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Housing Crisis



East end of Mitty Hall

Housing Lottery leaves 227 students without on-campus housing

By Fawn Sutherland
Managing Editor

With the first phase of the housing lottery over and the second just beginning, St. Mary's students are worried over their futures at the College. Without housing, many students are facing the possible need to transfer to less expensive colleges.

Because the College guarantees housing to all freshman and sophomores, rooms are automatically set aside.

With next year's incoming class of 700 freshmen and the current class of freshmen a total of 1070 beds are already filled, leaving 378 beds for the 276 students who want housing.

With so many students already on the waiting list, no housing will be available for incoming transfers.

Due to a lack of available housing on campus many students have found themselves on the waiting list after the drawing on March 25. A total of 134 female students and 93 male students currently reside on the respective waiting lists.

Although there are not beds for all of the students, Housing Director Norma Armtrout says that some on the list will decide to move off campus, leaving spots available on the housing list.

"Because the number includes students who are waiting for R.A. positions, and there are those who will decide to study abroad, I can honestly say that between now and the next step in the process, anywhere from 10

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Workload in Dialogue

Faculty and President discuss committee proposal

By Brenda Hereford
Head Copy Editor

On the afternoon of Thursday, March 19, President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. and members of the faculty gathered together to discuss a proposal submitted July 1, 1997 to reduce the faculty teaching load from seven courses per year to six.

Dean Edwin Epstein, of the School of Economics and Business Administration, moderated a panel discussion, which commenced after a short introductory speech by Franz and a brief summary of the faculty workload committee's proposal by Academic Vice President William Hynes.

Franz' remarks centered around his concern that this may not be the proper time to make a decision regarding the proposal. As he said, "This year, I have had discussions with students concerned about class size, average class size and appropriate expenditures of their money. I share their concerns in these areas."

He stressed the need to act responsibly in these areas, and mentioned that, "This is a fragile time in the history of St.

Mary's, and if we bring this [proposal] before the students, as we should do, it might be very difficult." He ended by asking the faculty to debate whether or not he should consider this proposal, at this time.

After the opening remarks, the four members of the faculty panel articulated their stance regarding the workload issue, with two for and two against the proposal. History Department Chair Carl Guarneri and psychology Professor Mary McCall argued for the proposal, squaring off against philosophy Professor Wayne Harter and Bro. Charles Hilken of the history department.

Guarneri began the discussion by expressing his concern that the panel was not representative of the faculty as a whole, because he felt that the faculty were not evenly divided into pro and con camps. He stated confidently that the majority of faculty members stood behind the proposal to lower course load. He went on to explain that the diversity of courses required of faculty created a need for more preparation time, as faculty often teach courses outside the area of expertise.

Due to the fact that the administration has implemented several key elements of the proposal without lowering faculty workload, Guarneri also

likened the current situation to a common civil war situation, asking, "Is this like when there's a truce, and during the negotiations, one side moves 200 yards closer?"

Hilken's response to Guarneri's remarks expressed his belief that the current proposal was not the ideal, because it called for cutting courses which could no longer afford to be cut. Though he supported the overall goal of a reduction, he remained convinced that Franz should not make his decision at this time. As he said, "Not this proposal, not this year."

McCall then spoke of her support for the proposal, citing her experience in the science department. She lamented the lack of time allotted to her to learn about new developments in the field and in technology, stating, "I don't have time to learn things that will benefit my students." She also cited a recent survey, which revealed that the faculty work week was estimated at 58.5 hours, and that 70 percent of faculty reported stress from balancing family and work commitments.

Harter, like Hilken, supported the idea of reducing classes, but was concerned about any rise in class size that could result—especially within seminar-style courses. He remarked, "If we can do it with-

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Student Body Constitution Revised

Committee proposes new ASSMC Constitution and By-laws

By George Malachowski
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 1, a new ASSMC Constitution will be put to a vote of the St. Mary's student body.

The new documents clarify discrepancies between the old Constitution and Bylaws. It also modifies and creates new ASSMC positions. The Student Senate approved the proposed constitution so that it can be passed by the student body.

Four months ago the ASSMC

Student Senate decided to form a committee to either amend the existing constitution or create a new one.

Junior Class President Jenny Abel, ASSMC VP for Administration Jennifer Frugaletti, Junior Class Senator Karen Fry, Association Member Phillip Iverson, ASSMC VP for Student Affairs Tricia O'Brien volunteered for the committee.

ASSMC VP for Business and Finance John Richards and COLLEGIAN Editor-in-Chief Renee Sando were selected to serve as co-chairs of the committee.

The committee members decided to create a new Constitution, and, after debating, rewording, and compromising, they have now sent their docu-

ment to the Student Senate for approval as well as to the student body.

These documents differ from their predecessors in several ways. The Bylaws rearrange the duties of the ASSMC Vice Presidents and give more responsibilities to class officers. The Vice Presidents as a sum still have all the old responsibilities, but their individual duties have been redistributed to even the workload.

The Vice President for Administration will be in charge of keeping the Student Senate running smoothly and working with the class officers.

The Vice President for Student Affairs will coordinate between the Student Senate, clubs, media, and other organizations.

The Bylaws give class officers (i.e. class presidents, vice presidents, senators) mandatory office hours, as well as requiring them to serve on at least one association committee.

The constitution itself makes several changes and additions. It raises the GPA standard for elected officials and appointees from 2.5 to 2.7.

It also removes the duty of Program Board Chair from the Vice President of Student Affairs and makes that an appointed position.

Four new senate members will also be added to the ASSMC Student Senate. An additional senator position will be added to each class.

The constitution creates a Club Board which will oversee

and maintain all campus clubs. In addition an appointed interim position will be created to assist the ASSMC.

To pass, the new constitution needs a two-thirds affirmative vote by the student body.

Students can cast their ballots Wednesday, April 1 through Friday, April 3. The voting table will be located in front of the post office.

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Op / Ed

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THE COLLEGIAN VIEW

STUDENTS SUPPORT FACULTY

As the faculty continues its discussion of workload with Bro. Craig, we feel that, as representatives of the student body, we must endorse the faculty's desire to teach six courses rather than seven.

As students and media members, we are concerned about such issues as class size, average class size, course offerings and tuition dollars. Thus, Bro. Craig's concern about our reaction to the proposal's effect on these issues is, to some extent, legitimate. However, we are equally concerned with professor availability, faculty morale, modern curriculum, and quality of courses. We would like to see our professors engaging in the scholarly research and publishing which keeps their courses up-to-date and the College reputation intact. We, as students and as media, are also capable of making mature decisions, based on facts, when facts are made available to us.

Since the administration has, in effect, implemented many of the faculty's proposed mechanisms for reducing courseload—in effect increasing the workload of professors—the initial proposal might not stand. Those who objected to the initial proposal had valid points; class size and course offerings may well have reached the limits of their flexibility with the addition of the largest freshman class in St. Mary's history and the recent paring down of course offerings.

However, we feel that we must stand behind our professors in their desire to see a commitment to the reduction, and must encourage them to continue submitting proposals until they find one that will satisfy the economic conservatism of the administration and the Board of Trustees, without sacrificing service to students.

MEDIUMS OF COMMUNICATION

We at the COLLEGIAN appreciate the efforts of the President in his recent letter to the student body concerning campus issues. We are encouraged by the commitment to student needs, such as blue lights. However, we are disappointed with the letter's distribution. Resident Advisors are a channel for information to on-campus students. Nevertheless, when RAs fail to distribute the information given to them, no one benefits. Also, what means are available for communication with off-campus students? The College needs to establish productive ways to communicate with ALL students. In order to conserve paper costs, we feel that a continuation of letters such as this could be financially and environmentally damaging. Therefore we advocate the employment of a medium such as a campus intranet.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library Litter

Dear Editor,
Someone has been littering off of the library balcony that faces the parking lot. This has happened repeatedly over the last few weeks. The lawn below the balcony has been littered with food wrappers, bottles, cigarette packages, and other garbage. There are three trash cans on the balcony and additional trash cans just inside the doors.

This behavior demonstrates a complete lack of respect for the environment and humankind. It's even worse than just being a slob. Slobs leave their wrappers and garbage on the tables where other conscientious people end up picking up after them. This littering is more like vandalism, because grounds keepers will have to be called out of their way to clean it up.

What can we say to such a person who would do this? Grow up? Such disregard for others and the environment right now is candy wrappers and Pepsi bottles on the lawn. When this person enters the working world, will it be toxic waste? Your actions speak to the kind of person you are. Whoever is responsible for this should be ashamed of themselves. The rest of us are ashamed to be associated with them.

Lana Miller
History, '93
Library Collection Services

Face the Truth

Dear Editor,
I have a big bone to pick with Bro. Craig's presidential policy here at St. Mary's College. Why ignore the biggest problem that this school faces? Yes it is that time again. I know you have heard it many times before, but when are you going to use money for the aid of the "whole" school environment? It is time to take the needs and wants of the students into consideration.

I came from a really small Christian Brothers high school, St. Mary's College High School to be exact, so I am used to the Brothers' ideals and policies. None of De LaSalle's theology lies in "milk-ing" money from alumni and students to allow for the construction of a president's house or a new statue. You should have at least gotten another million to add a huge fountain for students to swim in.

I am writing this not only for myself and my fellow students, but also for the people who pay for your allowances. Have my parents paid \$27 grand to send me to a school to be used for the Brothers' own personal purchases? I believe the school has the responsibility to improve itself as a whole, not just its ruling residents.

Ever since the new Garaventa building was constructed, I have not seen any "useful" additions to our school. If parents pay \$27 grand a year for school, I would expect my kid to be greeted at the airport with a limousine, brought to their "remodeled" dorms, and have the Brothers carry up their luggage, not to go to the construction of a Brother's residence, fully knowing that my kid is not guaranteed housing for next year. Face it Bro. Craig, you are forgetting your Brotherly duties to us, your students!

Kevan Parmalee
History/English, '00

Inaugural Defense

Dear Editor,
Since I have been away from the campus for most of the year, I am pleased to be able to keep in touch through the COLLEGIAN. You are to be commended for the evident care you exercise in publishing the COLLEGIAN.

One matter that has captured my attention is what seems to be a concern regarding the cost of the inaugural ceremonies for Bro. Craig Franz last September. While I do not know what the cost was, the inaugural ceremonies and the events surrounding them did not appear to be either extravagant or extraordinary. During my 28 years as resident I attended many inaugural ceremonies, including such institutions as Georgetown, Catholic University, USC, UCB, UCD, Stanford, Santa Clara, USF, San Diego, UOP and many, many others. The academic environment in which St. Mary's finds herself is highly competitive in every way, but particularly in terms of the academic life. In other words, St. Mary's is running among the best institutions in the nation.

I participated in the St. Mary's inauguration, and, judging from my experience, the St. Mary's event was well organized, respectful, deferential to our Trustees, Regents, alumni, loyal donors and guests, and in keeping with the dignity of the occasion. The St. Mary's inauguration was a quality

academic celebration of a quality academic institution. It was neither overdone nor parsimonious. The format, decor, luncheon, speakers, and other events surrounding the inauguration were well within the bounds of what my experience tells me are expected and acceptable standards for such celebrations.

The week following the inaugural events at St. Mary's, I represented the Association of California Colleges and Universities at the ground-breaking ceremonies for a new science and technology center for a moderately sized Southern California university. I sat on the stage with Governor Wilson, the mayor of the city, and Trustees and administrators of the institution. I was gratified that we were seated under a tent. A second, much larger tent covered the guests, which numbered about the same as that which attended the St. Mary's inauguration, and a third and even larger tent covered the attractively arranged outside luncheon area.

The St. Mary's inauguration was conducted with class and without ostentation. Conducting such celebrations in our academic milieu do have a cost, but so does conducting an IAA athletic program or a professional maintenance program which tells the public and potential students that St. Mary's is a strong and viable institution of higher education. Our inaugural events, celebratory and academic, should say no less.

Bro. Mel Anderson, FSC
1997-98 Senior Fellow,
AICCU

SMC Lovers Quarrel

Dear Editor,
I am writing a response to two things on this campus. The first is the attitude that a large number of faculty, staff, and students have had lately about the changes in the school and towards administration. The second is about the attitude surrounding women's issues on this campus.

On Robert Frost's tombstone is written the statement, "I had a lover's quarrel with the world." I really see this statement paralleling our situation here at St. Mary's. As a community, we definitely have a right to want to see changes happen at this College. We definitely have the right and should be encouraged to say, "I have a quarrel with you about what's going on." Yet, where are we coming

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from when we make this statement? Are we coming from a place of bitterness and anger? Or are we coming from a place of appreciation for what we have been given, and a desire to see the College reach its fullest potential?

As a student who comes from a low income household (my mother is on disability), I appreciate the incredible education I have received here as an Integral Major, I am thankful for the RA position I have been blessed with and worked hard for, and I am thankful for the many opportunities I've had to establish relationships and open doors for my future. Yet, I too want changes. I, too, have my own quarrels with this College. However, they are lover's quarrels. I quarrel with this College because I see its potential and its room for growth, and I am saying, "Hey St. Mary's—we see where we are capable of going, now let's work together and start moving in that direction!" All I ask of us is that we come from a place of appreciation and love. Let's change this school because we love it, otherwise we won't be building it up, we'll be breaking it down.

The other comment I have is about the tone of the women's issues on this campus. I was very disturbed by the Women's Studies insert in the COLLEGIAN of two issues ago. The title "itch" offended me. Why do strong women who support changes here on campus have to be represented as "bitches"? This sends a message to others that women must bitch, complain, and be really pissed off to make any changes. Yet, this is simply not true. To make changes on this campus, to be heard, and to be a strong woman, I feel that the opposite is actually the case. The kind of women that are taken seriously on campus are the women like Maria Capitelli and Angelica Garcia, who organized Common Ground, and numerous other women who are doing phenomenal things to change our mentality and increase awareness. They are women and professors who come from a place of integrity and strength that doesn't express itself via bitching, but through constructive statements, actions, programs, and words of wisdom. I am a strong woman because I am intelligent, wise, assertive, creative, and experienced, yet also because I am loving, empathetic, kind and understanding. My challenge to the women in the Women's Studies department is to try to increase this sort of mentality and steer away from the "bitch" one.

