more of its citizens, while spending their tax money to do it, nothing has been resolved. America has been and will continue to lose the "war on drugs," no matter what approach they take. Why not stop the dealers on the streets from making a living and let our government cash in on the potential profits? If marijuana was sold in liquor stores, not only would the government be able to regulate how much a person could buy, but, more importantly, who gets it. Nobody under a certain age would be able to purchase marijuana, and strict penalties would be imposed on those caught selling to minors. The money raised could go to drug education programs, funding for schools, and distributed in other ways. The use of hemp would create jobs, while helping to save our environment. If you still think that legalizing marijuana would be a bad idea, either because of its addictiveness, the "stepping stone" effect, or that more people will try it if it were legalized, just consider other drugs our government regulates each year. Marijuana is far less addictive than alcohol or tobacco, and it is no more a "stepping stone" than either of the two. Proposition 215, which would give patients who need marijuana for treatment to receive it, is a step in the right direction, and if you believe in freedoms that should be self-evident, then I find it hard to disagree.

Too Much Temptation



Fawn Sutherland

Opinion Editor

As you walk through the hospital to see your ailing grandmother, you catch the faint whiff of a familiar, yet slightly out of place substance. It takes a moment for you to place it among all the hospital like smells. Then you walk into your grandmother's room, and suddenly you pin point the faint odor. As your grandmother reclines in her bed, her hand rises toward her mouth, her lips close around the end, and she inhales deeply. It's like a bad nightmare. Your grandmother's a pothead.

Although, this scenario is probably not completely true to form, the idea itself is quite difficult to deal with. As college students, we have grown up in an era where pot, reefer, grass, bud, or dope make everyday appearances among the youth. However, no matter what we call it, it is still the same substance, marijuana an illegal drug, by any interpretation of the law. The mere thought of our parents or grandparents using it is quite laughable. However, many are now questioning the actual "drug" characteristics of marijuana. They claim that through studies they have been able to prove that its primary active ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), has medicinal qualities instead of harmful ones. These experts say that THC could be useful in alleviating pain in victims of cancer and AIDS. It also, supposedly, can help to ease pain in diseases and ailments such as anorexia, glaucoma and arthritis. How can we be sure that these experts are true to their word? According to the proponents of the legalization of marijuana, the only way to know is further research. However, since such intense research can be a long and drawn out process, they advocate that we, in the meantime, allow compassionate-use-approval.

In California, such a proposition has found its way to the November ballot. Proposition 215 calls for the legalization for medicinal uses. The bill states, "To ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use marijuana for medicinal purposes where that medical use is deemed appropriate and has been recommended by a physician who has determined that the person's health would benefit from the use of marijuana in the treatment of cancer, anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine, or any other illness for

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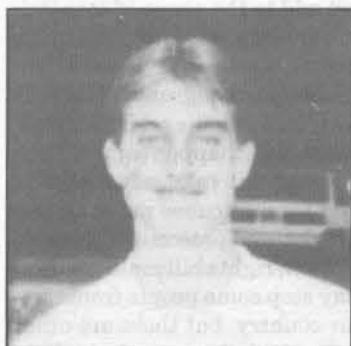
which marijuana provides relief." In examining the text, I would like to direct your attention to some of the specific language. To begin with, only those who have a "physician who has determined that the person's health will benefit from the use of marijuana," can have it prescribed. However, how can we 1) trust the doctor not to take advantage of his prescription abilities by doling out medication to his friends and relatives, and 2) how can we be sure that while the marijuana is supposedly helping us, its really not harming us?

Proposition 215, as above, lists a series of ailments for which it can be used. Do we really need marijuana for these afflictions? "Chronic pain...migraine, or any other illness for which marijuana provides relief," Oh my head hurts, nothing works to relieve the pain. My knee, my shoulder, my back...chronic pain, how many regular marijuana users are going to suddenly have an attack of the aches and pains. Why should we continue to prod along their addict tendencies? If marijuana becomes as available as Proposition 215 is proposing, how many more addicts will we acquire?

Teenage marijuana use is on the rise. If marijuana is available to parents through their doctors, then like most medications, marijuana will be with in easy reach of young hands. On a day when mom or dad are out the young ones might just pinch a little bit. Why place the temptation in front of them? Advocates of the legalization of marijuana propose that their be an age limit in place, like alcohol and tobacco age laws. As college students we've been there, we've seen the control on the former. Youth under the age of eighteen find themselves banned from the use of cigarettes, but millions continue to use them daily. Continuous use of tobacco is harmful, however each joint smoked does the equivalent damage to the lungs as five cigarettes. The government cannot control the youth intake of alcohol and tobacco, so what makes the public think they can control the use of marijuana?

Conveniently, the marijuana legalization proponents have titled their proposition "The Compassionate Use Act of 1996." But, if these compassionate people were advocating the legalization of marijuana for the good of the community, where's there concern for welfare reform, Medicare, hospital reform, insurance reform etc. Why are they looking for solutions to problems that already have temporary solutions. The only permanent solution is a cure. Marijuana or THC, cures nothing. What point is there in adding, yet another medication to the "possibility" list?

Should California residents vote "yes" on Prop. 215?



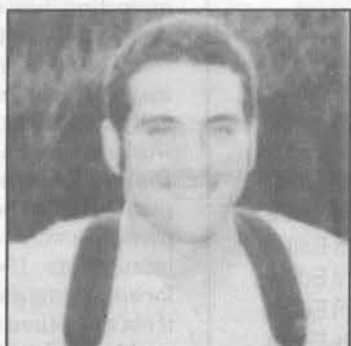
Kevin Reilly, Government & Philosophy

"I believe that Prop. 215 should be passed because it will serve the greater good of the community. It will ease the pain of victims of painful diseases who need some way of dealing with their pain."



Susan Huchison, Business Ad.

"I think Prop. 215 is an excuse for illegal users of marijuana to obtain it legally. They're exploiting the ill to legalize drugs."



Gian Paolo Martire, Accounting

"Yes. I don't see why not because it's for medicinal purposes only."



Matt Brys & Dan McDunough

"No, I don't believe marijuana should be legalized because California won't be better with everyone as high as a kite. Everybody says it should be legalized because it makes paper and rope, however all everyone wants to do is smoke it. Figure it out!"



Jill Keitges, English

"I will definitely be voting yes on Prop. 215. Marijuana is useful for medicinal purposes as well."

Fortnightly Report

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• Debate Season

Presidential candidates, Bill Clinton and Bob Dole, squared off on Sunday, October 6. During the 90 minute debate, the candidates described their prescriptions for the future and their criticisms of each other. The debate was considered "dull" by most political pundits. In what could be a preview of the 2000 election, Vice Presidential candidates, Al Gore and Jack Kemp, faced each other last Wednesday. The Gore-Kemp debate focused on the differing economic and tax-cut plans of the two parties.

• Bomb Blast in Northern Ireland

Two bombs exploded in Britain's army headquarters in Northern Ireland. The blasts occurred in the town of Lisburn where a car bomb exploded in a parking lot, followed by a blast near a medical facility. The Irish Republican Army has claimed responsibility for the blast.

• Middle East Peace Talks Stalled

After meeting in Washington D.C. over a week ago, PLO leader Yasir Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have yet to reach an agreement over how to achieve peace in the Middle East. Talks have stalled over the Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank town of Hebron. The United States has stepped in to broker the talks.

• Safer Skies

In the wake of the bombing of TWA Flight 800, President Clinton signed new airline safety legislation to protect travelers from terrorism. The law requires background and fingerprinting checks for airport workers, increases FBI agents assigned to counterterrorism, and calls for bomb-detecting luggage scanners to be upgraded.

• Bay Area Heat Bursts Thermometer

A stagnant high pressure system over Nevada caused unusually hot weather in the Bay Area last week. In unusual weather for Northern California in October, the Bay Area baked in temperatures well into the mid-90s. On Tuesday, October 8, San Francisco temperatures soared to a record breaking 99 degrees.

• Marine World Saved

The city of Vallejo will assume ownership of Marine World Africa USA on November 1. Due to the marine park's anticipated \$2.3 million default on a loan guaranteed by the city, ownership of the park's facilities, assets and animals will be transferred to the city.

• Nobel Prize Winner Passes Away

Three days after being awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics, William S. Vickrey passed away last Thursday. The Columbia Professor collapsed in his car while in route to an academic conference in Boston, and was pronounced dead at Saint Agnes Hospital in White Plains, NY. Vickrey was awarded the Nobel Prize for his research on asymmetric information.

THE NEWS

Money Woes Can Stifle Jan Term Travel Hopes

By Mary Bridge
Staff Writer

To travel, or not to travel that is the question. But for many students, the bigger question is "Can I afford it?"

About this time every year, St. Mary's students are faced with enrollment in Jan Term courses. Browsing through the Jan Term catalog, they see before them two categories: travel courses and on-campus courses. Travel courses extend over a great range of travel, anything from the wilderness of Yosemite's mountains to the cultural landscapes of South Africa. But don't get too excited; places like Europe and Africa will cost you about \$3000. Pocket change...for Bill Gates.

However, travel courses to Yosemite and Death Valley are more reasonably priced at around \$600. States Ed Biglin, Director and Coordinator of Jan Term, "In recent years, we've been trying to develop more local travel courses due to [student] expenses." Still, many students simply do not have the extra money to spend on a trip and as a result many of these students are unable to travel

during Jan Term.

What are the alternatives? Unfortunately, there are not many. "We've looked into it several times, in a variety of different guises, to set aside financial aid for students, but financial aid just doesn't work that way

never ends up with more money than given in the original financial aid package.

Thus, the only students eligible for receiving scholarship or other money to help pay travel course costs are those students who are not already receiving any financial aid. Of course, students who are able to afford St. Mary's without receiving any financial aid are generally not the students who need help paying for travel expenses.

This catch-22 has kept many students from getting the financial assistance needed for a \$3000 trip to France or Italy. So far, the only realistic solution is to save up money and plan far enough in advance for the trip you want to take. Good news

if you are a freshman or sophomore.

However, for those upperclassmen faced with greater dilemmas, such as graduation, perhaps some of the on-campus courses like "The Need for Work and Money" or the "Financial Services Seminar", don't sound so bad after all. Maybe after one of those courses, some bright student might be able to think up a solution to the problem of affording Jan Term.

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"We've looked into it several times, in a variety of different guises... but financial aid just doesn't work that way anymore."
 --Ed Biglin

anymore," says Biglin grimly. Apparently, the only way to finance a Jan Term travel course through financial aid is with extra money that students have already been awarded through St. Mary's Scholarships, grants or student loans.

Any money given as scholarship to students for Jan Term is required by federal law to be reported by the school, and then deducted from the total financial aid award so that a student

** Senate Update **

Class of 1997

Hello Seniors! Hopefully many of you have been attending our Senior Socials. We have had great turnouts so far, but we could always use more senior support.

We are planning on having a social in Walnut Creek on Tuesday, October 22 at *Baja Bar & Grill*. There will probably be a slight cover charge at the door, with drink specials lasting all night. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

After juggling around ideas, we thought a clothing drive, for those less fortunate, would brighten many lives. Our goal is to have the clothes ready to donate before the Christmas break. We are still working out the details, so any input would be greatly appreciated.

Most of the events put on by the Senior Class are a result of your suggestions. Please keep the ideas coming.
Thank You, The Senior Senate

Class of 1998

Hello Fellow Juniors:

Now that we are back in the groove of school I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is John Richards and I am Vice President of your class.

As we make our way into our third year at St. Mary's, I have begun to notice TRADI-

TIONS that have caught on. Last weekend we held our traditional Great America Trip and as always it was a lot of fun. I would like to thank all of you that attended this event, including our new freshmen friends that co-sponsored the trip with us.

Although I feel we do a good job when it comes to planning activities for you guys, I know that if we could get your feedback and support our events would be that much better. If you see any of us officers yell at us and get our attention, we want to hear from you.

This year, we are putting on two large events, Wiki Tiki Nite (the Spring Luau) and BrewFest. If any of you are interested in helping, we would be grateful for your assistance. We want more than anything to have your help in creating NEW ideas that we can make into TRADITIONS.
Sincerely Yours,
JOHN RICHARDS

Class of 1999

Greetings from your Sophomore Senate. We have been very busy planning events for our class and things are looking great.

Some of the events we're hoping to sponsor are: A trip to San Francisco to see Phantom of the Opera, movie nights in Club Dryden, and socials specifically for our class. We have several

ideas to raise money for our class and are still selling "Quarter Cups" to raise funds. Currently we're on a mission to get a stereo in the Power Plant.

Remember that we are your connection to the rest of the student body and the administration. You can go to any of your senators and be assured your voice will be heard.
Sincerely,
The Sophomore Senate

Class of 2000

Welcome fellow freshman to your first year at St. Mary's College. Since we are going to be living together for the next four years, the Freshman Senate is in the process of unifying our class. We only have \$275, so we are going to be arranging several fund-raisers in order to be able to have many activities throughout the year.

Among the activities we're looking forward to are a dance-a-thon, jello wrestling, and a ski trip. I There is a survey going around on what the freshman class is interested in. It is very important that you give us your ideas so we can make your year more enjoyable. Once again welcome to St. Mary's.

