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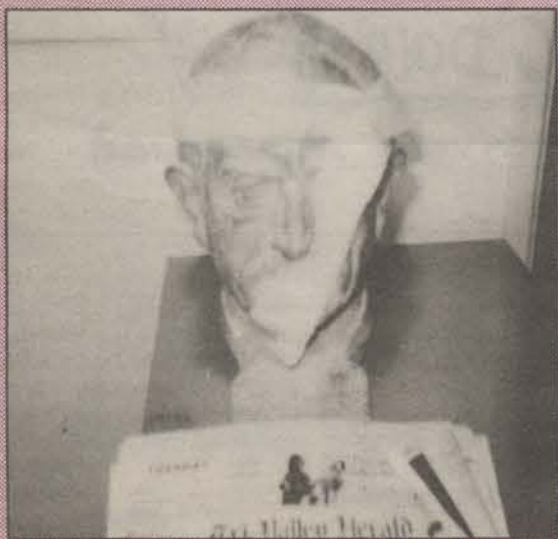
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## Mel Captured



Br. Mel Anderson's Bust in captivity.

**United Students of SMC remove Bust from Library**

By Renee Sando  
Editor-in-Chief  
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Got Mel? Someone does. The bust of former President Bro. Mel Anderson, FSC, was stolen from the second

floor of St. Albert's Hall Library on Tuesday, April 21.

The COLLEGIAN was notified of the incident via letter on Thursday, April 23. The letter states that the author(s) had "kidnapped Br. Mel's Head from the Library."

According to the letter the actions were taken "in response to the Administration's lack of understanding towards the students." The letter in-

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## Turning the Earth

*Gold shovels break ground for new Edward S. Ageno Townhouses*

By Jason Vitucci  
Assistant News Editor

On Tuesday April 21, gold shovels hit the ground and the building ceremonially began on the Edward S. Ageno Townhouses. The two new townhouses will provide the St. Mary's campus with 80 more beds and will hopefully aid in the current housing crisis that has hit campus.

The gracious donation that the Ageno family has afforded the College will help to house more upperclassmen in new four-person townhouse type setups.

At the groundbreaking, both campus officials and Ageno family members had their chances to speak about this new addition. Vice President for Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D. opened the



Franz and Ageno family members break ground.

festivities as master of ceremonies. Fr. Salvatore Ragusa blessed the ground with holy water and sculpture was read in a moment of reflection.

Two expressions of appreciation were read. ASSMC President Glenn Vandebroek gave thanks to the Ageno family on behalf of the students and President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. gave thanks on behalf of the entire campus community.

John Lotz, grandson of the late Edward Ageno, delivered

the most moving address of the afternoon. Lotz, a recent graduate of law school, shared many personal memories of his grandfather and explained the special relationship that he and his grandfather had shared.

The most powerful words of the day, however, may have come from Vandebroek.

In his speech, Vandebroek expressed his deepest appreciation to the Ageno family and added an explanation as to why living on the St. Mary's cam-

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## Student Fee Increase Proposed

*Rise in student body fee awaits decision by administration*

By Renee Sando  
Editor-in-Chief

In spite of supporting documents provided by the ASSMC President and the endorsement of over fifty student leaders from across campus, the proposal to increase the student

body fee lies waiting for a decision from President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D.

ASSMC President Glenn Vandebroek sent a letter to Franz, dated March 25, requesting that the current student body fee be increased from \$118 to \$135 for the 1998-1999 academic year. This would translate to an \$8.50 increase per semester.

The student body fee has not been raised since 1994 when it

was increased to accommodate the Gael yearbook.

In 1994, the ASSMC sponsored 25 clubs and organizations. Today it sponsors over 50. Since 1994, the ASSMC has added services such as Program Board and the Gaelpage under its auspices. However, the fee has not increased during this time period to accommodate the increased activities and organizations the Association funds.

According to Vandebroek's letter, "As student leaders take the initiative to end campus apathy, financial limitations hinder their potential. I am concerned that this influx causes each expanding organization to operate with less money each year."

Gaelpage Editor Carrick Sears supports the proposed increase. "I believe an increase in student body fees is needed

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## Anderson Not Returning as Promised

*Former President Bro. Mel Anderson reassigned for Fall*

By Renee Sando  
Editor-in-Chief

Following 28 years of service to the College, former President Bro. Mel Anderson, FSC, stepped down from the Presidency last Spring, promising to return to St. Mary's College one year hence to rejoin the community.

Prior to his departure,

Anderson had expressed a desire to return to teach in the Collegiate Seminar Program. However, Anderson will not be returning to St. Mary's in the Fall.

Director the Collegiate Seminar Program Theo Carlile had discussions with Anderson about teaching Collegiate Seminar during the Fall semester. "I had talked to him, but he was never scheduled," stated Carlile.

When asked whether he would be returning this Fall, Anderson responded, "I was

supposed to be back, and was signed up to co-teach class with Dean Epstein. I was told not to be back."

The Brother Visitor of the San Francisco District of the Christian Brothers, Bro. David Brendan, FSC recently informed Anderson that he would be placed in another assignment.

Currently, Anderson is assessing his options for the Fall. He plans to complete his one year commitment to the Association of Independent California College and Universities

where he serves as a Senior Fellow.

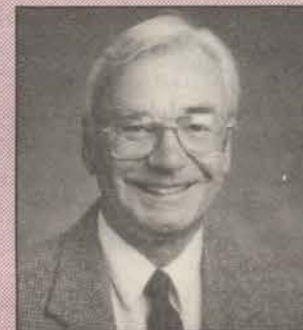
Anderson expressed disappointment about the news. "I was hoping to be back and would have enjoyed doing so."

Students and faculty alike were looking forward to Anderson's return.

"I was looking forward to Bro. Mel coming back," stated Junior Psychology major Jennifer Sweeney. "He always brought an interesting dynamic to the campus. He was very into the traditions of the College."

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## Professor Passes Away



Professor Tim McCarthy

By James Britto  
Opinion Columnist

St. Mary's suffered a great loss when beloved Religious Studies professor, Roman Catholic theologian, scholar, and former Christian Brother, Timothy McCarthy, passed from life from cancer early on the morning of Holy Thursday, April 9, 1998, in

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# Op / Ed

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### THE COLLEGIAN VIEW

#### TOWN HALL PROBLEMS

Apathy, briefly banished, has regained its hold on the students of St. Mary's College, this time taking the form of Spring fever, senioritis and sun-worshipping. Thanks to the fleeting appearance of the sun last week, the fourth and final Town Hall Meeting of the year was certainly the least eventful. Students abandoned the issues about which they had recently proven passionate, preferring instead to play frisbee on the De La Salle Lawn, or to simply seek the perfect tan, though they have not given up complaining about current issues.

Sadly, however, even if the students had shaken off their sun-induced lethargy, the final Town Hall Meeting might not have provided an adequate forum for their comments, as the reports of the President's Council lasted for two-thirds of the allotted time. While it's nice to know what's going on, pertinency and brevity are key—especially if the meeting is only to last an hour!

With the low turnout of the last Town Hall Meeting, it might have been enlightening to ask those students who did take time out of their schedules to engage in a discussion about the St. Mary's experience, or what they feel has been effective this year. Since there is seldom an opportunity for students to engage in these discussions with a group of faculty, staff and administrators, this might have provided a unique opportunity for discussion.

If the administration plans to continue the Town Hall Meetings next year, we suggest a change in format. The meetings should last an hour and a half, with no more than the first thirty minutes devoted to reports. Following these reports, students should have an opportunity to ask questions about the reports or to raise their own issues.

We'd also like to suggest the use of the new administrative bulletin board expanded to include Town Hall Meeting minutes and updates for those students unable to attend.

#### BENEFITS OF INCREASED FEES

In 1994, the student body fee was raised in order to compensate the rising production costs of the *Gael* yearbook. Due to an increase in student demand for on-campus events and entertainment, the Program Board was created in 1995. In addition, the number of ASSMC sponsored clubs and organizations has more than doubled since 1994. The ASSMC budget, which is set for next year at \$249,997.00, has not increased over the last few years, in spite of the fact that budget requests from the various clubs and organizations totaled \$478,000 for the upcoming year.

As the student population continues to expand, it is the ASSMC's responsibility to support our growing range of interests. However, every organization needs funds in order to offer events and activities to the student body. This money must either come from the ASSMC budget or from each one of our pockets on a given Friday night. Every year our tuition increases according to the rise in the cost of living; however, the student body fee has remained constant for the last four years.

Even events free to the students need to be paid for by the club that sponsors them. A slight raise in the student body fee would give our Association (the student body) the funding required to serve our needs and explore our interests.



The Campus Toon

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Beneficial Books

Dear Editor,  
Why read the Great Books? Perhaps the fundamental reason to keep Seminar a requirement at St. Mary's is to force students to engage in the fundamental problems and issues that have been fettering humans for thousands of years. The Great Books are the highlights of our human history; the Cliff's Notes of Western Civilization. They outline the search for God and the soul, Truth, love, justice, the demise of the hero, tolerance, liberty, and more. If students are not required to read these works, then they are ignorant of everything but their own here and now.

As an institution of learning, we cannot accept this, lest we embrace a policy of ignorance. What value is a diploma to the uneducated person? Man is a rational animal. If he does not use his reason, then he is only an animal, and there are far too many such creatures in the world already.

To reason, we must seek truth. Seminar is a dialogue-seeking truth. To shy away from the Great Books out of indifference is a monumental act of cowardice. Their authors not only engaged, but tried to reason through troubling issues, and in some cases died as a result. Who is so cowardly that they will not even read what Socrates was willing to die for? Who will discount Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work simply because it will delay their entry into the honorable corporate life where the bottom line and fast buck are the greatest virtues? Who indeed?

John Sheperd  
English, '99

#### Powerful Voices

Dear Editor,  
I'd like to respond to Jennie Durant's letter published in the last issue. I can fully appreciate the confusion over the use of the word "Bitch" when used to describe women. It is a common argument that derogatory words should not be used to refer to any person at any time. However, what many people do not realize is the power behind owning a word. When a certain group reclaims a word once used against them, they take back the power (i.e. homosexuals have reclaimed queer and hang banners and wear buttons claiming "I'm queer and proud of

it"). No one can hurt me by referring to me as a bitch if I agree with it. Yes, twenty five years ago, this word had a different meaning. It was used to discredit a woman. However, today, it simply means that I am willing to call bullshit when I see it.

I also appreciate the efforts put forth by other women on this campus—efforts you felt were more appropriate. Yet, what you do not realize is that many women on this campus tried the same avenues: we asked and proposed—on paper—solutions to our concerns. It was all to no avail. Meghan Crowell turned in a huge proposal for better lighting and phones last December to Dean Travnick. It is still sitting on Bro. Jack's desk, and no reply has ever been issued. Many other women have sat down to discuss problems and solutions with Bro. Jack, Bro. Craig, and several other administrators, faculty, and staff. The nice way got us nowhere. So please do not attack the efforts of these wonderful women who are trying to make this campus better and safer for all of us.

You cannot fathom the utter frustrations of these women. What you and others who attack these recent efforts need to remember is that twenty-five to thirty years ago, women and minorities had to "bitch, complain, and be really pissed off to make changes" because the status quo was no longer acceptable. The avenues of "nicities" were tried and failed miserably. You and all women and minorities benefit from the Equal Protection Clause EVERY DAY of your life. You cannot be denied access to a restaurant, movie theater, paycheck, or water fountain because you are female, Black, Asian, Hispanic, or for any other reason. Do you think these changes came about from just asking for it? Sometimes it takes a little more effort.

These recent efforts have proven somewhat fruitful. Have you noticed that trees are being trimmed, and you can see? Thanks to Joe Kehoe and all the crew at Buildings and Grounds for listening to us. We are starting to see it happen. We have a long way to go, but it has finally started. My challenge to you and all those who fail to understand our position is this: realize our concerns are legitimate. We just had a wake-up call in the last two weeks with two separate murders—one in Lafayette and one in Moraga. If we learn anything from these hor-

rible tragedies it is this: WE ARE NOT IMMUNE TO VIOLENCE. I and many others have been saying this from day one. Maybe you will listen now?

Ashley Musick  
Anthropology/  
Women's Studies, '98

#### Dumpster Dilemma

Dear Editor,  
We were recently disturbed about the 'dumpster situation' between Aquinas, Justin, and Mitty halls. Throughout the fall semester the dumpster was housed in its usual spot, in sight of Mitty's patio level.

When the Career Development Center relocated in Mitty's lower level, the dumpster mysteriously disappeared. It was rumored that the dumpster was moved per request of the Center's employees. They, supposedly, did not like the sight and smell of the dumpster.

During its absence students were forced to dispose of their garbage in facilities located in the bathrooms and around the buildings. This caused a strain on the already overworked and underpaid maintenance crew that works so hard to keep this campus beautiful.

A couple of weeks later the dumpster miraculously reappeared in its old spot where it lasted not more than a day. The employees of the Career Center were out in force once again to have it moved from their sight. Upon their request it was moved yet again to occupy two of the already scarce parking spots in the lot. It lasted there about two days and then moved back to its original spot. We can only question how long it will stay there; so far, four days and counting.

Kati Koens  
Government, '01  
Laura Barberis  
Liberal Studies, '01

#### All About Education

Dear Editor,  
This school has had a year of bumps and bruises as our school changes. Not all of the blame can be pointed at our favorite scapegoats, Bro. Craig and Bro. Jack. This is their first year, and new jobs require time to learn the feel for the area and its traditions. I appreciate how they both make an effort to learn students' names, attend sports events—even not so popular events like rugby. They

## OPINION

## Mission Mexico: Poverty, Selflessness and the Pursuit of Appreciation

Heather McCourtie  
Op/Ed Editor

While everyone was returning to St. Mary's after Spring Break, sharing beach stories and comparing the shades of their tans, I took an extra week off to serve God and my fellow man in our neighboring country, Mexico. Being the first mission trip I've ever been on with a church, along with my first trip out of the United States, the experiences encountered in the short six days I was gone will last me a lifetime. In that short break away from the Lamorinda area, nothing struck me more than how fortunate we are to be living the lives we live, no matter how stressful and unfair they may seem at times.

Before our trip to Mexico, the typical tourist image of the country ran through my mind. I imagined beautiful beaches lined with hotels sunbathers, and palm trees. In no way was I prepared for what Mexico is.

In crossing the border, the immediate decline in living conditions shocked me. We came from landscaped America to a land full of layers of garbage and dirt. We came from the luxurious homes of the Lamorinda area to the literal shacks made of cardboard in Mexico. But what struck my heart the most is that we left people in America who rarely say hello to a passing person, or lend a hand to their neighbor, and entered a country where hospitality is still a main focus in their culture.

Obviously, the people we encountered in Mexico were not as well off as we were. One of our group leaders even explained to us how many people slave away to make a day's pay equivalent to five American dollars. Nevertheless, these people are not at all hesitant in giving a friendly smile or taking a break from their work to chat. Our bus broke down in a poor neighborhood, but rather than being stranded in the cold,

we were welcomed by friendly people who kept us entertained while waiting for our ride. One day, I even met a man who was willing to give me a pin from his suit that I was admiring. He was not out to get money from me, rather, he was so appreciative of what he did have that he wanted to share his wealth.

In the fast-paced American society that we live in today, our focus has fallen from taking care of our fellow man to the pursuit of material goods and wealth. We are so caught up by the competition of having the current name brands in clothes that many times we forget to appreciate the mere fact that we have clothes. We are so consumed by our studies that we fail to value the fact that we have a higher education. As humans living in America, we are spoiled! And it seems the more we have, the more we want, thus the more unhappy we are. And in our unhappiness, the well-being of

our neighbor fails to cross our minds.

In Mexico, our small group stayed at an orphanage. It was amazing to come across children who were appreciative of life and the little things that even adults in America overlook. These kids lacked families, but they lived life more fully than many Americans. They found pleasure in playing with flat tennis balls and had the most fun playing a simple game of Duck, Duck, Goose. They took warmly to smiles, cherished hugs, thrived on piggyback rides, and lived life to the extent it is meant to be lived. As compared to kids in the U.S. who throw tantrums if they cannot have a certain toy or if they miss their favorite cartoon show, these kids were enlightening to the spirit.

Going on a mission trip has really opened my eyes to the world around me. I recommend it to anyone who is struggling for answers in their life. In humbling myself to the level

of these people, though it was only for a week, I was HAPPY. Free from my material goods and living in dirty, holey clothes, I threw aside the American standards and experienced real life. Life is not about wanting more, it's about appreciating all that God has given us, and sharing that with our fellow man.

The night I returned to my dorm room at St. Mary's, I looked around and was at first disgusted at the sight of all that I have. But in time, that disgust turned into a deep appreciation. I now look at all of my belongings as things to be shared. I look at my life as one to serve others and God. And though I may be stressing about things in my life, I know that my problems are nothing compared to the hardships of others.

