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Bust Still At Large

By Renee Sando
Editor-in-Chief

Three weeks after it was stolen from St. Albert's Hall Library, the bust of former president Bro. Mel Anderson, FSC has yet to resurface.

Following the last publication, the COLLEGIAN received a third letter from the group identifying themselves as the United Students of SMC, or US@SMC.

In the letter, US@SMC reprimanded the College for "flagrantly" displaying an "artifact without proper protection." Prior to its removal, the bust of Anderson had been on display on the second floor of the Library.

The US@SMC letter also clarified the groups demands for "better customer service."

In the second letter, US@SMC had asked that May 18 be declared a "BE NICE TO STUDENT DAY [sic]" In the third letter, the group asked that the administration e-mail the student body and "show them that you care and that you are willing to listen and act accordingly in the future."

US@SMC had also demanded that a committee to review student complaints against faculty and staff be formed. The membership of the committee would include four students and a faculty member.

Previously, US@SMC had asked that the faculty member rotate each year; however, in their recent letter the group conceded, that if the faculty member is "good they may remain for another year."

The disappearance of the bust has caused concern among the campus community.

New ASSMC President Tricia O'Brien stated, "I'm concerned that the students who removed the bust didn't realize the seriousness of their actions." Grand theft is a felony in the state of California.

O'Brien continued, "I think they were heard and

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MEChA Honors Workers

Club demands greater respect for janitorial and groundskeeping staff by College

By Nicole Atilano
Lifestyles Editor

MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan) dedicated its annual Cinco de Mayo celebration to the janitorial and groundskeeping staff to show their appreciation for all of the hard work they do on campus.

During the program, members of MEChA applauded and thanked every person in the janitorial and groundskeeping staff individually. MEChA expressed that it is due to this group of people that St. Mary's is admired and continually recognized for being a beautiful, well-kept campus.

In their presentation to the audience, Senior Patrick Diaz and Sophomore Hector Vergara said, "We acknowledge



Jessica Doid

MEChA Cinco de Mayo Celebration that they [the janitorial and groundskeeping staff] perform one of the most important jobs at St. Mary's...We call on the administration to treat them accordingly. By this we mean, that if they are performing at such an excellent level that has given St. Mary's fame, and with

this fame business, we feel strongly that the workers should be compensated or rewarded in some way."

The Latino student club honored the janitorial and groundskeeping workers to show their support of the plight of these workers. Last semes-

ter, just before Christmas, the Diamond Services janitorial staff was laid off. This layoff occurred shortly after the President's Council voted in October to impose a seven percent across-the-board cut in operational funds to be used in

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Housing Trouble Continues

Housing accused of unfair processing of students on waiting list

By Fawn Sutherland
Managing Editor

The completion of the second phase of the housing lottery has brought with it a new set of problems.

The first phase left 227 students on the waiting list to

receive housing. While the second phase has alleviated some of the waiting list pressure, 86 students remain on the list.

Some students have started to question the process that took place this year. They are accusing the Housing Office of unfair practices in the recent housing selection process.

Several students claim that some on the waiting list had their parents call the Housing Office, and subsequently these students received housing.

Co-Assistant Director of

Resident Life Norma Armtrout denies this claim, however. "It's the student's perception that because the parents call, the daughter or son got in, but it's not true."

Students like Sophomore Jennifer Parker claim otherwise. "The night before room assignment day, I heard that other students, some of whom were behind me on the list, had gotten housing, either by going in to talk with Norma or by having their parents call."

According to Armtrout, the

Housing decisions were not swayed by outside influences. For each housing applicant the process they had set forth was followed.

"In my desperation for housing, I swallowed my dignity, and I asked my mom to call Norma. Norma, in turn, told my mom to have me call her," said Parker. "So, I did, and almost immediately, Norma informed me that I did, indeed, now have housing."

Once those who passed

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Faculty Await Presidential Decision

Courseload debate continues, student body asked to contribute thoughts

By Brenda Hereford
Head Copy Editor

Having modified their original proposal slightly, the faculty now stands waiting for the opinion of the students and the verdict of Bro. Craig Franz,

FSC, Ph.D.

