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SMC Prof Seeks Election

Professor Kristine Chase runs for a seat on the Contra Costa Community College District Board

By Brian Bergtold
Staff Writer

Do you know what the Contra Costa Community College District Board is? If you don't, you are one of the voters that Saint Mary's Economics professor Kristine Chase wants to get her message out to. Chase is running for the Ward 2 board seat, the only seat open this election year. This seat is being vacated by incumbent board member William Moses.

As a prospective board member, Chase wants to represent the Lamorinda area, as well as Rodeo, Crockett, Pinole, Hercules and Walnut Creek west of I 680. The Contra Costa Community College District Board is a five member panel that oversees all the community colleges in Contra Costa County. These colleges include Diablo Valley, Contra



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Costa, Las Medanos, and the San Ramon Valley Center for Higher Education. "The group is a board of directors which holds the financial responsibility of the district. It hires chancellors, sets policy such as curricula, as well as, strategic planning," says Chase.

Chase says she has always cared about the local community college system. When she was approached to run, she felt it was the perfect opportunity to put her time and energy where her mouth was. "The board is in

need of an advocate for the community colleges that can be a liaison to the greater community. I feel I'm perfect for the job," says Chase. The editorial board of the *Contra Costa* and *West County Times* happens to agree. The Friday, October 18, 1996 issue of the *Contra Costa Times* writes of Chase standing out from the other two candidates with her "clear understanding of the function of community

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Asian Students Fight for Program

Students demand representation through Asian Pacific Islander Student Program

By Amanda Chavez
News Editor

Although the diversity on campus makes up only a small percentage of the student population, the different ethnic backgrounds are for, the most part, fairly represented. There is the Office of the Black Student Unions, Office of Hispanic/Latino Student Programs, and the Office of International Programs; however there is one program missing in this equation. As of yet, there is no program to represent the Asian Americans here on campus.

Despite the fact that Asian Americans make up 10% of the student population, they are the only ethnic group not to have an advising program specifically designed for their needs. In 1988 the President of the College, Brother Mel Anderson, FSC, established a Diversity Task Force to consider the issues of minority presence on campus in all dimensions and recommended a course of action for the College to pursue.

One of the observations the Task Force made was that Asian American enrollment was low. "Since this minority group represents an untapped population...hiring an Asian Program Coordinator can be viewed as a positive step..." the Force reported. The Task Force also determined that the Asian American population needed to be increased to at least 10% by 1994. This student increase was of course achieved, but as it stands today, the College has yet to make progress in terms of advising services for Asian Americans.

For their part, Asian students at St. Mary's have been active in chartering the Asian American Student Coalition Club (AASC), started in 1992. Today AASC has 35 active members. It was also the first club to win the Club of the Year Award given by St. Mary's College last year. AASC sponsors many on campus activities and also publishes a newsletter called *A Voice*. They have achieved all of this despite the fact that they have not had a club advisor for over a year. Currently, Dean of Advising Services, Thomas Brown, is acting as a temporary advisor to the club.

In the past year, many members of the AASC have become

active in requesting an advising program. According to Tuyen Tran, a member of AASC, students embarked on a letter writing campaign to Brother Mel as well presented the Academic Vice President, Bill Hynes, with a petition request containing over 400 signatures. Despite these efforts, the administration has been criticized by some students for not acting promptly on the matter.

"I think it's sad that the President of the College and the Mission Statement of the school preach about how they want diversity, but when presented with a cry for a program that would stimulate community for Asian American students, their actions are more resistant," Tran stated.

Frustrated with the progress, the AASC sought the help of Dean Brown. Aware of the hiring freeze on campus, Brown



Dean Brown has fought for Asian Americans at SMC

came up with a solution to try and satisfy both the administration and students. In short, the proposal divides the coordinator's salary into two parts. Advising Services would pay for five-sevenths of the salary. The coordinator would then be able to oversee the Asian Pacific Islander Student Program. Two-sevenths of the salary would come from the school itself and would require the coordinator to teach in one of three different departments: Women's Studies, Jan Term, or Collegiate Seminar. The coordinator's duties would be divided between teaching and overseeing the program. This would provide the school with an ethnically diverse professor while avoiding the creation of a whole new position in the Advising Department.

While to some, advising offices for ethnic students may not seem important, Brown says they're sorely needed. He points out that students lack role models of the same ethnic background here on campus. There are very few

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Even More Building for the Future

Plans are in the works for Alpha Tech building to be unveiled in the Fall of 98' which includes more "high tech" features

By Heidi Bryant
Staff Writer

If you think St. Mary's College would stop with the construction of the ultra modern, high tech Garaventa Hall, you were wrong. The next step in bringing new technology to the College is the Alpha Tech building, to be completed by the Fall of 1998.

Vice President for Advancement, Michael Ferrigno, said the programming phase of construction takes about six

months. This includes taking the building from working drawings to the process of obtaining permits and approvals. Ferrigno elaborated by saying the first step is to obtain a permit to grade the construction site. After the College completes this phase of the process, it is necessary to get a construction permit. However, before this permit can be obtained, detailed plans of both the inside and the outside of the building must be submitted to the county and the town for review. At this time, the College is trying to create these plans.

The Alpha Tech facility will be located next to the recently completed Garaventa Hall. It will be approximately 30,000 square feet, while Garaventa is 23,000 square feet. Physically, the building will mirror Fillipi Hall in basic design, but it will include a "T" shaped wing at the rear near the library.

Internally, there are many plans in store for the new building. All of the campus media, *The Collegian*, *The Gael*, *The Riverrun*, KSMC, and SMC-TV,

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TCI Upgrades Service to SMC

Cable company installs fiber optics to provide new services

By Mary Bridge
Staff Writer

Fiber optic television - the final frontier. This is the voyage of the TCI cable company: To explore new and better ways of bringing high resolution pictures to your television screen. All in the name of seeking out new technology while boldly going where no cable company has gone before.

Today we watch television shows like "Star Trek", "Sea Quest", "Deep Space Nine", and even the "Jetsons". Thanks to ever increasing technology and companies like TCI, these shows which are now a fantasy are not far from reality. As we approach the 21st century, we grow continually nearer to a millennium of technical advancement. Right now we live in a world of fast food, high tech computers, space shuttles that take us beyond the

limits of our own atmosphere, and the internet: an information superhighway that connects us to almost anywhere on the planet. The possibilities are endless.

TCI, the largest cable company in America, is currently working on a new type of cable service which will be installed at St. Mary's sometime in December. Instead of the usual forty channels offered to stu-

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OPINION

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Randall: You *can* get what you want... you just need to try sometime



Jonathan Randall

Editor-in-Chief

In the past few weeks, students and faculty have been criticizing the college administration for its sluggish response to requests for an Asian American student program. Tung Nguyen, president of the Asian American Student Coalition (AASC), writes in the AASC newsletter, "It pains me to see that one look in our school catalogue shows that St. Mary's has a Hispanic Student Program, Black Student Program and International Program, but an Asian Student Program is nowhere to be found."

Asian American students represent one of the largest ethnic groups on campus, composing over 10% of the student body. In terms of equity, it seems only fair that there should be an Asian American student program if there are Hispanic and Black student programs.

But there is an even more fundamental reason the College should institute an Asian American student program: students want one. Quite simply, the administration should respond to what the students ask for. After all, the College claims to meet the academic, social and spiritual need of the student, so this should include immediately hiring staff members that can meet the needs of the student body.

Of course I am also aware of the insightful song, "You Can't Always Get What You Want." Ever since the Agenos were built, students have been kvetching for a tram service to take them from lower

campus to their abodes up in Cow Canyon. But if students do have a serious need, one that is widely supported and would improve the general social and academic health of the College, then those needs should be addressed immediately. Take the Student Union, for example. In response to persistent student complaints that there was no place where stressed-out Gaels could retreat from the trials of Seminar, the College has been working to put a plan together.

Also don't forget the Science Department fiasco which had over a hundred science students pointing pipettes and throwing agar gel at the administration for its unfair and inconsistent faculty hiring/firing decisions. Last April, the former Biology Department Chairperson stepped down from his position, the Health Professions Advisor was apparently dismissed, and the former Dean of the School of Science took a medical leave. Although many issues in the case still remain unresolved, students played a major role in placing a bunsen burner

under the butts of the administration. Through thoughtful and persistent action, students made the situation an immediate concern which was promptly attended to. Unfortunately many of the key activists graduated and subsequently took pressure off of the administration.

The lessons we can learn from these incidents of student activism is that students can catalyze change. If we want a real Dead Week before finals or if we want a bookstore where we can actually have access to the bookshelves, we can put pressure on the people who make the decisions. Students have the rare power to make things happen; they possess clear convictions, strong wills and the unrivaled energy of young spirits.

spoke about last time. I will be sending out a survey in conjunction with the administration, asking questions about what you would like in the student recreation center. So when you see the survey, please take it seriously and take a few minutes to fill it out. Your cooperation will help greatly with the success of the survey and aid the decision process. The information you provide in the survey will ensure that when the Recreation Center is built, it houses the facilities you desire.

Another thing, I am looking for students who are interested in helping me in the search for the new President for our school. I am looking for ideas on what questions to ask of the applicants. In order for me to do my job, which is represent you, I would like to have as much contact with you as possible. My office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. If my office hours are not at convenient times, you can call me at ext. 4280 to setup an appointment. I will also try to attend as many events as possible, so find me there and talk to me. See you in a fortnight.

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Letters to the Editor

May the best Poser win

Dear Editor

I am writing in response to a letter by Mark Hatch concerning his "dismay and indignation" over Michelle Kloss's cartoon depiction of the Freshman Class in a previous Collegian (Oct. 2). I believe Mr. Hatch's comments were groundless and childish.

I am assuming that Mr. Hatch attended high school. I would also like to assume that he has been an underclassman. Now, it has been determined that many underclassman in high schools and colleges around the world have met with what is called "hazing." Generally, the upperclassmen at these schools and institutions play jokes and/or make fun of the underclassman. These "rituals" are experiences that most people go through in their schools.

I would like to remind Mr. Hatch and the Freshman Class of three things. First, you are all underclassmen/women for the next seven months, so it's best for everybody if you just learn to live with it. Second, the upperclassmen went through the same kind of "hazing" you did, so don't believe you are being singled out. You're not that special. And third, try not to complain. Yes, "hazing" is immature, but

you also did it in high school as upperclassmen, and you will do it as upperclassmen in college.

I would also like to defend Michelle Kloss's illustration. Ms. Kloss is working on a newspaper, and newspapers do print satirical cartoons about people in politics all the time. What is the difference between her illustration and another cartoonist's illustration? Some examples of cartoons are President Clinton smoking pot, Ross Perot's big ears, or Bob Dole's age. Although the people reading the newspaper do not always agree with the opinions shown by the cartoon, they realize that



it is only a satire. After all, Bill Clinton, Ross Perot, and Bob Dole can not possibly go after every newspaper or news magazine that criticizes or makes fun of them. That would take forever.

In closing, I've noticed that Mr. Hatch is a government major, and if he chooses to pursue a career in government, then I can only hope he learns to take criticism. As for Ms. Kloss, keep up the good work and keep us laughing.

Jeff McKenzie
Government '98

It's a child, not a choice

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Britto's rather blatant attempt at forwarding the pro-abortion platform, I would like to respond with a breath of common sense.

It seems that most people in this country have become consumed by the notion of freedom of choice, and well they should be. Freedom is what has made this country great. However, let us not forget that this realm of individual choice has been made available to us by God given free-will. In other words, there are countless things we have a choice to do that may not be moral or even legal. At one point in this country, people could choose to own a slave. Even though it was legal, was it moral? According to Mr. Britto, "Whether or not to have an abortion is just another choice." Therefore, how can one not conclude that everything has simply become a matter of choice, even morality.

Whenever the debate on abortion heats up, the most exhausted justification used on the pro-choice side is the emotionally charged issue of rape. Interestingly, what usually seems to be neglected are the percentages attached to each reason. That is, of the more than 1.55 million abortions in this country every year, under two percent are a result of rape or incest. In 1988, a study was done by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a research wing of Planned Parenthood. The organization concluded that "over ninety-five percent of abortions are performed for social reasons, and not for rape, incest or protection of the mother's health or life." Essentially, what the study confirmed is that abortion is used 95 out of a 100 times as a means of birth control, a channel through which people avoid lifestyle interruptions. This country was founded, and is still based, on individual freedom and choice, yet it is just as firmly founded in individual responsibility. What kind of message are we sending when we sacrifice our fundamental be-

liefs in the sanctity of life and the importance of parenthood for this camouflaged justification called choice?

How late in pregnancy can a woman legally obtain an abortion? On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy. Today there are nearly 15,000 late-term (at six or more months of pregnancy) abortions in this country annually. In addition, it is estimated that 500 times a year the "dreaded complication" occurs and a child is born alive following an attempted abortion. More and more, the level of respect for human life in this country is diminishing. Unless we get a handle on this decline of moral standards, we as a nation will be unable to recover.

In a time in which structured religion and traditional family teachings are looked upon as intrusive, and God is no longer something people believe in, we do not seem to have a standard anymore. There is no right and wrong. What has happened to the Judeo-Christian moral conscience in which this country was so proudly founded? Today, morality is primarily determined by the individual's own conscience and social acceptance, not by God or even common sense.

Michael Spencer
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THE COLLEGIAN invites all students and faculty to submit their personal opinions in the form of a letter to the editor for publication. Please feel free to express any and all views on the paper, the school, or anything else you feel needs to be addressed.

President's Perspective



Dave Perry

ASSMC President

Hello! As I ponder the events that have occurred since I last wrote to you, I realize that we are over half way through this semester. Pretty scary! Anyway, for any of you who feel this year has slipped by, it is not too late to create some wonderful memories. Take the time to get involved and attend events, hang out with friends.

O.K., enough of the I-am-a-senior-and-I-am-going-to-be-sad-when-I-graduate lecture. Let's get down to presidential things. By the time you read this, I will have attended my first Board of Trustees meeting. This is where the people who make all the decisions for the college get together and discuss important issues about St. Mary's future. When it is over, I will let you know all I can about what went on.