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## Murders in Lamorinda--Safety Precautions a Must for SMC Students

James Britto  
Opinion Columnist

Just how safe are we here at St. Mary's College, in the Lamorinda area, or what I like to affectionately refer to as "LaLa land?" Have we gained a false sense of security because we are nestled five miles up in the hills, and because we have a guard gate at the entrance to our esteemed college? I think after an eventful year, we know that we are not in a sterile bubble. Yet, do we still feel that we are in an area that is free from crime?

A prime example of what is going on in our community is the murder in the Happy Valley area of Lafayette recently. A woman was home during broad daylight, and was mur-

dered. Her Mercedes sport utility vehicle was then stolen. In broad daylight, a wife, mother, and ordinary woman, minding her own business, was brutally murdered. What does this say about the safety of this area? And more recently, a man in Moraga was found dead in his bed, in his own home, with a bullet lying next to him in the bed. It is thought that he may have been shot through the back of the head. These are only two of the most recent and notorious crimes that have taken place in the area we call home in the past couple of months. What is really going on? Are we safe?

I think bad things such as the rape at the luau in the Fall, lack of support for services for women, lack of lighting, and the march and protest that

were required to bring attention to the issues are prime examples of how crime is present or being invited here on the St. Mary's campus, and that we need to be aware. I admit that the College is taking steps to reduce the risks, and for this, the student body is grateful. Yet, where can we be safe anymore?

When Mommy and Daddy sent us here, they probably expected us to be completely immune from all bad things, crime, and problems. This is just not possible. I think that what these events teach us more than anything is that we need to keep our ears and eyes open, and look out for each other. We should not let anything impair us from taking care of ourselves and our friends. We need to walk in

pairs or groups, carry whistles, call security when we see suspicious things, and be responsible drinkers. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Crime is a routine part of our daily lives. We see it on the news, read about it in the paper, and we sometimes experience it firsthand. We need to know how to try to prevent it, and how to react should we become a victim. So where should we live that is safe? What do we tell our parents? The best thing we can do is to prepare ourselves for the possibility that crime will affect us at one point or another. We must take the necessary steps to make ourselves safer, or less of a target. It is through voicing our safety concerns, as well as realizing that "LaLa land" is NOT the safest place on

earth, just because of its location.

So think about your own ideas on the issue of safety or security on campus. If something bothers you, by all means, bring it up. Never think we are so insulated from crime because of our location, that we will be safe no matter what. Really think about the situations you put yourself into. Never allow yourself to be unable to try to protect yourself, and always be on guard. We may be in one of the safest areas, but nowhere is crime-free.

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## LETTERS CONTINUED

have worked to come up with ideas like submitting an article to the COLLEGIAN, a student-run newspaper that students actually read, so the students will be informed about what the higher-ups are doing to our school. Not that everything that has gone on has been good, but not everything has been bad. Through all of this adjustment I just hope that the higher-ups stay focused on why students stay here. I can only speak for myself, but the reason that I stay here rarely has to do with the debate of the moment on campus (i.e. Bro. Craig's housing).

I came because the campus was pretty, the class sizes were small, the students were friendly, and when I researched the campus' reputation, people raved about SMC. One company told me that they liked to hire out of our school. I had to excuse myself to the bathroom to get away from one person in San Francisco, because they would not shut up about how great this school is. St. Mary's appeared to be a place where I could acquire a good, high-level education.

Trying to get this education has not been easy. The food is not very tasty; the housing situation is terrible; I cannot really afford it; there is nothing close by to do if you do not own a car (I do not), and our campus technology got left back in the '80s.

Back to the original question: the reason I stay is because the

faculty is committed to giving us such a great education. They work their tails off to give what the students need. The math department does not care if you're in a particular professor's class or not; someone is always around willing to help.

My papers have always been written on a ton; the professors must have had to spend a lot of time on them to correct a paper in such great detail, showing that learning does not stop with your grade. I do not feel that I have ever been allowed to slack. If a class has been easy for me the professor has given me the nudge to excel past what I believed I could.

The faculty also looks out for the students outside of the classroom. This Thanksgiving I was left in my dorm room with nothing to do. A professor offered to take me to the symphony. I had never been in his class before; it was just a nice gesture. So off I went with three professors, two of whom I had never seen me before, to the symphony. One paid for my ticket and the other two paid for my meal. Our professors do not earn THAT much to be so easily generous.

Unfortunately, the faculty is looking a little more worn out than last year. Professors come into the classroom more stressed, looking tired, not having as much enthusiasm as in the past. Elbow room is getting harder and harder to acquire, and desk arrangements are becoming more creative as students work to fit in extra bodies.

As budgets are being looked at and cutbacks are being discussed, I just ask that St. Mary's remembers why people are supposed to be here. People do not stay for perfectly cut grass or the fact that St. Mary's uses such high quality stationary for every little letter that is sent, but for the education. An education that demands the students work for their grades; a faculty that cares about the standards that are set.

So even if one of my professors likes this letter, if my paper is a piece of crap, my grade will reflect it.

Tiah Carleton  
English/Philosophy, '00

## Student Affairs

Dear Editor,

As a follow-up to my letter published in your April 1st edition, I wish to publicly applaud the many efforts of all of our student leaders, College faculty educators, Student Affairs educators, and staff educators to enhance campus communication. I strongly endorse efforts to enhance communication and understanding among the various members of this campus community.

I am happy to report that with the eager cooperation of Mr. Raymond Syufy, Chair of the Regents Student Affairs Committee, I have been able to add five additional students to this advisory body (bringing the total student membership to 14). Additionally, with the eager cooperation of Mr. Al Heeg, Chair of the Regents

Athletic Advisory Committee, I have been able to add two students to this advisory board (a committee that previous to this year did not have any student membership). I am also happy to report that the search processes for open positions in various departments of Student Affairs each have student as well as faculty and staff participation.

I also wish to applaud the many faculty educators and Student Affairs educators who continue to publish information pieces which are circulated to our students through the ASSMC Executive Team and Senators, the Resident Advisors, the faculty and staff e-mail distribution list, various posters around campus, and messages on the College's TV Channel 48. In this regard, I wish to particularly applaud Marty Storti and the other Student Affairs educators in the Student Activities Department for the fine organization of the Student Activities bulletin board on the exterior of the first floor of Ferroggiaro Center. Many students and other members of the campus community have commented to me that the efforts to enhance this vehicle of communication have been very effective.

I also wish to thank Marty Storti for assisting me in the establishment of the "IN-TOUCH with Student Affairs" bulletin board on the Central Arcade enabling my office to share information updates with the students. This "IN-TOUCH with Student Affairs" bulletin board provides me with another means of directly sharing with the students of SMC news and information about campus developments.

Let us continue to build on these efforts aimed at enhancing the sharing of information on this campus. As the administrative leader of the College's department which provides support and advisement to the Student Government, I have indicated to Marty Storti that I support his continued efforts to work with the elected student body officers as they attempt to find additional effective means to respond to student desires to be more informed. I am confident that working together with the Office of Student Activities (OSA), the ASSMC Executive Team and the Senators will be able to develop a variety of means and structures to better inform their constituents, the students of SMC.

Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, PhD  
VP for Student Affairs

## LAST CHANCE!

The FINAL issue of the COLLEGIAN for 1997-98 comes out on May 13. Deadline for Letters to the Editor is May 6.

Speak NOW or forever hold your peace...

## Underclassmen Deserve Security

**Iris Martin**  
Opinion Contributor

At St. Mary's College, incoming and returning students have the luxury of knowing that they are guaranteed housing for their freshmen and sophomore years. In a time of intense overcrowding, the question comes about as to whether sophomores should be guaranteed housing, as they have in the past?

Parents send their children to St. Mary's because they know that the school is renowned for its safe campus. In having the guaranteed housing for sophomores, many parents feel comfortable in leaving their kids here. They place their children, whom they feel are still too young to live on their own, under the protection of the surrogate mom known as St. Mary's College. Should sophomores not be guaranteed housing, it is most likely that a lot of parents would not send their kids here for fear of what may happen to them living off campus.

We must also take into account the maturity and experience of sophomores. Personally, had I not been guaranteed housing for my sophomore year, I would have been lost as to how to go about looking for an apartment. Sophomores need the extra year on campus to be able to obtain the full college experience. After freshmen year, they still don't know the campus. They are still new to the idea of how a college student is supposed to function. Having to go out on your own and find a place to live at the ages of 18 or 19 would be hard. Though we will all have to do it in time, the group experience of living on campus during our sophomore year can better prepare us for that.

Many sophomores have yet to ma-

ture to the point to live on their own. Living on campus, they have a sheltered environment that enables them to be comfortable in the work load and learn to balance their own social lives with their educational lives. Should a sophomore be forced to live off campus in a time when they are not prepared, obviously their educational lives, along with their social lives, would suffer.

Though everyone is stressed right

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now about the lack of housing, imagine how it could be. Imagine the situation faced at Sonoma State and Loyola-Marymount where only freshmen are guaranteed housing. And appreciate the two years you did have, cherishing the memories and passing on the experiences for the next class.

*Iris Martin is a History Major graduating in 2000.*

## Balanced Atmosphere Threatened

**Heather McCourtie**  
Op/Ed Editor

St. Mary's is a unique college in that on-campus housing is guaranteed not only for freshmen but sophomores. Unlike many larger colleges, such as UC Davis, where only freshmen live on campus, St. Mary's has almost always been able to provide rooms to those who

soon-to-be juniors and seniors have found themselves without housing for the upcoming year, forcing them to find apartments or rooms off campus. For many, this action cuts them off from the school to which they have so dedicated themselves, the school where plans included living among fellow Gaels. Perhaps a solution to this problem is eliminating the promise of housing to sophomores.

St. Mary's is unique in that it has a large amount of upperclassmen living on campus. But should the situation of an overabundance of returning freshmen happen again, the upperclassmen presence will diminish. As it was, a few freshmen were living in the canyon this year. If the guarantee continues, sophomores will eventually be living in the townhouses, while juniors and seniors will be excluded from on-campus life.

In a matter of time, new buildings will be constructed to house more students. This will provide more townhouses for students, which have typically been set aside for juniors and seniors. My fear is that the availability of rooms may entice admissions to overadmit once more, thus cutting off remaining upperclassmen who do not have a guarantee.

The guarantee for sophomores, though it has worked in the past, will only deprive St. Mary's College of a balanced atmosphere, should the number of admitted students continue to grow. It seems more reasonable to throw sophomores into the housing lottery with juniors and seniors, thus providing a fair balance of classes on campus. This way, all classes can be included, (or excluded should they not make the lottery) in the happenings of on-campus life.

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## Misdirected Student Communication--A Call for Courage and Heart

**Brian Stanley**  
Opinion Columnist

There is a Chinese proverb about criticism which reads, "Do not use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friends forehead." A few weeks ago we used a hatchet to try to force the College to change. We, that is the students of St. Mary's College, used a hatchet on Bro. Craig and the Administration.

We chopped up their ten month record on public safety, housing, departures of critical members of the faculty, staff and administration, communication, and the lack of alcohol on campus. We didn't do this in the COLLEGIAN or on GAEL 48, we did this in front of the local media. We did this at the time of year when families are deciding whether or not SMC is the college for their children. We did this when the College was in the midst of a major

capital fundraising campaign.

At the very end of the event, we unabashedly redefined the meaning of disrespect as we allowed a few students to scream obscenities to the president of the College. We inflicted a deep wound on this institution with our actions. We not only embarrassed ourselves and our community, but everyone and everything associated with St. Mary's College of California. One long-time Christian Brother, with tears in his eyes, pain in his heart and sorrow in his voice stated after the "protest" was over, "when did we get so far away from our students?"

With the damage done, the question rightfully became "how are we going to address the substantive student concerns in a way which improves this institution and ensures that this never happens again?" I was filled with a mixture of pride and excitement when I learned that Renee Sando, Phil

Iverson, and company had planned a student concern forum to flesh out and address the relevant issues. It was a pleasure and honor to sit through the first meeting and participate in the process that saw some sixty students mention some 20 major issues and provide do-able solutions to almost half of them. I looked forward to seeing substantive change in this institution and visiting in a year to see students healthy, happy, and thoroughly enjoying their St. Mary's experience.

Unfortunately, the energy of the majority of the student body of this institution is currently too misdirected, too unfocused and too inconsistent to keep up the level of effort it takes to substantively change anything. While the next meeting had only eight students, the majority of which were seniors, the April 21 Town Hall meeting had only 12 students. Only 12 students showed up to have

their concerns addressed by the Administration.

Maybe I missed something in the last COLLEGIAN, where was the secret meeting of the other 80 or so "concerned" students who joined us on that cold March night? What happened to all those "angry" students who carried signs like "Vow of Poverty My Ass" and "You don't know Jack about Media?" Where are the students who stood out there and spewed insults to this College and its president? Where were those "angry" students who were so quick to challenge the integrity, heart and soul of this institution? Perhaps it was they who lacked the courage to come and talk to those who they were accusing. Perhaps it was they who lacked the heart to look at themselves and address the real issues and admit, when it is necessary, that the problems of this institution are the responsibility of both the College and the stu-

dent body.

For those who attended the last Town Hall meeting, one message that rings through loud and clear is that this administration is working hard to improve this institution for all people, especially the students. Of course they are going to make mistakes, but that is why it is imperative for the student voice to be heard loud and clear by the Administration. Now is the time, students of St. Mary's College, to decide what you want and take it. Now is the time to establish the importance of open lines of communication. Now is the time for you to have the courage, foresight, and heart to build St. Mary's College into the place that you want it to be.

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## At Home at SMC: The Essence of a Close-Knit Family

**Nicole Holland**  
Opinion Contributor

Walking through the quad around noontime on a sunny Wednesday afternoon always reminds me of the St. Mary's "essence" which characterizes what St. Mary's means to me. Looking around I see students, staff, and faculty enjoying the outdoors, talking, studying, reading, or doing any number of things in this one given space. KSMC is blaring away, as a steady flow of traffic can be seen coming to and from Marriott, the bookstore, or just about any spot on the campus. The air is filled with people

calling out to each other, laughing, catching up on the weekend, or just jabbing about yesterday's seminar. What distinguishes this scene from just any other college campus in the United States is the friendly, close-knit family feeling which I have come to cherish about St. Mary's. Most of the faces I see are friendly and familiar; I might recognize someone from one of my classes and another person from an SAA meeting.

Regardless of how I met someone, however, one thing is certain: I will see them again in the course of my four years here, and there is a good chance that we will become friends,

partners on a project, or even neighbors in one of the dorms. This is the beauty of a small campus. And yet, St. Mary's is not just any small campus.

It is hard to describe the meaning of St. Mary's to me in exact terminology because it's a gut feeling, and instinctual intuition. It's kind of like the TV show Cheers, a place where "everybody knows your name... and they're always glad you came." St. Mary's is a community in itself, a distinct unofficial district of the Bay Area. St. Mary's is almost like a large family clan that grows and extends over time to include students, alumni, staff, faculty, and yes, even the administra-

tion. My first realization of this gut feeling came when I was coming home from Christmas break this year. I remember one very prevalent thought I had while driving my little red VW fox down Mission road: I'm home. Oops! Did I slip? Sorry, Mom, as much as I love our little house in the scenic hills of South Lake Tahoe, I think I've moved on and officially "left the nest." St. Mary's has become my new home—maybe not by the standard definition of a "home," but a home, nonetheless. If a home is a place where you can hang your hat, where you can be comfortable, and where you'll always see a friendly face, then this is

what St. Mary's is to me.

I realize that in two short years (time sure does fly!) I will have to make a new home for myself somewhere else, but I am confident that I will always remain close with my St. Mary's friends and family. And just like my home in Tahoe, I know that I can always return to visit, bringing with me new friends and family which I have established, to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of the community and environment that is the essence of St. Mary's.

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## Fortnightly Report

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



### Gingrich Desires Low Tobacco Costs

Newt Gingrich stated that he wants access to cigarettes for teens to be curbed, but believes that a price increase may encourage a black market.

### Business Summit Delayed

The Middle East business summit was delayed as new Israeli-Palestinian peace accords are in the works. The summit reported no progress toward final status. The World Economic Forum organized four of these such summits. Rescheduling is imminent for the next forum, set-up by this Geneva based organization.

### King Assassin Dies in Jail

James Earl Ray, convicted murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. died at age 70. The cause of death was reported to be liver disease. Ray first confessed to the murder in 1969 and then changed his story, stating he was merely a part of a larger conspiracy. King's family had supported Ray's pleas to reopen the case.

### Israel Remembers Holocaust

On Thursday, April 23, the entire country of Israel engaged in two minutes of silence in remembrance of the atrocities of the holocaust. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu paid tribute to the survivors contributions to the modern Jewish state. Israel celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of their existence this year. Peace struggles continue as disagreement with Palestinian authority continues to ravage the country.