Let's continue with more student forums where everyone who has a negative comment provides a possible solution. Let's make sure we communicate and listen, even if it's what we don't want to hear at first. Let's put our energy into working with the administration and faculty to get the Women's Center established and a stronger female representation and voice. Yet let's make sure this campus knows that we are not a bunch of pissed off "bitches," but rather, as Maya Angelou writes, "Phenomenal" women. That's us.

Jennie Durant
Integral, '99

Common Ground

Dear Editor,

The COMMON GROUND Diversity In Service, which took place at the Soda Center on Saturday, Feb. 21, was just the beginning!! This first ever event, put on by the Diversity Task Force/Education and Training Subcommittee, was largely the result of the efforts of the two student co-chairs, Maria

Capitelli and Angelica Garcia. The event's 36 participants were deliberately drawn from students, staff, faculty, and administration to support the current effort and emphasis on improved understanding and communication between all parties interested in the future of SMC. As a result of this day, many ACTION ITEMS for future implementation were identified. If you missed the chance to participate and have ideas about things you feel could enhance the diversity of our campus, please attend one or all of the activities which are planned for April 16 from 9:00am to 6:00pm in the Soda Center. All of the events WELCOME students, staff, faculty, and administrators...let's all work together to reach a COMMON GROUND of understanding and appreciation for each other and for those far beyond our campus boundaries.

Attend the activities occurring on April 16, 1998 in the Soda Center. Let's make a difference.

Leslie Rolland
Events and Conferences

SMC Defined

Dear Editor,

St. Mary's is an institution that furnishes an environment for education and growth. For me, education begins as knowledge, but is most beneficial when it fosters personal growth. During my year and a half of attendance at St. Mary's, I have been exposed to numerous events and ideas, in and out of the classroom. My experiences are unique in that they have happened to me in a setting that relatively few people are given the chance to know, or understand.

In this respect, I am extremely fortunate to be here because circumstances could have altered my attending St. Mary's College. I value this opportunity immensely, as I notice that with each passing day, one less remains of the "college experience." At first glance, this idea may seem negative; but on the contrary, it is quite refreshing to know that I will be able to move on to greater places and events.

Apparently, like all other adventures, St. Mary's is something that can never die or be taken away. St. Mary's will always be a part of me because of its presence during an important growth period in my life mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. These elements will add a major piece to who I become and what I do. Primarily, I owe my fellow students, the faculty, and staff for my definition of St. Mary's because without them there would be none.

Erik Kachmarsky
Business Administration, '00

Safety Advocates

Dear Editor,

I wanted to inform the campus community of some recent developments with the Public Safety staff. As some of you may be aware, on March 15, 1998, the officers gathered and formed a Public Safety Officers Association. Just to clear up any misconceptions, we are not forming a union, nor do we have any immediate plans to do so. Our intent is to recognize that we have a unique position and responsibilities on campus. Along with these unique responsibilities comes a 24-hour seven day a week schedule which often hampers our ability to effectively communicate with each other. This, in turn, hampers our ability to communicate our concerns to the proper administrators on campus. Our hope is that this association will better allow us to communicate with each other and the community as a whole.

There has been a lot of talk from

students about the loss of student advocates by the recent departure of several administrators. There has also been recent concern about campus safety issues. It is our hope that our association can be your advocate for campus safety and security issues. We hope that your concerns and suggestions can be combined with our experience to make the campus even safer than it already is. We are fortunate to have an administration that shares your concerns about campus safety and security issues, and we need to take advantage of this open door policy and make some positive suggestions for improvements.

Our association constitution states that the needs and concerns of the students shall be our foremost concern. Please share your concerns with us and let us be your advocate for campus safety. We are still in the process of organizing and setting up a post office box. You can reach us via e-mail at: smcpsoa@hotmail.com. We will review all comments and suggestions as a group and address your concerns. Thank you for your support and continued confidence in us.

Kelly Couch
SMC PSOA President

Campus Community

Dear Editor,

Some recent editions of the COLLEGIAN have included some letters to the editor which have indicated that some particular authors feel that they have not been informed as to developments and happenings on campus. I wish to do all I can to alleviate this apparent felt void of information and communication. I believe that it is important and most appropriate that students not only be informed about, but more importantly, be involved in making decisions about campus issues.

As a relatively new member of the St. Mary's community, I'm grateful for the opportunity that the COLLEGIAN (in addition to KSMC and GAEL 48 TV) affords me and others to communicate with the vast majority of the student body and the campus community in general. For sure, the various student media play a very significant and crucial role in keeping this community of learners here at SMC, especially the community of students, informed. In an attempt to be of better assistance to and to improve communication with the students of SMC, I would welcome the opportunity to work in collaboration with the student media leaders to find a means to enhance communication with and among the students. I am most certainly more than willing to write a regular column in the COLLEGIAN (perhaps incorporating a format in which students could write in to the COLLEGIAN their concerns or observations and I could respond to them directly). Since we are fortunate to have more than one student media, I would also be willing to be a guest on a regular call-in show for KSMC or to be regularly interviewed by GAEL 48 TV. Perhaps these (or other means that the ASSMC Executive Team or student media leaders might suggest) would be effective additional means of communicating with the students. I offer these ideas for the consideration of the ASSMC Executive Team and the student media leadership.

As a reminder, it might be helpful to know that as a means of directly communicating with various members of the College administration, a number of students do participate in the various campus-wide Town Hall Meetings at which the President and the members of the President's Council are present (the next one is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 from

4:00-5:00pm in the Soda Center). Additionally, both the Academic Vice President, Dr. William Hynes, and I, post weekly Office Walk-In Hours for students to meet with either of us in our respective offices without an appointment being necessary (upcoming dates are April 1 from 3:00-4:00pm; April 8 from 9:00-10:00am; April 14 from 1:00-2:00pm; April 27 from 3:00-4:00pm). For those not able to attend the Walk-In Hours in person, communicating via e-mail is welcome: <whynes@stmarys-ca.edu> for Dr. William Hynes and <jcurran@stmarys-ca.edu> for me.

I wish to acknowledge and thank Glenn Vandebroek, President of ASSMC, for his efforts to enhance communication with the student body by (1) posting in the windows of the first floor of Ferroggiaro Center not only some of the various letters and memos from members of the College's administration, but many of the posters announcing the various cultural and social student focused campus activities; (2) informing the Student Senators and other students who attend the bi-weekly Sunday evening Senate meetings of various campus developments; (3) writing a once a month column in the COLLEGIAN; and (4) participating with Bro. Craig and me in a GAEL 48 TV interview.

I also wish to thank the Editor-in-Chief of the COLLEGIAN, Renee Sando, for her suggestion to me last week to use a specific identified bulletin board for posting periodic written communications from the College's administration to the students. Consequently, the glass enclosed bulletin board on the central arcade between Oliver Hall and the Campus Ministry Center will be used for this purpose effective immediately. For instance, Bro. Craig's March 23 letter to the students of SMC addressing topics of student interest (i.e., Campus Lighting, Campus Safety Personnel, Campus Life Personnel, Average Class Size, New Student enrollment, Additional BART Transportation, Women's Issues, On-Campus Residence Availability, Tuition Increase, Room and Board Rates, Student Leadership Offices, Student Events Including Alcohol, Community-based Communication, Student Voice in College Operations, Multicultural Concerns, and New Music Practice Facilities for Students) is posted in this bulletin board in the event that some students may not have received a copy of this seven page letter. In addition, copies of Bro. Craig's letter can be picked up in the ASSMC Offices in the first floor of Ferroggiaro Center.

There are three follow-up items to Bro. Craig's March 23 letter that I would like to address. First, as Bro. Craig indicated in his letter of March 23, Glenn Vandebroek and Tricia O'Brien of the ASSMC Executive Team along with about 15 other concerned students met with Joe Kehoe, Executive Director of Buildings and Grounds, and I on 3/19/98 and on 3/26/98 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. On these two evenings together we walked around the campus to identify specific areas in which additional lighting fixtures or tree trimming would be helpful to improve campus lighting levels. As a result, Joe Kehoe is putting together a comprehensive action plan to address this issue. We anticipate that there will be some additional fixtures installed within a month and that there will be some additional tree trimmings to enhance lighting levels around campus.

Secondly, as mentioned in Bro. Craig's 3/23/98 letter, the position of Director of Public Safety was offered to and accepted by Mr. George Yuhasz. While Mr. Yuhasz accepted this position and agreed to begin his on-campus duties effective April 20, 1998, it was on

March 27, 1998 that, due to previously unknown family circumstances, Mr. Yuhasz informed the College that he needed to change his decision and would not be able to be our new Director of Public Safety. Consequently, Mr. Michael Cleu, our Interim Director, will continue in this capacity while the search process for a permanent Director continues.

Thirdly, students, faculty and student affairs educators alike have been diligently working to implement some new on-campus living and learning options. One of these projects is known as "Theme Housing." It is anticipated that more information will be forthcoming from the Residence Life Office within the month so that this program can be operative for the 1998-99 school year. While details are still being worked out, there is a lot of enthusiasm and support for this inter-departmental collaborative effort to enhance the living and learning environment on-campus for our students.

In closing, some students have told me that it would be helpful if I responded directly to the "rumors" that have apparently been circulating among some students on campus. I agree. I believe that it is crucial that accurate information be provided as soon as possible so that rumors do not become "truth." This is one of the reasons that I believe that a means of communication with the student community of the College through the various student media, as mentioned above, is vital.

For instance, some students have told me that one rumor is: "There will be no Senior Graduation party plots of land for Commencement Day." This is NOT accurate. The FACT / TRUTH is that as is the SMC tradition of recent years, there will be Senior Graduation party plots of land available for Commencement Day. Alessandra Sinistro (x 3940), the Senior Class President, is the student representative on the Commencement Coordinating Committee. I recommend that Seniors should contact Alessandra or Mark Jaime (x 3040), Chair of this Coordinating Committee, should they have any additional questions about Commencement.

Another matter of student concern I've been told about is: "When is the Student Union remodeling project going to begin?" There are presently 10 students (twice as many as last year) involved on the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents. This Committee is one of the student groups that has been involved in many of the design details of this very important project. Our Campus Architect's office has been working diligently with the town and county zoning organizations as well as with the construction company. We're anticipating that construction of the new Post Office section of the Student Union will begin somewhere between April 2nd and 10th. Remodeling of the new bookstore and the new food court will continue through the summer months. A copy of the blue-print for this project will be posted in the ASSMC windows on the first floor of Ferroggiaro Center. It would be good to check the Campus Communication bulletin board on the arcade for updates on this project.

Let me conclude with an expression of gratitude to all of the students, faculty, staff, student affairs educators, staff and administrators who continue to work "together and by association" to enhance the living and learning environment that is SMC!

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Restrictive Requirements

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Op / Ed Writer

We all know the drill. We arrive to our seminar classes, either knowing the text inside and out or just pretending we do. We sit at the round table either patiently waiting for class to begin or hoping to be somewhere else entirely.

These are the two differing views students usually have about the seminar classes we are forced to attend at SMC. The students and alumni either love the Seminar Program or they hate it. Many people argue that it is one of the greatest traditions we have at St. Mary's and that it is the core of the Liberal Arts education. However, with the other changes taking place on campus, I think it is time that the Seminar Program is reevaluated.

Many of the changes occurring have students feeling confused and frustrated. These changes are already causing anxiety about the chances of graduating in four years. One of the reasons I came to SMC was the guarantee of graduating in four years. Now, however, there is a possibility of many classes being dropped from the curriculum. If this does happen, the chance of graduating in time goes down. With bigger classes and longer waiting lists, getting our required classes becomes more and more difficult. The added pressure of taking the four required seminar classes only adds to the worry.

Another question that should be asked is what most students gain from seminar? Most of the students would agree that seminar can be a valuable experience, but for only the students who want to be present, who want to be active in the discussion.

We all remember in our first seminar class how we were not sure what to expect. There were the students who came prepared and joined in on the conversation and others who neither did the reading nor joined the discussion. Unfortunately, these students do not gain anything from seminar. It

seems that when students are forced to take the class and dread attending it everyday, they seem to resent the class and ruin the discussion for the group. After all, as we've all been told, everyone needs to participate to make the class worthwhile.

The answer need not be to get rid of the Seminar Program entirely. Instead, it should not be a requirement to take four mandatory seminar classes. By

Should Seminar Continue?

making the classes available to those who want to be active, you increase the quality of the discussions that occur.

Another option would be lowering the number of mandatory seminar classes needed to graduate. If we lower the number of seminar classes we must take, students are more free to take classes that interest them and allow them to gain something important, not to mention allowing the possibility of graduating in four years to be more realistic.

While I consider my seminar experience to be a positive one for the most part, I know some students who do not share my view. The Seminar Program is a unique feature of St. Mary's College, but perhaps the time has come to change that which not everyone is comfortable with. Only then can we get an education from which we can benefit. *Karla Zavaleta is a Communication Major graduating in 2000.*

A Tradition of Great Works

Julia Jenkins
Staff Writer

Since 1941, the Collegiate Seminar program has become the basis of a St. Mary's College education. It has given students the ability to think on their own. In the last 57 years, Seminar has become a vital part of the St. Mary's tradition.

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never have met, and has established friendships with other students, outside of my major, with whom I would not have had a chance to have class with.

