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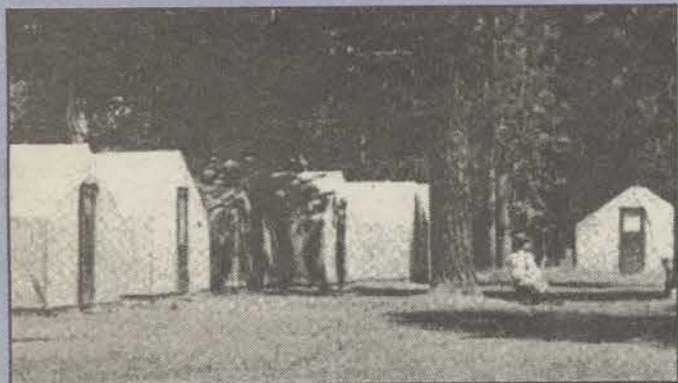
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## Housing Crisis



Tents similar to these will be erected at St. Mary's.

**Tents erected to open 200 additional beds on campus**

By Clark Kent  
Staff writer

In response to the increase of students and the predicted lack of housing available for the 1998-99 school year, the Administration has proposed the construction of 50 temporary tent cabins to be located on the football practice field behind McKeon Gym.

The cabins, similar to those found in Camp Curry at Yosemite, will provide housing to an additional 200

students left homeless from the ill-fated housing lottery, until the completion of Ageno D and E.

Salvaged from the Pre-Naval Flight school that was based at St. Mary's from 1942-1946, the tents consist of a wooden frame, a wooden floor, and a waterproof tarp. The tents will accommodate four cots, four footlockers, and a large, closet sized cabinet to be shared by the residents.

Electricity will be wired into each tent, and small space heaters will be furnished. Furthermore, mobile restroom facilities will be set up throughout the area, including hot water

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## Lifted to the Heavens

*St. La Salle statue levitates 3 feet above its pedestal*

By Crisan Peechphuzz  
Staff Writer

The Saint John Baptist De La Salle statue has been a topic of much discussion since it was placed in the Chapel Plaza. However, complaints regarding its size have been overshadowed by a new turn of events.

De La Salle has taken what some describe as a more "active" role on campus since the commencement of Spring Term.

This symbol of the Christian Brothers' tradition on which the College was founded, has recently levitated above its pedestal, reaching a height of approximately 3 feet.

One of the first sightings took place on Thursday, February 26 at 4:00am. It was witnessed by an astronomy student, who described what she saw as "even more awe-inspiring than the brightest star in the heavens."

A junior stated, "The statue

was a good 3 feet off his stand, just floating there in mid-air."

Due to heightened concern, several explanations have been offered by faculty, staff, and students of the College.

The Physics department, in conjunction with the Biology and Chemistry departments, has initiated a series of tests on the statue's molecular structure.

The results have not been verified, but some documented observations have been made. According to a report released by the School of Science, important changes in the statue's molecular composition suggest that the bronze from which it is sculpted is decaying at an accelerated rate.

It is believed that this could



Saint La Salle levitates in front of the chapel.

Matt Brady

possibly be due to over-polishing with an experimental polish created by several unidentified freshman Chemistry students.

The report hypothesized that this altering of structure at the molecular level has in turned changed the polariza-

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## KSMC World Domination Plot Foiled

**Cult leader James Gosnell arrested following FBI confrontation**

By Lois Lane  
Staff Writer

The idyllic St. Mary's campus, located in the green hills of Moraga, was catapulted into national news last week.

Under the leadership of the strangely charismatic James Gosnell, the staff of KSMC, the College radio station, engaged in a Waco-esque standoff with the Moraga police department and agents from federal agencies such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the FBI and the FCC.

This standoff occurred when police and federal agents, investigating the



Cult leader James Gosnell speaks at the KSMC 50th Anniversary Bash.

staff's plans for world domination, demanded entry to the radio station located in Ferroggiaro Hall in order to assess whether or not the staff

was stockpiling weapons. In reply, the staff members barricaded the doors and windows, refusing entry to all. They issued an on-air state-

ment, declaring that they had been hoarding food supplies and "Snapple" for some time and that they had indeed been stockpiling weapons—as well as CDs—in preparation for just such a standoff. According to their statement, they were prepared to remain in Ferroggiaro for months.

