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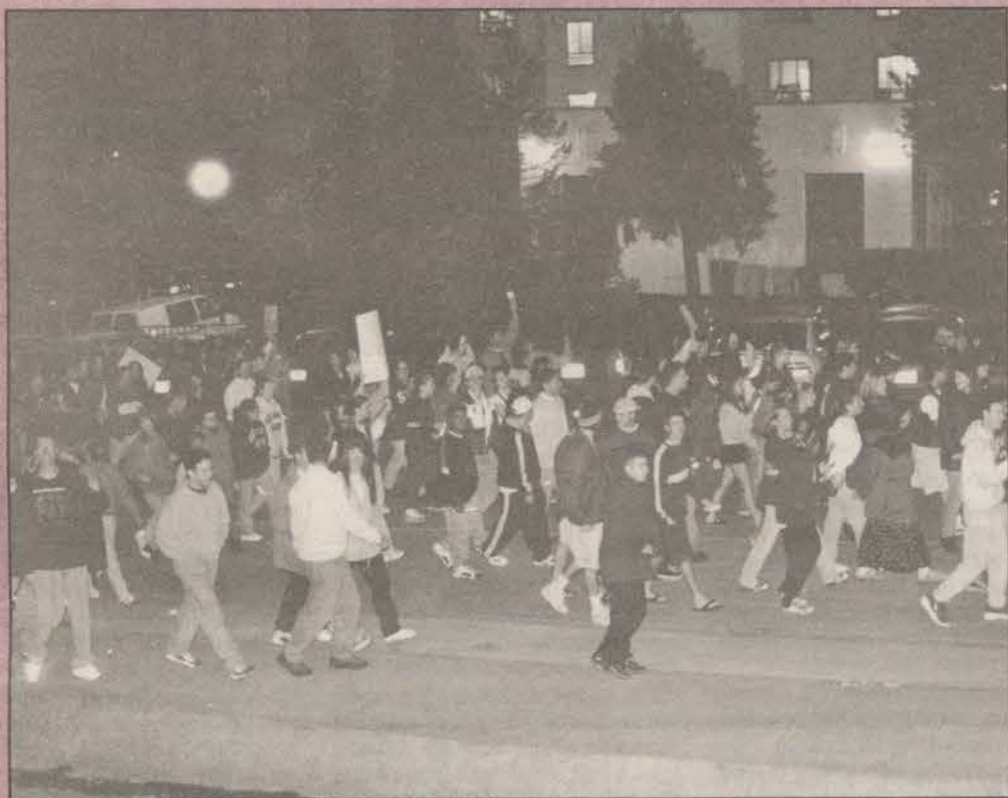
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## Marching For Respect



Students marching in front of De La Salle Hall.

### Students rally in protest of current campus issues

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Managing Editor

Two-hundred-fifty students gathered on Tuesday, March 10 to march around campus. As an event organized by the Women's Studies students, the march encompassed both women's issues and campus concerns.

Beginning at Syufy Hall, students assembled in protest of the recent explosion of campus issues. The march led students past the freshman residence halls along the campus loop. It continued past McKeon Pavilion, Galileo Hall, and Bro. Jerome West Hall, to reach its destination in the St. La Salle Plaza.

With glowing necklaces provided by Sandra Grayson and glow sticks provided by Public Safety, students marched through campus carrying signs declaring the issues for which they were marching. Slogans such as "Silence is Not Golden," "Knowledge Up, Class Size Down," and "Vow of Poverty, My Ass" were peppered throughout the crowd.

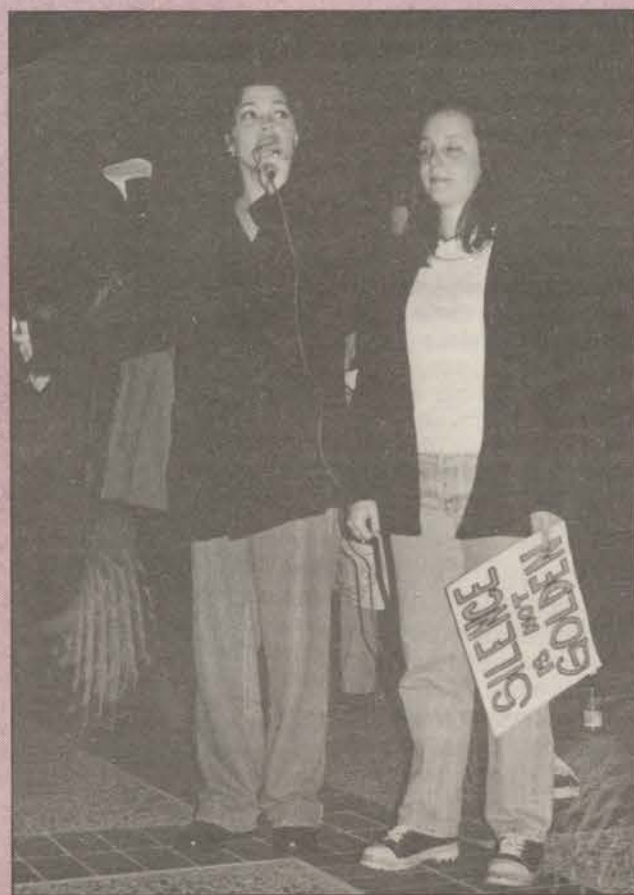
Although several faculty members and administrators marched with the stu-

dents, some were waiting in the plaza as the increasing number of students marched across the chapel lawn. With a brief introduction of the night's intentions by Erin Wetzel and Rachel Eackle, student members of the Women's Studies Program Board, the organizers opened the microphone to the crowd.

The women's issues mentioned centered mainly around

women's safety on campus. Several students chose to discuss the lack of decent campus lighting. Senior Megan Crowell explained, "The issue is not about too little lighting, it's about where the administration wants to place them." Senior Heidi Giordano addressed the need for a women's resource center on

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Erin Wetzel and Rachel Eackle begin the open-mic session.

## Brown Resigns

Dean of Advising Services to leave College for new post

By Brenda Hereford  
Head Copy Editor

After 28 years of service to the students of St. Mary's College, Dean of Advising Services Tom Brown has submitted his resignation in order to accept a position as the executive director of the De La Salle Foundation, an organization founded by the Christian Brothers in the San Francisco district to support education and service to the poor.

Brown has not only been in charge of academic advising on campus, but also pre-law advising, the High Potential program, international programs, the Black Students Programs, and Asian Pacific American Student Programs.

He has worked closely with the directors of the latter programs in order to create inclusive offices that work for community among students, rather than to emphasize divisions among the student body.

## Tuition Increases

Cost of St. Mary's education set to rise 8% for 1998-1999

By Greg McWilliams  
Staff Writer

As inflation takes its annual toll and the cost of living rides its crest, so does the cost of an education at St. Mary's College.

In a vote that hopes to provide a quality undergraduate education and maintain a reasonable price, the Board of Trustees approved a 5 percent tuition increase, and a 3 percent increase in room and board.

The increase will become effective July 1, 1998.

The mean increase in tuition for the last past 20 years comes out to 8.9 percent. The 5 percent tuition adjustment is the lowest percentage increase in two decades of undergraduate education at St. Mary's.

According to Director of Finance Controller Jeanne DeMatteo, tuition has gone up



Dean Brown

Brown also played a role in new student orientation, parent orientation, and the new summer orientation program.

In his words, his office has traditionally been a place to go for information, and he and his staff have spent a great deal of time helping "students who are in crisis" for a variety of reasons, ranging from lost advisors during scheduling week to test anxiety on the part of pre-law students.

Brown and his staff have already started a series of meetings with President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D., Academic Vice President William Hynes and Vice President for Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, Please see BROWN, page 6

from \$15,880.00 in 1997-98 to \$16,674.00 for 1998-99.

Depending on the configuration the student chooses, room and board will approximately increase from \$6,825 in 1997-98 to \$7021 for 1998-99.

The total fee for a traditional package in the 1997-98 school year was \$22,625.00. For the 1998-99 school year, the total traditional package amounts to \$23,695.00, a \$1,070 total increase. The traditional package consists of a double suite (\$3,921.00), a 14-meal plan (\$3,100.00), and a universal tuition fee (\$16,674.00).

For St. Mary's College President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D., the motive to keep the increase in tuition as low as possible, was to keep the school "affordable and accessible" to

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## THE COLLEGIAN VIEW

### UNITED WE STAND

Sometimes student media seems to be in a completely different universe from the rest of St. Mary's. We have repeatedly voiced our concerns over the lack of student involvement. In recent years we have concluded that students, especially St. Mary's students, are completely apathetic. How wrong we were.

The recent march not only demonstrated that students are concerned, but that they are also willing to step forward and exert some kind of control. Despite statements to the contrary, students at the march remained confident that they are the most important "stakeholders" at St. Mary's College. For the first time since 1972, we the students have taken a stand. For years our tendency towards apathy has made us mute; on the evening of Tuesday, March 10, we cleared our throats and spoke our first unifying words in 26 years.

Our fears and concerns have defined our need to be a community. Instead of 2,000 different parts of a whole, we've blurred the lines and become one. Through a communal front we can confront every issue. Together we can help generate the future of St. Mary's. The march was only a beginning.

However, just because we made the effort once doesn't guarantee results. When actively seeking answers, we must not drop the ball. Persistence is the path we must follow to succeed in our pursuit of the truth. If we fail to continue our growth as a united front, we will be forced back on every step we have taken forward.



The Campus Toon

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Sounds of Silence

Dear Editor,  
Am I the only one? I, like many other St. Mary's students, began the school year with high hopes of what was supposed to be the best year yet. There would be a new administration, which seemed happy to say that the emphasis would not be on them, but that this was to be the "Year of the Student."

This sense of euphoria was not to last. Suddenly, the students were moved from the focus of the College to the doormat of the administration. Over the past few weeks, there have been many rumors circulating the campus about the recent resignations of key staff, and the restructuring of college life as we know it at St. Mary's. But, just who is willing to address the students' needs and concerns? The COLLEGIAN has done a great job in bringing to light some of the issues concerning the resignation of Ron Travenick. I regret to say, though, that the article was not enough. By no means did this have anything to do with the COLLEGIAN; instead, the lack of information clearly comes from the tight-lipped administration. The mystery of what really happened to Ron Travenick is only one of many rumors that has remained unanswered by the administration. Other rumors include:

- 1) Telling R.A.s and other students not to phone the police in emergency situations.
- 2) The ultimate phasing out of undergraduate life at St. Mary's.
- 3) The promise of improved security measures on campus; as well as whatever happened to the Pinkerton review?
- 4) Just how much money was spent on Bro. Craig's inauguration ceremony, and why has Bro. Craig chosen to move further away from the students and out of community life? Who will be paying for his move?

Rumor is nothing new to our campus. With each event held, the aftermath is often of rumor and chaos. More important than why our small community is often riddled with rumor, we should be addressing proper channels of communication to avoid any further chaos. The administration's silence tells the students that there is no need for us to know the truth of these matters. Whether or not the students need to know the truth is NOT for the administration to decide. It is indeed the students

who have decided on many occasions what, exactly, we need to know. Rumor begins in the silence of the administration.

More than anything else, the silence of the administration is contradictory. What are you saying about the quality of community living, when you move out of the dorms and into a luxury that is all your own? How am I supposed to feel about a school which is supposed to be teaching me the skills that I need to succeed in the "real" world for the rest of my life, when the same institution does not trust me as an adult? I am not allowed to be a part of the institution whose diploma I carry; I am only as good as my tuition check. And when I leave, I am good for nothing. The #2 rumor (listed above) further illustrates this point. What will a diploma be worth from a school that did not feel confident enough in its undergraduate program to keep it? What then shall we say is the value of our education? And who is to be the judge?

Meghan Crowell  
Government, '98

### Plaque Appreciation

Dear Editor,

As a student and former pro-choice advocate, I have read with much curiosity the pro-choice letters to the editor; none of which have adequately provided a reasonable justification for why the memorial to the unborn should NOT be placed on campus. And so, in response to the many letters which have been written due to the controversy surrounding this memorial, I would like to pose a few questions: What great act of injustice have the Knights of Columbus committed? Whose rights have they infringed upon? And most importantly, what is this controversy really about?

The Knights of Columbus have constructed a statue in fond memory of lives they believe are lost in the event of abortion, due to moral and ethical convictions which represent the values upon which this College and our society were originally based. Pro-choice students and faculty alike have complained of this as though it were some great injustice that they should have to pass by this memorial on the way to a class or office. And yet, although the very fabric of humanity was once sewn together by noble ideals, we are now offended by the sight of a moral statement.

Even more absurdly, many feel

as though their "rights" have somehow been infringed upon because they don't agree with the purpose of such a moral claim; and even if they did, not everyone does. They believe they have the "right" to be pro-choice and yet are consciously indignant of the claim that a fetus may have rights as well.

Rather than appropriating concern for what injustice has occurred, whose rights have been infringed upon, or whether this statue equally represents the ideals of the "St. Mary's Community", perhaps those who are so offended should turn such thoughts inward and reflect upon why they are so offended.

Should they choose to do so, they will find that this controversy really doesn't have anything to do with Spanish conquest, Pro-choice Catholics, or men's responsibilities. What really bothers us is that when the Knights of Columbus erected this statue, they also created a mirror which reflects the condition of our society, thus demanding an account of our choices and actions whenever we come to gaze upon it.

As a society which strives to be "equal" and "politically correct", we have wholeheartedly sacrificed what is fundamentally noble. Ethics is a means to virtue, yet the desire for a system of values designates inequality, and so we become further demoralized for the sake of "emotional awareness." No longer do we seek virtue and truth; rather, they have become the scapegoats for our rationalization of an increasingly immoral way of life. What is good and pure has been driven from our sight; morality has become offensive.

I, for one, would like to thank the Knights of Columbus with great gratitude, not only because they are willing to stand up for the sake of what is right rather than arbitrary "rights," but also for reminding us of who we are.

Mary Helen Bridge  
Biology/Philosophy, '99

### Challenge to Franz

Dear Editor,

The students want a two-way dialogue, and now is the time. It is obvious that some people don't know how we do things here at St. Mary's—but we are here to open the lines of communication at this time. We understand there are certain things which detract from the perfection of the way we have done things for many years now, but is it now seen how important



## When a Majority Becomes a Minority: Women's Voices at SMC

Phillip Iverson  
Opinion Contributor

Over the past couple of years I've served as an occasional host or tour guide for prospective students at open houses and overnights. As such, I'm well aware of the statistic that over 60% of St. Mary's students are female. This is an important fact that people need to start paying attention to around here.