After their meeting with Franz on March 19, the faculty approached the ASSMC Student Senate to explain their situation and ask for student opinion and support. They have now returned to former ASSMC President Glenn Vandebroek and other student leaders, asking that they provide student perspective about the modified proposal for Franz, by May 15.

In order to aid Vandebroek in providing the student perspective, Senior Chris Pearl and COLLEGIAN Editor-in-Chief Renee Sando organized a Student Forum to address the issue.

In this Forum, a small group of students met to discuss the modified proposal and each filled out a survey. Overall, the students seemed to support the goal of the faculty, but expressed their desire to be

part of the implementation process.

As a group, they generated

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Op / Ed

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THE COLLEGIAN VIEW

As the finals week approaches, we cannot help but notice the prevailing mist of unhappiness that drifts throughout the campus. This dense air of tension is comprised of a variety of past and coming crises.

Courseload...

Like the hinting promise of sun in the persistent clouds that have hovered over St. Mary's this year, this teasing ray of light has taunted faculty for the entirety of this year. With a proposal on the table, faculty have patiently waited for Bro. Craig to make a final decision. The COLLEGIAN previously took the time to fully endorse the faculty courseload proposal and we continue to do so. We also encourage you to take the time to do the same by way of letter, e-mail, a personal visit or public display. The current faculty difficulties place a heavy strain on student/professor relations. This proposal can alleviate that, but we must let our President know that we stand behind the faculty 100%, as the Associated Students of St. Mary's College.

A lot of the strain, however, has been unnecessary. Although, as students, our stress will end with the completion of our last finals, the faculty will continue to wait with bated breath as the President makes his final contemplation on the proposal. And the decision will be final. Once the future is determined, it cannot be readdressed. If the faculty lose, the tension will continue, and in spite of the sun, St. Mary's will be very dark.

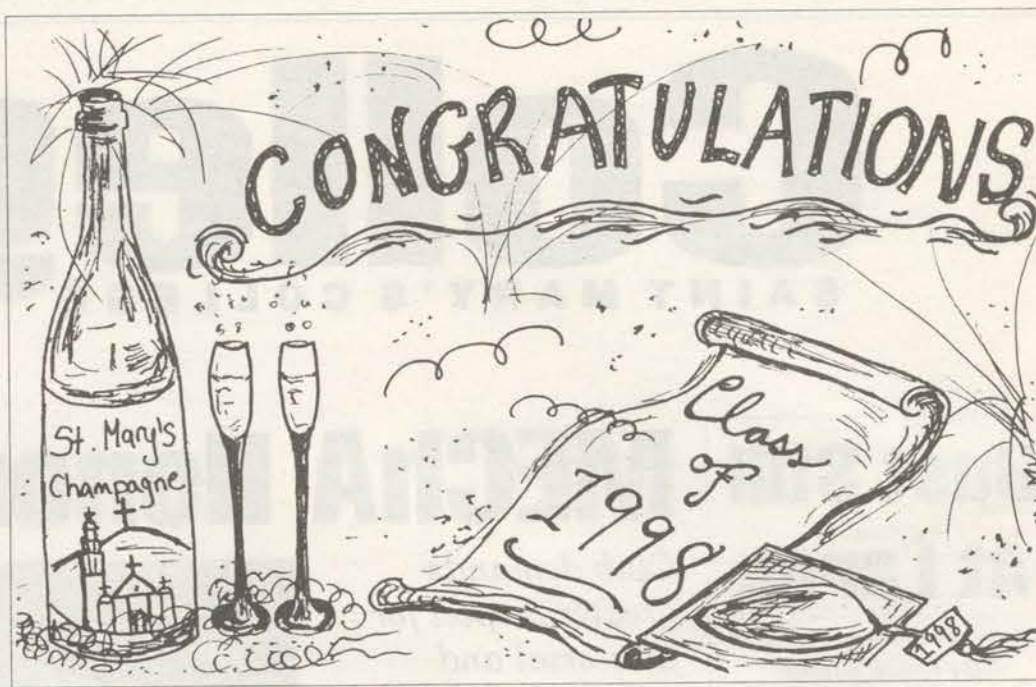
Housing...