### Balkan Violence Continues

The Yugoslav Army killed 23 Albanians in more skirmishes in the Kosovo province. Officials in Belgrade stated that the troops were responding to the threat of 200 separatist rebels crossing the border from Albania on Thursday, April 23. Ethnic struggles still continue in the Balkan area which has been a powder keg for many years. Peace does not appear to be in the near future for this ethnically diverse area.

### Asthma Cases Increase

Asthma incidences have continually risen since 1980. There has been a 75% increase. The Center for Disease Control attributes this large increase to pollution and environmental factors. Cases are the most prominent in the Northeast.

# THE NEWS

## Grad Speakers Named

Dean Tom Brown chosen to address Class of 1998 at Commencement

By Heather McCourtie  
Opinion Editor

On Saturday, May 23, the class of 1998 will be gathering one last time to say its farewell to St. Mary's College. The senior class will take part in Commencement activities, surrounded by family and friends, 10:00am in St. Mary's Stadium.

Speaking at this year's ceremonies will be Dean of Advising Services Tom Brown and Valedictorian Heidi Giordano.

Brown has resigned from St. Mary's after 28 years of service as Dean of Advising Services. During his time, he has been seen as a student advocate and overall caring individual when it came to student needs.

He was chosen by members of the Executive Council as well as members of the Senior Senate. Brown was presented with a formal proposal and accepted as graduation speaker.

"Dean Tom Brown has worked closely with the students for three decades now. He's our friends and he's really touched our lives," said ASSMC President Glenn Vandembroeck. "We feel like Dean Brown is very close to the class of 1998, and will be truly

missed."

Heidi Giordano was elected to speak as valedictorian by her peers. To be eligible, valedictorian candidates needed a minimum 3.75 GPA. Seniors then voted on the candidate whom they wanted to speak based on the information posted around campus on their involvements over their years at SMC.

Giordano, an English major, Philosophy minor, held a 3.844 cumulative GPA and was involved in such activities as Women's Advocacy, Women's Studies Advisory Board, riverrun staff member, writing tutor, member of GALA, and SMC clubs.

"It was an honor to be chosen by my peers, and a surprise," said Giordano. "I am very excited about graduating. To be honest, I am suffering from 'senioritis'."

Giordano is planning on taking a year off after graduation, but is looking forward to eventually returning to school, possibly law school.

"I was fortunate to have two very strong forces at St. Mary's—both of which have inspired and challenged me. I thank the English Department and the five amazing women I live with—both have kept me going," said Giordano.

The countdown continues for seniors as papers are being finalized and job interviews nar-



Valedictorian Heidi Giordano



Graduation Speaker Dean of Advising Services Tom Brown

row down. "It's a strange feeling to know its coming to an end. In my mind, the four years have gone by quite rapidly," said Senior Renee Sando.

"Freshmen year isn't that far away in my memory. Some of the people from my first seminar class are the ones I still consider my friends today," Sando continued, "It's hard to know when you'll see these people again."

## SMC Holds Silence

Students and Faculty observe a day of silence for national cause

By Jennifer Parker  
Assistant Opinion Editor

On Tuesday, April 21 the St. Mary's campus was a little bit quieter. A handful of St. Mary's students, faculty and staff observed the National Day of Silence by refraining from speech from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

As the event flyer stated, the purpose of this event was "to create a visible, 'audible' silence to protest the silence [that is] forced upon gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people."

Heterosexual participants were able to experience firsthand the stifling oppression which is a daily reality for many alternatively oriented individuals who are forced into silence about their sexuality and other related issues, such as HIV/AIDS, workplace harassment, and domestic partnership. In addition, according to the event flyer, the St. Mary's community was given a glimpse of "how [quiet] our world's would really be with-

out the input of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people and their allies."

Although only about thirty participants assembled in the quad at 5:15pm to break the silence, there were approximately fifty students and fifty faculty

members who wore rainbow-colored ribbons on Tuesday in support of the event, while about twenty-five people actually refrained from speech.

The President of GALA, freshman Nathan Cuthbert, was pleased with the overall support and encouragement which was generated by the Day of Silence, GALA's first campus-wide event since the clubs recent charter by the ASSMC. Cuthbert reported an overwhelmingly positive response from many faculty members, some of whom even maintained silence during their class periods.

Several student participants received supportive reactions from their peers, but Freshman



Breaking the silence with whistles.

Katie Christensen noted that "it would have been more effective if a lot of students had been involved."

Christensen, like several others who made comments during the "Talk Back" session at 5:30pm in the Campus Ministry Center, believed that, after the Day of Silence, she was better able to sympathize with the frustration that is experienced by many who are obliged to refrain from disclosing information regarding their sexuality and other personal topics.

On the other hand, Senior Mary-Colleen Tinney concurred, "I don't feel that I can identify more now with gay, Please see SILENCE, page 8

# Transmitter Shut Down

*KSMC in need of twenty thousand dollars to replace transmitter*

By Chris McLaughlin  
Guest Writer

In what may eventually be called a blessing in disguise, KSMC General Manager James Gosnell shutdown the radio transmitter at 6:00pm on April 3 for the rest of the school year.

The decision was a mutual one between Gosnell and KSMC moderator Ed Tywoniak because the transmitter had been giving the station problems which also included interference with a local television signal.

The transmitter located in the basement of Augustine Hall has malfunctioned many times, which is due in part to the flooding from the rainy season. "The problem is not that the transmitter is sitting in the water, but it's sitting in the room with the water, which is probably at 98 percent humidity," Gosnell said.

At the beginning of the year, KSMC was broadcasting on

side bands (interference with other stations in the area). Gosnell decided to have the transmitter repaired. During the time of the repair, KSMC broadcasted at 70 watts. When the transmitter returned it brought the station back up to 100 watts.

But since the repair, the signal had been slipping and Gosnell found out they were broadcasting on side bands again, including a local television signal.

"A local resident called me up and had me nailed to the wall," Gosnell said, "But instead of calling the FCC, he called the station first to tell us that he had heard our broadcasts on his television."

The resident's notification on April 3 prompted the shutdown later that day.

The KSMC staff has developed a thick skin regarding the shutdown of the station, because this year, although successful in many regards, still had its share of unfulfilled dreams.

The station's plan for "world domination" started last September when they stated KSMC would broadcast over a substantial part of Contra Costa County, but the FCC

never cleared it and the frustration started.

"People sort of understand when things don't go right, it's not their fault, everyone at this station knows that they gave it their damndest," Gosnell said.

Despite all the adversity, KSMC had its most successful year in recent memory.

With the exception of the transmitter which would cost \$20,000, nearly all the equipment has been replaced with new high-tech material. Because of the technological advancement in 1997-98, disc jockeys in the future will be able to broadcast shows on to a compact disc via compact disc burner.

KSMC is still pursuing broadcasting shows over the Internet, which will more than likely take place in the Fall.

With the shutting down of the transmitter, KSMC now has more time in the next month to get ready for its quest for "world domination" next year.

Gosnell added that he is pleased with the efforts by everyone from top to bottom on the staff, because they have made the station what it is today: a top mass medium at St. Mary's College.

# SMC CRIME BEAT

•April 1 - Theft of a compact disc wallet from the baseball field pressbox. Entry into the box is unknown. Moraga PD is considering two possible modes of entry: the thief had keys to the door or entered through the plywood covered window.

•April 8 - Unknown injury collision. As Moraga Police arrived on the scene, the vehicle was already gone. The vehicle had knocked over a 35 MPH sign. Witnesses said that the vehicle lost control and swerved, hitting the sign. They also reported that control was probably lost due to excessive speed.

•April 18 - Moraga Fire Department requested assistance with a student that claimed they had chest pains after smoking marijuana. After an evaluation, it was determined that the student was intoxicated and in otherwise fine health.

•April 20 - Moraga police responded to a student call claiming she was a victim of a battery. She reported that her boyfriend's ex-girlfriend kicked her and took her pager and \$8.00 from the pocket from her jeans. She stated that she did not want to file any injuries, but did want to file charges of battery and theft.

•April 24 - Bronze bust of Bro. Mel Anderson stolen from the library. Threat was sent to the COLLEGIAN and immediately reported to the authorities.

# More Suits Than Jeans

*Final Town Hall Meeting lacks student attendance*

By Brenda Hereford  
Head Copy Editor

The final Town Hall Meeting of the year commenced on Tuesday, April 21 with a new format and low student turnout.

The initial 38 minutes of the meeting were consumed by reports from the members of the President's Council.

Vice President for Advancement Michael Ferrigno announced that this year's fundraising has been quite successful, with \$17 million dollars in gifts to the College, more than half of which will go to the College endowment. This means an increase in student scholarships next year. These gifts do not include the \$20 million donated for the building of a new science center.

Vice President for Administration Lionel Chan reported that next year's budget will soon be announced, and that the physical plant has made progress in improving lighting on campus. He also outlined his goals for the future: increasing the endowment and improving campus technology.

Vice President for Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D. stated that student union construction will begin in early May, announced that an alcohol policy proposal is circulating, and stated that there is now a Counseling Center



Physics Professor Ron Olowin discusses the new science facility.

website where students may obtain self-help information.

With 20 minutes left in the meeting, President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. opened the floor for questions.

During this discussion, Curran explained that the search for a new public safety director has reopened, and that the extra officer working with public safety is a Pinkerton Security employee whom the College has hired for the remainder of the semester.

Senior Philip Iverson engaged Franz in discussion of student apathy, asking if Franz planned to encourage greater student involvement in College affairs. Franz replied, "I'd like to have students so involved that no one would think about leaving on weekends," but did not outline a specific plan for achieving this goal.

ASSMC President Glenn Vandebroek also addressed Iverson's question, mentioning that opportunities for student

leadership will grow next year with the expansion of student government through the establishment of an additional senator for each class.

Bringing up another campus issue, Senior Erin Wetzel asked whether or not next year's College budget would include the establishment of a women's resource center. Academic Vice President William Hynes assured her that it had been given high priority, but also cautioned the budgetary process is competitive, as did Curran and Franz.

As the Town Hall Meeting drew to an end, Junior Mark Freitas asked Franz about his stance on the Collegiate Seminar Program.

Franz addressed this question, remarking that he strongly supports Seminar, and that he intends to teach in the Seminar Program next year, dispelling the rumor that the program is in any danger.

## BUST: Disgruntled students hold Mel captive

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cluded a picture of the bust accompanied by Tuesday's Tri-Valley Herald.

The library staff was subsequently notified by the COLLEGIAN on Thursday. The College informed Moraga PD on Friday, April 24. "Got Mel?" signs appeared on the classroom doors of Dante Hall Friday morning.

Vice President for Student Affairs Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D., considered the alleged theft a "violation of the community."

He stated, "I think it is a very serious and totally inappropriate behavior. It is unfortunate that this apparent crime has occurred on campus."

According to Interim Director of Public Safety Mike Cleu, the incident is "being written up as a burglary."

The bust which is insured at a value of \$12,327.38 was cast in bronze in honor of the 25-year Anniversary of Anderson's presidency. It was created by Bruce Wolfe, the same artist who sculpted the statue of St. La Salle located in the Chapel Plaza.

According to Curran, "The bust is a valuable piece in terms of finance, College traditions and sentiments."

Over the weekend, the COLLEGIAN received a second letter from the kidnappers. In this letter the author(s) identified themselves as the United Students of SMC, and outlined their demands.

Upset that they have been "treated without respect and regard by the Administration and Staff," and citing the Registrar and Events and Conferences as examples, the United Students of SMC called for "better customer service."

Specifically, the United Students of SMC demanded the establishment of a committee to review student complaint against Staff and Administration. This committee should consist of four students and a faculty member, with the faculty member rotated every year.

The United Students of SMC also demanded that May 18 be declared a "BE NICE TO STUDENT DAY [sic]," in which students "should be treated like customers . . . at a Lexus dealership." The kidnappers vowed to "test" staff commitment to student service. They also relayed "Mel's" greeting and stated that they had no intention of harming the bust.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the bust should contact Moraga PD or Public Safety.

**Focus Group Meetings**  
V.P. for Administration/Chief Financial Officer  
Senior: May 6, 4pm  
Junior/Sophomore: May 13, 4pm  
Freshmen: May 20, 4pm  
Filippi Conference Room  
Call Sharon at ext. 4571 to reserve a space

### AGENO: ASSMC President Speaks Strongly

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pus is so important to student life. "I would like to thank Ed Ageno himself, a man whose loyalty to St. Mary's has been apparent and will continue to be evident far into the future."

Vandenbroeck continued, addressing student concerns, citing the current housing crisis, "There are approximately two hundred students who wish to live on campus next year but cannot because the demand is so great."

Lastly, Vandenbroeck pleaded with the administration not to increase the size of the student population, "Given the rich environment of a St. Mary's residence hall, our freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors must be afforded this opportunity; and until we are in a position to make housing available to these students, the College must not increase its student body."

Vandenbroeck said that he saw this ceremony as an opportune time not only to thank

the extremely generous Ageno family, but also to raise this imminent student concern.

Unfortunately, Vandenbroeck's plea will fall on deaf ears as the projected amount of freshmen for the incoming class of 2002 is 700 students. This is a reduction from this year's freshman class, but not a return to the past individual class student populations.

The new Ageno Townhouses will complete the Ageno Park and will be situated on the opposite side of the road from the existing Ferdinand and Camille Ageno residence hall, or Ageno C. The buildings will have all indoor entrances and be situated as two double rooms sharing a bathroom, living room, and kitchen. In the center of each of the two buildings, will be an open courtyard area.

These new townhouses will bear the name of the late Edward Ageno in order for the campus community to honor and commemorate him as a generous individual.

### MCCARTHY: SMC Community mourns loss

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Walnut Creek. He was 68.

Born September 20, 1929 in the Bronx, N.Y., he entered the Christian Brothers' junior novitiate at the age of fifteen. He attended the Scholasticate at De LaSalle College in Washington D.C. and earned a Bachelor's degree in English from Catholic University in 1952.

He earned a Master's degree in English from Manhattan College in 1957, and a Master's in Theology in 1964. He returned to Catholic University, where he earned a Ph.D. in Religious Education in 1969.

In the Summer of 1977, he was invited to come to California, where he taught in the graduate theology program at St. Mary's College.

In the Spring of 1978, he began chairing the undergraduate Religious Studies department and the summer graduate theology program.

He most recently taught the courses of Introduction to Christianity, The Challenge of Modernity, and The Meaning of Moral Theology.

In 1986, after 39 years of dedicated service as a Christian Brother, he was granted a dispensation from his vows and married Virginia Saenz, a graduate of St. Mary's.

After closing the graduate theology program in 1990, he withdrew as chair of the undergraduate department, and

continued as a full time undergraduate professor until March 24, 1998, when he became ill.

McCarthy was the editor of numerous booklets on Lasallian spirituality, to which he was also a contributor.

In 1994, his first book, *The Catholic Tradition* was published and became a best seller, earning numerous accolades from scholars.

Over the next four years, he updated the manuscript, adding a chapter on women. *Christianity and Humanism* was published in 1996, and a thoroughly revised second edition of *The Catholic Tradition* was released in January 1998.

A Mass was held on April 14 at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill, where colleagues and students gathered to remember and honor McCarthy.

A Mass was also held at St. Mary's Chapel on April 20, 1998, where Paul Giurlanda, Chair of the Religious Studies department, spoke fondly of McCarthy.

Students only had kind things to say about McCarthy, and it was agreed that the one term that defined McCarthy's core idea in religious studies classes was the importance of "Eucharist."

It is with great sadness and a deep admiration, that the St. Mary's community bids farewell to a wonderful friend, professor, and religious man.

# Executive Council Elected

## ASSMC President and Vice Presidents to assume office May 1

By George Malachowski  
Staff Writer

Last week the St. Mary's Student Body elected four new Executive Officers. These new officers are Tricia O'Brien (President), Jennifer Abel (VP for Student Affairs), Bridget Vorhees (VP for Administration), and Lisa Koppes (VP for Finance).

Ironically, these four officers already have good relationships, and as Koppes commented, "We're all good friends and will work well together." In fact these newly elected officers have many of the same goals and solutions for the College's problems.

O'Brien, the current VP for Student Affairs, was elected President receiving 75% of the vote.

A senior, her main goal is to create better communication at St. Mary's between members of the community.

She cited many communication problems between students and the ASSMC, the clubs, and the administration. O'Brien also sighted the ASSMC elections as a communication breakdown, "We're lucky to get seven people for the seven senator positions."

As a solution to these problems Tricia would like to see more Town Hall Meetings as well as having student to student Town Hall Meetings.

Another solution to the lack of communication would be to have leadership in the dorms. This would allow each hall to be more organized and knowledgeable and hopefully start more rivalry between them.