At St. Mary's it seems as if people are listened to when they're either in the majority or are extremely vocal. A few examples will illustrate this point. One, after over three years of planning and discussing, the Student Union will soon commence phase one of the project. Two, after a year of petitioning and several articles in the COLLEGIAN, APASA was formed and created to serve a student need.

Yet, why is it that the largest segment of the undergraduate population, the female students, are routinely ignored and treated as the "other?"

Case in point is the recent student march on March 10, culminating with a gathering at the Chapel Plaza. It origi-

nally began as a march organized by two Women's Studies students so that they could bring forth the concerns of women students on this campus. It quickly evolved into a student march to protest the changes and problems at SMC. However, the administration tried to take advantage of the situation and issue a prepared statement at the event's conclusion.

There are, in that simple action, two very big problems. First, it showed lack of respect for the event's organizers, who wished to keep this a student event. The airing of concerns and issues was by and for students to help them do something that hasn't been done this year: build solidarity and unity. This action did more harm than good in that it caused students to leave from this rather positive experience bitter and even more upset than when they marched.

Second, by having a prepared statement the administration made a mistake. The statement, in essence, says "We already know what you're going to say, so let's see how we can work this to our advantage." If the administration had really wanted to show they cared and

were sincere, why not wait a day and issue a response and/or hold a "town hall" meeting to address the specific issues/concerns brought up at the march?

However, the problem extends beyond the events associated with last week's march. When several key administrators left earlier in the year, there was a legitimate concern about student advocates on campus. At the town hall meeting, several students said they felt there were no student advocates for women's concerns. Remember, women make up over 60% of the undergraduate population.

Some administrators said that they thought of themselves as student advocates. But, that isn't good enough. Why isn't there a women's advocate on campus? This leads to the obvious question as to why there aren't more women administrators on campus? Is there a fear of actually representing the students and their needs/concerns?

Another key issue this year has been campus safety. After the incident on campus in the Fall, several women students gathered and created a list of their concerns, which included

better lighting and emergency phones on campus. These students didn't wait for someone to ask them to put together a list of issues and concerns; rather they took the initiative, themselves, to do something.

These concerns and objectives were then presented to former Dean Ron Travenick. Yet, due to his "departure" in January, they have gone unheard, and in essence, the hard work of these students was ignored and put on the proverbial back-burner.

These efforts, needs, and concerns have been ignored and gone unnoticed by the administration this year in the midst of all the change (which is in itself ironic considering that this is the "year of the student.") It is almost alarming that the administration has lost sight of the student when, in fact, the student is primary to St. John Baptist De LaSalle's vision of education. The message seems to be that this is the "year of the student" in so much that the student is the only thing bringing the administration back to reality.

In two months, I graduate. While at SMC, I've come to realize and respect the power of women to gather together

and call attention to real problems. It is also refreshing to see that there's a real commitment for these students to come up with solutions—and alternate plans. These women have been examples of dignity and decorum.

However, based on the actions of the administration this year, I'm led to believe that students shouldn't try to evoke change in a responsible manner.

Further, it seems as if I should give up the crazy idea of equal and adequate representation based on the number of women administrators at a predominantly female college.

St. Paul said, "How therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and a household of God" (Eph 2:19, KJV). I certainly look forward to the day when St. Paul's words can ring true for all students, especially women at SMC. Until then, I have to pray for the best and trust that those prayers will be answered accordingly.

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### LETTERS CONTINUED

our traditions and ways of doing things are to us?

In my mind, a president of a small, Lasallian, liberal arts college should be able to perform in several capacities. A president can carry out administrative duties, teach classes (i.e. Seminar), be "out there" talking to students on a daily basis, live with the students, and allow students to be involved with and privy to matters which affect the College. These matters in turn directly impact us, the students.

Isn't St. Mary's "our" home? Shouldn't "we" decide what "we" need and what is best for us? Yes, St. Mary's IS our home. Students, especially seniors, remember that we cannot just forget about this place. We love it enough to devote four (or more) years of our life to being here. Students, together, we can make a difference.

Bro. Craig has seemed to be less a part of the SMC community than Bro. Mel. I know it is not fair to compare two people, but we must see that Bro. Mel is the man who made SMC the great institution it is now. Bro. Mel taught classes, lived with the students, and was a part of us. We never felt that he was trying to isolate himself or make the College into something that it couldn't or shouldn't be.

A president should not feel that he needs to be above or separate from the student body. And what gets me the most out of all issues is the proposed "presidential palace" and its extravagance. Things are going way too far. You have not even had enough time to adjust to the move-in here, and you are ready to move? Why do you want to separate yourself from us, Bro. Craig?

It has been said that entertaining guests and donors is important to meeting financial needs of the College. We understand this, but we must remember that these donors should know that college life is much different from being hosted at the Lafayette Park Hotel.

Student life is an integral part of the college experience. We are who we are. If Bro. Craig isn't comfortable with how SMC is and how SMC has been and desires to remain, then maybe he should have chosen a different college.

The loss of several key student affairs staff, regardless of their reasons for leaving, makes me question the effectiveness of the current administration. Is staff genuinely supported? Students and faculty, working together, we can make a difference.

Budget cuts, increases in class sizes, reduction in course offerings in each department, tuition increases, "top-secret" inaugural expenses, and issues of campus safety all directly impact the student body and faculty. The students of SMC are now awake—and we are telling you, Bro. Craig, to listen to us. The College is the students and faculty working together. I know that faculty as well, in great numbers, are feeling a lack of support from and for the current administration. Do not blame the student body for what you feel is not an open invitation to be involved. Take responsibility for your actions. Not listening to our voices is why we revolt. The College is everyone working to make a difference.

I issue two challenges: (1) Bro. Craig—listen to us, and what we, the students and faculty, feel is best for the SMC community as a whole. You, too, can learn from our experience and wisdom. (2) Students and faculty—show support for those who want the community as a whole to make decisions for the College. Come to meetings and do your part. Are we a community under one authoritarian power, or a part of a democracy?

James Britto  
Liberal Studies, '98

### Cheers to GALA

Dear Editor,

I apologize in advance for breaking the rule of anonymity. I hope the content of my letter (which is also what impels me not to sign this) will allow for an exception.

I wish to congratulate and applaud the Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA) of St. Mary's College. I am a gay faculty member who has worked at St. Mary's for many years. Given the prejudices that lead to job discrimination in such arenas as promotion, tenure, and publishing—even here at St. Mary's where we proclaim our "community," many of us who are

gay faculty and staff—and there are many—have a long history of silence. Some of it is out of respect to the sensitivities of our students and the traditions of a Catholic college, some of it stems from fear, some comes from a bottom line idea that no one's sexuality should be discussed, period.

What you, the students of GALA, are doing for this campus is remarkable. Your example of honesty will hopefully teach and help all of the community here to embrace, in reality, the diversity that it is striving to promote. And I compliment the Associated Students of St. Mary's College (ASSMC) student officers for approving GALA as an official campus club. We are a community, all of us.

*Editor's Note: Anonymous letters are not usually accepted, but due to the circumstances of this letter, we respect the anonymity.*

### Unaffordable Forbes

Dear Editor,

I am a little disappointed at the student turnout for the Steve Forbes appearance. What is that you say? What student could afford \$150 for an afternoon with the esteemed Steve Forbes?

When I learned of the Forbes talk, I was not only shocked but overwhelmingly appalled. How is it that a college student can be so blatantly discouraged from attending a campus sponsored event? I hope I am correct in assuming that this was a St. Mary's sponsored event, in which case, as a student of St. Mary's College, I should not only be allowed, but encouraged to attend.

Perhaps I am misinformed, but I was under the assumption that lectures given on a college or university campus were done so with the interest of educating and enlightening the students, professors, and whoever possesses a general interest. I know many people who were genuinely interested in the Forbes lecture but either did not know of it, for it was barely publicized, or could not afford it.

The last time I checked, \$150 dollars was a rather large obstacle for any college student. Ironically, this event will probably take front page of the next COLLEGIAN and be

billied as one of the greatest experiences St. Mary's could provide for the student. How many students were in attendance? Under ten students actually attended this lecture, including those of the college press corps and those who assisted in the facilitation of the event.

In order to rectify this situation, perhaps the lecture could have been shown on SMC-TV throughout the campus. If that was not a viable option, I am sure something could have been devised. It is extremely difficult for me to fathom that an administration as talented and decorated as ours could not concoct a plan to bring this experience to the student.

Is this institution still dedicated first and foremost to the students? I am trying hard to heed the advice that Fr. Sal Ragusa gave during the Ash Wednesday service, when he proposed that students should not constantly accuse administration of ignoring our best interests. However, in light of the recent event, I do not accuse the administration, but merely question. Could we not have benefited from this experience as well?

Leah McAleer  
Government, '00

### Whose Year Is It?

Dear Editor,

Not too long ago, I sat in the hot sun as a certain person read his inaugural speech to the College. In the speech, he declared grandly that this year would be the "year of the student." As I heard those words, I wondered exactly what he meant. As it turns out, Bro. Craig should have called it the "year of the administration" instead. As anyone can clearly see, this year has been about everything but the students.

Call it politics, call it a lust for power, call it whatever you want, but don't call it the "year of the student." This year has brought students many farewells to say as they watched some of their favorite administrators leave the school. Who will forget Dean Travenick, Kecia Leland, or Mike Sullivan serving as voices of support and mediation for the students. Not to mention Dean of Academic Affairs Tom Brown, who leaves this campus after serving as a much

needed voice for minorities, pre-law students, and just about anyone who needed to talk.

Can we simply believe that all four of these people are leaving because of new job opportunities or commitments to families? Or, is a dangerous trend emerging out of these horrible losses to the College? Where are the people who listened to us, and why are they leaving? After all of this "administrative shuffling," who will be left as our student advocates? These changes can hardly be looked at in a positive light. They have left the College in a state of flux, while students have been left wondering what is going on.

As well, who can forget the tragic rape that occurred on campus in the Fall. When students asked for more safety measures to be implemented, a letter from the administration answered them this Spring. There has been no new lighting, no safe phones, and as of yet, no new safety procedures. Through all of the complaints, both formal and informal, the administration has not listened.

Thanks to Women's Studies, last Tuesday, hundreds of students gathered to protest some of these very issues. Finally, it was a chance for students to publicly address their concerns. And there were many to be heard. At the end of the gathering, Bro. Craig approached the microphone. I was hopeful that he would finally address some of our concerns. Instead, he read a pre-prepared speech that was clearly written for Public Relations purposes. He did not once directly address any of the student concerns. Yet again, the students were not heard.

Amanda Chavez  
Anthropology/Sociology, '98

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## St. Mary's Tradition in Jeopardy

**Greg Schaefer**  
Opinion Contributor

Do you remember the first packet of information that you ever received from St. Mary's? In it were some information sheets, some facts about the College, application information, and a couple of newspaper articles. In one of those articles was a picture of Bro. Mel Anderson sitting at a table with some students, enjoying a meal together. The caption said that he often took time to cook meals for some of the students.

Before even finishing the article, I took it in, showed it to my mom and told her how great I thought it was that the President of the College was sharing dinner with some students. It wasn't until my mom continued reading the article that we discovered that this picture was in Bro. Mel's own room: a room where he lived among the students in the residence halls! We were amazed because we had never heard of an institution at which the president lived in a residence hall with the students.

The very thought of a president living in the dorms, while amazing to my friends at other institutions, remains, for me, part of what makes St. Mary's what it is. Even now, when I describe my alma mater to my friends and prospective students, one of the foundations of my description is the residence of the Brother President in the dormitories. That is part of St. Mary's.

Recently, it has become public knowledge that Bro. Craig Franz will be leaving his position as Brother in Residence in Ageno B, in order to move into Siena Hall. This decision has come as a shock to many of us, especially those of us for whom having a resident president means a great deal.

I understand that with a new administration comes new decisions followed swiftly by new changes, and I must say, too, that there is no justification in comparing this administration to the last one. In fact, Anderson did not actually live in the residence halls as a Brother Counselor from day one. And, this is not the most important issue that we, as a community, are facing. But there are some things which seem to be characteristics of the College, things by which the College is known publicly, that should not be altered, this issue among them.

Franz gave a few reasons as to why he feels it is a good idea for him to have his own residence. Among them were his concern about noise in the dormitories while he is trying to entertain guests, an incident involving a student throwing up in the bushes, and the fact that the presidents of other Lasallian institutions to which he has been have had their own residences.

Entertaining guests at St. Mary's is nothing new. But guests can be entertained anywhere from the informality of the newly-popular Marriott establishments to the fancy Zocci lounge on

the second floor of Bro. Jerome West Hall, which has a full industrial kitchen where Franz could cook for his guests.

As far as noise, I do not know a student who would not respond to a request from a neighbor, a brother, and, in fact, the President, to keep the noise down while a meeting or dinner party was in progress. As any donor to St. Mary's or president of another college should well be aware, throwing up is a fact of life, and, in college life, unpleasant as it may be, students are going to be found doing so. Anyone involved with a college who has never witnessed such things has not spent much time walking around the cam-

# Where Should The President of SMC Live?

pus. Finally, as for other institutions who have presidential residences, this is not another institution. This is St. Mary's College of California, steeped in its own 135 years of tradition. We have neither need nor desire to become another institution.

As a Christian Brother, a man of community, the brother president should be living with his students or his brothers. And, even on a campus where the vow of poverty is not blatantly evident, the idea of a Christian Brother with his own house is somewhat non-sequitur.

For me, and maybe for you, this is not a decision in keeping with the traditions of St. Mary's College. If this was UC Moraga and the chancellor wanted his own house, that would be another story. Or if St. Mary's had been founded in August of 1997, we would not have any traditions against which to hold this up. But as a senior, and not the last of my family to be educated here, it pains me to see a tradition, which I hold so dear, altered.

I am not against change and, in fact, welcome it if it is necessary, especially for the good of this institution. Additionally, it is important to keep in mind that we cannot fairly compare administrations. But, there are some things that make up the very nature of this College which, in my mind, should not be changed.