Thank you,
Your Freshman Officers

SMC Takes Stand on Lafayette Park Hotel

By Renee Sando
Managing Editor

With both sides asking Saint Mary's College to take a position in the labor dispute between the Lafayette Park Hotel and Local 2850 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, the College last week announced its position.

In a memo to all those concerned, dated October 6, Brother Mel Anderson, FSC, wrote, "The College has been vigorously urged by a wide range of individuals both from within and outside the College to endorse one side or the other in this dispute.

After considering the matter closely, I think it is best that the College remains neutral in this matter."

The Lafayette Park Hotel, a 140 room, French Renaissance-style hotel in Lafayette, has been involved in a labor dispute since early 1995 when workers began a drive to form a union. Although 106 workers signed a petition in February 1995, stating they did not want the union to represent them, the union has persisted. Local 2850 cites stagnant wages, high health insurance co-payments and a trend of harassment directed at immigrant workers as cause for their involvement.

In the spring of 1995, the Local 2850 called for a boycott of the hotel and began regular picketing at the hotel. Following months of picketing, the Lafayette City

Council, under pressure from the hotel, passed new restrictions on picketing in September 1995. The restrictions were then deemed unconstitutional in federal district court in November 1995.

In late 1995, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) reviewed the union's charge of labor law violations by the hotel. The NLRB found merit in the charges and has recently issued a formal complaint against the hotel. The NLRB has concluded that the hotel has interfered with the workers right to organize a union. Due to the NLRB's conclusion, Local 2850 has asked the hotel to sign a non-coercion agreement in which both the union and the hotel would agree to create an environment in which workers could organize without fear of reprisal or intimidation. The hotel has yet to sign the agreement.

With Anderson's statement last week, the College has effectively removed itself from the debate. In order to uphold the College's neutrality on the issue, Anderson's memo stated, "The College will not recommend any local hotels to anyone." The College Vice Presidents have been asked to help assure that all areas of the College comply with this policy.

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--Brother Mel**

Student Senate Kicks Off New Year

By Renee Sando
Managing Editor

With President Brother Mel Anderson, FSC, as the guest speaker, the ASSMC Senate began its formal bi-monthly academic meetings on October 6, 1996.

The meeting began with the swearing in of the class presidents, vice presidents and senators by ASSMC Vice President for Administration Missy Case. As the guest speaker, Anderson gave his "State of the College" address to the Senate. The retiring president took the opportunity to announce that plans were underway for future buildings.

Anderson unveiled architectural drawings of two future resident halls, tentatively named Ageno D and Ageno E. These dorms will be funded by Mr. Edward Ageno and be built as modified townhouses. They will be four-man suites each facing to an inside courtyard. Anderson also announced that the College has hired a architectural firm which specializes in athletic facilities to draw up plans for a new sports complex. The College hopes to have the plans

within six months.

In his report to the Senate, ASSMC President Dave Perry said that he will serve as the student representative on the Presidential Search Committee. Perry will continually look to the Senate for student input during the process.

ASSMC Vice President for Student Affairs Lynn Hilario said that the "Red and Blue" student directory was sent to the printers and should be distributed campus wide within the next couple of weeks. Hilario was impressed by the activities the Program Board has put forward already this year. In an effort to expand their activities, the Program Board has applied for a movie license in order to show recently released movies.

To conclude business, the ASSMC ratified the proposed board members. The Senate has three standing boards to help facilitate the business of the ASSMC. Case proposed the members for the Finance Board, the Media Board and the Judicial Board. The boards received unanimous approval.

The next Senate meeting will be held on October 23rd at 6 PM in the Soda Center.

Power Plant Time Changes

The Power Plant will no longer close during athletic events, thanks to Carrick Sears, Sophomore Class Senator. Sears stated that, "In the past, the Power Plant would not open on the day of an athletic event such as a football game or a soccer tournament." Sears met with Chris Roke, Director of the Power Plant, and Rick Mazzuto, Director of Athletics, to discuss the Power Plant. Sears confirmed that "many students have expressed

anger after going to work-out and then finding the Power Plant was closed."

In the past, the main reason the Power Plant had been closed was due to low attendance at the athletic events. This will be reevaluated during the semester by looking at how many students use the facility during athletic events. The hours of the Power Plant are 8am-11pm Monday through Friday and 10am-8pm on Saturday and Sunday.

NEW: Garaventa brings new technology

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authentic Italian dinner was served. The Garaventa's brought in an Italian chef to prepare hors d'oeuvres and a four course meal. All of the costs of the evening were paid for as an incorporated part of the building costs by the family.

After the event, Brother Michael Meister said, "It was the most beautiful thank you to parents that I have seen here. It captured everything St. Mary's is about...behind everything is family."

During the ceremonies, Bill Hynes, Academic Vice President had commented, "This building sets the standard for all academic buildings to come." This feeling stated by Hynes seemed to express the general sentiments of everyone speaking at the ceremonies. The building in itself represents something more than a set of new classrooms and faculty offices. It provides a welcoming and much needed addition to the campus and demonstrates the College is indeed moving into the twenty first century by providing students with up to the date technology and equipment.

Included in this much hyped technology are four multi-media classrooms with Dolby sound, laser disc, visual presenters/TV cameras, closed campus TV, and computers hooked up to the internet and Worldwide Web. These media classrooms are intended for use by the history, anthropology, communications, performing arts, and film studies classes.

There are also six computer classrooms for use in biology, communications, accounting, and modern languages. All are connected to the campus network. These computer rooms

consist of a composition room with 20 network PC's. A language lab with 25 Macintosh Power PC's, laser printers, and video conferencing for the study of modern languages. There are also three Pentium classrooms with 36 PC's each and one designated Macintosh classroom with 22 computers.

Indeed, this academic building is a refreshing change from the stuffy halls of Galileo and Dante. Kimberly Talton, a sophomore, has all of her classes in Garaventa. When asked what she liked about Garaventa she replied, "The air conditioning, the bathrooms on each floor, the up to the date elevator, the classrooms are brighter, the air fresher, and there's more space in the classrooms."

While the classrooms provide exciting new opportunities for the students, the real question is will the professors take advantage of all that the building has to offer? By using all of the facilities the Garaventa building has to offer, students and professors alike can learn together in a stimulating interactive environment. This building is not only an exciting advancement for students and faculty but opens the doors to the future and beyond.

Collegian Meeting

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SAGA: Marriott expands service to campus

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larger student body and increasing catering demands, has Marriott offering more employment opportunities to students of St. Mary's College. Sloan said that more student employees allow Marriott to be more flexible and accommodate both workers and customers in the best way possible.

Of the approximately 150 Marriott employees, nearly three quarters are students. Sloan added that there are many opportunities for advancement in the Marriott corporation. One example of this is the student manager program. Student managers receive free meal plans as well as the standard Marriott discounts offered to all employees. Sloan also stated that many Marriott workers advance in the corporation by becoming managers in other divisions as well as many other positions. She added that working for Marriott can be beneficial to a student in many ways: from extra money to corporate positions, it depends on the different levels of commitment and what students want to pursue in the future.

Marriott has also seen some changes in its staff as well. Sloan does not believe these changes will affect students or campus dining. She said there is a strong core of management and a solid student manager staff. Sloan added, "People move on. Some get better jobs, it's all about opportunity. Consistency is great, but who knows, the next person could be the best yet."

One figure that remains the same is Resident Dining Manager Bob Hoffman. He has been here for eight years, and is a very solid figure. Hoffman and his staff are planning several theme dinners for

Oliver Hall this semester, including Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. He also intends to bring back Cafe Fresca. These events received a great response from students last year.

One student commented, "Marriott is not that bad, it's not Mom's cooking, but it has to be really hard to produce food in such large quantities." Sloan stated students seem to be happy with campus dining in general. She stressed that her door is always open to suggestions. She encourages students to come to her with any suggestions, problems, concerns, or special dietary needs. "Marriott is always willing to address student concerns as quickly and as effectively as possible...Overall, students don't want too many changes. They want to see their pasta bar, their fiesta bar, their grill. Bob has a good handle on the pulse of students, and he is committed to satisfying students in Oliver Hall." Sophomore Voula Siderakis stated, "It would be nice to see some healthier options, you can only eat so much rice and salad." Another student, Kheck Sengmany added, "They need to keep things stocked. The salt and pepper, salad, sauces, etc. are always empty."

Sloan summarized her feelings by saying, "Students here are the most outstanding students I've ever worked with on any campus. They are nice, polite, and a pleasure to work with. The environment here is positive, nurturing, and intelligent. I feel lucky to be here, I have the best job in the division, and I'm glad to be working with students and helping with student activities."

2000:Senate elections bring clarity to class

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of communication, and allowed us to bond as a team," said Stansky of the retreat.

In speaking with a few of the senators, one recurring theme was interjected in conversations. "We want to work as a team to unite the freshman class," said Bridget Vorhees. Unity was a recurring topic of conversation with this group of leaders. Striving for unity may be their most important task as the students struggle to adapt to the new college environment.

The tasks of the Freshman Senate include planning freshman events, raising funds for these events, voting on proposals and issues, and providing a freshman perspective on ideas concerning the Associated Students of St. Mary's College (ASSMC) as a whole.

The eight freshman officers conduct their own weekly meetings to discuss new ideas and plan events and proposals

for the ASSMC meetings. Some of these new ideas have already been put into action. This was illustrated by a survey that was sent out to all freshmen to gain a better understanding of their ideas as a class. This allows the senate to have a better understanding of class ideas and will aid in the planning process.

In viewing a portion of their meeting, one cannot help but notice a true sense of camaraderie between each of the freshman leaders. They respect each other and work well together. It is very clear that the freshman class made an excellent decision in electing a group of leaders with a variety of ideas, but with minds to compromise and work hard to get the job done. Through this mutual respect for one another, they will surely be able to accomplish their task of unifying the freshman class.

SMC CrimeBeat

September 28: Burglarized Dorm

A St. Mary's student came home to her dorm room to find her window shattered. At this time there are no suspects. The damage was estimated at \$50.

September 30: Grand Theft

A student reported his golf clubs stolen outside of the townhouses. He had taken them out of the car and put them beside his vehicle. He then carried his groceries into his suite. When he came back out a few minutes later to retrieve them, they were gone. The theft totaled \$1,900. Due to lack of evidence, the case has been suspended.

October 1: Theft From Dorm

A St. Mary's student reported her camera had been stolen from her counter top sometime during the weekend. She said guest had been in her room at the time of the theft. A similar theft was reported across the hall.

October 4: Theft from Psych Dept.

A psychology professor reported a VCR and camera were stolen sometime between the last week of August and this morning. There are no suspects at this time.

October 5: Student Threatens Suicide

Police responded to a reported suicide attempt in the St. Mary's dorms. Upon arrival, the policeman found a girl had taken psychiatric medication and alcohol during the evening. After taking this combination, she became depressed and threatened suicide. When the officer contacted her she was laughing and then she began to cry. The officer asked her if she felt she wanted to commit suicide and she said, "I don't know. I just don't want to do anything anymore." The of-

ficer decided further evaluation was needed and she was transported to a hospital.

Fight in Oliver Hall

St. Mary's security requested assistance in a large fight in Oliver Hall. The suspect (a graduate) entered the cafeteria without paying. He got into a dispute with other students and was approached by a female student employed by Marriott.

The suspect refused to leave and threw a plate at the girl, missing her but breaking the plate. The female put him under citizen's arrest while the suspect demanded it also. Both were booked and later released.

October 6: Unlawful Entry

It was reported by telephone that there had been a vandalism/unlawful entry into a suite in Syufy. Someone had broken a window and entered the suite. The suspect left a muddy footprint on a desk below the window. The subject broke a small oil lamp that was in the room. No items were taken. Damage was estimated at \$80. There are no witnesses or suspects.

October 8: Credit Card Fraud

A St. Mary's student reported that her Citibank card showed fraudulent use on September 27th and 28th. She said she thought another St. Mary's student had found her card in the trash and made seven transactions totaling at \$266. All charges were to phone calls with an 800 prefix. The phone calls placed were in California and Florida.

Records showed the calls had been placed from a local number on campus. The girl called the local phone number and found the calls were made from a male resident in the dorms. The investigation is continuing at this time.



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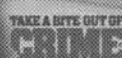
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CALENDAR

Events from October 16 to October 29

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

WOMEN'S SOCCER GAME:



The Gaels face the Dons of USF at 4 PM on Garaventa Field.

GAEL SPORTS HOUR: Tune in to KSMC at 8 PM as Sports Director Barry Alves interviews Volleyball player Julie Grieve and Women's Soccer goalie Amber King.

MOVIE NIGHT: The Program Board will show "Twister" starring Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton tonight at 10:30 PM in Le Fever Theater.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

KSMC PRESENTS THE MUSIC OF HILDEGARD: A special musical program featuring the spiritual music of Hildegard of Bingen, as performed by renowned viola soloist Mini Dye. The presentation begins at 8 PM.

CREATIVE WRITING SERIES: Tonight Jorie Graham, winner of the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, will read from her work. The event begins in the Soda Center at 7:30 PM.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

MIDTERM HOLIDAY: All classes are canceled today for the midterm break.

HOME VOLLEYBALL MATCH: The Gaels host the Waves of Pepperdine at 7 PM in McKeon Pavillion. Game will be broadcast on KSMC.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

HOME VOLLEYBALL MATCH: The Gaels will face WCC foe, Loyola Marymount,

in McKeon Pavillion at 7 PM. KSMC will broadcast the game.