There has been further development on the student recreation center that I

OPINION

Freedoms allotted the press

An in-depth look at the rights THE COLLEGIAN holds on campus



Kim Pappas
Staff Writer

Despite criticism that THE COLLEGIAN sometimes receives, our primary goal is to inform students about activities, issues, and news that affect the St. Mary's community. For many of us on staff, THE COLLEGIAN is only the beginning of a career in journalism or other news related areas. Like any other paper, we look for news and stories that are important to the students. Controversial topics are especially welcome because they inform faculty, staff, and students about issues that have a direct impact on the college.

In recent issues, articles about lawsuits that have been brought against the college have raised the concerns of some faculty and staff members in the SMC community. Although there has not been an obvious attempt to censor the paper, there has been pressure from a few administrators and faculty members advising on what should and should not be included in the news. Requests have even been made to preview articles before they go to press.

However, THE COLLEGIAN has a strict policy on not releasing stories before the issue hits the stand. Despite knowledge of this policy, administrators and faculty members have become quite angry and have even gone as far as threatening some of the staff. In one incident, after explaining to a faculty member that information that was "off the record" had been left out of the article, he/she responded by saying, "If I find out it wasn't, I can make your life very difficult. An-

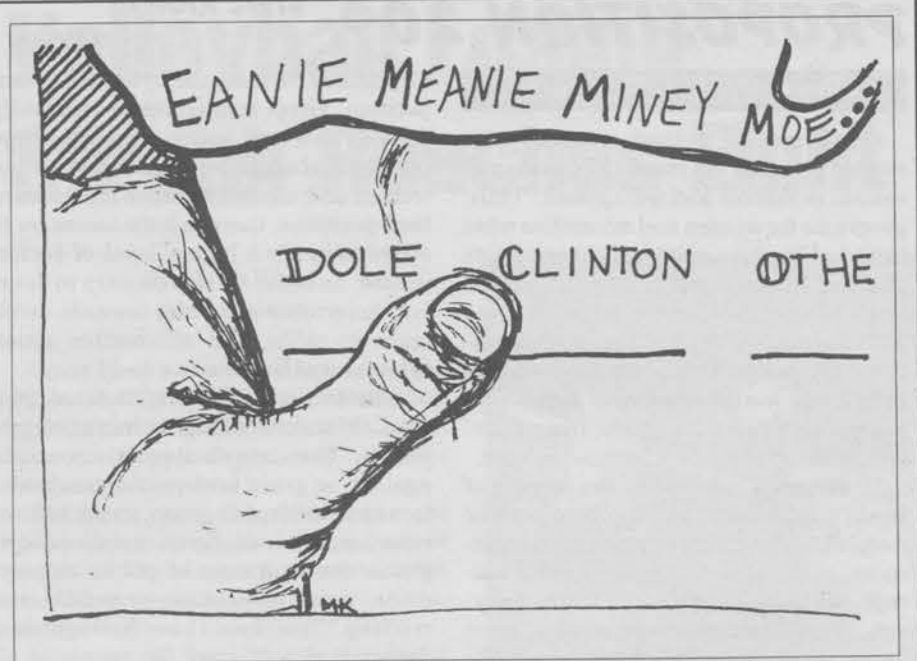
other reporter was yelled at by a faculty member after an interview, and an administrator accused another reporter of "Looking for a dirty little quote" for a story. In response to concerns we have had over these reactions, journalism professor, John McManus said, "If you're not pissing people off you're probably not doing journalism."

According to Denise Witzig, faculty advisor for THE COLLEGIAN, "An on-campus student newspaper represents the students. We have a responsibility to go where other students can't go." Because St. Mary's is a private institution, we are not protected by the same freedom of the press laws that other college and university papers are, but McManus says, "There are considerable traditional and moral reasons why a private college would not want to censor a student paper."

When I asked Mike Sullivan, the Director of Student Activities, about what he thought the value of a student newspaper was, he replied, "It is a learning process and a good experience for students." Knowledgeable of the recent opposition to past articles, Sullivan further commented by saying, "We have to have faith that THE COLLEGIAN will report accurately and objectively."

This year's Editor-in-Chief, Jonathan Randall, stands by his decisions on what issues THE COLLEGIAN chooses to cover. "The goal of THE COLLEGIAN is to inform students, faculty, and staff of all the news at St. Mary's College, regardless of potentially controversial issues."

Information is power. It is my hope that students will use the information provided by THE COLLEGIAN to make sensible decisions about their lives at St. Mary's College. As Randall says, "Our ears are open to anyone who is concerned about the content of the paper."



The Campus According to Kloss by Michelle Kloss

PROPOSITION 207: FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS

• Pro • By Nichole Cerles

Proposition 207 has become known as the "F frivolous Lawsuit Limitation Act." This initiative measure has several purposes designed to benefit Californians. The first is the protection of the right to hire lawyers on a contingency basis. Prop. 207 also institutes policies for the punishment of lawyers who file what are determined to be "frivolous" lawsuits. The proposition further punishes lawyers who file frivolous lawsuits repeatedly by requiring the State Bar to set penalties. This initiative has been designed by attorneys who seek to protect the consumer, and if this measure is passed on November 5, they will have gained further success.

The American public is constantly fighting battles in court. Of the many legal representatives seen each year, many are employed on what is known as a contingency basis. This means that the lawyers are given no upfront payment, they are awarded a portion of any restitution made to their client in the event of a successful case. The proposition seeks to keep the right for Californians to hire lawyers on a contingency basis. The hiring of a contingent fee lawyer may be the only chance a person without disposable means may have to fight large corporations and insurance companies. The principle players for insurance companies and large corporations would like to make it impossible for people to hire contingency fee lawyers. Prop. 207 will continue to enable voters to hire lawyers on contingent basis. The "F frivolous Lawsuit Limitation Act" will also make it possible to punish law-

yers who file lawsuits that are determined to be, either in content or defense, frivolous by the courts. A frivolous lawsuit is defined as either a lawsuit that is completely and totally without merit or filed solely for the purpose of harassing the opposing party. The lawyer will be stripped of all fees when a judge rules that his/her lawsuit or its defense is "frivolous." The lawyer who has sanctions imposed will be informed, as will his firm. They must immediately notify the client that there have been sanctions imposed for the lawyer's behavior. This seeks to deter lawyers from filing frivolous lawsuits that are detrimental to a court's time schedule and another person's case.

If an attorney demonstrates that the above sanctions are not sufficient to deter this type of conduct on his part, then this proposition will seek to strip that attorney of his license. This is reminiscent of the recently imposed "Three Strikes" law. If the State Bar confirms that it has received three separate sanctions filed against one lawyer in the past five years, the State Bar may recommend appropriate measures to the Supreme Court. This, according to the initiatives text, can be suspension or disbarment. The hope is that this will rid California of the types of lawyers that clog the courts and waste money.

This initiative is a chance for the voters to protect their right to contingency fees and determine what is reasonable and what is excessive. This measure is designed to rout out the lawyers who file these lawsuits and to remove them from California courts. Prop. 207 is a good thing for Californians. Vote "Yes" on Proposition 207.

• Con • By James Britto

Proposition 207 is a trick which will give a large monetary treat to trial lawyers. The Prop. 207 supporters would have you think that 207 protects you by limiting lawyers' fees. This is a falsity. Lawyers' fees are not being limited, they are being protected. Opponents concur with the statement issued by the *San Jose Mercury News*, which stated that 207 is "a statutory measure sponsored by trial attorneys that would prohibit the state from regulating attorney fees."

Citizens must realize that trial lawyers are the ones who have given millions of dollars in support of Prop. 207. Why would lawyers spend their money to support a proposition which would limit their income? They are spending their incomes in order to pull a fast one on us, so be aware.

Lawyers charge thousands upon thousands of dollars to their clients, taking exorbitant amounts of client settlements, which should have been used for medical treatment loss of wages, pain and suffering, etc. When a client is awarded a settlement it is meant for the client not the lawyer. Does it not seem

strange that many monetary award recipients live in small houses, drive inexpensive cars, and still have debts. Yet, many lawyers live in extravagant homes, drive foreign luxury cars, and do not have to worry about where their next paycheck is coming from. They know as soon as the next client knocks on the door.

If Prop. 207 is not stopped, the government will be powerless to protect us, the people, from the lawyers' fee agreements. And after all, who writes the fee agreements, and who knows the law loopholes like the back of their hands? The lawyers. Lawyers will be writing their own paychecks if Prop. 207 passes.

The truth is that lawyers want to get as much out of their client as they are capable of extracting. Many unsuspecting people may end up giving the majority of their settlements to their lawyers. Do not be fooled by the Prop. 207 hype. Prop. 207 does not protect us from large lawyer fees and lawsuit abuse, it only ensures big bank accounts for lawyers. It also ensures empty bank accounts, inadequate medical treatment, undue pain and suffering, and fraud for the average client. On Tuesday, November 5th, VOTE NO on Proposition 207. Defend yourself!

For complete coverage of the ballot initiatives, please see the Election Special on pages 8-10

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PROPOSITION 209: CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE

• Pro • By Mindy Richardson

Affirmative action originally intended to lessen the impact of racism and sexism in schools and workplaces. Thus, programs for women and minorities were initiated by state and local governments to grant "preferential treatment" on the basis of sex, race, color, ethnicity, and national origin. Voting "Yes" on Proposition 209, or the California Civil Rights Initiative, would eliminate these programs, creating a fair state, free of government-mandated racism and sexism.

America is based on the concept of equal opportunity, and a government or people that promotes "preferential treatment" is blatantly disregarding this concept. To build a truly equal state, everyone, regardless of race or gender, must have the same opportunities as anyone else, because an equality that's gained by the force of the government's law is precarious, uncertain, and insincere. It seems that equal rights advocates would desire a less reluctant justice, as well. Ideally, Americans will some day voluntarily hire people with no attention whatsoever to race or gender. In the meantime, affirmative action programs will prevent this from happening freely.

The fight of women and minorities for equality must aim for a world in which human beings of any kind can freely strive toward excellence. Proposition 209 would create this environment. While the abolishment of affirmative action may, in fact, widen the gaps between different ethnicities and genders in the schools and workplace, the focus of the acceptance of applicants will be replaced to its fairest and most just measure: merit.

• Con • By Chris Olson

Since the 1960's, the Civil Rights Movement has been forcing its way through government red tape to allow women and minorities a better odds against the male Caucasian dominated playing field called life. Though the fight has been long, slow and hard, real progress has been made. Glass ceilings have been brought down. Women and minorities are being given a second chance to be accepted into college. All of this has been done by state initiatives that have helped level the playing field. Such programs include affirmative action and other federal mandates that promote minority owned businesses to prosper. However, Governor Wilson has found a way to take a step backward: Proposition 209, commonly called the Civil Rights Initiative. This title seems so much nicer than the initiative that brought down the Civil Rights Movement, which is exactly what Prop. 209 will do. The writers knew how to make Prop. 209 more appealing to the masses by stating that it will: keep the state or local governments eligible to receive money, comply with a court order in force as of the effective date, comply with federal law and the United States Constitution, and meet with privacy and other considerations based on sex that are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting. Amidst all of these words designed to stir up an extreme case of nationalism, there is not stated in the summary of prop. 209 what this really entails.

By bringing the selection process of education and employment back into the private sector, we, the society, are in effect, harming women and minorities. California currently allows tutoring, outreach, recruitment, and counseling to ensure equal opportunities. All of these programs will be cut if prop. 209 passes. Programs such as those that encourage women to study math and science, and any type of affirmative action program will be cut. This proposition, in effect, makes all of our current problems much, much worse.

And which race will Prop. 209 hurt

Capitalism, for instance, by fostering competition, forces companies to constantly develop new and better products as opposed to stagnating. Likewise, when women and minority groups are guaranteed positions, there is little incentive to strive towards a higher level of performance. In order for this country to flourish, Americans must aim towards excellence in skills, and affirmative action takes away the incentive to do so.

Restating the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the California Civil Rights Initiative proclaims, "The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group, on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting." This should have distinguished America as a country for people of all backgrounds and circumstances to build goals, work hard, and succeed. Instead, reverse discrimination in the form of affirmative action recreated the problem that the Civil Rights Act originally attempted to solve. Americans have been reduced to classifications, generalizations, and stereotypes. Not all minorities suffer from disadvantages, nor does every white person have more advantages. A white male who works hard and loses his opportunity to a minority, however, is just as disadvantaged as a minority who lacks opportunities due to racism. A society that aims to free itself from racism must first eliminate the consideration of race from its basic institutions. Voting yes on Proposition 209 will reassert America's desire for equality of opportunity and an intolerance for favoritism that discriminates against any individual.

the most? The "Civil Rights Initiative" will not hurt any one race more than another, but it will promote the further discrimination against women. Proposition 209 creates a loophole that allows discrimination against women. It creates another loophole that permits state government to deny women opportunities in public employment, education and contracting, solely based on their gender. In effect, this "initiative" effectively destroys everything people such as Rosa Parks fought so hard for a generation ago.

It is time for us as a country which was founded by illegal immigrants to stop the falling back into the dark ages, and continue the progress we have made to help women and minorities have equal rights and opportunities. Being male and Caucasian myself, I realize that this initiative hurt our society as a whole. It will encourage the "Good'Ol Boy Club" where a select few prosper, while the society as a whole continues to suffer. Retired General Colon Powell agrees that this initiative "sets back the gains made by women and puts the brakes on expanding opportunities for people in need." Regarding the issues of Affirmative Action, President Bill Clinton agrees to "amend it, don't kill it." Rosa Parks is pleading with the society to still allow equal opportunity to matter, and not to shatter all of her hard work. Although advertisements may lead the public to believe that the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. would be in favor of this proposition, family members have spoken out stating that this is not true, and that King would be adamantly against the notion of this issue. Even the Catholic Bishops agree that this proposition will hurt our society and advocating against the "Civil Rights Initiative." Please do not let Wilson take another step toward his dream of a non-ethnic California. The Germans could not stop Hitler when he started his purification of the state, but we still have that power. Do not be fooled by the ads on television stating that Prop. 209 will help our community, because it won't. Stop Governor Wilson and the Klu Klux Klan's Grand Wizard David Duke's goal of crippling minorities by voting no on prop. 209.

PROPOSITION 214: REGULATION

HEALTH CARE

• Pro • By Jenna Clark

Proposition 214 has the dubious distinction of recognizing the same fatal flaws in our health care system that Prop 216 recognizes. There seems to be a general consensus of the medical consumer and health care giver in the State of California, that the managed care system has managed to throw a debilitating blow to the standard of care in our medical community. No longer in control of their patients' care, but still responsible for their patients' lives, the health care givers hands are tied. The patient, intentionally diverted from "costly" or "experimental" treatments is reduced to making decisions about his or her life wearing a blind fold.