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## Role as President Takes Priority

**Heather McCourtie**  
Op / Ed Editor

In light of the recent breaking news of President Bro. Craig Franz' plan to move out of the dorms into a private residence, students, faculty, and residence staff have been expressing their disapproval with the man, who many believe feels the need to separate himself from the students and the brothers who define St. Mary's College. This disapproval comes with reason; after all, Bro. Mel Anderson lived amongst the students for years. Yet, as President of SMC, where should Franz live?

iversity in Minnesota, has a separate residence on campus for the president. Santa Clara University, not a Lasallian school, has a president who lives on campus in a building with the Jesuit Brothers. And another Lasallian institution, LaSalle University in Pennsylvania, has a president who not only lives out of the dorms, but lives off campus with his fellow Brothers.

This brings out the question as to why Franz does not move in with his fellow Brothers? Though his separation from the dorms is understandable, his separation from the Brothers is questionable. Perhaps he could not choose to which of the two Brothers' communities to belong. Or, perhaps the Brothers did not want the president living among them, as his many duties might keep him from becoming a real part of a Brothers' community. Whatever the reason, Franz' move into a residence all his own appears to be a major separation from the St. Mary's community.

Nevertheless, as president, this separation is justified. Imagine if the President of the United States lived down the street from you rather than in the White House. As president, Franz deserves his own residence. Like any president, he holds odd hours, working late nights and early mornings. By inhabiting a residence that meets all of his presidential needs, with an office, a full kitchen, and even a chapel, Franz will be at his most productive, focusing on presidential matters without distracting neighboring students, or Brothers, or being distracted in return, for that matter.

Furthermore, Franz's many duties as president keep him from becoming one exclusive part of the large community that we have at St. Mary's College. Franz is here for all of us, not just for students, but for the Brothers and faculty alike. In having his own residence, he opens himself to other parts of the St. Mary's community that may have felt withdrawn from him due to the fact that he was living amongst the students.

As a student, I personally would feel uncomfortable approaching Franz if he lived exclusively with the Brothers. Imagine the intimidation that they may have felt having to approach him in the dorms. A residence separate from everything else, yet still accessible to all, distinguishes him as president. And, with that acknowledgment, comes the promising future of St. Mary's College.

With a new administration comes new changes. Though this change may seem against the traditions of SMC, if Franz feels that he can perform better as president by living apart from the students and Brothers, then the SMC community should accept the change and prepare to start new traditions. Only when we accept these changes can we accept the future of SMC.

*Heather McCourtie is a Communication Major graduating in 2000.*

## Inappropriate Student Actions Close the Lines of Communication

**Fawn Sutherland**  
Managing Editor

At a time when we needed to join ranks, we did it. At a time when we needed to make a stand, we did. At a time when we needed to prove that we were mature adults, we failed. Although the majority should not be based on the minority, actions of the minority often deflect the intentions of the majority. Sometimes even the best intentions fade behind the most immature actions.

Throughout the march and the time following the march sponsored by Women's Studies Students, a select group of St. Mary's students took the cause upon themselves and diminished much of the nights accomplishments. Because of their choice we were portrayed

as irresponsible, uncontrollable, and childish.

As the issues were presented at the march, several students could not control their heckling. Time after time again we demonstrated that we could not provide respect for our fellow students. This very lack of regard for the voices of others weakens the new voice we have just discovered. United we can stand, but divided we will fall. Only together can we prove ourselves.

As a long-time supporter of the active pursuit of causes, I was extremely excited by the immense sampling of students that decided to join the march. In spite of the varying issues we supported, we came together to ask only one thing of our administration. As we spoke we implored them to lend us their ears and listen. We

asked that they put themselves in our place and understand where our fears and concerns lie. We desired open lines of communication. Whether we believe they complied with our requests is neither here nor there. What right to respect do we have if we cannot offer the same?

Although we may believe Bro. Craig's address was out of place, he did take the floor. Therefore if we are advocating open lines of communication, then we should not be crowding those lines with our noise. In spite of any animosity, we should have remained to hear Bro. Craig out.

This does not mean, however, that there was not room for protest. Those who chose to walk away in silence made an eloquent statement of their need for reciprocated respect.

Those who chose to raise their voices as they walked away merely allowed their lack of respect to sully the very lines of communication we were so desperately trying to establish. Thus, we are still trying.

Further destroying our purpose were those who decided to retaliate against the ASSMC President and others, whose presence were not as apparent at the march. In order to gain respect, we must display it. Refusing to support and accept the decisions of others is wrong. No one should be forced to support an issue, regardless of its importance.

The choice not to march was a valid and (should have been) respected decision. However, following the evening's activities, violent actions toward those who did not attend ensued. Completely demeaning

the majority's purpose, the throwing of rocks at two individual cars on campus, was completely inappropriate. The eggs that defaced the vehicles of others were also immature. To the perpetrators, what right do you have to act in such a fashion? Support cannot be forced, it must be built. Childish antics will not achieve our goals, they will only diminish them.

We marched with the desire to demonstrate our maturity. We asked to be given the respect we deserve. We demanded that our importance as an integral part of the College be recognized. We were demeaned by ourselves.

*Fawn Sutherland is a Communication Major graduating in 1999.*



## Fortnightly Report

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### • Drop in Cancer Incidences

The American Cancer Society announced an average drop in the incidences of cancer of 0.5 % per year for the period between 1990 and 1995. Numerous factors have been cited for this reduction, including less smoking, better detection methods, and basic lifestyle changes.

### • Possible Homicide Charge in Ski-lift Clipping

Military air-crash investigators have ruled that charges of involuntary manslaughter or negligent homicide should be brought against four crewmen of a Marine jet. The jet clipped a ski-lift cable in Italy on February 3. Twenty were killed in the accident. The plane was found to be at 370 feet or less, which is far lower than the allowed altitude.

### • United States Ponders Balkan Aid

A plan for aid to the Balkan nations is being considered by the United States in order to better contain ethnic conflicts in the Serbian province of Kosovo. The State Department indicated that it would show no remorse for recent massacres in this region. A Serbian offer of negotiations was rejected by the State Department under the reason that it was "designed to fail."

### • China Agrees to Sign U.N. Pact

China agreed to sign a United Nations pact on civil and political rights. This step is a long awaited one, given China's long record of human-rights restrictions. A visit by President Clinton is being planned for June. This is much sooner than originally expected. China's Foreign Minister announced his imminent retirement.

### • Possible Agreement between British Government and IRA

Prime Minister Blair met with leaders of the Sinn Fein party and urged them to return to the negotiations table, as an agreement was "agonizingly close." Sinn Fein was recently expelled from the talks and demanded the meeting with Blair before they would return.

# THE NEWS

## Diversity Petition Passes

*Academic Senate approves new requirement for Class of 2002*

By Jennifer Parker  
Assistant Op/Ed Editor

On February 26, by an almost unanimous vote, the Academic Senate approved the proposal for a new general education requirement.

This document states that, beginning with the class of 2002, all undergraduate students must complete "one course focused on the history, traditions, and/or culture(s) of a people or peoples of non-European origin."

This requirement may be satisfied by a course which was taken to fulfill an area, major, minor, or January Term requirement.

Although some new classes may be created in light of this mandate, most appropriate options already exist within the current curriculum.

The Registrar will publish a list of approximately 30 courses that have been selected by the faculty members of each department and approved by the undergraduate deans of each school as satisfying this requirement.

Before its recent approval, this proposal had been on the agenda of the Academic Senate since December 1997; however, its origin dates back even farther.

A document entitled "Celebrating Diversity" was circulated to the College community in 1991 and endorsed by former College President Bro. Mel Anderson, FSC in May of that year. It recommended that St. Mary's establish a general education requirement that fosters "multi-cultural awareness, understanding, and respect."

In response to this perceived need, an ad hoc committee on diversifying the curriculum was formed. From here, the proposal moved to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, which approved it in May 1997. The proposal then passed through the Undergraduate Council and into the hands of the Academic Senate.

The rationale behind a requirement of this nature was discussed extensively within the committees.

According to Professor Frank Murray, the Chair of the Academic Senate, the time has come for the College to assert "the importance of diversity... [and to]...reexamine the curriculum in order to ensure that students are getting the full

value of their education."

Murray reported that the pressure which students face to graduate in four years influenced the faculty senators to allow each undergraduate to choose from among a wide array of already existing courses, which can also be used to fulfill other requirements, rather than creating a single class as the means of satisfying this new requirement.

This attitude was echoed by the Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Professor Carol Lashof, who confirmed that the goal was "not to burden students with additional course work, ... [but] to consider what students should study before they graduate, in order to become responsible, educated citizens."

Lashof conceded that, as is the case with any course, unless a student embraces the subject at hand with an open mind and a willing spirit, he or she may not reap all of the intended benefits.

However, she continued, "As a faculty, we are in the business of educating students. Most of them do not enter college equipped to make decisions [concerning curriculum] which will ensure that they become liberally educated."

## Unfinished ASSMC Business

*Senate halts meeting due to loss of quorum*

by Julia Jenkins  
Staff Writer

Due to a lack of quorum the ASSMC Senate meeting abruptly came to an end at 8:20pm on Sunday evening. The senate members were in the middle of the Semi-Annual Review of ASSMC club charters, when the twenty-second Senate member was excused to leave. It was necessary for twenty-two voting members to be present for the meeting to proceed.

Out of the thirty-two Senators, only twenty-four were present at the beginning of the meeting at 6:00pm, over two hours earlier. ASSMC VP for Administration Jen Frugaletti was strongly disappointed with the number of senators, stating, "We should always have quorum; to have ten people missing is unacceptable. The meetings are mandatory for the senators."

Several of the senators' absences were unexcused. The freshmen senators failed to represent their class with only three of the eight present. Frugaletti said there will be a meeting with everyone who was not present.

The rest of the agenda will

be continued at another meeting, where the Club charters will continue to be renewed. The senate was in the middle of determining how *riverrun*, the literary magazine, should be renewed. Motions of renewing in good standing and on probation were not passed. Due to the fact that there is no written criteria on how to judge a club's standing, the senators agreed that *riverrun's* charter should be renewed but could not decide whether it should be put on probation for missing the all-club meetings.

The twenty-eight clubs in good standing charters were renewed. Men's Volleyball charter was removed from suspension and renewed in good standing. Communication Club was recommended to be renewed on probation by Frugaletti, but was voted in on good standing. The vote was then motioned and passed to be recounted. After much debate the vote was redone and the Communications Club was voted to be renewed on probation.

The French and Irish clubs' charters were renewed on probation, with Frugaletti's recommendation. The following clubs failed to participate in the Mandatory Semi-Annual Review process and will be reviewed at the next Senate meeting: Multi-Cultural Club recommended to be renewed in

good standing, Water Polo recommended to be renewed under probation, Dante and Habitat for Humanity, recommended to be renewed under suspension, and English, Golf, and Philosophy's charters recommended to be revoked. Probation is a warning for clubs to become more active; clubs under suspension are ineligible for funding from the ASSMC budget.

Other business included a bylaw change to the Media Board section which read, "This Board shall appoint the Moderator(s) for the COLLEGIAN, the *Gael*, KSMC, *Gael* 48, and *riverrun*."

The *Gael* Page submitted a proposal to become a club and it was confirmed that it does meet with all the requirements and standards. It was explained that the term club will be used "loosely" to make it an official organization under ASSMC to receive funding. Since the *Gael* Page is not a media; it will be similar to Program Board. It must report to the same authority, and adhere to the guidelines as other clubs, as well as, submit a budget to the Finance Board. The budget will be used mainly for paper and duplication.

Junior Senator Barry Alves explained that "It is a necessity for St. Mary's; it is a good service to the students." The motion passed.



**MARCH: Open-mic draws student concerns**

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campus.

The majority of the issues, however, were more basic campus concerns, from the current availability of events with alcohol to the recent loss of student advocates.

Sophomore Valerie Bourquin informed the group that Dean of Advising Services Tom Brown would be leaving St. Mary's after the Spring Semester.

In a brief statement, Brown encouraged students and administrators to listen to each other in their actions. "God gave us two ears and one mouth because She wants us to listen more."

Students discussed a variety of recurring issues. Class size, housing and student social life were among some of

the recurring topics.

Once the majority of issues were covered, senior Christina Finger stepped forward and concluded the open-mic session. However, an open invitation remained for final comments.

At this moment President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. chose to approach the microphone and read a prepared statement to the crowd. While some students chose to stay and listen or heckle, others immediately began to leave. As they left, some students could be heard yelling "Walk away."

Although the organizers only denied Franz the right to lead and close the march with comments and prayer, Franz expressed disappointment in the march organizers' decision to deny his request to speak.

Franz also defended the transitory position of the College. "I truly believe that this College has been working diligently to make St. Mary's a better place for all students."

He went on to outline the positive changes that have taken place since his arrival.

Franz concluded his speech with advice to the remaining students. "A growth-filled community should promote communication, not restrain it. We should encourage interaction, not limit it. We should support positively the actions of others, not pour negative energy into dissension."

In the days following the march, both Gael 48 and KSMC held follow-up interviews with Franz to discuss the issues surrounding the march.

**Tuition: Lowest increase in five years**

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students.

Franz said, "We need to be fiscally responsible. I think we need to make sure that every tuition dollar that comes in is well spent for the institution, and that we don't ask for more than we need."

The College is primarily tuition driven, as 70 percent of the St. Mary's revenue is dependent on tuition. Gifts (11 percent), endowment (8 percent), and miscellaneous income (11 percent) make up the rest of St. Mary's revenue sources.

St. Mary's expenses are broken into five different categories. Sixty-six percent of the revenue is funneled toward utilities, salaries, paper; 5 percent is spent on athletics; 6 percent is funneled into maintenance; 8 percent is spent on miscellaneous circumstances, while 12 percent is used for student assistance.

In reaction to the increase in tuition and room and board, sophomore Anthro-Archaeology major Erica Glanz stated, "I'm not surprised; most schools do this. This isn't a St. Mary's trend here; it's a national

trend."

Sophomore Accounting major Ethel Mira explained, "I think people that are new to College will have problems understanding this increase. I remember when I was a freshman, I was shocked. I've come to realize that a 5 percent increase is not that bad."