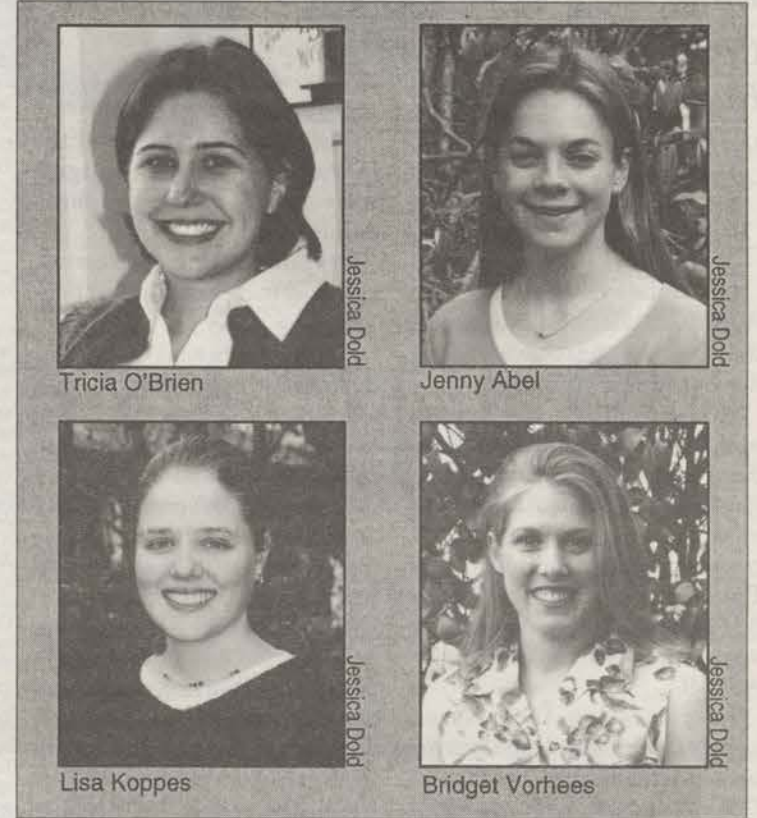
O'Brien also sees St. Mary's lack of school involvement as a major problem. To remedy this, she wants to get more students onto committees, stir up school traditions like the rivalry between SCU and SMC, and allow the students to have better and more consolidated seating at sporting events.

Abel, the current Junior Class President, was elected Vice President for Student Affairs collecting 62% of the vote. Abel also sees communication as a major hurdle to overcome next year. She would like to make Media Board meetings bi-monthly as one of these solutions.

She also wants the newly formed Club Board to step up and help coordinate events involving clubs. To further the communication between clubs, Abel also wants to create a retreat for club presidents and other members of the ASSMC to iron out the events for the coming year.

She also wants to see more co-curricular events between clubs and the affiliated departments, like the Cultural Fair.

To help make sure events and planning are more coordi-



Tricia O'Brien

Jenny Abel

Lisa Koppes

Bridget Vorhees

nated she would like to see the Program Board have more power and perhaps more money so that this entity is comparable to ones at such schools as Santa Clara. Abel would like an improvement in events so they are not, "just tables in the quad."

The new dean positions are also a major concern to Abel. She is glad that more student involvement will be used in the selection process. One of her major goals in this selection process is to see that the Director of Student Activities becomes, "another voice for the students." This would allow a better dialogue between the administration and the students.

On the housing problem, Abel has some ideas to help alleviate the problem. She would make the housing deposit due before the lottery (if the student did not make it the money would go to tuition or given back) so students are more committed to the process. She also sees improvement after the new dean is in place.

Vorhees was selected as VP for Student Administration in a runoff garnering 66% of the vote. In regard to the housing problem she would like to have more of a dialogue with the Housing Office as well as the Administration. Vorhees sees this as a major dilemma be-

cause, "You lose the purpose of St. Mary's when you allow students to come without housing."

Communication is also a major concern of Vorhees. She wants more communication between the students and the ASSMC. She sees this being solved through the Class Senators' expanded duties and through Town Hall Meetings.

Expanded, this would give student leaders more knowledge about the College's problems. If problems do arise, Vorhees says communication with the students will allow her to, "Go to the authorities with the students' problems until they and listen."

Koppes was the sole candidate for the position of VP for Finance and culled 344 votes out of the 415 received. Like the others on the Executive Board, Koppes would like to spread communication through student-run Town Hall Meetings.

This communication will allow Koppes to reach another goal, "It will allow me to be more of an advocate for the students." Along these lines she wants to be available to students to hear their problems and concerns. Koppes also believes living on campus is extremely important and would like to see this problem resolved.

## Class Election Results

Last week the ASSMC elected Class Officers. Each candidate needed fifty percent plus one vote of the total ballots to win election. Runoffs, of which there are several, will have been held on April 27.

For the class of 1999 Thomas Lickiss garnered 43 votes (45% of the total vote) and Aubree Swart 47 (49%) to force a runoff for the presidency. For the Vice President's office there was another runoff between Annie DeGraca and Karen Fry who each culled 47 votes (49%).

The class of 2000 elected both their President and Vice President. They had only one

candidate for President, Sharlene Duale, who received 48 votes (87%) on the way to election. There was only one candidate for the Vice Presidency as well, Mellisa Hunt, who was elected with 47 votes (85%).

St. Mary's class of 2001 chose Mario Sorrentino for their president with 100 votes (66%) over Megan Walsh who received 46 votes (30%). There is another runoff for the Vice Presidency where Sara Aleshi who got 66 votes (44%) will face Thereasa Fullmer who garnered 53 votes (35%).

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# DETOUR

COLLEGIAN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

April 29, 1998

## We Hope That You Choke

By Brian Bergtold  
Detour Editor

Radiohead. For the converted, this band conjures up sonic images of soaring vocals and mesmerizing guitars. The Oxford five-piece has managed to shatter the rock convention of the times, choosing to make beautiful cerebral music on their own terms while their peers succumb to soulless and mindless pop-rock.

Granted, "Creep," from their debut disc *Pablo Honey* sounded eerily like Nirvana, but the band has moved to bigger and better things. Thom Yorke and company don't even include the song in their set anymore, much to the dismay of the teenage girls who insisted on shrieking "Play Creep!" between every song at the sold out April 2 Bill Graham Civic show. One annoying one probably did more damage to my hearing than the band's PA.

Radiohead has come a long way from being labelled one-hit-wonders. Their 1995 sophomore effort, *The Bends*, was an instant critics' darling, though slow in building commercial success. The mature, heartwrenching vocals and guitars plotted a new course for the band. Constant touring found them swinging through the Fillmore in '96 for a performance that left me awestruck, and proved that this was a band ascending to greatness.

*OK Computer*, their '97 follow-up, sealed their fate. Comparisons with early Pink Floyd were inevitable, and Radiohead are now being touted as a Floyd for the nineties, a title that they live up to and more. The album made the top of seemingly every critics best of the year lists, and earned them a Grammy for Best Alternative Performance. They should have won Best Album, but were stymied by Bob Dylan, who won with a thoroughly average sounding album. Can you say sympathy vote?

After selling out the Warfield (a mind-blowing three hour marathon during which *OK Computer* and *The Bends* were played in their entirety) this past August before the hype about *OK Computer* had descended, I made sure to get my tickets early. Every show across the country sold out in around fifteen minutes, leaving legions of ticketless fans. The lucky ones holding tickets for the San Francisco date were not disappointed.

After braving the legions of people begging for tickets outside the venue, Bill Graham Civic security felt it necessary to make those who wanted to be close to the action sit packed together before opening act Spiritualized took the stage. Anyone who tried to stand was immediately met with "Sit Down!" Making things worse was one poor soul who had prepartied too hard, emptying the contents of his stomach onto the concrete floor, leaving a wide circle of no man's land.

When Spiritualized took the stage with what seemed like an unending jam session, the crowd rushed the stage. My friends and I were able to hold our ground, but the smaller kids had no chance. A word of advice: stay in the seats if you are small!

When Radiohead walked onstage to a tape of their instrumental "Meeting in The Aisle," a

deafening roar emanated from the crowd. They immediately launched into the powerful "Airbag," the opening track of *OK*. Singer Yorke settled into his patented head wag to the rhythm, and we were off on an aural journey. After a spirited rendition of "Talk Show Host," the band cranked up the energy level for the opening track from *The Bends*, "Planet Telex" leaving the audience, myself included, in ecstasy. The clever use of strobes and lush lighting colors combined with the brilliant song was live performance at its peak.

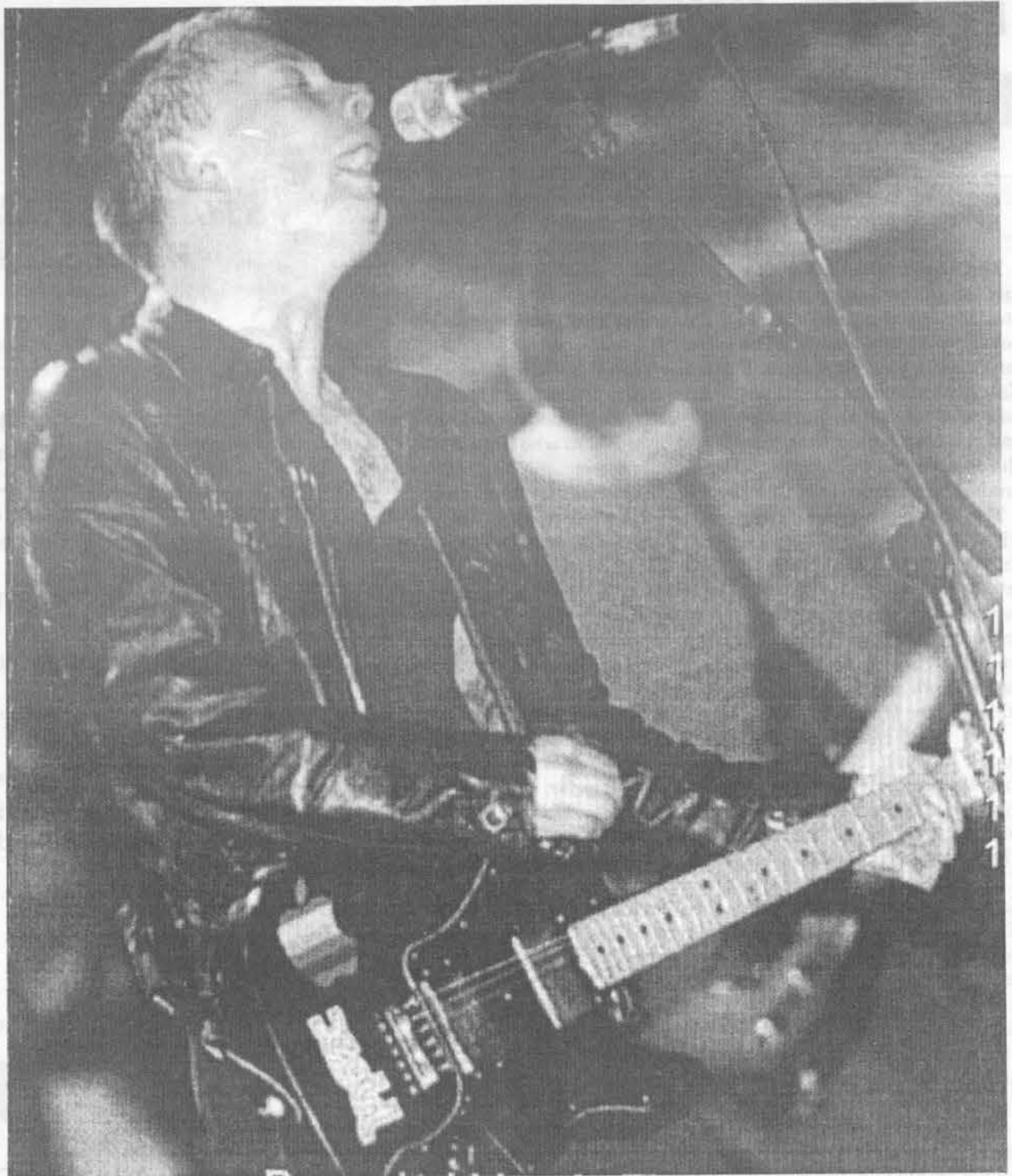
While most rock bands incite small riots when they play, Radiohead manages to leave their audiences standing awestruck. After two hours or so, you feel genuinely drained, and walk out with a smile on your face. "We hope...that you choke...that you choke," warbles Yorke in "Exit Music (For a Film)," sending chills up the spine.

Behind Yorke's chilling voice is Ed O'Brien and Jonny Greenwood on guitars, with Colin Greenwood on bass, and Phil Selway pounding out the beats. The sounds and textures that these men

along with Yorke on a third guitar can coax out of their instruments is astounding. Besides his guitar, Jonny Greenwood had keyboards and an arsenal of sound making gizmos at his disposal to add to the haunting sonic layers.

Besides all the favorites like "My Iron Lung," a brilliantly reworked "The Bends," and "Karma Police," two rare b-sides were played. One, "The Trickster," was played live for only the second time ever. "Let Down," "Street Spirit," and new tune "Big Ideas (Don't Get Any)," rounded out the first encore. After leaving the stage, the crowd went insane, with everyone screaming at the top of their lungs and cheering for more. The band obliged and came out to play "Lurgee," a gem from *Pablo Honey*.

Once the house lights came back up, everyone looked at each other in a smiling euphoric daze. Some ecstatic fans even took to splashing around in a nearby fountain, despite the cold rainy weather. For better or worse, Radiohead are poised to reach stadium filling status.



Thom Yorke (left) and Jonny Greenwood pour their heart and soul into their performances.



# Budget Approved

COLLEGIAN and Rugby concerns left unheard

By Julia Jenkins  
Staff Writer

On Sunday, April 18, the ASSMC Student Senate met to discuss the Associated Students 1998-1999 Budget.

A week earlier, the Senate and Club Presidents and Media Heads gathered at an informal Senate meeting to review the Finance Board's proposed budget. The task of the Finance Board was to allocate \$249,997.00 to the variety of sponsored organizations of the ASSMC.

In a meeting that lasted nearly three hours, eight members of the Rugby Team and COLLEGIAN representatives waited to speak about their budgets.

However, because public comment was not moved forward, the Senate passed the

budget without hearing either Rugby or the COLLEGIAN.

The Gael Yearbook and the intramural sports budgets were both cut two hundred dollars.

Program Board and riverrün received increases in their budgets.

KSMC General Manager James Gosnell reported that Gaelstock was canceled due to the sound equipment sinking into the wet field. Editor of riverrün, Dave Johnson reported that the magazine is finished and "it will rock your face off."

During Club reports, Student Alumni Association President Zulay Dowling stated that SAA would be bring back old traditions such as the senior gift and class picture. SAA is currently working on the Senior Alumni Social.

The Association did pass a new constitution; however, new bylaws have yet to be approved by the Senate.

ASSMC BUDGET 1998-1999	
Associated Students	\$17,085.00
Red and Blue Obligation	\$2,250.00
Gael Yearbook Obligation	\$45,000.00
Activity Fund	\$18,000.00
General Fund	\$10,000.00
Lottery Events	\$7,500.00
1999 (Ball)	\$2,000.00
2000 (Formal)	\$2,000.00
2002 (Start-Up)	\$275.00
Media Banquet	\$1,000.00
GaelPage	\$749.00
Program Board	\$13,035.00
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Gael	\$8,393.00
Gael TV	\$7,170.00
KSMC	\$11,420.00
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Cycling Club	\$337.00
Intramurals	\$14,275.00
Men's Lacrosse	\$11,415.00
Rugby	\$11,660.00
Men's Volleyball	\$4,745.00
WaterPolo	\$4,675.00
WaterSki	\$624.00
Women's Lacrosse	\$10,363.00
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Accounting Club	\$372.00
APASA	\$2,190.00
Art Club	\$220.00
Black Student Union	\$2,761.00
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Dance Team	\$450.00
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Gael Corps	\$181.00
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Intervarsity	\$1,086.00
Liberal Studies Club	\$465.00
MEChA	\$449.00
Multicultural Club	\$650.00
No Limits Club	\$410.00
Psychology Club	\$202.00
Science Club	\$788.00
Ski & Snowboard Club	\$1,446.00
SMC Bowling Club	\$220.00
Saint Mary's Pep Band	\$840.00
Student Alumni Association	\$2,020.00
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TOTAL	\$249,997.00

## SILENCE: Lips sealed to demonstrate a point

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lesbian, bisexual and transgendered] people than I could eight hours ago." She and others were convinced, though, that the Day of Silence cards, which participants carried as an explanation for their abstinence from speech, served as an education for those who took the time to read them.

This plethora of positive feedback was, however, accompanied by some aversion: Psychology professor Mary McCall spoke of negative reactions that her support for the event evoked from a few staff members.