Seminar is a St. Mary's tradition and that is what matters most. Tradition is one of the things that makes our College so great. We have traditions such as the presence of a football team when other schools dropped their programs. We have the tradition of the Gael as our mascot, though many still question exactly what a Gael is. We have the everlasting tradition of the Christian Brothers on campus, as this is a LaSallian school. And another tradition that helps to define St. Mary's is that of the Seminar Program, which helps to produce individuals that grow in their understanding and intellect through the Great Books.

So before any administrator thinks about ending this tradition, they should become familiar with the Seminar Program by teaching a class. Sitting in on a couple of classes defeats the whole purpose of seminar, which is to establish trust with a class and to build intellectual relationships. Let any administrator who does not understand the program teach a seminar, or perhaps become involved for a semester in a seminar class so they can fully understand the many attributes that seminar achieves.

St. Mary's students value the relationships they have with their professors and peers; these relationships have been established by such foundations as seminar. Seminar is the one thing that binds all St. Mary's students together and sets us apart from all other colleges. Students and alumni of St. Mary's for the last 57 years can come together and discuss the Great Works. Having an education based on the Collegiate Seminar Program is something to be proud of. After all, what is St. Mary's without Seminar?...Santa Clara and we all know, we don't want that. *Julia Jenkins is a Communication Major graduating in 2001.*

The SMC Population: Independent Thinkers Working Together

James Britto
Opinion Columnist

Have you ever thought about the place we call SMC? What is it to us in reality? Is it just a place we go for two or four years and then move on and never think twice about it? Or is it a place where we get involved, we devote ourselves to activities, where we care about the school, its vision, what its traditions are and where it is going in the future?

St. Mary's becomes a part of us in our short time here. We become a part of her. Many of us take to heart how much we love SMC and how much we want to see the College continue to be as wonderful or even better than when we were here. So what does St. Mary's mean to you? I know for me, it has many meanings and some are so specific, it really cannot be explained in any other way.

St. Mary's means diversity. I think for a private Catholic school in the hills of the East Bay, we have one of the most diverse campuses. We have so many different ethnic backgrounds represented at our school that we are gifted to be able to know all people and try to learn about them and their cultures.

St. Mary's means personal attention. This means that I am truly acknowledged when a teacher calls me when I miss a class to find out if I was sick or to see if I need anything. Or when Bro. Charles Hilken, whom I had for only one semester, over two years ago, still

acknowledges me by name. It means former President Bro. Mel Anderson inviting me to his residence, along with others, for dinner. All of this distinguishes me as an individual at SMC, and that is a unique thing on any campus today.

St. Mary's is a community. We are all allowed to be together in so many ways. We are a small enough school that we still hold class dances, social events, and these activities have a large amount of representation from around the campus, so all can be involved if they choose. We learn together, work together, live together, eat together and play together. We work to have things run in a manner that is beneficial to us, the students. And when we do this, we get together and make things happen.

St. Mary's is uniqueness. We have the 4-1-4 calendar, where we get to take Jan Term, which in my mind is one of the best educational tools. People are allowed to select from the most diverse range of classes I have ever seen. We are encouraged to travel and expand our knowledge (granting we can afford the travel expenses.) We are nestled in the hills and we all know each other to the extent where we feel interconnected in some way to everyone here.

St. Mary's is staff and faculty with the students. They want us to succeed rather than trying to find the hard things to trip us up. Their success is measured by our success, and we feel it and know it. They are

here out of a belief in the ideas of St. John Baptist De LaSalle, and out of a commitment to excellence in educating some of the brightest minds there are.

St. Mary's is home. For the faculty, they seem to stay rather than use their time here as a pit stop to somewhere else. They really ARE a part of the community and want to be. For the students, we give all of ourselves to our work and to the various campus activities. We live here, we eat here, we sometimes find our life mates here, we learn here, and we make it an integral part of our lives. We love St. Mary's and work to ensure our safety and success

within her.

For those of us who are seniors, I know it is coming close to the end of our time here, and many go through a hard time in separating with the College. We must remember that our time here has been wonderful and that we have made history within the College in many ways. And for all of the students, not just seniors, we must also remember that we never have to "leave" St. Mary's. When a child moves out of their parents' house, it is never the same, but they feel good knowing they can always go home. And here at St. Mary's, I think we can always return home as well.

Strength Built Through Community

Michael Viola
Opinion Contributor

To me, St. Mary's is a community, a small family of people who have the same common goal; students are here to gain skills for the future and professionals are here because they believe in education and the mission of the College. St. Mary's is a non-threatening environment where students can challenge themselves without the fear of serious consequences. The College provides young adults with opportunities to try new things and to challenge new ideas without the fear of failure.

The problem, however, is

that at St. Mary's it is easy to become complacent, forgetting about the cruel world outside of our campus. For example, if you have attended any of the Town Hall Meetings Bro. Craig has conducted for us to share ideas, you probably noticed there was a lack of respect for Bro. Craig and the Administration.

I am fearful that once we graduate from this "comfortable environment," some of us will have to learn how things really work. In the real world, someone who chooses to attack a professional in public is setting himself up for possible termination of employment. He may distance himself from potential allies, and may damage his own reputation.

We should celebrate what we have accomplished in our time here. We have learned to be independent thinkers, bright, resourceful, and empowered individuals who when put to the task, and united with others, are capable of making so many things happen. We do not allow our minds to be manipulated, rather we have learned in our time here to think for ourselves and make our voices heard. That is the success of St. Mary's, and the success of each and every one of us. Working together, we make a difference.

James Britto is a Liberal Studies Major graduating in 1998.

I think the "family" that everyone has come to know at St. Mary's has begun to fall apart because we haven't stopped to listen to each other. We need to work together to strengthen the community within the hills of Moraga so that we may move on to conquer the world! There is a quotation from the Proverbs (24:3) that relates to the turmoil we are experiencing. "Through wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established."

Let's work together so that we will all have more time to enjoy the many positive attributes of St. Mary's College. *Michael Viola is a Business Administration Major graduating in 1999.*

Fortnightly Report

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U.N. Tests Iraq Deal

A team of United Nations weapons inspectors spent eight hours searching one of Saddam Hussein's palaces. The team included representatives from twenty nations. The main purpose of the inspection was to test Iraqi compliance with the newly engineered agreement brokered by the U.N.

Killing Spree at Arkansas School

Two Arkansas boys opened fire on fellow elementary school students on Tuesday, March 24. Under Arkansas state law, the two may only have to serve a five year term. However, Attorney General Janet Reno said that they may be charged under federal law. The thirteen-year-old may be tried as an adult.

Clinton Makes a Trip to Africa

On President Clinton's trip to Africa, he made a stop in South Africa and proclaimed how good it was that the country was fully democratic and free at last. He addressed Parliament and met with Nelson Mandela in the first trip by a United States President. The President also met with Mandela's apparent successor and discussed the shift in African focus from aid to trade.

Israeli Peace Talks in Trouble

A Washington spokesperson was quoted as saying peace talks are in "dire straits." Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu continues to criticize a United States plan for an Israeli pullout of 13% of the West Bank. A United States special envoy was sent to Israeli to help revive the peace talks with the Palestinians.

Nazi Gold Settlement

Swiss banks are preparing to offer a settlement for Nazi gold that was deposited during the Holocaust. A United States brokered drive for a donation of the money to the World Jewish Congress has picked up popularity. No amount of money has been proposed yet by the banks.

Champion to be Determined

In the first two games of the Final Four, Stanford was defeated by Kentucky and Utah overcame North Carolina. The championship game is Monday, March 30. The Kentucky Wildcats will take on the Utah Utes in San Antonio. The Wildcats are heavily favored in this game to determine a national Champion.

THE NEWS

Students Address Issues

Forum provides a channel for expressing campus issues and concerns

By Fawn Sutherland
Managing Editor

With student concern rising on campus, students gathered on Wednesday, March 18 in a student only, student-run forum. The forum allowed students to address the current issues without the presence of administrators.

The forum's initiators, VP of Administration Jen Frugaletti and COLLEGIAN Editor-in-Chief Renee Sando, originally intended the forum to critique the Town Hall meetings, which President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. instituted earlier this year.

With the addition of three other students to the forum committee, Phillip Iverson, Catherine Vollert, and Meghan Crowell, the group soon realized that a more productive format was needed.

After much consideration the content of the meeting was changed to allow students a body within which they could freely express their concerns.

To ensure that the atmosphere stayed free of complica-



Amanda Chavez addresses students attending Forum.

tion, each student was asked to provide their student ID card prior to entering the room on Wednesday evening. Those nonstudents who came to the door were thanked for their support, but asked to leave.

Once students were seated Public Safety Officer Kelly Couch addressed the students. He announced the formation of the new Public Safety Officers Association (PSOA). He urged the students to adopt the association as new advocates for the students and their concerns. Couch then exited the student meeting.

The five student leaders then turned the meeting in its intended direction by defining the rules of the forum. Students discussed general topics for five minutes. At the end of

this time period students each voted for their two most important.

After determining the top three topics, students then discussed the issues within each topic for approximately 15 minutes. With each issue addressed students were asked to also suggest a solution.

The three main topics decided upon were safety, educational and administration issues.

Safety concerns detailed issues such as mandatory alcohol and rape education for all students, faculty, staff and administration, and a student escort service or safe rides.

Concerns encompassed by the educational issues were items such as a cap on class

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out increasing class size—or better, by reducing it, I'm for it."

The debate about the merit of the reduction, lacked a true "con" argument, as Hilken and Harter actually lodged arguments against certain aspects of the proposal, rather than against the goal of the proposal.

During the open forum, various faculty members testified to their current stress or to belief in the benefits of a reduction in emotionally charged voices. Professor Shawny Anderson of the Communications department spoke of her first-hand knowledge of these benefits, as she has currently worked out a way to temporarily reduce her courseload.

In the extra time this has provided, she has worked with her department to review and revamp curriculum, to review library resources and, on her own time, learned to use new forms of technology to improve her lectures.

Some faculty members spoke up about the detrimental effect the current courseload has had on their teaching ability. Religious Studies Professor Allen Hilton remarked that after his first semester here, he lowered the requirements of his course—not because he felt that he had overworked students, but because he could not

keep up with grading the papers.

Biology Professor Judd Case related his constant efforts to provide students with current information in rapidly changing fields, and said, "We often teach courses outside our discipline, but we have to be informed." As an example, he cited his experience teaching embryology, and his efforts to research the changes in knowledge that have occurred between the years that the course is offered.

After many personal testimonials, Biology Department Chair Allan Hansell voiced his belief that the forum should begin speaking of the "mechanisms" to implement the reduction, as the faculty seemed overwhelmingly in favor of the proposal.

The main difficulty facing the faculty at the current time lies in the fact that some of the suggested mechanisms for a reallocation of faculty workload have been preempted by the administration. For example, in the proposal drafted last year, the faculty asked that 22 students be added to the freshman class in order to finance part the hiring of new professors. While considering this proposal, the administration added 200 students to the incoming freshman class this year, without allocating any of the funds gained to a reduction

in faculty courseload. This had the effect of increasing the demand on professors.

The faculty are currently reviewing the proposal they submitted earlier, a hold open the possibility of revising it. Academic Senate Chair Frank Murray explained, "We are looking for a ways to change the proposal so that it is in accord with what has already happened." He went on to explain that "All faculty are aware of the impact of class size on quality, and we're all very sensitive to the issue."

Murray also stressed that changes in workload would be gradual, not dramatic or sudden, and that the faculty is open to changing the proposal. He pointed out that "Faculty would like to see a commitment [on Franz' part] to the goal. The ways we get there are negotiable."

Murray expressed his belief that students who know the faculty and the facts would be willing to work on a courseload reduction, and explained that the faculty has decided to explain their position to students, rather than to ask the administration to do so.

In one initial step, representatives of the faculty appeared before the ASSMC Senate Meeting on March 29 to explain the position of the faculty and to solicit student input and support.

Walking for Lights

Lighting concerns initiate walk around campus

By Amanda Chavez
Contributor

Among the criticisms fired at the administration over the past few months has been student concern over campus safety.

In particular, poor lighting has been cited by many students as a cause for concern.

To address these concerns in a constructive manner, Vice President of Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D., held a "walking meeting" on March 19, giving students the opportunity to point out lighting problems.

Joe Kehoe, Director of the Physical Plant, was present to note student suggestions and record needed changes.

During the walk, the sixteen students in attendance pointed out various lighting problems. Students pointed out the many

burned out lights and flickering lights that needed to be fixed.

Suggestions were made for added lighting, especially in the student parking lots and townhouse areas.

Kehoe said that a lot of the lights needed to be maintained better. He explained that the school is currently in the process of retrofitting lights to keep them in better working condition.

This entails drilling a hole in each lighting fixture to allow for rainwater to drain out of the lights.

The retrofitting will eliminate some of the burned out and flickering lights by keeping the gas pilots dry and lit.

However, Kehoe elaborated that all of these problems will take some time to fix.

He noted that currently there are only two electricians for all the electric needs of the College including the 250 lights illuminating the campus.

Coupled with this are the

added costs of installing new lighting. According to Kehoe, each free standing lamp post costs approximately \$1,500 to install.

Currently, it is not clear whether these costs will play a factor in installing the needed lights.

Other areas of the campus, including the Agenos and the east side of the campus were not examined due to time limitations.

These areas were rescheduled to be examined during a second walk that took place this past Thursday.

Curran said the event was "a fact finding opportunity with students who addressed concerns." He explained that there was an effort to contact students for the walk who expressed concern, including those within the media, and student government.

Meghan Crowell, a senior in attendance said, "I thought everyone's suggestions were good. Now we have to see if the suggestions will happen."

HOUSING: Townhouse triples may become a possibility

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women to 10 men will move from the waiting list on to the second phase" stated Armtrout.