On the contrary, freshman History major Jason Childs felt tuition was high enough at \$22,625.00. "I'm already stretching a buck to be here. I didn't anticipate increases to occur so often. Every dollar out of my pocket hurts these days."

**Brown: Dean leaves after 28 years**

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Ph.D. These meetings, according to Brown, are to help the administration get a feel for what the Office of Advising Services does on a day-to-day basis and to "make sure what we have built is not lost."

Hynes agreed, stating "When you've had a very strong and effective leader for years, it can be something of a shock to think about replacing that person."

In this series of conversations, the administration will be consulting with Brown and the Advising Services staff to

decide how to fill the gap that Brown will leave behind.

Hynes could not say whether or not any restructuring would occur, though that may be one of the topics discussed in later meetings.

Brown will remain on campus until Commencement, and remarked that he will be graduating with the current senior class.

This eliminates any need for an interim or acting dean this year, though there has been no decision reached on when to begin a search for the new dean.

Though Brown is excited about his new position, he expressed his sadness about leaving St. Mary's.

"The hardest thing about leaving will be not seeing students running for the tennis courts late for practice, reading out on the lawn in front of the office, or talking to me about their goals."

Brown continued, "I love the faculty and I have a wonderful staff, but I'll miss the students more than anything else."

**SMC CRIME BEAT**

•**March 7** - Mob Scene - Moraga PD responded to a call for assistance from Public Safety as 200 people were attempting to push their way into McKeon Pavilion for a high school playoff basketball game that was sold out. High school and College officials were unprepared for the size of the crowd. The crowd dispersed after officers arrived.

•**March 11** - Vehicle Vandalism - Police responded to a call from a car owner. Officers took the report about the vehicle from the owner. The windshield was shattered in the townhouses parking lot. A 7-10 pound rock was found next to the car. The vehicle also had scratches on the paint and other windows. Speculation was that the action was related to the protest march as other vehicles were hit with eggs. The vehicle was unavailable for inspection as it had already been towed by the insurance company.

**Housing Worries**

By George Malachowski  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's has not seen the last of its housing worries with the conversion of Assumption and Augustine Four to freshman residences. These emergency measures merely relieved the initial housing crunch.

The ratio of students to beds has returned to haunt the community with the onset of the 1998-99 housing lottery, which started on March 16 when RAS gave Phase I lottery cards to students.

St. Mary's has a total of 1460 beds to accommodate on-campus students and has plans to construct more housing to hold 41 or 98 students.

In August of 1997, 545 freshmen, 376 sophomores, 295 juniors and 196 seniors lived on campus. If the projected number of incoming freshmen is correct (550 and 500 respectively), there will be housing for approximately 410 juniors and seniors.

With an estimated 550 incoming freshmen and an estimated 500 present freshmen receiving guaranteed housing, many sophomores and juniors are feeling left out.

Sophomore Yolanda Duncan remarked, "I'm very scared. It's more accessible living on-campus, and I'm afraid I'll lose the sense of community living off-campus."

Even the freshmen are beginning to wonder what will happen in their junior and senior years.

"Where do I stand? What happens next year when there is a whole new class of incoming freshmen? How about when I don't have guaranteed housing? I want to know," said freshman Erick Howells about the St. Mary's housing situation.

Assistant Director of Residence Life Norma Armtrout addressed this issue, saying, "Typically 400 spaces have been available for juniors and seniors. For the most part, every person who wants to be on campus can get housing. They might not make it through the initial lottery process, but if they stay with it, places usually open up during the summer."

She continued, saying, "It's foolish for people not to sign up for the lottery or to give up after the first round of the lottery. If they have problems or really want to get on campus, they should come talk to Housing. We can answer many of their questions and can usually work problems out."

The Housing Lottery timeline is currently on display in Oliver Hall and is available at the Residence Life Office in Assumption Hall.

Students with housing questions can also find answers on the world wide web at the St. Mary's College web site.

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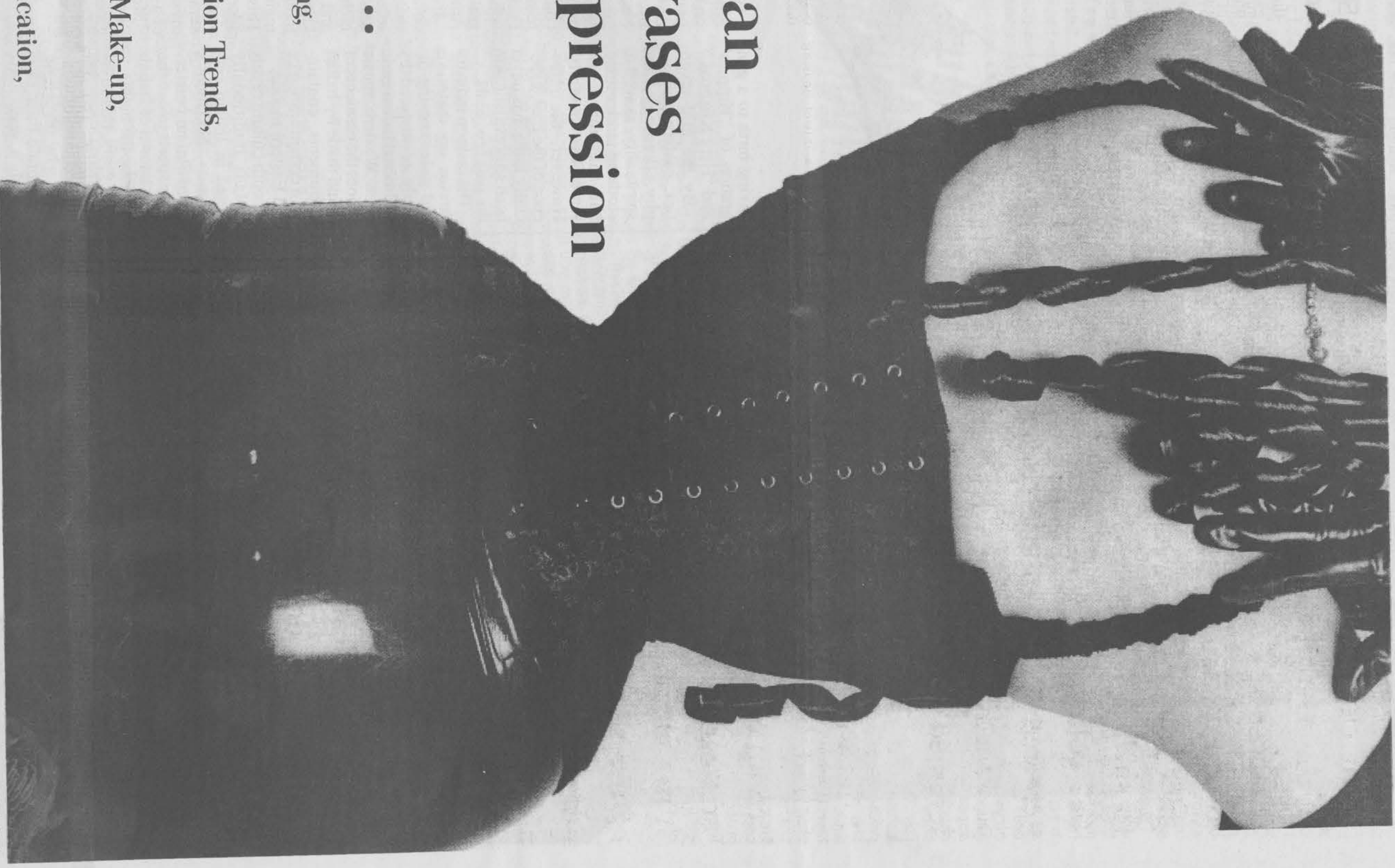
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# Life Styles



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# Noses, Navels, Nipples Get Punctured

## Body Piercing Adopted As Mainstream Trend

By Renee Brown  
Contributor

Body piercing has more and more become a part of our everyday society. I think, by now, we have all seen or known someone who has their body pierced. Yet, for those of you unfamiliar with exactly how body piercing works, here's the scoop.

You can get a piercing done in a store similar to a tattoo parlor. You pick out some jewelry from a selection varying in size and shape, such as a hoop, stud, or barbell. The size of the jewelry is measured in gauges and/or diameter, depending on what you choose. The place where they actually do the piercing is most often behind closed doors for privacy. While none of the piercings are done with any kind of anesthetic, the good thing is that these people are trained and know what they are doing. The only tool used in the entire procedure is a needle. They will sometimes require the skin to be

clamped, which requires a tool used to aid in the direction of the needle. On the count of three, the needle is pushed through the skin and then replaced with the jewelry while removing the needle. Once everything is in its place, you are free to go. The whole process takes only about five minutes total. So when you see someone with a ring hanging out of their eyebrow, thinking, "that looks so painful," it's really not; the pain ended when they left the parlor.

So what exactly compels someone to drive a long needle through part of their body, just to replace the hole left by it with jewelry? Speaking from experience, I'm not sure there is only one answer to that question. I have twelve piercings altogether, eight in my ears, one in my belly button, one in my nose, and one in each nipple. What compelled me to go through the pain of each piercing twelve times? Well, I'm sure you've heard that

tattooing is addictive and I

would definitely say that piercing is also a form of addiction. An addiction not to the pain, but to the after-joy of actually having a new addition on your body. Like tattooing, body piercing is just another form of body modification. I remember back when piercing your ears was a big deal. It took months to convince my mom to let me get my ears pierced. But really, it's just like getting your ears pierced, it hurts for seconds and then it's over. Pretty much any part of your body can be pierced. By now, I think I've seen just about everything. Yet, just when you think it can't be done, someone walks by you on the street with a ring in their cheek.

I think the shock value of body piercing is wearing off as it becomes part of our culture's mainstream. When body piercing first came around in this part of the world and was only characteristic of the underground culture, mainstream society viewed this as not only weird, but it was also considered a form of body mutilation. Yet, why is piercing your lip any different than piercing your ears? There is essentially no difference; you have to go through the same procedure. Now that piercing has been around in the mainstream, it doesn't seem as odd as it did four years ago. The funny thing is that body piercing has been around for longer than you think.

It played a part in the rituals of many different cultures before it became part of the American sub-culture. These cultures, mainly African and South American, used body piercing as part of their religious and other traditions. Although most people who have a piercing in our culture today probably didn't do it for religious reasons, there are other reasons why people get them other than just for looks.

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The author and her piercings



Jessica Doid

# Indian Art Invasion

## Indian Traditions Spice Up American Fashion and Culture

Sapna Gandhi  
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

Eastern culture has always intrigued the American public. In the sixties, misinterpretations of religion, particularly Hinduism, seeped into the nation,

though the bindi began as a symbol of unity of mind and body in religion, practiced by Hindu gurus and pandits (priests), the dot is most associated with its most common function as an indicator of marriage.



giving birth to a generation of "Hippies" and "Hare Krishnas."

By the mid-seventies, eastern philosophy, theology, and spirituality, as well as clothing and music, had integrated into American society. However, the influence of the East, especially India, has never been so prevalent as in the past few years.

The fashion industry thrives on materials and styles coming directly or inspired by traditional Indian garb. Even Western music echoes the elements of sound made by Indian instruments, containing a certain ambiance and Eastern mood.

Youth culture revels in fads traditionally rooted in Indian ceremonies. No Doubt's Gwen Stefani boisterously sports one of the most known of Indian symbols, the bindi.

For years, this mystical little, red dot received gazes of wonder at why one chose to decorate their face in such a way. Al-

Worn by women, the bindi is either tattooed or in red, penciled on, or worn as a sticker. As the years have gone by, the meaning of the bindi has slowly faded away, and a traditional red has been replaced by an assortment of colors, shapes, and patterns. It has become a fashion statement, which eventually migrated to Europe and America.

Even trendsetter Madonna picked up more than spirituality on her recent visit to India. She came back with mehndi on her hands and feet, commonly known as henna tattooing to the western regions of the world. This ritualistic art of adornment sparked in an attempt to create an aura of glamour and mystery on the body of a new bride.

Mehndi is a thick, smooth paste made of ground henna leaves mixed with water, lime juice and oil. It is ap-

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# PAINLESS, INEXPENSIVE, AND TEMPORARY EXPRESSIONS

By Nicole Atilano  
Lifestyles Editor

So tattoos, body piercing, waist cinching, and various other forms of flesh-wounding are the big trend right now. But perhaps you, like I, have neither the funds nor the nerve to go through any of these procedures but still want to experience the fun of body modification. Fortunately for us less courageous types, there are many tamer ways to transform ourselves into tableaux vivant.

One easy way to change your look is to take advantage of the plethora

of bold, dramatic makeup lines that have become more and more popular every year.

Hard Candy started the colored nail polish rage back when it was featured in the movie *Clueless*. (Hard Candy's founder used to hand mix polish colors to achieve her previously unavailable colors.) After that, Chanel vamped-



Bottles of colored nailpolish

up nail polish with its dark brown Vamp polish and dark purple Metallic

Vamp. Urban Decay is a line dedicating itself to the look, specializing in wild lipstick, nail polish, mascara, and eyeliner in outrageous colors with

names like Bruise, Plague, Rust, and Pallor. They even have a do-it-yourself mehndi kit. But at

\$15 a pop, lines like Revlon's Street Wear are a more affordable alternative to the pricey Chanel and Urban Decay. Nail polish in an array of rainbow colors with sparkles, and scents is so popular right now, it can be found all over the place for under a buck.

Coloring your hair has long been a way to make a little change in your life. These days there are so many ways to make the change from bright sunny blonde to raging, rocking green. While Kool-Aid is the favored

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## Body Modification, Body Brutality

### Fetishes Form New Fads

By Genesta Cowen  
Contributor

Modifying the body has long since been present in our society, but to this day not everything is readily accepted. There are quite a few extremes to which people will venture, for a number of reasons.

These extremes typically revolve around what is called fetishism. The Nineteenth Century sexologist Richard von Krafft Ebing defined fetishism as "The association of lust with the idea of certain portions of the female person, or with certain articles of female attire." (Fetish: Fashion, Sex, and Power, Valerie Steele).