Likewise, Junior Jennie Durant described the "humbling experience [of being] picked on by some [of her] classmates" as a result of her choice to remain silent. Durant earned encouragement for her behavior as well, for she later remarked, "It's exciting to see that people on this campus, including faculty, are becoming more accepting of diversity."

Toward the close of the "Talk Back" session, Fr. Sal

Ragusa reminded those gathered in the Campus Ministry Center of Fr. Gerald Coleman's message of a few weeks ago in which he stated that the only type of sex that the Church ordains is that which takes place "between a man and a woman within the bond of marriage and without [the interference of] contraceptives."

Ragusa related that members of the St. Mary's community are frequently shocked when he assures them that in the eyes of the Church, sex between an unmarried heterosexual couple is just as sinful as sex between a homosexual couple. Ragusa then explained that being of an alternative sexual orientation is only "abnormal" in the same sense as being left-handed is not as common as being right-handed.

Finally, he exhorted those gathered to bear these things in mind and "come to a responsible Christian decision" on this and other matters concerning gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals.

# Alcohol Policy Proposed

By Fawn Sutherland  
Managing Editor

Since November of last year, the Alcohol Policy Review committee has worked to produce a revised alcohol policy for the campus. The first draft was circulated on April 6, to various constituencies of the College for review.

Rising concerns over alcohol on campus in October spurred the formation of two committees, at the request of Vice President for Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D., to oversee the policy and usage of alcohol on campus.

One, which was previously called the *ad hoc* committee, has recently become referred to as the Alcohol Review Committee. The second committee was later formed to review the existing alcohol policy on campus.

The committee is comprised of the following campus representatives: Counseling Center/Coordinator of Alcohol and Drug

Programming Nancy Glenn, Ph.D. (Co-Chair), Director of Events and Conferences Mark Jaime (Co-Chair), Professor of the Department of Psychology Brent LaMon, Ph.D., Director of Alumni Relations Giles G. Miller, Assistant Athletic Director/Residence Director Betsy Reed, Collegiate Seminar/Residence Director Deanne Kruse, Assistant Director of Residence Life Craig Elliott, Head Coach, Men's Basketball Dave Bollwinkel, Assistant Director of Personnel Services Elaine Parcher.

The student representatives for the committee are: ASSMC Vice President for Student Affairs Tricia O'Brien, ASSMC Junior Class President Jennifer Abel, Extended Education Student Representative Terry Bennett.

The current draft of the policy has already come before the ASSMC Senate for comments and suggestions. The policy, however, will not go through the Senate to be approved.

After it is revised, the new policy will go directly before the President's Council for approval. Students will not have a decision in the passing of the new proposal.

The current policy draft is an eleven page document detailing the proposed extension of the current alcohol policy found in the student handbook.

It provides information about available educational programs and resources for assistance and treatment; health risks associated with alcohol use; applicable laws and penalties; campus regulations; basic principles and College sanctions; procedures for serving of alcoholic beverages and the registration of these events; publicity and sponsorship.

Copies of the proposal and suggestion sheets are available for students in the ASSMC offices in the first floor of Ferroggiaro.

## FEES: Questions remain about fee proposal

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in order to better serve the students' needs on this campus. This will also facilitate offering more programs and services for the student body without direct cost to them," stated Sears.

Junior Shayna Olesuik was a bit skeptical of the proposal. "I'd like to know exactly what the increase is going to fund."

Olesuik continued, "A \$17 dollar increase in tuition isn't that much, if there would be significantly more activities available."

Currently, the proposal is under review by Vice President for Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D., and Vice President for Administration

and CFO Lionel Chan.

Curran has requested the ASSMC budgets from the last five years. Curran expects a decision on the proposal to be made before the end the semester; however, according to him, many questions remain.

"I don't know if we can increase the student body fee for next year. The costs for next year have already been voted upon by the Board of Trustees," stated Curran.

However, Vandenbroeck notes in his letter that in 1994 then President Bro. Mel Anderson, FSC approved the fee increase "late in Spring term for the Fall semester of that same year."

## ANDERSON:

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Junior Mike Findley expressed his disappointment that Anderson would not be returning the classroom. "Bro. Mel has a ton of experience and a firm understanding of what this College is all about. I think he would have been a huge plus in the classroom."

Philosophy Professor Steven Cortright commented, "I think it is very sad. No one in the last 28 years has been more dedicated to the College than Bro. Mel."

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## Man In The Iron Mask a Lively, Lavish Story

All-star cast helps to tell a lush story, but leaves true French history by the wayside

By Holly LeDu  
Staff Writer

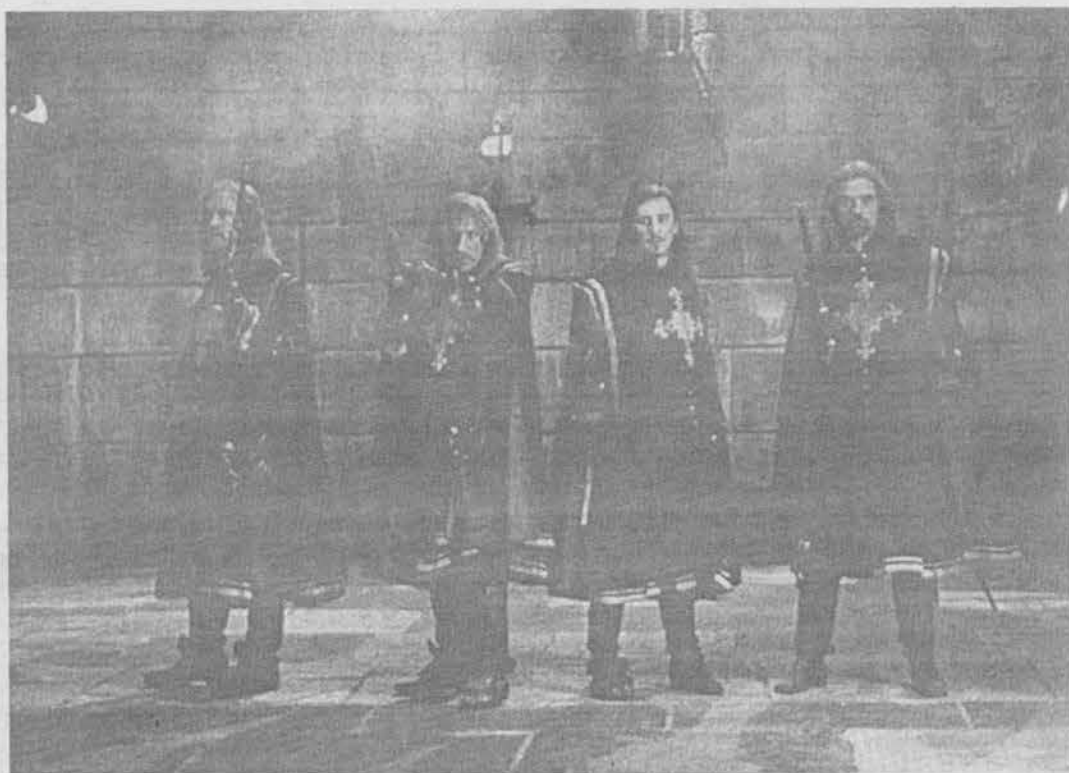
Leonardo Di Caprio stars in this adaptation of Alexandre Dumas' book of the same name about France's King Louis XIV and the prisoner he keeps in an iron mask. He plays the king in all of his spoiled arrogance, viewing his starving, rioting subjects with contempt, causing his once-loyal Musketeers to hatch a strange plan of replacing the king with this mysterious man in the iron mask, who turns out to be the twin brother of the king, still alive unbeknownst to even his mother.

D'Artagnan (wonderfully played by Gabriel Byrne), still in the service of the king as his chief officer, refuses to go along, hoping that he can elicit some kind of noble behavior from the king and thus justify his support. It is all too obvious that the king hasn't a noble thought in his body, believing it his divine right to use his power any way he feels like; including having his chief officer arrange for the son of

Athos to be transferred to the front lines of the war, just so the king can add the young man's fiance to his collection of bedmates. It is this callousness which provokes Athos (John Malkovich) to agree to rebel against the king.

The leader of the plan is Aramis (played with incredible intensity by Jeremy Irons), who has become a priest since leaving the service of the Musketeers, and is joined by the still-partying Porthos (hilariously played by Gerard Depardieu), who's just interested in the adventure of the whole thing.

I love period films, particularly those taking place in France, so of course I couldn't wait to see this movie—especially with such a great cast. And I loved the movie in spite of the liberties that the makers took with the history of France and the original story line. My biggest complaint would have to be John Malkovich, who I usually like, as he is a great actor. But in this case, he seemed too campy for the role, and I was never under the impression that he felt the emo-



All dressed up to defend against tyrants, but where is that damn man in the iron mask?

tion he was required to, seeming to be suppressing a smirk. I'm not sure who would have been a better choice, but I don't think he could have been any worse. The other three Muske-

teers were awesome, each in their own way. And Leonardo Di Caprio showed a wonderful breadth of ability in playing both the roles of the amoral king, and his sensitive brother.

However, the film never succeeded in carrying me away into the story because it remained just that; a wonderfully filmed, lavish story but still, only a story.

## Wings Vivid, Memorable Tale

By Holly LeDu  
Staff Writer

*The Wings of the Dove* is a lush production of a passionate tale based on the classic novel by Henry James. The intense story revolves around Kate, who attempts to manipulate love for selfish purposes and the emotional havoc that she creates, not only for those around her, but for herself.

The tale begins around 1910 when Kate (Helen Bonham Carter) is plucked from poverty by her rich aunt after her mother dies. Her father is an opium-addicted alcoholic, who, we later find out, receives money from the rich aunt for allowing her to have Kate.

Part of the domineering aunt's plan is to make sure that Kate marries well (read that titled—she's willing to use her money to buy a husband who has the right name) even if the guy is a complete jerk. Kate however, is in love with Merton Densher (Linus Roache), a poor journalist, and therefore unsuitable in the mind of the aunt (wonderfully played by Charlotte Rampling), who threatens to disinherit Kate if she doesn't break off the relationship.

The new morality in the dawning twentieth century is clearly evident in the young. The social conventions of chap-

erons on dates still hadn't fallen away, and a girl's reputation could be ruined if she didn't come home at night. Kate does not care at all for convention, but she does care about the money her aunt has promised her. The solution to her problem appears in the form of an American heiress, Milly (played with immense passion by Alison Elliot) who Kate discovers is dying.

Kate befriends her and hatches a plan to have Milly fall in love with Merton so she will leave all her money to him and then he would be able to marry Kate. She is able to convince Merton to go along with the plan in spite of his doubts and misgivings. Milly invites the two of them to accompany her to Venice, which has unexpected consequences for all of them.

I have to say that I was not crazy about the film when I saw it, primarily because after awhile, I could find little justification for Kate's self-serving actions. But Milly was such a wonderful character, embracing life to the fullest, that I thought of her character often during the last week. As well, the scenery of Venice made me want to book a flight on the first plane to Italy. Overall, the film was extremely well done, especially in the emotional complexity of each character.



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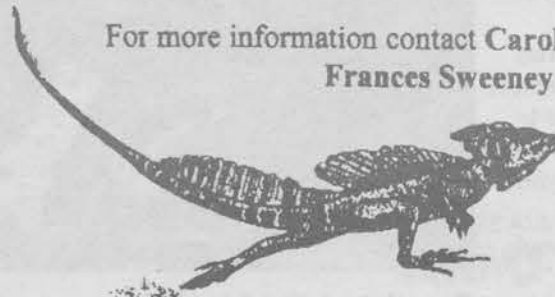
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## City of Angels Spins a Celestial Love Story

By Fawn Sutherland  
Managing Editor

To touch, to feel, to love, to live, to die... It is these sensual forces in the movie *City of Angels* that make it both a grim realization of death and a subtle celebration of life.

*City of Angels*, predictably, is set in the city of Los Angeles. The beginning sequence of scenes reveals angels sitting atop everything from buildings to the Hollywood sign. However, the film tampers with age old convictions of the typical angel appearance. Instead of the typical pristine white, winged celestial being, these angels are garbed in black from head to toe.

In his duties as a messenger, Seth (Nicholas Cage) observes Dr. Maggie Rice (Meg Ryan) working on a dying patient in the operating room of the county hospital. In a tense moment the Doc seems to look straight into the eyes of Seth, who remains invisible to the human eye.

Not surprisingly Seth (Cage) hears the pitter patter of his celestial heart, and all heaven breaks loose. Torn between his love for Maggie and the beauty above, Seth is left with the choice to continue as an

angel or fall into humanity.

The movie accents issues of life that humans often take for granted. For Seth, life is eternal, but it is an eternity with no sensation. As an angel he is denied the basics of human life, touch, smell, taste, breath, to see and be seen. His desire is intensified by his acquaintance with Nathaniel Messinger, a construction worker/fallen angel. Messinger's joy in humanity pushes Seth closer to the line between his celestial being and becoming human.

As Dr. Maggie Rice, Meg Ryan's golden girl appearance helps to combine a sense of both knowledge and innocence. As Ryan's character, Maggie Rice, seems to play tug of war between her heart and her brain, Ryan continuously switches character between child-Maggie and adult/doctor-Maggie. Although she does this well, she seems to have difficulty dealing with appropriate timing.

In one scene, Maggie and Seth are in Maggie's kitchen. She has grown increasingly suspicious of Seth's origins. In a rash move she cuts him, and is surprised to find that he doesn't bleed. For a moment Ryan plays Maggie in her calm,

cool and collected doctor role, but in a quick switch sets into a child's tantrum. The decision against the doctor persona causes a good scene to be completely overacted.

Cage, as well, seems a bit too prone to overacting. Both the camera work and Cage rely to strongly on the power of Cage's blue eyed gaze. Several times throughout the film, the camera chooses to focus solely on Cage's eyes. When the camera isn't right up in his face, Cage is drawing attention with his never-ending sad-eyed puppy dog look. After awhile, one begins to wonder if his face has permanently frozen in that position.

The movie's focus on life and death is potentially depressing, however, the central theme surrounds the beauty and advantages to loving life. Although sad at times, the movie leaves the audience with drying tears on their cheeks, and a small flame of joy flickering inside.



Nicholas Cage and Andre Brauer's angels talk shop atop the 110.



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## The Gingerbread Man

*Cajun, Creole, and Mediterranean and everything in between*

By Emeka Chukwudebe  
Staff Writer

Every child remembers the fairy tale rhyme for the Gingerbread Man - his boastful proclamation stuffed with chocolate and ginger; confidence streaming from his crusty, sugared skin. When he finally gets eaten in the end (please savor that delicious thought for a moment), you say to yourself, "what a sorry, unhappy tale." Tragedy for some.

Well, what if the Gingerbread Man had actually gotten away? Would that have made the story better? A girl named T.J. Robinson thought so. After her grandmother told her of the Gingerbread catastrophe, T.J. didn't like the original ending and decided to change it to one of her own liking. Hence, The Gingerbread House; a place the Gingerbread Man calls his home.

This Cajun-Creole restaurant located at 741 5th street in Oakland, opened up in 1974. T.J. Robinson bought the original house and moved her kids into the upstairs rooms, thus making room for a small tea room downstairs. First serving tea and entertaining guests in the yard, Mrs. Robinson eventually turned the whole establishment into a restaurant, including the rooms upstairs when her children moved out. Since then, a series of other buildings have been added to the original. Another division of the restaurant stands beside the original building with the kitchen adjoining the two.

By the way, you can actually smell the gingerbread baking through the open kitchen windows. Shaped in octagon fashion and copola-topped, with chandeliers hanging from the ceiling, this new structure, originally built in Sacramento, was shipped to Oakland, and painted in flashy pink colors. Angels flow all over the walls and the oval doorway. Mrs. Robinson wanted to make the Gingerbread house open to everyone, so she asked the painter

to color the angels in various colors. Surrounded entirely by windows, this main building offers guests a view of the main street and the backyard. Another building called the Sweetheart Room stands adjacent to this building. It is small, quaint and only fits two to four people, hence the motive for its name.

The theme of the Gingerbread Man begins here. Little dolls, replicas of the original decorate every sanctuary of this restaurant. In the main restaurant, they sit on the windowsills, or the piano in the corner. They lie everywhere. Walking upstairs into the original building, Gingerbread Men call to you from their perch by the bathroom, chairs, or send a silent chorus from the bench by the window where many sit watching the street below.

Most were sewn by Robinson herself, but many guests in the past have also given their own gingerbread gifts, to join the many others. Even the waiters are dressed in decorated uniforms with Gingerbread Men stitched into the seams.

By the way, as they serve you, please allow these waiters to indulge you in the theme of the Gingerbread House. They will happily tell you about the history of the establishment, and make your dining an experience to remember. One waitress named Noel, sang a traveling song to wish us a merry way.

