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Christmas Gift for Science Department

Anonymous Donor gives St. Mary's College millions for new science center

By Greg McWilliams
Staff Writer

Goodwill was bestowed on St. Mary's College during Christmas break. An anonymous donor has stepped forward to fund a much needed state-of-the-art science center that will break ground at the beginning of the Fall term 1998 and be completed in the Spring of 2000.

A letter written by SMC president, Bro. Craig Franz, Ph.D., FSC, explained the gain to the College Community,



Damon Tighe

Professor John Correia shows current lab facilities to SMC visitors.

"Quite obviously, this will be a wonderful and much needed boost to our science program. To complement the capabilities of talented faculty and dedicated majors, we now will be able to provide our students with undergraduate science

facilities second to none."

According to Vice President of Advancement, Michael Ferrigno, the donor approached the College and was interested in filling the first need the College would like to address. The College originally presented

the donor with a Chemistry building that had been at the top of the list, and, in reviewing the document, the benefactor decided to build a center that would not only consist of a Chemistry facility, but also Biology and potentially Psychology.

The building, which will carry the traditional Spanish tile, will cost approximately \$17-20 million. "This building will take at least 18 months to build; it is a very complicated technical building. The Garaventa building took 13 months. It has a lot of sophisticated equipment, but not to the degree that this building will have," explained Ferrigno.

This week, Bro. Craig will appoint a committee that will

take on the responsibility of guiding the decision-making. "If there are projected changes in the numbers of science majors, the building will have to accommodate that growth, so the size and numbers of labs and faculty offices need to be carefully considered," said Ferrigno. The committee will be responsible for choosing a Consulting Architect, evaluating today's needs, as well as the expected growth of the future. The committee will meet regularly to secure the project in presentable form and will later submit it to the board of trustees for approval and then on to the city of Moraga for the final approval. The entire paper work process will take ap-

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Courses Reduced

Course offerings decreased to raise average class size

By Jennifer Parker
Assistant Op / Ed Editor

With the admittance of an unusually large freshman class, it only seems natural that one must expect a rise in the average class size. While registering for this spring's courses, it became poignantly clear to many St. Mary's students that there were indeed fewer classes offered, especially in certain departments.

Junior Eileen Burns initially chose St. Mary's over UCs and larger private schools to avoid class selection and scheduling problems. As a Spanish and English double major, she feels it is becoming "virtually impossible to graduate on time as a double major here. Although the catalogue features many options, hardly any of those are offered each semester." Even though there is a new foreign language requirement which becomes effective for this year's freshman class, not enough sections have been added to accommodate the additional students. As for Burns, this spring she is finally enrolled in the Spanish 102 class that she has been attempting to secure since her freshman year. However, her

recent experiences have led her to concede, "If I knew then what I know now, I might have chosen another school."

Professor Allen Hilton, a first-year faculty member in the Religious Studies department, does not see a one student increase in the average class size as "a drastic change." Upon applying for a position at St. Mary's, Hilton was informed that he would be able to limit his Survey of Biblical Literature course to 25 students. According to Hilton, that cap was lower than those of other comparable schools, namely Williams in Massachusetts and Oberlin in Ohio. In an effort to accommodate as many students as possible, Hilton accepted 31 individuals into his class last fall. However, looking back, he can see that "having five or six fewer students would have helped to preserve the group atmosphere."

Like Religious Studies, the Math department was not dramatically affected by the recent reduction in available courses. Professor James Sauerberg explained that many math classes are "service courses," meaning that they are often necessary prerequisites for upper division chemistry or computer science classes. Also, since St. Mary's has a relatively small amount of math majors, there have never been very many

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St. Albert Hall Inundated

Recent storms call attention to needed repairs in the SMC Library

by Renee Sando
Editor-in-Chief

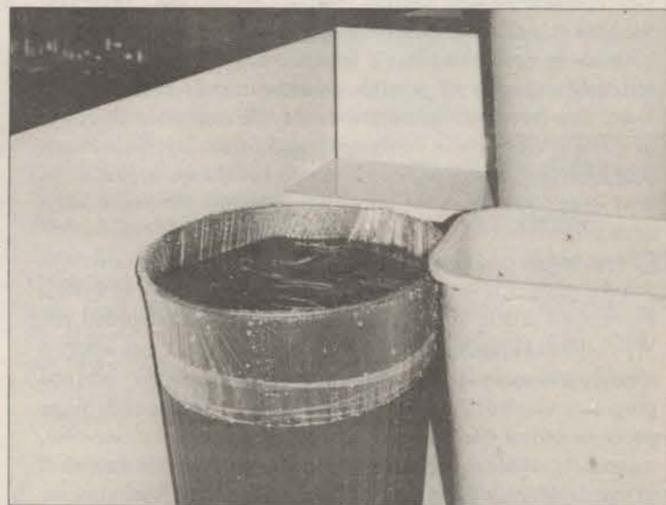
Drip. Drip. Drip.

Students studying on the second floor of the St. Albert Hall Library on the afternoon of Monday, January 12 encountered this noise as the building withstood a midday deluge from another winter storm which dropped over 2.5 inches on Moraga.

Trash cans were placed to catch drips and a dam of towels was created in order to contain the water dripping on the second floor near the Media Center.

Fortunately, neither the library, nor its materials, sustained any major damage from the wrath of the recent storm. "Rain in the building is an inconvenience. It is bad for the morale of the staff who have to clean it up repetitively," said Collection Service's Lana Miller. According to Miller, the library staff has a regular procedure for when leaks occur due to their frequency.

The library leak was a result of a backed up drain spout on the roof. According to Director of Building and Grounds Joe Kehoe, "We have a proposal to



Jessica Doid

Garbage cans catch water leaking from the library roof.

repair the leak. It is a matter of funding and timing." To ameliorate the situation, Buildings and Grounds will have to wait until the rain subsides in order to remove part of the tile roof and complete the repair.

Aside from the library leak, the College has sustained little damage from the recent rains. According to Kehoe, "We have had assorted leaks and areas of flooding but it hasn't impacted too many people." Kehoe attributes roofing work and improved drainage completed over the past several years for the improved situation over five years ago.

This season's rainfall has been some of the heaviest, with Moraga already past its yearly average. The town had received 20.40 inches of rain as of Sun-

day, January 18. During the month of January, Moraga has already received 8.95 inches.

For many Seniors, the rain is reminiscent of Jan Term their freshman year. Recalling his Freshman year, Senior Kekoa Cash stated, "It rained constantly for the whole month. The first day the sun came out I was so happy." In comparison to this year's set of storms, Cash responded, "Freshman year was much worse, as far as

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THE COLLEGIAN VIEW

COLLEGIAN COVERAGE

In response to the letter written by the Coordinators of the Asian Pacific American and Hispanic Student Programs, and to other administrators and faculty members who have asked us for greater publicity of their events, the COLLEGIAN acknowledges that we are not at liberty to cover St. Mary's in its entirety. We are not omnipresent. With only a small group of dedicated reporters, the COLLEGIAN is constrained to issues that concern the general population. During the first semester we reported on campus-wide stories such as Bro. Craig's inauguration, freshman housing problems, faculty workload, townhall meetings, the formation of a new alcohol policy, and campus crime and safety. Therefore, issues that concern the general population have taken precedence over campus activities and events. If we attempted to cover all the events sponsored by CLAM, Collegiate Seminar, ASSMC and all other clubs and organizations, we would cease to function as students.

We are not the *Contra Costa Sun*. We do not have the facilities or the resources to be a full-time newspaper. We are a student run organization limited by time and money. Each staff member is a full-time student who pursues interests beyond the COLLEGIAN. We prioritize stories within the scope of the general public; we are not playing games and we do not keep score. We take our job seriously and give all possible consideration to every campus issue. Our fortnightly publication schedule sometimes forces us to make choices about coverage based on timing; thus events which occur just after one deadline may not always appear in the next issue. This does not imply a bias against the event, but a decision to cover more recent occurrences.

Some may wonder why we seldom provide advance coverage, and the answer is simple. It can prove very difficult to write a meaningful article about something that has not happened yet. We may occasionally deviate from this policy in cases where a speaker grants an interview, but we generally encourage clubs and programs which desire additional publicity to purchase ads in our paper or utilize the ASSMC's newsletter, the *Four-One-One*, instead. In addition our event calendar provides a free statement of events which will be taking place on campus. Otherwise, we are not a publicity vehicle.

We would like to encourage those students who feel an event should be covered to join our efforts. Feel free to attend our staff meetings and let us know what you are willing to write. Also, we ask all faculty and administrators to echo this encouragement. We appreciate your help in recommending staff writers, etc.

SHOW US THE MONEY!!

For those members of the St. Mary's community who would like to know the cost of September's inauguration ceremony and celebration, the COLLEGIAN offers these words of comiseration: you are not alone. We'd love to know. Unfortunately, our repeated calls to the Advancement Office since October have met with polite protestations that the numbers just aren't in yet and requests that we call back at a later date. Though we do not understand the difficulty in reporting expenditures for an event that occurred four months ago, we sincerely hope that the latest release date, Feb. 5, will actually bring us the figures we have frequently requested.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Out and About

Dear Editor,
As the new student leaders of the Gay and Lesbian Association, we want to extend an open invitation to all the gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning students at St. Mary's. We know you're out there and we want to provide an appropriate welcome. GALA provides a safe place to come together, meet new people, discuss our concerns and create a stable presence for ourselves on campus. We all know how isolating and difficult it can be to be gay here sometimes.

Our first couple of meetings this year have generated a lot of great ideas for social and educational events for ourselves as well as the general SMC community. We're dedicated to increasing our visibility on campus while also meeting our own needs for fellowship and support. If any of this sounds like a good idea to you, gay or straight, you're welcome at our meetings. We gather the first and third Mondays of every month at 5:15pm. We respect everyone's right to privacy and confidentiality and strive to create as "safe" a space as possible. Feel free to just come and listen one evening. For more information, call x4354 or e-mail us at <gala@stmarys-ca.edu>.

Nathan Cuthbert, President
Theresa Stein, Vice President
Rachel Fishler, Secretary/
Organizer

Stop the Stereotypes

Dear Editor,
I want to congratulate Greg McWilliams on the fact that his enlightening little piece, entitled, "Women And Their Abilities To Manipulate Men," made it past the COLLEGIAN's editors and onto the pages of our newspaper. Mr. McWilliams' first sentence begins, "I know about women for a very simple reason...." Greg, honey, do you have a degree in female psychology? Are you, or have you ever been a woman? Then you could not possibly know enough about women to write an entire article about the female psyche. As it stands, your article consists more of misogynistic myth than truth, but, to give you the benefit of the doubt, we will take a little trip through your charming creation to see if you have anything worthwhile to say.

The first point that Greg makes is, "Irrationality is Logical." Under this heading, he says such things as, "Emotional response is central to a girl's life," and that what girls do best is "obsess over boys and scream." I know many WOMEN who are superb thinkers and amazing athletes, not to mention the brilliant sociologists, linguists, communicators, mathematicians, scientists, and writers with whom I am privileged to be friends, so obviously these statements are untrue. He then describes the sort of man that he feels women are attracted to, including "handsome guys with a sense of humor" (Yes, most people do like to be around attractive, stimulating people, and this shows no lack of judgment on the woman's part. Congratulations! You made one correct statement in your entire article!) and "Young men who will tell any lie necessary to make young women feel good about themselves." Duh, Greg. If someone is told her whole life, verbally and by example, that she is an irrational, overly emotional, illogical being and that, therefore, nothing that she says or does is at all worthwhile, she will



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most likely have a low enough sense of self-esteem to believe the crap that some guy tries to feed her. The statements that Mr. McWilliams has made reinforce the stereotypes that women have long worked to eradicate.

McWilliams' next point, "Manipulation of males is a hardwired ability," was another choice tidbit. The stereotype of the manipulative woman is all over literature and film. One would think that they are there to warn our honest, upstanding young men of the sort of trouble that women can cause them. Please. The b***h goddess archetype is the construct of male domination fantasy and nothing more.

Finally, my friend Greg says, "Men who like my sisters are evil." I wholeheartedly appreciate Mr. McWilliams' heroic, one-man attempt to protect the so-called "weaker sex" but frankly, I can take care of myself. The notion that women are fragile and that their blossoming virginity needs to be valiantly guarded is just another manifestation of the fear of female sexuality. This fear, for those who have not taken the time to learn anything about human history, arises from the fact that, as humans became domesticated and men formed patriarchies, the men wanted to be absolutely sure that the children that they were raising were, in fact, their own, and not a result of untrustworthy females' liaisons with other men. This idea also spawned the practice of infibulation, still mandated in certain cultures, which involves the removal of a woman's clitoris and labia and the sealing of her vagina (with thorns and resultant scar tissue) so that there is an opening only large enough for urine and menstrual blood to pass through, and the woman must be surgically "opened" before intercourse. This painful, debilitating practice definitely puts a damper on sexual pleasure and therefore controls the morally deficient

woman's raging sexual urges.

By the way, Greg, in your article, you seem to identify very strongly with PeeWee Herman. Yes, I guess you would identify with someone who was prosecuted for indecent exposure and lewd and lascivious behavior after having been caught masturbating in a pornographic theater, a public place.

I am absolutely enraged that Greg McWilliams took it upon himself to once again voice all of those damaging stereotypes that women have been trying to rise above. However, I am even more disgusted that the COLLEGIAN would even consider printing such an absurd and absolutely harmful article. Shame on all of you.

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Cultural Coverage

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the Asian Pacific American and Latino communities at St. Mary's, we are writing to express our concerns over your selection of which articles, news stories, and features to publish in the COLLEGIAN. During the fall semester, we requested coverage of various events sponsored by our offices and student organizations, namely our Heritage Month celebrations, which included our Welcome Receptions and other activities and events throughout both the Hispanic and Asian Pacific American Heritage Months, held in September and October, respectively.

Most recently, a memo dated November 13, 1997, was sent to your attention requesting a feature article on the Posada and Our Lady of Guadalupe which took place on December 2nd and December 9th. After having not heard from you for a week, a student assistant from the Office of Hispanic Student Programs placed various phone calls to you; on

Sprewell Symbolizes All That Is Wrong In Sports

Brian Stanley
Opinion Columnist

I used to love sports. I used to get a kick out of all that stuff; you know "The thrill of victory, the agony of defeat." I used to watch Magic, Joe and Ozzie and dream the dream that all kids dream; "why the hell can't I do that?" But, this phrase has been replaced by, "why the hell would I want to do that?"

It takes an iron stomach and a lot of moral constitution to be a sports fan these days. The Dallas Cowboys during their championship runs of the early nineties unabashedly flaunted their lawless, licentious behavior as evidenced by the cases of drug abuse and sexual assault by megastars Leon Lett, Michael Irvin, and Eric Williams. In hockey, the heated rivalry between the Colorado Avalanche and the Detroit Red Wings usually results in more bloody fights than points. And I probably don't need to remind you of Mike Tyson's carnivorous snack-attack on Evander Holyfield's ear (at least we know he's a meat eater). In basketball, though,

there seems to be a freelance mayhem possessing the entire league. Every night, ESPN reports on a fight or a punishment handed down by the league for the thuggish behavior of its players. Dennis Rodman kicked a cameraman, hit a player in the groin and headbutted a referee, in one year. Charles Barkley spat in the face of a fan, and threw a guy through a glass window. Allen Iverson got caught with drugs and a gun in his car and J.R. Rider did too.

Clearly the NBA is no worse than the rest. But last summer, sportswriters reported that National Basketball Association Commissioner David Stern was finally "ready to do something dramatic" about the child like behavior of NBA athletes. Perhaps, after 50 years of coddling to its players, the NBA finally got the message—it's time to treat these overgrown kids like grown men. The NBA, unlike the NHL, MLB, or NFL, admitted it had a problem. Most psychologists would consider this the first step toward recovery. The first chance to test the new policy came when all-star guard

Latrell Sprewell of the Golden State Warriors attacked his coach, P. J. Carlesimo. Told to put some zip into his passes during a practice, Sprewell seized Carlesimo by the neck and tried to zip him up. For 15 seconds he throttled him about the head until he was scraped off of P.J. He left and showed, then returned and punched Carlesimo and threatened to kill him before he was dragged away. The Warriors suspended Sprewell for ten days and then terminated his contract about two days too late. Then the NBA's new zero-tolerance policy kicked in, and, where the league traditionally would have lightly slapped Sprewell on the wrist they, suspended Sprewell. Then the inevitable started to happen. Sprewell's name became used in the same sentence with "unfair treatment." People questioned Carlesimo's "in your face" style of coaching. Former players like Rod Strickland said it was "inevitable that someone stand up to P.J." Even civil rights lawyers like Willie Brown said "maybe his boss needed to be choked." Then came the "press conference" in

which Sprewell, flanked by current Warriors and a team of nine defense attorneys, issued a formal apology, and depicted himself as a victim (no surprise here). He was the injured party. He explained that he was a "good person" who "had never had any situation like this come up before." (Despite the fact that a couple of years ago, he came after a teammate with a two-by-four and threatened to kill him, too.) He said at one point, "My career didn't happen overnight, and I don't think it should have been taken away from me overnight." If I punched my college head football coach, (perish the thought) not only would I have been arrested but kicked out of my beloved SMC. Tony Komheiser caught the new mood in his Washington Post column: "Nobody's talking about choking the coach anymore, are they? Now they're talking about 'fundamental fairness' for the player."