The most common and popular fetishism is that involving the woman's foot and the shoes that adorn it. Boots or high-heels abnormally high or sculpted are most popular. The Chinese took this even further. They practiced the tradition of foot-binding which involved pressing the toes down under the foot, leaving the big toe out. The top of the foot and the

heel were pushed together to give the effect of a high-heeled shoe. In the process bones were broken and walking was difficult. In the past it was a sign of status, but since the beginning of the Twentieth Century it has disappeared.

No longer practicing foot-binding could be attributed to the designs of shoes that give the illusion of tiny feet, but without the binding. The swaying of a woman's walk and delicate feet can be achieved without the mutilation; although in present day women wear constricting and uncomfortable high-heeled shoes to complete their look and appear sexy.

Another bizarre practice is cinching the waist with a corset. This involves pulling the strings of the corset to give the appearance of a slim waist. Some will even go to the extreme of breaking the bottom ribs or actually having them removed to achieve the ideal sixteen inch waist. The attraction seems to be in the appearance of confinement and curving form of the female body.

Foot-binding and waist cinching seem to give a view into the world of body brutality. Other such prac-

tices are prevalent in our society that also exercise this body brutality. Some people can be seen having horn or cone-like extensions on their heads. This involves actually drilling into the skull and screwing the horns in.

People also stretch out their earlobes to fit jewels, bars, or bones through what is normally an earring hole. Rings on the neck are also popular, which involves stretching the neck by gradually adding rings to elongate the neck.

People can be seen everyday who modify their bodies. For attention, for beauty, for fun, or even to make a statement, these are just some of the reasons that people make the choice to modify themselves. For people to make the move to body brutality

is definitely a personal decision. The pain involved can be either an attraction or detraction from the process. Some people experi-



Cowen displays her body modification.

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## Tattoo Tips and Info

- "Good tattoos do not come cheap, and cheap tattoos are not good."
- The Black and Gray Work form of tattoos originated in the prison systems of America.
- Traditional style pieces have bold black lines, strong black shading and bright colors.
- The Finline design consists of delicate outlines and are often highly detailed.
- The Tribal method is the replication of ancient tattoo designs in bold, black silhouetted lines.
- The Realistic style is often taken directly from photographs of nature scenes, and are the very image of the photograph it is styled after.
- The Oriental fashion utilizes the entire body as a canvas rather than the Western World's approach of adding a tattoo here, there and everywhere as the whim strikes.
- Tattooists have an expression "You get the tattoo you deserve."
- Due to the endorphins your body releases after getting tattooed, your disposition can be summed up with the age-old expression of "fight or flight". Just remember, those who quietly walk away live to fight another day.
- THINK BEFORE YOU INK!!!
- On the subject of how badly it hurts: "Getting tattooed is mostly just plain annoying, rather than out and out painful."



Tattoos often hold personal significance for the wearer.

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Compiled from the BME website at <http://www.BME.FreeQ.com/tattoo/getagood.html>

## Fun Cosmetics

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method among adolescents, it can be very damaging to the hair and the results are not as good. The best way to go if you're thinking of going blue, purple, pink, or any other color of the rainbow is to check out Punky haircolor or Velvet Fudge. These permanent haircolors, sold at beauty supply stores are fun, easy to apply, and give a longer lasting, truer color.

If even this is too drastic a step for you, colored hair pomades are another alternative. These are hair paints which you apply with your fingers or a comb to color strands of hair. They last until you shampoo them out. Even better than these are the new hair mascaras. You can pay as much as \$20 for

the kind from Christian Dior, or get the same thing from an off-brand for about \$5. These are cool because they allow you to impart subtle highlights or wild color in ash, gold, red, or blue, depending on your hair.

Other fun things include body paints and glitter. Paints are applied with a brush, and body glitter is adhered to the skin with vaseline or cream. Both wash off easily.

So if you're not quite ready to take the plunge with more drastic body modifications, playing around with one or more of these temporary cosmetic alternatives may provide you with just the look you're after.



## Eastern Inspired Fashion

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plied to the skin, left to set, and washed off, leaving on the skin a stain varying from pale orange to rich red-brown depending on how long it is left on.

Henna tattooing continues to decorate brides in Indian marriages, alongside becoming popular art in the west.

Nose rings are another completely integrated artform used in weddings which also made their way into America in the past few years. In India, a simple stud is worn by many women as a part of their daily apparel. Larger loops are reserved for ceremonies and cultural events. In America, this art has become yet another method of piercing.

Indian art proves to be an outlet for expression in America. Long preserved traditions have evolved into a medium of creative spirit in music, fashion, and youth culture. Once considered symbols of religion and ritual, bindis, mehndi, and nose rings have morphed into a statement of individualism.



Gwen Stefani sports her Far East garb.

Cosmopolitan

## Pierced and Punctured Places

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Whatever your reason for deciding to get a piercing, you should nevertheless not ignore your responsibilities once the actual piercing is done. Those responsibilities include keeping your new piercing clean and free from infection. Each piercing is different. For ex-

ample, a belly-button is harder to take care of and takes longer to heal than a nipple ring or an earring. Cleaning usually involves washing with bactine or benadine and simply rinsing with salt water every so often. A piercing of the mouth is probably the hardest to keep clean because it

constantly coming into contact with food and germs. On average, a piercing can take anywhere from one week to three months to heal. Yet, generally speaking, after the piercing is completely healed, it's just like wearing any other piece jewelry.

## Lasting Impressions

By Nicole Atilano  
Lifestyles Editor

Other forms of body modification which border on body brutality belong to the class called scarification.

Scarification can be achieved through branding, cuttings, and various other scarification. The appearance of scarification is accomplished by the bodies own ability to heal itself. The skin is burnt or cut to form a keloid, or raised scar. Because extent of the keloiding is determined by the amount of melanin in the skin, darker skinned people are better candidates for successful keloiding.

Branding is scarification through the burning of the skin with a heated material, usually metal. The brand is usually very thin since scars keloid thicker, and is pressed to burn through all the skin. The design made through branding is made of individual strikes which compose the full design. Brands ini-

tially look like scabby wounds, but heal fully about six months later. Rubbing off the scabs will increase the amount the brand keloids, but may scar the design unevenly.

The cutting technique is done using a sharp blade or scalpel to create a fine scar. Often the cut design is rubbed with ink, and this is called an ink rubbing. The cut is made about as far as a tattoo needle penetrates the skin, and so the pain is about equivalent. What hurts more is stinging which occurs when the tattoo ink is rubbed into the open wound. The scabs of an ink rubbing should not be picked, or the ink will come out.

Since scarification categorizes generally all body art which creates scars, branding and "slash and burn" also fall into this classification.

A braiding is created by cutting two or more long strips of skin separated from the bottom tissue except at one end. These strips are then braided

and reattached to the tissue. The scar then heals in the shape of a braid. In "slash and burn" scarification, the cut design is burned immediately after cutting. This can be more dangerous than usual scarification since it requires that alcohol be rubbed on the cut and a q-tip dipped with alcohol and then ignited be applied to the skin.

Another form of body art which is fairly new is called pocketing. This consists of making two or more small incisions in the skin to accommodate the fitting of a jewel, charm, pendant, or spike. The skin heals around these fittings, which may later be removed. The skin can then be stretched around other fittings.

If you do decide to try these forms of body modification, it's extremely important to find an experienced, safety-conscious artist and to take care of your scarification after you get it.



EVENTS

# Kilbourne Ads Knowledge



Jean Kilbourne

*Leading media critic shares her insights with St. Mary's community*

By Fawn Sutherland  
Managing Editor

As advertising saturates the world, the need to stay afloat is critical. A mere denial of the effects of advertising is not sufficient; instead they need to be viewed skeptically, taking into account the societal standards advertising often sets. Through the work of critics like Dr. Jean Kilbourne, these societal standards are revealed and questioned.

Kilbourne is well-known for ongoing investigation and critique of alcohol and tobacco advertising, but she is most respected for the breakthroughs she has made with her criticism of the portrayal of women in advertising, especially in landmark films like "Killing Us Softly" and "Slim Hopes."

On Wednesday, March 11, Jean Kilbourne came to St. Mary's to discuss her media insights as a part of the Women's Studies series on advertising in conjunction with the Disney Forum.

During an afternoon "Women and Work" conversation with Communication professor Shawny Anderson, Kilbourne explained that she first began her criticism on

advertising at eleven years old, in response to an advertisement for birth control.

Her inclination toward the problems with gender-related advertising led her to develop a series of lectures, films and articles.

Kilbourne's critiques of addiction-related and gender-related advertising and the media have established her as a leading expert in her field. Currently she is writing a book, *Killing Us Softly: Romance and Rebellion in Advertising*, set to come out in 1999.

Later that evening, Kilbourne presented her lecture, "Deadly Persuasion: Advertising and Addiction" to a large student audience in the Soda Center.

Encompassing all of her main themes, the lecture began on the note of addiction. More problematic than the adults who are already smoking, however, are the children who are just beginning.

As an ex-smoker, Kilbourne states that she is not anti-smoker, but anti-tobacco industry. "They are in the business of getting people to start smoking. Why? Because when you're selling a product that kills people, you've got a problem. Your best customers die, and it's very inconvenient."

According to Kilbourne's analysis, it is the fault of advertisements such as Joe Camel that draw the most children. Her statistics revealed that "One-third of all three year-olds can link this camel to the cigarette."

Not only does the animated quality of the camel draw children, but also the phallic representation his very image creates. According to Kilbourne, 3,000 children must begin smoking everyday in order to keep the tobacco industry in business.

However, she stated that the majority of smokers begin at a very young age, and that few begin after the age of 18. She explained that if we can ward

it off until that age then, the majority can be saved. However, she stated, "When you see an adult smoker, what you are almost always seeing is an addicted child who has grown up."

One of Kilbourne's biggest concerns is the objectification of women, which often occurs in alcohol and tobacco advertisements. According to Kilbourne, this objectification is the first step in violence toward women.

Advertisers established the image of ideal beauty early on, a standard on which the majority of the society judges what is beautiful and what is not.

"Women learn at a very early age, that they must spend an enormous amount of time, energy, and, above all, money striving to achieve this ideal and feeling ashamed and guilty when we fail. And failure is inevitable because the ideal is based on absolute flawlessness."

In the process of objectifying women's bodies, advertisers often take them apart: focusing on only one part and not the whole. Women's hair, lips, eyes, backsides, breasts, etc. are often the focus of advertising. Thus these individual pieces become just as much a product as the products themselves.

The objectification of women also adopts the critique of the individual parts of a woman's body. Kilbourne uses the following ad for Dep styling products as one such example.

"Your breasts may be too big, too saggy, too pert, too flat, too full, too far apart, too close together, too A-cup, too lopsided, too jiggly, too pale, too padded, too pointy, too pendulous, or just two mosquito bites. But with Dep styling products, at least you can have your hair the way you want it. Make the most of what you got."

As all critics, Kilbourne often finds herself and her criticism at the other end of the microscope. Frequently, she is



Although Kilbourne does not use this ad in her lecture, this ad is an example of solutions some have found to the constant onslaught of ads in our consumer culture.

reminded that men also have stereotypes which ads create. Kilbourne does not deny this, but she does specify that these stereotypes are not as "personal" as those that pertain to women. Male stereotypes do not directly deal with the body.

When a Calvin Klein jeans ad came out depicting a nude man, between his neck and his thighs, with only a pair of jeans to cover his genital area, Kilbourne found herself on the receiving end of quite a few smirks. She even received a phone call from someone who said, "See, they do it to men too."

Kilbourne replied as follows: "That would be true if the copy read like this. Your penis maybe too small, too droopy, too limp, too lopsided, too narrow, too fat, too jiggly, too hairy, too pale, too red, too pointy, too blunt, or just two inches. But at least you can have a great pair of jeans. Make the most of

what you got." Kilbourne however, urged the crowd to remember that although the ubiquitous nature of advertising can be quite overwhelming, there are things consumers can do.

First of all, she advocated awareness. By denying that advertising affects us, Kilbourne indicated that consumers do themselves the most damage. It's only when they think about that message that they can overcome it.

However, she did indicate that this does not guarantee that the public will never buy into marketing schemes, but that it is less likely.

Kilbourne's concerns over the advertising industry has led her to become a prominent media critic. With the constant flow of increasing advertising, her observations, investigations and critiques have become a needed voice in a saturated world.

# Forbes Outlines Flat Tax Proposal

*Magazine publisher speaks in College's new Public Policy series*

By Renee Sando  
Editor-in-Chief

Publisher and 1996 presidential candidate Steve Forbes was the inaugural speaker in the College's new public policy series, "Perspectives on the Future."

Forbes advocated tax reform at an \$150 per person, invitation only event on Tuesday, March 3.

During his speech, Forbes outlined his proposal to change the current U.S. tax policy to a seventeen percent flat tax.

According to Forbes the cur-

rent U.S. tax code is "unfair" and has "reached levels that would have been incomprehensible years ago."

"The U.S. tax code is an anachronism of the Twentieth Century," stated the publisher of FORBES magazine.

Forbes pointed to the end of the Cold War, a spirit of reform among Americans and the dawning of a new economic age led by the microprocessor as reasons why the United States is poised for a change to the current tax code.

The flat tax policy articulated by Forbes would replace the current tax system with a seventeen percent tax on earned income above \$36,000.

According to Forbes, "The flat tax would provide a real tax cut for families and more economic growth in the long term."

In response to Forbes, Dr. Alan Auerbach, Director of the Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance at U.C. Berkeley commented on the advantages and disadvantages of a flat tax.

According to Auerbach a flat tax would "lessen distortion," encourage saving, and reduce compliance costs. However, Auerbach was hesitant to fully endorse a flat tax.

"I fear we would start with a proposal for a flat tax and end up with a mess," stated Auerbach.

The U.C. Berkeley Economist fears the political process could corrupt a flat tax proposal sent before the U.S. Congress.

Skeptical of a rate of only seventeen percent, Auerbach believed the rate would need to



Steve Forbes and Bro. Craig Franz, following the presentation.

be between twenty and twenty-five percent for the tax to be effective. Auerbach also believed a flat tax could shift the tax burden to the middle class.

Alluding to the Domsday machine in the movie "Dr. Strangelove," Auerbach said

the U.S. Congress should work to change the tax code.

"Instead of passing laws to force themselves to do things, such as changing tax laws, Congress should just do it," stated Auerbach.