The standoff caused mass panic around the College, as the rest of Ferroggiaro was

evacuated in order to ensure safety.

COLLEGIAN Editor-in-Chief Renee Sando was overheard complaining that her staff would now be undertaking yet another move on the eve of publication, and a COLLEGIAN staff member was seen attempting to lug a file cabinet full of back issues down the hallway, declaring that she would not allow her archives to be blown up when the Feds got tired of waiting for KSMC to surrender.

The quad between Ferroggiaro and LeFevre Theatre was also evacuated

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# Chelsea Transfers

By Fred Rogers  
Staff Writer

As of Monday, March 30, St. Mary's College will replace Stanford University as the educational choice of the First Daughter. Chelsea Clinton, currently a freshman at Stanford, has chosen to attend St. Mary's as an escape from the pressures she has faced at the Ivy League school.

Having toured St. Mary's numerous times over the year, Chelsea chose the school after a personal luncheon with President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D.

"I really like the atmosphere and the unity here," said the First Daughter. Present at the march held on March 10, Chelsea stated how she was eager to attend a school where the attention was directed toward a president other than her father.

Coming as a Pre-med major from Stanford, Chelsea was drawn to St. Mary's for its unique Integral Program. Having attended a dinner reception in her honor that was \$150 per plate, Chelsea had the opportunity to meet with professors of all departments.

She also attended a special mass with the Brothers, along with her parents, President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hilary Clinton, who both fully support her decision to transfer.

"I am extremely supportive of Chelsea's choice. I think this college has a lot to offer her that she's been deprived of at other schools, education-



Chelsea Clinton converses with Bro. Ray Berta.

ally, socially, emotionally, and religiously," commented President Clinton.

Similar to her lifestyle at Stanford, Chelsea will be accompanied by her usual parade of Secret Service. After much consideration, the College has allotted Chelsea and her entourage an entire townhouse suite, the building still to be determined. All students living in the building will be required to go through a security check when entering the premises.

Furthermore, the presence of the Secret Service will provide additional assistance to Public Safety as President Clinton requires a man stationed at the gate at all hours, in addition to the present Public Safety officers.

Students hold mixed feelings about the new arrival on campus.

"I'm excited she's coming and can't wait to become best friends with her," said freshman Brett Lewis.

"The fact that she gets an entire suite while I'm stuck off campus is not fair. No matter who she is, she should have been strung through the housing lottery with the rest of us," stormed sophomore Jason Andrews.

Though not officially registered until the beginning of the 1998-99 school year, Chelsea can be seen visiting the campus on various occasions making preparations for the Fall.

## SMC CRIME BEAT

• **March 12** - Retching - Public Safety requested assistance from Moraga PD when a St. Mary's student was found retching into the book drop at St. Albert Hall Library. The Library reported damages amounting to \$753.64 for soiled books.

• **March 15** - Vomiting - Moraga PD was called to campus when a student was found vomiting in the bushes at the front of Ageno B. Police reported that no criminal act had occurred. One witness admitted to reporting due to public embarrassment.

• **March 16** - Puking - Moraga PD found a student face down in a puddle of puke near the Ferroggiaro Quad. The student had consumed large amounts of a fruit flavored beverage and was taken to the hospital for testing and observation.

• **March 22** - Barfing - Upon returning from a party in the townhouses, a student was seen barfing near Becket Hall. When Moraga PD arrived the officers were disgusted and immediately barfed. The case is pending investigation.

• **March 30** - Blowing Chunks - Public Safety responded to a call from a resident reporting a "yucky mess" in Justin Hall. Apparently, a student had blown chunks in the first floor bathroom. Moraga PD was called to campus and the case is pending investigation.