Proposition 214 offers the voters the same definitive steps towards putting control back into the consumer's hands, away from the grubbing suits, that are offered in Prop 216: prohibits health care businesses from denying recommended care without a physical examination, requires the state to set more comprehensive staffing standards for more types of health care facilities, prohibits health care businesses from using financial incentives to withhold medically appropriate care, increases protection for certain health care employees and contractors and requires health care businesses to

make various types of information available to the public.

What you will not find in Proposition 214 are the taxes imposed on the large health care businesses. There is no opportunity for acquiring the funds necessary to enforce these changes from the money machines themselves. With Prop 214 the money will have to come from the tax payer. Not only will there be a lack of funds to use, but their will be no people to enforce the rules either. Therefore, the state government will default into the job and more government involvement means still more taxes for the consumer.

Proposition 214 is the carrot being handed to the medical consumer by the monster known as managed care. This is not a proposition with any real opportunity for enforcement, impotent in the world of big business insurance. There is no free time in our state government to monitor each and every HMO (there is more than you think). Certainly the taxpayers of California are not going to want to add one more cost to their decreasing healthcare - taxes. The changes proposed here are good, but without the means to enforce them, they are meaningless. Proposition 216 offers a much better alternative, it not only proposes change, it creates an enforcement team, at the expense of the wealthy companies and not the middle class worker.

• Con • By Tori Suri

We've all seen the television commercials telling us to vote one way or the other on Proposition 214, but what the commercials leave out is the facts. They manipulate certain facts to suit their own purposes. I am not going to tell you how to vote, but I will give you the facts to help you decide how you should vote.

The television ads opposing Prop. 214 neglect to mention the rapid rate in which the health care field is changing. These changes could cause unforeseen dangers to patients' health. Prop 214 will ensure that patients with diseases such as cancer and AIDS, senior citizens, and the disabled will have health care as and when they need it. This proposition will prohibit unwritten gag laws, which keep doctors from informing patients about the treatment they require.

Prop 214 will benefit all Californians because it will place emphasis on health care and not on money. It requires HMOs and insurers to divulge the amount they

spend on patient care and how much they spent on executive salaries and corporate overhead. What about financial incentives for withholding care that patients need? These commercials neglect to mention that Prop 214 prohibits the practice of offering financial incentives for withholding care from patients who need it. It is hazardous for Californians if HMOs and health insurers worry more about malinkg money than the health of their patients. When a person is ill, they should not have to concern themselves with whether or not their doctor is afraid of being fired for referring them to a specialist. They should not have to fear that their doctor will dropped by their primary care provider for no reason.

The commercials and ads opposing Prop. 214 say that this proposition will cost taxpayers millions of dollars in health care, but if you really look at the Proposition, you will see it saves the health of millions of people. When you go and vote, ask yourselves: Which is more important, money or lives?



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OPINION

Who would be the better President?

William Clinton

By James Britto
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, November 5th, the American public will have the chance to vote on many things, but possibly the most important vote will be our future President of the United States. Democrat President Bill Clinton is leading all polls ahead of Republican nominee Bob Dole and perennial flunky H. Ross Perot. This may be in part due to the fact that Clinton has initiated plans for major changes in this country. His proposed plans and advanced thinking are exactly the reason why Bill Clinton is and will continue to be a better President than Bob Dole.

Clinton's latest plan for education is a phenomenal possibility. It offers an income tax deduction for families who are paying college tuition fees. The deduction could be as much as \$10,000 per year. This may pave the way for thousands of Americans to send their children to college. This will contribute to a more educated society enabling it to keep up with the technology of the 21st Century. Clinton is proving that education is one of the major foci of his plan to bring us into the new millennium.

Clinton's proposals to secure Medicare and Social Security show that he is thinking about the elderly and aging Americans, the fastest growing population in our country. He realizes the importance of senior citizens having access to adequate health care, and receiving adequate income to maintain at least a basic standard of life.

Clinton is behind the proposal for the increase of the minimum wage. Clinton

knows that a full time worker at the minimum wage is still well below the poverty line. Clinton has also agreed to begin a program for welfare reform. His ability to see that raising wages will make it worthwhile for someone to work rather than live on welfare. If one could make more money on welfare, then what other option would one have to raise their family? With additional income, workers will spend more because the propensity to earn, initiates the propensity to spend. Additional spending stimulates the economy. This makes the circular flow work. If the economy thrives, then industry thrives, therefore allowing the affordability of the increase of the minimum wage.

The problem of crime has invaded every city in our country. Clinton has pledged to have 100,000 additional police officers on our streets. We must see the problems of gangs, theft, and gun-related crime. Clinton also supports the continued enforcement of The Brady Bill for gun control. If we are to decrease gun violence in our country, we need to monitor the amount and types of guns on the streets. Clinton is aware of this and lends his support.

Clinton is the better candidate for the office of President because he is willing to admit past mistakes. No one is perfect but when one has good ideas, good intentions, and a vision for a successful future, then the public must make the choice for the best possible outcome. Bill Clinton has answered questions directly in both of the televised debates. Clinton is in touch with today's America, and can relate to and understand the needs of our day. We must support Bill Clinton for President.

Bob Dole

By Rob Gove
Staff Writer

According to most polls, it appears to be a near certainty that Americans will reelect President Bill Clinton when we vote in November. If we do, we will be making a dreadful mistake. We have the opportunity to elect a man of integrity and honor whose firm belief in the potential of free, good people leads him to believe that the founding fathers were right to establish a constitutionally-limited government intended only to remove barriers to the freedom of its citizens. Instead, we seem to be prepared to elect a man whose only core belief seems to be, "Bill Clinton ought to get and keep power."

In pursuit of this goal, the current President has been willing to do or say just about anything, from telling us that he smoked marijuana but "didn't inhale" to promising a middle-class tax cut and then, upon failing to deliver it (with a Democratic Congress), blaming his predecessor in office. He is also willing to tell people that government can solve their problems, since a lot of people would much rather hear that than that they have to take some responsibility for their lives. This is why he proposes ideas that will greatly increase the size and scope of the federal government (for example, his 1993 health care plan, which would have created 80 new bureaucracies). As good as this sort of thing sometimes sounds to people, it will in fact not only not help, but make things worse. Look at the welfare states of Western Europe (unemployment consistently much higher than that in the United States) or the Soviet Union ('nuff

said). But as long as it will get him reelected, Bill Clinton will continue to advocate such programs - "the era of big government" will never be over with this man as President.

On the other hand, Mr. Clinton's opponent, former Senator Bob Dole, is unquestionably devoted to his country. This is a man who came very close to dying on a battlefield in Europe defending the cause of freedom and the sort of government that attempts to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." Throughout his long and distinguished career in Congress, Bob Dole has fought the same fight, seeking to decrease government and increase freedom, placing his faith in the American people and their enormous potential. When he took that Presidential oath to "support and defend the Constitution", we could be sure he would honor it. The choice here seems so easy. Here's hoping Election Day proves the pollsters wrong.

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Who would be the better First Lady?

Hillary Clinton

By Nichole Cerles
Staff Writer

Hillary Clinton could be called the "incumbent" in this year's presidential election. She is, after all, the current First Lady of the United States. Yet, although it is her husband, Bill Clinton, who is running for re-election, Hillary Clinton is pitted against the revered Elizabeth Dole in the "race" for First Lady. There have been many comparisons made between the two women. Hillary's role as First Lady has been closely scrutinized in the last four years. And now that the election is looming on the horizon, many people begin to question, "Who will be the better First Lady?"

The last four years have been a formidable course for the Clintons to navigate, particularly for Hillary. Mrs. Clinton has handled it all with precision, from learning to deal with the increased exposure of her family to the Whitewater scandal, concerning the Clintons' role in the sale of lands. Her strong constitution and grace have led her to be one of the strongest First Ladies this country has ever seen. Though she is not without her critics, Hillary has been someone that women of all ages can respect.

The First Lady has hardly established herself as a homemaker, at least by the conventional standard. What Mrs. Clinton has done, however, is established herself as one of today's working mothers. Hillary has remained the core of her family's strength, while balancing a successful career as a lawyer. The hard work and high aspirations of the young woman, whose career began with Yale, has catapulted Hillary to her current role as one of the most politically involved First Ladies. Hillary's intellect led her to head the counsel on welfare reform after the 1992 Presidential Election. She has never hesitated to take her role seriously and step to the forefront. Though welfare reform was never successfully lobbied by

the Democratic party, Hillary has continued to be very involved. Mrs. Clinton's role in international relations has become legendary. She is one of the most revered guests of foreign countries. Hillary has also rallied here in the United States, where her activism for the American family has been very auspicious.

Her activism for keeping the American family together does not only extend to the other families in the United States, but also her own. Through the last four years, Hillary has withstood the accusations of her husband's "infidelity" and tried to shield her only daughter from the limelight. Chelsea's welfare has been one of her greatest concerns. Chelsea has been kept, as much as is possible, from the limelight of her father's Presidency. According to many articles, Mrs. Clinton wishes for Chelsea to grow up with as much normalcy as possible. She has also previously acknowledged the hard times she has faced in her marriage, but has "stood by her man." The strong sense of values and beliefs Hillary has demonstrated make her a strong "candidate" for the First Lady.

Those beliefs and values have continued to be scrutinized closely. Soon after Bill Clinton came into office, the scandal of Whitewater came to light. The somewhat sketchy details dealing with land holdings, owned and handled by the Clintons at one time, brought the family into a very precarious political and moral position. Hillary was criticized for her role, but she handled it with grace and poise. She has shown herself to have great restraint in dealing with hard questions and the press in general.

The presentation, intelligence, and values of Hillary Clinton have brought her far as a woman, as well as the First Lady. Her decorum and past actions speak for themselves. She has shown herself to be made of the strong fiber that Americans expect of a First Lady. Hillary Clinton is a First Lady of many facets, and it is all these aspects that will continue to make her a great First Lady.

Elizabeth Dole

By Eric Nelson
Staff Writer

I pondered which question would appeal to me more, Who would make the better President? or Who would make the better First Lady? The former is by far the least difficult of the two questions to explicate. As anyone who has read Book VII of Plato's *Republic* can tell you, those that seek to rule are not qualified to do so. For those of you keeping score at home, the passage is in section 521a. Besides, in the increasingly dim chance that Bob Dole were to win, such a massive coronary fit would probably ensue and then we would be left with the man who truly would be the best for the job, Jack Kemp.

So it is to the latter of the two questions towards which I direct my focus. In the political structure that has developed over the past two hundred years, from a people that (Alexander Hamilton notwithstanding) did not want a King, the role of the First Lady is the closest thing that the United States has to that of a Monarch. It is the only role in our governmental system that is determined based on who you are related to. She is all at once the President's confidante, companion and counselor. She is a source of strength, not only for the President, but for the nation as well.

Elizabeth Dole and Hillary Clinton have much in common, despite their differing political ideology. Both are devout Methodists who graduated from Ivy League law schools and married men with political ambitions. But this is where the similarities end. Mrs. Dole has often been compared to an iron fist in a velvet glove, while just the opposite has been said of Mrs. Clinton. Mrs. Dole has worked as Secretary of Transportation under President Reagan, Secretary of Labor under President Bush and has achieved success as the President of the American Red Cross. She has been to more cabinet meetings than both candidates combined,

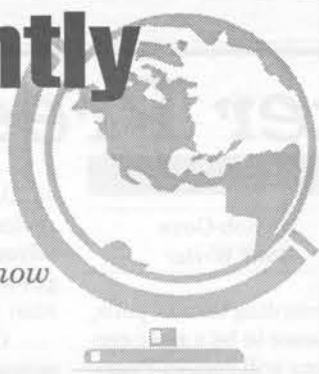
and she is also quite a skilled negotiator, having acquired the nickname "Sugar Lips" for her ability to sweet talk members of Congress during her tenure in the cabinet. Mrs. Clinton worked as a lawyer for a private law firm, and failed miserably to pass a national health insurance system, by the grace of God.

The difference between the two ladies can also be seen in the relationships they have with their husbands. The Clintons have a full and equal partnership, often resembling the Borg ("We are Billary of Arkansas, Your health care will be assimilated into the collective"). The Doles are very much two separate and distinct individuals. Mrs. Dole received the news that her husband was retiring from the Senate in the same fashion that his campaign manager did, a long distance phone call. Mr. Dole will listen to her sage advice, consider it and then make up his own mind.

Many of Mrs. Clinton's proponents have said and will continue to say that the American public simply does not want a strong willed woman in a position of power. That's not quite true. The American people do not mind strong women in power, they just distrust a strong willed woman that acts like a strong willed woman. Mrs. Dole has a strength that far surpasses that of Mrs. Clinton, while she carries the aura of a steel magnolia. She is a woman that would bring class and dignity to the role of the First Lady, while maintaining her own sense of self. This adamant internal strength, this quality of character, is something that has been wantonly absent from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue for the last four years.

NOTE: For all the potential political pundits aimlessly wandering the hallowed halls here at Our Lady of the Perpetually Rising Tuition, I would like to impart a bit of advice. Never mention a passing interest in possibly writing a Point-Counterpoint article to two friends who happen to be editors for the newspaper. The inherent danger in doing so is you might actually be taken seriously.

Fortnightly Report



"The news you need to know from around the world"

• FBI Clears Olympic Park Bombing Suspect

Richard Jewell had been a suspect in the Olympic Park bombing incident since the bombing occurred in July. Jewell had been the first guard to notice the knapsack containing the bomb in the Centennial Olympic Park. Amid the media frenzy, however, Jewell became the fallen hero and the subject of intense speculation. Jewell then passed a polygraph test and, when new evidence was uncovered, was removed from the list of suspects.

• Racial Riots in Florida

A Thursday killing of a black motorist by a white police officer spurred riots in St. Petersburg that caused the burning of 20 buildings. The injury count totaled 11 including a shot police officer. Discrimination has a history in Florida and its effects are seen in poor housing and low incomes for black residents. Police officers have been ordered to attend cultural diversity training.

• Pope Endorses Evolution with an Exception

Pope John Paul II announced that the church will support the theory of evolution as long as God is credited with the instigation of the evolutionary changes. The Pope cited new evidence as being credible and leading the Church's departure from its prior stance on the issue.