According to Armtrout, traditionally the first 20 students make it to second phase; however, because each year is different, 10 students is all the Housing Office can ensure.

Many students on the waiting list have begun to consider transferring due to the scarcity of money.

The Housing and Financial Aide offices have found themselves at the end of a long line of students. In trying to figure out their finances, students have expressed concerns over how far their financial aid will stretch.

Others have questioned whether living off campus will

significantly affect their financial aid package. Director of Financial Aid Billy Jones stated, "There is such a small difference between financial aid for students on-campus and aid for off-campus students that we don't even take it into account. Our packaging remains the basically the same."

"Some consideration for juniors and seniors should have been given, especially for seniors. Seniors should have priority over juniors for housing since they because they only have one year to go. I know students who are already planning to transfer" stated junior Mike Findley who is number 35 on the men's waiting list.

The solution to the lack of housing on campus for Armtrout is to have more hous-

ing, but since that is not an immediate resolution Armtrout met with Vice President of Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran and Director of Events and Conferences Mark Jaime on Friday, March 27 to discuss the possibilities.

The meeting specifically discussed the potential for turning some of the townhouse suites into triples. Armtrout's plan was to give students in the townhouses the option between a double and a triple.

Although having three people per room would be considerably more crowded, Armtrout says it would be a financial advantage for the residents because they would receive a room and board cost reduction.

No decision has been made on the matter at this time.

SMC CRIME BEAT

•March 17 Trespassing-St. Mary's Public Safety reported that they had 3 juveniles detained for trespassing. When the Moraga PD arrived, Public safety informed them that one of the juveniles was warned during the summer months that he would be arrested if he came back to the campus. Public Safety Officers told Moraga PD that they wanted to make a citizen's arrest on the juvenile. Public Safety then signed a citizen's arrest form. The other juveniles were told not to come back to the campus without their parents. The juveniles explained that they went to the campus to skateboard and ride bikes. The juvenile under arrest was released from the police department to his father.

•March 21 Found Property-Moraga Police responded to a call from Public Safety concerning a license plate found on campus. The owner of the plate had been a guest on campus and the plate was returned to the relatives of the owner who are local to the area.

•March 27 Grand Theft-A woman reported a grand theft from her unlocked vehicle on March 18 at St. Mary's College. She said she parked her vehicle in one of the driveways. She later returned to her vehicle and drove home. She said when she opened the unlocked hatchback, she grabbed her suitcase and all of her personal belongings fell to the ground. She reported that all of the jewelry that she had concealed in the suitcase was gone. She believes someone at St. Mary's College stole her jewelry.

Correction: In the article entitled "Tuition Increases" published in the March 18 issue, the COLLEGIAN reported that tuition was set to rise 8%. However, this statistic is inaccurate. The cost of a St. Mary's education will rise by 4.5% for the 1998-1999 academic year.

The total fee for a traditional package in the 1997-1998 school year was \$22,650.00. For the 1998-1999 school year, the total traditional package will be \$23,695.00. The cost of tuition will change by \$1,070.00 which is a 4.5% increase, not an 8% increase, over last year's tuition cost.

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size as appropriate to individual departments and improved library funding and material selection.

With the new administration, the issues addressed were open financial statements and the hiring of women and minority administrators.

In defining these topics with the student body, the forum core group hopes to compose a document to submit to the

Administration detailing the concerns and requests of the students.

In order to be efficient the core group has decided to meet with the student body again before composing the document.

The next Student Forum is planned for Wednesday, April 1 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Soda Center. All students will again be required to bring their ID.

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Senate Completes Club Review

By Julia Jenkins
Staff Writer

The ASSMC Student Senate voted to send the ASSMC Constitution to the student body and completed the Semi-Annual Review of Club Charters in a three and half hour meeting on Sunday, March 29.

The meeting began at 6:00pm with only twenty-four of the thirty-two voting members present. ASSMC President Glenn Vandebroek and Vice President for Business and Finance John Richards were also not present due to an unexcused absence.

Dean for Academic Resources Stephanie Bangert, gave a report on the progress of the new library. St. Albert Hall was built in 1968 for a student body of only 1000 students. Currently the library lacks a key donor to fund the addition. Completion is planned within the next three to four years.

Professors Frank Murray, Shawny Anderson, and Carl Guarneri presented the faculty proposal for the reduction of the seven class workload to six,

which could raise the quality of the courses and allow professors to spend more individual time with their students.

The professors wanted to assure the students that the faculty proposal would not necessarily raise class numbers nor cut courses. "The decrease in teaching load does not have to increase class size," stated Guarneri.

Financing the new proposal will not place a burden upon the students. More professors will be hired, but it will not cause a tuition increase.

"The faculty is asking for something that is in the best interest of the students and the faculty," stated Murray.

During the continuation of the Semi-Annual Review of Clubs the *riverrun* in was renewed in good standing with a 21 to 3 vote after Vice President for Administration Jen Frugaletti recommended that it be put on probation.

Editor of *riverrun* Dave Johnson defended the literary magazine, while senators argued that *riverrun* is a completely different medium and should not have to adhere to the same criteria as other clubs.

Under the recommendation of Frugaletti; the Multi Cultural Club was renewed in good standing; Water Polo was renewed under probation; Dante Club and Habitat for Humanity were renewed under suspension and are not allowed to participate in the budget process; and Philosophy Club, Golf Club, and English Club charters were revoked.

Voting for the Miliken Award, an honor given to a senior who has dedicated time to student affairs, took place. Those nominated were Brian Stanley, Peter Kelly, Renee Sando, Karis Stoudamire, Megan Ball, Kim Wesolowski, and Shelby Fuiks.

The meeting came to a close shortly after 9:30pm with the Gael Editor Amanda Todoroff addressing the Senate's behavior.

Todoroff stated, "I am extremely disappointed in the commitment and dedication displayed by the majority of this year's senate members. If you're not going to be 100% dedicated to your job then please do the rest of the Senate and the entire ASSMC a favor and don't run next year."

News Briefs

Endowment Given

Following the death of St. Mary's College benefactor Edward S. Ageno, a trust fund was endowed to the College by his estate. This "Ageno Family Scholarship Fund" is the largest gift the school has ever received and totals \$5.7 million.

Additionally, on April 21 a special mass in his memory will be held at 1:00am in the Chapel. The ground breaking ceremonies for the Edward S. Ageno Townhouses will be held at 1:30pm. These buildings will complete the Ageno Park and help celebrate the life of Mr. Ageno. — G.M.

Construction Begins

Construction crews are expected on campus in a couple of weeks to begin construction on the Student Union.

According to VP for Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D., construction is expected to begin the week of April 3.

The parking lot near LeFevre Theater and the Brickpile will be closed in order for Student Union construction to begin.

Pedestrian traffic may be rerouted around LeFevre Theater. — R.S.

Search Continues

Although the President's March 23 letter stated that a Director of Public Safety had been hired, on Friday March 27, it was confirmed that the candidate backed out. According to VP for Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D., George Yuhasz declined the directorship for personal reasons. The search for a new director proceeds. — R S

PSOA

St. Mary's Public Safety Officers have united to form the Public Safety Officer's Association (PSOA). Kelly Couch was voted as President, John Harwood as the Vice President, and Ken Aiello as the Secretary/Treasurer. —H.M.

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April

- Wed 4/1 First African Dance lesson with Master Teacher Pope Akwaaba, which continues April 15, 22, 29. McKeon Gym 7:00-8:30pm
- Thurs 4/2 Program Board "Swing Night" Soda Center 9:00pm
- Wed 4/14 BSU Talent Show LeFevre 7:00pm
- Wed 4/15 Interfaith Passover Ceder Campus Ministry Center 5:00pm
- Thurs 4/16 Reading by Award winning poet Joshua Clover Soda Center 7:30pm
- Fri 4/17 KSMC *End of the World Blowout*
- Mon 4/20 GALA Meeting Hagerty Lounge 5:15pm

Holocaust Remembrance Guest Speakers co-sponsored by Campus Ministry and Seminar Soda Center 7:30pm
- Tues 4/21 National Day of Silence, GALA event to "create a visible, 'audible' silence to protest the silence that is forced upon lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgenders daily" Campus 8:00am 5:00pm

Reading by Nationally acclaimed poet and author Lucile Clifton Soda Center 7:30pm
- Wed 4/22 French Club film viewing Art A-V 3:30-5:30pm
- Thurs 4/23 Annual Cultural Faire and Music in the Quad Ferroggiaro Quad 11:45am-1:15pm

APASA Cultural Night Fashion Show Soda Center 5:30pm

Holocaust Remebrance Prayer Service Campus Ministry Center 4:45pm
- Wed 4/29 Health Fair and Music in the Quad Ferroggiaro Quad 11:45am

Homosexuality and the Church

By Megan Ball
Events Editor

How do church denominations weigh a traditional understanding of Scripture with what science and the lives of gays and lesbians reveal about homosexuality? Which denominations see homosexual practice as a violation of Christian teachings? How do churches preserve the dignity of their gay and lesbian members? These are only very few of the questions raised around the issue of homosexuality in the church. As heated debates ensue and individuals try to reconcile their faith and their sexuality, churches move to respond to such concerns. Not all denominations agree on the matter and churches continue to redefine their platforms in light of tradition, culture, and experience.

Last Tuesday, March 24, St. Mary's Campus Ministry and GALA invited Fr. Gerald Coleman, S.S., the rector/president of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, to inaugurate a series of student discussions or open forums on Homosexuality and the Catholic Church.

Coleman introduced what he considers a "complex and controversial" topic by distributing an outline briefly detailing, among other items, problematic definitions of a homosexual person, points of clarification, differing positions on the origin of the orientation, church teachings, and biblical references. The outline served as the base for his objective presentation.

Coleman outlined the Church's position on homosexuality, quoting from *Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons* (1986): "Although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is not a sin, it is more or less strong tendency toward an intrinsic moral evil; and thus the inclination itself must be seen as an objective disorder." He commented that such a definition is at the heart of controversy and reinforced that homosexuality, the orientation, is not condemned by the Church. Most reactions from the audience addressed the platform and Coleman's inter-

pretations.

Paul Giurlanda, professor of Religious Studies and faculty moderator of GALA, remarked, "Father Coleman was trying very hard to let people know that the Church loves and accepts gay people, and I think once you accept that gay people simply are the way they are as the American bishops put it, 'through no fault of their own,' in other words, that it is not a matter of some sort of strange perverse choice, then it is unjust to criticize people for something over which they have no control." According to Giurlanda, Coleman made it clear that homosexuals "deserve the same respect and affection as anybody else ... that is the teaching of the Church. A lot of people do not realize that. Or, at least some people do not realize that."

Nathan Cuthbert, a freshman at St. Mary's and President of GALA spoke in response to the Church's platform, "Any gay person is going to be offended when a priest tells them that their sexual activity indicates a strong tendency toward an 'intrinsic moral evil.' The church calling homosexuality an 'objective disorder' seems off base, considering that in 1970, the American Psychological Association revised their position—stating that homosexuality is not a mental disorder. The definition provided by the Catholic Church is open to misinterpretation by a lot of people."

Senior Maria Capitelli voiced a couple concerns: "Grouping homosexuality with 'disorders' like 'eating too much, drinking too much, or being prone to anger,' seems to belittle the orientation and ignore the huge issues homosexuals face, like family rejection, physical abuse, and personal attacks. The grouping may sound nice and seems to say that homosexuals should not be blamed because everyone has 'disorders,' but it does not deal with the reality of unjust treatment."

Giurlanda also spoke to that issue: "The analogy, I think, fails because one does not tell a person that has a problem with food that they should never eat again or a person prone to anger that they should never be

angry."

Cuthbert made further comments on the event, "[The presentation] says a lot about the direction we are moving. The tone was positive—the best we could hope for basically. As long as that is not the end of discussion, but just the beginning, that's a great place to start." Cuthbert continued, "Coming into it, we knew what the tone was going to be. To get a speaker of that nature, he had to come from a very objective standpoint of the Catholic Church. Though his tone was fairly positive, there were so many different aspects that didn't get covered since the time was cut short."

Theresa Stein, freshman and Vice President of GALA commented, "I really appreciated when he directed our attention to the fact that prior to the 19th century, there were no references to differences in sexual orientations in literature. The concept of homosexuality did not exist at the time the Bible was written."

Stein also mentioned, "In the Bible, it seems that if heterosexuality was the gift that God gave people, than homosexual activity was a conscious rejection of that gift. The Bible does not acknowledge homosexuality as an orientation though... I would have liked for Fr. Coleman to have addressed the discrimination against homosexuals in the Church compared to that of people who have premarital sex and use contraception."

Chris Fuller, Campus Minister, commented, "Fr. Coleman presents the Church's teaching accurately and clearly. This is important to Campus Ministry's objective to provide more dialogues on this complex issue. Ultimately, we hope that St. Mary's can build a faith community in which homosexual persons have an active role as affirmed by the U.S. Bishops."

GALA and Campus Ministry hope to continue discussions on this controversial issue in the upcoming months and next year. Campus Ministry sees the presentation as initiating other dialogues on Catholic identity and the modern world.

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WE LIKE TO SPEND OUR TIME OUT IN THE SUN.

FUN IN THE SUN

Pushing the Limit

Mountain Biking More Than Just a Ride in the Park

By Katie Cleland
Staff Writer

Jagged boulders, weathered cliffs dropping hundreds of feet, dust clouds infiltrating the eyes, nose, and throats, sweat beads trickling down faces covered with caked-on dirt, burning

calves and hamstrings pushing the utmost muscular limit, parched mouths preserving the last remnants of water...

Many outdoor activities reside within the realm of the St. Mary's community. One apparent hobby would be the death-defying sport of mountain biking. This extreme sport provides an excellent

lower body workout as well as keeping cardiovascular fitness.