### TENTS: Makeshift housing saves campus

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showers and separate out-houses for men and women. The establishment of the tent city, to be named Franz Field in honor of the president's quick solution to the housing problem, comes as a relief to students.

"I'm impressed that the Administration and Housing Office have found a solution to a problem many of us have been stressing about. I would love to be the first to live in

such a unique atmosphere," said returning freshman Erica Fargas.

Only one-half the size of a normal suite, the cost of boarding in the tents will be cut by 3%.

An additional bonus to students living in Franz Field will be the mobile computer lab, donated by an anonymous alumni. Consisting of over 50 new computers, the use of the 24 hour lab will be exclusive to Franz Field resi-

dents. Though it was originally planned to be placed on the Chapel Lawn, Franz Field was relocated to the football practice field, so as to not disrupt the continuing aesthetic beauty of St. Mary's College.

The Franz Field groundbreaking will be held April 4 behind McKeon Gym at 3:00pm and is open to students, faculty, and staff. Refreshments will be provided.

### KSMC: Radio station standoff turns hostile

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and roped off, as KSMC staff members seemed inclined to hurl unpopular CDs out of the window, frisbee-style.

One federal agent, attempting to keep spectators out of the quad, was injured by a flying CD and was barely restrained from firing on the radio station.

The College's Public Relations office was thrown into chaos as reporters swarmed its doors, and it attempted to dismiss the standoff as some sort of media social.

President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. and Vice Presi-

dent for Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran, Ph.D. were unavailable for comment, as they had gone out of town for several days.

The standoff came to a close when the FCC dismantled the station transmitter located on the ground floor of Augustine Hall. Gosnell was apprehended when he attempted to investigate the broadcast signal loss. He was escorted off campus by federal officials and will be arraigned in court on Friday.

Deprived of their leader, the KSMC staff soon surrendered to federal officials.

### STATUE: Levitation phenomenon awes St. Mary's community

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tion of De La Salle and his stand, causing them to repulse one another, similar to the phenomenon that occurs between two positively charged magnets.

When asked to comment on these tentative conclusions, the Physics Department Chair explained, "These findings aren't fact, but based on what we have observed, this rationale for the levitation is a possibility. However, we are not absolutely sure yet."

The St. Mary's scientists are not the only group to offer their thoughts regarding the levitating saint. Several members of the staff have suggested that this occurrence may be caused by the

spirit of De La Salle himself in an effort to draw attention back to the ideas upon which all Lasallian Christian Brothers' schools are based.

"If he couldn't catch some attention on bended-knee, he definitely grabbed on to it floating high above the pedestal on which he was placed. Who knows? It just might be what we need," stated a staffer.

One student, still grumpy after receiving a \$10 ticket from Public Safety for parking illegally in a fire lane, had a different theory, "With all the ridiculous changes that are going on here, it's no wonder that Saint La Salle wants to float away, too." Another student claimed,

"It's all part of KSMC's plot for world domination. Run while you still can!"

The majority of St. Mary's students, however, have not been satisfied by the explanations offered. In response, the College's spiritual authority, Director of Campus Ministry Fr. Sal Ragusa explained, "Its quite obvious that this is a miraculous event. Saint La Salle is calling the student body to be vigilant."

However, at this point no definitive decisions regarding the cause of the statue's levitation have been determined.

The sculpted bronze figure of Saint John Baptist De La Salle continues to hover.

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# Students Initiate Commune Plan

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In the spirit of peace and love, students at St. Mary's have gathered together to combat the persistent bad vibes.

On Saturday, March 21, led by the Men's Basketball team, students gathered in Ferroggario Quad and held a meeting. The group discussed the direction they needed to take in order to maintain the peaceful atmosphere on campus.

With a united front, the students presented their proposal to the President of the College. The proposal called for a complete change in the system of St. Mary's College, including a title change.

The student proposal requested that St. Mary's Col-

lege be changed to St. Mary's Commune--this way the school's acronym could remain. The proposal also detailed a plan for the College to turn to itself for all needed resources. The commune plan included an extensive economic system on which the school could subsist.