• Russians to Sell Nuclear Secrets

Top Russian atomic weapon scientists have agreed to sell a "massive secret study of Soviet nuclear weapons testing." It is over 2,000 pages in length and costing the U.S. Defense Special Weapons Agency \$288,501 for the commissioned contract.

• Hell Simulation in Colorado

For six dollars you can go to hell in Colorado thanks to the Abundant Life Christian Center. After passing through rooms of abortion, homosexuals dying, teen suicide, and heavy drinkers, you meet Jesus and your salvation. According to the Hell House operator, "We are simply inovators capitalizing for the sale of the Kingdom of God, on the avaverage American's interest in this type of seasonal attraction."

• Mexico Signs Pact to Boost Economy

Mexico signs pact with business and labor organizations promising faster Gross Domestic Product growth and lower inflation. President Zedillo commented that this pact will "[allow] us to propose for 1997 a definitive step toward the growth that Mexico needs." Effects of the pact: gas prices are set to go up, Mexico will run a small budget deficit, and public investment will increase.

• World Food Summit Convenes

The heads of governments will convene next month at the World Food Summit in Rome in hopes of eliminating the unequal food distribution. This inequality currently leaves 800 million people chronically undernourished, 200 million children malnourished, and 11 million children dead. This widespread problem is due to the hunger and disease that people suffer as a result of vitamin deficiencies, and poor water and food quality.

• Yankees Win the World Series

The Yankees beat the Atlanta Braves 3-2 in game six of the World Series to claim victory. This is the Yankees 23rd Series win in its team history. For the first time since 1978, the champions hail from the Bronx.

• OJ Civil Trial Gets Underway

The civil suit against OJ Simpson started last week in Santa Monica, CA. In the civil, suit only nine of the twelve jurors must find OJ Simpson guilty. If Simpson loses the case, he may have to pay millions of dollars in damages to the victims of the families, despite his acquittal from the murder trial.

--Compiled by Tiara Dubonnet

THE NEWS

Arcade Construction: It's Not All Fun and Games

By Tyler Rosenfield
Staff Writer

New students at St. Mary's face many challenges: making friends, tolerating cafeteria food, learning to balance social life with school work, and figuring out the mysterious passageway from the front of the Arcade to the back of campus.

To reach the Psychology classrooms, Hearst Art Gallery, or Soda Center, students have had to brave their way through a darkened corridor, across an unevenly paved brick courtyard and through the brothers' residences.

The construction workers who have been sawing, drilling, and hammering in front of the Arcade since early September are building a new passageway. It's part of a project to facilitate better traffic flow and, eventually add new Collegiate Seminar classrooms, a new Campus Ministry, and a new exit from the chapel choir loft.

The \$200,000 initial construction plan that includes the walkway, and exterior walls, and roofs will be finished around February, according to head architect Greg Collins.

The entrance will feature a tall arch with a cupola designed especially to house the college bell. "The [1,800 pound bronze] bell was moved to St. Mary's in 1987 from the original campus in San



James June

Francisco by the East Bay Scholarship Fund" said Public Relations Director Connie Rusk.

The new passageway is being constructed in compliance with the American Disabilities Act (A.D.A.), and will feature new handicap ramps and larger doorways, Collins said. The new classrooms are being built under seismic standards, to ensure better strength in the event of an earthquake.

Donors who have provided funding for the Arcade construction include Howard and Geraldine Korth. They also funded the school tennis courts named after their late son, Tim Korth. The bell tower will be

known as the "Korth Tower." The Keck Foundation of Los Angeles and the Irwin Foundation of San Francisco are the other two financial contributors.

The new classrooms and choir exit will be finished when additional funding becomes available. According to Collins, the new exit from the choir loft will comply with the fire codes that currently prevent more than a ten person occupation.

These additions may be new, but they must blend with the style of the older, pristine white buildings constructed back in 1928. Collins stated, "Success is not being able to tell when it was built."

** Senate Update **

Class of 1997

Hello Seniors! Hopefully all of you made it through midterms without any major problems, and are ready to take on the second half of the fall semester. Continuing to put on socials for the Senior class is always a major goal of the Senior Senate. If you know of any bands that you would like to hear perform at one of our socials, please let us know.

We had mentioned that the Senior Senate was thinking about having a toy or clothing drive for the holiday season. We decided that since there are already numerous "drives" during the Christmas season, we will wait until spring to have ours.

Details are still being worked out with the ANA Hotel San Francisco for the Senior Formal on May 10, 1997. When more information is available, we will let you know.

It's been said before, but it deserves repeating: *Your ideas are necessary and always welcome.*

Thank You,
The Senior Senate

Class of 1998

Hello Juniors! I hope this message finds you well and in good

spirits because your Junior Senate Team (JST) has a lot in store for you in the coming months. Aside from planning class socials, BrewFest, Wiki Tiki Nite, and the junior Formal, we are currently making preparations for a Reggae Night. This evening of Rastafarian fun is tentatively set for November 21 in the Soda Center, and will feature awesome reggae bands for you to enjoy. An alcohol bar will be available for those over 21, and mocktails will be served for those who aren't.

The JST is having a great time planning these exciting activities for our class. To serve our class to the best of our ability, we encourage you to share your comments and ideas with us. Or better yet, if you're interested in helping to organize these or other events, don't hesitate to contact any of your senators. Your suggestions and assistance are most appreciated.

Very sincerely,
Nicole Atilano
and your Junior Senate Team

Class of 1999

Greetings from your Sophomore Senate. Hopefully you've all recovered from your midterms and enjoyed your three day weekend.

Last Thursday we held the

Disco Slam, a social which was cosponsored by the Freshman class. We hope you all had a great time.

Our list of future events is growing and I hope you all can make time to attend. Some of the events in the works are a trip to San Francisco to see Phantom of the Opera, a night of "Pulp Fiction" with free pizza and drinks in Club Dryden, and a key chain sale to raise more profit for our class. If you have any ideas or concerns please feel free to let one of your class senators know.

Sincerely,
The Sophomore Senate

Class of 2000

Hello again fellow Freshmen. Your Senate has been sponsoring many activities to keep you busy. On October 24 we had the Disco Slam which turned out to be a great success. Shortly after that, we will be sponsoring the Halloween Dance which should also be a lot of fun. November is going to be very busy with such activities as the Boat Dance and Thanksgiving. Once again if you have any ideas please feel free to stop any of the Senate members and tell them what you are thinking. Thanks again.

Yours Truly,
The Freshman Senate

ASIAN: Students fight for Asian Pacific Islander Office

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people that students of diversity can turn to for help and guidance. The advising offices help students deal with issues like these and others, while providing a supportive environment.

Reiterating the importance of a diverse faculty and staff, Brown noted that there is only black tenured professor on campus with a second on the tenure track. When he took his position at the College in 1971, Brown hoped that one day his position would no longer be needed but he says he was wrong. "The College has not achieved its diversity goals," Brown said.

With Brown's proposal, it's another step in increasing diversity. As of now, the plan has been presented to Hynes and is being considered. "This is a very creative idea and I like and support it," Hynes said in response to the proposal. He further added that he has been pretty committed to diversity and said he has been

involved with the writing of the Celebrating Diversity document in May of 1991, among other things.

Hynes said that criticism from students was premature since the proposal had only been given to him last spring. He promised, "We're going to get this thing resolved ASAP."

Even with reassurance from Hynes, students still feel they are not being heard. "The patience of the Asian American students has run out. We're looking into other measures if Brown's proposal doesn't pass," Tran stated.

Tung Nguyen, President of AASC also expressed his frustration over this issue. "The administration's pretty much taken their time with this. The person in charge, Bill Hynes, has given us the run-around."

While the proposal continues to be considered, Asian American students wait to see what kind of progress will be made towards the establishment of the Asian Pacific Islander Student Program.

TCI: Plugging into the future

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be eighty, some of which will be pay-per-view channels. But wait, there's more. These channels will not be regular pay-per-view channels like the ones available now. With these changes, the channels can be selected with only the touch of a single remote control button.

"The demand style of life is certainly moving in on us," says Brother Clarence Schenk, Communications Professor, and responsible for coordinating the new TCI set up. No more calling up the cable company by phone, or rushing to see a particular movie at a specific time or date. St. Mary's students will be able to turn on the television, select a movie, and within five minutes, the movie will appear on the screen. Of course, nothing is for free, the bill will come later.

How is TCI able to do all of this? Digitally, with fiber optic feed line-in to the cable wiring. Not only will the resolution be much clearer, but this new cable system will eliminate ugly cable lines and other interferences. The fiber optic wires will be connected directly to television station equipment, a severe contrast from the current method of capturing television waves via satellite dish.

Because these connections will be installed digitally, it is possible to fit an infinite number of channels in a digital space based on programming. With the development of this technology, TCI plans to offer as many as 200 channels to SMC students and its other subscribers in the near future.

In addition to this new cable system, TCI will also be offering a system which combines the television, telephone and cable for one purpose. The digital fiber optics installed in the cable can be transferred from the television to the computer, functioning as a modem. Replacing phone line modem use, this cable device will be able to run up to 700 times faster than any modem currently on the market right now. How's that for service?

"We are the beneficiaries of TCI pulling itself into the 21st century," states Brother Clarence. As we all find ourselves being pulled into the 21st century, we come to the realization that our world is changing, and that we are evolving into a technologically advanced civilization of people. But with this advancement comes responsibility, to continue to explore and discover, to search for new and better ways of living, to boldly go where no Gael has gone before.

MORE: College commits to 21st Century

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will be relocated to this new facility. Currently, the five media are scattered across the campus in various places. This new space will include offices for media heads, production areas for each medium, editing rooms, a darkroom, and a conference room. KSMC General Manager Matt Sudbury said that, "relocating all of the media to a central point will tap into the spheres of influence of each medium that the others can take advantage of. Using each other's resources will make each medium more effective."

In addition to the space designated for campus media, there will also be several media production facilities designed for use by the entire St. Mary's community. These include a fully equipped electronic newsroom and a television production studio. The Alpha Tech building will also house the Media Center, an Academic Computer Center with approximately 90 to 100 computer terminals, three classrooms, student study areas, a conference room, the Communications Department, and other office space. Ferrigno stated that it is intended to be "a service building to the institution."

Ed Tywoniak, Communications faculty member and KSMC moderator, feels "the facilities will be equal parts learning, labs, teaching facilities, and media production units, all designed to provide a depth and breadth of learning experience for the entire campus community."

Ferrigno also emphasized that this is not a Communications Department building. While the Communications Department may use the facilities a great deal, Tywoniak remarked, the College is "trying to design it with as much versatility as possible. The idea is that it will have many uses, not just one. Students enrolled in the Communications curriculum will have tremendous opportunities to practice and learn the craft of media production while simultaneously gaining insight and understanding into the effects of these new technologies on individual and global culture as we rapidly approach the new millennium."

At this point, the College is still working on the configuration of the structure. Ferrigno said, "because of the very specialized and complicated nature of the

building, we are still working with the question of how to access the multiplicity of the building." Tywoniak added, "the opportunities the new building will afford will have a dramatic and profound impact on students, faculty, and staff, regardless of major or discipline."

The building will provide faculty with many tools to help them in teaching their courses. The relocation of the Media Center will make it more readily available for use and design. If a faculty member needs to create a video or a CD ROM, it can be done here. The TV studio will also double as a large classroom. It is anticipated that it will accommodate 50 students. Another innovative plan includes bleacher-like seating that can be pulled out from the walls for presentations. The Academic Computer facility will also allow multiple uses of the facility at the same time. There will also be three classrooms approximately the same size as the media rooms in the Garaventa building. These classrooms may include some teaching models, however computers are not expected to be in these rooms as of yet.

Another exciting aspect of the Alpha Tech building are the telecommunications possibilities. The planned technology could allow video conferences with other locations and telecasting of classes to off campus sites. This could be useful to the College in many ways. Ferrigno mentioned that one way this technology could assist is in the interviewing of potential faculty members.

Currently, it is very expensive to bring candidates to the area for interviews. Right now, the only option the College has is to rent facilities in which to conduct video interviews which is very costly. The technology possible with Alpha Tech would allow the College to conduct these video interviews on its own, at a lower cost. Extended Education classes could also be broadcast to off campus locations, enabling more students to take part in St. Mary's courses. Ferrigno remarked, "These things are possible given the environment of the building."

Tywoniak said the new building will provide "a way of teaching and learning as a community in a way we've never been able to do in the past by using the new communication technologies of the 21st century."

CHASE: Econ Prof runs for College Board

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colleges." Chase adds that every member of the board that is endorsing candidates has endorsed her.

The major issue of contention between the candidates is \$145 million Measure D. "Measure D is a bond measure that is asking the county voters for money for the first time in 50 years," comments Chase. "The money will be going towards maintenance of the current buildings." Those that oppose the measure feel that the money will be wasted, or will perhaps go towards a new campus. Chase says this won't happen, but that she is open minded to growth in the future. "The current campuses are not in the population growth areas," says Chase. The last campuses were built 25

to 30 years ago.

Her opponents for the seat are Ray Sloan and Vincent Maiorana. Sloan is a 47 year old businessman from Walnut Creek who supports Measure D. Maiorana, 65, of Orinda, is a retired community college teacher who wants to see funding sources shifted from public to private endowments.

With all her endorsements, it would be easy to say that Chase has a very good chance of winning, but she says there is more to it. "I've been speaking and getting the word out from Crockett to Walnut Creek," comments Chase, "but unlike my opponents, I have a full time job, and can't devote as much time to campaigning." Chase adds, "I'm both a professor and a parent of a college-age daughter-I know college."

**** Executive Council Update ****

On behalf of the Executive Council of the Associated Students of St. Mary's College, I would like to take the time to fill you in on what has been going on. My name is Missy Case and I am the Vice President for Administration. I have met with the Media Board, which is composed of Senators, to discuss the Media on our campus. If you as a student body member have any input or suggestions regarding *The Collegian*, *Gael*, *Riverrun*, SMC-TV or KSMC, please feel free to let me know. Any suggestions will help. I am also overseeing all of the clubs on campus and encourage you to get involved.