For Sprewell and the NBA Players Association the "Fundamental Fairness" being sought was a return to the initial 10-game suspension. But that would be a signal that the

league's old policy of minor penalties for schoolyard behavior was returning. The whole point of a one-year suspension was to start changing the culture of the league by demonstrating a no-tolerance policy toward violence. If the league allows itself to be bullied by the likes of Latrell Sprewell, then the league should just let players carry knives, guns and clubs onto the court and just shoot Michael Jordan when he starts driving to the lane (maybe that way the Sonics could win the championship). But let's face the facts; Sprewell will probably be playing ball next year for a better team, making more money...how sad. Nevertheless, the NBA made the right decision and should stick with it—doing otherwise would signal that this or any other attempt to force athletes to grow up is really over.

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LETTERS CONTINUED

November 24th, you informed the student that there were no COLLEGIAN staff members available to cover this article at such late request. Be informed that the memo was sent to you six days before the submission deadline for the last Fall issue of the COLLEGIAN which was circulated on November 26th. Also, keep in mind that you did not speak with the student assistant until November 24th and only because she called you!

Although there were many stories to cover this past fall such as Bro. Craig's inauguration, our Heritage Month events and activities deserved equal recognition and press coverage. The President of the United States issued a proclamation which calls upon the American public to nationally observe these Heritage Months. We do not understand why our activities were denied publicity. We are especially appalled that our own college newspaper did not support our efforts to outreach to the broader SMC community. A reporter from the *Contra Costa Sun* took the time and initiative to conduct thorough interviews about the significance of our cultures and importance of celebrating these festivities. Where were the COLLEGIAN reporters?

In conversations with you, we are disturbed with your definition of what is "newsworthy," and "renowned." Your judgment of what is to be selected and prioritized (or for that matter, not selected nor prioritized) makes for our communities' feelings of disenfranchisement and marginalization. In fact, 35% of the Asian Pacific American students polled in a recent survey believe that acknowledgment of the Asian Pacific American presence is poorly recognized and promoted by campus media, including the COLLEGIAN. Moreover, your admittance of not having read the memo concerning the Posada and having passed it on to the Calendar editor is unprofessional and irresponsible!

For your information, our respective student populations represent 14% Hispanic and 12% Asian Pacific American of the total traditional undergraduate student body. Obviously, these percentages are significant! We are a visible presence on campus which the COLLEGIAN chooses to dismiss.

It is a grave disservice for the COLLEGIAN to have ignored a his-

torical occasion for the Asian Pacific American community at St. Mary's, given that this was their first heritage month commemoration and the inauguration of the Office of Asian Pacific American Student Programs.

In light of these shortcomings, our communities expect the COLLEGIAN to honor and value our collective presence and experiences. These cultural events contribute to the liberal arts, Catholic, and Lasallian traditions of our institution by broadening cultural knowledge, upholding religious and spiritual development, and reaching out to people of all races and classes. We hope that the COLLEGIAN agrees with and supports our objectives.

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Christ in Us

Dear Editor,

Professor Halperin (COLLEGIAN, November 26, 1997) points out that Professor Malary's "deconstruction" of the monument dedicated to the loving memory of the aborted rests on his interpretation of the principles to which St. Mary's is dedicated. Given Professor Malary's concern for democratic process, we should consider the monument's message in light of the College's Mission Statement, which was adopted by the Board of Trustees only after review by all College constituencies and ratification by a faculty vote.

The Statement reads in relevant part: "The Mission of St. Mary's College is to probe deeply the mystery of existence by cultivating the ways of knowing and the arts of thinking ... [and] ... to affirm and foster the Christian understanding of the human person which animates the educational mission of the Catholic Church." These are inseparable goals. As the Statement asserts: liberation of the mind to probe existence is achieved when faculty and students, "led by wonder about the nature of reality," together pursue the liberal arts. The Statement unites this animating wonder to the Christian understanding of person, declaring:

Saint Mary's College holds that the mystery which inspires wonder about the nature of existence is revealed in the person of Jesus

Christ giving a transcendent meaning to creation and human existence. Nourished by its Christian faith, the College understands the intellectual and spiritual journeys of the human person to be inextricably connected (emphases added above).

The College's intellectual-spiritual mission is to embrace all existence through the person of Christ. St. Mary conceived in her womb, as human flesh, the Logos through and for Whom all is and is intelligible. Hence, the words of John Paul II's *Gospel of Life* are particularly relevant here.

It is precisely in the "flesh" of every person that Christ continues to reveal himself and to enter into fellowship with us, so that rejection of human life, in whatever form that rejection takes, is really a rejection of Christ.

To reject the unborn is to reject Christ, the mystery of existence in person, and is, accordingly, incompatible with the College's mission. It is fitting that, as a Lasallian college, St. Mary's public profession of the intellectual life is inextricably bound to acceptance of the weakest, least favored among us. The Knights of Columbus deserve congratulation for erecting a monument which underscores the College's democratically ratified mission, "... to affirm and foster the Christian understanding of the human person

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Volleyball Error

Dear Editor,

My teammates and I were both shocked and angry when we turned to the November 12 COLLEGIAN article titled, "Volleyball Ends Season on Losing Note." No, it was not Andrea-Cosyns' uplifting title we were concerned with; but rather her glaring error stating that our volleyball season had ended on November 8th. (It actually ended November 22nd)

By the time this letter is published, the volleyball season will be long over. But, I must ask Miss Cosyns where in the world she received her information, considering our season did not end for another two full weeks (with five remaining games). Of these five games, SMC volleyball still had three more home games to be played the week after Cosyns

stated our season had ended. It is hard enough to draw fans to a volleyball game at St. Mary's, and we sure could have done without a COLLEGIAN article misinforming the whole student body that our season was prematurely over.

Fortunately, someone at the COLLEGIAN noticed this error, as Jim Bucci had an extensive article covering our last five matches in the November 26 issue. But, this recognition was overshadowed by the COLLEGIAN's omission of Abby Waller's (women's volleyball) name from its list of senior athletes in this same issue.

It is not surprising the COLLEGIAN was advertising, "Wanted: Sports Writers" in both of these issues. This lack of attention to detail in coverage of a Division I college sport is both frustrating and unprofessional.

*Julie Grieve
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Editor's Note: The COLLEGIAN sincerely apologizes for omitting Abby Waller's name from the Senior Athlete's list in the November 26 issue.

Yearbook Apology

Dear Editor,

LISA SMITH DIED AND THE ENTIRE CAMPUS CARES! That's the truth of the matter. The death of Lisa Smith this past summer touched the lives of every single member of the St. Mary's community, and especially the lives of those who knew her.

Lisa was a valued member of the *Gael* yearbook staff, and we resent the implication that we did not care about her life. When news of her murder reached us, we immediately began work on a memorial for her in the 1996-1997 book, however, we encountered many obstacles. As Ms. Lee pointed out in her letter last issue, the tragic event occurred very close to our final publication deadline. However, what limited us even further was the fact that the friends of Lisa whom we contacted were either unable or unwilling to assist us. A request was made for a picture and information on her life to be given to us for the memorial page, however, we were told that it was "too painful" so soon after her death. Now, we are in no way faulting Lisa's friends for this; in fact, we completely sympathize with their feelings, but in the ab-

sence of additional information, we were forced to proceed with what we had. And we truly feel that the end result was a very nicely done remembrance of a valued member of St. Mary's and the *Gael* staff.

As far as the issue of pictures is concerned, as we explained to Ms. Lee during our meeting, we receive hundreds of picture donations every year to the book and it is impossible to use them all. We do make a conscious effort to get as many faces in the book as possible, but we cannot get them all in. In addition, it is true that we look for photos of students doing things, not just sitting and smiling for the camera. All of these factors and more led to the fact that the four pictures Ms. Lee and her friends submitted were not used. It was in no way a deliberate slight or meant as an insult in any way; it is simply a part of the process of putting together a yearbook.

Everything else aside, we are disappointed with the way Ms. Lee handled the entire situation. When she first appeared in our offices, she presented herself as a student with questions about donated pictures. It was not until we asked if there was anything else we could help her with that Lisa's name ever came up. And once it had, and we discussed extensively the reasons for the way it was handled last year and what further could be done, we asked if she was feeling better about the whole thing or if there was anything else we could do to help. Her response was that everything was fine—she left the office with us under the impression that everything had been settled to everyone's agreement, which was obviously not the case. We simply wish that Ms. Lee had the courage to come directly to us with the fact that she was still dissatisfied; we would have been more than happy to assist her in any way possible.

We would like to send our deepest apologies for the error in the date of Lisa's death that appeared on the memorial page. This was obviously a gross error on our part, and we do feel very bad that we did not catch the mistake.

If anyone has any further questions or comments concerning the Lisa Smith memorial or anything else, please feel free to contact us at x4673.

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Right to Light: a Personal Choice?

Valerie Bourquin
Opinion Writer

Another new year and with it comes another new law. The biggest problem is that every year there is a new law, yet each year the laws seem less and less effective. As most of the students at St. Mary's were ringing in the new year, many Californian bartenders and waitresses were celebrating the new law which forbids smoking in bars. I understand the positive aspects of this law, but my major concern with this law is the enforcement of such a personal choice, a cherished freedom.

For this law, all bartenders and waitresses can do to enforce it is ask the person to put out the cigar or cigarette. If the person refuses to extinguish the item, there is nothing left for the bartender/waitress to do. But, if they really want to stop the smoking in their place of business, they would have to call the Health Department and wait for them. If the Health Department does decide to do something, they would go to the bar with a law enforcement officer and the person would receive a ticket.

Let's ask what is wrong here? The problem is that by the time the Health Department actually goes to the bar that is having trouble with smoking, a couple of days have passed and the person that was smoking may not be there.

Another thing that is happening is that there are several bars who have decided not to be a part of this new ban on smoking. They are open for business and encourage you to smoke, even though they are risking putting themselves in a position to be fined.

Bars have always been a haven for smokers, a place to relax from the worries of the world. Banning smoking in bars is just a further step in taking away our freedom. First, the ban on smoking in the workplace, made the

Do Smokers Have The Right?

ten-minute cigarette break impossible unless you can escape outside. Now a ban on the one place where it was acceptable to smoke with your pals.

Watch out for next year's new law...the next step in taking away our freedom may be prohibiting smoking in our own homes, or banning smoking outdoors. After all, if we can't smoke in bars, where can we smoke?

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Concern for Health of Others

Heather McCourtie
Op / Ed Editor

As of January 1, 1998 California became the first state to pass a law which requires restaurants and bars to become smoke-free. Exempt from the law passed in 1995 that banned smoking in the workplace, the ban on bars and restaurants offers hope to the large percent of Californians who do not smoke.

those who do not smoke. It is beneficial to the bartenders and waitresses who are at risk to heart disease, lung cancer and other diseases that can simply be prevented by providing an atmosphere free from secondhand smoke. The fact that a secondhand smoker is more at risk than a direct smoker is substantial grounds for creating such a law.

No one should have to suffer the effects of secondhand smoke, especially the people whose living is made in a smoky environment. Even if the waitress smoked herself, consuming a large quantity of secondhand smoke over a long shift largely increases her chance of being afflicted with the diseases about which the Surgeon General warns us. Two hours in a smoky bar is like smoking four cigarettes to those inhaling the secondhand smoke.

As Americans, we are granted many freedoms. Smoking is a freedom, but spending time, whether relaxing or working, in a smoke-free environment should be a freedom as well. Only when we show compassion for the health of others will this new law become successful.

Smoking is a personal choice. Nevertheless, when it starts to affect those around you, the choice does not belong to the smoker; the choice should be one for the common good, that being the health and happiness of others.

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Pocket Change: Pennies, Nickels, Dimes Don't Go As Far Now-a-days

Fawn Sutherland
Managing Editor

The commencement of the new year has brought me to the realization that my pockets are rapidly shrinking. I don't mean to say that my pants are too small; they still fit just fine.

However, every time I reach into my pocket for some spare change, all I seem to produce is the truant lint from my last wash. What has happened to the spare change that used to hang out in my pants' pockets, like a teenager at a bar with a fake I.D.? Obviously, it has been forced to find a new home. The recent increase in the demand for California residents' pocket change has caused my pennies, nickels, dimes, and

quarters to turn "tails" and run.

These days I often think back to the lazy summer days that my father recalls from his childhood. Days when just a penny went a long way, and fifty cents was a fortune. As the current generation of youth, we salivate over the prices of fifty years ago. So many times I've heard my father recall his summers in South Carolina where on fifty cents alone, he could see a movie and enjoy refreshments too. We are reminded of these times in classic movies, like *Easter Parade*, where a character could sit down in a diner and have a full course dinner of roast beef and all its trimmings for only fifteen cents. Talk about inflation! Today we'd be lucky if we could get a roast beef meal at Denny's for five bucks.

Sadly, our generation has not been blessed with the same advantages as our parents. Instead, as the cost of life has risen, the value of the dollar has fallen. Now one might even ask oneself, "What value?" Pocket change is a thing of the past. What pennies once were to our parents, dollars now are to us. Rarely do we find a price that includes pennies or dimes without the inclusion of a number in the dollar's place. Its no wonder that the government has actually considered discontinuing the penny.

Recently the attack on spare change has stepped into the spotlight. With rising Bay Area toll costs, many local residents and commuters have found themselves scraping for enough to satisfy the new two dollar toll charge. Perhaps if it had

been less of a financial leap, we might find it easier to produce the two bills. However, the toll price has doubled, and Bay Area frequents have been left to fend for themselves. Take a moment and think to the money you have on you right now. Would you be able to pay the toll? I might if they'd allow me to search under the seats of my car for the latest nickels and dimes that have escaped me. And if I just made a coffee run, forget it. What do they do to people who can't pay the toll? Are they stuck within the confines of the Bay Area for life?

On top of the rising toll, we've also had to face an increase in the cost of a public phone call. That's right, if you haven't noticed yet, a simple quarter will no longer suffice. Now we have to produce a quarter and a

dime. With the original price of a pay phone call at twenty cents, the phone companies made a nice little tip with our continuous failure to produce two dimes. Instead our laziness has always prevailed and we've repeatedly tipped the phone company an extra five cents with our quarters. Now with the ingenious manipulation of the phone companies, the new thirty five cent charge, we'll be tossing in two quarters instead of just one. Our gratuitous contribution to the phone company will, most likely, total fifteen cents. No longer will country western singer, Travis Tritt be able to utter the words, "Here's a quarter, call someone who cares."

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"Tell Me Lies" More Than an 80's Rock Plea

Greg McWilliams
Staff Writer

To some music fans, that may just be part of a hit Fleetwood Mac song from 1987. But in reality, it's a simple request we all have. Forget all of that St. Mary's talk about truth, honesty, blah, blah, blah. That's not what anyone wants.

Basically, we should all lie, lie, lie like a bearskin rug on a hardwood floor, baby. Now, before the morality police jump on my back, let me present some simple truths to promote the greatness of lying.

True, our society is one where honesty is lifted up as being paramount. But let's face it: If young George Washington fessed up to chopping down the cherry tree now, he'd have a posse of the more-determined environmentalists calling for his head, the rotten little logger. Yep, times have changed. So where does that leave us? Telling the truth, or telling people what they want to hear? As far as I'm concerned, tell me what I want to hear and throw the truth out the window.

Which brings me to the reason this column is focused on this subject: Last week I inad-

vertently heard someone I know pretty well tell some other people what they really thought about me. And much as I wanted stop listening, I had already heard a fraction of it, and figured I'd kick myself if I didn't listen to the whole thing. So I had to stay put and listen to the cold, hard truth.

Could I have done without it? You betcha. Because now that I have it, I have no idea what to do with it. Ignore it and pretend I didn't hear it? That's been my approach, in essence perpetuating the lie, which I wish had never been disproved.