As a child growing up in the cultured south of Louisiana, Mrs. Robinson learned the art of cookery from her grandmother. When the restaurant first opened, the only main dish was called, Pick Your Heart-Out Chicken. This delectable dish is served marinated in a special blend of Creole spices and baked to perfection on a vertical rack to guarantee the moistness and flavor remains inside the bird. The technique used to cut the pieces from the rack is art

work in itself. Her children, later called the Gingerbread Children, learned the art of carving the chicken from their mother and still use the same technique for guests today.

In order to relish the experience of this fantasy, it would be wise to call and order your menu a day before. Creole food takes 4-6 hours to cook, with some dishes needing overnight to get the achieved taste. A traditional dish is Jambalaya which in T.J. Robinson's own words consists of "of a touch of Africa, a dash of France and a pinch of Spain and the Caribbean." This dish is made with prawns, shrimp, ham, Louisiana Hot Sausage, and served over Cajun rice and beans.

Another traditional item served is Gumbo. Even though this dish is served on Martin Luther King's birthday in our school, the taste differs with every recipe, folks. This one comes with crabs, shrimp, okra, sausage, green onions, special sauce, and served mixed into rice. These two dishes alone were enough to fill three people (myself included), and leave remains for take-home. Other dishes include Whiskey Stuffed Lobster, Filet of Sole, Combination plates, Rabbit Piquante, Sauteed Quail, and many others. Every meal is served with fruit salad and home-made cornbread.

Pulp Fiction-You know what also makes this little restaurant so special? The little things. Flowers sitting in a cup of ice in the middle of table. White frosting on the fence. Umbrellas like the ones in Hawaiian drinks spread over tables outside. When I finally met T.J. Robinson, she happily told me that I was welcome any time to come down and read or study with tea and cookies on the chairs outside. Overall folks, there's really not enough I can say about this restaurant. You just have to check it out yourselves.

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## Poncho Sanchez: A Night at Yoshis

Megan Ball  
Events Editor

Anyone interested in jazz of the depth, breadth, range, and variety to set one's soul sailin', heart beatin' and feet tappin' should venture to Yoshis at Jack London Square, Japanese Restaurant and World Class Jazz House. Yoshis champions the old and the new flavors of jazz, introducing culturally and rhythmically dynamic musicians from all over.

This sleek, intimate, half-moon club is a vortex of cool, pulsating sounds and delectable ambience. The club walls display the brilliant photography of Lee Tanner, sporting shots of Miles Davis, Roy Eldridge, Abbey Lincoln, and other celebrated musicians. Yoshis' line-up has featured such talented artists as Puerto Rican saxophone power-house David Sanchez, master percussionists John Santos and Jack DeJohnette, master pianist Ahmad Jamal, Cuban pianist Omar Sosa, acoustic bassist Charlie Hadden, and classic vocal stylist Joe Williams. These authentic artists, extending the jazz legacy, forge the soulful elegance of jazz with their own, innovative compositions, impressionist styles, and rhythmic diversity. The featured performer this week is Grammy Winner Dee Dee Bridgewater, with "Dear Ella-A Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald," a celebration coinciding with Ella's 81st birthday. Artists Roy Hargrove, Robben Ford, Pharoah Sanders, and Michael Brecker will hit the jazz house in the upcoming months.

Early this month, acclaimed Latin jazz conga master, Poncho Sanchez played six consecutive nights with his electrifying band. Melding Latin and jazz rhythms, this ensemble rocked the house with smokin' maraca, bongo, timbale, and conga drifts and rippin' bass vibrations, trumpet eruptions, and sax and trombone inspirations. Each musician, David Torres (piano), Ramon Banda (timbales and percussion), Tony Banda (bass and percussion), and Jose Rodriguez (bongos and percussion), plus Alex

Henderson (trombone), Scott Maritn (tenor, alto, baritone sax, flute), and Stan Martin (trumpet, flugelhorn), had their chance to shine between Poncho's energetic blips, bops, thumps, and pops.

In their fourth jam, what Poncho considered a "trip to Senegal, Africa," the musicians surprised the audience with four prodigious beaded maracas. These instruments spoke for themselves, resonating sounds of rain, snake rattles, and even tones like hollow wails from their centers. Their fifth piece, a stan-

dard entitled "Close Your Eyes," was notably smooth and sensual, with a chilling soprano sax solo and subtly thrilling piano emphasis. The favorite blends of the evening seemed to be their finale dancin' grooves, which included a slice of "Ole Como Va" and other salsa rhythms. Unfortunately, the band opted not to give an encore, disappointing many devoted fans.

Aside from that, Poncho's power is unmistakable, like that of Tito Puente. Born in Texas and raised in Los Angeles, he held the conga chair in the great Cal Tjader band for seven years. He crystalized his virtuoso style with that leading group until his famous mentor and vibes master, Cal, died in 1982. That same year, he formed his own band which continues to make its mark.

Poncho, now considered one of the "innovative and influential conga players in the history of jazz," brings to the forefront simmering Afro-Cuban jazz and salsa which, before the '60s, had primarily been Caribbean and East Coast phenomena. Poncho and his campaneros rip scintillating sounds of Mambos, Cha Cha Chas, Montunos, Rhumbas, Guarachas, and a host of other rhythms. Poncho follows the lead of Willie Bobo, Mongo Santamaria, Armando Peraza, and Giovanni Hidalgo. Mongo Santamaria, considered "one of the genre's primary creators," appears with Poncho on his recent, 1996 release Conga Blue. One can also catch Conguero Sanchez on Soul Sauce—Memories of Cal Tjader, Para Todos, Bailar, El Mejor, Chile Con Soul, La Familia, and other Cds.

Yoshis reserves seats for dinner patrons attending the 10:00pm show, and student discounts are available for selected performances. Show times are usually 8:00pm and 10pm during the week and Saturday, with a 2:00pm Sunday Matinee. Purchase tickets at the club, 510 Embarcadero, West Oakland, call (510) 238-9200, or get online <http://www.yoshis.com>.



Poncho Sanchez shows off.

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Spring Health Faire  
 Quad 11:00am-1:30pm

Panel Discussion on HIV and AIDS  
 Soda Center  
 7:00-8:00pm

Thurs 4/30  
 Black Alumni Reception in honor of Tom Brown  
 Proceeds benefit Lamont Madden Book Fund  
 Zocchi Lounge  
 6:30-8:00pm

## May

Sat 5/1  
 Integral Waltz  
 Soda Center  
 8:00pm-12:00am

Sat 5/2  
 Jamaica-Me-Crazy  
 Garaventa Field  
 11:30am-4:30pm

Mon 5/4  
 GALA Meeting  
 Hagerty Lounge 5:15pm

Tues 5/5  
 Opening Day of Student Art show  
 Hearst Art Gallery

Cinco de Mayo Celebration  
 Quad 11:30am-1:00pm

ASSMC All Club Meeting event lottery  
 Hagerty Lounge 6:00pm

Wed 5/6  
 Annual English Awards Picnic  
 Soda Center 5:00pm

Thurs 5/7  
 Diversity Task Force Meeting  
 Soda Center 11:45am

Senior Alumni Faculty Social  
 Soda Center 7:30pm

Fri 5/9  
 Senior Ball  
 Mark Hopkins Hotel

# A Poet and an Inspiration

Poet Lucille Clifton shares her words with students and community

By Megan Ball  
 Events Editor

*Poetry began when somebody walked off a savana or out of a cave and looked up at the sky and said, "Ah-hh!" That was the first poem.*

--Lucille Clifton

Nationally acclaimed poet, author, and educator, Lucille Clifton, pulls ideas out of her everyday experience like a child picks small, rough, but beautiful rocks out of the dirt and sand. Clifton pulls these rocks from her pocket, embraces them, and turns them into moving, lyrical verse.

Clifton, as a distinguished Woodrow Wilson Fellow, came to St. Mary's last week both to visit the English classes and give a reading of her poetry. Her poems are definitely "Ah-h-h!" inspired and "Ah-h-h!" inspiring. They are small, but generous gems full of revelation, self-examination, celebration, compassion, and vision. They are absolute rarities, just like the poet herself. Exposing life and all its complexities, they extend far beyond their surface and engage a sense of commitment to the past and to the future.

Tuesday, April 21, Clifton read her poems to a packed house in the Soda Center. She read her own poems with not only a bold and charismatic posture but also a childlike wonderment and refreshment. She chose many poignant poems from her most recent collection, *Terrible Stories* (1996), enrapturing the audience with her witty spirit, abrupt honesty, confidence, and passion. She read particularly serious poems, "amazons," "lumpectomy eve," "scar," "memory," and "slavships," among other gems, which, though stylistically simple, testify to the complex vulnerabilities of life and probe the impact of change, oppression, and unfulfilled dreams.

She also read her eight "mary poems" in which she combines "rastafarian," island dialect with biblical imagery. She gives these poems what she calls a "sensuously erotic edge about the divine."

Clifton's poems heroic poems portray the many dualities of life: love/loss, work/play, destruction/re-creation, sickness/health, choice/fate, without veiling them with obscure, intangible language. Her poems heighten the celebrated body, the dignified woman, and the eternal spirit. Both in poetry and prose, Clifton often honors culture and American oral traditions with her use of African American vernacular.

In one class visit, when a student asked her about the use of particular vernacular in her works, she replied that it is "artistically honest" to do so. She mentioned that the language of poetry and prose is not intended to be that of "textbooks, spelling books, or trade books."

In another class visit, Clifton remarked, "The artist's job is to maintain the human." It comes out of what one "understands consciously and what one has forgotten." She told the students, "Art is a living act. It has to come out of who you are and all the things that have gone together."

Clifton understands that art is not merely intellectual. It is more a product of "feeling and intuition." To her, poetry comes from the unfolding of "definition, sound, history, music, baggage, possibility..." She told the students that words, though, are often "inadequate...to express that which the self wishes to express." She said there is an "expression of wonder often beyond poetry that is too large to express."

Clifton, who wears a comfortable smile and is proud and earnest enough to say, "I assure you I have plenty of self-esteem," is the first female two-time nominee for the Pulitzer Prize. She is the author of eleven books of prose and poetry as well as eighteen books for children, for which she has received numerous fellowships, awards, and distinctions. Distinguished Professor of Humanities at St. Mary's College of Maryland, she holds a posi-



Clifton signs autographs after her talk.

Damon Tipton

tion at Duke this semester. She has also taught at Goucher College, UC Santa Cruz, and Columbia.

Clifton's inspiration comes largely from her six children and from her mother's own fondness for writing poetry. Though she never had poetry workshops or creative writing classes and though she never graduated from college, her poems achieved immediate recognition. In 1969, when poet Robert Hayden entered her poems in a competition for the YW-YMHA Discovery Award, she won the award, and with it, came her first volume of poetry, *Good Times*. This launched her prolific career, which includes the publication of her completed poems in *Good Woman: Poems and a Memoir* (1987).

With her talent, wisdom, vibrancy, and generosity, Lucille Clifton has left her mark on St. Mary's. Junior Mildred Evers-Lyles' reflection makes this a known reality: "I've been blessed to break bread with several world renowned individuals. But I've never sat down to dinner with anyone who has touched my spirit, lifted me up, and celebrated my being the way Lucille Clifton did and does..."

Professor Mary Springer of the English department admires Clifton as one of the most "gifted and representative American poets." Clifton is by far one of the best poets writing today. She is, and will continue to be, a vital part of the nation's literary heritage.

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# SMC Crew Fours Take Bronze at States

By Chris Howe  
Assistant Sports Editor

The winning ways of the St. Mary's College Men's and Women's Crew Teams have continued. Once again, more medals were proudly brought home from the State College Rowing Championships held on the weekend of April 18.

For the third year in a row SMC has been successful at States held each year at Lake Natoma off the waters of the American River in Sacramento, California. The 2000 meter course presents its own natural obstacles, such as wind and rough water, in addition to the tough competition of the other college crews. The Gaels have once again showed that such difficulties are too much for the SMC team to overcome as they skillfully drive down their lane of success.

This year it was the Men's

Varsity Light Four and The Women's Varsity Light Four who finished among the champions, each bringing home bronze medals. The Men's Four was coxed by second year coxswain Kathleen Hogan. Hogan came to St. Mary's last year from St. Ignatious High School in San Francisco bringing with her several years of high school crew experience.

Among the other experienced crew members making up this successful boat were juniors Mark Mauberret and Jonathan Young, both of whom came to St. Mary's with prior rowing experience. Young raced with the Long Beach Rowing Association and Mauberret raced whaling boats through out his high school career.

Seniors Zane Doyle, a fourth-year rower, and Vince Anabale, who joined the team last year and competed at the novice level, rounded out the winning crew with experience and skill of their own. As a team, these

five individuals bring together the necessary components to breakdown the strategies of the other crews as they drive on to victory at the finish line.

The Women's Four was also composed of five exceptional women. Coxing for her second season with the Gaels is sophomore Emily Brunswald. Brunswald coxed the history-making Women's Novice Light Eight that brought home the first gold medal for SMC women at last year's Pacific Coast Rowing Championships, also held annually at Lake Natoma.

At stroke in this winning boat is junior Bennett McCulluch. McCulluch has several years of high school rowing under her belt as well as having been part of the extremely successful Women's Varsity Light Four who won many races two years ago. At four-seat sits senior Alison Laughlin. Laughlin was a member of last season's PCRC Champion Novice Light Eight.

Her dedication to the sport and her teammates comes through loud and clear as she put her all into every stroke aiding her team to finish line. Laughlin also competed and finished well at an indoor erg race held at Sacramento State University earlier this season.

In three-seat is sophomore Janique Spencer. Spencer joined the crew during JanTerm '97 and went on to be part of the gold medal crew at PCRC's.

Joining McCulluch from the '96 winning boat is senior Laurie Chisholm at bow. Chisholm took last season off, but was strong and ready to put all those other crew to the test as she returned as a fourth-year rower to the team and her teammates this season. Each of these five strong women has dedicated themselves to the team. Once again their hard work has paid off as they took third place and returned home to Moraga with a yet another medal around their necks.

SMC also competed at the novice level in both the open and light-weight categories on the men's and women's sides of

competition at this regatta. Even though these crews did not finish within the top three, they were successful in achieving personal improvement and gaining necessary collegiate racing experience. This experience will aide them as they prepare for races later this season and in the seasons to come. With these successful finishes on their records, both the men's and women's crews at the varsity and the novice levels look for even greater success as the season continues. The ultimate goal is always improvement, but first place finishes at the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships at the end of this season are desired achievements as well.

On the weekend of May 16-17, the men and women of SMC Crew will travel back Sacramento and Lake Natoma for one last time in this '98 season. They are scheduled to compete in this year's final regattas, the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship and the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships, where they look to finish at the top of race categories.

## Tennis: Men Fifth, Women Seventh

By Jim Bucci  
Sports Editor

In the fifth place matchup against Portland at the Ralph Straus Tennis Center in Malibu, the Gaels defeated the Pilots, 4-2. St. Mary's clinched fifth with a 8-5 doubles win. Matt Moore and Hiroo Suminda were the winning doubles team.

St. Mary's started the day off with a 6-4, 6-4 loss by Rex Calaunan. But, Matt Hibbard rebounded and beat George Agapitos 6-4, 6-1. Then Tomas Filipcik made it two in a row with a 6-1, 6-3 victory.

The next three matches resulted in two wins for Portland and one for St. Mary's. The last two doubles matches went the way of St. Mary's as Calaunan and Filipcik were

victorious as were the aforementioned Moore and Suminda. The win improved St. Mary's record to 7-17 and dropped Portland to 8-12.

In the Gaels' last match of the regular season, they lost to Santa Clara, 5-2. The Broncos swept the first three matches before St. Mary's got on the board behind Moore.

The Gaels closed out the matchup by winning the final two doubles matches behind the teams of Eric Hom and Moore and Calaunan and Filipcik. The scores were 8-4 an 8-6 respectively.

St. Mary's Women's tennis was playing for fifth place, but unlike the men, they lost.

Santa Clara defeated the Gaels, 6 matches to 1. St. Mary's received their only win by Barbie Briggs. Briggs beat

Jill Hamilton, 6-1 and 6-2.

The Gaels were dropped to 11-9 on the season while the Broncos improved to 13-7.

St. Mary's ended the regular season by winning three matches and losing one.

The Gaels took two matches from San Francisco and Dominican College by the score of 7-2 and defeated Santa Clara in a close match, 5-4. St. Mary's only defeat in this stretch came at the hands of Northern Arizona, 5-1.

In the Gaels final season win against Dominican, five straight wins sent St. Mary's on their way towards victory. Erika Riedel started the streak with a 6-0, 6-0 win.

In doubles, the Gaels took two of three matches played by the scores of 8-0 and 8-1.