THE DUKE COMES TO SAN RAMON:



The San Ramon Community Center will host the Black and White Party in honor of the Grand Opening of "Beyond Category: The Musical Genius of Duke Ellington," a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution. The event begins at 8 PM. Dress: Black Tie, Semi Formal, Anything Black, White and/or Purple. Tickets are \$25. Proceeds benefit the Cultural Arts Program. For more information call, (510) 275-2300.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

MEN'S SOCCER v. LMU. Come watch the Gaels as they face the lions in St. Mary's stadium at 2 PM. The match will be broadcast on KSMC.

MONDAY, OCT. 21

TIELINE WITH MARY-COLLEEN TINNEY: Tonight at 8 PM on KSMC, Mary-Colleen continues her radio series looking at the upcoming national elections.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 22

KSMC REPLAY:



A taped rebroadcast of the timely panel discussion held September 18, featuring award-winning KRON political reporter Belva Davis, former CBS President Van Gordon Sauter, political reporter and author Marc Cooper, and Nelson Polsby, Director of the Institute for Governmental Studies at U.C. Berkeley.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

ASSMC SENATE MEETING at 6 PM in the Soda Center.

SAN FRANCISCO JAZZ FESTIVAL: The 14th Annual Jazz Festival opens tonight and runs

through November 3. Each day, the greatest talents in jazz will make musical history in a different setting as the Festival tours the City. For more information, call the Festival Information Hotline, (415) 788-SFJF.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

FOOTBALL AT U.C. DAVIS: The Gaels travel to Davis to meet the Aggies. The Gaels will attempt to beat Davis on their home turf after coming up victorious last year at home. Kick-off is at 7 PM.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

CREATIVE WRITING SERIES: Jervey Tervalon will read from his work at 7:30 PM in the Soda Center. Tervalon is a novelist, poet, and SMC staff member.



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LIFE & TIMES

Jan Term: Gotta Love It!



FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: Students encounter the arts in New York City. A waterfall is just one of nature's glories explored on the Yosemite Experience. Picking bananas along a roadside is a pleasant surprise for the students on the Guatemala travel course. Students enjoy the beauty of Mexico from atop a pyramid.

Jan Term offers wonderful travel opportunities

By Patty France
Staff Writer

January Term is fast approaching, and many Saint Mary's students are making the tough decision of choosing the class they should take. Jan Term gives students many engaging and unusual class and travel opportunities.

The theme for this year's January Term is work. Although it may sound discouraging, this theme for the lectures and discussions during the Campus-Wide Colloquium Day on Wednesday, January 15, is a way to bring out new issues to the students of Saint Mary's College. This work theme allows the students to focus on how to fit into the work environment and to explore what type of job will make them happy.

For the 1997 January Term, a large amount of new faculty and visiting professors will be on campus. One of the visiting professors is Yuri Blagov, a professor who is from the Soviet Union. He will teach "Business and Society in Eastern Europe and Russia." This will be an interesting class for students interested in the global aspects of business and the changing government in the Soviet Union. Another visiting professor is Pam Houston, author of a best selling story collection called *Cow-*

boys Are My Weakness. She has taught at Saint Mary's before on the graduate level, but has come back to teach the course entitled "Writing from the Land: How the World Around Us Helps Us Tell the Story of Our Lives." The class will explore the beautiful landscapes of the Bay Area.

In addition, there are several new travel courses offered this term. Because adventure seems to lend a special kind of wisdom, David Neidorf will teach "Desert Wilderness Experience - A Study in Experiential Learning." In this travel course, students will spend 14 days travelling on foot through the wilderness of the Panamint Range in Death Valley National Monument. Carla Bossard will instruct students on the "Marine, Forest, and Human Ecology of Fiji." In Fiji, students will study the marine ecosystem of coral reefs. They will also learn history and Melanesian and Indian cultures. In "The Geography of Faith: Historical Survey of and Travel in the Holy Land," Father John McDonough and Chris Fuller of Campus Ministry will lead students on an historical and spiritual journey surveying the sites, geography, and archaeology in Israel. Professor Margot Winer will teach "South Africa: Cultural Landscapes," where students will learn the history of the colonial people, the politics and the culture of the people who live

in South Africa.

Also, during the College-Wide Colloquium, the Saint Mary's community will have a chance to explore the work theme more in depth. Professor Edward Biglin, Director of the January Term named Charles Kernaghan the Colloquium Day speaker. Kernaghan is the director of the National Laborer Committee which fights against human rights violations. He will discuss companies with factories in other countries with extremely poor working conditions, and the problems the people face in the sweat shops of those countries. Kernaghan is best known for exposing these working conditions at the Global Fashion plant in Choloma, Honduras, where Kathie Lee Gifford's signature clothing line was being manufactured. His discovery included children being abused and working for only 31 cents an hour.

It is strongly encouraged for students to hear an important speaker like Kernaghan, as well as take one of these exciting courses taught in a far away place or by a visiting professor. Jan Term is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore a class that does not involve their field of study. It is an incredible chance to venture beyond the Saint Mary's community with open hearts and minds.

Taking the Hit

By Megan Ball
Copy Editor

ATTENTION READERS. It's time to address a nation and student-wide issue—the usage of Marijuana. We all have questions, but where can we get the answers we want? That's never easy. The information on this matter is endless. Nonetheless, people need to be informed. Let us lay the cards on the table. No denial. No holding back. If a person is going to take a stand on this issue, especially in the up-coming elections, he or she needs tangible facts to consider.

Mary Jane, ganja, pot, bud, weed, dope, reefer, kif, herb, tea, grass: what is it?

Research reveals that Marijuana is the most widely used illegal drug in the United States. It is a psychoactive

The psychological effects of marijuana are a mild sense of well-being, a disconnected sense of time, a dreamy consciousness and self-absorption, and a reduced ability to think and communicate clearly. Many users have reported feelings of extreme anxiety, panic, paranoia, and hallucination-like sense distortions. Some physical effects include faster heartbeat (often increased by as much as 50 percent), bloodshot eyes, dry mouth and throat, decreased motor abilities and reaction time, altered depth perception, and impaired short memory. In the brain, THC acts on the centers that control memory balance and the senses. Because marijuana is stored in the fat cells and slowly released, its effects can last as long as 24 hours after use. Long after its effects have worn off, marijuana can still be found in the bloodstream. The chemicals from one joint can linger for one month, while in chronic users, THC can remain for three months.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has classified marijuana as a controlled substance, classified with heroin, cocaine, and LSD, meaning it has no medicinal value. Schedule II narcotics, such as morphine, may be prescribed by physicians. In the succeeding years, certain individuals have attained legal access to marijuana. For example, in 1990, the U.S.

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Photos by Jonathan Randall

THE RITUAL: For many users, the art of smoking out involves more than just marijuana.

(mind-altering) drug, derived from the plant Cannabis sativa. More specifically, the active ingredient in marijuana is delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, THC (an average cigarette may contain up to 6 percent THC). Hashish, or hash, the resinous part of Cannabis pressed into cakes and smoked is a more potent form, containing between 3 and 8 percent THC. An American Academy of Pediatrics pamphlet indicated "today, marijuana contains THC levels of at least 5 percent, which makes it 25 times more potent than during the 1960s. Marijuana also contains more than 400 other chemicals that can be health hazards."

Cannabis sativa is grown wild and cultivated in many areas of the world. *Current Health* 2, in 1994, reported, "About 25 percent of the pot available in the United States is grown here. Other countries that grow and export marijuana to the U.S. include Mexico, Egypt, Morocco, and Thailand."

Evidence of a comeback

As of 1989, The National Institute on Drug Abuse proclaimed there were 23 million users of marijuana in the United States, 4 million users in the age bracket of 12 to 17 and 11 million users between the ages of 18 and 2. By 1991, the FBI was reporting over 400,000 annual marijuana arrests. The usage of marijuana declined after the 70's, yet is now beginning to rise with school-age children. *Current Health* in October of 1994 noted "a 1993 survey about marijuana and other drug use found that more than 12 percent of the eighth graders surveyed had tried marijuana at some time in their lives, and nearly 5 percent had used it in the previous 30 days." The open, casual wide-spread use that pervaded the Sixties and early Seventies has now seeped into younger hands.

Altering consciousness and body

its best to limit intrusive confounds like the use of other drugs, found that heavy marijuana use was associated with reduced function of the "attentional/executive system," exhibited by "decreased mental flexibility," greater number of errors in neuropsychological tests of learning, and "reduced learning." The capacity to shift attention is often minimized by heavy use of marijuana. *Current Health* reports, "Laboratory experiments have shown that marijuana interferes with the growth of cells that are needed in the body's system for fighting bacteria, viruses, and cancer." It also reports long-term harm to the reproductive health of both males and females. Research indicates marijuana as a threat to the normalcy of a fetus and its birth.

Is it a safe smoke?

Tabacco and marijuana are definitely comparable. Both have tar and carbon monoxide which have an inflammatory effect on the lungs. But even though marijuana smokers use fewer cigarettes, the damage caused to their lungs in only a few months time is similar to years of damage in the tabacco smoker. This is largely attributed to the fact that marijuana smokers inhale deeply and hold the smoke in their lungs longer. A single joint is found as harmful to the lungs as five tabacco cigarettes. Despite these facts, their is minimal evidence that marijuana is as physically addicting. However, research does show that dependence may result with consistent long-term use.

Waging wars

The Marijuana Act of 1937 made it illegal to possess marijuana. In 1970, the FDA and Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) classified marijuana as a Schedule I con-

An In-depth Look at Marijuana



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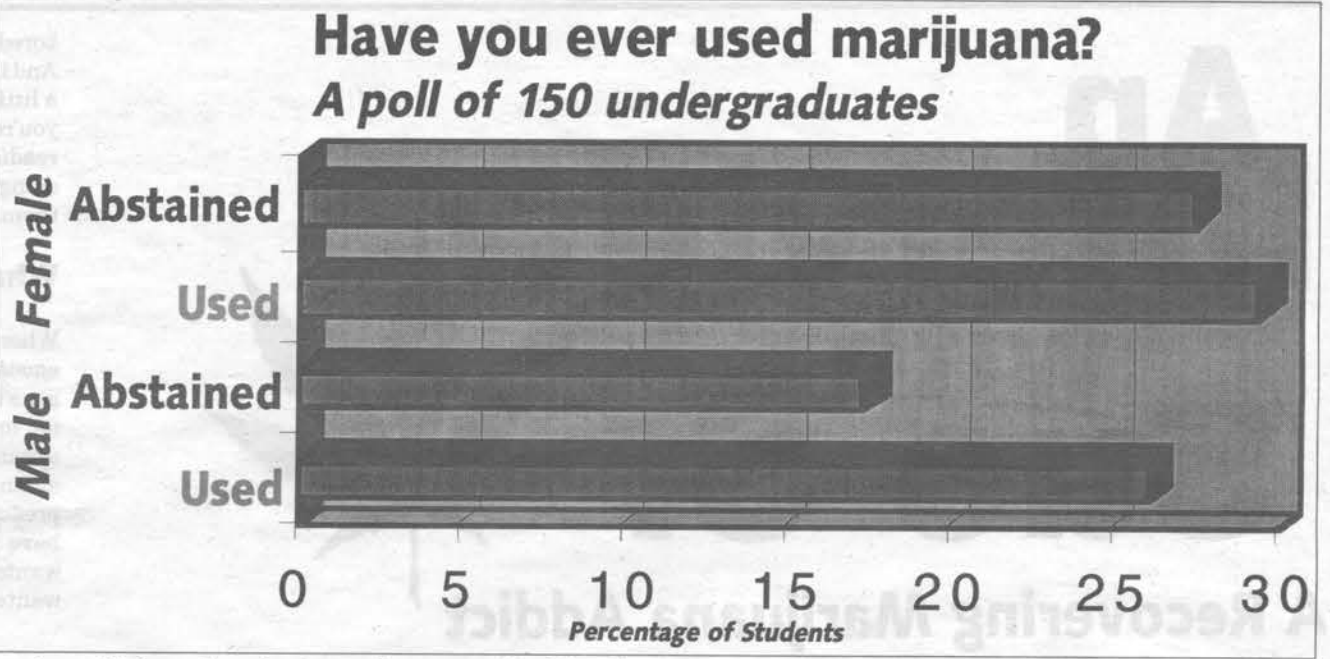
Food and Drug Administration issued a license allowing an AIDS patient in Texas to receive prescription marijuana from the U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse, according to *AIDS Weekly*. The same journal mentioned "a few pa-



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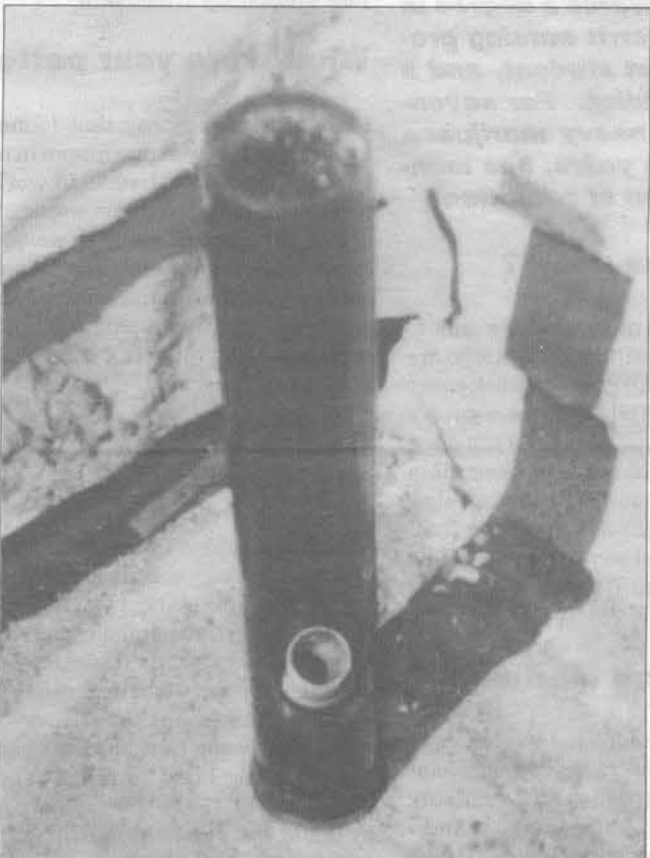
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and multiple sclerosis have been permitted by the government to obtain the drug."