Now, you may be saying, "sure mean things should probably be kept under the cloak of a lie." "No, you're not fat at all." "No, that zit does not make it look like you have a third nostril." "Yes, I love that stench emanating from your room. It's very nice." But our lying should go much further than that. I can only think of four groups who should definitely tell the truth: doctors, people involved in legal investigations/trials, people involved in relationships of the romantic kind, and people deal-

ing with money. (Politicians should also tell the truth, but that's a lost cause, so why bother?)

Anybody else? Go ahead. A little fib won't hurt anyone. For instance: Good lie-All dorms can expect their phones working at the end of the first week of school-the day being September 3. Bad truth-I'm fooling with the Centrex system on September 20 wondering if this is some new phone innovation.

The lie (telephone connection!) made me a lot happier than the truth (telephone connection for everyone but me, and this guy down the hall). The problem arose when the lie was discovered, which brings up the qualifier to this topic: If you're not going to get away with the lie, don't bother.

In the case of my little friend, that means you need to work on the "behind my back" element of talking about me behind my back. But if you can get away with it, by all means, go for it.

Sure, the truth is out there. But those of us who are wise know not to go there. Let Mulder and Scully stick their

noses in it. They're welcome to it.

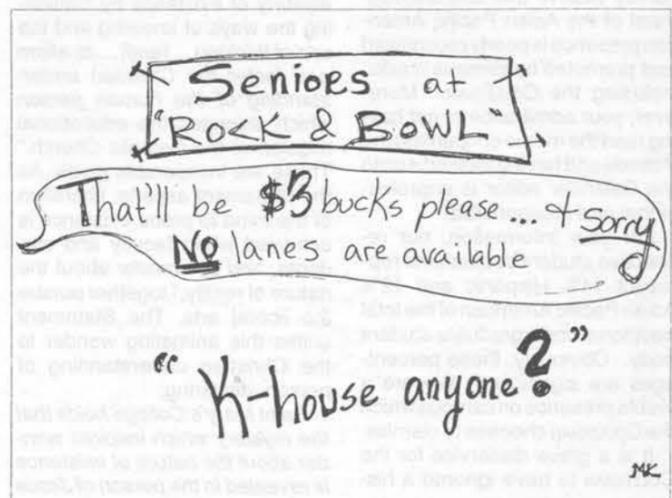
One final example: Jim Carrey had a big hit with "Liar, Liar" last spring. Do you really think it was because of his body-contorting, mind-numbing overacting? Puh-leeze. There was a reason it did better than his other flicks. It was all in the basic comic premise: someone telling the truth. Never mind a lawyer telling a truth; most of the truths he told go beyond that simple profession

to things we all lie about, and rightfully so.

Tell the truth? Now that's funny.

The truth definitely has its place, but it shouldn't be one of the greatest principles we have. When it comes down to it, much of the time honesty should take the back seat to a well-placed lie.

And that's the truth. *Greg McWilliams is a Communication Major graduating in the year 1999.*



Michelle Kross

Fortnightly Report

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



•Clinton Questioned Under Oath

President Clinton testified in Washington on Saturday about the sexual harassment allegations in the Paula Jones case. Clinton spent six hours under oath answering questions about whether he propositioned Jones in a Little Rock, Arkansas hotel in 1991.

•Inspection Team Out

The United Nations ordered an American-led weapon inspection team to leave Iraq last week. Russia and France offered to provide more of their inspectors to the U.N. in order to respond to Iraqi criticism that there are too many Americans on the teams.

•Whitewater Continues

Hillary Clinton was questioned by Whitewater prosecutors at the White House about the gathering of FBI files on past Republican appointees. The First Lady reportedly denied any role. It was the fifth time she was questioned under oath in the Starr inquiry.

•Fountain of Youth?

Last week University of Texas researchers reported finding an enzyme that inhibits cell aging. The research may lead to treatment that, while not prolonging life, could keep people healthier longer.

•Youth Anti-Smoking Bill Requested

President Bill Clinton informed Congressional Republicans that he wants strong bipartisan legislation to decrease teen smoking and to financially penalize all tobacco companies that do not comply.

•Thawing Out

Although the bad weather continued, repair crews in Canada attempted to restore power to more than 1.5 million people after last week's ice storms. Power companies estimated that 30,000 utility poles and 300 transmission towers must be replaced.

•So Close, Yet So Far

The San Francisco 49ers returned to the NFC championship game only to be defeated by the Green Bay Packers for a chance to play in Superbowl. The Packers will face the AFC Champion Denver Broncos in the Superbowl in San Diego on Sunday.

THE NEWS

Speaking About Service

Colloquium focuses on the common good and human rights; LEO Director gives keynote address

By Sapna Gandhi
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

Amidst the downpour on Wednesday, January 14 the St. Mary's Community brushed aside their busy schedules to acknowledge civic rights and responsibilities. The day was filled with discussions, panels, and speakers engaged in conversations over the political, economical, and humanitarian stances on human rights and aiding the common good.



Senior Brian Stanley at "Using Your Education for the Common Good"

Damon Tigne



Left to Right: Berkeley Professor of Sociology Stephen Hartnett, Editor of "Street Spirit" Terry Messman, and poet Julia Vinograd.

Damon Tigne

The day began at 10:00am, with a continental breakfast for all the speakers and faculty members. President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, PhD. and Academic Vice President William Hynes commenced the events with a welcome speech. Following the introduction was keynote speaker Bro. Christopher Bassen, Director of Lasallian Educational Opportunities, better known as the LEO Project. Students were then welcomed to ask questions of the response panel, which consisted of two members of the community, a St. Mary's Alumni, and a present student.

After breaking for lunch, speaker Director of Public Education Kevin Danaher presented the advantages education provided in developing a stronger

community. A panel responded to the speaker and answered questions, this time including professor of economics from Pomona College, Eleanor Brown, SMC Graduate Business Professor, Andrew Williams, and student Brian Stanley.

Workshops commenced in the afternoon. Students had the option of attending one workshop out of the three offered. "Working For Profit And For Good" discussed the economics aspects of the need to aid the destitute. "Drugs, Crime And Homelessness" was another forum which discussed the impact of the prison system on education and homelessness. Editor of "Street Spirit," Terry Messman, and poet, Julia Vinograd presented ways in which the arts can aid the unfortunate and have positive repercussions on society. "A Volunteering Community" introduced several outreach programs, volunteering organizations, and occupations that offer help and hope to communities around the Bay Area.

The last speaker Charles Harry, Chair of the Berkeley Department of African Studies, highlighted some of the struggles in civil rights and human rights in this country.

The day concluded with a dinner and service fair sponsored by the Career Development Center.



Mickey Clements speaks of his experiences in Greenville, Alabama as a Lasallian volunteer.

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New Requirement Sought

Diversity Task Force works to expand curriculum requirements

By Megan Ball
Events Editor

Do members of the St. Mary's community feel that the campus is an exclusive or an inclusive institution? Do the established frameworks build proper outlets for dialogue on diversity and its changing roles? Have people crossed hierarchical lines to openly discuss their experiences? Members of the Diversity Task Force work arduously to bring these and other pressing issues into the light.

When asked why the Diversity Task Force is vital to the campus, Senior Kim Wesolowski responded, "I wish that the Diversity Task Force was not needed. The fact of the matter is that, although there has been progress in diversifying St. Mary's, there is much more work to be done so that our differences will be valued."

The Diversity Task Force, co-chaired by Professors Scott Myers-Lipton and Colette Fleuridas, started in late 1994 after Lee Mun Wah, director and producer of "The Color of Fear," came to the campus. Founded on the basis of concerns expressed by students of color that their needs were not being met, the Task Force dedicates itself not only to evaluating the campus dynamics but also to pro-actively and ardently facilitating group discussions of key issues, responding to the changing demands of faculty, students, and staff and celebrating social unity and ethnic, and cultural diversity. The Task Force has also moved its focus to include not only gender issues, but also gay and lesbian issues. Members of GALA appeared at the latest meeting to show support and provide input.

Professor Myers-Lipton noted the Task Force as a place for everyone interested in the issues. All students are encouraged to voice their opinions and share their ideas for the future. They are welcome to attend both general meetings and subcommittee meetings.

The Task Force consists of four instrumental sub-committees, each with respective faculty or student chairs or co-chairs. The sub-committees include the Lamont Madden Book Fund, Diversify the Faculty, Diversify the Curriculum, and Diversity Training and Education Sub-Committees.

This past year, the Lamont Madden Book Fund purchased sixty students their books. The read-a-thon serves to raise funds for these books. It also provides St. Mary's students with the opportunity to read and discuss diverse texts not included in traditional seminars. For the first time the

Informal Curriculum of the Seminar Program will attend the read-a-thon in March, making it more institutional than in the past.

In February of last year, the Diversity Task Force spurred the "Celebrating Diversity Committee." Appointed by former President Brother Mel Anderson, FSC, this committee, which has been latent for the past three years, reviews the guidelines specified in the "Celebrating Diversity" document of May, 1991 and communicates their evaluations to the larger Diversity Task Force. It plans to collect final data over the next four weeks and deliver a progress report and recommendations in light of the "Celebrating Diversity" document, which included specific guidelines on training, recruitment, and demographics. The committee embodies faculty, staff, administrators, one alumnus and one student.

Most recently, the Diversity Task Force has proposed a fundamental change to the curriculum, whereby, in order to graduate, all students must take at least one class based on the culture or history of a non-European tradition. Kim Wesolowski, co-founder of the Lamont Madden Book Fund, INVST student, president of APASA, and active member of the "Celebrating Diversity" committee, devised a petition to support the change in the curriculum on behalf of APASA, BSU, and MECHA. Over 500 students signed the petition, including ASSMC President, Glenn Vandenberg. Wesolowski commented, "Both Santa Clara University and USF have a similar general education requirement, and, to stay competitive, St. Mary's should implement this proposal." The Academic Senate is due to vote on the proposal in February,

which, if passed, will move to the Academic Vice President for approval, and then for final approval by the President.

Another recent development is the upcoming "Common Ground" conference due to come together in February of this year. This gathering, open to all faculty, staff, administrators and students, will provide a welcoming, safe place for both large group and small group discussions and experiential, trust-building activities. Senior Maria Capitelli, remarked on the event, "We hope that such an all-inclusive product will bring the community together, create action plans, and encourage future dialogue and other larger-scale projects." Capitelli also noted the enthusiasm of the administration and department heads and their willingness to help offset costs for the event. Thus far, almost fifty-percent of the funds needed for facilitators and other expenses have been raised. A fee for participants will also help offset the costs. Passes will be made available to those who cannot meet the minimum fee requirement.

The meetings for the Diversity Task Force take place 11:45am to 1:00pm in the Soda Center. Upcoming spring meetings are February 12, March 12, April 16, and May 7.

The upcoming "Common Ground" conference will take place on Saturday, February 21, 9:00am-4:00pm in the Soda Center. Registration for the campus-wide event is at 8:30am. Pre-registration is required. Contact either Maria Capitelli or Angelica Garcia for further information.

The Lamont Madden Book Fund Read-a-thon will take place on March 10, 1:00pm-4:00pm, tentatively in Hagerty Lounge.

FLOOD: Winter storm results in leaks

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Students play in water outside of Mitty Hall on Sunday.

the flooding and the slides." In his first Jan Term at St. Mary's, Freshman Bob McDaniel hasn't found the rain a nuisance; however, he finds people hypocritical. According to McDaniel, "I don't like it when people wish it would rain a lot, and then get sick of it when it does."

Scientists at the National Weather Service predict that

the El Niño pattern will persist, with clusters of storms moving rapidly through the Bay Area and across the West. The storm pattern is projected to last until mid-March. Until then, those weary of the winter storms should heed McDaniel's advice, "You just got to deal with it."

SMC CRIME BEAT

•**Jan. 5** Report of Accident-Police responded to an accident on St. Mary's road at the main entrance to the College. There were no injuries; however, both cars were towed.

•**Jan. 7** Stolen Property-A student reported that he left his backpack in St. Albert Hall Library for an hour and when the student returned the backpack was gone. The backpack contained a cell phone, notebook, a textbook and some pens.

•**Jan. 8** Cultivation of Marijuana-Two St. Mary's students were arrested for the cultivation of marijuana after a St. Mary's Public Safety Officer was called to a dorm room to investigate the smell of marijuana smoke reported by a Resident Advisor. Once inside the room, the Public Safety Officer found two plants in a steel can growing under two lamps. Moraga PD was called to the room and the resident admitted knowledge of the plants. Further investigation implicated another student. The other student admitted responsibility for bringing the plants on campus and setting them up in a friend's dorm room. Both students were booked and released.

•**Jan. 10** Confiscated Property-Police responded to campus on a report of confiscated property. A Public Safety Officer informed the police that the suspect admitted to using a sibling's I.D. card to purchase alcoholic beverages for friends on campus. The I.D. card was confiscated by a Public Safety Officer and turned in to the Moraga PD. The Public Safety Officer stated that the College would handle the discipline problem. Moraga PD took the I.D. card and mailed it to its proper owner.



Matthew Marino
Killed by a drunk driver
on September 29, 1992
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Jessica Dold

Students returning to campus after Winter Break were greeted with upgraded technology in the St. Albert Hall Library Academic Computer Lab. Over the vacation, the lab received a fresh coat of paint and a much needed upgrade, as 26 new Dell and 8 new Macintosh computers were installed by the College on December 15. The 7% technology initiative launched by President Bro. Craig Franz and his council funded the upgrade. The new computers are networked to the campus LAN and run current software, like Windows 95. According to Manager of the Academic Computer Labs Robin Cimino, complaints are on the decline and student response has been strong. "There have been a few technical problems, but on the whole, it's been great." —R.S.

DONATION: Anonymous donor bestows gift

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proximately 8 to 9 months before groundbreaking can begin.

Depending on available space, a single building (which would be larger than Galileo) or several individual buildings may go into construction. The project location is still in deliberation, but the Power Plant, Poplar Grove, and the Sports building at the far end of Poplar Grove are the three sites in mind. The College plans to continue to use the old labs in Galileo and Sichel Hall as a science facility by converting the old Chemistry and Biology labs into Physics, Math, and Computer Science quarters. But due to the anonymity of the donor, a name for the new building is stationary until the issue is further discussed.

Some of the current science labs were created as far back as seventy years ago in 1928. The labs have been known for their deficiency of computer wiring, power outages, poor ventilation, space shortages, inadequate lighting, and ant problems. Professor of Biology, Gerard Capriulo, Ph.D., said, "The old facilities are inadequate for the teaching purpose of the student/faculty driven research. This will bring

us into the 21st century." Senior Chemistry major, Todd Harrop added, "I think it's great. I think it's about time, considering the interest in science majors have increased."

If the time line goes well, the current freshmen and sophomores will be the first to break in the new center.

Sophomore, Patrica Pargett, a dual Chemistry and Biology major stated, "I'm excited to get a new science building. I think the current building has really just gotten old—sometimes the Bunsen Burners and steam baths won't work."

Lupita Sanchez, a Sophomore Psychology major added, "St. Mary's has an accredited reputation and they need to live up to that reputation. I think it's great they're catching up with the technology."

Professor of Biology, Margaret Field, Ph.D., explained the difficulty of trying to maintain a lab that needs a variety of high tech pieces of equipment, "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," she said. She also expressed her gratitude to the donor, "We're delighted. It was a gift from heaven. Bro. Craig described the donor as an angel on earth; we agree."

Death Penalty Sought in Smith Case

By Fawn Sutherland
Managing Editor

Recently, in Oakland, Alameda County announced its intention to pursue the death penalty for the man charged with the murder of St. Mary's College student, Lisa Aline Smith.

Marques Lott, the accused murderer, admitted full responsibility for the death of Smith during police questioning.

Lott stabbed and robbed Smith as she walked to her apartment from the Rockridge BART Station on June 10. The police were lead to Lott through phone calls he made from Smith's cellular phone, which police say he stole from her following the stabbing.

Lott, who had been released from prison just two months prior to the death of Smith for car theft, is eligible for the death penalty due to the special circumstances surrounding Smith's murder. Because Lott is accused of murder during the course of a robbery, the sentence of the death penalty has become a very likely possibility.

Currently the Alameda County District Attorney's office is building the case against Lott. A trial date is not anticipated for approximately two years.