All of the clubs are putting on some terrific activities and events. Look out for the Halloween Masquerade and the Halloween Grams put on by Program Board and the Asian American Student Coalition. There are lots of different ways to get involved and have fun. Just keep an eye out. Another thing to know is that we have regular Senate Meetings every other Sunday evening in the Soda Center. If there is a concern or a comment you wish to make, you do have a voice. Please attend these meetings and share your opinions with us.

Furthermore, Lynn Hilario, Vice President for Student Affairs, is busy with Program Board Events. The Program Board has a schedule that was passed out last week of some proposed events along with a magnet to hang up on your refrigerator door. If you want to find your "TICKET TO FUN" call 631-4264 for an update of events.

Shelby Fuiks, Vice President for Business and Finance, has been meeting with various groups and updating them on their current status with their respective budgets. The Finance Board meets on a regular basis to look at the Activity Fund Requests. To all the clubs: There is money in our budget to spend on socials or events. Just stop by and fill out an Activity Fund Request form.

Last, but not least, Dave Perry, our ASSMC President is always willing to meet with you if you have any concerns about the way things are going at St. Mary's. He is busy meeting with the Board of Regents, Board of Trustees and is a member of the President Search Committee. As Dave has mentioned before, come see him during his office hours or any one of us. We are here to help you in any way or to listen to any suggestions. Thank you for all your support as the student body.




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CONTROL OF CONGRESS IS VITAL to both Republicans and Democrats. Each party is waging a battle to conquer precious seats. Some races for the U.S. House of Representatives have extended their local boundaries and received national attention. One such race is occurring in our own backyard.

St. Mary's College is situated in California's 10th Congressional District, which extends from Antioch to the Livermore Valley. The race for the 10th District is hotly contested, placing the incumbent Bill Baker (R) against political newcomer, Ellen Tauscher (D). Baker is a two-term Congressman from Danville who previously served in the State Assembly. Tauscher is a Tassajara Valley businesswoman, and was one of the first women to hold a seat on the New York Stock Exchange.

On October 18, Managing Editor Renee Sando pressed the candidates on a few of today's key issues.

Many students are concerned about the wages they earn. How do you feel about the minimum wage? Should it be increased?

Tauscher: We need to provide people with a clear path to employment and work. The best way to do that is to make sure people have a fighting chance at getting a livable wage. That is why we needed to increase the minimum wage. We had wage stagnation, and we have a growing gap between the most wealthy people in this country and the people that don't have very good skills and don't have very good jobs. We need to help remove that from the way society operates and provide people with the opportunity to not only get better skills, but to get better paying jobs so that they can take care of their family.

Baker: Jobs are hard to get. The more you raise the cost of that job, the less there will be. The minimum wage will result in less jobs being available to kids. I know this back from my days when I worked for \$1 per hour, when they raised the minimum wage to \$1.25 the company fired me. The federal government, in their generosity towards the minimum wage, does not pay it. They demand that small businesses pay it. Big business and government pay above that, therefore, we are talking about the local pizza parlors, and all of the places that hire kids. I don't believe the government should set wages, hours or working conditions; that is up to the business.

Why should a college student vote for you in this election?

Tauscher: I think why young people should vote for somebody like me is that I am in touch with what young people need and want. I have a growing small business myself, I have kids in college and a daughter in kindergarten, and I understand how important that is.

Baker: Because we are the only party in the last 40 years that has concentrated on balancing the budget and not adding to the national debt which will fall on [young voters'] backs. Young students who want the opportunity to go out to make their fortune would want to vote conservative. Vote for the Republican Party because we

are the first party to come along in 40 years dedicated to balancing the budget. In the last 26 years, we have not balanced the budget once. We dedicated ourselves before the election, promising to the American people that we would put ourselves on a track to balance the budget by 2002. We did that. The House passed the Balanced Budget Amendment, and by one vote, the Senate killed it. But we are still in the second year of a balanced budget. We are still going along that timeline to a balanced budget. If students want to have a world of opportunity, they want to vote Republican. Demographically, the world is changing and we need to start investing social security money into stocks, government bonds... something that will grow faster than the government debt. We have to begin reforming Medicare to preserve and protect it. We began both of those this year.

Is balancing the Federal Budget a priority for you?

Tauscher: Yes, I believe that we need the balanced budget amendment. I have fourteen years of experience on Wall Street. I understand how important it is to have a healthy, growing economy. Part of what we need to do is balance the budget, but even more importantly, we need to pay down the deficit. That is why I supported the Coalition Budget put together by moderate Democrats and supported by moderate Republicans. We would have cut the budget modestly across the board. We would have, in a sense, shared the pain in these cuts. I would not have voted for a cut in Head Start or student loan programs, or in school lunch programs.

Baker: It is the highest priority. I would like to point again to the other party, which failed to do it for 26 years. The budget was not balanced.

Should affirmative action be abolished?

Tauscher: I believe we should vote "No" on the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI). Affirmative action, at its best, is the opportunity for all of the qualified people to be considered in the pool of applicants.

As a business person, I understand why businesses in California, like PG&E, are against CCRI. It is because they believe



that diversity is good. The opportunity to diversify your work force gives you the ability to have a more competitive workforce and is better able to reflect the customer base. Additionally, we have not reached parity. It would be nice to think we have, but the truth is, women still earn 72 cents on the dollar. Women college graduates earn about \$11,000 less than male college graduates. Less than 7% of board members of Fortune 500 companies are women. So we have a lot of work to do. We have not reached parity yet. Quotas are illegal, preferences are wrong. But we still need to be able to provide the opportunity, and affirmative action is one way of doing it.

Baker: Quotas and set-asides are gone. Regardless of my opinion, ever since the *Bakke* case several decades ago, there has been case after case which says you cannot discriminate for, any more than you can discriminate against. Everybody has a right to compete for jobs, everybody has a try to get into college. That does not absolve us from the need to make sure that the highest 12% of every minority gets into college. We can't just turn our backs and let whatever happens happen. We are going to have to recruit people and train them from the third grade on to make sure that we get a good mix of people getting into college.

I am in favor of CCRI. I think we need to do away with the myth that we can discriminate for people. The courts will get rid of it if we don't.

What environmental issues are a priority for you?

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As always, the coming of November brings with it shorter days, cold weather, and red and gold leaves. But this year it also brings with it an election. In this election, the people will be given the chance to make their voices heard by deciding on some very important issues for California. And since deciding which way to vote on election day can be like reading for seminar, this summary of Propositions 204-218, along with their pro and con arguments, may prove helpful when you hit the voting booths.

Proposition 204: Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Bond Act

This proposition allows for a bond issue of \$995 million to make funds available to ensure safe drinking water, in-

crease water supplies, clean up pollution in the state's waters, provide protection from flooding, and protect fish and wildlife. The impact of this measure comes to \$1.8 billion, principal and interest, over 25 years.

Businesses, farmers, environmentalists, and water officials say that Prop. 204 is a sound investment in California's future, providing for safe and reliable water supplies, and avoiding chronic water shortages, while also providing protection from flood damage.

Opponents of the proposition argue that the bond act would be a waste of money which would not only not accomplish what it set out to do, but also exacerbate the problem by bringing in bureaucracy to impose regulations which might violate private property rights.

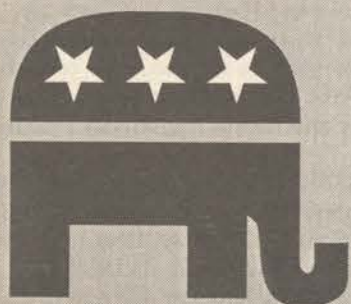
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I believe that clean air and clean water are a fundamental right of the American people; that we need to leave the Earth in better shape than we got it; that we need to make sure that we have an environmental policy in this country where we "mend it but not end it."

We need to make sure we are providing companies with the financial stimulus and incentive to do the right thing. We want to make sure that we are not creating too much red tape for small companies, making it difficult for them to compete. What we really want to do is mandate the outcome of processes, and not the process itself.

We need to make sure that we don't let the polluters once again control things. Unfortunately, Congressman Baker has worked on the "Dirty" Water Act, and has not been a champion of preserving the Delta which is fundamental to the people of the 10th Congressional District.

Baker: Wetlands. I just put language in the Water Resources and Development Act [uses reclaimed soil to] build wetlands with it. We got a four to one match for funds - 25% from local governments, and 75% from the federal government. I have carried six wetland bills for the state of California. We wrestle \$2 million a year from cigarette tax revenue in a cooperative venture with the Waterfowl Association and Ducks Unlimited, so that each year we are building wetlands in the Central Valley, which is the fourth largest flyway in the United States for ducks. So, I am very interested in wetlands.

I have a good environmental record based on specific actions I have taken, not on "do

you love the environment well enough to put everyone out of business, or harass oil companies or timber companies."

We have to learn to live with nature. We can manage it better. Taking dead trees out of the forest, I think, is very important so that the forest does not burn down. Environmentalists would disagree. They want to save every bug, every insect, every rodent and every weed, and they make no bones about it. You can't run a prosperous, industrial country and do that. We must preserve those things that are worth preserving and keep our environment pure.

Do you think a ban on semi-automatic assault weapons is effective?

Tauscher: We know that it is. We know that the use of semi-automatic weapons in crime has decreased dramatically since the ban went into effect. We know that it is important to have gun policy in this country that can protect people. At the same time, we are allowing legal owners to exercise their civil right. But let's keep in mind that assault weapons, if used as they were designed, are killing machines. I think there is a very strong question as to whether or not they belong in a civilized society. Certainly the people in Contra Costa County made a decision when they voted by 76% to remove assault weapons from the street. It is very unfortunate that our representative preferred the gun lobby to the 10th Congressional District when he went back to Congress. And not only did he not vote for the original ban, but he voted with Newt Gingrich to repeal it. People in the district find that just unbelievable.

Baker: Bob Dole has mentioned how manufacturers have altered their guns now so that there are only 6 which still qualify as assault weapons. The rest are all legal. Why are assault weapons not a problem? Because most people don't carry rifles into the scene of a crime. Most people take a pistol or a sawed-off shotgun. I voted for the Brady Bill, that means that everyone who buys a gun has to be screened. They call that "insta-check." Either the felons will not go in because they know they will be checked, or if they do, they will be caught and they will not get that gun. We want to keep the bad guys from getting guns, so I voted for



the Brady Bill. Do you think criminals buy their drugs in a pharmacy? No. Where do they get their weapons? The same place, illegally. These laws we pass to make the world safe only apply to honest people who obey them.

Should the United States maintain a strong Military?

Tauscher: It is critical that the U.S. has a strong and robust military force and that we maintain our preeminent position as a superpower. We need to do that by making sure we have the most competitive weapons systems, and use technology to enhance our ability to protect our military men and women. At the same time, we must do the many things that we are called upon to do - to protect ourselves, our allies and our neighbors.

We need to make sure our allies are paying their fair share, and that we have a cohesive well-defined policy about our participation in these coalitions. I think it has been a good development by President Clinton to have moved us into these coalitions where we are not the only world cop.

Baker: Yes, absolutely. With China doing missile practice over Taiwan, and North Korea trying to build an atomic bomb, Iraq and Iran and Libya, and the Middle East as a tinder box, we have got to have a very strong military defense. We are, like it or not, the peace-keeper of the world. We must have the most high-tech weaponry, and be the most modern and efficient army. This is why the Republicans have leveled off the decline in defense spending at 15% of the budget. We are going to hold it there and still balance the budget.

What would your three top priorities be as Member of the 105th Congress?

Tauscher: My top priorities would be: to restore funding to Goals 2000; to make sure that we have a national standard for education; to make sure that we have a crime policy that includes prevention and intervention programs. We need to balance the budget and pay down the deficit in a way that protects these values so that we don't put too much burden on the working class people, the middle class, seniors and children through wrong-headed tax cutting policies [while at the same time] we can stimulate the economy. I would move for a targeted capital gains tax cut, and I would look to encourage a healthier economy and more jobs. I would look for ways to help the American family move ahead and feel as if they had less stress and less burden by government by making the government leaner not meaner.

Baker: To continue the progress the Livermore and Scandia labs have made, especially the national ignitions facility coming to the Livermore lab; to continue to improve the highway and BART systems, and continue the expansion. Continuing to balance the budget and staying on that track is also a priority. That is why we need a Republican Congress re-elected to the majority.

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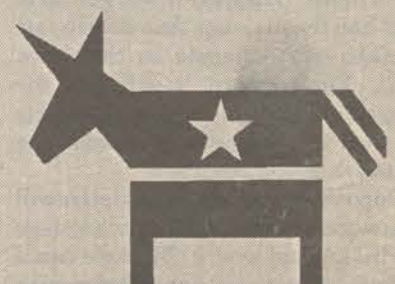
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Sheriff's and police chiefs associations and leading crime victims groups say Prop. 205 is urgently needed because thousands of convicted criminals are released early due to overcrowded county jail facilities. California has implemented the "Three Strikes" law, and spends billions of dollars a year to get career criminals behind bars, but since it cannot adequately house them once they are convicted, they are set free.

Opponents to this measure say it is a waste of taxpayers' money because only petty thieves are housed in county jails, while the felons which the "Three Strikes" law is aimed at are housed in state correctional facilities. They say this measure is

not the answer since law enforcement should concentrate on the real, dangerous criminals like murderers, rapists, and burglars instead of overcrowding jails with prostitutes and small-time drug dealers. More juvenile facilities aren't needed either, because juveniles don't need to be locked up for being out after curfew or running away.

Proposition 206: Veteran's Bond Act

This act provides for a bond issue of \$400 million to make funds available to pay for farm and home aid for California wartime veterans. Fiscal impact of the bond act would be \$28 million a year for 25 years, with costs offset by payments from participating veterans.

Proponents tout this act as an appropriate expression of appreciation to our

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wartime veterans by allowing them to receive loans to purchase farms and homes at low interest rates. Because the program is completely self-supporting, it won't cost taxpayers a dime.

While opponents agree the program is financially self-supporting, the real estate market, they contend, is not as good as it used to be. If veterans default on loans, taxpayers will be forced to pay. It is also said that the program is unnecessary as veterans already receive benefits and home-loan assistance from the federal government.

Proposition 207: Frivolous Lawsuits

This measure prohibits restrictions on the right to negotiate lawyers' fees, except as allowed by laws in effect on January 1, 1995. It also allows the court to impose sanctions on attorneys who file frivolous lawsuits.

Supporters say this initiative, while giving lawyers the right to negotiate fees, also prohibits the charging of excessive fees, as well as sanctioning lawyers from collecting any fees in frivolous cases.