Drug therapy

Despite the relative lack of hard evidence on the topic, the medicinal value of marijuana is hotly contested. Should marijuana be recognized as an important therapeutic treatment in the practice of medicine? Research shows Marijuana has been found to reduce the aching and spasms of MS patients. A 1993 *Current Health*, cited proponents' assertion that marijuana is "effective in controlling muscle spasms for people with neurological problems." In addition, proponents of medicinal marijuana argue it reduces the pressure in the eye caused by glaucoma. According to a 1991 issue of *Cancer Weekly*, 44 percent of the American oncologists surveyed had recommended the illegal use of marijuana to chemotherapy patients to control nausea and other side effects. Fifty-four percent thought the drug should be available by prescription. Research also indicates Marijuana's ability to stimulate the appetite, and reduce nausea, vomiting and pain for those afflicted with AIDS. The *Journal of the American Medical Association* also cited evidence of relief from phantom limb pain, migraines, menstrual cramps and other chronic pains.



TOOLS OF THE HIT: Paraphenalia include pipes, zig zags, and bongs such as this one.

State Veto

Arguing there is little scientific evidence to support marijuana for medicinal purposes, Governor Pete Wilson of California vetoed a bill in 1994 that would have allowed doctors to prescribe marijuana for such uses. According to *Cancer Researcher Weekly*, "the governor said approval of the bill would be pointless since current U.S. law prevents such use and would preempt the state law."

New Initiatives

According to last weeks *Newsweek*, the California ballot initiative No. 215 would "allow people with Aids, cancer and other illnesses to cultivate and smoke pot to ease their discomfort." *Newsweek* also noted a recent Field poll, where California voters favored Prop 215 by a 2-1 margin. The California Academy of Family Physicians and the California Nurses Association have both raised funds to back this proposition. Other states began funding for research on the issue.

Newsweek revealed that one opponent of the initiative, former general Barry McCaffrey, considers it a "ruse to legalize pot for one slice of the population, then decriminalize it entirely." To McCaffrey, the wording of the Prop 215, leaves pot available to generally everyone.

Rock the vote

To look at both sides of the issue, voters are encouraged to discern the possible loopholes and political agenda or undertones of the proposition. This is the case for any voting matter. Bills proposed for marijuana have often been denied when they've conflicted with the Drug Administration's campaign against illegal drugs.

Tolerance, ignorance, or awareness: it is your choice

The beneficial therapeutic uses of medicinal marijuana should be weighed carefully against the perceived hazards of its recreational use. Those that are willing to smoke marijuana, needless to say, are willing to pay the price. Though Marijuana is readily available and the usage of it is steadily rising (among young especially), people still need to be informed. There is no use making blind choices for medical reasons or other personal reasons. Make your own decisions, look at the facts, vote, and choose accordingly.

INHALE: Survey finds Saint Mary's below national average on drug use

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distressing drug problem in three ways: prevention, education, and reaction. They concluded by calling upon the entire St. Mary's community to take responsibility to live in a drug free environment. The Campus Life Department which includes Travenick and the campus residence staff, have worked on the aspects of drug education and prevention. The controversial issues, according to the Task Force, lie in "what rules the College enforces and the nature of the disciplinary sanctions that are metered out for policy violations."

Dean Travenick stated St. Mary's continues to react to the drug issues with "appropriate responses, but not in a heavy handed way."

Travenick sees a college campus as a micro society and drugs are a certain reality in any society. He upholds the results of the survey and the conclusions of the Task Force. He wants students to be as successful as possible, and marijuana only hinders success. The second hand

effects of even casual marijuana use, "ranging from memory loss to possibly leading to more serious drug use" are damaging and Travenick and his staff are working to curb this problem.

Students on campus are unresolved about the presence of marijuana on campus. Senior Heman Valdivia commented, "If marijuana was a major, we'd be an Ivy League school." Clearly most students on campus do recognize the presence of marijuana. They either smoke pot themselves or are able to phase it out of their lifestyle. Tracy Gayeski, a junior psychology major, grants there is a pot scene, but she, along with other students, do not see it as influencing their studies. They view it as a rite of passage more than a destructive tool.

The perceptions, effects, and addictiveness of drug use on students do not match the facts given in the core survey. Both Travenick and the questioned students see eye to eye on this fact. The core survey reported 49% of students believe the average student at St. Mary's uses some illegal drug once a week or more. The survey result showed 17% of

the asked students admitted to smoking pot in the last thirty days.

This is a major discrepancy. Either the questionnaire was not released to a wide enough variety of young people, or the student population is largely mistaken about their perceptions concerning campus drug use. Perhaps alternate forms of collecting data should be instigated to determine the scope of St. Mary's drug problem. When interviewed, students did not seem wholly convinced that marijuana has had a negative impact on the student body.

This drug remains as controversial as it was thirty years ago. St. Mary's is not immune to its effects, be they good or bad. The responsibility, according to both administration and students, lies with the individual to decide whether or not to use marijuana. We must, however, find more efficient ways of collecting data concerning school attitude towards marijuana and its influence on the St. Mary's College population.

An Interview with Sue S.



A Recovering Marijuana Addict Shares Her Story

By Jonathan Randall, Editor-in-Chief

Last Friday afternoon I had the opportunity to interview a remarkable woman named Sue S. Sue is working towards a degree in the St. Mary's/Samuel Merrit nursing program. She is an excellent student, and a recovering marijuana addict. For seventeen years, Sue was a heavy marijuana user but, in the past ten years, has managed to escape the prison of addiction.

Who is the "marijuana user"?

For me, a marijuana user is just anyone who wants to smoke marijuana. I have met marijuana users who are dressed in three piece suits and are going to work every single day. A person who occasionally experiments - it's perfectly okay if their drug runs out. A marijuana user, on the other hand, is focused on that drug as their main drug of choice. They must have that drug above all else. During my years of active, I sought out that drug first. I'd go to a party and people would say to me, "What do you want to drink? A glass of beer? Wine?" I'd say, "No, but do you have some marijuana?"

Why did you start using marijuana?

I started for the same reasons I stopped. I was a lonely child. I had no friends. I had poorly developed social skills. When I started smoking marijuana I suddenly had a group of friends that I could hang out with, and I could say to them, "If you come over to my house I'll give you some marijuana," and they started coming to my house. So I used it as a bartering tool. About the time I was ready to stop using marijuana, I found that I had no friends, and I had very poorly developed social skills.

And when I stopped, I found a circle friends who were also non-users who I could also be very good friends with. They didn't have anything to barter with - they just wanted my friendship.

What were your patterns of use?

I like to flippantly say that I smoked whenever I was awake. If there was marijuana in my house, I smoked it. I smoked it before I went to work. It did not matter whether I had a job interview or a performance review. If I was awake and going to work, I smoked it. If I was awake on Saturday morning, I smoked it. I always made sure to have marijuana around. Buying drugs was first on the list and then I paid rent and then I paid utilities and then I bought food. I was an addict. Addicts live to use and use to live.

Do you feel marijuana addiction is psychological or biological?

It's both, actually. There is the...[strong belief]...that it is not addicting - that it is only psychologically addicting. In the first place, I would like to know where that line is between my psychology and my physiology. [Marijuana] is a physically addicting substance. The withdrawal symptoms are the reasons that we smoke it. I'm anxious. Insomnia. And there's something amazing about marijuana that blankets your emotions. When I stopped using I had nothing to suppress my anger, my rage. I raged. I was extremely angry. In my first six weeks of not smoking marijuana, I couldn't live with marijuana.

Did marijuana act as a "gateway drug" to more serious drug abuse?

The thing that marijuana use does is give you access to dealers who have other drugs. So it's like, "Gosh, I'm really

bored with this high. Do you have anything else around?" And the dealer says, "Yeah, here I've got a little cocaine, a little hashish, a little PCP..." In that particular way, you're hanging around people for whom drugs are more readily available. It's an opening into where people are doing other types of drugs. You know where to find them.

What made you decide to stop?

When I stopped I was really ready to stop. I had had enough. By the time I was thirty-five and stopped, I had gone through twenty-seven jobs. I could not keep a job for longer than a year. Three jobs a year was not uncommon. I was being fired over and over and over again, and it was beginning to catch up with me. The predominant question during job interviews was, "why have you been job-hopping so much?" I had to lie. I wanted to be rid of marijuana in my life more than I wanted to breathe.

Should the U.S. government legalize marijuana?

No. I say that out of my experiences of the ravages that it did to me. I was ravaged by the drug. There's no such thing as "wise-use."

What about marijuana for medical purposes?

I've got to say that I totally agree with medical purposes. If you have a person that just cannot eat because of chemotherapy - absolutely give them a couple hits of marijuana. If you have glaucoma and it's going to reduce the interocular pressure of your eyeball, absolutely. These people are in extreme pain. They are dying of cancer. They can't see with glaucoma. I think it would be absolutely inhumane for some other person to come along and say, "You can't do that!"

Many of our readers are traditional undergraduate students. Is there anything, in particular, you would want them to know about marijuana use?

I knew I had a problem about the time I was twenty-five. If, somewhere deep in your heart, you think you're having a problem dealing with life without drugs or alcohol, start talking to people who can point you in the direction of a support system so you can stop having drugs and alcohol in your life. Allow yourself the privilege of knowing what life is like without drugs and alcohol, then make a choice whether you want it or don't want it. In 1996, there are people with sympathetic ears who will help you find the appropriate answers.

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Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

He said... yea! She said... nay!

Fiona said... c'mon now, don't fight! I'm the only one allowed the angst!

By Ryan Sutton
Staff Writer

Fiona Apple is a sultry and somewhat refreshing change of pace from the extremely overdone "angry white female" trend that's been all the rage for the past year and a half since Alanis' debut *Jagged Little Pill* (it's been almost two years and she's still in the top five. Let it go people!).

For those of you who have never heard Fiona Apple, imagine Kathleen Turner singing (if she could). Her voice has that deep, sexy quality to it. When paired with the slow jazzy style of her music, makes you want to light up a cigarette and drink cappuccino. The most amazing thing about Miss Apple is that she is only nineteen years old. Those of you who have heard her first single *Shadowboxer* can agree with me when I say her singing doesn't show her age at all (unless she started smoking when she was five). Her voice has the poise and the confidence of a seasoned veteran singer. On the other hand, her song writing and lyrics need a little time to grow.

If you have heard *Shadowboxer* and are wondering what the rest of the album sounds like, well, you already know. Almost all the songs on the album are in the same key and have very similar chord progressions. I guess she knew that *Shadowboxer* was the best song on the album and just tried to churn out nine more.



He said: "Tidal isn't great but damn can that girl sing! Rrrrr..."

Fiona's age tends to show the most in her lyrics. I mean, there is only so much you can write about when you are nineteen. In the liner notes, Fiona thanks Maya Angelou for "everything [she's] written." I think Fiona needs to really do her

homework if she is ever going to be able to write like her idol.

As a whole, I can't say I really liked this album too much, however I do see some potential. Keep in mind, she's only nineteen! While I don't think she'll ever be as good as Ani DiFranco (or Tori Amos, if you're talking to Teef), she just might have a future in the business.

By Tiffany Denman
Arts & Entertainment Editor

She comes alterna-complete. Waifish build, Alanis Morissette-ish drawn face (from that overabundance of nineteen year old angst), sentimental, "nobody hurts or has hurt-more-than-me" lyrics, easily digestible tunes, and a belly-button ring. How very.

Fiona Apple's new release, which title is *Tidal* (very punny), gosh, what can I say, it just made me want to press stop on the cd player... and toss the cd off the balcony of fourth floor Augustine... and then run down and do it again... and then pin in on the wall of shame in bits over the caption "Royal Trucks rhymes with sucks!" But enough about me... The well played *Shadowboxer* is a bit of an im-

provement over nails on a chalk board, but I pray that it's a far cry from the popularity of *You Ought to Know*. In this song she throws around words like "soul" and "enrapture," geeting deep into the psyche of the alterna-teen filled with hormones, bubble gum, sentimentality, and self hatred, yet never really getting very deep at all. In this song, in collaboration with her other little creations, such as *Criminal*, *Sleep to Dream*, oh, hell, almost all of the songs... poor metaphors abound and are hardly improved upon by the one-dimensional nature of her voice and her music. I listened to the album several times, trying to find what I'd missed... it could not be found. Fiona's talking a lot, but she's not saying anything.