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Jan Term, Women's Studies, Antro-Soc, and Politics present:

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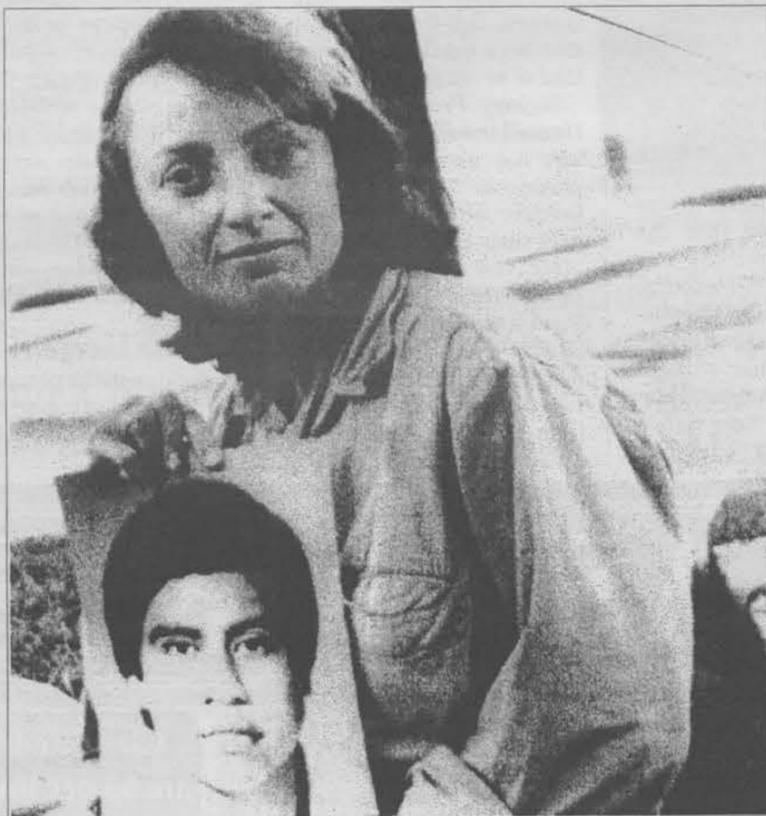
A Talk by Jennifer Harbury, activist

Human rights activist Jennifer Harbury is the author of *Searching for Evarado*, a chronicle of her campaign to learn the truth about the disappearance of her husband, a prominent Mayan leader in the Guatemalan civil war. Using her own case as an illustration, Harbury discusses the seventeen year struggle against the notoriously repressive CIA-backed Guatemalan military.

Thursday, January 22

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CALENDAR

January

- Wed 1/21** From "Ballistic Femme" and other works, Solo Theatre by Marie Carter, poet and performer
Soda Center 7:00pm
- Thurs 1/22** "The CIA and Human Rights Violations," Talk by activist Jennifer Harbury
Soda Center 7:30pm
- Men's Basketball vs. Gonzaga, 7:30pm
- Fri 1/23** "St. Petersburg and the Splendor of Russian Culture," Slide show presentation by Robert Shaw
Garaventa 140 9:15am
- Sat 1/24** Men's Basketball vs. Portland, 3:00pm
- Sun 1/25** Community Outreach Committee sponsors Senior Citizen Brunch
All invited to visit and share talents.
Claeys Lounge, Soda Center 10:00am
- Women's Softball vs. Humbolt State, 12:00pm
- Men's baseball vs. Nevada, 1:00pm
- Women's Tennis vs. Hawaii, 12:00pm
- Tues 1/27** "Assisted Suicide and the Right to Die," Panel with J. Randall Andrada, Esq.
Soda Center 7:30pm
- Wed 1/28** "Voices," in concert
The San Fransisco vocal ensemble performs a cappella.
Soda Center 7:30pm
- Thurs 1/29** Women's Basketball vs. Loyola Marymount, 7:30pm
- Fri 1/30** APASA ski trip takes off to South Lake Tahoe (contact Kim Wesolowski for details)
- Sat 1/31** Women's Basketball vs. Pepperdine, 7:30pm

CLASS: A really really long article

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upper division options.

While some departments were not significantly affected by the recent reduction in course options, other departments found themselves at a great disadvantage. For the Spring semester the Biology department was obligated to cancel an Embryology class, in order to be able to offer an upper division Bio Statistics course, which was in great demand. As a result, there are some Biology majors who will not be able to graduate with their class, unless they receive a waiver for the canceled course. Biology Professor Allan Hansell describes this situation as "not tolerable," and claims that it is the department's intent to excuse those students in question from part of their major requirements, even though it will mean compromising the quality of a complete St. Mary's education.

Senior Koorosh Rajaei-Tehrani is a Biology major with a Chemistry minor, who, along with five of his classmates, was depending on taking Embryology, a Group II requirement for Biology majors, this Spring. Rajaei-Tehrani believes that this class was targeted due to its pattern of low enrollment. However, in addition to the six students who needed this course in order to graduate in May, there were at least seven other individuals who were also interested in the class. Rajaei-Tehrani was dismayed to find that his own personal initiative, coupled with a petition of 12 other students, six of whom were in danger of not graduating on time, was not enough to keep Embryology on the Spring registration list. Although Rajaei-Tehrani does not blame the Biology department for complying with the constraints placed upon them, he wishes the administration would "temper this mandate with reason." According to him, it makes little sense to mandate an increase in class size that physical resources will not support. Current science laboratories are designed to hold 16 students.

Chemistry Professor Steve Bachofer reported that the Chemistry department was also forced to sacrifice a course entitled "Concepts in Chemistry," for the Spring of 1998. Bachofer fears that without this class, the Chemistry department will be "less visible

and less accessible to the rest of the school." But, despite his own disappointment, Bachofer commented that it is difficult for the administration "to succeed in satisfying everyone and not end up with classes that are so small that they become economically unfeasible for the College." However, he concedes that classes which are too large can be just as harmful. Bachofer explained that in a class with 40 or more students, it is impossible to reach and engage every individual.

Professor Wilbur Chaffee of

the Politics Department echoed the same concerns. Due to the cut-backs in course selection, two Government classes, which were proposed for this spring, were left off of the scheduling roster. Chaffee defines education as "a labor intensive occupation, [making it] difficult to run a college based upon tuition." He predicts that faculty may lose the high degree of availability which they are currently able to offer their students, if the apparent trend of fewer courses and larger classes is to continue.

Part-time Faculty Debated

Faculty workload has surfaced as an issue of concern here at St. Mary's. Some departments are using part-time faculty as an answer to the question of how to decrease the faculty workload. However, this policy remains controversial, as the community debates the pros and cons of hiring more part-time professors.

According to Professor James Sauerberg of the Math Department, it is "somewhat immoral for the College to hire too many people on a part-time basis." These individuals often carry close to a full load of classes, but do not receive the benefits that go along with full-time status. According to the soon-to-be-released version of the Faculty Handbook, "ranked faculty appear on the College Rank and Tenure Roster. Normally, they are full-time employees of the College, ... [and] they hold the academic ranks of Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Full Professor." On the other hand, "non-tenure track faculty are of three types: Visiting Faculty, Adjunct Faculty and Lecturers." Under most circumstances, full-time faculty members teach an annual load of seven courses.

Biology Professor Allan Hansell insists that the College has given several departments "two very unattractive alternatives: hire part-time faculty or do not offer the course." Even though Hansell agrees that there are quality part-time faculty members and that most students would rather take a class from one of them than not take it at all, he

feels that hiring too many part-timers can "create a new set of problems."

Many part-time professors are concerned over whether or not they will have another job secured after their time at St. Mary's is over. Such concerns do not allow these faculty members to spend as much time with students, doing their own research, or simply joining in the College community. The department chairs also feel an unusual strain on their time, since some of it must regularly be devoted to replacing part-timers.

Politics Chair Professor Wilbur Chaffee has mixed views on the hiring of part-time instructors. For students, because being accepted to graduate school often largely depends upon recommendations from teachers within a particular field, it is most helpful if the professor making the recommendation has been around long enough to have earned a reputation as an asset to his or her area of expertise and to have made connections with professors in the same field at whatever graduate school to which the student happens to be applying. However, Chaffee also indicated that part-time hiring is often a wonderful opportunity to secure an expert in a particular area to come and teach at St. Mary's, even if only for one semester. Not all part-timers depend solely on temporary teaching positions to sustain themselves.

Until the College President decides on the proposal submitted last summer, the debate will continue. -J.P.

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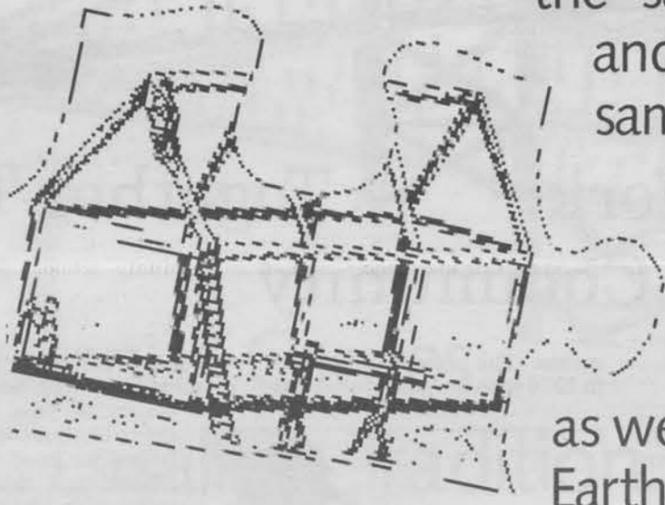
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Life *styles*

Building A Community

Community. The Webster's Dictionary defines it as a group of people residing in the same region and under the same govern-



ment; society in general. It in-



cludes men and women, the financially secure as well as the impoverished, and, yes, even Mother Earth. A strong sense of community comes from

all aspects of society joining and working toward the common good. In this issue, "Lifestyles" delves deeper into some of the ways in which people can help to change depressing statistics by becoming involved in the various organizations the Bay Area has to offer. The struggle to end destitution, environmental exploitation, and abuse against children and women continue to be battles in our society. But with a myriad of programs devoted to altering even one aspect of social problems, the public can gradually move away from these societal plagues. These



organizations offer security to those in need.

They offer hope. By actively responding to the many programs out there, people not only help build a community, but help build lives.



Greenbelt Alliance: Preserving A Better Future



An example of the rolling green hills and farmland Greenbelt tries to preserve.

Robert Carrera courtesy Greenbelt Alliance

By Cristina Cisneros
Staff Writer

Some of the most beautiful and productive lands surround the Bay Area. These lands comprise a greenbelt of nearly four million acres of parks and watersheds, farms and ranches, forests and vineyards. Greenbelt Alliance, the Bay Area's leading land conservation and urban planning non-profit organization, is working hard to protect these lands from unnecessary suburban sprawl and to make livable communities a reality.

Greenbelt Alliance has good reason to be so concerned about this greenbelt of open space which supplies fresh farm produce, provides recreational outlets and essential habitat for wildlife and plants, and helps purify the water and air. Over the next 30 years, Greenbelt Alliance estimates that over 570,000 acres of open lands (equal to 19 new San Franciscos!) could be paved to make room for more sprawl and development. Along with the disappearance of the greenbelt will come the decrease in the quality of life because roads will become more congested, air pollution will worsen, and tax dollars will be diverted to pay for costly sprawl.

Over the years, Greenbelt Alliance has accomplished a great deal in protecting open space and prompting responsible land use. To name just some of the ways Greenbelt Alliance has made a difference, it initiated the Bay Area Ridge Trail, a 400 mile loop along the Greenbelt's ridge lines. It has saved places such as Napa Valley, Pleasanton Ridge, Angel Island, various farmlands, and the San Mateo coastline by promoting open space measures. Concerned with fostering smarter growth while protecting open space, Greenbelt Alliance established urban growth boundaries around a number of Bay Area communities. Acquiring and maintaining new parks was achieved through their efforts to help raise over \$500 million.

Currently, Greenbelt Alliance is focusing their energy around the proposed Tassajara Valley and Cowell Ranch development projects, which the organization has identified as harmful projects. Evaluation of the mega-developments, which would together create 11,150 housing units over 9,000 acres of East Bay land, is not positive. Greenbelt Alliance assesses that East Bay commuters will be bottlenecked in traffic, with Cowell Ranch adding approximately 40,000 new car trips a day and Tassajara another 50,000. Furthermore, air quality will be

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REACH Stretches for Youth

By Michelle Lee
Special To the Collegian

St. Mary's College was established as a result of St. John Baptiste De La Salle's vision of serving the poor. De La Salle established the Christian Brothers in answer to the serious need for the education of the sons of the poor and working class families. Unfortunately, the problem that De La Salle witnessed in 1680 is still prevalent in today's society. In particular, people of color are living in segregated urban inner-cities. Both the high school graduation and college enrollment rates are declining.

Like De La Salle, the REACH Program recognizes a need for higher education, diversity, and equality. The REACH (Responsibility, Empowerment, Awareness and Community through Higher Education) Program will provide high school students with the skills necessary to succeed in college and give back to their communities. Senior Karla Briceño, who grew up in an inner-city, created the program and now serves as its director. Briceño says, "The goal of the program is to get students college and service oriented, and to introduce them to different avenues of life."

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LEO Tutors, Keeps Kids

By Megan Ball
Events Editor

Greeted by the smiling face and warm hand of Ms. Mildred, one enters the LEO center through the glass double doors and is immediately lured by the three immaculate rooms, world maps, posters of prominent writers and activists, astronomy charts, Leon Kennedy's artwork, student photos and awards adorning the wall, not to mention the friendly iguana!

Lasallian Educational Opportunities, opened as a non-profit organization in September 1994, stands firmly and persistently by their ultimate mission—"that the students acquire the skills and attitudes which will liberate the full realization of their human potential, enhance the attainment of their rightful place as full participants in society, and nurture their

awareness of the richness of their human dignity and that of others." The program holds the highest standards for its students, both young people and adults. LEO earnestly believes in and honors their students' competency and achievements. The center values positive reinforcements and strength and consistency in education. The center provides innumerable incentives for the students. The junior high students take their bonus points received from unraveling puzzles or reciting the vocab definition of the day very seriously! The center continually bolsters the idea that students should work for themselves to earn selective re-



St. Mary's Freshman Ida Logan, center, assists a student at the LEO Center.



Building in the

People Work Together To Create A Community

By Sapna Gandhi
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

El Niño's schizophrenic weather patterns have hit us hard this year. It's cold, wet, and just plain miserable outside. How refreshing a steaming cup of coffee or hot chocolate can be these days. How cozy you feel when you snuggle up in the Macy's comforter mom bought you for Christmas. How comfortable it is to know that those bitterly chilly nights can be cured by the click of a heating switch. These are only some of the niceties we take for granted in our everyday lives. Habitat for Humanity and Christmas in April are just two of the very dedicated community groups offering relief to low-income families.

Whether families are suffering from leaky roofs, dysfunctional heating, defective plumbing, overcrowding, or poor housing in general, Habitat builds new homes in order to provide cleaner, warmer, safer living environ-

ments. The organization began in 1976 with the goal of eliminat-

throughout the country, as well as association with 56 different countries, this nonprofit group has built over 55,000 homes for needy families. Staffed and managed locally, each affiliate raises funds locally. Financial contributions, building materials, land, and labor from churches, educational institutions, and businesses, are openly welcomed. Volunteers are men and women, young and old, skilled and unskilled.

Rather than shelling out half of one's income into renting poor housing, Habitat allows low-income families to become new homeowners at payments which fit into their budget. Families are screened and chosen by Habitat; families must fit into an income level, be capable of making payments, and have a will-



Habitat volunteers take a break from the house they're building.