Those opposed say the measure prohibits limits on attorney fees, and would make it easier for lawyers to make money on cases where clients only receive a fraction of settlements. The limitations on frivolous lawsuits would do nothing to alter current practice.

Proposition 208: Campaign Finance Limits, Lobby Restrictions

One of two measures seeking to restrict campaign contributions to politicians, Prop. 208 limits campaign contributions statewide, gives incentives for voluntary spending limits, limits campaign fundraising before an election, and prohibits certain lobbyist contributions. Costs of this measure are estimated at \$4 million for implementation and enforcement.

Supporters say this measure favors no interest groups, but places limits on them, stops lobbyists' arrangements, increases penalties for violating campaign laws, bans non-election year fundraising, and requires full disclosure of contributors of initiative ads.

Opponents of this measure say Prop. 208 is well-intentioned, but is soft on special interest groups, lobbyists, and campaign spending. They say it sets no limits on out of district contributions, proposes very high spending limits which are voluntary, permits corporation and union contributions, as well as creates a loophole, which allows political parties to direct money to a political candidate.

Proposition 209: Prohibition Against Discrimination or Preferential Treatment

Known as the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), this measure prohibits the discrimination or preferential treatment of anyone based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the areas of public employment, education and contracting. Exceptions to the ban on preferential treatment, when necessary, include programs which keep the state or local governments eligible to receive funds from the federal government or comply with court orders or with federal law, as well as situations made on the basis of sex that are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public services.

Supporters of the measure say it seeks to judge all people equally on the basis of merit. They say it will get rid of quotas and the message that women and minorities can't compete on their own merits. Furthermore, it will save the taxpayers millions of dollars by cutting costs used to administer discriminating affirmative action programs.

Opponents say that the initiative will make matters worse because its language is too broad, and would eliminate equal opportunity programs to qualified women and minorities, such as tutoring, mentoring, financial aid, outreach, and

recruitment. It also creates a loophole that blatantly allows for discrimination on the basis of gender. The initiative, they say, will not eliminate quotas, as it says, because those are already illegal under a U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Proposition 210: Minimum Wage Increase

This measure would increase the state minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.00 per hour on March 1, 1997, and to \$5.75 per hour on March 1, 1998. Wage-related costs to the state and local governments depend upon whether the federal minimum wage legislation is signed into action, making the national wage \$4.75 this year, and \$5.15 next year.

Economists and small businesses are split on this issue, but proponents say the wage increase is necessary to get Californians out of poverty, especially since there hasn't been a minimum wage increase since 1988. Since many minimum wage workers need to supplement their incomes with welfare and food stamps, this increase would save in welfare and food stamp costs. With more money to spend and more jobs created, California's economy will benefit.

Opponents to the initiative say that only five percent of the work force, mostly teenagers with part-time jobs, earns minimum wage. They argue that the increase will bid up consumer prices and put more people on welfare since small businesses won't be able to afford to pay their workers, at a time when unemployment is at its highest.

This increase will put small businesses out of business.

Proposition 211: Lawsuits on Securities Fraud

This measure would prohibit restrictions on attorney-client fee arrangements, and prohibits deceptive conduct, such as securities fraud, by any person in securities transactions which results in loss of savings or retirement funds.

Supporters say this initiative protects senior citizens, who are 30% of all fraud victims, and makes corporate executives responsible for fraud. White collar criminals will be punished under this measure, and victims will be able to recover their money.

Opponents, including taxpayer and business groups, say this initiative was put on the ballot by greedy securities lawyers to encourage frivolous lawsuits and prohibits limits on attorney fees, which will cost California thousands of jobs and millions of dollars.

Proposition 212: Gift Limit Repeals, Campaign Finance Limits

This measure repeals existing laws prohibiting gift and honoraria limits to public officials, prohibits certain lobbyist contributions and tax deductions for lobby spending, and limits contributions to \$200 for state and \$100 for other campaigns. Costs of this measure are estimated at \$4 million for implementation and enforcement.

Proponents say this measure will break special interest control and impose tougher campaign spending limits than Proposition 208. Legislators will no longer be able to raise funds outside their districts, and corporations won't be able to receive tax breaks from lobby contributions.

Rivals to this measure say it wipes

out a stringent anti-bribery law, allowing special interests to give politicians unlimited cash payments and personal gifts. The measure also has loopholes that allow political donor committees to give a hundred times what everyone else can.

Proposition 213: Lawsuit Damage Limitations

This initiative denies recovery of all damages to convicted felons for crime related injuries, and denies recovery of non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, to convicted drunk drivers and most uninsured motorists.

Supporters like MADD say this initiative will make lawbreakers take responsibility for their actions and stop them from profiting from their crimes while law abiding citizens pick up the tab. Lawbreakers and uninsured motorists not being able to sue would result in decreased auto insurance premiums and savings in court-related costs.

Opponents say this initiative is supported by those who favor No-fault auto insurance. They say courts won't allow felons, and laws won't allow drunk drivers, to recover damages for injuries they cause. The only groups that seeks to benefit is insurance companies.

Proposition 214: Health Care Regulation

One of two measures which seeks to regulate health care businesses, Prop. 214 prohibits health maintenance organizations (HMOs) from discouraging health care professionals from disclosing business practices to patients. It also prohibits them from advocating for withholding treatment, offering incentives for withholding treatment, and refusing services recommended by licensed caregivers without a second opinion.

Proponents say it will allow doctors and nurses to refer patients to specialists at their discretion and allow them to speak out on behalf of patients. It forces HMOs to disclose how much they spend on patient care, executive salaries, and corporate overhead. The initiative will make it so doctors won't get bonuses for denying treatment, and will be enforced by existing agencies.

Opponents say the measure will add costly staffing requirements, give special-interest job protection to some health care workers, and encourage frivolous lawsuits, costing consumers millions of dollars and making it more difficult for people to afford insurance. Furthermore, poor people are hurt because hospitals committed to caring for the poor will be hit by this measure.

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Proposition 215: Medical Use of Marijuana

This initiative exempts, from criminal laws, patients and defined caregivers who possess or cultivate marijuana for medical treatment recommended by a physician, and also prevents punishment of physicians who recommend marijuana for medical purposes.

Supporters say this initiative helps cancer and AIDS patients, as well as those with other medical afflictions, obtain marijuana without being treated like a criminal. It makes it legal for doctors to recommend its use to patients who will greatly benefit from it, while still keeping recreational marijuana use, and its sale, illegal.

Opposition says this initiative is an

abuse of public compassion for the sick which would legalize widespread usage of marijuana. People with any illnesses at all that can be relieved by marijuana will be free to use the drug without a written prescription. Furthermore, the FDA has not approved the medicinal use of marijuana.

Proposition 216: Health Care, Taxes on Corporate Restructuring

This measure prohibits HMOs from discouraging health care professionals from disclosing business practices to patients or advocating for treatment, offering incentives for withholding treatment, refusing services recommended by licensed caregivers without a second opinion, and also prohibits conditioning coverage on arbitration agreements. It also establishes nonprofit consumer advocacy and imposes taxes on corporate restructuring.

Prop. 216 will implement the same actions as Prop. 214, but will also force insurers to cut waste and excess profits as well as impose penalty fees on high HMO salaries. It blocks arbitrary premium increases and provides for a consumer watchdog group to monitor HMOs.

Opponents say this measure, like Proposition 214, won't help much because it contains patient protection provisions which already exist. It will cost taxpayers money by encouraging trial lawyers to file frivolous lawsuits, and will only benefit special-interest jobs and bureaucrats, resulting in higher health care costs and excessive government involvement.

Proposition 217: Top Income Tax Brackets

This measure retroactively reinstates tax rates of 10% and 11%, respectively, on taxpayers with taxable incomes of over \$115,000 and \$230,000 and joint taxpayers with taxable incomes over \$230,000 and \$460,000. Revenue raised from those rates will be allocated to local agencies such as schools and counties.

Proponents say this measure cuts unfair tax breaks by keeping the two top income tax brackets; it is not a tax increase. The measure partially restores local revenues and protects schools by ensuring that revenue money goes to schools instead of to the wealthy in a tax cut.

Rivals of this measure say it will hurt small businesses who pay personal, not corporate, income taxes, which will result in less jobs and salaries. Opponents also say that Prop. 217 makes no guarantee that money will go to schools.

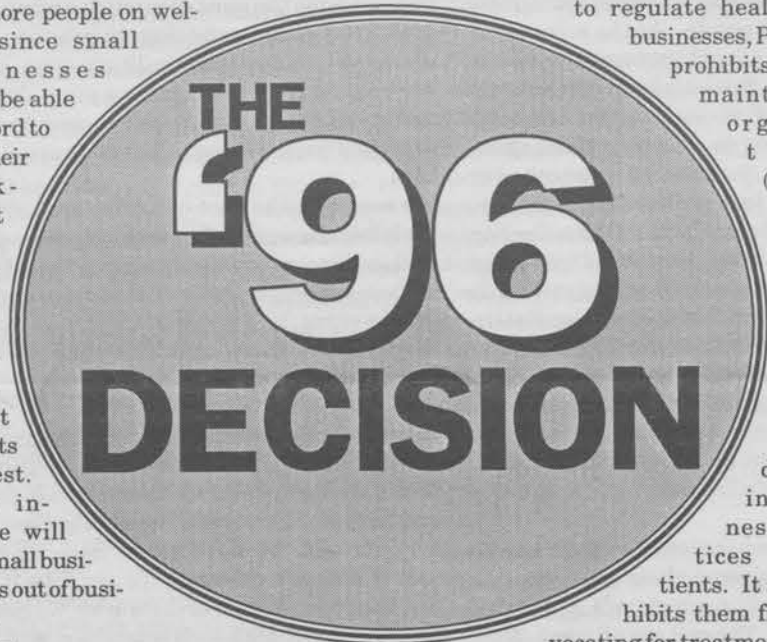
Proposition 218: Voter Approval of Local Taxes

This measure limits the authority of local governments to impose taxes, requiring approval of a majority of voters. It requires property-related assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property-owners for approval.

Advocates say this initiative constitutionally guarantees citizens the right to vote on taxes imposed on utilities and phone bills, but doesn't prevent the government from raising and spending money on services like fire, police, and education. They say that current law already allows for property assessments, not created by this initiative, by property owners.

Opponents say the initiative hurts by giving more voting power to large corporations, big landowners, and foreign interests, while possibly reducing funding for fire, police, and emergency services. They say the initiative imposes a tax on public school property which would divert money from classroom programs and make school crowding even worse.

NOTE TO THE READER: Please keep in mind that these are summaries of the ballot propositions, but for more information please consult the California Ballot Pamphlet.





LIFE & TIMES



Tales from deep within the catacombs

By Megan Ball
Copy Editor

I'm Rumour, the mysterious ghost of St. Mary's past. Let it not surprise you that I have roamed beneath this college establishment for over sixty years! Deep beneath its buildings, I've seen other floating spirits like myself. Long, long, before the white mission-style buildings were constructed, this land between the rolling hills was occupied by Indians. Buried beneath the chapel, I've seen their skeletons: fragments of bone and skulls. The remnants of the village, bits and pieces of their arrowheads, pottery, crafted tools, and grinding stones, leaving only rusted vestiges of their lives. To ensure their success during their time here, they performed rituals to please the spirits which influenced their life.

Aside from these ancient remainders, twenty-four skeletons were once discovered where willow trees, rocks, and shrubbery now shroud the ground behind the Power Plant. These bone ruins were recovered when the mud and water drained from the lake bottom, between Bolinger Canyon Road and the power house, which supplied heat for the residents during the stark, cold winter months. Students used to steal away to swim in this fourteen-acre lake before the tower valve was opened to release the mud, grime, and rubble. I was wandering here when the water was used to irrigate St. Mary's lawns before it dissipated.

In exploring these parts, I've also seen the old, dark wood railroad ties and steel tracks in the ground between Dante and De La Salle. The rail ran into the heart of the campus around the year 1912. Steam engine freight trains roared through the campus where the library now stands. These self-propelled locomotives brought the plumbing apparatus and the cement for the buildings, first raised in 1928.

Throughout St. Mary's history, and to this day, I've seen other ghosts adrift on campus. I've heard students tell their stories. They say that I am wandering the catacombs beneath the buildings. When the nunnery, Benilde Hall, was built at St. Mary's for nuns escaping persecution in Mexico, the women would wash dishes and prepare food for the students and brothers. There is an acre or two of dark, open space underneath most St. Mary's buildings, some of which were used as storage for food and supplies. Beneath Oliver Hall, the nuns and workers used to bake bread and make chocolate and other delectable pastries and desserts. The brothers and students would walk by and smell the sweet aromas. Even today there is a small, concrete pathway leading to where the bakery was.

Students say that a nun committed suicide on the fourth floor of Augustine. This floor, which used to be resident dorms, is now occupied by a classroom and the *Collegian* and *Gael* staff offices. The tragedy of this ghost may have risen from the scandalous, shameful incident where a priest got a young lady pregnant. She was locked in a closet in Augustine before she took her life. I've seen her spirit lurking on this floor. One summer, a maintenance man, who had just finished locking up all the doors, witnessed the supernatural. He got into his car, turned around, and every light was on and the windows swung open wide on the fourth floor.

In Madigan gym, built on earth laden with swamp cows and cat tails, the ghost of Ed "Slip" Madigan, devout football coach for St. Mary's, has made numerous appearances. On one specific afternoon, an athletic director fell asleep on a gym mat in Madigan. I saw him wake up and see the wandering ghost, dressed in an old-fashioned suit. He called out to him, yet the ghost abruptly disappeared.

Tomorrow is Halloween, All Hallows Eve. It is the worst day of the year for me. I've been made fun of every year. If you hear a strange sound on Halloween, it's just me crying. Instead of being celebrated, ghosts are ridiculed by little kids with their creepy painted faces and hair-raising, screeching voices. They try to drive away spirits like myself who appear to the living and dwell in familiar places.

This Halloween tradition developed from ancient new year festivals and festivals of the dead. In the A.D. 800's, the church established All Saints Day on November 1. The mass said on this day was called Allhallowmass. The eve before All Saints Day became known as All Hallow e'en, or Halloween. Even after people became Christians, the customs of the Celts pervaded many lands. The Celtic festivals marked the beginning of the season of cold, darkness, and decay. Two thousand years ago in what is now Great Britain and Ireland, the Celts' Festival of Samhain, the Celtic Lord of the Dead, naturally became associated with human death. The Celts believed Samhain allowed the souls of the dead to return to their earthly homes. This is why people try to drive away my spirit on Halloween, when most ghosts are said to be lurking about.