A bit of a hub bub is being made about Fiona's age. Yes, she is 19... yes, she has played the piano since she was six years old (of course, so have I but I attest to greatness not)... yes, she does sound awfully old for her young age... yes, this is her first album... yes, perhaps in time she may come into the starlight of potentiality... but not yet. I see the potential in her album to become a very popular piece of poop, but that does not make it a well executed or even a talent filled piece... of poop? I see the potential in the artist to also call popularity her's, but popularity does not a fine artist make. There is a



She said: "Damn, baby! Have a ham sandwich!"

separation in the world of female musicians and vocalists, there are true artists and then there are claimed artists. Hit albums, rave reviews, Saturday Night Live appearances do not a legend make... though they don't hurt either. But they tend to produce icons like Alanis, Poe, Lisa Loeb, and Jewel who appeal to the ignorant masses, screaming, harmonizing, terrorizing (whatever their chosen device of angst and pain communication be), yet not sticking it out in the fickle world of the nineties.

Fiona Apple made me feel nothing other than annoyance. I understand what she was trying to accomplish, she fails... miserably. She ranks in the little leagues of the

tiny bopper greats aforementioned and if any dare to compare her to another contemporary, angstful pianist, I cannot be held responsible for my actions. I'm glad I didn't purchase this album, because I certainly don't have the money to waste on such a boring, dimensionless album. Her age shows in her lack of ability to relate her songs to universality or even the other persons involved in the song plots. Perhaps in time she will learn the true art of "the woman" whom she thanks, Maya Angelou. So, if you're into ego-teens, overdone chord progressions, songs in the same key, a vocalist who can't sing outside of an octave, and music by which to snooze... the apple girl is your ticket to happiness.

Refreshments, anyone?

Fearless editor braves Bimbo's...

By Mary-Colleen Tinney
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Last Wednesday night, October 9, three bands with completely different styles of music played together at Bimbo's 365 Club in San Francisco. The Ocean Blue, Superdrag, and The Refreshments played to what seemed like a full house of diverse people, somehow managing to entertain everyone at the same time.

The first band to play was The Ocean Blue, who I have been wanting to see for quite some time now. They are an eighties alternative band that has the same slow quality of The Cure or The Smiths, yet not falling into the trap of being too depressing. Additionally, they just released a new album on October 8, called *See The Ocean Blue*, which trumpets their return into the musical scene.

After listening to the new album, I was most definitely eager to open my ears to their live performance. Because of a transportation problem (I couldn't find any until I begged and moped), followed by an inability to find parking for half an hour, I sadly missed their set. A word from the wise, though: If you are going to see a show at Bimbo's, arrive early. The place is pretty much in a residential area

The Charlie Hunter Quartet is the band that converts That's 'cause they're schizophrenic!

By Mike Krom
Staff Writer

What do you think of when you hear the word jazz? To most college students cruising down the street with Dizzy Gillespie's horns blaring is not an ideal choice. However, the Charlie Hunter Quartet is one band that might change your mind. With their schizophrenic mix of hip-hop, blues, funk, and jazz, this is music for any occasion.

On Saturday, October 5, the Charlie Hunter Quartet played at Bimbo's 365 Club, the overpriced hub o' music in San Francisco. Despite the "ritzy" glamour of this club, I found myself sitting between a couple straight out of Walnut Creek Nordstrom and another who would be more comfortable at "hippie hill" in Golden Gate Park. While not a common mix, this is perhaps typical of the audience at a CHQ show.

The evening started out with a band, whose name I quickly forgot, whose purpose, it seemed, was to lengthen the evening to allow time for a few rounds of drinks before the main course. The dance floor quickly got cluttered as the Charlie Hunter Quartet appeared on stage. While one would expect a jazz band to come out in suits, or at least in a suave presentation, these guys looked like they should

be playing punk music at a fraternity party.

The four musicians, a tenor and alto saxophonist, drummer, and guitarist, are all in their twenties and are as casual as



The Charlie Hunter Quartet aren't Bimbo's... they just played there!

they come. From the first note, I could see they didn't need a flashy appearance because their music did all the talking.

The tenor saxophonist took the first solo, and I instantly assumed he must be Charlie Hunter. When the other three soloed, I realized this band could very easily be named after any of the four. After talking to some faithful followers (some had even come down from Portland to catch the show), I discovered that the guitarist was Charlie Hunter.

What is interesting about Charlie Hunter is he is not only the guitarist, but the bass guitarist as well. Playing an eight string guitar, which I assume is custom made, Hunter successfully plays a bass line with the top three strings, and rhythm guitar with the bottom five. As if this isn't enough, his solos take on a new meaning as he nonchalantly keeps the bass line going while making most guitarist look dull with his free fingers.

Groove after groove kept the audience going while I often found that I was convincing myself that they didn't have a keyboardist behind the curtains. As the second set drew to a close, and I thought that I had seen it all, the finish blew me away. For the encore, they performed a version of Bob Marley's "Them Belly Full" that would have him exclaiming "irie!"

You may be asking yourself why you should listen to me, after all, what am I but a "mathematical hooker?" Please keep in mind that it's rare that a bass guitarist who owns five jazz CD's finds themselves endorsing a jazz band without a bass guitarist. If you like to dance, but don't consider yourself a jazz fan, keep in mind that music by any other name would be just as sweet, and go buy the Charlie Hunter Quartet's newest release *Ready, Set, Shango*.

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Italian delights in the Creek

Cafe Delle Stelle serves it up with mouthwatering authenticity

By Jenna Clark
Staff Writer

I ended up in Cafe Delle Stelle in Walnut Creek because there was no where else in the greater downtown area of Walnut Creek that had a table available for dinner until 10:00 and the celebration of food quickly ensued. Most restaurants in Northern California bring bread to your table while you wait for your entree, some offer olive oil to anoint your bread with and some prefer to offer up slabs of real butter; Cafe Delle Stelle brought forth a unique and truly amazing spread for that requisite half loaf of bread. I asked the waiter what it was and he was kind enough to tell me that it was a mixture of Roma tomatoes, olive oil, garlic and various herbs and more bread. My table of two went through four servings of it before we got our appetizer, which was actually served in a very timely manner.

If you don't fill up on the bread and tomato spread the menu here is not to be believed! Hand written, the menu has a plethora of choices, a cornucopia of delicacies if you will. As a general rule I order carpaccio wherever it is offered, I know raw beef sounds gross but really it's quite yummy. I was surprised that here it was prepared with truffle oil and not olive oil and lemon, but I was not disappointed, in fact I suspect truffle oil will become my newest gastric addiction.

It was my turn to order the vegetarian dish so I got the Timbale, made with roasted eggplant, whole Roma tomatoes, pesto, ricotta, potatoes and a red sauce that was amazing. My dinner partner got a chicken dish that was so good I can't

remember what it was called but it was stuffed with prosciutto and covered with a white sauce that I am sure was low in fat. The decisions were difficult to make simply because they had so much to choose from: salads, fish, veal, pizzas, calzone, pasta, you name it.

For dessert I have one word, Tiramisu. Without a doubt the most seductive layer of lady fingers, espresso and marscopone cheese that I have ever encountered. For the chocoholics there was an equally devastating dessert from the flourless chocolate cake/ chocolate decadence genre. Of course the true test of a restaurant is the coffee; does it need sugar to be palatable? No, the coffee at

Cafe Delle Stelle is quite good without sugar and quite strong.

So, the important stuff. How much does it cost? For dinner for two with

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one appetizer, two entrees (one vegetarian), two glasses of wine, dessert and coffee it was \$53.00 with tip. This excursion for food will definitely require a trip to the ATM and will probably not become part of my weekly constitutional. It is, however, a good place to take you parents on Parent's Weekend or whenever they happen to float into town with some extra cash. This is also not a place you want to go on a first date. Crowded and loud seem too general, so let me just tell you that the woman at the table next to me felt close enough to ask for a taste of my Timbale (of course she was kind enough to offer me a taste of her salmon).

Cafe Delle Stelle is located at 1532 North Main Street, in Walnut Creek. For reservations call 943-2393.

Black Diamond: More than just a mine and a ski slope, it's a bar!

By Kim Pappas and Mary-Colleen Tinney
Staff Writer and A&E Editor

Looking for something to do on a Saturday night, other than a party in the townhouses? Well, lucky for you, The Black Diamond Brewing Company in Walnut Creek has a party all its own.

As we set out for our Saturday night adventure, Alison and I decided to try something new. Considering neither one of us had been to a brewery before, we weren't quite sure what to expect.

However we were pleasantly surprised to find a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere. The place is large and airy, with an upstairs bar as well as the one below.

The decor is modern, with wood floors, art deco chairs and small tables, perfect for catching their weekend live bands. Adding to the modern

feel to the restaurant are the large steel fermentation tanks, clearly visible through windows behind the bar.

For those of you who aren't yet 21, you'll be happy to know that you, too, can join in the fun at the Brewery, for The Black Diamond is also a great restaurant.

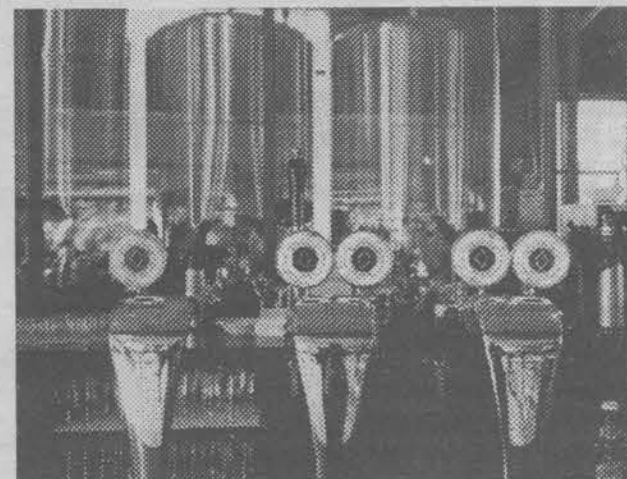
For all of us poor college students this place is great. While not always cheap, they offer everything from fried calamari appetizers to Salmon tail entrees, priced from \$4.50 appetizers to \$12.00 entrees.

Their most expensive item is a large, 16-inch pizza, which is a steal at only \$18.50. The best deal, as far as I can see, is their "Forever Pasta" dish, which costs a mere \$7.50 for an all you can eat pasta

bowl with your choice of four sauces. I personally recommend the baked chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, yummers!

Some of their other offerings include really scrumptious garlic fries, a swordfish club sandwich, and a spicy chicken quesadilla, all for less than \$12.00. They even have homemade saurkraut.

The food is delicious, but the real draw to this trendy establishment is the beer.



John Randall

A selection of the on-site brews offered at the Black Diamond.

They brew seven of their own beers, all of which are wonderful, ranging from Pale Ale to Stout, with one special brew. Right now they are offering an Oktoberfest Special Brew.

One must-drink brew is the Amber Ale, which is a rich blend of English malt and hops. The brews are all reasonably priced, costing us drunkards only \$3.25 for a pint.

If you can't decide between all the tempting flavors, they offer a sampler for only \$5.50. This sampler consists of six three ounce glasses of their brew.

So for something new to do on the weekend, try Black Diamond and please, always have a designated driver.

Don't wine about it: A guide to good wine

By Ashley Musick
Staff Writer

Looking at a wine list can be a daunting experience if you don't know what to look for. However, you do not have to be a sommelier to pick out the perfect compliment to your meal. All you must remember are a few simple rules.

My first rule is paramount to appreciating any wine. If you are drinking a white, it is best when served very chilled and immediately upon opening. White wines contain carbon dioxide which prickles the tongue and leaves a long finish. However, if left to breathe too long it will become flat, leaving the body of the wine almost dead. On the other hand, you must allow a red to breathe. This is a mistake I see all too often. People open a bottle of red and immediately start drinking it. Have you ever had an awful burning sensation in your stomach after drinking a red? Was it too acidic to taste the delicate undertones? That's not normal! You were drinking a red that did not have a chance to breathe. An appropriate time is about thirty minutes, but you must do it!

My second rule is this: enjoy it. Don't get caught up in what wine goes with what. If you want a red with your angel hair, then by all means have it. You are the one who is drinking it. And you are the one who is buying it.

My last rule is very simple. It's the ABC rule...Anything But Cabernet. Many people who are turned off by wines have only had Cabernets and Chardonnays. These are very heavy wines. They de-

mand strong foods to compliment them as well as strong palates. I personally dislike heavy wines, but that does not mean I can't enjoy any wine at all. Experiment with others to find the kind you enjoy.

Admittedly, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay are the most popular wines today. However, they are probably the most overused wines as well. Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio are all excellent alternatives, and far more appropriate for a wider variety of dishes.