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(510) 932-7776.
Email: greenbelt@igc.apc.org
www.greenbelt.org/gba

The LEO Center
3815 Telegraph Ave., on the northwest corner of Telegraph and MacArthur, in Oakland
(510) 450-0747

Dorothy Day House
Catholic Worker of Berkeley
P.O. Box 12701
Berkeley, CA 94712

(510) 466-5553
Please contact Elizabeth at (510) 232-8217, or contact Campus Ministry at 631-4366.
www.ccseb.com/ddh/ddh.html

Glide Volunteer Office
330 Ellis Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
To volunteer, contact Faye Campbell at (415) 771-4014
www.glide.org

Raphael House
www.raphaelhouse.org/
raphaelhouse/welcome.html

Habitat for Humanity
1543 Sunnyvale Avenue, Suite 101
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
(510) 933-1296

Christmas in April
1536 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 483-9081
www.meer.net/taylor/xmaapril.htm

REACH
Contacts Michelle Lee or Karla Briceño
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wards. In the past year, the center has expanded its capacity to triple its original size, acquired 29 computers and an extensive library available to the students, and increased its staff from four to eight. The facilities, impeccable, incredibly colorful and highly organized, serve a variety of the students' educational needs. The computers give the students the perfect opportunity to do word processing,

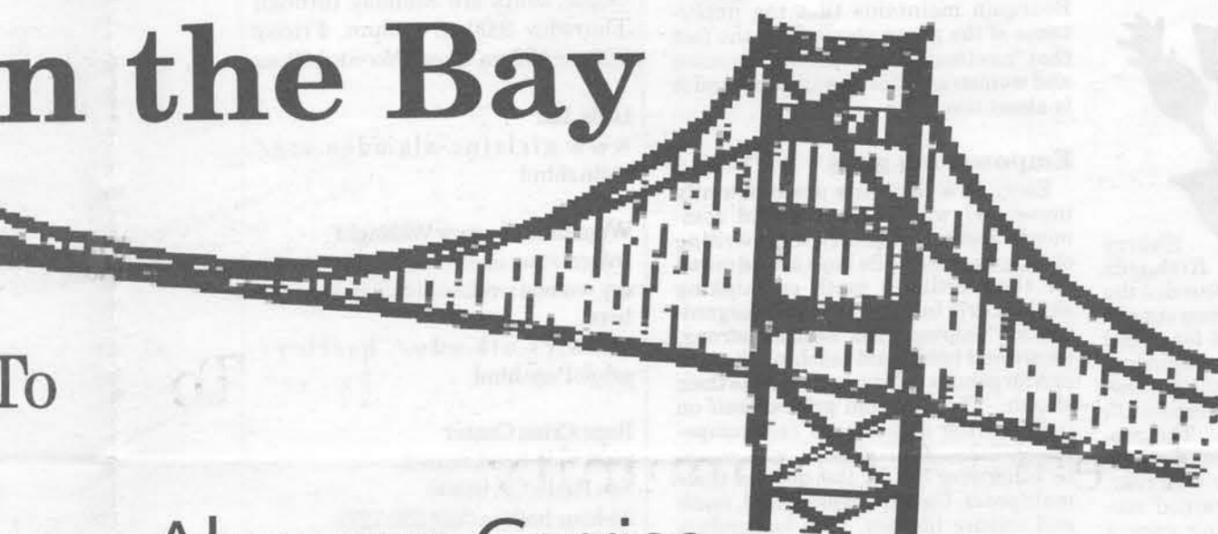
play educational games, or learn to type. The students at the center deeply appreciate the time spent in the program. One such student, eighth grader Nikita Floyd, remarked with a modest grin, "This place is different, original, and fun. I can do lots of things I don't do at home." Hyter Reynolds, a bright-eyed sixth grader pronounced, "I love everything about it!" Sixth grader Perry Akins replied, "My grades have been going up. [The Center] has helped me in my reading and math skills." The St. Mary's volunteers equally enjoy their time working one-on-one with the students. Freshman Business Major

Megan Ball

Logan, center, assists a student with her homework at the

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Alumnus Carries On Lasallian Tradition

Tim Bengford graduated from St. Mary's in 1996 with a major in English and Performing Arts: Music. Since then, he has been working as a Lasallian Volunteer, teaching at St. Martin's Secondary in St. Vincent in the West Indies. Here, Bengford shares his Lasallian Volunteer experience.

Dear St. Mary's, Greetings from the Eastern Caribbean. I'm now in my second year as a Lasallian Volunteer in the country of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which is north of Grenada and west of Barbados. I'll teach six periods today, 240 boys in all. English Lit, Language and Fine Arts, which involves music and film, are the

subjects I teach. St. Vincent was a British colony until 1979; therefore, we follow a British style of education. Classes are going better now as the knock of my rookie year as a teacher is over. I have yet to smile for more than a second or two in my form one literature classes and don't plan on smiling much until April. It is all about being well-prepared, firm, and guiding the boys along as a group. I don't always do a great job; I still have a frustrating period once and a while, but I try and learn from them. I was brutal behavior-wise as an elementary student, so I know most of the tricks. Generally, however, students here are energetic and willing to learn. There is not much apathy.

Aside from school, I have met several Vincentian friends and take a martial arts class three times a week at the St. Vincent Botanical Gardens, the oldest botanical gardens in the Western Hemisphere. I live with two Christian Brothers—Bro. Ed, who is 82, hails from Canada, and Bro. James, the headmaster of St. Martin's Secondary, originally is from Long Island. In the community here I mow the lawn, get the drinks from the bottler's, take care of the car, go to the outdoor market Saturday mornings for fresh fruit and vegetables, and sometimes cook Sunday dinners. The Brothers here have taught me a lot.

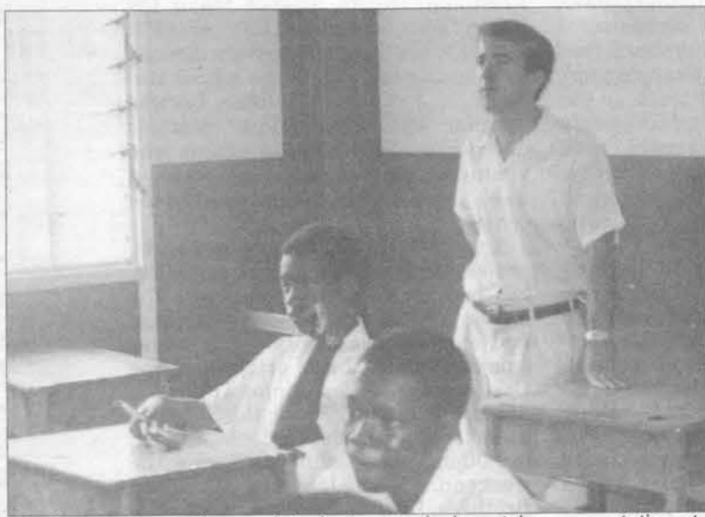
Musically, I am branching out into the saxophone and the guitar.

Last year, there was another volunteer to hang out with. This year with me as the only volunteer, it's tough sometimes. I'd like to chill more with a couple people from my culture or a similar culture, but that is not happening because there are very few Americans besides Peace Corps around here. I suppose that's alright however—more opportunity to get to better know Vincentians.

I hope all is well in Moraga, California—I wish you the best. So long for now—going to the market as it is Saturday Morning.

Sincerely,
Tim Bengford

Photo courtesy Tim Bengford



Tim Bengford, standing, and students attentively watch a presentation at the front of the classroom.

Shelters Provide Relief From the Mean Streets

Nicole Atilano
Lifestyles Editor

In the sylvan haven of Moraga, where St. Mary's students reside, the scenery is lush and serene. The families are all happy driving in their BMWs, wearing GAP clothes, and sipping frappuccinos. Such a calm picture is a rare one, though. Outside Moraga, things are not so kind and beautiful. Daily people suffer because they are cold and hungry. It is in an effort to improve the picture for these people that organizations like Dorothy Day House, the Cecil Williams Glide Community House, and Raphael House exist.

The Dorothy Day House in Berkeley is a caring presence of hospitality for the poor and homeless. It follows the Catholic Worker philosophy as set forth by Dorothy Day, "We are our brother's (and sister's) keeper and...we must have a sense of personal responsibility to take care of our own, and our neighbor, at a personal sacrifice." They aim to serve others with respect of each person's freedom and dignity in a loving non-judgemental environment. Their program is run entirely through the support of food and monetary donations and volunteer workers.

Non-denominational and non-political, the Dorothy Day House serves breakfast twice a day, seven days a week: once at the men's shelter in the Veterans Building, and again at People's Park. On average they serve 170 people a day. A breakfast from the Dorothy Day House typically consists of oatmeal with raisins, hard-boiled eggs, toast with butter and jelly, milk and coffee, and fruit when it is available.

A project of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco, the Cecil Williams Glide Community House provides a stable community in which residents work toward recovery and self-sufficiency. The nine-story community house was designed to provide a place of privacy, security, and interaction for people to build new lives. The first floor of the house holds a common area with a children's center, multipurpose room, and resident's services. The other eight floors are divided into one-, two-, and three-bedroom units, and have resident counselors available to residents.

The Glide House community is generally comprised of homeless families, people in recovery from chemical dependency, and people living with AIDS. Glide provides its residents, as well as others not living in the community house, additional assistance through its extensive human services. These programs, which help the poor by allowing them to become self-sufficient, include a creative arts program, a crisis center, and a children's program. Volunteers can participate in one or more of Glide's many programs, including the following: Women's Services, Job Skills and Development, Mo's Kitchen/Free Meals Program, the Glide-Goodlett HIV/AIDS Project, Substance Abuse and Recovery/Prevention of Violence Programs, Computers and You, Support/Self-worth Group, Performing Arts, and Maya Angelou Living Room.

Named after the Archangel Raphael, whose name means "God has healed," the Raphael House is a homeless shelter for families. The first homeless shelter in San Francisco, the Raphael House provides four distinct services to the poor and disenfranchised: family shelter; case work, counseling, and education; a children's program; and the AfterCare Community Program. Privately funded, the Raphael House relies on financial and volunteer support from the community.

In addition to its homeless shelter, Raphael House also sponsors the Raphael House Thrift Store and Brother Juniper's Restaurant where breakfast and dinner are served seven days a week. Raphael House also provides several service programs, such as the Children's Program, the After School Tutorial, Residential Services, and an Activities Program, where various activities such as cooking, computer skills, sewing, exercise, and crafts are provided. The Raphael House welcomes volunteers to help with any of these programs and bring caring and hope into the lives of homeless parents and children. Volunteers are needed at various hours throughout the day.



A student serves the homeless in People's Park in Berkeley.

Jonathan Randall

Voices of Women in the Bay

By Sapna Gandhi
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

In order to build stonger communities various Bay Area organizations have devoted their work to women's issues and concerns.

Putting an end to sexual assault

The Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) offers support and counseling to sexual assault victims and survivors. In 1971, this non-profit, 100% confidential organization began following a rape of a Berkeley High School student. The young woman's mother and a group of friends founded the services, including everything from 24 hour hotlines to self-defense workshops, in hopes of establishing a place where rape and incest survivors could receive quality counseling and advocacy and provide the community with education regarding such issues.

BAWAR offers two 24 hour hotlines, one for survivors, their families and friends, and the other an on-call service to all the hospitals and police departments in Alameda County. Counseling, court accompaniment, therapy referrals, and support group referrals are only some of the services provided in the organization. Also offered are self-defense workshop referrals, educational outreaches, and professional training for officers, teachers, therapists, and clergy. MOSA (Men Overcoming Sexual Assault) is a hotline especially for male survivors.

A support system for women in need

Another support service is provided by Battered Woman's Alternatives (BWA). In addition to offering a 24 hour crisis line and drop-in counseling, the organization offers training for women in money management, employment, establishing a support network,

and parenting. Women seeking employment can also be assisted with their resumes, applications, and the job search itself. Parenting programs, teaching battered women about child development and other concerns, as well as group therapy for children themselves, are some of the extra services included by the organization. Women battling with abusive relationships can also seek legal aid in obtaining restraining orders and solving property and child custody cases. Lastly, BWA provides prevention services which involve educating teens about date violence and other such matters.

A caring shoulder for St. Mary's women

The Women's Advocacy group on our own St. Mary's campus, currently consists of thirty members, twenty of them being staff. Coordinator,



Sherry Richards founded the group out of a need for public

awareness and education regarding women's issues, in response to the growing presence of sexual harassment in the academic environment. The program took a leap, after the highly publicized campus rape earlier this year, due to the number of concerned students and faculty. Meeting once a month, the group began to exchange ideas on how to improve campus security, provide knowledge of such issues

as rape and sexual harassment, and expand crisis counseling and prevention programs further than their current existence.

Recent projects include upgrading the lighting on campus, and incorporating blue lights, as many other campuses already have. Presently, Richards is also planning a support group for women, co-facilitated by two therapists. Starting on February 11, the group will be meeting for a six week program to train women's advocates and provide them with education on policies and laws pertaining to women's issues. In addition, hopefully, a Rape Crisis Center will be implemented on campus as well. Volunteers are welcome to join at any time.

The Women's Advocacy group addresses the needs of students and faculty, regardless of gender and age. Their primary goal is to ensure the safety of students, as well as promote preventive measures when dealing with harassment. Sophomore Valerie Bourquin maintains that the importance of the group stems from the fact that "no other group represents women and women's issues on campus," and it is about time.

Empowering girls

Early in a life, girls are constantly inundated with messages and comments about how pretty their writing or language is, while boys are admired for their brilliant math or thinking skills. Girls Incorporated is an organization "helping girls become strong, smart and bold," and teaching them to aim for gender equity, according to their slogan. The program prides itself on building the self-esteem and competency of thousands of girls, who would be otherwise left in the dust of their male peers. Career development, math and science literacy, teen leadership, and counseling and nutritional care for pregnant teens and their babies, are some of the major focuses of Girls Inc.

REACH: Mentoring for inner-city kids

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REACH is designed to target high school freshmen and sophomores in inner-city schools within the East Bay. The chosen students will participate in a tutorial and mentoring program until the end of their senior year. SMC tutors/mentors will work with the high school students one to three times a week depending on availability. The mentors of this program will serve as positive role models for the high school students and will prepare them for college and a life of community service. Briceño hopes that having high school students interact with successful college students of color will inspire and empower them, assuring that they will succeed.

Twice a month, the students and their SMC tutors/mentors will do service learning, which integrates community service with text and discussion. "The service learning will hopefully make sure they don't forget about the community service they've done for the day once they've gone home," Briceño says. "We really want them to think about what they've done. We want to make it a learning experience." The SMC tutors/mentors will also enroll in a .25 course in the Spring to partake in a discussion and reflection section twice a month.

Along with this three-to-four year program, students will participate in a three-week summer experience. This includes a one-week Upward Bound session, a one-week wilderness experience, and a final week which will help prepare the students for college and allow them to do service as a group. Finally, a vital component of REACH would be financial assistance to the

participants who decide to attend St. Mary's. The REACH Program will award \$5,000 to \$10,000 per student per year, depending on the accumulated moneys REACH will have raised.

Each SMC tutor/mentor will have a member of the Academic Association of University Women (AAUW) as their own adult mentor. The AAUW will provide one-on-one mentoring for the SMC tutors/mentors and will be trained to be efficient mentors by the AAUW.

The REACH Program is preparing to begin the actual mentoring and tutoring process, which will start in Spring semester. Briceño says, "We're looking for students of color who will be dedicated to helping someone and giving to a community. It's sure to be a great experience."

HABITAT: Houses become homes

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ingness to work with Habitat. Once the homes are built they are sold at no profit for approximately \$95,000. There is no traditional down payment required, and houses are financed with low, no-interest loans. In addition to this, families must complete 500 hours of "sweat equity." This means families work alongside volunteers to build theirs and the homes of others.

Christmas in April is another organization committed to helping the community. Created in September 1988, the group devotes much time to sending the program to every community in need. Christmas In April prides itself on its extensive campaigning, which is done straight from Washington, D.C. Like Habitat, the organization builds homes for needy families, but their success is largely dependent on indi-

vidual leaders in a community who must assume responsibility for an entire project. They also provide services through a hotline for those who need help in getting started in their area. Volunteers perform a variety of roles in the process of building a home. What is important is that the end product, the impact on a family's life, is an everlasting one.

Shelter is an essential part of survival. These programs help the homeless fulfill this basic need with dignity.

GREENBELT: Keeping the Bay Area green

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clouded, water supply threatened (adequate water supply has not been identified to support either developments), open space destroyed (including designated scenic routes and popular parks), local schools burdened, agricultural lands lost (including an orchard that produces 20% of the county's apple crop), and wildlife endangered (such as the kit fox, red-legged frog, and California Tiger salamander). The Contra Costa board of supervisors decides whether to accept or deny the development projects, and at this point in time, no decision has been reached.

For those interested in helping Greenbelt ensure a better Bay Area, there are regional and local volunteer or internship positions available. Opportunities are varied and include staffing outreach booths at fairs and farmers markets on the weekends to serving as a media assistant that writes news releases, monitors news clips and helps with events. You can become part of a sustainable development team that meets monthly and that researches and supports environmentally-friendly de-

Women's Resources

Bay Area Women Against Rape
357 MacArthur Blvd
Oakland, CA 94610
(510) 465-3890
24-Hour Crisis Line (510) 845-RAPE

Battered Women's Alternatives
P.O. Box 6406
Concord, CA 94524
(510) 676-2845

St. Mary's College Counseling Center
Women's Advocacy Coordinator
De La Salle Hall, First Floor
(510) 631-4364
Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm, Friday 9:00am-4:00pm, Closed Noon to 1:00pm

Girls, Inc.
www.girlsinc-alamdea.org/main.html

Women's Advocacy Websight
Information and links to virtually every women's-related issue is provided here.
www.cs.utk.edu/~bartley/salnfoPage.html

Rape Crisis Center
2023 Vale Road, Suite 2
San Pablo, CA 94806
24-hour hotline (510) 236-7273
This hotline also provides medical and legal service information in addition to crisis services.

velopment projects. Help is needed with the weekly afternoon phone banking project (that focus on the Tassajara and Cowell Ranch developments) and with helping to coordinate outdoor experiences for the youth and for local residents by leading them on local hikes, bike rides, tours or other outings. A policy intern that researches threats to open space, monitors media, and schedules speaker presentations is also needed.