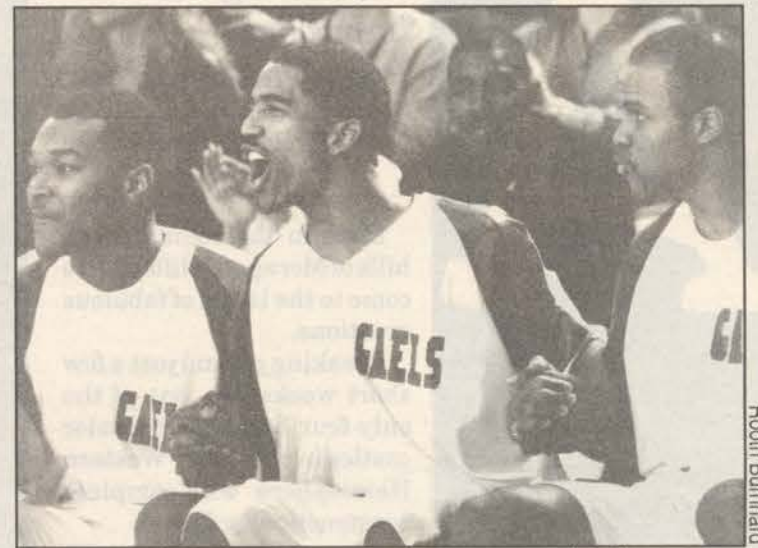
Under the students' plan, the football field would become the main source of food. The plan called for an immediate move to plant the field with the necessary organic foods. Each student would be responsible for a small plot of land.

In order to bring all students to campus, the student plan requested not only the Franz Field tent housing, but also to build tent cabins in Poplar Grove, Garaventa Plaza and the Chapel Lawn.

A change in curriculum was also proposed. Students advocated the move away from traditional education to a more liberal education. The new curriculum would provide classes in the environment, 1970s philosophy, radical literature, basket weaving and bead making.

The proposal also asked that Wednesdays be set aside for Community Day. Each Wednesday students intended to gather in the Friendship Circle in Ferroggario Quad for peace, love and music. Each person enrolled in the campus guitar course would be offered a chance to become a song leader.

Caught up by the student's spirit the College's President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D., declared that St. Mary's



Roohi Burnhard

Men's Basketball players demonstrate the communal spirit.

would become the St. Mary's Commune.

"I have always believed in peace not war. I want to join you in this new plan, I think it might just work. But please, don't refer to me as

Bro. Craig anymore, I've always wanted to be called Moonbeam. Call me Bro. Moonbeam. I'm so excited. The energy on this campus is palpable."

## New Raccoon Discovered



An albino sighting.

By Richard Ratte  
Staff Writer

Every night as the curtain of darkness falls on the grounds of St. Mary's, strange creatures arise from underneath Mitty Hall. Late at night you might see a flash of white out of the corner of your eye, but passing it off as a stray cat you think nothing more of it. However, these streaking white bodies are not cats.

With their white bodies and brown masks, these albino raccoons scour the campus in search of trash.

During the relocation of the

College to Moraga in 1928, secret DNA experiments were started by an underground science department. This organization was known as DARK, Deriving of Albino Raccoons Knighthood.

Their mission was to turn the naturally brown and meddlesome raccoons of the area into productive animals that could collect trash from around the campus

The first raccoon produced was horrible mistake. It had six arms, lots of energy and purred like a cat.

In 1972, after much experimentation, DARK produced a raccoon that was extremely quick and able to pick up litter. The only drawback, however, was the animal's white fur, which caused it to look similar to the panda bear.

Due to experimental failure, DARK was disbanded,

and the experiments ceased. The raccoon were placed under the care of the Biology Department, who, due to budgetary constraints, relocated the raccoon to the abandoned catacombs that stretch beneath Galileo Hall.

After years of confinement, the raccoon escaped its cell.

One biology professor, who wishes to remain nameless, stated, "That damn lil' thing was so cute. It crushed me when we found Snowflake gone."

Being a reasonably normal raccoon, "Snowflake" mingled with the typical brown colored raccoons in the area, resulting in the current family of raccoons that live beneath Mitty Hall.