Looking for a crisp, fruity, light white? Try a Pinot Grigio. Santa Margherita from the Alto Adige area in Italy is one of the better mid-priced whites. This refreshing wine has a fruity aroma with a taste of green apples. It prickles the tongue and leaves a long fresh finish. A Pinot Grigio is perfect for light fish such as a sole and almost all pastas. When shopping for a Grigio, remember the whiter the yellow (usually) the better the taste. A heavy Chardonnay yellow will taste syrupy sweet and sometimes fishy.

Pinot Noir is an excellent alter-

native to Cabernet Sauvignon. It is generally lighter with more fruity undertones. An extraordinary choice is Marimar Torres 1992 or 1993. At \$35 a bottle, it is a pricey choice, but one you will not regret. The cherry and hint of spices smooth out this full-bodied red. You can find this wine at Oakville Grocery in Walnut Creek on Locust. They also carry Torres' Chardonnay, another excellent find. Or, if you like, you can make the hour drive to the winery itself near Sebastopol. Call (707) 823-4365. Another fine choice is Navarro 1992. However, I think I managed to purchase the last case of this in the Bay area (yes, it's that good). The

winery doesn't have anymore to sell; however, the 1993 vintage is still available. Zarzuela, a Spanish restaurant on the corner of Hyde and Union in the city, has Navarro 1992 on the wine list. Choose the pork with prune and brandy sauce when drinking this wine. It is the perfect compliment. Call for reservations at (415) 346-0800.

Wine is meant to be enjoyed. It is a great compliment to meals or it can stand all on its own. But please be careful. Wine has a way of quickly going to your head. Enjoy it, but be smart about it. Designate a driver.

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Epicurean advisor shows us the joys of Gepetto's Cafe

By Kenneth W. Blair
Staff Writer

Hello my fellow carbon-based, calorie-burning, taco-eating organisms. My name is Kenny, and I am in no way qualified to review restaurants except for, of course, that I meet all of the afore mentioned criteria that you do. Despite my apparent incompetence, however, I have been chosen by the fine Collegian staff to be your new Epicurean advisor. I am hopeful, that in this matrimony formed by fodder, we can enjoy our nectar and ambrosia, and throw out all of the locusts and moldy nachos placed (or thrown) on our plates.

Primarily, because I was too lazy to drive my 1982 Buick Regal Limited any further, I chose Gepetto's Cafe in Orinda to be the object of my first counter-intelligence mission. It is located at 87 Orinda Way, and my first impression of this coffee shack was that it is aesthetically well situated, directly across from the country club in Orinda Village, possibly a senior citizen's most fulfillable pipe dream. That is a different article, however, and we are rambunctious young college students who care not for the vast array of antiquating opportunities, but want to know what in the heck the food is like.

When I walked in to this bistro, I was very pleased by the serenity that I encountered. The walls were covered with colorful yet sophisticated murals, while the floor was not an ordinary tile, but made of large slabs of cobblestone, harkening me back to the days of yore. A mellow selection of jazz wafted through the cafe, and I caught myself thinking about the many uses of duct tape. Refocusing myself, I perched to peruse the menus. There was a large selection of pastries and other bakery goods ranging from vegan cookies to scones, non-fat cinnamon rolls, muffins and biscotti. There was also a reasonable selection of gelato (potent Italian ice cream) for those of us who don't mind consuming undiluted cholesterol.

After I decided that I had a good, firm feel, for the desserts, I shifted my gaze to the lunch menu on the wall. The resulting choice I was confronted with were unlike anything Dorothy and Toto ever beheld in Kansas. Sandwiches seemed to be the culinary forte of this outfit, and the options ranged from humus and roasted

eggplant, to more conventional offerings such as chicken with roasted red pepper and veggie. I opted for a turkey special sandwich on sesame herb bread, one of four types of bread to choose from. I decided that a spinach salad would complement my sandwich nicely, so feeling confident with my choices, I proceeded to order. Of course, I was unprepared to answer my servers next query concerning my beverage of choice. Overwhelmed by the plethora of espresso drinks that I had to choose from, I copped out and went for a cup of the Dark French Roast coffee.

At this point, I was still a little shaky from all of that assertive decision making, so I sat down with the intention of sipping back a little coffee and relaxing. Well, within five minutes, my sandwich and salad had been delivered to my table, and it was as if the very head of John the Baptist was on my platter. I had finally found the Borg, the sort of monolithic superstructure that all ancient belief systems are based upon. Yes folks, this sandwich was immense: avocados, sprouts a gogo, a heap o' turkey, cream cheese, and of course lettuce and tomato all somehow pieced together between two fat slices of daily fresh bread. With fresh spinach and other vegetables splashed with some tangy herb dressing, the salad was no less

impressive. I cannot accurately recount my awe, but with a heart full of admiration and fear of such a large meal, I began to eat. I found the sandwich and salad both to be stellar creations. The ingredients were most definitely fresh and mixed together, they emitted a wonderfully strong flavor. The coffee was of an exceedingly dark roast, and was perhaps a wee bit strong. Maybe a lighter blend (which was offered) or a cafe latte would have complemented my meal a little better, but one should not interpret any amount of dissatisfaction out of this. I was thoroughly pleased with not only the ambiance of this coffee barn, but all of the feed that I chomped on there too.

There was no way in heck I could have finished my meal, so I had one of the cordial servers wrap it up for me, and I scooted on my way with what I am sure must have been a contented fatboy smile on my face. The entire meal ended up costing me about eight dollars, but had I halved it (which was in fact an option), I still could not have come close to consuming the entire meal. It was most definitely a deliciously hearty portion offered at a decent price. Perhaps just as nice though, was the serenity that pervaded this joint. It seemed an ideal spot to do homework while enjoying a fine caffeinated beverage or a tasty treat. Yes, I for one will return to Gepetto's Cafe.

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Acclaimed, award winning tragicomedy has its revival premiere at the UC Theatre

And the audience leaves the theatre beating a Tin Drum

By Tiffany Denman
Arts & Entertainment Editor

October 11 & 12 brought the UC Theatre's revival premiere of the 1979 German film *The Tin Drum* and it drew my car through the back of those foggy Berkeley hills and into downtown Berkeley for a foreign film experience.

The preceptor to the film, a dark screen, a dark theatre, and the German rendition of *Oklahoma!* Fascinating. The previews were for the upcoming final film releases of Krzysztof Kieslowski's acclaimed trilogy *Blue*, *White*, and *Red* all of which will be playing at the UC Theatre on October 27. Be sure to catch what looks to be a beautiful, seductive day of Liberty (*Blue*), Equality (*Red*), and Fraternity (*Red*).

So, here's the run-down of *The Tin Drum*. It was a film released in 1979 which won the Academy Award that year for Best Foreign Language Film and the Grand Prize (with *Apocalypse Now*) at the Cannes Film Festival. It is told from the perspective of Oskar, a child who is born into the pre-World War II environment of Poland to Polish and German parents. At age three he receives a tin drum and decides, based on the sexual deviation, drunkenness, and the grotesque behavior of the adults around him, that he does not want to ever grow up. So, he decides to not grow again. He then throws himself down the stairs in the cellar of his mother and "father's" house in order to provide an explanation for his adult caretakers as to why he no longer grows. Oskar then remains as a three year old for another twenty years. During this time, though he is a treated like a child, he experiences the life of one who is growing up. He witnesses his mother's infidelity with her first cousin, his mother's suicide by "fish ingestion," his

first love, his first sexual experiences, his first love becoming pregnant by his "father," his "father's" death by Japanese invaders, the first battle of World War II in which his "Uncle" Jan is killed by firing squad, and many other horrific tragedies of war and life. He also discovers a special talent, he can beat a tin drum and he can shatter glass with his scream. After twenty years of an exemplary life of tragic endings, Oskar finds himself orphaned and, well, twenty, and so he decided to grow again. His "son," Kurt facilitates the explanation of why he grows when he

throws a rock and hits him in the head, knocking Oskar into the makeshift grave of his newly dead "father." All of this, paired with the oddity of a man-child experiencing life and not growing, though growing up, make for a tragicomedy unlike anything I'd ever seen. It was strange yet absolutely absorbing.



Oskar exercises his vocal chords in *The Tin Drum*.

Like this sounds like a movie that you must see, you can't. *The Tin Drum*, like most UC Theatre presentations, was a limited engagement. But there are other odd, twisted, fabulous films at the UC Theatre. Some highlights for the rest of the month and the beginning of November are the *Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation* which plays throughout the week of October 18-24. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* plays on November 6 and the documentary of the designer of the Vietnam Memorial and the Civil Rights Memorial, Maya Lin, plays on November 11. The premiere of *Paradise Lost*, a documentary on the child murders at Robin Hood Hills and which focuses on the fairness of American Justice and the role of media in shaping the outcome of public events. For movie times and other film showings call (510) 843-6267.

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 - **Capricorn**—Cappy luvee!! Life could only be better if you were running it. Ponder the amount of coca butter to use after you climb the bean stalk of success—those leaves are criminal offenders to your composure.
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 - **Pisces**—Attention all slackers... AbMaster would be a sensible investment. Ooooooh! Quick like a tuna, Pisces, Hurricane Bertha is barreling your way.
 - **Aries**—Hot Damn! If it isn't the firing brigade starring in "The Dukes of Hazard." Touché. "OK Johnny, you're gonna want to keep to the left of the lines!"
 - **Taurus**—Is our little (or not so little) bull of Pamplona scuffing a hoof in the dust? Jump the fence altogether, kick up your horns and call it a time.
 - **Gemini**—Remember, when you leave, they be talkin'. So stop, drop and roll when the urge to cut someone down takes it's toll.
 - **Cancer**—Stop the mercurial madness, crusty! Fame and fortune are your hidden pursuits... let's keep them that way. But, buddy up with a Scorpio and you'll find magic.
 - **Leo**—Strap on your purple heart, sling on your best gold tooth and fake being "all that" until you really are... Yeah, I'm talking to you, fur ball!
 - **Virgo**—Linger in the memory of your first Whitecastle hamburger and learn how to saddle a horse, i.e.: let your love light shine brighter than a half-winged moth on a mission.
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Regretfully fizzy and fuzzy...

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close to the projects, so decent parking is hard to find.

By the time we arrived, The Ocean Blue was packing up their van and Superdrag was beginning their set. After talking to a few dedicated fans of The Ocean Blue, who told me I missed a great performance, we made our way into the stage area.

Bimbo's is set up much like what I imagine an old, Prohibition-era nightclub would look like, with plenty of plush red carpet, tables along the walls, a large dance area and two levels of tables and a bar behind that. Given the setting, then, seeing a band clad in clothes straight out of the seventies was a bit odd.

The set they played was exceptional, the band seemingly giving every song their heart and soul. Too often, I go to see a band play and their music falls flat, because they just don't seem that into the show. Superdrag, however, played this show like their career depended on a dynamic performance.

I was also surprised by how talented they really are. I hadn't heard any song other than their much-played summer hit "Sucked Out," in which lead singer John Davis spends most of his time screeching "who sucked out the feeling?" rather than applying any vocal talents. Live, however, he is able to explore the full range of his rather exceptional voice. At one point, he leaned over the crowd, the band quiet behind him as he sang out, his voice unwavering and full.



The Refreshments show off their Spanish Style.

In between songs, bassist Tom Pappas entertained the crowd with random associations and senseless observations while lead singer Davis occasionally tried to bum a cigarette from the audience. When they played, the band gave it their all, hopping and dancing around the stage, Davis rocking back and forth over the crowd, commanding the attention of the audience. I was very impressed and plan to go out and purchase their CD, *Regretfully Yours*, as soon as possible.

Finally, the headliners, The Refreshments, took the stage, while They Might Be Giants' "Minimum Wage" played in the background. Given this is one of my favorite pieces of music, I knew The Refreshments would live up to my expectations that I had formed listening to their CD, *Fizzy, Fuzzy, Big and Buzzy*. Surprisingly, they are better live.

The Tempe, Arizona band takes much of their influence from the nearby Mexican border, making their sound alternative rock with a Mexican twist. Much of the audience, it seemed, was from Arizona, including some friends of the band

that had shown up unexpectedly and several Saint Mary's students. This put the band in a good mood, as they bantered with the audience and their friends, making jokes and offering songs to various groups within the audience.

The lead singer, wearing a loud printed shirt, belted out every song before a backdrop of a giant Matador, while the rest of the more subdued band gave equal effort to the set. Like Superdrag before them, The Refreshments seemed inspired to entertain the crowd with their full energy and attention. The lead singer, whom I know only as Roger, would lean into the



Courtesy Bay Guardian
Superdrag's John Davis smokes while band members Dan Coffey Jr., Brandon Fisher, and Tom Pappas look on.

microphone, visibly showing his devotion to the music, as the audience reacted by jumping wildly, occasionally turning the dance floor into a very polite and subdued mosh pit.

When the band had finished playing the songs from the album, including their semi-hit "Banditos," the guitarist took over and sang a new acoustic song he had written, proving that the band has much more talent to be explored on their next album.

While most everyone else who attended a concert on the ninth was entertained with the always great Jimmy Buffet, I was able to see two excellent up-and-coming bands play at an intimate club where, if I had chosen to, I could have met the musicians afterward. I'll take that over a crowded and impersonal Pavilion show any day.

Three videos to rent... if that's what you're doing. It's cool!

By Kerry Aguilera
Staff Writer

How many times have you gone to rent a video and the movie you had in mind was already checked out? You inevitably find yourself searching for a movie that will be worth your three dollars.