From the very beginning of this year, the housing situation on campus has been nothing but bleak. Beginning with a series of triples on campus, several freshmen were forced to understand the escalating sardine philosophy on campus: the tighter we pack'em, the higher we stack'em. The concentration on increasing the availability of green paper on campus has surely been our downfall. Now with the expectation of another large class of freshmen (700) the campus has sacrificed 550 beds to the cause (But not really). Overbooked and underhoused we are expecting yet another housing crisis next Fall.

And who gets shafted in this process? The students who have already paid their thousands to St. Mary's. As we stressed over our precarious housing situation, the Housing Office played "Game Show" with our lives. "The first, third and ninth caller will receive a brand new bed in the far off scenic Assumption Hall."

Where we go from here...

At the Inauguration Bro. Craig proclaimed the 1997-1998 academic year "The Year of the Student." The COLLEGIAN waits in wonder for the announcement of next year's mantra. Perhaps instead of a mantra, Bro. Craig should publish a vision document, much like a five year plan, with specifics (nuts and bolts) about which direction the College will take under his reign. This document could allow the College community to examine itself and discuss, as we do in Collegiate Seminar, the fundamentals of St. Mary's College. Perhaps some of the Town Hall Meetings and Fireside Chats could be devoted to this endeavor. Some ray of sunshine shed on the still dark future would indeed be welcome.



The Campus Toon

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGIAN Praise

Dear Editor,

Many faculty members have been praising the COLLEGIAN's quality during the 1997-98 academic year. The COLLEGIAN has been a model of journalistic professionalism, covering the serious issues facing this college in an intelligent and careful way and maintaining balance both in the news sections and on the editorial page. In addition, the editing of The COLLEGIAN has dramatically improved. The quality of the writing has been high and the number of grammatical errors has been relatively low.

As faculty chairs, we want to use this last issue of the academic year to say that we believe the 1997-98 COLLEGIAN has been the best in many years. Thank you for doing such a great job. We hope your successors will be able to maintain the high standards you have set.

Jane Sangwine-Yager, Math and Computer Science
Robert Gorsch, English
Sue Fallis, Communication
Kristine Chase, Economics
Wilber Chaffee, Politics
Carl Guarneri, History
Bro. Kenneth Cardwell, Integral

Safety Concerns

Dear Editor,

A few months ago, the Public Safety staff formed an officers association to work towards better serving the needs of the campus community. We have received a warm reception from Bro. Craig and the community as a whole. We are especially proud to be working with the Women's Advocates group to promote safety programs and offer information to those interested. Membership dues were used to provide personal safety information for the recent health fair, and we were proud to have a representative who was able to attend. We hope to continue with these positive efforts and welcome any suggestions or comments. (Campus PO Box 3483 or e-mail smcpsoa@hotmail.com) It is unfortunate, however, that we must use this group so soon to address an issue that affects officer safety and the safety of the community as a whole.

Since Bro. Craig's arrival last July, the College's relationship with the Moraga Police Department has been deteriorating. This is because of the perceived attitude of

the Administration toward the police. This is an attitude of, "We don't need you here, and you're not welcome unless it suits our needs." This may be a misconception, but, if so, the Administration is aware of it and has taken no steps toward resolving it in recent months. The PSOA recently addressed this issue to their Director, and, in turn, Bro. Jack and have yet to receive any kind of response. This leads us to believe that either the issue is unimportant, or the perceptions are true. In either case, we want you to be aware that this affects the safety of the campus community and the Public Safety staff.

We have been fortunate to have a great working relationship and a mutual trust with the officers of the Moraga Police in past years. This mutual respect and trust has taken many years to build and is in danger of being destroyed unless this issue is resolved. We often count on MPD to assist us with volatile situations and sometimes routine matters and we are fortunate to be able to assist them on occasion. You may not often think about Public Safety or the police department, but you count on them to be there when needed.

Tragically, the perception of the Administration attitude is keeping officers away from campus. They have always been here to assist us when we need them and they play a vital role in the safety of the college community. The members of the PSOA have genuine concern for your safety and well-being and encourage you to ask Bro. Craig to resolve the issue of the Administration's attitude toward the MPD.

Kelly Couch
SMCPSOA President

A Little Thank You

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the entire janitorial staff for the wonderful job each one of them has done with keeping the SMC campus looking so beautiful this year. I would like to especially thank the woman who comes to our suite three times each week to clean up after us and empty the garbage. She always greets me with a smile in the morning and does an excellent job cleaning. I am moving off campus next year and will especially miss this luxury we have here in the dorms. Secondly, I would like to acknowledge the

people who spent many days cutting back the trees and bushes around the campus. I have heard many positive comments about how much better the trimming has made the campus, in regards to both safety and appearance.