These raccoons continue to carry Snowflake's albino gene and have the same fascination with picking up students' trash. Today, the raccoons store the trash they collect in the catacombs, leaving the dumpsters empty and the ground litter free.

## Beauty Awarded

By Ginger Greene  
Staff Writer

College officials gathered last Friday at the Saint La Salle Plaza as *Better Homes and Gardens* publisher Henry Ward presented St. Mary's College the 1998 *Better Homes and Gardens* Campus Beauty Award.

Praising the mission style architecture and the "perfectly manicured" grounds, Ward called the campus "one of the best of the West." Ward also noted the lack of dry leaves on campus and the blossoming flowers and lush green grass.

Ward gave President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. a large gold trophy and a free subscription to *Better*

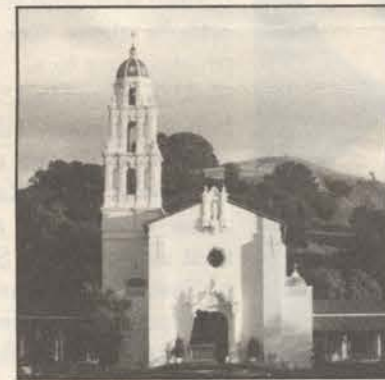
*Homes and Gardens*. The trophy will be placed on display in Brother Jerome West Hall.

In attendance at the ceremony were officials from Pepperdine University,

last year's winner. They felt the addition of the Saint La Salle Statue was the differential which set St. Mary's apart.

"The statue is enormous. We will have to acquire a monument of our own in order to stay competitive," stated a Pepperdine official.

The College is the eighteenth recipient of the award which began in 1980. A pictorial essay of the College will be published in the May issue of *Better Homes and Gardens*.



St. Mary's Chapel at dusk.

Anislie Ademes



# Sun Rays



☺ Capitalizing on the success of the Gregorian Monks and their chant CD, the College's **Christian Brothers** released their first CD entitled **Brother 2000** last week. Tracks on the CD include, "Men in Black," "Soul Man," "Brandyville"

and "The Boys are Back in Town." The CD is available at record stores and the St. Mary's Bookstore.

☺ ASSMC President **Glenn Vandebroek** landed a \$1.2 million modeling contract with *GQ* magazine.

☺ **Carrick Sears**, Editor of the *Gaelpage*, announced last week that the *Gaelpage* will change its name in the Fall. It will be called "Propaganda."

☺ The **Senior Class Senate** held a social last week.

☺ There were 3 out of the 6 **Freshman Class Senators** at the last ASSMC Student Senate meeting.

☺ In hopes to improve upon last year's November distribution date, the *Gael* yearbook announced that it

has already turned in pages to the printer.

☺ *riverin* Editor-in-Chief **Dave Johnson** was recognized for his anti-establishment views at the Fascists Society's annual meeting in Chicago.

# Lowering the Drawbridge

*Previewing the imminent Presidential Castle*

By Robyn Leach  
Staff Writer

Deep in the rolling green hills of Moraga, California we come to the latest of fabulous creations.

Breaking ground just a few short weeks ago, one of the only four Brother Counselor castles in the entire Western Hemisphere will complete construction by May 1.

After chatting briefly with the St. Mary's College interior designer, landscape consultant, and architect, we prepare to enter this fabulous world. I invite you, honorable guest, on a virtual tour of the Presidential Castle.

Situated in the far southern region of the campus, a quarter of a mile west of Ageno C, the castle will be separated from the rest of the College by a drawbridge with a large iron gate. The entrance will be guarded on a twenty-four hour basis by two mounted Gaels in full uniform.

A magnificent pearlized plaque with gold trim will be affixed above the doorway, proclaiming to all who enter that "God Is a Gael." The doorbell, when rung, will enchant visitors with the chimes of "The Bells of St. Mary's." Because diversity is an important aspect of the St. Mary's philosophy, Persian rugs and European tapestries will add an international flair to the foyer.