Jessica Doid



# CALENDAR

## March

- Wed 3/18 **Blood drive**  
Soda Center, 12:00-5:00pm
- Tax Workshop for International Students on F-1 Visas**, Galileo 202, 4:30-5:30pm
- Slide Show: Karen Brewer of S.F. Fine Arts Museums explains "Miseries of War"**, Art Gallery show  
Soda Center, 7:30pm
- Thurs 3/19 **INVST (International National Voluntary Service Training) info night**, Soda Center, 7:00-8:00pm
- The Short Plays Ensemble of San Francisco presents *The Story and Medusa's Tale* by Carol Lashof on love, sex, and power**  
Soda Center, 7:30pm
- Sat 3/21 **Diversity Dinner Dance**. Scott's Restaurant at Jack London Square, 6:30pm-12:00am
- Mon 3/23 **Video Series, *Advertising and the End of the World*, followed by conversation**, Hagerty Lounge, 7:00-9:00pm
- Tues 3/24 **Discussion *The Church and Homosexuality***, Soda Center, 7:00pm
- Wed 3/25 **Stanford University Early Music Singers perform "Monastic Vespers" by Hildegard of Bingen**  
Chapel, 7:30pm
- Thurs 3/26 **Panel Discussion: AD BUSTING! with media activists, artists, and scholars who advocate direct action to reframe advertising's messages**  
Soda Center, 7:00pm
- Fri 3/27 **Dance Party International, the first Annual Student Alumni Association Charity Fund-raiser for SMC community**. Soda Center 8:00pm-1:00am

# Breaking the Silence

*Human rights activist Harry Wu discloses abuses in China*

By Megan Ball  
Events Editor

In China, prisoners bow their heads to cold, indifferent soldiers who shoot them at the base of their skulls. The public watches as, in the next instant, their backs are ripped to expose their kidneys. In the next hour, their extracted kidneys are transplanted into patients on hospital tables. Their eyes, pieces of skin, and sections of bone are sent away for experimental testing.

In America the next month, family members of desperate patients are buying kidneys on the black market for thousands of dollars: kidneys from executed prisoners sold to profit the Chinese military. Meanwhile, the U.S. government maintains these occurrences do not happen and urge news media not to cover such blood money operations. Someone had to break the circle of silence which surrounds such inhumane atrocities.

One extraordinary man, Harry Wu, has risked his life innumerable times to expose not only the tortures and violations of human rights in China's laogai [prison camp] system but also the illegal selling and exporting of products made in China's prisons. Last Thursday, St. Mary's *Committee for Lectures, Arts and Music* brought Mr. Wu to the campus to discuss, among other issues, his trials, the value of his freedom, the perpetual conflicts and abuses in China, and the infractions of treaty obligations.

Harry Wu, now a U.S. citizen living in the Bay Area, spent 19 years as a political prisoner in his homeland, China. At age 23, the government accused him of attacking the Communist party at a class meeting and branded him "enemy of socialist society."

When placed in prison without a trial and sentenced to life in order to "reform" himself, his loss of freedom and a future felt like "walking through a tunnel with no light in front of you." Wu mentioned that once communist China labeled him as a political enemy, the whole society, including his loved ones, parents, and classmates publicly denounced him. If they had not, they were likely to be imprisoned. In "total isolation," Wu was among other prisoners with "no name, no voice, and no face." There are millions who did not escape to tell their stories.

Wu wholly embraced his freedom in coming to America in 1985. "Freedom is priceless," he said as he described his arrival at the San Francisco airport, "frozen" and "knees to the ground." He could not believe the freedom he had in walking through the checkpoint.

Harry Wu was incarcerated in 1995 on charges of espionage and detained for two months in Wuhan, China. He used false identities and hidden cameras to film unjust practices in the labor camps.

Wu adamantly asserted that laogai [prison camp] deserves print in all dictionaries. Gulang, a word which conveys the political violence in the Soviet labor camp system, appears in some dictionaries but did not before 1974.

According to Wu, the totalitarian ideology of the prison camp system maintains that labor is "reform" and that the prison camps help the prisoners become better citizens. Laogai expects their prisoners to uphold communist standards. The police tell the prisoners, "if you refuse [to work] how can I help you become a new socialist person?" At the same time, food rationing becomes a trade-off: the more the prisoners labor, the more food they can eat.

According to Wu, despite the laws which forbid importing products made with forced labor, items such as toys, rubber shoes, hand tools, teas, baseball caps, and Christmas lights

have all been produced in laogai camps and exported to the United States.

Wu presented a *Prime Time Live* program taped in October of last year. This program documented the black market in organs. Reports in 1997 accounted for more than 21,000 organs which may have been sold both in China and throughout other countries like Japan, France, Indonesia, and the United States.

Wu also disclosed the forced birth control "murder, killing policy" in China. Married women under twenty who become pregnant are forced to abort their child and are sterilized. Women are forced into sterilization if their first child is male. When women in rural areas violate policies, their homes are often destroyed. When women in the cities violate policies, they are often fired from their jobs. In 1996, at least ten percent of the eight million women who became pregnant were forced to abort and were sterilized.

When asked during the question and answer period why many Chinese students studying in the West do not agree with exposing the human rights abuses in China, Wu replied that many people have "historically not distinguished the government from the motherland." Wu also responded that because he loves his motherland, he wishes to expose the ugliness of the communist regime.

Wu described China as a "country with two wings: politics and the economy," where the political wing remains tied without much new reform. Though capitalism hovers over China to boost its economic needs, so does the counterproductive communist philosophy of public ownership.

Wu understands that China has a long road to travel before it embraces democracy. He calls on people to question the superstructure of the communist regime and to fight against the immeasurable sufferings of the people under its rule.

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## Men's and Women's Tennis Update

By Jim Bucci  
Sports Editor

St. Mary's men's tennis opened up the month of March with three wins and one loss.

The wins came against San Francisco, Gonzaga with the latest win coming against Santa Cruz on March 11.

Against USF, St. Mary's received a clean sweep. Rex Calaunan won 6-0 and 6-2, Tomas Filipcik, 6-1, 6-4, Casey Kohlhoff, 6-4, 6-3 and Matt Moore, 6-2, 6-4.

After losing the first match to Gonzaga the Gaels rebounded and won seven matches. Moore pulled out a tough three set match winning the final set, 7-6.

The women's tennis team defeated Wyoming 6 games to 3 on March 1. This defeat of Wyoming improved the Gaels' record to 3-4.

The Gaels had wins from Mili Shah, 6-1, 6-0 and Karen Holland, 6-4, 7-6.

The men's team improved their record to 4-9 win the win over Santa Cruz.

St. Mary's received wins by Matt Hibbard, and the doubles team of Hibbard and Kolhoff.

St. Mary's men's team finished the month of February with two losses against Utah and Pacific.

The Gaels were defeated 5,1 by Utah and 5,2 by Pacific.

The only win against Utah came by freshman Eric Hom, 7-6 and 7-6.

Against Pacific the wins came by Calaunan and doubles partners Calaunan and Filipcik.

The next men's tennis matches are March 18 at home against Montana and March 12 on the road at Sacramento State.

The next women's match is March 17 at home against San Jose State.

## LAX: Rain Slows Play

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coach Jenifer Tubbs.

Still it is hard being a small school and being a club team. Few, if any, of the women participating have had any prior experience. Bigger schools like Cal, Stanford and UC Davis have much more recruiting power. But these Gaels don't let that get to them.

"The team is developing well. We've learned a lot the last few months and are ready to play now that the rain is over. Plus we have a great time," said sophomore Annie Walls.

## Rugby: Playoff Berth Hopes

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According to Storti, each year the members of the rugby team travel to other nations to serve as ambassadors of St. Mary's, spreading a positive image of the College internationally.

In addition to this, Storti says that team members also get the opportunity to experience the cultures of other countries and learn a little about their history. Storti joked, "And we'll even get a chance to kiss the Blarney Stone."

Rugby started at St. Mary's in 1888 and has had a successful history at the College, complete with a championship title in 1911. In his eleven years (the past six in the head coaching position) of coaching at SMC, Storti has seen the team grow in size and advance in terms of skills.



The St. Mary's rugby team prepares to block.

Jessica Doid

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Josette's current work as Haitian Director of the Lambi Fund of Haiti has further deepened her connection to popular organizations and their leaders - especially women leaders - throughout Haiti.

Catherine, Executive Director of the Lambi Fund of Haiti, earned her PhD in medical anthropology from Columbia University in 1996. She has lived and worked in Haiti for over thirteen years as a public health specialist and anthropologist. She has extensive field experience in both rural and urban Haiti with expertise in women's issues, primarily women's reproductive health and literacy. Catherine's doctorate entitled: *Coups d'Etat and Contraceptives: A Political Economy Analysis of Family Planning in Haiti* explores women's reproductive health and how US international agencies have contributed to a failed and even dangerous family planning program.

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## SPORTS

## Waves Drown Gaels

Gael baseball drops three games to Pepperdine

Chris Howe  
Assistant Sports Editor

El Nino is continuing to make things tough on the Gaels as they get into the swing of things in their home opener on Parents' Weekend.

St. Mary's entered into more early season competition, 3-5 on the season, with the hopes of leveling out their standings to 6-5. But such was just not in the cards for the Gaels.

The men of SMC took on the Pepperdine Waves in a three game series on the weekend of March 14th. Braving the quicksand of Louis Guisto Field, which received yet another drenching in the past week, St. Mary's baseball faced the Waves on Saturday morning in doubleheader action beginning at 11:00am.

In game one, the Gaels attempted to take an early lead, but the Waves washed away that hope. Dealing the Gaels the first of two crushing blows, Pepperdine downed the Gaels 9-3.

Jason Morgan-Voyce took the loss for St. Mary's. Despite the loss, Travis Kermode tallied the solo double for the SMC.

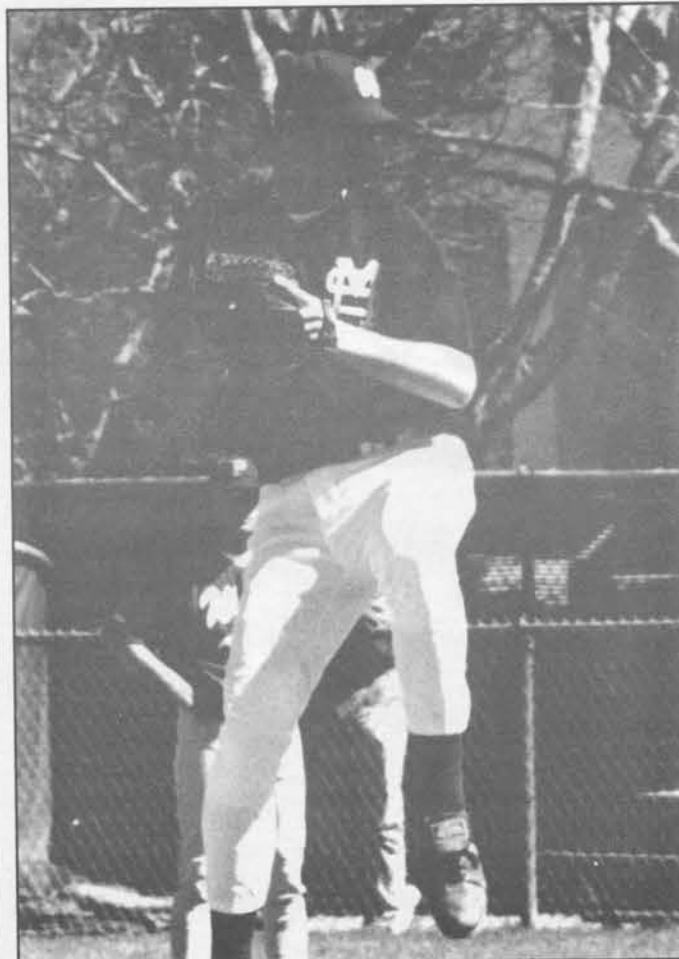
Game two was even more devastating for the Gaels. Pepperdine sent a tidal wave of 20 men across the plate. SMC was no match for the Waves as they dropped yet another game at home. Taking the 20-3 loss for the Gaels was Matt Fregi.

The series concluded on Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm as Pepperdine and St. Mary's battled it out for the win one last time this season. The

odds were set against the Gaels from the first pitch, but all the blame cannot be placed on Pepperdine. The Waves came on strong holding the Gaels scoreless until late in the 8th. SMC broke into the game off an amazing homer fired to the fences by the mighty Tom Nichols. Sadly, that was all that the Gaels would take in this face off.

Unfortunately, it cannot be said that the Waves merely pounded the Gaels with run after run. Much of the fault for the loss can be placed on St. Mary's pitching. Both Evan Rust and Chris Bye were off their games in the afternoon game. The opposing team batters, as well as an umpire sacrificed their bodies to wild pitches fired from these men. SMC finally found some pitching skill when they brought in #27, Eric Siegel, in the top of the 5th. Despite delivery of some strong, solid pitches Siegel took the 9-1 loss for the Gaels in the end. Another fatal error that the Gaels failed to correct came in the form of a few too many gaps in the infield. Yes, Pepperdine did power a number of long drives deep, but that's no excuse for the number that remained within easy reach of St. Mary's infielders. They were just not making the plays in time to keep up with the Waves. As this weekend came to a depressing close, the Gaels dropped to 3-8 on the season.

St. Mary's will travel north to Portland for a three game series versus the Pilots on March 21-22 and will be back at home on Louis Guisto field, where despite opener performance, they have a winning tradition to continue, on the 24th against San Jose State.



Jason Morgan-Voyce winds up against Pepperdine.

## Gael Softball Looks To Get Back on Track

Chris McLaughlin  
By Guest Writer

Whether it's dropping the first game and winning the nightcap or vice versa, the Gael softball team has failed to put it all together for an afternoon of doubleheader games.

"We need to play 14 innings of softball not seven," senior Trinchy Floro said.

With a 5-12 record, the Gaels have already surpassed expectations based on last year's record. In fact, die-hard fans have called this team the best in years.

The only problem is that the little things have killed them. Most opponents' runs are scored on defensive miscues. And baserunning, although improved, is running them out of some innings.

Despite all that, the Gaels have gone 5-7 since dropping their first five games and are looking to get back on track towards a winning season.

"Playing hard doesn't always get the job done," senior Ana Rodriguez said. "We need to play smart."