Sometimes this seemingly easy task turns out to be much more difficult than you expected. You immediately realize that you have to take into consideration those pesky little factors that always seem to follow you when you go to rent a movie.

Most likely you will be watching the movie with at least one other person or maybe even a group. When your group consists of either just guys or girls, the decision often is unanimous and it seems to take very little time reaching it. But the real battle occurs when you have both genders that you are trying to satisfy. To make this sometimes weekly event be just a casual trip to the video store rather than a high stressed mathematical process, I have a few suggestions that fit each scenario.

First of all, for the girls, *Mystic Pizza* is a romantic comedy, made in the mid 80's, starring Julia Roberts and Annabelle Gish. This captivating story set in Mystic, Connecticut, explores the lives of three waitresses in their twenties, who are dealing with issues such as relationships, identities and family ties. The bond between the three women and their doting boss/surrogate mother is the basis on which this entertaining story evolves.

The wide variety of personalities that each of the characters possess, make for this originally entertaining movie. Because of the compelling choice of characters this story will enable you to experience every emotion.

Now for the guys, if you want intensity revolving around very complicated and dynamic characters in a fast paced storyline, *State of Grace* is the movie for you. This story about the Irish mob in New

York, starring Sean Penn, Gary Oldman and Ed Harris, will intrigue you from the very start. The plot is built around Sean Penn's character, who returns to his old neighborhood of "Hell's Kitchen" after a ten year absence. He finds himself torn between being loyal to his boyhood friends and a secret that could destroy the bond between them.

Here is a movie that everyone can agree on. *Tomb-*

stone, starring Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, and Sam Elliot, is based on a true story set in Tombstone, Arizona at a time when pillaging, and senseless murder was the way of life. Wyatt Earp and his brothers, in an attempt to leave behind a life of law enforcement, find themselves returning to the very thing they were trying to escape. With the help of Doc Holiday, the Earp brothers are drawn into the chaos in the effort to redeem the town of Tombstone. This 90's version of the showdown at the O.K. Corral is guaranteed to satisfy any audience.

I hope these suggestions make it a little easier and more enjoyable the next time you find yourself "home at the movies."

Video rental ideas for those not-so-interesting Saturday nights: *Mystic Pizza*, *State of Grace* and *Tombstone*

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An NFL Early Season Report: Packers Have Broken into Elite Status

by Jim Bucci
Sports Columnist

The Pack is finally all the way back! After tantalizing fans with successful regular seasons, and an upset victory over San Francisco in the playoffs last year, the Green Bay Packers are ready to challenge the top NFC teams. The past several NFC championship games have featured the Cowboys and Forty-niners with the winner going on to take the Super Bowl. Though early in this 1996-97 season both San Francisco and Dallas have sustained injuries while the Packers have stayed injury free.

The key to Green Bay's hot start has been their touchdown throwing quarterback Brett Favre. With twenty touchdown passes in six games he is on track to replace Dan Marino on the list of most touchdowns thrown in a season. While Favre is a huge factor in his teams success, an even bigger factor is the emergence of Favre's pass catchers. Last year Favre was dependent on wide receiver Robert Brooks and tight end Mark Churmura for his air attack. During the off season the Packers signed tight end Keith Jackson and have finally inserted talented receiver Antonio Freeman into the starting lineup. With Freeman in the mix Brooks will be able to see more man to man coverages rather than the usual

double teams defenses throw at him. On defense Reggie White prowls on one end and Sean Jones on the other. The Packers are a real threat this year and shouldn't be looked upon as the only team whose fans wear cheese on their heads.

Don't forget perennial favorites San Francisco, Dallas, and yes Buffalo. Even though the Packers may be the popular choice, these three teams are led by gritty veterans that know how to win in the play-

offs. The real question mark in the group are the Cowboys who must rebound from a 2-3 start and try to find a way to inte-

grate the missing Michael Irvin. This feat may turn out to be difficult due to the fact that Deion Sanders has adopted Irvin's position. To Sanders' displeasure though once Irvin is ready the flamboyant cornerback will be relegated back to his familiar position. With Irvin back in the fold the Cowboys should improve offensively and challenge again.

San Francisco and Buffalo are very steady teams on offense and defense. Despite injuries to starting quar-

terbacks Steve Young and Jim Kelly, both teams have survived with their backups. The one word that describes Buffalo is old. Starting with their head coach Marv Levy (71 years old) to their quarterback Kelly and running back Thurman Thomas, the Bills are a team on their last leg. The one savior for the Bills is that they have a strong pressuring defense which should take the pressure off their aging offense.

San Francisco on the other hand has a very potent offense once Steve Young returns. Jerry Rice is still on the top of his game and is teamed with J.J. Stokes at the wide receiver position. The acquisition of Terry Kirby might finally solve the Niner running game. Kirby is a bigger faster back that can punish defenses unlike the slighter built Derrick Lovell. San Francisco will be in the race all year with Green Bay and Dallas for playoff home field advantage while Buffalo tops in the AFC.

Throughout the season look out for Denver and Indianapolis to make some noise. The two teams have top quarterbacks in John Elway and Jim Harbaugh along with improving defenses that have been rebuilt through successful draft picks and free agent signings. The Pittsburgh Steelers, Super Bowl runner ups last year, are definitely playoff bound but unfortunately quarterback Mike Tomczak is even more inconsistent than Neil O'Donnell. Teams like Kansas City, Minnesota, and Detroit will produce a great number of regular season victories but will falter under the playoff pressure. Also for all those Miami Dolphin fans that thought Jimmy Johnson was going to be a savior wait for next year and have fun winning without Dan Marino. This years NFL theme is going to be which team remains the most healthy and if injuries do occur which teams have the best depth. So far the Packers are on top in both categories.



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Using Word 6 (WORD6-1)

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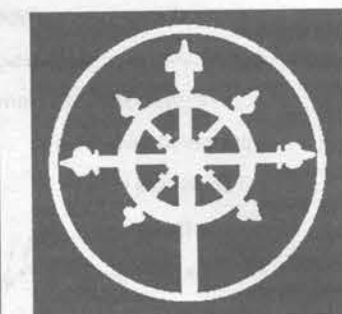
This introduction session covers word-processing basics using Word 6. These basics include: the Word screen, create, edit, save, and print a file. Basic

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Introduction to Excel 5 (XL5-1)

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All given dates are tentative, call to confirm

Ball Bounces Saint Mary's Way vs. SDS - Deflated Against USD

By Chris Howe
Staff Writer

On Friday, October 4th, the Saint Mary's Women's Soccer team took on the Aztecs of San Diego State. The Gaels were quick to take a 1-0 lead with a shot from freshman Sami Conroy off an assist from Val Williams at the 6:12 mark. But this lead was quickly wiped out with three Aztec goals in less than five minutes late in the first half. This put the Aztecs in the position to claim a 4-1 victory over Saint Mary's.

In hopes of turning around their weekend, the Gaels faced off against the University of San Diego Toreros on October 6th. But this happy ending was not to be. With just six shots on goal, three by Val Williams, the women returned home after dropping a 4-0 decision to the Toreros.



Volleyball Spikes San Diego, Wasted by USF

By Michael McDaniel
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's Volleyball team started off their 1996 West Coast Conference season with a landslide victory over the University of San Francisco but lost to the University of San Diego.

"We came out from the opening whistle to play ball," said first year coach Ron Twomey after defeating the University of San Francisco October 4.

The teamwork of the Gaels managed to oust the University of San Francisco in three sets, 15-12, 15-5, and 15-13. Sideouts exercised by USF stalled a slew of first set Gael points at 13 before the arm of Abby Waller landed an ace to end it.

"We never stopped," said right side hitter Zoa Armstrong. The momentum of the first set carried into the second where the score read 12-1 early, in favor of the Gaels.

A new team presented itself after a break between the 2nd and 3rd sets. The USF team that the Gaels handled 15-5 in the previous set, matched each point and side out of the Gaels well into the 3rd set. Late in the battle, Julie Grieve added one of her 12 kills on the night. The USF team earned only 5 blocks as opposed to the 13 compiled by the Gaels.

"We were able to use a lot of combinations," said coach Twomey. Such combinations allowed the Gaels to rack up 52 kills contributed by several Gaels. Not far behind Grieve's 12 kills were Abby Waller and Vanessa Dahl both with 10. Setter Raechel Parker also added a career high 7 kills.

The same Gael team met a different fate the following night upon meeting last year's WCC second place team, the University of San Diego. Saint Mary's lost in three sets 15-7, 15-7, and 15-9. Despite the 21 digs from Armstrong and 12 team blocks, the Gaels could not overcome the 70 kills that the Toreros compiled.

A long stint of sideouts by both squads throughout the first set ceased with San Diego on top 15-7. The same score marked the Gaels upon the finish of the second match, but the Gaels put up less of a fight. A regrouping in between the 2nd and 3rd sets brought a more determined Gaels team to the floor. Another long period of sideouts in conjunction with some points by the Gaels had the Toreros calling for a time out.

"We couldn't push through the last key points," said Coach Twomey.

By the end of the contest both Vanessa Dahl and Julie Grieve added 16 and 13 kills to their stats, respectively.

"Frustrating, but we are excited for the next challenge," said middle blocker Abby Waller at the conclusion of the match.

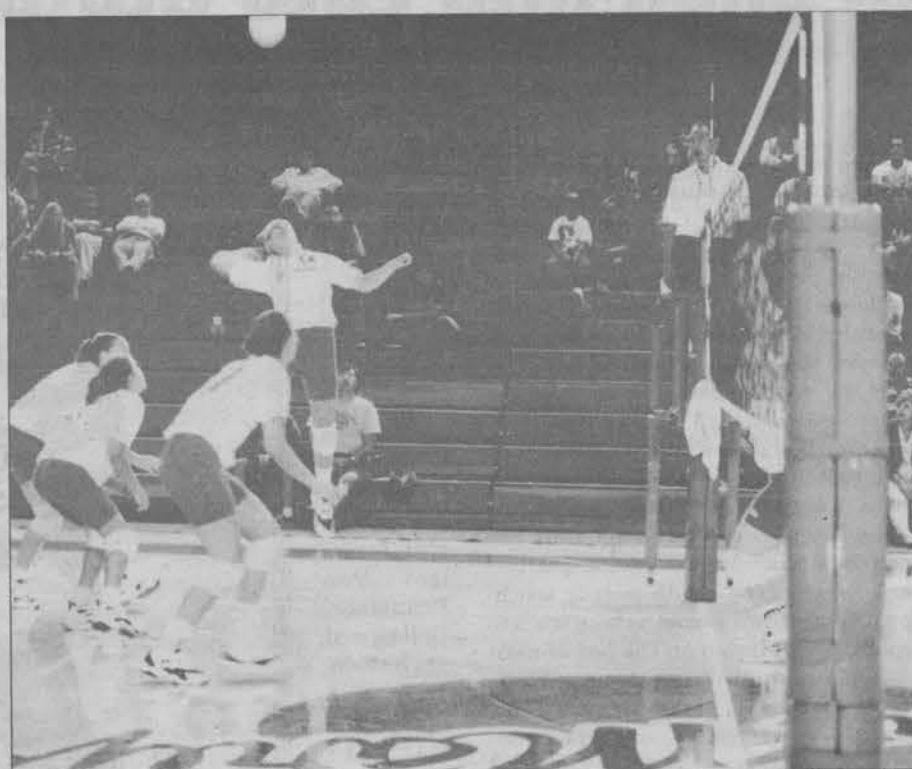
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Coming off a loss at Portland, Saint Mary's traveled to Gonzaga on October 12th, but lost in five sets: 15-9, 15-8, 5-15, 14-16, and 15-10.

Vanessa Dahl and Julie Gieves led the Gaels with 14 and 11 kills respectively. Kara McKeown added 11 blocks.

Saint Mary's record fell to 5-9 overall and 1-3 in WCC action.

Saint Mary's next opponent is Pepperdine at home, Friday, October 16th, at 7 pm.



James June

Julie Grieve sets up for a monster slam against the University of San Francisco

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Gaels Wallop San Diego in Homecoming Blowout, 52-3

by Ehren Koepf
Sports Editor

The University of San Diego's flight home took just over an hour, but it must of seemed like an eternity.

The Toreros were annihilated 52-3 in front of a Saint Mary's homecoming crowd, October 5th. The Gaels set the tempo on the opening kickoff when Ed Williams caught the ball on the one and returned it 42 yards. On the day, Williams carried 17 times for 120 yards and three touchdowns. This was his third consecutive game in which he rushed for more than 100 yards.

"Not enough can be said about the offensive line," said Williams. "They open up the lanes. They're the book and I read what they do."

Saint Mary's line was the equivalent of a great novel, while San Diego looked like a set of dominoes. Every time the Toreros got up, Saint Mary's would knock them over again.

"San Diego had good kids that competed hard," noted head coach Mike Rasmussen. "We just matched up well and blocked them and Eddie [Williams] took advantage of it."

Williams was not the only Gael to take advantage of great blocking by the front five. Quarterback Sean Laird turned in another excellent performance,

completing 11 of 15 passes for 187 yards and one touchdown.

Rasmussen felt that Laird was prepared in every aspect of the game. "The guys that perform well for us, prepare well in all areas: physically, mentally, and emotionally."