LEO: Educating underprivileged youth

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Gabriel Rubalcaba commented, "It offers me an opportunity to interact with kids, learn more about them, and enhance my life, but also their future." Freshman Health Science Major Ida Logan also mentioned how much it means to her that she can work directly with junior high and high school students, and at the same time, become familiar with their unique interests and personalities. Most students who volunteer cannot help but make a weekly or monthly commitment to the center.

Anyone from St. Mary's, students, professors, Brothers, and faculty alike, can become an active volunteer. The center always needs more motivated and enthusiastic tutors. The center currently has three programs: the Castle program for Junior High students, 3:00pm to 5:30pm; the Star program for High School students, 7:00pm to 9:00pm; and an adult program on the weekend. Staffed by the Christian Brothers, LEQ dedicates itself to education in the tradition of St. John Baptiste De La Salle.

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COLLEGIAN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

January 21, 1998

Jackie Brown

This review was written as part of the Jan Term class, "Two Thumbs Up."

By Patrick Shannon
Special to Collegian

Quentin Tarantino's new film, *Jackie Brown*, may not live up to the success of *Pulp Fiction*, but, as the director himself stated, it wasn't meant to in the first place. This may seem like he cops out by not even attempting to outdo his last epic, but it also shows the director's willingness to make a film (his first adaptation of another writer's work) that he believes in, regardless of what the box office results may be. The film is similar, in some ways, to both *Pulp Fiction* and *Reservoir Dogs*, but the differences may alienate some of the previous two films' fans.

Jackie Brown (Pam Grier, in a role which may revitalize her career) is a stewardess for Cabo Air, one of the worst airlines in the industry (Jackie makes only \$16,000, "plus benefits," having been a stewardess for 19 years). She has just been arrested while smuggling \$50,000 into the U.S. The money belongs to a small time arms dealer named Ordell Robbie



l-r: Keaton, Fonda, Jackson, De Niro, and Jackie Brown herself, Pam Grier

(Samuel L. Jackson) and is only a small portion of the half-million dollars he still has in Mexico. Michael Keaton, playing the ATF agent who arrests Brown, has no use for her, except to get Ordell. At first, Brown is unwilling to cooperate with the feds, since she knows that Ordell killed the last man who ratted on him. Things change, though,

when she figures out a way where she can a) clear her name, b) get Ordell for the feds, and c) get rich in the process. What unfolds is a brilliant scheme cooked up by Brown, who enlists the help of bail bondsman Max Cherry (Robert Forster), to accomplish all three of these things.

Tarantino is excellent at

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Bond Falls Victim to Society and the Dollar

Blatant commercialism and political correctness dilute the James Bond of yore into a shadow

By Holly LeDu.
Staff Writer

Pierce Brosnan returns for his second incarnation as the infamous James Bond in the 35th installment of our favorite British secret agent. The opening sequence has Bond in his usual good form, racing to steal a jet armed with nuclear torpedoes to avoid the heat seeking missiles closing in on him, all the while he blows up a pursuing plane, eludes a cruise missile and escapes getting strangled by his co-pilot. All in a day's work.

The plot of the movie centers around Jonathan Pryce as a grasping and manipulative multi-media mogul who not only wants to cover the news but to create it as well. To that purpose, he has stolen a satellite manipulator in order to change the readings on two ships, one Chinese and the other British, so that each will feel the other is provoking a confrontation, which would set off World War 3. His media corporate slogan, "Tomorrow's news today," takes on a more ominous tone, as we see him manipulating events around him. What makes him a frightening villain is that nothing he says or does is outside the realm of possibility. Imagine a Rupert

Murdoch crossed with the insane brilliance of Ted Kazinsky: a psychopathic genius. As he says in

The usual Bond accoutrements are all there; the knock-out sexy women, the hi-tech gadgets, and the martini

films right from the beginning. The P.C.-ness may work for some, but I always found the double entendres amusing.

The only time the film resembles any of the old Bond flicks is in the first hour when he is in bed with a Swedish linguistics professor of Oxford, and he tells Money Penny over the phone that he is learning a new tongue.

I have to say that I think Pierce Brosnan is heads above Roger Moore and Timothy Dalton, as the suave and debonair British agent. But as good as Pierce Brosnan looks in his Brioni suits, and as pleasing as his vaguely British accent is to

the ears, he lacks that earthy sensuality of Sean Connery. His presence has a certain slipperiness, which prevents us from truly connecting with him. The other awesome thing in the movie is Michelle Yeoh who plays Wai Lin, Bond's reluctant Chinese counterpart. She can more than hold her own as she kicks butt WITHOUT Bond's help. The chase scene with the two of them handcuffed to each other, trying to escape on a motorcycle through the streets of Saigon will thrill anyone! Unfortunately there is no real chemistry between them, a fact accentuated by the chasteness of the film. Even Teri Hatcher as Bond's one true love, Paris, who just happens to be married to the psycho media mogul, doesn't quite have the simmering passion of the prior Bond girls.

The one thing that stands out the most that this is definitely a nineties film is the blatant product placement, i.e. BMW, Avis, Bollinger Champagne. This is so obvious that I found it distracting, with the extra second on the product just to make sure that we can see it clearly. However, beyond the commercial pushes, the film is extremely entertaining and well worth seeing on the big screen.



Scenes like this, once staples of Bond films, have been left out (save this one) in the interest of political correctness. The brand name cell phone is a marketer's dream.

the film, "The only difference between insanity and genius is measured by success." We can believe completely that someone as sick as him exists.

shaken, not stirred. But one thing that is obviously missing are the rampant sexual innuendos and casual sex that have been the mainstay of Bond

as Pierce Brosnan looks in his Brioni suits, and as pleasing as his vaguely British accent is to

Pieces of the Quilt Knits Stories of Despair and Hope Into a View of the AIDS Struggle

By Katie Lippincott
Special to Collegian

Pieces of the Quilt, a compilation of personal AIDS stories written by nationally renowned playwrights, is an emotionally moving performance designed to touch each member of the audience through one of its stories or characters. Sean San Jose, the mastermind behind this whole production, is the star and also personally affected by the AIDS crisis. Both his parents died of AIDS, and *Pieces of the Quilt* was sparked from his love for acting and his frustration with volunteering at the clinics. San Jose felt that he could be doing something for the AIDS crisis by reaching out to a group of people through his performances.

Silica, the first of three pieces performed on Tuesday at St. Mary's, is the most energetic and entertaining. The story starts out interview style, with one man

talking to the crowd about the glasses in his hand "bequeathed" to him by his dead lover. San Jose's incredible talent comes to life when the glasses are placed over his eyes. Immediately the audience is on a crash course with San Jose, re-enacting a night on the town with four of his lover's friends—Sonia, the raspy-voiced drag queen; Gato 9, the rapper; traipsing Freddie Sinclair; Paul the filmmaker, possessed with "verite," and HI, their driver of the Chevy Virus. *Silica* is inundated with references to AIDS. Their Friday night is a metaphor for the course AIDS has taken over the last 20 years.

Taking a different approach to AIDS, the second piece, *Wednesday's Child*, is a haunting song about children dying of AIDS. The piece was shorter in length, but the message was for mothers of children who die—don't cry for me mama because your tears are soak-

ing my wings and impeding my progress to heaven. San Jose's use of Spanish and English makes comprehension harder if you don't speak Spanish, but the physical acting gets the message across.

The third piece of the afternoon is *Llavas, Carnal*, a story of a young actor's relationship with his gay and HIV positive mentor. The story takes place in the mission in Los Angeles. San Jose's use of intonation and incredible versatility with different voices and numerous accents is incredible. This allows the audience to imagine the scene unfolding, even when the sole prop is a chair. *Llavas, Carnal* deals with a young man's struggle with AIDS, his friends coming out, brilliance through life, and his struggle in death.

Sean San Jose and his compilation of monologues is the most interesting form of AIDS education I have

seen. The brilliance comes not only from the acting but also the writing. San Jose's motive is that everyone in the audience will walk away knowing a scene or a character from their own life, being touched by those closest to them. Although *Silica* was most imaginative, all

three pieces were entirely different and incredibly visual. His performances are another innovative and successful tool in the tragic fight against AIDS.

This review was written as part of the Jan Term class, "Two Thumbs Up."

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1998 GRAMMY NOMINEES

Well, the time has come for yet another batch of grammy nominations. While the usual gaggle of artists found their way into the voting through massive recorord sales and constant MTV rotation, there are some surprises. Amazingly, artists with talent, like Radiohead, found the recognition they deserve. Oh, the spice Girls got snubbed. There is a god.

RECORD OF THE YEAR:

"Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?" Paula Cole; "Sunny Came Home" Shawn Colvin; "Everyday Is A Winding Road" Sheryl Crow; "MMMBop" Hanson; "I Believe I Can Fly" R. Kelly.

ALBUM OF THE YEAR:

"The Day" Babyface; "This Fire" Paula Cole; "Time Out Of Mind" Bob Dylan; "Flaming Pie" Paul McCartney; "OK Computer" Radiohead.

SONG OF THE YEAR:

"Don't Speak" Gwen Stefani; "How Do I Live" Diane Warren; "I Believe I Can Fly" R. Kelly; "Sunny Came Home" Shawn Colvin; "Where Have All The Cowboys Gone?" Paula Cole.

NEW ARTIST:

Fiona Apple; Erykah Badu; Paula Cole; Puff Daddy; Hanson.

BEST FEMALE R&B:

"Honey" Mariah Carey; "I Believe In You And Me" Whitney Houston; "Summertime" Chaka Khan; "When You Talk

About Love" Patti LaBelle.

BEST MALE R&B:

"For You" Kenny Lattimore; "Back To Living Again" Curtis Mayfield; "You Make Me Wanna" Usher; "When You Call On Me/Baby That's When I Come Runnin'" Luther Vandross.

R&B PERFORMANCE BY DUO OR GROUP WITH A VOCAL:

"No Diggity" BLACKstreet; "A Song For Mama" Boyz II Men; "Stomp" God's Property Featuring Kirk Franklin; "You Don't Have To Be Afraid" Take 6.

R&B SONG:

"Honey" Mariah Carey; "I Believe I Can Fly" R. Kelly; "No Diggity" BLACKstreet; "On and On" Erykah Badu; "Stomp" God's Property Featuring Kirk Franklin & Salt.

R&B ALBUM:

"Baduizm" Erykah Badu; "Share My World" Mary J. Blige; "Evolution" Boyz II Men; "The Preacher's Wife - Soundtrack" Whitney Houston; "Flame" Patti LaBelle.

RAP PERFORMANCE BY DUO OR GROUP:

"I'll Be Missing You" Puff Daddy; "Can't No-

body Hold Me Down" Puff Daddy Featuring Mase; "Guantanamera" Wyclef Jean Featuring Celia Cruz; "Not Tonight" Lil' Kim Featuring Da Brat, Left Eye, Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott; "Mo Money Mo Problems" The Notorious B.I.G. Featuring Mase & Puff Daddy.

RAP ALBUM:

"No Way Out" Puff Daddy; "Supa Dupa Fly" Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott; "Wyclef Jean Presents The Carnival" Wyclef Jean (Featuring Refugee Allstars); "Life After Death" The Notorious B.I.G.; "Wu-Tang Forever" Wu-Tang Clan.

BEST FEMALE POP VOCAL PERFORMANCE:

"Butterfly" Mariah Carey; "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?" Paula Cole; "Sunny Came Home" Shawn Colvin; "Foolish Games" Jewel; "Building a Mystery" Sarah McLachlan.

BEST MALE POP VOCAL PERFORMANCE:

"Every Time I Close My Eyes" Babyface; "Candle in the Wind 1997" Elton John; "Whenever Wherever Whatever" Maxwell; "Fly Like an Eagle" Seal; "Barely Breathing" Duncan Sheik..

BEST POP PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL:

"Silver Springs" Fleetwood Mac; "MMMBop" Hanson; "Virtual Insanity" Jamiroquai; "Don't Speak" No Doubt; "Anybody Seen My Baby?" The Rolling Stones.

BEST POP COLLABORATION WITH VOCALS:

"How Come, How Long" Babyface & Stevie Wonder; "God Bless the Child" Tony Bennett (with Billie Holiday); "Don't Look Back" John Lee Hooker With Van Morrison; "I Finally Found Someone" Barbra Streisand & Bryan Adams; "Tell Him" Barbra Streisand & Celine Dion.

BEST POP INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE:

"Song for My Brother" George Benson; "An Gaoth Aneas" The Chieftains; "Havana" Kenny G; "Last Dance" Sarah McLachlan; "Soulful Strut" Grover Washington, Jr.

BEST DANCE RECORDING:

"Da Funk" Daft Punk; "Ooh Aah . . . Just a Little Bit" Gina G; "To Step Aside" Pet Shop Boys; "Space Jam" Quad City DJs; "Carry On" Donna Summer & Giorgio Moroder.

BEST POP ALBUM:

This Fire Paula Cole; "The Dance" Fleetwood Mac; "Travelling Without Moving" Jamiroquai; "Surfacing"; "Hourglass" James Taylor.

BEST FEMALE ROCK VOCAL PERFORMANCE:

"Criminal" Fiona Apple; "Bitch" Meredith Brooks; "Shy" Ani DiFranco; "Four Leaf Clover" Abra Moore; "1959" Patti Smith.

BEST MALE ROCK VOCAL PERFORMANCE:

"Dead Man Walking" David Bowie; "Cold Irons Bound" Bob Dylan; "Blueboy" John Fogerty; "Just Another Day" John Mellencamp; "Thunder Road" Bruce Springsteen.

BEST ROCK PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL:

"Falling in Love (Is Hard on the Knees)" Aerosmith; "The Chain" Fleetwood Mac; "Push" Matchbox 20; "Crash Into Me" Dave Matthews Band; "One Headlight" The Wallflowers.

BEST ALTERNATIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE:

"Homogenic" Björk; "Earthling" David Bowie; "Dig Your Own Hole" The Chemical Brothers; "The Fat of the Land" Prodigy; "OK Computer" Radiohead.

Terry St. John Featured at Hearst Gallery

By Michelle H. Kloss
Graphics Editor

From January 7 to February 22, the St. Mary's College Hearst Art Gallery will be displaying the most recent work of Terry St. John. Over 45 colorful paintings incorporating the energy, spirit, and methods of the "Society of Six" (early 20th Century Post-Impressionists) will be shown. St. John, befriending one of the Society of Six artists, took what he learned and used it to help revive a Bay Area tradition of painting outdoors "en plein air."

In the late 1800's French Impressionists believed that landscape painting should be only in the actual outdoors, usually completed in one sitting. This opposed the acceptable method of doing "small-on-site sketches" which were taken back to the artists studios and elaborated upon.

In 1915, the Society of Six (including Louis Siegfriest, William Clapp, August Gay, Bernard von Eichman, Selden Gile, and Maurice Logan) saw French and American Impressionist paintings and it changed their entire thinking regarding the painting process. For over 15 years they produced outdoor works in the styles of Impressionism, Post-Impressionism, and Modernist.

St. John has essentially carried the original beliefs of the Society of Six into his own paintings of natural surroundings and scenes of everyday life. When choosing a site, St. John uses the following base criteria. The area must be visually stimulating but practical enough to park his vehicle and comfortably set up his paintbrush and easel. There must be few distractions of people and noise and tolerable weather conditions. St. John's

covers his palette with a multitude of vibrant colors, and layers the paint onto his large canvases in large, bold brushstrokes.

"I have tried to develop an abstract visual shorthand that allows me to directly capture the colors, shapes, and imagery which convey my feelings about the landscape," says St. John. In order not to lose "the essence of the locale," St. John will revisit the original site and rework his paintings if necessary.

St. John's most recent work shows landscapes and figures at the Emeryville multiplex theater complex, the Berkeley Marina, and Crockett, an old sugar refinery company town. This is quite a contrast to his past work featuring cows in the Contra Costa rolling hills, popular in the 1970's. St. John received his BA in art at UC Berkeley in 1958,

MFA degree from California College of Arts and Crafts in 1966. Represented by the San Francisco gallery Hackett-Freedman, St. John has had over 12 solo exhibitions over the past 20 years, including Fresno Metropolitan Museum, University of Nebraska, UC Santa Cruz, Walnut Creek

Civic Art Gallery, University of Mississippi, and Holy Names College. St. John is currently an art professor at College of Notre Dame, Belmont. He is also visiting professor at Stanford University and for many years, associate curator of modern painting at Oakland Museum.