To get the most from the sport, the proper equipment is needed. Getting a good bike is the obvious first step. A decent bike will range in price from \$1000-\$4000. One of the best bikes is the GT. It is great for climbing as well as jumps. Then there are a variety of pedal types to choose from. Two of the many are click-ins and toe clips with slip bottom shoes. The advantage of the click-ins is that your feet are fixed to the pedal itself with the proper shoes. This type of device should not be used by novice riders for it takes a bit of getting used to unclicking your feet at the sight of dan-

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Although fun, this kind of bike riding is obviously not as strenuous as mountain biking.

"Here come

By Renee San

As the rains of El Niño begin to subside, lawns across campus. For those of you who love your favorite towel, your seminar book, and your sunscreen (we recommend an SPF 30 or higher) and c

10. **Pool Deck** - Catch some rays and then take a dip in the pool to cool off. The diving board offers additional entertainment.

9. **Louis Guisto Field** - Catch some rays as you watch the St. Mary's baseball team. Metal bleachers are kind of tough, so make sure you bring some extra padding.

8. **Benilde Back Yard** - For those of you who are shy, this quiet garden offers a nice place to relax and enjoy the beautiful flowers and fountain. Make sure you watch out for the bees.

7. **SMC letters** - It's a short hike, but well worth it, as it offers a nice view of campus. Plus, if you hurry, you could be the first to "de-Bronco" the letters by repainting.

6. **Redwood Grove** - Take a nice walk past St. Mary's Stadium to the grove and soak up some rays as you are surrounded by the trees and maybe a few deer.

5. **Agno B BBQ area** - Make a quick Safeway run for the essentials, grab a few friends, a portable radio and let the good times roll.



Turf Thrashing

Skate Culture Grows at St. Mary's

By Nicole Atilano
Lifestyles Editor

Skating has long been a popular sport among adolescents and the very daring. But skating isn't just a sport, it has evolved into a culture of sorts, with its own language and style of dress.

Skaters typically wear loose, baggy clothing for maximum comfort while skating. Popular clothing brands sported by skaters are Vans, Volcom, Adrenaline, and Switch.

But what skateboarders are notorious for is their daring and fearless approach to any trick. As a result, it is not uncommon to find a skater with scraped and scratched limbs. Every skater's goal is to beautifully execute a death-defying trick without breaking any bones.

In past years, skaters have received a bad rap, and this has led to many laws and regulations against skateboarding on public property. Complaints are that skaters behave recklessly and dangerously. But many argue that skaters would not present a nuisance to others if they had a designated

place to skate instead of being treated like criminals.

Skaters with the inclination and the money build ramps for use in their own back yards. A few large cities even have skate parks available, but these often become crowded very quickly. Those without access to a

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• Skate Speak •

Backside Turns or rotations in the direction your toes point, executed so that your back is facing the outside of the arc.
Boardslide A trick where you lift your front truck over a rail or coping and slide.
Fakie Riding backwards.
Varial Rotation of board or body.
Ollie When the board pops up without flipping, then lands.
Heelflip Ollie, then front foot

goes to the toe side of the board, flicking the board with the ball of the foot, flips, lands.
Kickflip Ollie, front foot goes to the heel side of the board, flicking the board with your toes, board flips, lands.
Nollie Ollie off the nose, kick the board with toes toward the heel side of the board with back foot.
360 Flip A 360 degree backside varial kickflip.

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Wheel Arou

By Flor Montoya
Staff Writer

It's a beautiful, sunny day—what are you doing inside? You probably heard that a lot when you were a kid, and then dug out your classic, pink dual-axle roller-skates. But you can't go roller-skating anymore because you gave your roller-skates away. Besides, would you want to be caught in Moragoland with a pair of dual-axle pink skates? So, what do you do? One suggestion is to try a variation to this pastime, through in-line skating.

In-line skates mimic the ice skate. The main difference is the turf these roller demons glide on. In-line skates have four or five wheels that are set in a straight line, and a shell that encases the foot. The in-line skate varies in its style and colors. As a result of its design, the in-line skate offers superior adaptability to various surfaces.

For speed freaks, the in-line skate offers greater velocity. It's also a good low-impact, cardiovascular exercise. The

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other-wise known as rollerblading. continuous movement of skating tones all major muscle groups of the body.

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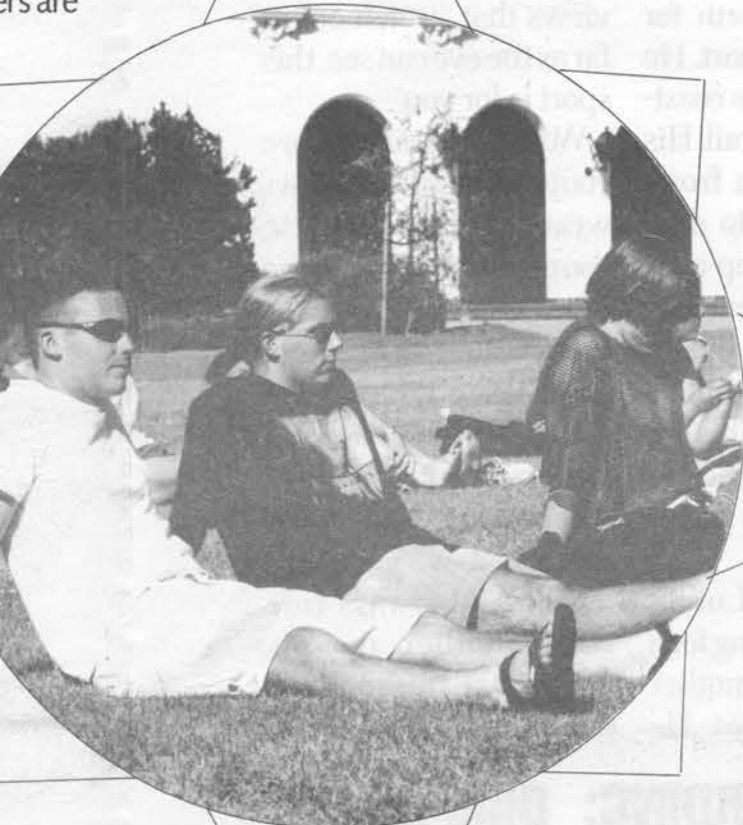
comes the sun..."

By Renee Sando • Editor-in-Chief

Niño begin to subside, campus sunbathers are beginning to hit the grass. For those of you who aren't sure where to catch the best rays, grab a seminar book and a bottle of sunscreen (dermatologists recommend SPF 30 or higher) and check out these places:

...a dip in the pool for entertainment.

...s you and your friends are



1. De La Salle Quad - The favored site for volleyball or ultimate frisbee, the De La Salle Quad is a super sun spot. Spend the afternoon with your friends and take a break--after all, the semester's almost over.

2. Chapel Lawn - With a view of the St. Mary's Chapel and cross in the distance, the Chapel lawn is an ideal place for sunbathing. Careful though...St. La Salle is watching.

3. Ferroggiaro Quad - Whether you are between classes or trying to avoid doing homework, the Quad offers a great place to soak up some rays while conversing with friends and people watching.

...a half-way run for the day and let the good times

4. Cross/Observatory - It's a bit of a hike, but well worth it. The rains have left the hills quite green, and the view from the Cross on a clear day cannot be beat. Watch out for the cows.

round the Town

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So who is the genius making all the bucks from this wonderful little hobby? By a fluke, John Merlin, who was trying to come up with a substitute for the ice skate, invented the classic, dual-axle roller-skate. But it was Scott Olson, a nineteen-year-old semi-professional hockey player who modified the design.

Olson wanted to create a training tool for skiers and ice skaters. Like any good entrepreneur, Olson sold the patent rights to a private com-

Prime spots to catch roller demons are on quiet streets, parks, or even on the way to work. This means in-line skating is also a good mode of transportation, which makes it an efficient way to move around. The popular sport appeals to everyone--females and males of every age are enthused by the new twist to an old favorite. And even if you, like me, do not have the bucks to purchase a pair of rollerblades, you can always rent some.

It is important to remember that in-line skating can be dangerous. It was reported that in 1993 that twelve million people have tried the sport at one time

or another. Consequently, in the same year there were 83,000 injuries related to in-line skating that required emergency care. It is safe to assume that people are deceived by its easy mastery. It is important to remember that whenever you decide to try in-line skating, you need to wear safety gear like knee, wrist, and elbow pads. This is especially important since the in-line skating-related injury most often reported involves injury to the wrists as a result of bracing yourself with them when you fall.

So please, keep the pink roller-skate tradition alive, even if it is with a pair of rollerblades.

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pany in 1984. The result was the rollerblade. Nowadays we see rollerblades everywhere.

Frisbee: The Ultimate in Games

By Megan Lawson
Staff Writer

A NEW, HOT, AND EXCITING GAME TO SWEEP THE NATION, AND MORE LOCALLY, ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, IS THE GAME KNOWN AS ULTIMATE FRISBEE.

UNKNOWN TO MANY, ULTIMATE FRISBEE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1967 BY A MAN NAMED JOEL SILVER. THE GAME, WHICH SILVER FIRST INTRODUCED TO MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY BY RUNNING AN ARTICLE IN THE COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER, HAS GROWN FROM BEING PLAYED AT HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE NATION TO THE WORLD FRISBEE CHAMPIONSHIPS, FIRST PLAYED IN 1975.

THIS GAME, A CROSS BETWEEN AMERICAN FOOTBALL AND NETBALL, CAN EITHER BE PLAYED INDOORS ON A BASKETBALL COURT OR OUTDOORS ON A FIELD 70 YARDS IN LENGTH. STANDARD PLAYING TIME IS UP TO TWO HOURS, AND THE POINT TOTAL THE GAME IS PLAYED UP TO IS 21. HOWEVER, PEOPLE INTERESTED IN PLAYING MAY WANT TO KNOW—WHAT ARE THE BASIC RULES OF PLAYING ULTIMATE FRISBEE? HERE ARE SOME OF THE RULES SO YOU CAN START PLAYING!

1. THERE IS NO REFEREE NEEDED FOR THE GAME. PLAYERS ARE SUPPOSED TO KNOW THE RULES AND PLAY BY WHAT'S CALLED THE "SPIRIT OF THE GAME." DISPUTES ARE SETTLED AMONGST THE PLAYERS.

2. ONE SCORES BY HAVING A PLAYER ON THEIR TEAM CATCH THE FRISBEE WHILE IN THE OTHER TEAM'S ENDZONE.

3. ONE CANNOT RUN WITH THE FRISBEE; YOU HAVE 10 SECONDS TO MAKE A PASS TO A PLAYER ON YOUR TEAM.

4. IF THE DISC HITS THE GROUND AND IS INTERCEPTED, THE OTHER TEAM GAINS POSSESSION AND GOES ON OFFENSE.

THESE ARE JUST THE FEW BASIC RULES WHICH YOU NEED TO KNOW AND THAT ULTIMATE FRISBEE ENTAILS. SO IF YOU HAVEN'T PLAYED ULTIMATE FRISBEE BEFORE BUT HAVE WANTED TO, NOW YOU KNOW THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS. SO BE DARING, GATHER UP SOME FRIENDS, AND START AN "ULTIMATE" FRISBEE GAME OF YOUR OWN.

Gaels Have Fun in the Sun

By Jessica Dold
Photo Editor



Students play music and read on the library quad lawn.



Seniors slip and slide in the quad between Syufy and Sabatte.



Girls study and catch rays on the De La Salle Lawn.

BIKING: Hitting the Dirt

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There are many hazards in mountain biking. Freshman David Hughes, who has been partaking in this activity for seven years, has faced trails in the Colorado Rockies, as well as the Fremont open space trails and the Santa Cruz mountains. His description of an accident while biking causes alarm for the safety of his sport. He and a friend were coasting a single track trail. His friend slid out in front, causing Hughes to do a 30 mph bunny hop over the disabled biker. His tires slid down into a ditch sending him into a Y-shaped tree. This, in turn, caused Hughes to dislocate both his shoulders.

Freshman Pete Lunny, who has been riding for a year and a half, is another avid fan of the sport. He

has had a stick go shooting through his arm, has head-butted a few trees, and has many scrapes and scratches covering the lower parts of his legs.

Sound like fun? Well, if you consider flying down a hill going 45mph, observing blooming spring wildlife flourish on unfrequented trails, and visiting beautiful cliffs with views that stretch out as far as the eye can see, this sport is for you.

Words of caution before you jump right in: Always wear a helmet because you never know when the next tree will attack. Carry water, a tire pump, and a spare tube in case of flats. Ride defensively, minding cars as well as other bikers. Avoid trails that are above your skill level. And always ride with another person. Keeping all this in mind, enjoy the ride.

SKATEBOARDING: Ollie Oop!

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skate park, which is the case for most skaters, must resort to finding parks, stairways, curbs, or railings to use, for which they are often disciplined. It's a lucky skater who has a friend with an empty pool.

The sport at St. Mary's has recently grown, and skaters appear to go unbothered. They can fre-

quently be seen all over the campus, riding to class, skating around, or practicing jumps on curbs and homemade rails. Some popular skating locales on campus appear to be the paved hills and inclines and various parking lots.

Become a part of the culture--grab a board and thrash some turf of your own.

LINGO: A Dictionary of Terms

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Frontside Turns or rotations in the direction your heels point towards so that your front is facing towards the outside of the arc.
Grind Moving along an edge with your trucks or scraping your trucks along an edge as you skate.

50-50 Both trucks grinding

5-O Just the back truck grinding

Nosegrind Just the front truck grinding

Lipslide A slide where your tail is over a deck

Mongo-foot A style of pushing where the back foot is kept on the board, and pushing is done with the front foot.

Noseslide Sliding the underside of the nose end of a board on a ledge or a lip.