Nothing could of prepared San Diego for the offensive output of Blake "Touchdown" Tuffli. Tuffli scored Saint Mary's first touchdown with 5:50 to play in the first quarter on a 14 yard pass from Laird. The score put the Gaels up 10-0 and they never looked back.

Tuffli scored two touchdowns on the day, catching seven passes for 157 yards. Most significantly, Tuffli became Saint Mary's all-time career leader in receiving yards with 2,466. He moved ahead of Jon Braff who competed from '85 to '88 and tallied 2,461 yards.

"Tuffli has a good competitive heart and he has ability to go with that which spells a productive guy," mentioned Rasmussen.

Tuffli's second touchdown came just minutes after his first and upped Saint Mary's lead to 17-0. Tuffli scored on a 52 yard play-action-lateral-pass with 3:47 remaining in the first quarter. Laird took the snap, faked the hand-off to Williams, lateraled the ball all the way across the field to Ricky Ellis on what looked like a short pass

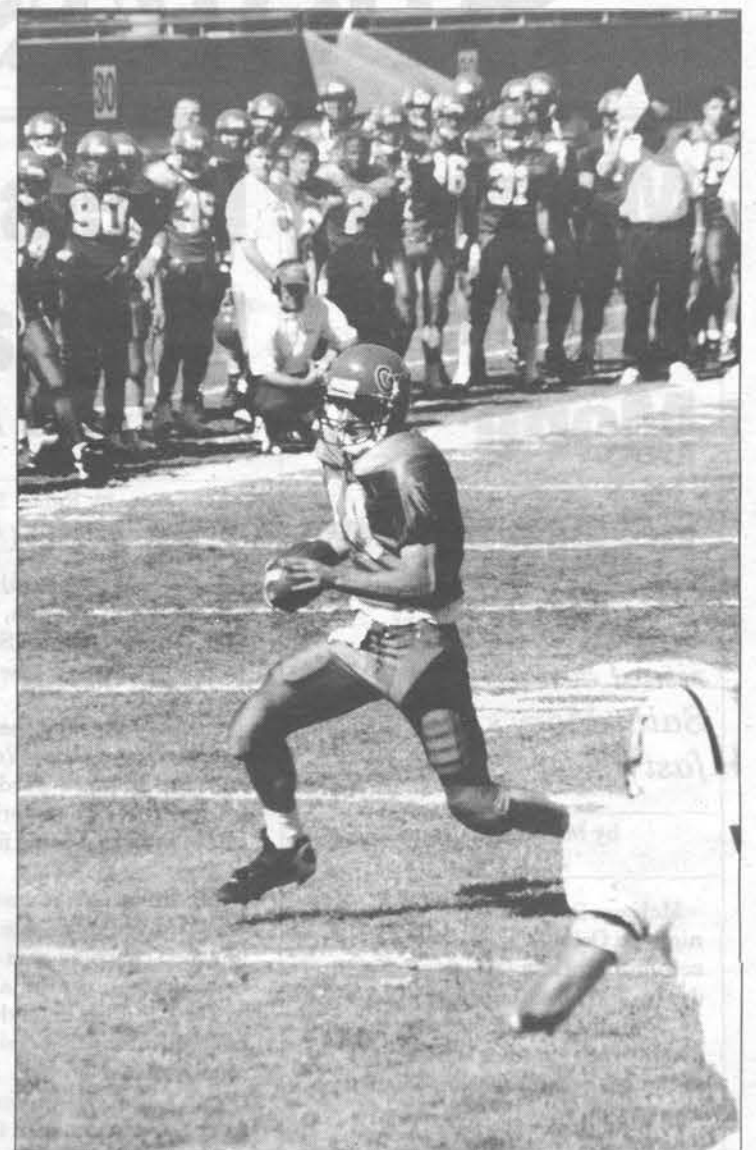
play, and Ellis stepped back and threw a bomb to a wide open Tuffli.

The Toreros saw the game getting out of hand, but the Gaels did not let up. Williams scored the Gaels third touchdown with 5:55 remaining in the first half on an eight yard dash around the right side of the line. Throughout the game Williams looked like a human pinball, bouncing off San Diego linebackers and spinning his way down field.

The Gaels brought a 24-0 lead into the locker room at the half and they came out looking just as strong in the third quarter. Saint Mary's continued to put points on the board so they could get guys in the game that normally would not get the chance. "All those guys work so hard, every man on the team deserves to play and we had an opportunity to do that," pointed out Rasmussen.

Saint Mary's defense did allow a San Diego field goal early in the first half, but overall they played outstanding. Right defensive tackle, Corey Thomas led the team with seven tackles, one sack, and two assists. Outside linebacker, Tim Hoyt finished with six tackles, and two assists.

Williams scored twice more in the third quarter to up the Gaels lead to 38-3. For the majority of the fourth quarter the Gaels tried



Laird scrambles for extra yards. He ran for 48 yards and threw for 187. Amanda Todoroff

to get as many players in the game as possible. A couple of the "younger" players really took advantage of the situation. Freshman runningback Brandin Young carried the ball nine times in the second half for 70 yards

and scored on a two yard pass across the middle.

Peter Sousa also scored his first career touchdown as a Gael. Sousa rumbled 37 yards around the left side for the Gaels final score of the day.

Blake Tuffli: Saint Mary's All-time Leading Receiver

By Jennifer Parker
Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 5th, when Saint Mary's drowned the University of San Diego, wide receiver, Blake Tuffli made some waves of his own.

During the victorious homecoming game Tuffli set a new record by becoming the number one all-time Gael receiver with the most yardage. Although he has contributed much as a member of the Saint Mary's football team, Blake's story is not that of a typical recruit. In fact, during the first game of his senior year in high school, this talented athlete broke his arm. At this point, Tuffli did not plan on playing

football in college. However, he was discovered by head coach Mike Rasmussen and joined the team as a walk-on.

Originally from San Lorenzo Valley High in Selton, Calif., Tuffli occupied the position of quarterback for a year and then moved on to play his current position of wide receiver for the remainder of his high school career.

Tuffli is currently a graduate student, working toward obtaining his teaching credential in health and physical educa-

tion. What he most appreciates about Saint Mary's College is

lowing for ample teacher-student interaction.

Blake said the most challenging aspect of being on the football team is "making it through the daily practices," which are extremely long and rigorous. Saturday games, while also intense, are when the team really comes together, and all of their hard work pays off. According to Tuffli, one of the reasons this year's team is doing so well, is because all of the players are

willing to put forth their maximum effort because they realize that each and every individual is important to the team's collective performance.

Wide receiver coach, Scott Wood, explained that Blake is such an asset to the team because of "his experience, his consistency, and his ability to perform well during crunch time." A passion for the game and the spirit of competition are what keeps Tuffli afloat, even when the waters get rough. One of the team's favorite traditions is singing the Gael fight song in the locker room after every victory. For the players, it is the "climax of winning" and another way of savoring the rewards of which they are all so deserving.



Tuffli runs for a record breaking 2,466 receiving yards. Amanda Todoroff

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lowing for ample teacher-student interaction.




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Midnight, And No More Madness

Annual basketball ritual canceled at Saint Mary's - Gaels fast asleep

by Michael McDaniel
Staff Writer

McKeon Pavilion was silent at midnight on October 15th. There were no screaming fans, no death-defying dunks and no astonishing jump shots as Midnight Madness, the annual event which signifies the official start of the basketball season, was not observed this year by Saint Mary's.

A number of reasons led to the cancellation of this year's Midnight Madness celebration. Men's basketball head coach, Ernie Kent cited several reasons for the abolishment of this year's event.

Class attendance, number of practices, injuries, and the fact that this year's Midnight Madness fell on a Monday night all influenced the decision.



Coach Kent

Kent noted that this is an academic

institution and a practice on a Monday night running into early Tuesday morning would hurt his players' class performance throughout the ensuing week. Falling on weekends, past Midnight Madness ceremonies have not instigated a problem of class attendance.

"I can't afford to waste one single practice," said coach Kent concerning the lack of practices that the Gaels would have due to the event. In the eyes of Kent, Monday and Tuesday practices would be a wash, thus throwing the Gaels two practices behind their competitors from day one.

Kent also feels that the decision to cancel the event will avoid injuries to his team. Energy levels of past Midnight Madness' have influenced players to over exert themselves, causing injuries. Another problem solved by the cancellation.

Coach Kent added, "I hope students will bring their excitement to the first exhibition game on November 10th."

The Men's exhibition season begins November 10th at home against the German Nationals, at 3:05 pm. They play the Blue and Gold Fleet, November 15th at 7:35 pm before they travel to the NIT to take on Oklahoma State.

The Women's exhibition season begins at home against Slovan Bratislava, November 19th at 7:35 pm. They then travel to UC Irvine, before hosting the SMC/Delta Faucet Tip-Off Classic November 29th and 30th.

Gaels Can't Hold on Against Mustangs - They fall 34-33

Tuffli and Laird have career games against Cal Poly

by Renee Sando
Managing Editor

The Gaels suffered their second loss of the season in a tough, physical game in San Luis Obispo on Saturday, October 12th. St. Mary's was defeated by Cal Poly, 34-33.

Cal Poly clinched the win in the fourth quarter when Craig Young ran into the endzone from 13 yards out. Young, a freshman, had a superb day, as he set a school record running for 283 yards on 26 carries.

The first quarter was a see-saw battle with both teams unable to establish dominance. The play was physical as Gael receivers were continually pushed around by the Cal Poly defenders. They gained momentum from a Cal Poly fumble created by Gael outside linebacker Bruce Caron. The Gael offense then went to work as Sean Laird hit Ricky Ellis for a 34 yard touchdown. Tom Antongiovanni kicked the extra point and the Gaels were up, 7-0.

On the ensuing kickoff Mustang Ed Wynn ran 74 yards down the sideline before being brought down by Darren Briemle. The Mustangs were in scoring position when Tim Hoyt read the eyes of quarterback Alli Abrew and came up with a big interception stopping the Cal

Poly drive.

However, Cal Poly scored on their next possession as Alan Beilke kicked a 35 yard field goal. The Mustangs scored again when Mike Allhouse powered through the right side of the Gael defensive line into the endzone from the two yard line.

The Gaels scored on their next possession as Ed Williams went into the endzone on a 12-yard run. Antongiovanni hooked the extra point attempt wide left and thus snapped his consecutive PAT streak having connected on 29 straight PATs. Antongiovanni had a rough day as he missed two PATs and three field goal attempts.

The latter part of the second quarter was dominated by injuries. Abrew was drilled by Hoyt and reinjured his left wrist and did not return in the game. Williams' left ankle was injured while covering a punt on the final play of the first half and he spent the second half of the game on the sideline. When Wynn broke clear on a return, Williams put a hit on him at the one yard line which caused a fumble which was recovered by Mickey Clements. The play was negated by a clipping penalty as Williams hobbled to the sideline. He left the game with 13 carries for 70 yards and one touchdown run.

Cal Poly scored in the first 40 seconds of the second half on a 60 yard pass by back-up quarterback Nate Ecklund.

Freshman runningbacks Brandin Young and Peter Sousa stepped up to fill the void left by the loss of Williams. Sousa had six carries for 19 yards, while Young rambled on five carries for 33 yards.

The Gaels scored three touchdowns in the second half, all on passes from Laird. Blake Tuffli caught a 17 yard pass from Laird for a touchdown, but the PAT failed. Ellis had two more touchdowns for the afternoon for 45 and 18 yards respectively. Ellis finished the day with 8 receptions for 153 yards.

The Tuffli-Laird connection was strong all afternoon, as Tuffli was the go-to-guy for Laird. Tuffli had personal best 12 catches for 153 yards. Laird threw for a career high 389 yards and was 26 of 44 with one interception.



Senior Ricky Ellis had three touchdowns on Saturday.

Gael Soccer Nets Bulldogs 3-0



Midfielder Christy Slavin runs to meet the ball.

James June

by Chris Howe
Staff Writer

On the afternoon of Friday, October 11th, the Saint Mary's College women's soccer team played host to Gonzaga. Coming into this face-off, Saint Mary's led its series with the Bulldogs by a 3-0 count. The history of these two schools favored Saint Mary's who beat Gonzaga 3-1 in Spokane last year and 7-0 and 6-1 in previous years. Would history repeat itself?

With Amber King in goal once again,

the Gaels took to the field prepared to battle the Bulldogs of Gonzaga University. At the end of the first half it was difficult to say which team would go home the victors this time. The score was tied at 0-0 after 45 minutes of play.

Moving in to the second half of competition, action stepped up in pace as Saint Mary's Val Williams scored the first Gael goal off a penalty kick. But this was not the last to be seen from the determined women of Saint Mary's. The next to take it to the net for the Gaels was KayCee Pfeifer. With this goal, Pfeifer tallied her

first shot and goal for the season. As one of Zaga's players pleaded, "Come on, Blue, it's not over," Stacey Shaw fired the third and winning goal into the net.

As the game-ending buzzer sounded, Saint Mary's fans and players cheered joyfully at the Gael's first West Coast Conference victory this season. With the 3-0 win the Gaels regain their winning ways, improving their over-all record to 7-5-0 and home record to 4-1-0. Saint Mary's plays the Dons of the University of San Francisco, today, October 16th, at 4 pm.