Damon Tighe

Taheri's Mediterranean

Good food, lots of it, low prices

By Emeka Chukwudebe
Staff Writer

The Mediterranean Sea borders the countries of Algeria, Morocco, Spain, France, and Italy. Vacation sources cite this region's warm climate, beautiful scenery and historical importance as major tourist attractions. However, those of us whose current wages limit our vacations to an indulgent expedition to mom and pop's cottage must find other methods of exploration. Why not begin with food? Taheri's Mediterranean Restaurant can be a nice place to start. Located in Walnut Creek, this restaurant's location may be ambiguous to those alien to this district, but once you're there, don't worry about a thing. Built in a cafe format, the kitchen is small and quaint. A wooden stove is the largest piece of mechanical equipment. Taheri's decor consists of necessities dear to the Mediterranean. Bottles of olives pose here and there throughout the premises with

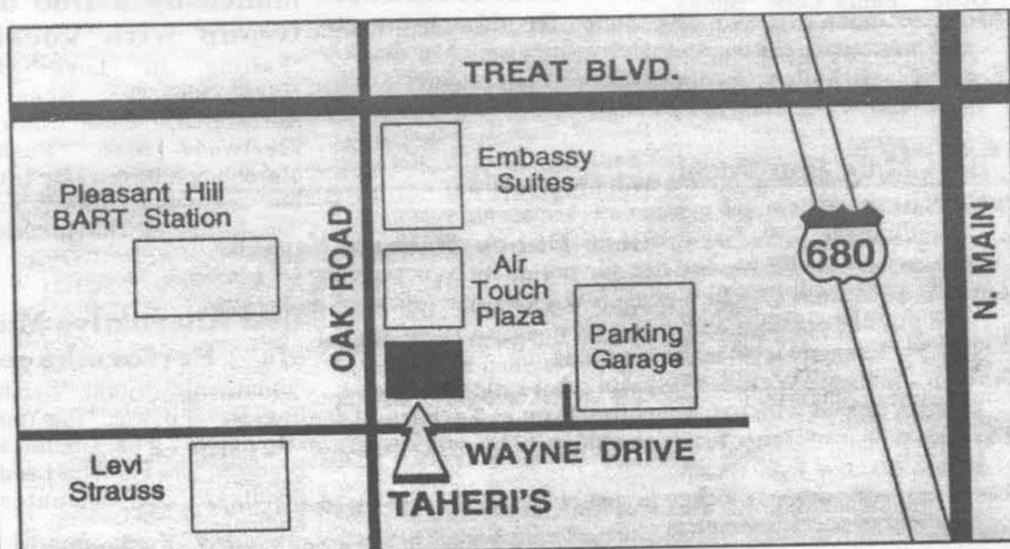
bushels of garlic and spices hanging over doorways and various colors of pasta on the wall. The most noticeable architecture is a low wall draped from the ceiling above the kitchen with paintings of orchard decorations. A view outside does not exist because the windows are covered with lace drapes, but that doesn't matter. There really isn't that much to see anyway.

Now to the food. Faz, a widely diverse chain restaurant, originally owned this restaurant. When it moved, the general manager stayed on and converted the restaurant into his own. Thus the name Teheri, the owner's last name (he is Persian by the way). As with every restaurant of taste, complementary bread is a must. Taheri's kind is called Focaccia bread made with rosemary and dipped in olive oil. If you wish to sample a variety of Mediterranean recipes try the Mediterranean Platter as an appetizer. This plate consists of dolmas, hummus, tabouli,

eggplant puree, and olives, served with freshly baked flat bread. For an entree, I choose the Shish Kabob—a combination of grilled chicken and lamb tenderloin with bell peppers and red onion served with grilled Roma tomato and saffron basmati rice. Other dishes consisted of more kebabs, Pastas, Pizzas, fish of the day, seafood, and pork chops. For dessert, the traditional delicacy of Baklava is available.

Overall, the main reason why I liked this restaurant was the food and the price. Plus parking is free. For what you get, which is a moderate taste of Mediterranean food at a nice quantity, Taheri's charges only about \$8-\$15. Some foreign food restaurants usually charge a fortune just to sample their recipes. Lafayette's own Mediterranean restaurant, The Tourelle rolls \$16-\$24 plates on the table but they are also an award-winning romantic setting cuisine.

\$\$-Put ten on it.



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Wyclef@ Maritime Hall-1/21

Undercover S.K.A, The Warmis@ Great American Music Hall-1/22

The Artist(Prince)@Oakland Arena-1/22

Violent Femmes@ Stanford Memorial Auditorium-1/22

Patti Smith@ Fillmore-1/23-24

"Reggae Dance Party" w/ Wailing Souls@Phoenix Theater Petaluma-1/23

Fu Manchu@ Bottom of the Hill-1/26

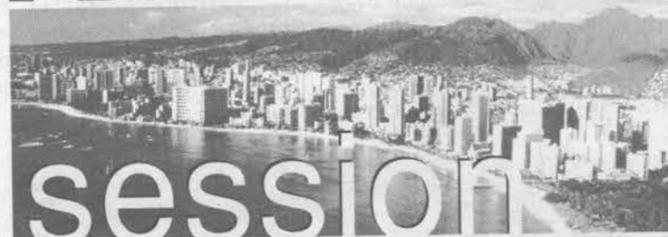
Oasis, Cornershop@Bill Graham Civic-1/26

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BROWN: No Pulp Fiction

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choosing actors. He is a long time admirer of Grier, who made a name for herself starring in such '70s blaxploitation films as "Coffy," and changed both the name and the race of the lead character from Elmore Leonard's *Rum Punch*, from which *Jackie Brown* is adapted, so that Grier could play the part.

There's been a lot of talk about how the careers of Grier and Forster could be boosted by this movie (both do an excellent job, and will undoubtedly have several more offers), but the best performances are by Jackson and Robert De Niro as Ordell's friend Louis, who's just completed a four-year stint in Susanville. Jackson gives Ordell much of the same charisma that he gave to Jules in "Pulp Fiction," as well as the same humor and ruthlessness. Yet Jules had morals. Ordell simply kills anyone who he feels could be a dan-

ger to him, especially if they're his friends.

Through his performance as Louis, we are reminded that De Niro's greatest strength lies in character acting. De Niro gives Louis the look and body language of a man who has spent the last four years of his life in hell, and emerged a totally different man. We see hints of the pre-Susanville Louis when he is smiling and laughing with Ordell over a drink at a bar, but for the majority of the film he is completely stone-faced, slow to react (possibly because he and Ordell's girlfriend Melanie (Bridget Fonda), are always smoking pot), and speaks in short sentences, if at all.

Several of Tarantino's stylistic trademarks are present, such as the use of showing the audience the outcome of an action, then going back and giving us scenes explaining what led up to it. This was key to the success of both *Reservoir Dogs* and *Pulp Fiction*, but it neither

helps nor hinders *Jackie Brown*. Also, as in the previous films, the exact time period of the film is hard to nail down. Jackie's stewardess uniform could be from the 1960s, and Ordell looks like he decided that the coolest fashions were those of the early '80s break dancers. The soundtrack is also classic Tarantino, full of obscure '70s songs. In fact, the only things that identify the time as the present are posters for *The American President* and *Wolf* in a theater lobby.

Fans of Tarantino may be disappointed by the film's lack of hard-core violence and slow pace. While "Jackie Brown" is no "Pulp Fiction," and is clearly the least entertaining of Tarantino's three films, the audience still receives a film full of excellent characters and performances, as well as a good story.

SPORTS

St. Mary's Blitzes San Francisco to Gain First Conference Win

Knight hits for a career high of 23 points

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

With the coming of West Coast Conference play there are certain things one can count on: matchups with Santa Clara and San Francisco, a possible NCAA berth, and, for the Gaels, Frank Knight getting hot.

It seems that about this time every year, the guard begins to warm, scoring in bunches. The Junior exploded with a career high 23 points, letting everyone know about it after each made basket.

"I was just trying to work my way in. I know how much of a jump league is," said Knight after a 85 to 68 Gael thrashing of San Francisco on Saturday, January 10. Knight filled in for Eric Knapp in the starting lineup due to Knapp's illness. "Eric Knapp played with a temperature of 104 (against SCU) and didn't tell anybody. He told me at half-time," said Bollwinkel on Knapp's absence on Saturday.

The Gaels jumped out to a 12-6 lead on the Dons and never looked back. Both Knight and Sivulich were threading the net from three point range to boost the Gael lead.

Energy came off the bench from King who burst past Don defenders to hit three layups in the first half. At one point Frankie King sped down the left side of the court, faked right, crossed over left and left a Jamal Cobbs doing the splits. "Frankie King is pretty good. He had a coming out party tonight," explained Bollwinkel.

As the game progressed, St. Mary's extended their lead and received contributions from everyone on the floor. Whether it be Brett Varga with a tip-in, Schraeder posting up Hakeem



Damon Tighe

Eric Schraeder goes up for a shot. Ward or Josh Greer sweeping the boards, St. Mary's put in a collective effort.

With a halftime lead of 44-21 St. Mary's was on their way to a crucial home split. In the second half the Gaels pushed their lead to 57-25 on an Allocco three pointer. With the shot clock winding down Sivulich penetrated, found Knight in the corner. Knight then sunk a three point shot while being fouled. This sequence captured the Dons performance on the night as they played great defense only to have Knight convert on a four point play.

Though the Dons cut the Gael lead below twenty late in the second half on a three point shooting spree by Ali Thomas, the contest was never in doubt. "With the lead we had I could be patient with the guys on the floor and not go wacko," said Bollwinkel.

"They just kicked our butts. It was a good old-fashioned butt kicking," said USF coach Phil Mathews about the Don's loss.

**St. Mary's 63
Santa Clara 67**

Whether it was behind the three point arc or the free through line, Santa Clara

guard Brian Jones inserted dagger after dagger into the heart of the St. Mary's Gaels. The Sophomore connected on back to back three pointers to break a 49-49 tie and iced the game on 5 of 6 free throws down the stretch. Jones' heroics enabled Santa Clara to escape McKeon Pavillion with a 67-63 victory in the first match of West Coast Conference play on January 8.

Although the Gaels crept within a basket at 62-60, Frankie King committed a costly foul with 49 seconds left in the game. "The Freshman made an error. I'm frantically screaming no foul and he thinks it means fouls because I'm frantic," said an exhausted Dave Bollwinkel, St. Mary's head coach.

As a result of the foul, Jones went to the free throw line where he hit both to make the score 64-60 Santa Clara. The real problem for the Gaels in this ball game was freeing shooter David Sivulich. The senior started the game with the touch, scoring 18 points in the first half, but only hit for 4

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Spring Sports Schedule

Baseball

Fri/Jan.23 Nevada 2:00pm
Sat/Jan.24 Nevada 1:00pm
Fri/Jan.30 at Cal Poly 3:00pm
Sat/Jan.31 at Cal Poly 1:00pm
Sun/Feb.1 at Cal Poly 1:00pm
Tue/Feb.3 California 2:00pm
Tue/Feb.10 UC Davis 2:00pm

Softball

Sat/Jan.24 UCLA 1:00pm
Sun/Jan.25 Humbolt State 12:00pm
Sun/Feb.1 Sonoma State 1:00pm
Tue/Feb.3 at Stanford 1:00pm
Thr/Feb.5 at Pacific 1:00pm
Sat/Feb.7 at Cal Poly 12:00pm

Men's Tennis

Sat/Jan.10 at Pepperdine 2:30pm
Sun/Jan.11 at UC Irvine 12:00pm
Wed/Jan.21 UC Santa Cruz 2:30pm
Sat/Jan.24 at California 9:00pm
Sun/Jan.25 Hawaii 12:00pm
Fri/Jan.30 Dominican 2:30pm

Women's Tennis

Sat/Jan.24 Nevada 12:00pm
Sun/Jan.25 Hawaii 12:00pm
Sat/Jan.31 at Pepperdine 3:00pm
Sun/Feb.1 at CS Fullerton 11:00pm
Mon/Feb.2 at LMU 1:30pm

Rugby

Sat/Jan.17 at Stanford 1:00pm
Sat/Jan.24 at UC Davis 1:00pm
Sat/Jan.31 at Santa Cruz 1:00pm
Tue/Feb.3 at USC 1:00pm
Wed/Feb.4 at UCLA 1:00pm

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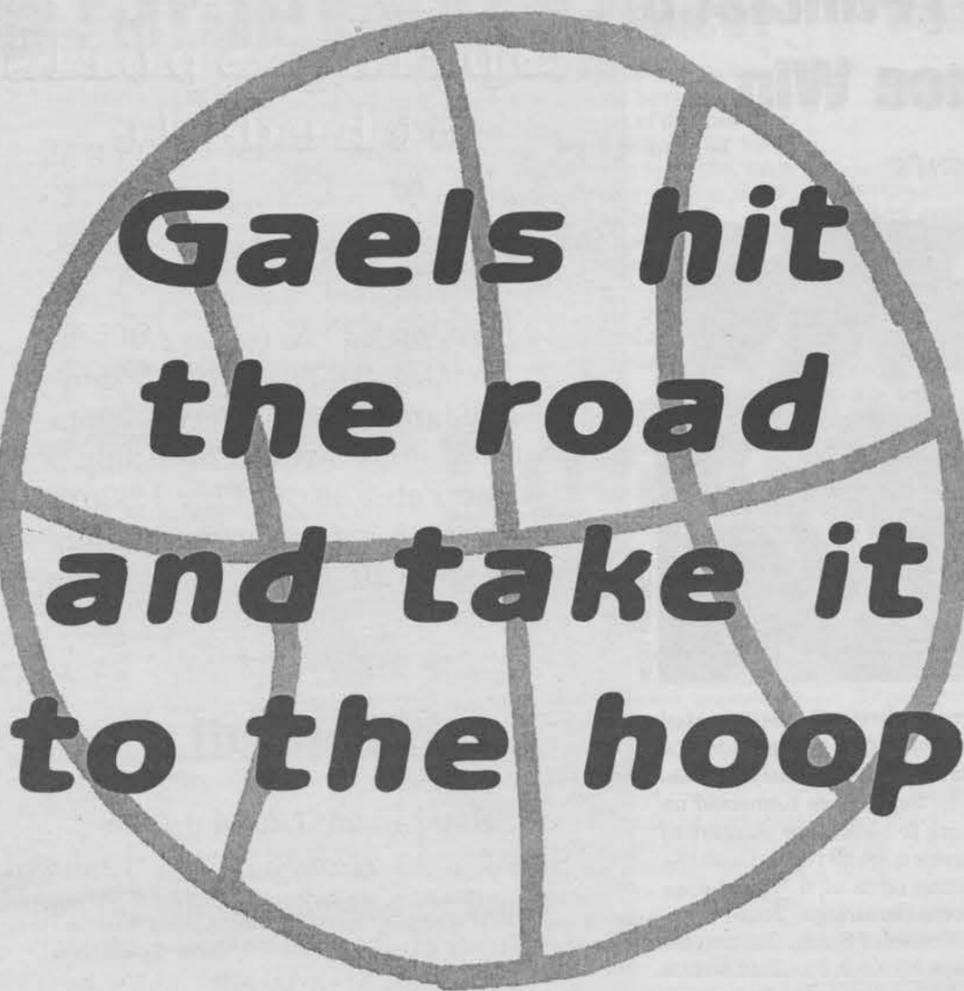
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This group, offered Mondays 3:15- 4:30, February 16 through April 20, is called a forum for understanding. It is a safe arena for students from a variety of racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds to come together to discuss their thoughts and feelings regarding race, culture and ethnicity. It is a group which provides multiple opportunities for students, including:

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Men's update:

Gaels suffer six game losing skid

After an impressive home game against Calgary, St. Mary's Men's Basketball team took the road for the remainder of the year. Although the Gaels posted an impressive win at Fresno State, they suffered more unimpressive losses. A combination of cold shooting and rebounding problems plagued St. Mary's throughout the winter break.

**St. Mary's 84
Pacific 90**

The Gaels felt the loss of Brad Millard on the boards in this televised game as Pacific out rebounded SMC 39-25. Michael Olawakandi and Jason Williams combined to collect 24 rebounds. Though the Gaels held a 41-38 halftime lead, the bigger Tigers dominated the second half. Olawakandi scored 25 points and shut down any Gael offense inside. David Sivulich tried to keep St. Mary's in the game by hitting for 24 points, but down the stretch the three pointers bounced out.

**St. Mary's 73
Fresno 65**

Connecting on a school record of 15 three pointers, St. Mary's routed Fresno and sent Jerry Tarkanian and his Renegades packing. The Gaels shot 63% from the three point arc on 15-24 shooting. David Sivulich scored team high 22 points while Eric Schraeder and Frank Allocco added 17 apiece. FSU took an early 5-0 lead, but St. Mary's rebounded with a 7-0 run to take a lead they would never give up.