Upon stepping down into the colonial American parlor, one cannot help but notice that the entire decorating scheme, from the carpet to the wallpaper to the faux flower arrangement atop the grand piano, is saturated with various shades of red and blue.

A full-service bar with crystal wine glasses will be at the disposal of all who wait to convene with Franz in his very own majestic haven, whose peaceful elegance shall not be polluted by the sight of students vomiting in the bushes, or disturbed by the sound of hip hop music blaring through the wall.



Annie Lealawoods

The Presidential Castle nears completion.

All visitors will be offered a sampling of tiny cucumber sandwiches, California cheeses, and miniature fruit tarts, which will be prepared by the President's personal chef in a state-of-the-art, industrial-size kitchen.

However, esteemed dinner guests will be served a seven-course meal in the dining room. A two-tiered chandelier will cast a translucent glow upon the hand-carved table that can comfortably seat thirty. Indeed, this palace is the epitome of attention to detail. "The administration's catch phrase, 'The Year of the Student', will even be engraved onto the plates," one student dishwasher confirmed.

To the left of the dining room, one will find the Col-

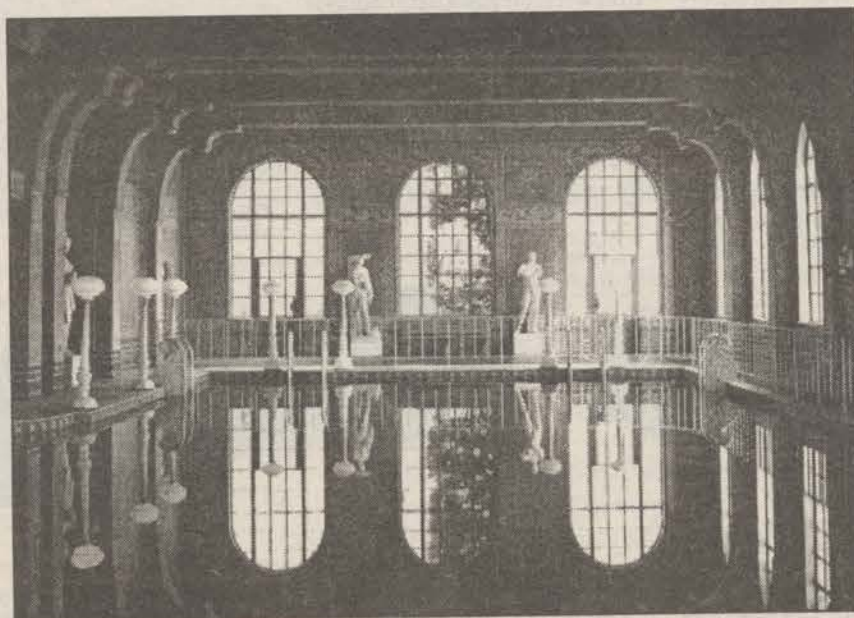
come upon an Olympic-sized swimming pool. The adjoining hot tub is perfect for relaxing after a stressful day of dealing with the public.

The President will be able to work out consistently, even through the rainy season, for, in the basement of the castle, there will be a fully-equipped indoor gym and a slightly smaller lap pool. When he was asked why there was not an Olympic-sized pool indoors as well, the representative from the architect's office replied, "We do have a budget to observe."

However, it is evident, for the most part, that money will not stand in the way of form and function, when it comes to the St. Mary's Brother Counselor Castle.

President Franz's Castle will be open to the public every other weekend. Guided tours will take place between the hours of 1:00pm and 4:00pm and will cost a mere twenty dollars a head. This money will serve as a donation to the St. Mary's College Mystery Fund.

We hope that you have enjoyed your virtual tour of the castle. Until next time, here's to chicken nugget wishes and housing lottery dreams.



Annie Lealawoods

The indoor lap pool will be perfect for the El Niño months.

lege President's new triangular office. When it reaches completion the room will be panelled from floor to ceiling in a dark stained cherry wood.

If one proceeds through the French doors, onto the patio, and past the miniature marine life sanctuary, one will