Here's a recap of games in the last two weeks:

### Gaels split with CS-Stanislaus

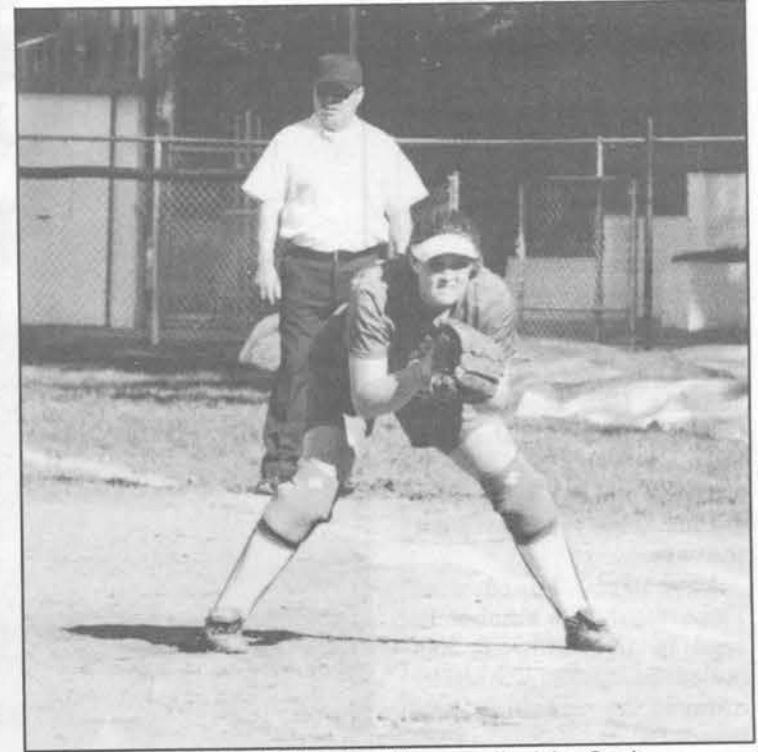
Ana Rodriguez' base hit to center with the bases-loaded in the bottom of the sixth scored Kat Chan from second base with the winning run. The 5-3 victory earned the Gaels a split after dropping the opener. Trisha Dean clobbered her first homerun of the season in game two.

### Lafayette Tournament

The Gaels defeated Northwestern 5-3 but fell to Oregon the following day 4-2 on a pair of two-run homers by the Ducks. On the final day of the tourney, the Gaels were eliminated by Northwestern 3-1.

### Split with Wisconsin

The Badgers jumped out to an early lead and held off a fierce rally by the Gaels for an 8-6 win in game one. Rodriguez and Dean each had three hits and Jen Fawkes went two for three with an RBI. Kat Chan



Jessica Dold

Amanda Murphy's hot hitting streak has sparked the Gaels.

hit an RBI triple to right in the third inning.

In game two, Jen Pick pitched three-plus innings en route to her first win of the season. Amanda Murphy continued her hot hitting streak with a three for three effort as the Gaels knocked off the Badgers 5-1.

### Split with Toledo

The Gaels scored five runs in the first inning and Rae Paulson took care of the rest in a 6-2 win over the Rockets. Paulson allowed just one earned run in her complete game victory. Murphy went two for two with a pair of RBIs and Gina Javier added three more runs batted in. Jen Price and Dean each chipped in two hits

in the win.

Three Gael errors in game two led to a 4-0 Rocket lead and it was just barely enough to hold off a comeback bid. In the final inning, Trinchy Floro tried to score on a base hit from second base but was thrown out at the plate to end the game as Toledo escaped Moraga with a 4-3 win.

### Drake sinks the Gaels

A four-run second inning by the Bulldogs erased an early 2-1 Gael lead as Drake defeated St. Mary's 5-3 in a tuneup for the NIST Tournament. Murphy led the Gaels with three hits and an RBI and Crissy Johnson went two for three with two runs scored and an RBI.

## NIST Tournament Recap

In this past weekend's NIST Tournament in Sunnyvale, Ca., the Gael softball team went 2-4. The loss came against Wisconsin, Colorado St., Centenary College, and Akron. The two wins were over the Toledo Rockets.

Trinchy Floro had a great tournament offensively and Gina Javier stepped up her

defense in a big way. Trisha Dean also played exceptionally well at third base.

Catherine Hallada filled in well at left field for an Jen Fawkes who was sidelined with a minor injury.

The Gaels are now 7-16 and take on the University of Iowa today at 2:00pm.

-Chris McLaughlin-

## NCAA Tournament: Men's Hoops Heat Up

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the boards and finishes in the paint with a variety of shots.

Point guard Ed Cota complements the forward with his up tempo style and excellent vision in the open court.

But nobody has the type of fire power like Arizona. Mike Bibby, Miles Simion and Michael Dickerson can hit from the outside and drive to the outside.

In addition, the Wildcats can also bring Jason Terry off the

bench. Terry possesses the same skills and would be a star anywhere else.

Some sleepers still do remain in the draw. The other Wildcats, Kentucky are lying in the bushes waiting to strike.

Though Kentucky doesn't have the one star player they do have balance and depth. Senior guard Jeff Sheppard leads Kentucky.

Maryland is another sleeper team that could pose a threat

to Arizona, their next opponent. The Terrapins have an athletic bunch that steal the ball.

Don't forget about UCLA. The Bruins have rebounded from off court troubles to mold into a threat. Toby Baily always raises his play in the tournament and J.R. Henderson is solid down low.

Even if the powerful schools do rise to the top don't forget about the little guys like Valparaiso.



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# SPORTS

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Tournament Woes  
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## Sleeper Teams Fill This Year's Big Dance

By Jim Bucci  
Sports Editor

The debate comes about every year when the NCAA Tournament occurs. Why let schools like Radford or Nicholls State enter the tournament? Won't they just get crushed by big time programs? This year that's not the case.

Anybody heard of Valparaiso? The number 13 seed in the midwest has pulled the shocker of the tournament by reaching the Sweet 16.

Now Valpo has a chance to advance thanks to Rhode Island's upset of Kansas.

Though this may seem like an upset in the inside, it really isn't. It's Kansas' job to be the first number one seed to lose every year.

Along with Valpo, Washington has also made the Sweet 16. Most would consider them a middle of the road team.

In fact, with UCLA's win over Michigan the Pac-Team improved their record to 8-0.

First round wins by Richmond, Western Michigan and Detroit all mark upsets by sleeper teams.

But, though these upsets make the tournament interesting, the cream always rises to the top.

There's no doubt that powers like Duke, Arizona, and North Carolina will find their way to San Antonio.

A good bet right now is Arizona against Duke and North Carolina squaring off against Stanford.

Yes, Stanford. The Cardinal have pounded both of their opponents with their brute strength.

Stanford is easily the most physical team left in the draw and has a great chance to win the championship.

It all depends on their guards, Art Lee and Chris Weems. If the juniors can maintain a slow style of play Stanford is very dangerous.

But, if they don't, Stanford can be blown off the court quickly. Their upcoming matchup with Purdue is favorable because both play similar styles.

As the tournament stands now it looks like North Carolina and Arizona should make the championship game.

Atawn Jamison dominates

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## St. Mary's Rugby Seeks Playoff Berth



A Gael rugby player gets a boost from a teammate below.

### Gaels prepare for 30th Annual Easter Tour

By Chris Howe  
Assistant Sports Editor

With a little help from El Nino, the St. Mary's College rugby team is looking good in mud as they continue their winning ways.

St. Mary's Northern California Rugby Football Union (NCRFU) play-off hopes are alive as they take down the teams of Northern California one at a time.

On the weekend of March 7, St. Mary's defeated Chico State and is set to face Humboldt State on the Pat Vincent field at home on the March 28.

If the team does just what head coach Marty Storti has in mind, they will be on their way to becoming the number four team representing Northern California in this year's play-offs. In play-off competition, the Gaels will battle teams such as U.C. Berkeley, Stanford, U.C. Davis (teams from last year's final four) as well as other teams from around Northern California.

Reflecting on how the team

has fared this season Storti stated that the team has struggled with a number of injuries in addition to dealing with a difficult mud situation. Contrary to popular belief, Storti stated, "It's not fun playing in the mud."

With good leadership from the senior players, as well as the youth stepping up and taking the initiative in order to learn from the more experienced players, the team has been able to truly display the skill that is expected of teams that compete in the upper level of the NCRFU.

Storti also feels that SMC has benefited greatly from the technical excellence of such players as Mike Castagnetto, Sam Prosperi, Jason Stoke and Shawn Burns.

While the Gaels hope for a play-off berth, the team waits their spring tour. Once again the team has been successful in raising the funding necessary to make their annual Easter trip. This year, the team will be traveling to Ireland for their 30th Annual Easter Tour.

St. Mary's will play teams from Dublin, Galway, and several other teams Irish.

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## Rain Clouds Lacrosse Seasons

By Sarah Murdough  
Staff Writer

With the rain as an ever present factor for all spring sports this year, no one has felt it worse than the men's and women's lacrosse teams.

With only a few games under their belts and practice consisting of trudging through ankle deep mud, both teams are ready for brighter days and winning matches.

The men's team has had a difficult season thus far; however, all are looking into the future with more than just glimmer of hope. With difficult losses at home to Cal Poly and Chico, the team is excited to move forward to Humboldt, Sac. State and UOP.

"We are a really young team and have definitely had our ups and downs this season. It is clear there is room to improve due to inexperience; however, this team is very committed and very hard working. All in all, it is a great team," said first year head coach Sasha Dansky.

This is evident with the loss of 16 seniors and only one returning player, Jason

Lankford. Still there are many younger players who have stepped up to fill in the void, including standout performances by defensive players, Coby Lyons and Dave Giordano, both sophomores, and by senior Ryan Hagen.

On the last day of Jan Term practice, the season ending injury of all-starsophomore Chipper Gibbs occurred when he broke his collar bone.

The mid-field has been spread thin due to pending injuries; however, the team is relying on Teddy Ryan, Mark Burns, Matt Johnson and Mike Garcia to come through in the clutch.

The team still hopes to find their way into the playoffs with crucial upcoming matches. Despite the fact that lacrosse is a club sport, it must still meet certain requirements for the NCAA. Ironically enough they must still "pay to play".

"We haven't won a lot of games so far. But we play hard and have a lot of fun. We're definitely keeping our spirits up," said sophomore stand out Charlie McMurry.

The women's team has also started off on a rocky foot. Since their season began they have only been able to play one game due to the weather. Still, they

are hopeful with 6 games ahead of them and a tournament. Their loss to Stanford, the number one team in the division, has not dampened their spirits.

Like the men's team, the SMC women's lacrosse team is a young one but a very athletic one. With the addition of many

new players this season the team is hoping to finish high in the WWLL (Western Women's Lacrosse League).

"The team has worked really hard to get to this point. If they continue to do so, then it will pay off for them in the end," said head

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#6 and #18 go for the ball against Chico State.

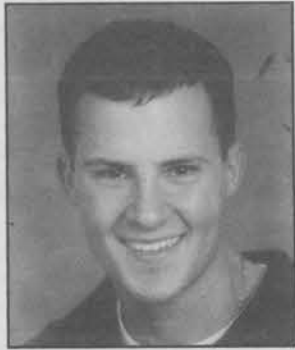
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## A Note from Glenn

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank all those who participated in the march and ensuing conversation last Tuesday. The evening was a healthy outlet for frustration and a wonderful opportunity to increase awareness. I found it especially beneficial to listen to the concerns of many students who usually remain complacent. Our action of coming together in this way illuminates our questions and showcases our liberal arts education.

Over the past several weeks your elected class representatives have been working hard to increase communication between the administration and the student body. This week each class senate invited Brother Craig to their weekly meeting to foster dialogue and express their concerns. In addition, our campus television station, GAEL 48, produced an interview with Brother Craig and four members of our student body. We discussed the importance of retaining a low class size, decreasing the number of next year's freshman class, and resolving the complications with the new alcohol committees. As communication continues to become more effective, there are many aspects of which all members of the Saint Mary's family must remain mindful.

Saint Mary's is a school unlike any other. Gaels cannot be compared with students of Santa Clara University, Christian Brothers University or the University of San Francisco. Just because the president of another college lives apart from the students, doesn't mean our president must. Just because another Christian Brothers institution offers a doctorate program, doesn't mean we should. Saint Mary's consists of a network of long standing relationships and special friendships. Our college is not necessarily a hierarchical institution but one of integrated ideas and sensible decisions, particular to its students.

Given this unique culture, it is easy to see how a newcomer could become overwhelmed and eventually swallowed up. I, therefore, feel our new administration must be patient in learning our perspective. In addition, we must support the new administration in understanding the unique culture of a Saint Mary's student.

The fact is that Saint Mary's

students are currently facing a number of issues- The approval of senior socials and other student events, the emphasis and financial support of student programs (orientation, clubs and media) and the lack of four major administrative positions that work directly with the student body. Although I have full and complete confidence in the ambition and ability of the student leaders within these organizations, each one is left without the advice and years of experience that were once provided.

Nonetheless, search committees are currently being formed to restore the following vital positions: Director of Student Activities, Director of Residence Life, Dean of Student Development and Dean of Advising Services. Given that these four individuals will work very closely with us, I find it crucial that a substantial portion of these committees be comprised of members of our student body. If you are interested in serving on one of these search committees please come see me in the Associated Students offices.

On a side note, I am very proud to announce the refurbishing of the Multi-Cultural Center. Students have been working jointly with the administration to repaint, add heat, replace windows, and design an information desk within the center. The renovated facility is now open to all student organizations to hold meetings and socials. I wish to extend my thanks to our student leaders of APASA, ASSMC, BSU and MEChA for providing leadership and guidance throughout the project.

As president, I vow to continue to constructively advocate student concerns to the administration and college community. Saint Mary's is ours; our views must escalate to the forefront of each and every decision made by the college. Thank you for your continued support and endless energy. I wish each of you the best of luck with the remainder of your spring semester and look forward to blue skies and green hills, characterizing the individuality and unity of a Gael.