During these festivals in Ireland, people disguised themselves and paraded in the streets begging for food. In Scotland, people lit huge, blaring bon fires on the hillsides to drive away witches and evil spirits. In England, on Halloween, or "Nut Night," or "Apple Night,"

families told stories while eating apples and nuts. Two days later, on All Souls Day, the people went "a-souling," or begging. They received pastries called soul cakes in exchange for promises to say prayers for the dead. The U.S. settlers from England and other Celtic regions brought these traditions with them. They laid dormant though because of the strict religious beliefs until the settlers from Ireland and Scotland arrived in the 1800s.

Legends are still carried today, where people use pumpkins as lanterns, and children disguise themselves and roam door to door begging for sweets. These pumpkins, called Jack-o-lanterns, come from the Irish legend of Jack, who could not enter heaven or hell because he was a miser and played jokes on the devil. Jack had to walk the earth with his lantern until Judgment Day.

What a lonely life it is to be a ghost, always roaming, always trapped between two worlds. How would you like to spend your life with most of the world not believing in you? Totally alone, I seek companionship just like mortals. I, and other lonely ghosts at St. Mary's, have tried to get attention by hurling objects, banging closets, and shaking beds. Girls have run out of Augustine fearing such clamor and disruption. I never had the life you had, so I'm constantly looking to connect with the students. Don't be alarmed if you wake up one night to a spirit lurking in the corner. If your windows are flapping, your radio is clattering, or your computer is malfunctioning, it's just me trying to reach out and communicate. So, if late at night you see something strange and creepy, it's me reaching out from my lonely world. If suddenly on a cold, clear, windless night, you find your windows flying open, I'm only seeking companionship and communication.



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CALENDAR

Events from October 30 to November 12

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

WOMEN'S SOCCER GAME:



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

MOVIE NIGHT: The Program Board presents *The Arrival* with Charlie Sheen at 10:30 PM in Le Fevre Theater.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31



MUSIC FOR A DARK, CREEPY NIGHT(II): Members of the SMC faculty and staff, the NightenGaels and assorted guests perform music for Halloween. The celebration begins at 9:30 PM in the St. Mary's Chapel. Admission is free and costumes are welcome.

MASQUERADE BASH: The Program Board is sponsoring a dance from 9 PM to 1 AM in the Soda Center. The cost is \$1 with costume, and \$2 without.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

ORIGINAL "HUNCHBACK" COMES TO ST. MARY'S: The Committee for Lectures, Art and Music presents the original,

1923 silent film of Victor Hugo's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at 8 PM in Le Fevre Theater. The presentation will begin with a comic short subject film, featuring Laurel and Hardy, entitled *Habeas Corpus*. Prominent organist Bob Vaughn will provide the musical soundtrack for both films.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

ASSMC SENATE MEETING: The ASSMC Senate will meet at 7:15 PM in the Soda Center.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

BROWN BAG LUNCH: Kathy Roper will present a lecture on "Mobilization of the Crowd in Weimar Film and Society" at noon in Hagerty Lounge. Bring your brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to Monica Clyde by November 1.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

ELECTION DAY: Don't forget to exercise your right to vote. Polls close at 9 PM.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

MOVIE NIGHT: The Program Board will present *Broken Arrow* starring John Travolta at 10:30 PM in the Soda Center.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

MUSIC IN THE QUAD: Come enjoy music in the Quad from noon till 1 PM.

SOCCER V. STANFORD: The Men's soccer team faces Stanford

Special Event:



"The Hunchback of Notre Dame"
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FRIDAY, NOV. 8

WOMEN'S SOCCER: The Gaels face the Lions of Loyola Marymount in a WCC match at 2:45 PM.

WCC VOLLEYBALL: The Gaels face the Bulldog's of Gonzaga at 7 PM in McKeon Pavillion.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

WEST COAST RUN OF HARVEY MILK: The San Francisco Opera will perform Harvey Milk 8 times at the Orpheum

Theater, November 9 to 30. The new opera by composer Stewart Wallace and librettist Michael Korie is set in San Francisco. It is a story focusing on the life of Harvey Milk, a slain city supervisor and a legendary gay rights leader.

GAEL FOOTBALL: Come watch the Gaels as they face Chapman University at home. Kickoff is at 1 PM.

VOLLEYBALL: The Gaels will face the Portland Pilots in a WCC match at 7 PM in McKeon Pavillion.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

WOMEN'S SOCCER: The Gaels will meet the Portland Pilots in their final regular season conference match at 12 PM.

MEN'S SOCCER: The Men's soccer team will face Portland at 2:15 PM following the Women's match.

BASKETBALL EXHIBITION: The St. Mary's Men's Basketball team will face the German Nationals in McKeon Pavillion. Tip off is scheduled for 3:05 PM.

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SPORTS



Gaels Get Kicks vs. Loyola & Cal Poly, Stumble on S.F.

By Chris Howe
Staff Writer

The Gaels record stands at 6-7-1 overall and 1-2-0 in the West Coast Conference after a victory against Loyola Marymount, a loss at San Francisco, and an overtime victory against Cal Poly at home.

At the 80:12 mark in the match on October 20, the Gaels tamed the Lions of Loyola Marymount University with a 1-0 victory. The game winning goal was fired into the net by Devin Ebright on a cross from John Hayek for his sixth goal of the year. With the goal, Ebright moved into a solid fourth place on the Saint Mary's all-time career scoring chart. In his year and a half of play as a Gael, Ebright has tallied 41 points resulting from 17 career goals putting him one goal behind third place Mike Foscilina, who played from 1986 to 1989.

Other Gaels also performed well in the match. In the box, sophomore goalkeeper Steve Reardon played tough recording his second shutout of the season. Reardon

has started in the Gaels' last seven games and has had 12 goalie saves in his last three matches. His confidence in the goal and consistent play is a tremendous asset for the team.

The freshman have shown their true colors this season. Owen Omiya, Jonathan Gordon, Leo Cuellar, and Shantu Shimizu have together taken 26 of the Gaels 145 shots on goal scoring four times and assisting in four other goals. These Gael newcomers have proven themselves to be bright spots in Saint Mary's future.

The Gaels fell to the University of San Francisco on October 25, 3-0. The Dons scored early at the 1:49 mark on an Omar El Fakiri goal. San Francisco used great ball handling skills to dismantle Saint Mary's defense. Keith Ratzburg scored the Dons' second and third goals at the 20:36 mark and the 55:48 mark.

October 27, Cal Poly lost in double-overtime at Saint Mary's. The score was tied at one when regulation ended. Leo Cuellar scored his first Saint Mary's goal at the 82:19 mark. In overtime, Jeff Canarelli scored at 115:43.

Volleyball Losing Streak Reaches Eight

By Ehren Koepf
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's record fell to 5-14 on the season and 1-6 in WCC action after losing to Sacramento State, Fresno State, Santa Clara, Pepperdine, and Loyola Marymount.

The Gaels are in the midst of an eight game losing streak that dates back to October 5. Their last victory came against the University of San Francisco on October 4.

October 18, Saint Mary's was swept away by the Waves of Pepperdine in a three game match, 15-17, 8-15, and 14-16. Kara McKeown had a team high four block solos and seven block assists along with ten digs and ten kills.

October 19, the Gaels were defeated by #9 Loyola Marymount in three matches, 15-4, 15-10, and 15-5. Saint Mary's played well on defense, coming up with 36 digs, one block solo, and 12 block assists.

The Gaels traveled to Sacramento State on October 22 and continued their losing ways. Saint Mary's returned home to take on Fresno State, October 24.

Fresno lost the first match, 3-15, but they came back and won the next three, 15-9, 15-8, and 15-9.

The Gaels final loss came at Santa Clara on October 26. Saint Mary's, again



Becky Yrlegui

Grieve averages 3.2 kills and 1.2 blocks

won the first match, before losing the next three. The scores were 7-15, 15-10, 15-6, and 15-8. Dahl led the team with 16 kills and 15 digs. Grieve added 15 kills.

Saint Mary's next home matches are November 8 and 9 against Gonzaga and Portland. Both begin at 7 pm.

Full Speed Ahead: Runner Jen Michels

By Jennifer Parker
Staff Writer

Do you ever wonder why runners do what they do? Why put yourself through the agony of running up to eight miles a day over dirt hills and along rocky trails if you don't have to? Well, Jen Michels, one of the senior co-captains on the women's cross-country team puts herself through this torture every day... and she enjoys it!

According to Michels, running, especially in beautiful Moraga, has plenty of perks. Although you can sometimes spot Saint Mary's runners on the bike path, Michels and her fifteen teammates usually pile into vans every day around four o'clock and head for one of the many nearby wooded trails, where Michels said she can always find ample inspiration. The team's usual practice sights include the Redwood Campground, King's Canyon, Big Trees, and Skyline. For Jen, daily runs are more than a way to maintain her competitive edge; they are "a chance to interact with nature".

It is true that runners are able to enjoy the wind in their hair, the sunlight through the trees, as well as frequent deer and squirrel sightings as they glide easily along shaded forest paths. However, being a cross-country athlete is far more challenging than a frolic in the forest. Michels is keenly aware of this fact, having been a runner since her freshman year at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno, where she was on Varsity for three and a half years. In addition, she twice qualified to compete as an individual in the California State Cross-Country meet. Michels has not once broken her steady stride since her arrival at Saint Mary's. She has consistently been one of the top-scorers and was named most valuable runner last year, as she played a significant role in her team's

second-place conference finish.

So, what is Michels' secret? Just how does she stay physically and mentally tough when she has blisters on her feet, pain in every joint and five more grueling 800 meter track repeats to go? She explained that, in order to be a great runner, it is necessary to "enjoy running and (to) remain focused." In cross-country, you have to possess the mental strength to force yourself to run faster even though your muscles are burning with each step you take. Even if your legs are weak with

fatigue, you must not give up because there is no one else to fall back upon. You, alone, are responsible for your performance and your contribution to the team.

Even though cross-country can be seen as an individual sport, it is also largely a team effort. The way in which a team's fifth-place runner finishes can determine the outcome of a race. This spirit of unity and mutual support is evident on the SMC women's team. Another reason that

Michels loves her sport is that "all you need is your feet and your shoes, and you can do it any time and anywhere." However, she informed me that the best part about being on the cross-country team is the people she runs with because they "genuinely care about each other, and their relationships go way beyond running." This season, the women's team has not let one another down on the starting line either. They have won the USD, USF, Santa Clara and SMC Invitational, and they placed an impressive fifth place at the prestigious Fresno and Stanford invites. This Saturday Michels and her teammates will compete in the Regional Meet.

Finally, back to our original question: why run? Why go through the physical and mental anguish of pushing your threshold of pain further than you ever believed you could? Are the blisters worth it? Michels definitely thinks so. She simply smiles and replies, "Running's just good... I always feel good about myself whenever I finish a workout or a race."



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Gael Basketball Preview

By Barry Alves

Men's Basketball

As the season draws closer, a noticeable air of excitement begins to surround the men's basketball team. Saint Mary's has a team strongly capable of winning the West Coast Conference and obtaining that elusive bid to the Big Dance.

While these were the same goals of last year's team that limped to a 12-15 finish, this year's squad will boast a much taller and talented team. These changes will make the Gaels more capable of defeating top notch teams. They will need to with the schedule begins with the Preseason NIT and a November 20 date with Oklahoma St. The slate also includes #25 Fresno St. and a San Jose St. team that almost beat Kentucky in the tournament. They should provide for some great games before Saint Mary's begins their run at their first WCC title since 1989.

While excitement was also found at the

start of last season, for many it slipped away when A.J. Rollins broke his hand six games into the season. The loss of Rollins, who was establishing himself as one of the Gaels best players while averaging 10 points per game, was actually much more crucial because Saint Mary's went from one of the tallest teams in the conference to the shortest. With Rollins back, the team will boast a dominating front line with 7'2 Brad Millard and 6'9 Eric Schraeder flanking Rollins, who checks in at 6'8. Rollins and Schraeder will provide a fire and ice combination at the forward position. While both men use their quickness and agility to provide inside and outside scoring, they conduct their work in very different fashions. Rollins, who is the strongest man on the team, uses his brute strength to overpower his opponents. The silky smooth Schraeder uses his amazing vertical leap

to go around and over defenders, who must respect his deadly three point shooting.

These men fit perfectly around Brad Millard, who still has people talking about his 16 points, 8 rebounds, and 5 block performance against Santa Clara. Expect more of the same from the emerging big man. Freshman Josh Greer should adequately help both forwards, while fellow freshman Jesse Bond and senior Ivan Dodic also provide inside support.

While the front court is drawing raves from around the conference, the back court remains a relative secret. This is surprising due to the fact that this crop includes Dave Sivulich, who was fourth in the conference in scoring while nailing 96 three-pointers on the year. Expect to see Sivulich split point guard time with crafty senior Kamran Sufi, who dished out just under six assists a game. The two-guard position looks just as solid, as Josh Unruh returns to the back court after playing in the front court last season. Unruh adds a solid scoring punch while teaming with Eric Knapp, who provides deadly three-point accuracy. Frank Knight also looks to contribute and freshman Frank Allocco could be a pleasant surprise.

All signs point to a successful season. The team has both the talent and the focus to take home the WCC crown and go to the Big Dance. If everyone stays healthy, there is no reason this team shouldn't be playing basketball in March.

Women's Basketball

Last season the Saint Mary's College Women's basketball team defeated #26 Montana 57-50. This year standards are even higher. The Gaels have assembled a team that expects to go to the tournament and is capable of unseating San Francisco, who has been popping up in pre-season polls as champions.

The Gael's roster is loaded with talent from top to bottom. They will probably play 11 players a night as they boast a deep roster that can unleash a deadly offensive blast. This year's team features a pair of extremes at point guard with 5'3 Mollie Flint and 6'1 J.R. Payne. Flint, a speedy senior, has proven herself a force, starting all 27 games last year, but could split time this season with the emergence of Payne. Payne, a sophomore hailing from Canada, looks to be vastly improved with a year of experience under her belt. Krista Hall has also made the adjust-

ment from British Columbia and Tori Chung from Taipei, China gives the Gaels a scoring edge.