## Unforgettable Day for Softball Seniors

Commentary  
By Chris McLaughlin

Saturday's doubleheader against Santa Clara had it all.

Ana Rodriguez, Amanda Murphy, Trinchy Floro, and Theresa Piazza were all honored before game one with red wooden-boards on the outfield fence with their numbers in white: 5, 10, 6, and 21. The boards remained there for both games.

David Rodriguez, father of Ana, threw out the ceremonial first pitch for his dedication to the softball program. Rodriguez was there for every game, home and away, supporting not only his daughter but every player and coach.

Ana showed thanks to her father, by playing her heart out as usual.

Floro, the Gaels most intense player did a tremendous job behind the plate catching for Jen Pick who pitched a shutout.

Murphy continued her great season at the plate with an RBI double to drive in the game's first run.

Finally, Theresa Piazza put the icing on the cake in game one by smashing a single to center field and reaching second on an error.

Piazza, one of the most unselfish people you'll ever meet, didn't play much this year.

When she was taken out of the game for a pinch-runner, the entire bench came out to congratulate her and the crowd also gave her a nice ovation.

After game one, each senior and their parents were honored again. All four players received a flower, a bat with their name carved in it, and a ball signed by the whole team.

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# Baseball Blows Pilots Off Course

Chris Howe  
Assistant Sports Editor

Yes, baseball fans, the college ball season is beginning to wind down. The men of the St. Mary's team, despite holding the #8 position in the eight team West Coast Conference, are not ready to give up just yet. With eight games remaining on the schedule for the Gaels, a few tricks are hidden up their sleeves.

What are these secret weapons that just might bring our Gaels the wins that they so desire? All you have to do is look at the players out on the diamond to see what I'm talking about.

In the last road trip to Spokane, senior left fielder Jeff Hebert showed more than just a little of the skill that this SMC team has. Hebert powered four homers deep and out

of reach, driving in eleven runs for the Gaels.

Then there's pitcher Jason Morgan-Voyce. Morgan-Voyce picked up his first win of the year at Gonzaga University.

In the face-off with the Toreros, Morgan-Voyce showed more SMC style, allowing only a single earned run to be tallied on the San Diego side of the board.

Sadly, the final result of the Gaels' most recent series with Loyola Marymount University was not as positive as many of us had hoped it would be. LMU held a strong lead 5-2 until the sixth and seventh innings, when the Gaels showed what they are made of and scored the necessary runs to tie up the game.

Scoring one run in the eighth and one in the ninth, the Lions regained absolute control of the situation to pull out the 7-5 victory over SMC.

Ryan Whitney took the loss

for St. Mary's, giving up two runs off four hits in his two innings of relief.

This loss combined with those against Santa Clara (all three of the weekend of April 3 series), San Diego (all three of the road series during Spring Break), Pacific (a single game on April 14), and Gonzaga (the second game of the double-header played in Washington on April 18) left the Gaels with a 3-14 standing in the WCC and 7-21 overall. They took on UC Berkeley on April 22 and two days of double-header action on home turf on April 25 and April 26 battling it out with the Pilots.

The Gaels returned defeated from Berkeley on the 22nd after suffering a devastating loss at the hands of the Bears in a single game.

Keeping an optimistic outlook on the situation in which they find themselves as the season's final games approach quickly, the Gaels were prepared to face the Pilots for the second time this season.

In their last competition in Oregon earlier this season, the Gaels lost by only one run in the single game of the originally scheduled three game series.

As the Gaels took the field in the first of the four game series with Portland this weekend, the deep desire to dole out a few devastating defeats of their own could easily be seen in the eyes of each and every man.

Portland got things started in the top of the second, scoring a single run. But this lead did not last for long. The Gaels tied it up an inning later as Hebert drove fellow senior Jeremy Fuller home with the first of his three doubles of the day.

The Pilots momentarily regained the lead in the fourth,



Dan Donohue swings at an incoming pitch.

Greg McWilliams

but once again, the Gaels took that away. Scoring two runs off a Kermode homer in the fifth and five more in the sixth, SMC made its intention to win clear, taking a 8-2 lead.

Portland came a little too close for comfort taking the win out of Gael hands in the top of the eighth as the Pilots went on a five run rally.

Asserting their dominance for one last time, the Gaels pulled out the win as Tommy Callen drove in Mike Waugh. With the 9-7 Gael win, Chris Bye earned his fourth win of the year.

Game two of this four game series took an even more impressive turn of events. The Gaels jumped off to an early lead over the Pilots tallying five runs within the first three innings.

Contributing to this runaway 9-3 Gael victory, was Callen who went three for five

with a double and a triple. Morgan-Voyce also played an leading role in the attainment of this much desired win. Morgan-Voyce pitched a complete game, allowing only three unearned runs off five hits while striking out seven.

The Gaels will take to the road as they travel south to face Loyola Marymount in a two-day four-game series with the Lions on May 2 and 3. St. Mary's will finish off the season at home, taking on California on May 6 before their final three-game series with Santa Clara.

The Gaels will battle the Broncos in double-header action on May 9 and the last game of the '98 season is set to take place according to schedule at 1:00pm on May 10 on the Moraga home turf of Louis Guisto Field.

## St. Mary's Golf Pulls Third Place

By Jim Bucci  
Sports Editor

With a blistering 287 in the third round, St. Mary's Golf captured third place in the WCC Championships, March 31, 1998. The Gaels rode the strokes of freshman Craig Smith, who shot a 217 on the tournament.

Smith shot rounds of 70-74-73, tying for third in individual tournament leaders. Craig's performance placed him on the

men's All-Conference Team for 1998. Overall, St. Mary's shot a 878 for the championships.

Smith was followed by Cosco Oben with a 220, Scott Hardy 221, Josh Smith 225 and Dustin Smith 233. Oben opened the championships with the lowest score, a 69. Both Oben and C. Smith concluded the championships with low scores of 71.

The Santa Clara Broncos placed first, winning their first West Coast Conference golf championship since 1970. Santa Clara earned a 7-shot team win with a 54-hole total of 869. The Broncos held off San Diego who shot an 876. Bronco Steve Lee shot a 217 to lead Santa Clara to the victory.

This third place finish at the championships matched the Gaels best result of the year. St. Mary's finished in a third place tie at the UC Davis Invitational, with Josh Smith and Dustin Smith shooting the lowest scores.

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## Water Polo Back With a Splash

By Sarah Murdough  
Staff Writer

After the extinction of the water polo club two years ago, St. Mary's has been without one until this year. Sophomore Stewart Bone has revived the life of the club with more vigor than ever.

The club initially broke down due to continual problems with the pool. However with the new addition of President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. an avid swimmer, pool conditions are now top notch.

Already this coed team has a roster of 28 members, with only half ever having played water polo before. If additions continue at this rate the team may split into two, male and female.

This spring is only for prac-

ticating and for many, just learning how to play the game. The actually water polo season will be in the Fall and they will play club teams from other schools such as Sac. State, Sonoma State and Humbolt.

The team is coached by associate athletic director Christopher Roke. "He is doing an excellent job as coach," says president Stewart Bone. And everyone is hopeful that he can lead this unexpected team to victory.

The one returning player from the original club team is junior all-star Anthony Zandonella. More stand-out play is coming from Darcy Dolan, Amy Cords and Erik Kachmarsky.

"I started the team because I wanted to play water polo and create a niche or involve-

ment with the school for myself and others. We already have a strong sense of team and it is going to be a really positive experience for everyone. The team is real casual but we are definitely having a blast," says Bone.

The much anticipated season kicks off next fall with 15 games fired up and hopefully a trip to Washington for a major club tournament.

"It is fun but hard. The practices are really difficult but is fun being part of something," says first year player Ian Bannerman.

The water polo team is open to everyone, regardless of experience. Flyers are posted around the school with information about joining or contact Stewart Bone.

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## Pilots Hand Gaels Third Series Victory

### Jeff Hebert Hits Eleventh Homerun of the Season

Chris Howe  
Assistant Sports Editor

The mighty Gaels of St. Mary's College Baseball have once again proved themselves as a force to be reckoned with in West Coast Conference competition as they swept Portland in this weekend's home

series with the Pilots. After a half-hour delay due to the late arrival of the umpires, the third and ultimately final game of the weekend series with the Portland Pilots got underway. The Gaels jumped off to an early lead scoring the first two runs of the game in the bottom of the first, as Jeremy Fuller powered a double deep into center field driving teammate Dan Donohue home.

Two batters further down the

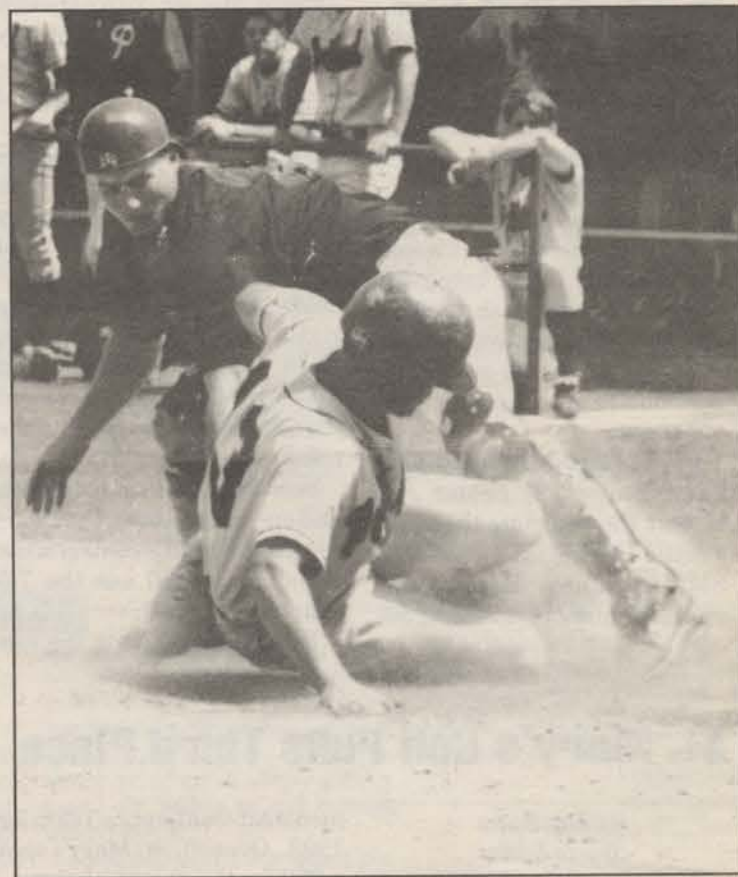
lineup, Tommy Callen brought in Fuller despite being thrown out at first.

The Pilots made their first unsuccessful attempt to overtake the Gaels scoring a single run in the top of the third. SMC countered with Jeff Hebert's eleventh homerun of the year in the bottom of the same inning.

The Gaels maintained their 3-1 lead until the top of the sixth, when Portland managed to go on a four-run rally, taking a temporary 5-3 lead. The lead was once again pulled out of the Pilots' hands by Gus Mariani. Mariani took advantage of Portland errors bringing Larry Enos home with an in-the-park homerun to tie the game 5-5.

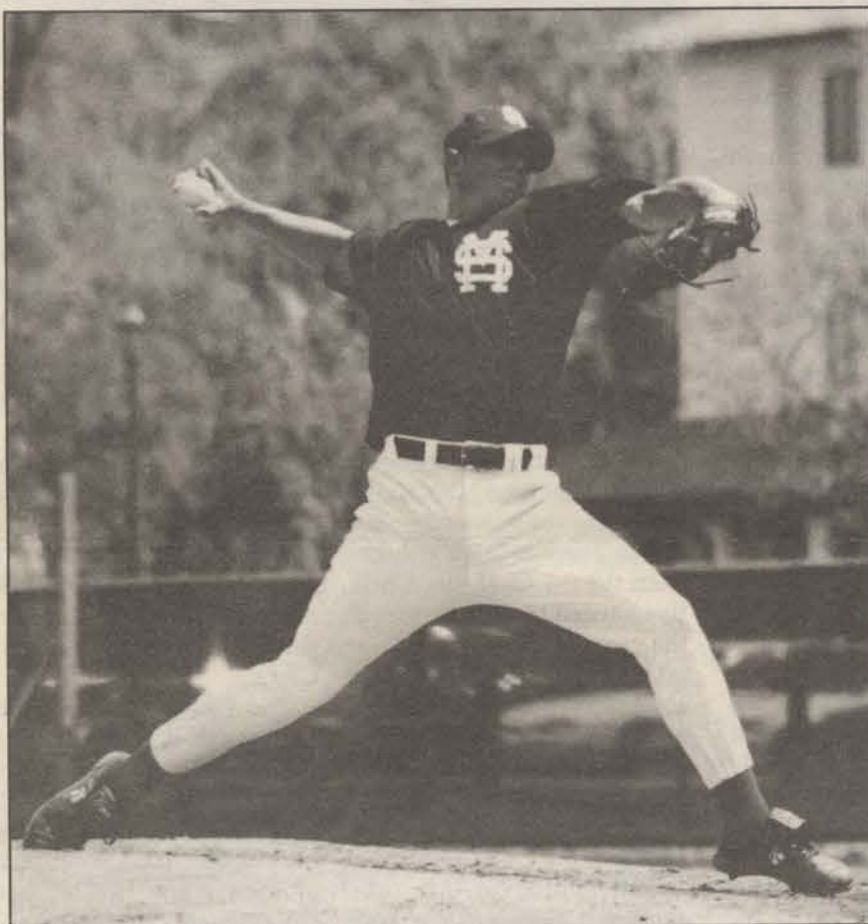
Control of the game went back and forth throughout the seventh and eighth innings with no more than a separation of one run at any time. The final decision came in the bottom of the ninth.

Mariani once again drove home teammate



Greg McWilliams

Mike Waugh tags a Pilot out at the plate in this weekend's action.



Greg McWilliams

Chris Bye follows through in his motion to the plate.

Callen for the tie. Getting cocky, Portland pitcher Scott Haij refused to pitch to league leader Donohue and intentionally walked him to first. The final batter to come to the plate for the Gaels was catcher Mike Waugh. With two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth, Waugh was hit by a wild Haij pitch, as the Pilots handed the win over to St. Mary's.

With this third win, Ryan Whitney earned his second win of the season in relief, giving up two runs off five hits and three complete innings.

Game four of the series was canceled due to time constraints created by Portland's flight arrangements. This game will not be made up. Therefore the Gaels stand at 10-22 overall and 6-14 in WCC competition.

## Farris Announces Resignation

By Jim Bucci  
Sports Editor

In a surprise move, Women's Soccer Coach Randy Farris announced his resignation, effective April 23, 1998. Farris put an end to a 17 year stint as head women's soccer coach where he compiled a record of 139-140.

"I was shocked," stated sophomore defender Jennifer Benz. Farris announced his decision to players after an spring soccer tournament game, saying it was best for the program.

Athletic Director Rick Mazzuto became aware of Farris's intentions April 22. "It did come as a surprise. I thought that Randy was one of those guys that would coach forever," said Mazzuto.

Mazzuto went on to say that this year had been difficult for Farris due to so many injuries. Plus, Farris had to deal with only five scholarships available, whereas next

year's coach will have eleven. "We want to be in the NCAA Tournament on a regular basis," said Mazzuto on what these extra scholarships mean for the future.

For St. Mary's soccer, the future is also a new coach who should be announced by mid-June. Mazzuto plans to take applications at the end of May, interview early in June and then name a coach.

"I am going to ask the team if they want to be part of the process to find a new coach," said Mazzuto. If the team wishes, Mazzuto will appoint two players to help out in the search. Both David Sivulich and Brad Millard helped in selecting the new Men's Basketball coach last year.

The plan is to search outside of St. Mary's for a coach with the one exception of assistant coach Beth Crowley. She has been an assistant for ten years, heavily involved with recruiting.

Under Farris's reign, St. Mary's has been ranked in the



Randy Farris

NCAA Top 25 Poll in five of their 11 seasons as a Division I sport. In 1994, Farris guided the team to its first-ever NCAA tournament victory over Santa Clara.

Prior to moving to Division I, Farris guided the team to two NAIA national championships in 1984 and 1986.

Farris plans to stay on campus to teach in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department and to pursue a Doctorate Degree in Education.

Photo courtesy of SID

## Gaels Tuneup For WISL

By Chris McLaughlin  
Guest Writer

Jen Pick was unstoppable and the Gael bats were on fire as the Gaels prepared to defend their title next week at the WISL tournament by winning three out of four games this past weekend.

"We're just coming together," Trinchy Floro, "Everybody is on the same page."

It all started on Saturday which was also senior day for the Gaels. Floro, Ana Rodriguez, Theresa Piazza, and Amanda Murphy were all honored before games one and two as they led the troops to take on arch-rival Santa Clara.