Regular-foot Someone whose normal skate stance is with the left foot forward.

Goofy-foot Someone whose normal skate stance is with the right foot forward.

Switch-stance Skateboarding in the opposite stance than usually accustomed to.

Tailslide Sliding the underside of the tail end of the board on a ledge or lip.

DETOUR

COLLEGIAN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

April 1, 1998

The Oscars

RATED INTO THE ORGY OF SELF-CONGRATULATION THAT IT IS MEANT TO BE. CRYSTAL TRIED TO KEEP THE SHOW MOVING, BUT THE PRODUCERS WERE OVERZEALOUS AND THREW IN TOO MANY FILM COLLAGES AND NOVELTIES LIKE THE BEAR PRESENTER, SOMEBODY SHOULD SHOOT THE GUY THAT SUGGESTED THEY COULD PULL OFF HAVING A BEAR PRESENT ON CUE ON LIVE TV.

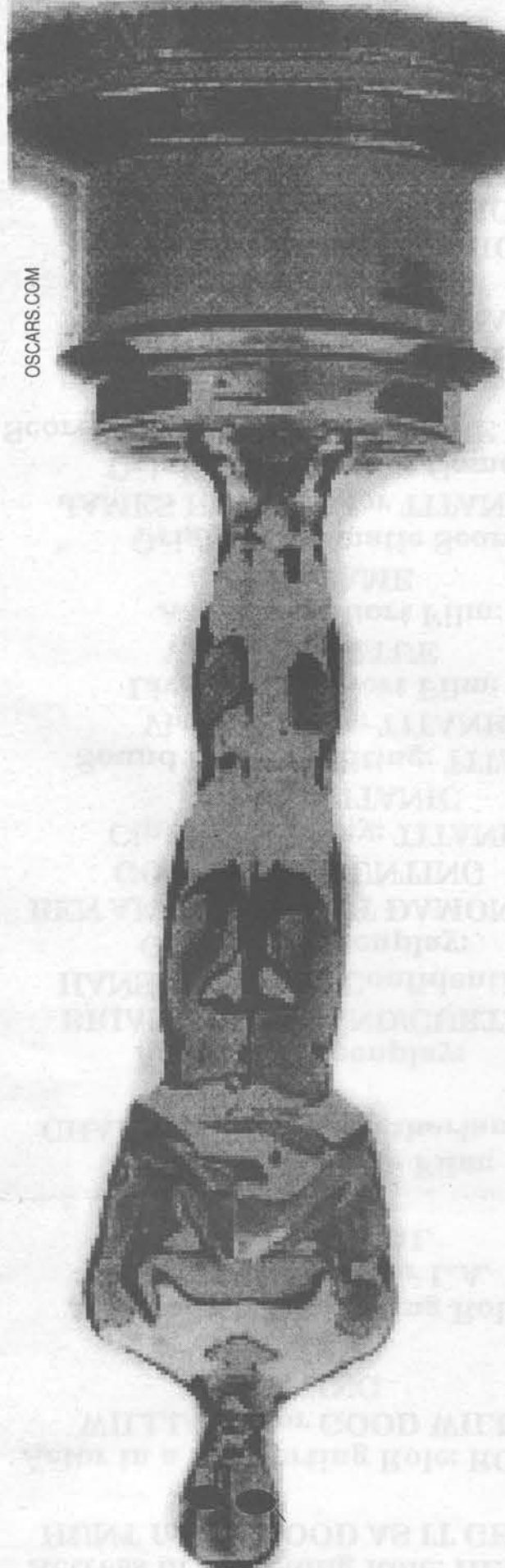
IN RETROSPECT, THE BEAR COULD HAVE PRESENTED ALL THE AWARDS, AS MOST OF THE GREAT ACTORS AND ACTRESSES HAD TROUBLE READING AND OR RE-MEMBERING THEIR LINES, THERE WERE EXCEPTIONS, BUT MANY CAME OFF AS STIFF AS DUSTIN HOFFMAN'S PRE-SHOW COCKTAILS, THEN MY WORST FEARS WERE REAL-IZED: INTERPRETIVE DANCE NUM-BERS, OUCH, THAT PAIN WAS UPSTAGED BY THE ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES. GRANTED, THERE WERE GENUINE HEARTFELT EMOTIONS FROM SOME, BUT THE DUO OF MATT DAMON AND BEN AFFLECK TIED WITH JAMES CAMERON FOR "DUMBEST PERFORMANCE DURING AN ACCEPTANCE SPEECH." THE DUO'S CUBA GOODING JR. IMITA-TION MADE THEM SOUND LIKE A PAIR OF DRUNKEN FRAT BOYS CHANTING FOR SOMEONE DOING A KEG STAND, EVEN WORSE WAS THE PAINFULLY CHEESY "I'M THE KING OF THE WORLD!" COMING FROM "TITANIC" DIRECTOR CAMERON, WIFE LINDA HAMILTON MUST HAVE BEEN HIDING UNDER HER CHAIR AFTER THAT ONE.

AFTER ALL WAS SAID AND DONE, I REALIZED THAT I SHOULD HAVE WAITED TO CATCH THE WIN-NERS ON THE ELEVEN O' CLOCK NEWS, HOPEFULLY THE SADISTS WHO PRODUCE THE SHOW WILL FINALLY GET THE HINT, NAH.

USUALLY I TRY TO AVOID THE ANNUAL TELECAST OF THE ACADEMY AWARDS, THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT DEVOTING PERFECTLY GOOD CHUNKS OF PRIME TIME PROGRAMING TO DANCE NUMBERS AND UNSOLIC-ITED POLITICAL STATEMENTS THAT IS ANALOGOUS TO SCREECHING FINGERNAILS ON A CHALKBOARD. SO IT WAS WITH GREAT TREPIDA-TION THAT I PLANTED MYSELF ON THE COUCH WITH A BEER IN HAND TO SAMPLE THE SPECTACLE THAT IS THE OSCARS. WHAT I DO FOR NO OSCAR EVENING WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT STARTING WITH THOSE PESKY PRE-SHOW PAPERAZZI AMBUSH FESTS, IF A BUNCH OF L.A. AREA TALKING HEADS HARASSING STARS WASN'T ENOUGH, MOST SHOWS ACTUALLY HAD A "FASHION EXPERT" IN A STU-DIO BITCHING ABOUT FASHION FAUX PAUS, I ONLY WISH I COULD GET IT SO I COULD HAVE WATCHED THE QUEEN OF CATTINESS, JOAN RIVERS, ANYHOW, WHO COULD BEAT SEEING A BLITZED DUSTIN HOFFMAN MUMBLING INCOHER-ENTLY?

WITH BILLY CRYSTAL ONCE AGAIN AT THE HELM, I WAS LEFT WONDERING IF ANYTHING NEW WOULD PIQUE MY INTEREST, NO SUCH LUCK, CRYSTAL LAUNCHED INTO YET ANOTHER WILDLY AMUS-ING SONG MEDLEY THAT QUICKLY SOURCED LIKE LAST YEAR'S MILK. HE STARTED A TREND THAT WOULD BE REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN: JACK WORSHIPPING, I'LL ADMIT THAT NICHOLSON IS THE DEFINI-TION OF COOL AND TALENTED, BUT EVEN HE MUST HAVE QUES-TIONED ALL THE ADULATION. THE SHOW QUICKLY DETERIO-

By Brian Bergtold
Detour Editor



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Oscar tries to go incognito after the awards show that bears his name concluded.

DETOUR

The Oscars

Best Picture: TITANIC

Director: JAMES CAMERON

Lifetime Achievement: STANLEY DONEN

Actor in a Leading Role: JACK NICHOLSON for AS GOOD AS IT GETS

Actress in a Leading Role: HELEN HUNT for AS GOOD AS IT GETS

Actor in a Supporting Role: ROBIN WILLIAMS for GOOD WILL HUNTING

Actress in a Supporting Role: KIM BASINGER for L.A. CONFIDENTIAL

Foreign Language Film: CHARACTER (The Netherlands)

Adapted Screenplay: BRIAN HELGELAND/CURTIS HANSON for L.A. Confidential

Original Screenplay: BEN AFFLECK/MATT DAMON for GOOD WILL HUNTING

**Cinematography: TITANIC
Sound: TITANIC**

Sound Effects Editing: TITANIC

Visual Effects: TITANIC

Live Action Short Film:

VISAS & VIRTUE

Animated Short Film:

GERI'S GAME

Original Dramatic Score:

JAMES HORNER for TITANIC

Original Musical or Comedy

Score: ANNE DUDLEY for THE FULL MONTY

Make-Up: MEN IN BLACK

Costume Design: DEBORAH L.

SCOTT for TITANIC

Art Direction: TITANIC

Film Editing: TITANIC

Original Song: MY HEART WILL GO ON sung by CELINE DION for TITANIC

Documentary Short:

A STORY OF HEALING

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THE LONG WAY HOME

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Devlins@ Bimbo's

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Boreal Ski Resort

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Bimbo's

4/17 Shawn
Colvin@ The
Warfield

4/18 Julian and
Damian Marley and
the Uprising Band@
Bimbo's

4/19 Reverend
Horton Heat, Face
to Face, Big Sandy
and His Fly Rite
Boys@ The Warfield

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Gael TV GUIDE

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Sunday, April 19	Man of La Mancha

All Shows begin at 8:00pm.

*Show begins at 9:00pm.

Note: Gael TV was unable to air *Man of La Mancha* Sunday, March 29. We apologize for the inconvenience and will air the 1997 Spring Production on Sunday, April 19 at 8:00pm.

DETOUR

Travel: An Exciting Road to Enrichment

Learn About Yourself While Exploring

By Holly Le Du
Staff Writer

Between the ongoing rain storms and the flashes of sun, I am more than ready for summer. I am already imagining the trips I want to take this summer. Not that I know whether I can go, I'm just itching to go SOMEWHERE. I long to feel the moment that the wheels of the plane lift up, and we are no longer bound to the ground, especially on my job after hearing so many customers from Europe. As big and heavy as a plane is, through the miracle of technology, we fly from our own little corner of the earth and land in another world.

I want to talk to those of you who have never been outside the United States (and Hawaii doesn't count!). Our world is growing smaller every day. We can see events happening anywhere in the world right on our TV screen. This is wonderful, but at the same time, it distorts our view of the world. We

may think we know all about a particular political situation in another country, because of a particular class that we took. Or that we've read all the news reports, or seen all the video footage. However, only when we actually set foot in their country, and live a little bit of what they live with, not as a tourist, but as a temporary resident, can we try to broaden our view of the world. It is a life-changing journey. To truly immerse oneself, however, one needs to learn another language. Because until we can understand the untranslatable idioms, we will never understand the culture. And yet, as different as their customs and food are, they have the same things that unite us as humanity: pain, love, marriage, humor, loss, death, pride. So I urge you, especially the seniors, to take a year off and go travel. Go climb the mountains in Nepal, go rafting on the Amazon river, go paint in Paris, go study architecture in Italy, go walk on the pilgrimage trail in

Spain. The point is to take the time to explore now, before you get yourself tied into a job.

I have to tell you about how Jan Term literally changed my life. About six years ago, I was enrolled at St. Mary's full time and decided to go to France with Professor Wesolowski for the Jan Term. I had been around the U.S. and to Hawaii, and down into Mexico, but never to Europe. My French at the time consisted of about a year and a half of high school French, which actually meant that I could say no more than; "Bonjour, je voudrais une croissant. Merci. Au revoir." Believe me, this can only carry a person so far. Anyway, we stayed first in Avignon with families. Ours spoke no English whatsoever. So, armed with the dictionary that I went out to buy once it became clear I needed to speak a little French, I blundered my way through the mealtimes. They couldn't have been nicer. They always spoke slowly, and gently corrected my pronunciation

when I tried to get a conversation going. To this day, I still make salad dressing the way they taught me, with olive oil and shallots and red wine vinegar.

Next we went to Paris, and I fell in love with the city. I loved the cafes, the museums, the Seine winding through the city, the chic way the French women dressed with their scarves trailing down their backs. I would take long walks around the city by myself whenever I had time. On one of my outings, I met several Americans who told me that they had just stayed, and that if I ever wanted to come back to Paris, I could stay with either of them. I started getting visions of being an artist in Paris, going to cafes and sipping strong espresso, and having lively discussions of art.

So when I got back to the States, I put everything in storage, gave up my apartment, withdrew from all my classes for the Spring semester, and landed back at Charles de Gaulle airport on Valentine's day. My mother was ready to KILL me. But I felt the time was right, and so, I stayed in Paris for ten months and lived with a lady who spoke no English. And every day, five hours a day for three months, I studied French in a small French-run school. And every night I would go out, armed with my dictionary, to bars, cafes, and parties. At first a lot of people teased me, but I didn't let it

bother me. At the end of those ten months, I could talk about any subject in French, fashion, art, politics, whatever.

Unfortunately, I ran out of money, but I have never regretted doing any of it. It was the greatest time of my life. I have many friends there and visit them as often as I can, which has been every year. Because of my experience, I met my husband, who is French, and can participate in all the discussions with the family, who speak no English. I now work as a tour guide and I get more money for the more languages I speak. Because I have lived overseas, employers know that I can adapt to different situations. And more importantly, I'm living my life the way I want because I believed in my ability to make the right decisions about my life.

So remember when you feel a lot of people being negative and telling you that you will never make it, go for it anyway. Your parents love you, they'll forgive you. Don't kid yourself about how much is the minimum, but be aware that a resourceful person can get by with less. Don't lose sight of the fact that this is your life, not anyone else's. Going to another country and learning another language will change you in ways you won't even realize for years. That is what makes the whole experience so wonderful!

Lollapalooza Dead?