Chung, a 23-year-old junior, is the premier shooter on a team of three-point artists. Expect to see Kelly Parkinen, Leslie Quintal, and Stacey Berg melt down score boards as they unleash their seemingly endless range. Big things are expected from Berg who posted 31 points in her first collegiate game, on her way to being named the WCC All-Freshmen team.

While the outside game was established at the completion of last season, the team was left with a small front line. Only 6' Krista Hall returned to compliment 6'3 Liz Wilkinson, who was named honorable mention All-WCC for her impressive play last season. The coaches more than provided depth for these talented players when they brought in a class of talented front-court players. Jamie Shine (6'1), a JC All-American, provides the Gaels with a serious inside force to compliment Wilkinson. Tracy Morris (6'2) was a high school All-American and is most likely the best recruit ever reeled in by Saint Mary's College. And finally, needing a back up center to round out the bunch, the Gaels signed the 6'4 Erin Abraham who was Arizona State's player of the year.

This dominating mix of a powerful front court, and an over-loaded abundance of talent in the back court, provides Saint Mary's with a team that is not only capable of getting to the tournament, but advancing upon getting to the Big Dance. They have the schedule to prove it. Their December slate includes a road trip to Montana and UCLA before hosting Marquette, Georgia Tech, and Temple at home.



Senior guard Mollie Flint dished out 90 assists last season



Senior, Josh Unruh pours in two of his 220 points last season

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Free-Agent Player Movement Shuffles Many NBA Rosters

By Jim Bucci
Sports Columnist

Entering this new basketball season, don't be afraid to admit that placing a player and his team together is not an easy task anymore. The NBA off-season saw numerous stars, like Michael Jordan, Reggie Miller, and Shaquille O'Neal, become free-agents. The only star player to relocate was O'Neal who went to the Los Angeles Lakers. The biggest group of free-agents are players who aren't stars yet but are very good. Players like Allan Houston and Dikembe Mutombo were in this group. Combined with the free-agents, the NBA draft saw a large number of underclassmen enter along with the increasing number of high schoolers. The end result of all the available players was that teams made trades to clear roster space for incoming players and cap room to sign free-agents.

Two prime examples of the off-season activity were the New York Knicks and Phoenix Suns. Knicks fans may not see any familiar faces on the court, but they can be assured announcer, Marv Albert will say "yes," and Spike Lee will harass opposing players. New York signed point guard, Chris Childs and shooting guard, Allan Houston, while trading for forward, Larry Johnson. The Suns shipped off Charles Barkley to Houston for Sam Cassell, Robert Horry, and Mark Bryant. Both these teams are on opposite sides of the spectrum. The Knicks are looking for a strong championship push in the next two years, while the Suns are in a rebuilding mode.

During the off-season, one would have thought that the rich would only get richer. Actually,

the opposite happened, allowing a team like Washington to improve greatly. The Bullets signed Rod Strickland and Tracy Murray, and resigned Juwan Howard. Along with Chris Webber and Gheorghe Muresan the Bullets have a strong team. They have outside shooting with Murray, a penetrating and dishing point guard in Strickland, and two bookend forwards in Howard and Webber. Mammoth center Mureson (7'7") anchors the middle for the Bullets, giving them a shot blocking presence. Washington should vie for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East.

The Portland Trail Blazers are a very interesting but volatile team. Coach P.J. Carlesimo must deal with personalities like Kenny Anderson, J.R. Rider, Cliff Robinson, and Rasheed Wallace. Hopefully, P.J. has a year long supply of ear plugs to filter out the many opinions of these players. Chemistry is the key in Portland. Either this team will mesh and succeed or it will blow up and cause Carlesimo to be a referee rather than a coach. If the Trail Blazers do find happiness, they have the talent to win many games. Rider and Robinson are explosive scorers, and Kenny Anderson is one of the most creative point guards in the league.

The top team is again the Chicago Bulls. The Bulls are a perfectly constructed team and have all the qualities to repeat as champions. They have two superstars in Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen. They also have three good players in Toni Kukoc, Dennis Rodman, and Ron Harper. In the middle is Luc Longly, a serviceable center, who can rebound, block some shots, and score occasionally. The questionable factor is Rodman. He

may be tattooed, have colored hair and be unorthodox, but the team needs his energy and rebounding to win. Only a defection to baseball by Jordan will stop another championship run.

The Houston Rockets have a trio of Hall of Famers in Barkley,

age of Barkley, Olajuwon, and Drexler, health is paramount to Houston's success. Even if the Rockets don't win the championship, they should set a record for use of Ben Gay and ice in a season.

Three teams that are also championship contenders are the Orlando Magic, Seattle Super Sonics, and Los Angeles Lakers. The Magic must rebound from the huge loss of Shaquille O'Neal and hope that free-agent signee, Felton Spencer, will fill the center position. Penny Hardaway must expand his role on the team and become a dominant scorer. Players like Nick Anderson and Dennis Scott will also have to score more to make up for O'Neal's 26.6 scoring average. Seattle is a steady team with Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp. Shot blocking specialist, Jim McIlvane, was signed to fill the center position and will share time with Sam Perkins. Seattle needs to find a third scorer to

accompany Payton and Kemp, possibly Detlef Schrempf. The Lakers are an extremely young team that needs to find a leader. The arrival of O'Neal may be the superstar-type the Lakers need to direct youngsters Nick Van Exel, Eddie Jones, and Kobe Bryant.

The 1996-97 season should be extremely exciting with the infusion of youth into the league. The Minnesota Timberwolves have a great tandem in guard Stephon Marbury and Kevin Garnett that should hook up in many alley-oops. These two will definitely make fighting a Minnesota snow storm a little easier.

The NBA is very balanced this year and will provide for close and entertaining games. The end of the season will see the Chicago Bulls winning a second straight championship giving Michael five and spoiling Houston's run and Charles Barkley's quest for his first.

NBA

Olajuwon, and Drexler. Houston, like New York, is looking at a two-year window in which to win a championship. The Rockets have little depth on the bench besides Mario Ellie, and have to count on CBA players like Sam Mack. Brent Price is a talented point guard, but will have to prove he can produce throughout the entire season. With the



Women's Soccer

Saint Mary's fell to 7-9 on the season and 1-3 in the WCC after being shutout by San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Pepperdine.

The Gaels have been shutout in their last four games, and in the month of October, Saint Mary's won only one while losing six.

Against San Francisco on October 16, Saint Mary's played even with the lady Dons for 90 minutes. The Gaels began overtime tied 0-0 but gave up one goal in the first overtime at 102:54 and another in the second overtime at the 115:57 mark.

Denise Kenyon scored the lady Dons first goal and assisted Erin Terbush on their second goal.

On October 25, Saint Mary's traveled to Santa Barbara and was shutout again, 1-0. Kerri

Bertell scored the only goal of the game at the 35:00 mark. Bertell fired the goal from the top of the penalty box on an assist from Darcie Frounfelter.

Saint Mary's managed only six shots goals in the game. However the Gaels' defense played strong, allowing only seven shots.

October 28, the Gaels traveled to Pepperdine and were shutout 2-0. All-American candidate Jennifer Evans scored both goals. Her first goal came at the 32:10 mark and the second at the 62:03 mark.

Saint Mary's travels to #2 Santa Clara Friday night. The game begins at 7:30 pm. The Gaels conclude their final two regular season games at home. November 8 they compete against Loyola Marymount at 2:45 and on November 10 they take on #6 Portland at noon. Both games are at Garaventa.



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Saint Mary's Sacked By U.C. Davis, 31-10

Quarterback, Sean Laird tackled behind the line of scrimmage nine times for a loss of 73 yards

By Ehren Koepf
Sports Editor

Trick or treat Saint Mary's. As a full moon rose over Toomey Field at U.C. Davis Saturday night, the Gaels hoped for an Aggie handout, but instead found themselves tricked.

Davis stole Saint Mary's offensive signals from the sidelines and knew the plays the Gaels were attempting to run.

"Our defensive coach had their signs, and we knew whether they were going to run or pass," said Davis punter Ryan Christie.

The Aggies advantage allowed them to break up the majority of the plays before they began. Quarterback, Sean Laird was steamrolled. He was knocked to the ground on almost every play.

"They had a good game plan against us," head coach Mike Rasmussen said. "We just didn't execute real well."

The Gaels were without runningback Ed Williams who did not run the ball because of an ankle sprain. However, Williams did return kicks and the second time he got the ball he ran it back 42 yards to Davis' 44 yard line.

Perhaps with a healthy Williams the game would of had a different outcome. Williams averages over 177 yards a game and opens up Saint Mary's passing game because opponents' secondaries key on him.

Freshman runningback, Brandin Young gave his best effort with his straight-ahead running style, but he couldn't elude Davis' swarm of defenders. Young finished with 40 yards on 13 carries, for an average of three yards a carry. Altogether Saint Mary's managed only 40 yards on the ground on 29 attempts.

Davis on the contrary racked up 312 yards rushing. Jermaine Rucker ran wild for 238 yards on 31 carries.

Saint Mary's not only had to deal with Rucker, they had to withstand the weather. The game began cool with a slight breeze, but as the game continued the wind picked up, and the Gaels got colder.

Davis set themselves up in great field position on their first drive of the game. They began on their own 30, but with a balanced passing attack they moved the ball with ease.

The Gaels looked like they had finally stopped Davis on Saint Mary's 41 yard line, when on third and six, the Aggies threw incomplete. Davis looked like they would punt, but as Saint Mary's set up their punt return, Davis' punter took a few steps forward, took a few more, and then dashed down the center of the field, untouched, all the way to the 18 yard line.

"I got the ball and looked up and saw them turned around," Christie said. "I took a step or two and thought I'd let my team-



Up for Grabs: Blake Tuffli soars over Davis safety Colin Hardesty

James June

mates get down the field. No one was coming so I figured what the heck and ran."

Four plays later, Christie got the ball again, but he missed a 31 yard field goal. However, Davis scored on their next possession, after the Gaels offense went four and out.

Five seconds into the second quarter, Saint Mary's tied up

the score. On first and goal from the 10 yard line, Laird rifled a pass to Tuffli in the middle of the endzone. The Gaels started the drive from Davis' 39 yard line when Raul Murillo recovered a Rucker fumble.

Laird completed 15 of 32 passes in the game. His receivers had a difficult time hanging on to most of his passes. Blake Tuffli

led Gaels receivers with seven catches for 132 yards.

The score was 10-7 at half-time, but Davis came out stronger in the second half. Davis went up 24-7 early in the fourth quarter, but the Gaels never gave up.

Tom Antongiiovanni booted a 42 yard field goal into the wind with 9:17 remaining in the game, but it was too little, too late.

Saint Mary's High Steps Towards The Finish

Women's Cross Country Team Approaches WCC Championship

By Stephanie Hovancik
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As the Saint Mary's women race toward the West Coast Conference Championships, they have improved their record to four invitational victories and two losses. They won their first of two consecutive invitationals on October 12. The Gaels defeated the Santa Clara Broncos in their own invitational, sweeping the top three places. The top five Saint Mary's runners were Katie Owen, Jeri Michels, Crissy O'Brien, Molly Lawrence and Stephanie Hovancik. Though this was not a highly competitive meet with only 5 teams racing, it was great experience for the Gaels because it is the same course used for the West Coast Championship.

The following weekend the Gaels competed in the Saint Mary's Invitational at Newhall Park in Concord. Injuries were running high, and everyone was wearing out as the season was winding to a close. The Invitational was to be the final race for most of the girls on the team of 16. Only seven are allowed to be entered in the race for the Conference Crown. The race was flat and fast, with the first of three-mile times being in the 5 to 6 minute range.

The Gaels were racing without



Katie Owen leads the Gaels at the Bronco Invitational

one of their top runners, Heather Iverson. She has been unable to run for the past week due to an injury to her calf. She is expected to be able to run in the West Coast Conference Championship in two weeks.

Although the Gaels felt the pressures of the end of the season, they stepped up, and beat a tough Sacramento State team to win the Invitational. Owen was the first place finisher with a

time of 19'13. She was followed by O'Brien, Michels, Lawrence, and Hovancik. Stunning performances were made by freshman Shawna Glenny and sophomore Aubree Swart. Glenny has been improving her times with each consecutive performance and has raced her way into the Gaels' top five scoring places. She turned in a personal best time of 19'56. Swart has also made an enormous improvement this year in

comparison to her past performances. She finished off her season with a personal best time of 21'27. The other Gaels that brought the team across the finish line were Tiffanie Synnott, Eileen O'Brien, Kelly Yeend, Jennifer Parker, Bridget Paul, Denise DeGarceau, and Margret Faul.

As the Gaels prepare for the upcoming battle for the conference crown, anxiety is rising. Coach Kennedy acknowledges it will be a close race between Saint Mary's, Portland, and Gonzaga. Both northern teams have lost seniors, but they are still ex-

pected to be strong competitors this year.

Saint Mary's has beaten everyone else in the conference this year with out a problem. When asked about his expectations of the upcoming conference meet, Kennedy said, "It will be extremely close. If each athlete performs to her own potential then I believe we will prevail. It won't take an extraordinary performance, just the same one that they have turned in week in and week out." The West Coast Conference Championship meet is scheduled for November 2nd.

Men's Cross Country Making Strides

By Jennifer Parker
Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 19th, the men's cross-country team performed well at the Saint Mary's Invitational. It was a crisp, cool morning in Newhall Park when the runners from Sacramento State, Santa Clara University, and the University of San Francisco, among others, set out to conquer the 5,000 meter course. It was a relatively fast race, considering that the course was relatively flat, with the exception of one substantially steep hill near the end of the first mile. Although most men's cross-country races are five miles long, this one was only 3.1 miles.

Saint Mary's senior Ryan McNelley placed fifth out of the 41 runners, with a time of 16'19. Juniors Fergal Flanagan and Ryan Rowland-Smith finished next for the Gaels with times of 17'20 and 17'25 respectively. They were working together by pushing one another's pace throughout much of the race. Senior Ben Kennedy recently overcame an injury and had a good race with a time of 18'45. In his second race of the season, freshman John Burns also ran well in 19'52.

Sacramento State ran strong in the race. The Gaels ran strong as well but with five runners instead of six. Thus, the team did not qualify for placement in the Invitational.