Murphy got it going right away with an RBI double in the first inning scoring Trisha Dean.

This was all Pick needed as she showed how well she could pitch under pressure. Santa Clara did get six hits but Pick seemed to get tougher as Bronco players got on base. The defense also helped out with an error-free game.

The Gaels added a couple of more runs en route to the 3-0

victory. In game two, the Gaels struggled early by spotting the Broncos a 4-1 lead.

St. Mary's, later in the game, cut a 5-2 lead to 5-4 in the fifth inning. The Broncos added three more runs in the bottom of the inning for a 8-4 lead. The Gaels came back again, but it fell short as the Broncos earned a split of the series 8-7.

Despite the loss, the Gaels outthit the Broncos 14-11.

The split sets up a possible showdown with Santa Clara next week at the WISL Tournament hosted by St. Mary's.

"First of all, we hate Santa Clara," Floro said, "Everytime we play them we want to show who's better."

On Sunday, the Gaels traveled to Turlock to face CS-Stanislaus to make up a rainout earlier in the year.

The Warriors probably wished this one got rained out as the Gaels absolutely trashed CS-Stanislaus.

St. Mary's won the first game 10-0 behind an impressive combined one-hit performance by

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Associated Students of Saint Mary's College Presents

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## ASSMC Mission: A collaborative effort by the 1997-98 Student Senate

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

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

## Senior Senate

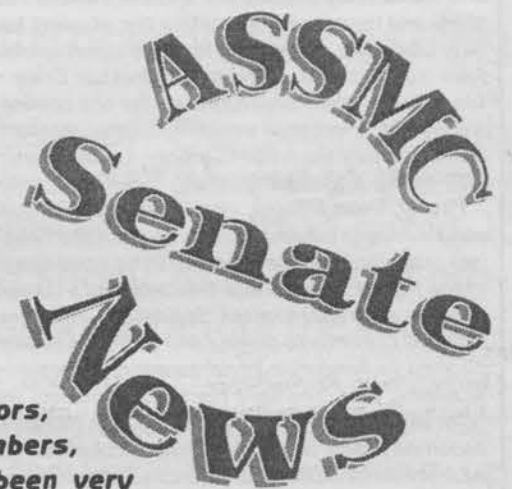
Only four weeks of school left, Seniors! Can you even believe it? That's why your Senior Senate Team has been working to provide you with more opportunities to hang out together. Our past few socials have been very successful (You guys just love Diamond Dave!). Since the days are longer and it seems the sun has finally decided to warm things up, we'll be having a social out in the Amphitheater on Thursday, 4-7pm. There'll be music, dancing, and lots of refreshments, so bring your friends.

But what we're all most excited for is Senior Ball—only 10 days away! Senior Ball is on Saturday, May 9 at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco. If you haven't bought your bid yet, they'll be on sale in front of the post office all this week and next week for \$65. When you buy your bid you'll be given an information packet that should answer most of your questions regarding this special night. If you have any other questions not addressed in the packet or can't make it out to buy your bid, just give any one of your Senior Senators a call, and they'll be happy to help (phone numbers are listed in the front of the Red & Blue).

Best wishes to you all as we near the end of our Senior year!

Your Senior Senate Team

## JUNIOR SENATE UPDATE



Hello to all my fellow Juniors, soon-to-be Seniors. The members of your Junior Senate have been very busy lil' bees since we last talked, so we'll give you quick overview of what exactly we've been doing beyond the poster-covered windows of the ASSMC offices. First and foremost, I hope that everyone who attended our Junior Formal which took place at the Fairmount last Friday had a wonderful time. We have been planning that event since last June and were pleased that it went so well. Our various fundraising efforts were a key factor in allowing us to provide such things as three entree options (a favorable first), a complimentary camera for each couple, and a reduced bid price. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort by participating in such fund-raisers as Blues Night, Stanford Parking, and Rock n' Bowl.

Don't get us wrong now, we are not just event planners; we are just as concerned about pressing campus issues as you are. In fact, we have met with both Br. Craig and Br. Jack to discuss many of the concerns that have been voiced by students. With Br. Craig, our conversation covered such issues like the March, Campus Safety issues, Inauguration Costs, his new residence in Sienna Hall, his Capital Campaign mission to raise \$150 million for SMC, Class Size, the number of new students for the 1998-1999 academic year, and the Tuition Increase of 5%. Our meeting with Br. Jack focused on other issues such as the proposed Faculty Workload Reduction, Housing improvements for next year, increasing Student Spirit by assisting an organization like the Pep Band who needs help funding a director, and Lottery Event additions. If any of these things jump out at you and you have and/or would like to put your two cents in please contact a Junior Senate member (our digits are in the Red & Blue). In addition to these two meetings we decided to do a small community service by donating to Campus Ministry two Easter Baskets filled with lots of goodies. We've also decided that the money the Juniors raise in the Penny War will go to Mary House, a shelter for homeless women and children, located in Sacramento.

As this year is quickly coming to a close the Junior Senate, would like to say thank you for allowing us to serve you. It's been a great year and next year, as Seniors, will be even better. All Juniors and Seniors, please consider yourselves invited to the Senior Send-off on Thursday, May 21. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
The Junior Senate Team

## Sophomore Update

Hey class of 2000... Hang in there—only a few weeks to go... and we have plenty in store for you before its over!

The 1st Annual Penny War between the classes has been a great success, and you still have time to contribute. Remember, give pennies to your class bottle and silver and green in all others. Half of the proceeds go to your class account and the other half goes to charity. Look for the Penny War table outside the Post Office through Thursday April 30th.

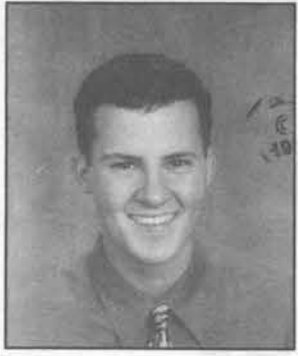
COLLEGE shirts are almost all sold out—get yours while you still can! Ask any sophomore class senator.

We have the cure for your tired feet. FOOT MASSAGES will be given in front of Dante on Wed. April 29th from 11-1 for only 50 cents per soothing minute... only clean feet please!!

The CARSMASH was a smashing success! We'd like to thank everyone who showed up, participated in hitting the car (the greatest stress reliever), and came to watch... if there are any more car donations—contact us and we'll set up CAR SMASH!!

During Jamaica-Me-Crazy JN & OUT BURGER will make its first appearance on St. Mary's campus. That's right, your Sophomore Senate has brought JN & OUT BURGER to St. Mary's! No trips to San Ramon on Saturday May 2nd because JN & OUT BURGER will be here! More details to come...

Enjoy the last few weeks as underclassmen... and good luck with finals... GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT! And to help you stay up late studying we'll soon be selling cappuccino measurement glasses.



## A Note from Glenn

As the 1997-1998 academic year winds down and eventually comes to an end, I find myself very thankful for the multitude of opportunities and experiences I have received here at Saint Mary's.

First and foremost, I must thank my team. This year's Associated Students Executive Team was absolutely phenomenal. Jenn Frugaletti, Vice President for Administration, has reorganized our Media Board to become more pro-active by empowering both Media Heads and Senators to work in unison to benefit the students they serve. Throughout my four years at Saint Mary's, as a member of both the Student Senate and the Media, I must say that relations between the two have never been better than they are today. Jenn has also worked diligently with the student body to charter new campus clubs and organizations, thereby increasing our total number of ASSMC sponsored groups to an all-time high. This year, the Student Senate has chartered seven new groups to cater to the diverse needs of the student body and to exercise our mission.

Next, Vice President for Business and Finance, John Richards, along with the Finance Board, has proposed a new budget for the 1998-1999 academic year. Last Sunday evening the Student Senate Approved a revised version of the budget, which included additional funding for some of our most active organizations: International Club, Program Board, the Gael Yearbook, Intramurals, and many others. I wish to thank and congratulate the members of the Finance Board for effectively and responsibly allocating the student body fee funds, particularly under the challenging financial constraints of the current year. I have submitted a proposal to Brother Craig requesting additional funds for student organizations for the coming year. If you would like a copy of the letter or would like to discuss your feelings on the issue, please stop by the ASSMC offices. I would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss this or any other topic on your mind.

Finally, Tricia O'Brien, Vice President for Student Affairs has completed an outstanding year as Chair of the Program Board. This board has organized innumerable events to serve the student body including movie nights, dances and this weekend's Jamaica-Me-Crazy. Tricia's positive attitude, tireless dedication, and demonstrated leadership skills will continue to expand and serve the student body next year. I am pleased to announce Tricia as our new President for the 1998-1999 academic year. You have elected an amazing leader.

In addition to the Executive Team, other student leaders have assumed active leadership roles throughout the year. This is clearly evidenced in the Student Marriott Review Committee, new Associated Students Constitution, Women's History Month March, Student Forum Meetings, remodeled Multi-Cultural Center, Al-anon program, Breast Cancer Awareness Lectures, and countless other educational and social events on campus. Students have also participated in walks with the administration to identify locations where additional lighting is necessary for the safety and well-being of the members of the Saint Mary's community. Furthermore, each class senate has invited Brother Craig and Brother Jack to attend a weekly meeting to increase the flow of dialogue and make communication more effective.

Next, Gael TV has taken a very active role. Our campus television station has conducted interviews with Brother Jack and Brother Craig, as well as several students and myself, to discuss campus issues. During our most recent discussion, we addressed issues such as Brother Craig's decision to move out of the residence halls, the need for an increase in our student body fee, and the progress of the new Search Committees for Director of Student Activities, Dean of Student Development, Director of Residence Life, Director of Public Safety and Dean of Advising Services. I also encourage you to read administrative news on the new bulletin board near the Korth Tower. These actions serve to increase communication between the administration and the student body.

The year of the student? Perhaps. But if so, it was the students themselves who truly made the year exceptional. Perhaps this year will be known as the year the students united to march across campus ... or the year the student senate chartered the Gay and Lesbian Association ... or the year students convinced the administration that Ferroggiaro should serve as a student center for clubs, media and senate, rather than a housing office.

The season of spring is one of life, hope and excitement. This truly is an exciting time at Saint Mary's College. This year we have been blessed with the confirmation of many new campus facilities. Last week I had the honor of thanking the Ageno family at the ground breaking ceremonies of two new on-campus Town Houses, Ageno East and West. Additionally, the college has received a \$17 million gift to construct a state-of-the-art science facility to better serve the students. And finally, we have undergone phase one construction on our new Student Union.

As I pass the torch on to Tricia, I am confident in her ability to lead the student body. Along with Jenny, Bridget and Lisa, Tricia will undoubtedly represent you with confidence and poise. Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to you, the students who elected me to represent you this year. I thank you for your trust and support in bestowing such considerable responsibility in me. The experience has taught me how to work with people constructively toward a goal, to open my mind to diverse points of view and most importantly, to never give up. I wish each of you the best in all future endeavors, knowing we will always be connected by a common bond... Gaels for life.

At your service,

Glenn P. Vandenbroeck  
President  
Associated Students

# The Cure to Election Blues

Do you want to bring creative and exciting events to St. Mary's, but your body shivers at the thought of hav-

ing to campaign for an elected office? When you see candidates' fliers do you say-I'll run ... when Santa Clara freezes over? Then you have a lot in common with about 95% of St. Mary's student Program Board

# PROGRAM BOARD

Time

Blues-an application. It's simple. No one knows your applying. You don't have to dig out the old pictures of you and Leonard Di Caprio to put on your campaign fliers. Just pick up an application from your friendly Program Board member or first floor Ferroggiaro, fill it out and turn it in by April 30. And you can help plan events like Swing Night, Q-Zar, and ... Jamaica-Me-Crazy (coming soon-May 2). Or create new events that St. Mary's has never seen-Quad Roller Derby, SMC Waterpark, or Dave Matthews in McKeon (we like to dream big). We are looking for dedicated, creative, and criminal record-free applicants who have a passion for student affairs and are bursting with new event ideas. If this is you, you are our long lost Program Board soul mate-you must get an application ... now. Find us and we would be more than happy to talk to you (Tricia O'Brien-Chair, Derek Cowell (Jr.), Shawna Glenney (Soph.), Ravi Kolla (Soph.), Christine Lander (Soph.), Catherine Manabat (Soph.), Lloyd Schine (Sr.), Karis Stoudamire (Sr.), Amanda Todoroff (Jr.), and Liz Steele(Fresh.)) or stop by 1st floor Ferroggiaro. We can't wait to meet you.

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# ASSMC CLUB NEWS

## STUDENT ART SHOW

Spring is here and the Annual Student Art show is once again making its way into a whole new arena of mind and expression. You are once again invited to submit pieces of work to add to the sensation this show always offers. Submissions will occur Tues. 4/28 from 3-4:30pm, Wed. 4/29 from 10-4:30pm, and Thurs. 4/30 from 10-4pm. If you've ever dreamed of seeing your work hanging in a gallery, or if you just want to show off and say to friends, "Hey look! My work is actually hanging in a gallery!" then this is the place to start!

For those of you who claim you're not creatively inclined, you too are invited to join us in our quest for great art. Judge for yourself what you think is great on May 6 as the Student Art show opens. Join us for a reception at 12-2pm in front of the Hearst Art Gallery. It's food, fun, and fantasy all rolled into one! But this is only for a limited time! May 6 through May 23 are the only days to enjoy the Annual Student Art Show!

## InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

InterVarsity is a Christian group open to everyone who wants to come out and meet new people while exploring the life of Jesus Christ. We have three intriguing bible studies a week, with this semester focusing on "What Would Jesus Do?" They meet on Tuesday at 9pm in De LaSalle 301, and Wednesdays at 9pm in First Floor Aquinas Lounge for central campus and Second Floor Ageno A Lounge for canyon people.

Furthermore, every Thursday evening at 5:30pm Community Dinners are held in Haggerty Lounge. Escape Marriott food for a night and enjoy a delicious free meal along with great fellowship. Its never too late to join in on the activities.

## SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club recently held one of our most popular events of the year. On March 25, more than forty students gathered to hear several speakers at the Pre-Professional Dinner. Students were able to hear first-hand about the education and duties involved in many positions in the health care field; including, physical therapy, nursing, podiatry, veterinary medicine, and psychiatry. This night provided those interested in pursuing a career in health care much information regarding the opportunities available.

The Science Club is very happy to announce that the long-awaited T-shirts have arrived. Representing many areas of science they are available for \$12.50 in the biology office in Galileo Hall.

All members of The Science Club should be looking forward to the annual student-faculty softball game. It will be held Friday, May 15 and provides a great break before the stress of finals. This event matches a team of underclassman against a team of seniors and faculty. Start warming up your bats, dusting off your glove, and get ready to play.

## TO YOUR HEALTH '98

Spring Health Faire

Healthy Food Samples

PowerBar  
Safeway  
Lucky  
Whole Grain Bakery



24 Hour Nautilus  
Linda Evans Fitness  
Center  
Performance Bike  
City Rock  
Rocktopia  
Massage Therapy  
Campus Ministry  
SMC Counseling  
Center  
Many Others

Wednesday April 29 1998

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ferrogio Quad

Panel Discussion - People talking about personal experiences with HIV & AIDS

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Soda Center

Sponsored by The Student Health Committee

# CALENDAR

## April/May 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>29</b> Student Health Fair 11am-1:30pm  Music in the Quad Lee Waterman Band 12-1:30pm	<b>30</b> BSU Meeting/Elections Multicultural 6pm  "Kiss the Girls" LeFevre 10:30pm	<b>1</b> *Program Board Applications Due	<b>2</b> Jamaica-Me-Crazy 11:30am-4:30pm
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> "Conspiracy Theory" LeFevre 10:30pm	<b>5</b> BSU Movie Night Hagerty 9pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> "Conspiracy Theory" LeFevre 10:30pm  Senior Alumni Faculty Social	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Senior Ball Mark Hopkins Hotel
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> "Mad City" LeFevre 10:30pm	<b>12</b> BSU Movie Night Hagerty 9pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> BSU Party Multicultural 6pm  "Mad City" LeFevre 10:30pm	<b>15</b> African Dance Lessons McKeon 7-8:30pm	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> BSU Movie Night Hagerty 9pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Black Graduates' Celebration Soda Center 7pm  Senior Send-Off Amphitheater 4pm	<b>22</b> Baccalaureate  President's Reception	<b>23</b> Commencement
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> BSU Movie Night Hagerty 9pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> African Dance Lessons McKeon 7-8:30pm	<b>30</b>

## Jamaica-Me-Crazy

Get ready to  
groove to soulful  
reggae tunes!

**MAY 2, 1998**  
**11:30am-4:30pm**  
**Soccer Field**

Bring money to  
buy In & Out  
Burgers!

**\$5 at the door**  
**\$4 advanced sales (includes VIP entrance)**  
**Bring SMC and State ID**