Brian Bergtold
Detour Editor

The flagship summer touring festival could be imitating Titanic this summer. The ship, not James Cameron's epic. Lollapalooza, once a summer music scene staple, is an iffy proposition for this summer.

According to a report in Billboard magazine, the festival that started it all may sit out the summer of '98. A festival organizer has told the magazine that there is a 40 percent chance that the tour, which has yet to sign a headliner, will not make it out onto the road.

Ted Gardner, one of the event's founders along with Perry Farrell, claims that it is the former Jane's Addiction frontman who is to blame for the limbo. It seems that organizers were counting on a relapsed Jane's Addiction to slide into the headlining slot. That group's attempt to reform and tour fell on its face after lead guitarist Dave Navarro took the "relapse" theme to heart. Navarro relapsed into hard drug use and derailed any future plans. Organizers asked

Farrell to attempt to reform the band yet again, but he refused.

Farrell founded the tour in 1991 during the heyday of grunge. Back then, the likes of Nirvana, Pearl Jam, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Hole graced the main stage. By 1996, competition became tough, with the likes of the H.O.R.D.E. tour seeking to be the coolest tour on the block. Last year, Lollapalooza signed Metallica as the top band, an act which alienated longtime tour followers.

Without Jane's Addiction, organizers are reportedly scrambling to put something together. Marilyn Manson, Green Day, Foo Fighters, and Nine Inch Nails have already passed on invitations. Scott Weiland, former Stone Temple Pilots frontman, and The Cure are rumored to be in negotiations, but no deals have been inked. The firm that handles publicity for the tour is reportedly unaware of any plans for a Lollapalooza '98. It looks like another Lilith Fair dominated summer is ahead.

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Japan Around The Corner

By Emeka Chukwudebe and
Rebecca Koeth
Staff Writers

Just around the corner, tucked away in Orinda Theatre Square, lies a Japanese restaurant that evokes the semblance of Japan. Serika is the name. The food is great and the architectural decoration beautiful to behold, but this eight year old restaurant prides itself on its sushi, offering assorted options to choose from.

This restaurant's decoration catches the eye in numerous ways. Owner and executive chef, Toshi Nakamura took great pains to make his restaurant look as authentic as possible. Having studied traditional Japanese architecture, he thus creates an ideal setting that aligns with the food served. Most of the building is composed of wood, giving the image of an airy house. Upon entering, a statue of a Japanese warrior faces the doorway, greeting you with a bold stance. Impressions of thatched windows cover the side walls.

Tables and chairs curl around and in the middle of it all is the sushi bar. For those just coming for a simple meal, stools and a menu are all that is needed to pull up and order. The chef prepares the sushi right before your eyes and serves your order in minutes.

For appetizers, patrons have a choice of stamina rolls, spicy rolls and healthy rolls as well as an exotic blend of sushi. Starting off, I ordered unagi

(fresh water eel) along with crab meat California rolls (stamina rolls). Other items on the sushi menu include yellow tail, octopus, halibut, red caviar, scallop, squid and sweet shrimp.

Next in line were the main entrees. The chef serves traditional Japanese food along with several personal creations possessing a hint of French influence. When done, it is beautifully laid out in high class restaurant fashion. A popular dish is Sukiyaki, a sweet and spicy broth containing thinly sliced beef and vegetables. Another dish is Tempura, vegetables and shrimp deep fried in a light crisp batter and served with dipping sauce. One particular dish is famous for its cooking alone - Shabu Shabu. This is a classic Japanese dish consisting of thinly sliced beef, vegetables, savory broth, and special dipping sauce served to your table and then cooked by you in a large pot. However, this item must be ordered by two or more people so make sure your partner desires this meal as well.

Besides the meal and surroundings, it is the waiters who add an ambiance of service not easily forgotten. Their lively humor and carefree attitude calls for a jolly affair on the whole.

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The Imaginary Invalid Springs into LeFevre

By Brian Bergtold
Detour Editor

Moliere's *The Imaginary Invalid* is coming to St. Mary's. The classic 17th century farce, which satirizes the medical profession, is scheduled to be the Spring production of the Performing Arts Department. Department Chairman Dan Cawthon will be taking on directing duties for the play, which will be presented in LeFevre Theatre April 22-26.

The play centers around one of theatre's most notorious hypochondriacs, Argan, and his "saucy" servant, Toinette. Inherent in his affliction, his continual complaints of illness are exceeded only by his protests against high doctor's bills. In order to solve his plight, he decides that the best course of action would be to marry off his daughter Angelique to a doctor's son. Problem solved, or so he thinks. The audience is then catapulted on a roller coaster ride of mistaken identities and plot twists. Argan finds his problems, both real and illusory, solved when he is enticed to enter the medical profession himself!

The cast of twelve student actors is led by seniors Owen Williams



Lisa Visendi as Toinette, with Owen Williams as Argan

and Lisa Visendi, as Argan and Toinette. Angelique and her lover Cleante are portrayed by freshmen Cynthia Lyons and Jhe Nedd. The student cast is rounded out by the talents of Tom Duncan, Doug Giorgis, Moose Henson, Marissa McCabe, Chris Olson, Damian Papa, Jerry Randall, and Heather Shepherd. The set is designed by Michael

Cook, with construction by students enrolled in Play in Production.

All performances are scheduled for 8:00pm, with the exception of a 2:00pm matinee on Sunday, April 26. General admission is \$10; students with ID are \$5. The April 22 performance will be a SMC preview for \$2. For more information, contact the theatre office at 631-4670.

Radiohead Releases EP and Video

By Brian Bergtold
Detour Editor

British rockers Radiohead, who swing into the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium tomorrow, are releasing a new ep and video in conjunction with their sold out North American tour. The "airbag-how am i driving" ep will feature the *OK Computer* version of "Airbag," along with "Pearly*," "Meeting in the Aisle," "A Reminder," "Polyethylene (Pt. 1 and 2)," "Melatonin," and "Palo Alto." These songs were previously only available on import singles.

The accompanying video, entitled "Seven Television Commercials," will feature music videos for "Street Spirit," "Just," "Fake Plastic Trees," "High and Dry," "Paranoid Android," "Karma Police," and

"No Surprises." All are stunning examples of what music videos should look like.

Radiohead have been hailed as the new Pink Floyd, and are deserving of the title. They put a modern twist on the classic experimental sound of David Gilmour and company. Their third album, *OK Computer*, made the top of most critic's top albums lists. Winning a Grammy for best alternative album, they were edged out by sympathy vote recipient Bob Dylan for Best Album.

Their live show has become an undisputed must see, with fans ranging from the likes of REM to Marilyn Manson being spotted at their gigs. Tickets on most dates sold out within minutes, leaving many empty handed. This band is an antidote to the Spice Girls and Hanson if there ever was one.



l-r: Phil Selway, Ed O'Brien, Thom Yorke, Jonny Greenwood, Colin Greenwood

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SPORTS

Expansion Teams Bring Excitement to 1998 Season

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

The boys of summer are back. The crack of the bat and the sound of ball meeting leather will be heard soon in ballparks all over the country. This coming season brings forth the birth of two new franchises and the death of another, along with many player comings and goings.

When Florida shortstop Edger Renteria singled up the middle, winning the first World Series for the Marlins, it could have been said that this was a team of the future. Though Florida had a high payroll last year, some small tinkering could solve that problem. Instead, owner Wayne Huizenga decided to dismantle the reigning World Series champions.

Players such as Kevin Brown, Rob Nen, Moises Alou, Jeff Connie were all sent packing along with other crucial roll-players. Now the Marlins are littered with a bunch of young prospects that will contend in the future, defend a title? No.

The Arizona Diamondbacks and Tampa Bay Devil Rays entered baseball with advantages unlike any other expansion team. Both have new multimillion dollar ballparks

and loaded owners. Already selling out their home games for this year, these baseball thirsty fans allowed both teams to sign high priced free agents.

The Arizona team picked up ace Andy Benes to solidify their pitching staff as well as third baseman Matt Williams. Tampa Bay picked teammates Roberto Hernandez and Wilson Alvarez. Arizona's roster is littered with more established players while Tampa Bay chose to go with younger players.

Around baseball, it looks like traditional powers New York and Atlanta will rule. In acquiring second baseman Chuck Knoblauch, the Yankees filled their most inconsistent spot of the diamond. Knoblauch gives New York speed and a solid lead-off man.

The only question for the Yanks is pitching. Can David Cone rebound from arm troubles and can Mariano

Rivera put up back to back impressive save numbers? New York also needs to settle on a left fielder between Tim Lincecum and Chad Curtis.

The arrival of Andres Galarraga at first base brings needed sock to Atlanta's lineup.

group in baseball ever. Off season surgery on Smoltz could slow his early season. Mark Wohlers anchors the Braves bullpen, but setup men must be found.

In possibly the best division in baseball, the National League West, there look to be three teams contending. The Dodgers, Giants, and Padres are all capable. The Dodgers must answer the question of consistency, the Giants, protection for Barry Bonds and Padres injury problems.

Other teams that could surprise are the Cardinals, Orioles, Bluejays and Indians.

Now that big Mark McGwire is used to punishing National league pitchers, St. Louis has enough offense.

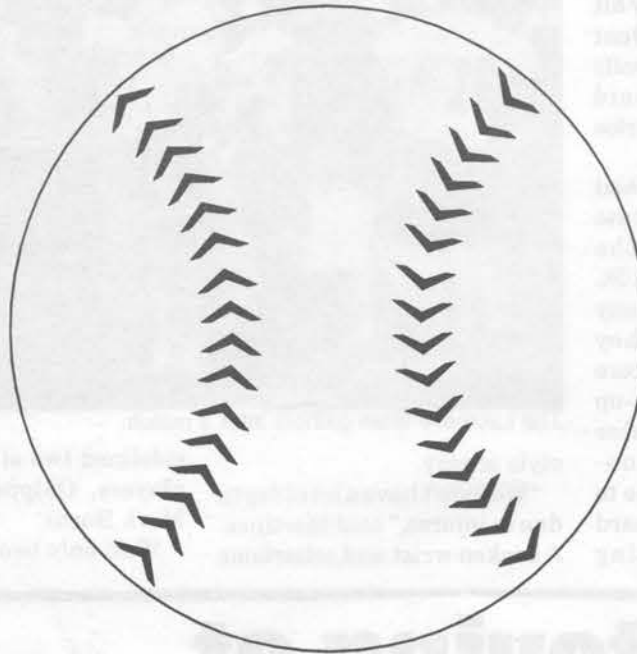
The debate should continue this year again on Mac breaking Roger Maris' single season homerun record. With the loss of Benes, youngsters Matt Morris and Alan Benes must step up.

As long as iron man Cal Ripkin trots out to the field the Orioles will always be in contention. The ageless Ripkin is the heart and sole of Baltimore even at third base.

Top three starters Mike Mussina, Scott Erickson and Jimmy Key need two more productive pitchers. The bullpen must find a reliable closer out of Armando Benitez, Norm Charlton and Aurthur Rhodes.

The Bluejays pulled top free agents the past two years in Roger Clemons and this year, closer Randy Myers. With Clemons, Pat Hentgen, and Juan Guzman Toronto has solid pitching, but needs offense. Traveled Jose Canseco hopes to find past glory in Toronto as a productive hitter.

Though the Indians almost won the World Series last year, this year's team has major pitching problems. Cleveland is placing their hopes on 21 year-old Jaret Wright and other young pitchers like him. The hitting is in place with Dave Justice, newly acquired Kenny Loften, Manny Ramirez and Travis Fryman. Home runs won't be a problem for the Indians offense, only their pitchers giving up too many.



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Lacrosse Misses Shot at Playoff Berth

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

With a 13-11 defeat at Pacific, St. Mary's men's lacrosse missed a chance to enter the playoffs. With a win, a match-up against Sacramento State would be next.



A SMC midfielder avoids two defenders.

Losing 11-9 going into the final period, St. Mary's could never erase a two goal deficit. Dave Brennen scored six goals for the Gaels while Matt Johnson and Jason Lankford added 3 and 2 goals, respectively.

"They wanted to win more than us. They hit harder and went after ground balls more," said midfielder Carlos Martinez.

St. Mary's had beat Sac. State earlier in the year. Though St. Mary's lost many handoffs they were able to score on many man-up situations. These man-up situations were due to Sac. State's hard body checking



The Lacrosse team gathers after a match.

style of play.

"We didn't have a lot of depth due to injuries," said Martinez. A broken wrist and collarbone

sidelined two of the Gaels top players, Chipper Gibbs and Mark Burns.

With only two departing se-

niors and hopefully more depth St. Mary's should contend for a playoff spot and improve on a 1-2-10 record.

Jessica Dold

Men's Tennis Update

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

The St. Mary's Men's Tennis Team dropped two matches against Air Force and Sacramento State.

On March 21, against Air Force the Gaels split singles action. St. Mary's received single wins by Rex Calaunan, Matt Hibbard, Thomas Filipcik and Matt Moore.

But St. Mary's wasn't able to put away Air Force, losing two doubles matches. Air Force won the first doubles match 8-5. St. Mary's rebounded to win the second 8-5 behind Eric Hom and Moore.

The deciding match went the way of Air Force as they ran away from the Gaels, 8-1. The loss dropped St. Mary's to 4-14 on the season.