**St. Mary's 67
San Jose State 71**

Again, the Gaels were outrebounded, this time 49-28. The Spartans also grabbed 19 offense rebounds while the Gaels had 8. Michael Quinney scored a game high 26 points and Marmet Williams pulled down 19 rebounds for the Spartans. Cold shooting by St. Mary's sealed their fate as they shot 41% overall and just 35% in the first half. The Gaels were paced by the all-around effort of Eric Schraeder, 23 points and 10 rebounds.

**St. Mary's 66
Fordam 78**

Fordam's hot three point shooting in the first half, 55%, enabled them to jump out to 40-29 halftime lead in the first game of the Seton Hall Meadowlands Tournament. Though St. Mary's and Fordam played even in the second half, the early 11 point deficit proved to be too much. Bevon Robin led Fordam in scoring with 24 points while Maurice Curtis collected 13 rebounds and scored 20 points. The Gaels got 24 points from David Sivulich, but only 3 from Eric Schraeder. Both Josh Greer and Frank Allocco played well, scoring 10 and 11 points respectively.

**St. Mary's 77
Colgate 82**

The Gaels lost their second game in the Seton Hall Meadowlands Tournament as

Colgate outscored St. Mary's 44 to 34 in the second half. David Sivulich's effort of 28 points was not enough to overcome the hot second half Colgate shooting. Colgate shot 46% with Chester Felts scoring 20 points and Seth Schaeffer scoring 22. St. Mary's received only 6 points off the bench.

**St. Mary's 66
UC Santa Barbara 87**

The loss to the Gauchos extended the Gael preseason losing streak to five. Again, cold shooting and an early deficit faced St. Mary's. The Gaels shot 39% for the game and were down 44-25 at halftime. In the loss, the Gaels set new season lows for points, 25, field goals made, 20 and three pointers made, 5. Josh Merrill paced Santa Barbara with 20 points on the night. David Sivulich led the Gaels in scoring with 19 points.

**St. Mary's 73
Cal Poly SLO 89**

The Gaels closed out their horrible preseason with an embarrassing loss to Cal Poly. Twenty St. Mary's turnovers led to 16 Mustang points. Only down by 5 at halftime, 48-43, Cal Poly bombed away in the second from three point range. The Mustangs connected on 8-15 from the arc to build an insurmountable lead. The loss brought the Gaels record to 5-7. Frank Allocco scored a career high 20 points and Eric Schraeder scored 23 in the loss.

Women's update:

St. Mary's finishes 9-3 in non-conference play

St. Mary's women's basketball team proved they will be a factor in West Coast Conference play with an impressive preseason record. The Gaels excelled under new head coach Kelly Grave's motion offenses. Sophomore Tracy Morris put together a string of double-doubles to pace the Gaels throughout their travels.

**St. Mary's 67
Pacific 51**

The Gaels shot a blistering 47% from the field in the first half to take 36-23 halftime lead. Tracy Morris hit for 22 points and Stacy Berg added 15 with 6 rebounds, 4 on the offensive end and 4 steals. St. Mary's built a 20 point lead in the second half to coast to their fifth win of the season.

**St. Mary's 55
Marquette 69**

St. Mary's opened an early five point lead, but were unable to stop a powerful Golden Eagle offense. Nicki Taggart and Sidnee Majette led Marquette in scoring with 17 and 15 points respectively. Though the Gaels cut the Marquette margin to one in the second half, they were unable to shut down the Golden Eagles. Tracy Morris finished the game with a double-double, 14 points and 11 rebounds and Erin Abraham chipped in with 12 points.

**St. Mary's 80
Loyola of Chicago 62**

Tracy Morris recorded her second double-double of week in the Gaels 18 point win. The super-Soph had 21 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Gaels. St. Mary's had three other players in double digits in Jamie Shine 16, Erin Abraham 14, and Stacy Berg 12. The Gaels outrebounded Loyola 57-33 and held their leading scorer, Lora Wolf, under her per game average.

**St. Mary's 94
Sacramento State 77**

The Gaels improved their record to 7-2 with a 17 point pounding of the Hornets. Stacy

Berg led the way with 18 points, 7-9 from the field and 2-3 from three point range. St. Mary's built a 29 point lead in the first half and took a 54-28 advantage into the locker room. J.R. Payne distributed 8 assists on the night to help four starters score in double figures. In addition Berg, Tracy and Kelly Morris and Jaime Shine scored in double figures.

**St. Mary's 60
Georgia Tech 69(OT)**

St. Mary's suffered a tough defeat in overtime in the opening game of the Georgia Tech Marriott Northwest Holiday Tournament. The Gaels tied the game with 25 seconds left in regulation at 57 with a three pointer from Sonata Pranaityte. In overtime St. Mary's jumped out to a 60-57 lead, but Tech outscored the Gaels 12-0 over the final 3:33. Tracy Morris led the Gaels with another double-double, 16 points and 11 rebounds.

**St. Mary's 64
Fordam 53**

In the consolation game of the tournament St. Mary's escaped Georgia with a third place finish. The Gaels jumped out to an early 8-0 lead and stretched the lead to 49-25 with 14:56 remaining in the second half. But Fordam sliced the lead to 59-51 on a layup by Kathryn McCabe with 2:41 to play. With solid free throw shooting (5-6) in the final 32 seconds of play St. Mary's stopped any comeback attempt.

**St. Mary's 81
UC Irvine 90**

In their final tuneup before league play, St. Mary's beat a pesky Anteater team. A steal by J.R. Paine which ended up in a Jamie Shine basket put the game away. UC Irvine came out hot in the second half, closed the lead to four points and was looking to inch closer before the Paine steal. Tracy Morris and Shine led the Gaels in scoring with 17 points each. Shine converted on 6-6 free throw shooting in the final minutes, 7-8 overall. The win improved St. Mary's preseason mark to an impressive 9-3.

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<u>MEN'S</u>	Conference			Overall	
	W	L	PCT	W	L
Santa Clara	4	0	1.000	13	3
Gonzaga	4	0	1.000	15	4
Portland	3	1	.750	10	4
USF	2	2	.500	11	5
Pepperdine	2	2	.500	10	6
St. Mary's	1	3	.250	6	10
San Diego	0	4	.000	8	8
LMU	0	4	.000	4	12

<u>WOMEN'S</u>	Conference			Overall	
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Santa Clara	4	0	1.000	13	4
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San Diego	3	1	.750	8	8
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USF	2	2	.500	6	10
Portland	1	3	.250	10	5
Gonzaga	1	3	.250	9	7
San Diego	0	4	.000	3	13

The Madhouse of Moraga



At a recent game, the Gael and a friend preform at halftime. Throughout the season the Gael has paraded around the court heckling opponents and exciting the fans.

Jessica Doid



A group of St. Mary's freshmen display their Gael Pride.

Damon Tridhe

Gaels Drop Two to Bay Area Rivals

Kelly Morris records her first double-double

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

St. Mary's Women's Basketball opened the West Coast Conference season with two tough visits to Santa Clara and San Francisco and two tough losses. On Friday, January 9, the Gaels were blown out by 33 points and then the next night they lost by six.

Against Santa Clara, the Gaels went to the locker room only losing by four, but the Broncos exploded for 55 second half points to St. Mary's 26

and beat the Gaels 88-55. Santa Clara shot 58% from the 3-point line, 75% from the free throw line and 58% from the field. Gael Sophomore Tracy Morris scored 23 in the game, but 15 were in the first half. Morris connected on 8-16 from the field and 3-4 from the 3-point line. Stacy Berg and J.R. Paine hit for eight and seven respectively.

At USF, the Gaels could not hold onto a halftime lead of seven points. Throughout the second half, St. Mary's was unable to put away a scrappy

San Fransisco team and lost 60-54. The Gaels had three players to score in double figures, Kelly Morris 14, Stacey Berg 13 and Tracy Morris 10.

Senior guard Kelly Morris recorded her first double-double of the season against USF. In addition to her 14 points, she pulled down 12 rebounds in the loss. Last year's Honorable Mention All-West Coast Conference player is averaging 8.4 points and 5.1 rebounds while shooting 77% from the free throw line.

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points in the second.

Santa Clara used a three guard rotation of Jones, Nathan Fast, and Craig Johnson to guard the slippery Sivulich. All three have athletic wiry bodies that nullified the guard's outside shooting. "Sometimes you get the shots. They switched in the second half and not in the first," comented Sivulich on Santa Clara's different defense.

"You can't live and die with the trey. Nobody was dou-

bling down on our big guys," said Bollwinkel. Throughout the game the Gaels received little help from the front court. Post-up threats Eric Schraeder and Josh Greer combined to score only 16 points.

An 11-0 run in the first half allowed the Broncos to keep an arm's distance away from the Gaels and take a 39 to 35 halftime lead. In the second half St. Mary's took a 49 to 45 lead on two free throws by Schraeder and a Frank Allocco jumper.

But, Jones erupted as he scored a layup, found Lloyd Pierce for a dunk to tie the score at 49 signaling future trouble.

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Gaels Earn Even Record in League Play With Home Victories

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

It's obvious after St. Mary's dismantling of Portland and Gonzaga that last weeks losses to Santa Clara and San Francisco were only blips on the screen. The Gaels defeated Portland Thursday, 69-56 and then Gonzaga, 81-64 on Saturday.

With the win against Portland, St. Mary's coach Kelly Graves defeated his former boss Jim Sollars in what should be a rivalry for years to come. "I'm really happy that we beat them, but it's one game," said a beaming Graves.

St. Mary's jumped out to an early 15-5 lead on the bench play of Erin Abraham, who recorded 5 quick points. The center finished the game with 13 points and 9 rebounds. While the Gaels kept the lead throughout the first half, they were never able to pull away from Portland. The Pilots would always have an answer for any Gael score.

With 1:34 left in the first half Portland cut the lead to 29-24 on a three point play by Nancy Pompili. In the second

half, Tracy Morris picked up two fouls in 18 seconds. In her absence it was no surprise that her sister Kelly picked up the slack for the younger Morris.

Morris recorded her second double-double of the season with 16 points and 14 rebounds. "I haven't been shooting well and I tried not to think about it," said Morris.

The Gaels increased their lead to 41-33 on a three-pointer by Morris early in the second half. St. Mary's came out in the second half and put the clamps on Portland's offense. The Gaels held the Pilots to 8 points in the first 9 minutes of play.

Down the stretch St. Mary's buried Portland with 80% free throw on 12-of-15. Freshman Mary Volmer hit two key three pointers to help in the 13 point win. "She did a great job; those were big threes," said Graves on the Freshman's performance.

"We just need to play with spirit," said Graves.

**St. Mary's 81
Gonzaga 64**

St. Mary's women improved their record to 2-2 in conference play with an easy win over the Bulldogs. The Gaels came out

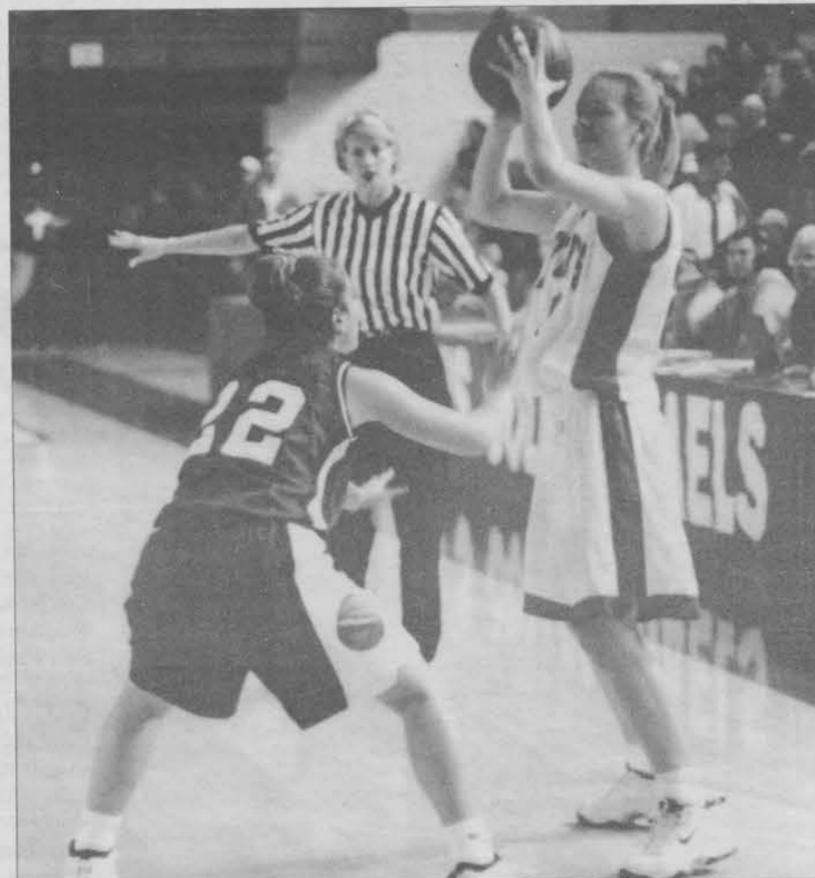
shooting 69% from the field to lead by as much as 16 in the first half. St. Mary's took a 13 point lead into half-time thanks to 12 Gonzaga turnovers, 39-26.

Though the Bulldogs cut the Gael lead to one in the second half on a Staci Andrews 3-pointer with 13:11 left, they would never take the lead. St. Mary's responded with a 13 point run to close the game out. Kelly Morris finished with 16 points while Stacey Berg and Tracy Morris had 15 points and 9 rebounds each. Erin Abraham

had another good game off the bench with 12 points and 7 rebounds.

The Gaels will be in action next week on the road against Portland and Gonzaga, the 15

and 17 of January. The tip times for both games is at 7:00pm.



Stacy Berg contributed 16 points and 9 rebounds in the Gael victory

Jessica Doid

St. Mary's Swept in Northwest Trip

Gaels Take a Pounding Against Gonzaga, 102-73

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

The St. Mary's Men's Basketball team was placed in a big hole by the hands of Portland and Gonzaga over the weekend. On Thursday, the Gaels lost to Portland 80-75

and were then blasted by Gonzaga, 102-73. The continuing question for the Gaels is defense. Though both David Sivulich and Eric Schraeder are putting up big numbers, they do not help when your defense cannot stop the other team.

But in the WCC anything can

happen and no team is ever out of the race. Besides, the regular season is only a warm-up to the conference tournament. Who's hot at the end of the year and not the beginning only matters.

St. Mary's and Portland played in a back and forth game

that had no team take control until the end. The Pilots were able to outscore the Gaels in the second half 46-42 to take the game. Portland's second half shooting told the story as they lit up the nets on 69% shooting.

Top scorers in the game for the Gaels were Sivulich and Schraeder with 19 and 21 points respectively. St. Mary's received a boost from Frank Allocco with 15 and Josh Greer with 10 points and 10 rebounds, but no production from anyone else.

Frank Knight went 2-7 on the night for 4 points and Eric Knapp recorded 3 points. It's imperative that Knapp finds his shot if the Gaels hope to repeat as champs. The forward is a leader and emotional player on the court which St. Mary's needs.

Portland received a balanced scoring effort with five players finishing in double figures. The top Pilot scorer was Chivo Anderson with 21 points. Point guard Dionn Holton recorded a double-double with 12 points and 11 assists.

Against Gonzaga, St. Mary's suffered their worst loss since losing to Santa Barbara, 79-37 five years ago. The Bulldogs

took a 51-31 lead into halftime on 72% shooting. Then in the second half when Gonzaga shot 37% they pulled down 17 offensive rebounds.

Offensively, the Gaels struggled mightily, going 9:30 in the first half without scoring and 5:45 in the second without scoring. One bright spot for St. Mary's was Josh Greer's career high 24 points.

The forward scored five of the Gaels' first seven points for an early 7-4 lead. Then St. Mary's went into a deep freeze only to wake up 9:30 later with a Greer basket down 28-11. St. Mary's cut the Gonzaga lead to twenty at halftime and thirteen in the second half on two Eric Schraeder free throws.

But, the Bulldogs got a 3-pointer from Casey Calvery which created a 14-0 run. Richie Frahm led Gonzaga in scoring with a career high 25 points on 8-11 shooting and 5-5 from 3-point range.

The Gaels were led by Greer in scoring with David Sivulich chipping with 23. While Greer and Sivulich shot well, 7-of-10 and 7-of-14 respectively, the rest of the team shot 29%. It was the same story for St. Mary's, little balanced scoring with nobody playing defense.



Frank Knight drives the lane in the Santa Clara game.

Damon Tighe