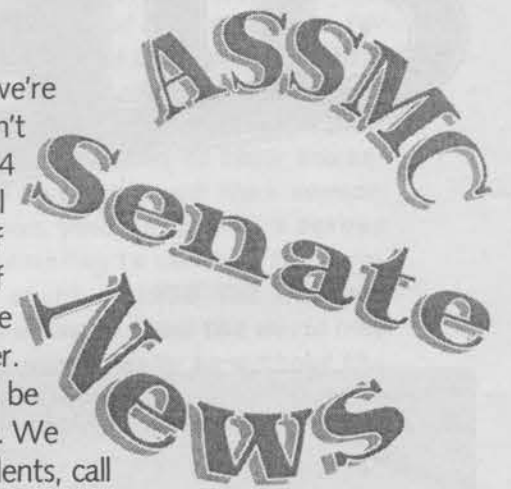
Representing the number one stakeholders of Saint Mary's College,

Glenn P. Vandebroek  
President  
Associated Students

## Senior Senate

Well, we've entered our last semester, and we're kicking off some of our greatest events yet. Don't forget about Casino Night on Saturday, March 14 where we will be dancing and gambling from 9 'till 1 in the morning. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Senior Class, and with thousands of dollars in prizes you'd be crazy not to attend! We are also selling Pallavacini's Pizzas as another fundraiser. And what are we saving for? The Senior Ball will be May 9 at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco. We have been offered room discounts for SMC students, call any member of the Senior Senate Team for details. Remember to keep your eyes peeled for news about Senior Socials. We are having Petar's Diamond Dave come out to perform on Tuesday, March 24 from 10pm-1am. All of us on the Senior Senate Team hope that your last semester is the best it can be, and Good Luck at your job interviews!

Wishing you the very best, Dale Livezey



## JUNIOR SENATE

Hello from the Junior Class Senate! We hope everyone's Jan Term was fun and fulfilling. Hopefully your spring semester is not getting you too stressed out! We just wanted to let you know what your senators have been up to over the past few months. We have all been hard at work raising money for Junior formal, which happens to be approaching very quickly. The Junior Formal this year is at the Fairmont Hotel on Friday, April 24. The reception will begin at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:30pm, then dancing till 1am! Bids will go on sale a couple of weeks before the formal, so start saving your money now!! Like we said we have been busy raising money for our class over the past couple of months. We just put on a Rock'n Bowl and a social at Palavincini's, which were both successful. We also just received the money from the fund-raiser the Junior Senate participated in, when we directed traffic at the Stanford football games. For two days of work we made \$1600 dollars! We want to thank those people who helped us out with that fund-raiser who weren't senators. The last event that we are participating in as of right now, is volunteering our time to help out Program board with a dance during alcohol awareness week. Stay tuned for more details on that week and that event! Last but not least, we want to send our props and our congratulations out to the Women's Basketball team for making the final round of the WCC tournament! We are especially proud of our juniors on the team; Stacy Berg, Krista Hall, J.R. Payne, Sonata Pranaityte, and Leslie Quintal. Way to go ladies!

## Sophomore Class

Hello Class of 2000—

Your Sophomore Senate has been busy planning events for second semester...

Have you seen those awesome long-sleeved navy blue College shirts?? Get yours for only \$20! Or find a friend and buy two for \$35!! Look for the table in front of the Post Office on Tuesdays from 11:00 to 1:00 and Wednesdays from 12:00 to 2:00.

Start saving your pennies...the First Annual Penny War between the classes starts on March 23. More details to come...

Do you feel like In & Out Burger, but don't want to drive to San Ramon?? Watch for In & Out to be here on campus in April...

Are your feet tired? We'll be having foot massages in front of Dante on Wednesday April 29 from 11:00 to 1:00. Only 50 cents per minute!

If you want to help out with Sophomore class sponsored events or planning, or just want to give us your opinion—stop by our class meetings on Tuesday nights at 9:30pm in the ASSMC offices, first floor Ferroggiaro—or call your Sophomore Senate—

David Giordano, Sharlene Duale, Bridget Vorhees, Jake Stansky, Jenn Parker, Erika Hughes, Melissa Hunt and Nicole Holland



INTERNATIONAL CLUB (I-CLUB)

ASSMC CLUB NEWS

The I-Club's direction is guided by the following objectives:

- a) to promote international understanding and cooperation
b) to provide a venue for cultural exchange and
c) to be of service to the international student community

By just a glance of the 1997-98 academic year, we can say that the Club has successfully followed these objectives. One of the main goals of the I-Club is to provide as many chances as possible for all students to come together and enjoy cultural events.

The I-Club is proud to help coordinate the Annual Cultural Faire on April 23 from 11:45am - 1:15pm in Ferroggiaro Quad. Many countries and cultures are represented by their foods, ethnic clothing, artifacts, music and games.

There will be two more ethnic restaurant nights in March and April, as well as the Board elections and voting in April for the 1998-99 school year. Currently, I-Club sweatshirts and T-Shirts are on sale and may be purchased in front of the ASSMC office.

ST. MARY'S DANCE TEAM

The Saint Mary's Dance Team was established on October 26, 1997 by Rashell Weber, class of 1998, as a club chartered by the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College.

The Dance Team has performed at athletic events, looking stunning in their royal blue uniforms with a red sparkling GAELS across their chests, as well as the Liturgy of the Lights in December and looks forward to being a part of many other events on campus.



Members Include:

- Rashell Weber (captain)-Senior
Charline Casarino- Sophomore
Candice Amboy- Freshman
Molly Leary- Freshman
Samantha Reardon- Freshman
Ericka Beckett- Senior
Jennifer Cameron- Sophomore
Amy Pellicciotti- Sophomore

FRENCH CLUB

The French Club (a.k.a. Le Cercle Francais for the French readers) is sponsoring a monthly movie to bring the French and Francophone cultures to the SMC community. March 18 and April 22 from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Art A-V are the solid dates to view French culture on the big screen.

SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club is planning one of our biggest events of the year, on Wednesday March 25 we will be holding our annual pre-professional dinner. This provides students interested in pursuing a career in the health care field to come and learn about the opportunities that exist.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Due to El Niño difficulties, the St. Mary's Women's Lacrosse team has yet to "officially" begin the season. We successfully organized St. Mary's PlayDay in February, but our Santa Barbara and Arizona Tournament's were canceled.

Hand-drawn advertisement for college shirts. It shows two shirts: one with 'COLLEGE' on the front and 'SOPHOMORE SPONSORED' on the back, and another with 'COLLEGE' on the front and 'SMC' on the back. Text below says 'COLLEGE SHIRTS Save \$1.00 with this ad. On sale - Tuesday & Wednesday in front of Post Office'.



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PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

The Psychology Club wants to thank its members for all of the support they have all given us this school year. We have sponsored several meetings which have been highly attended. We have more dedicated members this school year than ever before. It is for this reason that the Psychology Club is making sure to provide students with more upcoming meetings that will be of much interest to all of its members.

Our February meeting was a huge success. The topic was "Volunteer and Internship Information." The turn out was incredible. Hagerty Lounge was filled to the max! The organizations present all provided wonderful opportunities for our members. Many students not only further inquired about the programs, but have begun volunteering and applying for internships!

Our next meeting will be held on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Hagerty Lounge. The topic will be "Graduate School Information." We will have professors from the psychology department speak about their experiences in graduate school and also discuss what you need to be a good applicant. Speakers from the Career Counseling Center will discuss the services available to SMC students to help them select a career or graduate school and help them with application planning. We will also have a graduate from SMC who majored in psychology and has completed all phases of applying to graduate schools. He will speak about standardized testing, resumes, personal statements, importance of research and service experience, and much more! More guests to be announced soon! Mark your calendar! Don't miss the valuable information provided at this meeting! We hope to see you there!

Haig, Dale, and Jessica  
Officers of the Psychology Club

One down, three to go! The Student Alumni Association just had a very successful and informative Realworld, Saturday, March 7. It ran very well and we are all hoping for even better results with our upcoming events. Speaking of... Dance Party International 1998, is coming to SMC March 27, 8pm - 1am This will be a huge, exciting dance, to raise money for the Lisa Smith Memorial Scholarship and the INVST Leadership Program. Come dance & party with your friends!! Raise money for special causes!!! After this, SENIORS, get ready for your end of the year event and be welcomed as alumni at the Senior/Alumni/Faculty Social scheduled for May 7. It will be a memorable night of reminiscing, dancing and fun. Then there's finals week.... students will receive a Survival Kit full of great goodies to get you through the week from SAA, if someone special in your life bought you one. Also keep a look out for two car washes!! If you want more information on any of these events please join us at our moot\* meetings, second Tuesday of every month, or call Zulay at 253-9513. Keep a look out!!!

M.E.Ch.A

M.E.Ch.A is currently having meetings every other Tuesday. I know that M.E.Ch.A has been slow the last semester as well as the last couple of meetings but we will be having more events to boost up the mood.

Our next meeting is on March 17, and we will be attending a comedy event, which is Culture Clash at Berkeley. Our next meeting will be on March 24 where we will be having a social in the Multicultural Center. Come and join us for our next couple of meetings, there are only four left and they will be filled with fun and excitement. Our last event for the year will be the Cinco de Mayo celebration! So come and join us for the last couple of meetings, I promise that you will have fun.

Jarazeth López  
M.E.Ch.A. President

GALA

NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

The Gay And Lesbian Association (GALA) has recently been chartered by the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College. Our first major campus-wide event will be held on Tuesday, April 21. Gays, lesbians, and bisexuals are forced into silence every day. When we can't say at work or school, who our partner is, for fear of harassment, we are silenced. We are silenced by "don't ask, don't tell" in the Armed Forces and ROTC programs across the country. When Ellen is given a TV-14 rating for a kiss that wouldn't have been given a second thought on most sitcoms, we are silenced. The list goes on. And the consequences of silence go on as well. The maxim "Silence=Death" shows all too well how severe the consequences of Silence can be for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people. Especially affected by silence is LGBT youth, who have to face the additional possibilities of being kicked out of their household should they be open about their sexuality. For this reason, youth organizers across America are assembling to conduct the largest LGBT youth event of 1998. The National Day of Silence is a day to show the world how silent our worlds would really be without the input of LGBT and their allies, not only in aspects of sexuality, but in our daily lives. The National Day of Silence is a day to create a visible, "audible" silence to protest the silence forced upon lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. On the National Day of Silence, participants are silent on April 21, 1998, from 8am-5pm to protest the silence that is forced upon lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgenders daily. Instead of talking, participants, who can be LGBT or our allies, pass out cards that read:

"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights. People who are silent today believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations. The Day of Silence is to draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression, and prejudice. Think about the voices you are not hearing. What can you do to end the silence?"

By creating this deliberate silence, this visible silence, in the form of card the National Day of Silence can create some serious noise. We invite everyone in the Saint Mary's community to participate in the 1998 Day of Silence as a display of the solidarity of the youth of the gay and lesbian movement. For more information or to participate in this very important event, please call GALA at x4354 or e-mail gala@stmarys-ca.edu. GALA will host a gathering afterwards to reflect on the silence of LGBT people and those who support us.

You can be a



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Time: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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St. Mary's College

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JOIN THE PEP BAND!

OK, so we aren't exactly your high school marching band. Believe me—we KNOW this! We, too, came from schools with great programs and great bands and came here with nowhere to go. But please realize, fellow band geek, like all great things, we need to start somewhere!

Although the band's '97-'98 season is over, you can call NOW to register for next year's band. You can either call President and Resident Funkster Michelle at 944-9201 or President-to-be and Chemistry Guru Dave at 631-8722.

SEIZE THE DAY AND JOIN NOW!



# CALENDAR

## March/April 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>18</b> Student Only, Student Moderated Town Hall Meeting Hagerty 6pm-8pm	Student Health Com. Blood Drive Soda Center 12pm-5pm	<b>19</b> Student Alumni Association Car Wash Rugby Field Parking Lot 12pm-5pm	<b>20</b> P.B. Variety Show Lefevre 10pm-12am	<b>21</b> GALA 1998 National Day of Silence 8am-5pm ●●●●●●●●●● Diversity Dance Scott's Restaurant, Jack London Square 6:30pm-12am
		Alcohol Awareness Week				
		French Club Meeting Art A-V 3:30pm-5:30pm	Alcohol Educational Programming Quad 11am-2pm	P.B. Movie "Leaving Las Vegas" Lefevre 10:30pm P.B. & Jr. Class Karaoke Night Delphine 10pm-12am		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1st Annual Penny War Sponsored by the Sophomore Class ●●●●●●●●●● P.B. **Movie** "The Peacemaker" Lefevre 10:30pm	<b>24</b> BSU Movie Night Hagerty 9pm ●●●●●●●●●● Senior Social 10pm -1am ●●●●●●●●●● M.E.Ch.A. Meeting	<b>25</b> Science Club Pre-professional Dinner Soda Center 6pm-9pm	<b>26</b> BSU Meeting Hagerty 6pm  P.B. **Movie** "The Peacemaker" Lefevre 10:30pm	<b>27</b> Dance Party International 1998 8pm-1am	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Psychology Club Meeting Hagerty 7pm  P.B. **Movie** "I Know What You Did Last Summer" Lefevre 10:30pm	<b>31</b> BSU Movie Night Hagerty 9pm	<b>1</b> BSU Talent Show LeFevre 7pm	<b>2</b> Program Board "Swing Night" Soda Center 9pm-12am  P.B. **Movie** "I know what you did last summer" LeFevre 10:30pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Easter Break						
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Travel Day  P.B. **Movie** "Seven Years in Tibet" LeFevre 10:30pm	<b>14</b> BSU Movie Night Hagerty 9pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> P.B. **Movie** "Seven Years in Tibet" LeFevre 10:30pm  ASSMC Executive Council Elections	<b>17</b> KSMC End of the World Blowout  AB/BSA Statewide Black Student Leadership Conference Santa Monica April 17-20	<b>18</b> Program Board Gaelstock

### Mission

#### A collaborative effort by the 1997-98 Student Senate

In harmony with the mission of the college to be a Liberal Arts, La Sallian, Catholic Institution, the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC) serves our fellow students culturally, physically, academically, spiritually and socially through student clubs, media, committees and elected class representatives.

The Student Senate represents undergraduates by advocating student concern and proposing ideas to the faculty, administration and college community. We are committed to honesty, respect, teamwork, proactivity, support and unity. Through our positive attitude and influence on the college, we are determined to give back to the Saint Mary's Family.