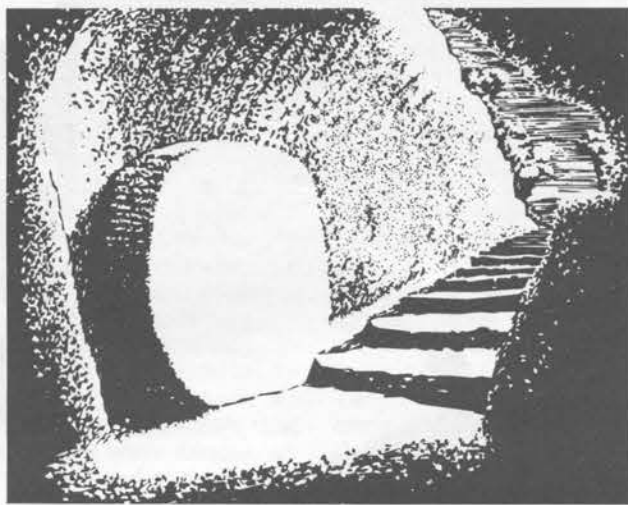
On March 21, St. Mary's fell to Sac. State, 4-1. With the win state extended its current winning streak to five matches.

Matt Hibbard of St. Mary's won the first match 6-7, 6-4, 6-2. But Sac. State came on the win four consecutive matches.

In doubles play, St. Mary's took one out of three matches. The win came from Hiroo Sumida and Moore.

Men's tennis will be in action next April 3-5 at Cal Poly for a tournament. They then travel to San Francisco April 10, and play their final home game against Santa Clara April 16.

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who was 1-2. The game had to be called early in the ninth as Mother Nature cooled things off with a little hail allowing San Francisco to take the win 7-1 over the Gaels.

The sun did shine bright on SMC on Sunday afternoon as the Gaels faced the Dons in the final of this weekend's games. Both St. Mary's and San Francisco came on strong with solid pitching, consistently hitting the strike zone, successfully complementing good defensive fielding. This is a great improvement from previous competitions this season, in which gaps were left open allowing an abundance of unnecessary errors. Few examples of such mistakes were made in this face-off. This allowed the Gaels to tally a long awaited win. SMC took control of their game and went on to defeat the Dons 3-1 on home turf.

This turn around is just what sophomore hurler Lucas Judd

predicted in a comment made leading up to this weekend's series. The Gaels were an alive team with a real desire to win. This reality came to life as the Gaels, led by Chris Bye on the mound, finally began to play like a team. Bye pitched the first complete game of his career, giving up only five hits and one run. This also gives Bye his second win of the season. The Gaels were tough on the offensive side of things as well. Waugh did his part for the team as he singled home Graff and Fuller in the bottom of the fifth giving SMC the 3-1 lead.

St. Mary's will next be in action on the March 31 as they take on the Cal Bears in Berkeley, beginning a three week long road stint including games versus Santa Clara, UC Davis, UOP, and Gonzaga. They will be back home at the end of April to face Portland in another three game series at home on Louis Guisto Field.

Softball Hits Hard Times

By Chris McLaughlin
Guest Writer

An impressive victory over the #16 ranked Iowa Hawkeyes two weeks ago could have set the stage for a mid-season turnaround, but the Gaels did not capitalize on the emotional victory (which may have been a mere fluke).

The season woes continued following Jen Pick's impressive pitching performance in a 2-1 win over the Hawkeyes as sub-par pitching and horrid fielding led to four straight losses.

"We know we can hang with these teams, we just need to finish them off and not beat ourselves," Kat Chan said.

In the last two weeks (not counting the latest tournament), the Gaels have been outscored by their opponents 65-11 and have committed 31 errors which has forced Coach Chelle Putzer to bench some of her starters.

The Gael record was 8-23 going into this past weekend's Pioneer Tournament at Hayward State and it's crunch time for the Gaels if they want to salvage a possible successful season.

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

March 17, 1998

Texas Tech 13, Gaels 0 - The Gaels committed five errors which led to half of the Red Raiders' runs. Ana Rodriguez, Jen Price, and Crissy Johnson got the only hits for St. Mary's.

Texas Tech 7, Gaels 3 - The Gaels led 3-2 going into the final inning but two errors led to five unearned runs as the Red Raiders completed the sweep. Trisha Dean had two hits and two RBIs. Murphy also collected two hits.

March 18, 1998

Iowa 13, Gaels 5 - The game was scoreless after two innings but the Hawkeyes finally exploded with six runs in the third. The 16th-ranked Hawkeyes never looked back as the Gaels committed a season-high nine errors. It was the most errors in a game since they committed ten against Sonoma State in 1991. Rodriguez and



Rae Paulson fires another flaming fastball.

Jessica Doid

Dean had two hits apiece and Crissy Johnson drove in two runs.

Gaels 2, Iowa 1 - Jen Pick struck out four en route to the complete game win. Crissy Johnson and rookie Catherine Hallada each had an RBI in the stunning victory over nationally-ranked Iowa.

March 21, 1998

Cal-Poly 1, Gaels 0 - In a showdown between the teams' two best pitchers, nationally-recognized Desarie Knipfer outdueled Pick with a one-hit shut-out. Knipfer struck out 11 Gaels in the Mustang win.

Cal-Poly 5, Gaels 0 - St. Mary's couldn't muster up much in the nightcap as the Mustangs cruised behind the five-hit pitching of Kelly Smith.

March 24, 1998

Oregon 15, Gaels 1 - The Gaels were no match for the Ducks as the Ducks exploded with a 12-hit barrage. Josey Russell smacked a three-run homer for Oregon.

Oregon 10, Gaels 0 - Russell hit two more homers and drove in four more runs for the Ducks as they swept the Gaels.

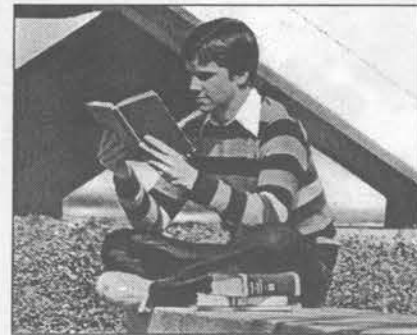
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San Francisco	12	3	24-9
Pepperdine	7	2	17-13
LMU	5	1	15-11
San Diego	5	4	15-17
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Softball Team Leaders

(Games as of March 26, 1998)

Offense

Average: Trisha Dean, .386
Hits: Trisha Dean, 34
Runs: Ana Rodriguez, 18
RBI: Trisha Dean, 17
Doubles: Trisha Dean, 10
Stolen Bases: Jen Price, 7
Slugging Pct: Trisha Dean, .534
On Base Pct: Crissy Johnson, .439

Defense

Fielding Pct: Amanda Murphy .974
Putouts: Amanda Murphy, 254
Assists: Trisha Dean, 86

Pitching

Wins: Rae Paulson, 4
Innings Pitched: Jen Pick, 90
Strikeouts: Jen Pick, 43
Opp Batting Avg: Trisha Dean .253
Complete Games: Jen Pick, 9

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nale versus San Francisco. Chris Bye pitched a complete game and Jeremy Fuller, Dan Graff, and Mike Waugh added the scoring power in their 3-1 victory over first place San Francisco. Nice job boys.

Pete Rose in the WWF? Do you think you are actually gong to get into the Hall of

Fame now? You got pile driven. You totally punked yourself. All that's left is too take the spread on Kentucky.

You would think when your record is 11-27 a win would be nice for the softball team. Tell that to softball coach Chelle Putzer who was ejected Sunday with her team ahead by a score of 5-1 late in the game. As Putzer left the field, her last comment prompted the umpires to hand the Gaels a for-

feit loss. From what I heard, the umpires sucked and Putzer had every right to express her opinion. Putzer didn't cuss or spit and these weak umpires forfeited the Gaels. That's classic.

Call my sports talk line at 1-800-CAL-GAEL. Ask for DeWayne.

Hands in the Cookie Jar

By Tom Duncan
Sports Columnist

Did you people catch the Special Investigative Report on the football team last week on the Gael-TV? The part of the special that has me confused me is between Toriano Towns and Sean Laird, two former superstars of the Gael football program, who had contrasting points of view. Laird, a captain and four year starting quarterback, believes that the article in the collegian written by Brian Stanley was blatantly incorrect, while Towns, also a captain and star defensive back totally agreed with the article. Let's think about this: Towns and Laird were two players who were worshipped by the coaching staff with no reason to have vendettas. So who is telling the truth? Figure that one out.

Unfortunately with the attention drawn to the St. Mary's football program, the baseball squad has been neglected. Because of bad weather, the Gaels' homestand has been cut short. To make matters worse, last Tuesday's home game against San Jose State was canceled because the field was drenched. Breakdown: The weekend prior to the game, the Gaels had traveled to Portland so the field was open. allegedly a local high school team was given permission to use the premises. Unfortunately they did not correctly tarp the field. On Monday, the rains came and seeped through the cracks. It was a nice gesture to allow a community team to use the field, but a courteous thing to do was for the proper St. Mary's authority to have a St. Mary's crew tarp the field and not rely on a team of sixteen year-olds to get the job done. Something tells me the Gaels' baseball team is being played second fiddle-it might just be a hunch, though. Earlier in the season, a high-ranking authority in the sports department allegedly said that the cancellation of home games due to rain wasn't a big deal considering the squad was predicted to finish fifth. You have to love it when your school stands behind you like that.

Even though the Gaels' baseball team is 4 - 12 the squad needs an ovation for their performance in the fi-

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St. Mary's Downs San Francisco

By Chris Howe
Assistant Sports Editor

With the difficulties come the successes. The Gaels advanced to 1-6 in West Coast Conference action and 4-12 on the season in games versus Portland, San Jose State and USF this week.

The week's challenges were kicked off as the SMC Baseball hit the road heading north to Oregon to take on the Pilots in Portland.

Only one of the originally scheduled three games of the series was played due to bad weather conditions. Only one of the two rain-outs will be made up and is scheduled for April 26 at St. Mary's.

In the single face-off in Portland, the Gaels set the pace of the game, taking an early 2-0 lead over the Pilots by the top of the third. St. Mary's maintained this lead until the bottom of the seventh when Portland successfully found the strength to catch up to St. Mary's for a 3-3 tie.

Unfortunately, St. Mary's was unable to break away from Portland, giving the Pilots an opening to push forward for the 3-4 win with the final run scored in the bottom of the ninth. Evan Rust took the loss for the Gaels.

St. Mary's was originally scheduled to take on the Spartans of Tuesday, March 24, but El Nino made a schedule change necessary as more unexpected rain was fell.

This game was quickly postponed until Wednesday and the Gaels traveled to San Jose. In the top of the seventh it looked as though SMC was on its way to taking a long awaited win as the Gaels led 5-3.

But, once again, that was not the case. In the bottom of the seventh, the Spartans changed the game plan as they went on a seven run rally and shifted the odds leaving the Gaels dazed and confused, wondering what had happened to their lead. Sean Tracy took the Gael loss.

St. Mary's baseball fans staked out their bleacher positions in the stands of Louis Guisto Field this weekend hoping to see their team head for the win over local rival San Francisco, but as fate would have it once again, the Gaels were dropped once again.

In the first game of double-header action on the Saturday, the Gaels made a strong push for the win led by Jeff Hebert. Herbert tallied his fourth homer of the season, but that was not enough to take home the win for the Gaels as the Dons took the win 6-2. Jason Morgan-Voyce took the St. Mary's loss.

Game two was no easier on the Gaels. Rust took the loss for St. Mary's allowing only nine hits and two runs. Michael Waugh and Travis Kermod went 1-3 assisted by Dan Graff

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Umpires Throw Gaels Out of Tourney

By Chris McLaughlin
Guest Writer

In a scene which featured mass confusion, the Gaels were thrown out of last weekend's Pioneer Tournament by umpires who appeared to have no idea what they were doing.

"Just when we started to come together, they pull this off," Crissy Johnson said.

The Gaels led the University of Chaminade 5-1 late in a semifinal game and were well on their way to the championship game.

With runners at first and second for Chaminade, a groundball was hit to the shortstop Johnson. The runner at second collided with Johnson and the field umpire threw his hands up apparently calling a dead ball because of runner interference.

As some players stood unaware of what exactly was going on, the runner tried to score.

Catcher Trinchy Floro and third baseman Trisha Dean got the runner in a rundown. As Floro ran her back to third, the runner turned around and smashed into Floro, knocking her down and ending the dramatic play.

The field umpire then ruled that Johnson interfered with the baserunner which, from a fan's perspective, was not the case.

Coach Chelle Putzer came out to check on the condition of Floro, who looked hurt.

While helping the injured Gael, Coach Putzer had some words for the umpire whose strike zone was very questionable throughout the tournament.

The umpire immediately ejected the first-year head coach.

"I've seen worse confrontations between umpires and coaches who didn't get ejected," Trisha Dean said, "Our coach didn't even cuss. She just said something about the strike zone."

As Putzer left the field, she yelled one more comment about the umpire's strike zone.

The plate umpire then ended the game and stated that the Gaels forfeited the game and were eliminated from the tournament.

"I can't even describe how dumb it is," Kat Chan said.

The sudden end to the tournament leaves a bad taste in the mouths of the Gaels who played well in the tournament overall.

"We got jacked," Jen Pick said. "We were 4-2 in that tournament not 3-3."

The wins came against Hawaii-Pacific, San Francisco State, and Linfield College.

The two losses came against San Bernadino and Hayward.

Pick pitched extremely well despite the umpires' questionable strike zones. Johnson hit well and Gina Javier stepped up offensively.

Defeat of Humbolt Earns Playoffs For Rugby

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St. Mary's Rugby advanced to the Pacific Coast playoffs with a 33-17 drubbing of Humbolt State. The win means the Gaels must face UC Davis in a first round matchup.

St. Mary's has played Davis earlier this year losing 24-12. "If we play well we should win, but it's not going to be easy," said senior Mike Castagnetto. The Aggies were a Final Four team last year.

If St. Mary's wins they would advance to the National Sweet Sixteen at Penn State.

Against Humbolt, the Gaels received a great performance by Shawn O'Neal, who scored 2 goals and converted on 3 kicks. The win improved St. Mary's to 4-3 in conference play.

"We played together for the first time, all facets of the game," said Castagnetto.



A St. Mary's Rugby player races for a score.

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