So, to the entire staff, please know that you are a very important part of this College, and your efforts are noticed.

Shayna Olesiuk
Economics/Honors, Financial Services, '99

Unnecessary Fear

Dear Editor,

Recently I read an article entitled *Murders in Lafayette-Safety Precautions a Must for SMC Students*. I feel the need to address this mass hysteria I sense among the St. Mary's students over this senseless act of violence. Moraga and Lafayette experience a murder every three to ten years, most cities would pray for that. I am no stranger to senseless violence. I grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota. When I was eleven, I had a murder happen a block away from my house. When I was seventeen, I was assaulted in broad daylight one block away from my home. When I was eighteen my school bus drove past one of our own students lying dead on the street from a gunshot wound. I tell you this because I feel you lack perspective. Yes, safety precautions are always a good idea; however, inciting fear in the hearts of St. Mary's students over something like this is wrong. You panic them needlessly; awareness, not hysteria is what we are after here. You really have no idea what it is like to walk down the street constantly looking over your shoulder because you are afraid of what may happen next. Do not do that to your fellow students; they, and I, do not need it. Thank you for your time.

Amy S. Hitchcock
History, '00

Seeing the Light

Dear Editor,

A notice to the entire College. Have you taken the time to notice that the school is a little brighter then two months ago? Have you noticed in the canyon that the trees are trimmed? I guess I should ask if anyone has noticed that the school is looking better? If you have said no, then you are blind. If you have said yes, then you know

The Moment You've All Been Waiting For...The Stanley Awards

Brian Stanley
Opinion Columnist

This is the final installment of the Stanley Awards. It has been a pleasure writing for this fine news organization for the past three years. I extend a loving thank you to all of those who have read my column and all those who helped me write it over the years. I send a special thank you to my good friend Brendon Cassidy, who has helped my countless times formulate, construct, and articulate the ideas expressed in this column over the years. I have enjoyed our friendship and look forward to it continuing over the rest of our lives. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Now...without further delay...the 1998 Stanley Awards...and the winners are...
Class of the year: The Class of 1998

This award is not just for this year, it is for the past four years of leadership, hardwork, and dedication displayed by this class. They... OOPS... We have carried ourselves with the dignity, pride, and honor which make St. Mary's College unique (and certainly better than Santa Clara). I pray that the spirit of Saint John Baptist De LaSalle continues to pray for and guide you throughout the

journey of your life.

Administrator of the year: Tom Brown

This one wasn't even close. Dean Brown has bled the red, white, and blue of SMC for the past 26 years. He has meant more to this College than words can possibly express. On behalf of the students who know Tom Brown and on those who will never meet him, I extend a loving thank you for your service and dedication to the students and wish you the best of luck in the future.

Student of the year: Pete Kelly

We often hear people complain that there are no role models in American society for our future to look up to. There are no people who we can point to and tell our children "that is someone who you want to be like." I think those people are wrong. I think God blessed us and put a role model on a little speck on the planet called St. Mary's College of California in the person of Mr. Peter Kelly. Whether it is in casual conversation, class discussion, or just "kickin' it" at a "core" party, Peter Kelly maintains honesty, open-mindedness, integrity, class, and "coolness" which make him truly special. Pete, in a world starved for role models, you are one of the very best. In a world enshrouded in darkness, you are a bright light

on your way up. In a world stuffed full of copies, you, my friend, are truly an original.

Coach of the year: Dave Bullwinkle, Men's Basketball

While I could give any number of coaches an award for fine coaching jobs, this award isn't for that, 'cause it isn't for good coaches, it is for great ones. A good coach gives you your basics and fundamentals; a great coach gives you that and intermixes it with a challenge to push yourself off the field. A good coach allows players to see themselves as athletes who are individuals; a great coach forces players to see themselves as great individuals who are athletes. In the end, the lessons taught by a good coach are only good for athletics; the lessons of a great coach are great for life. Congratulations coach, you are truly a great one.

Movie of the year: Amistad

I almost cried at *Titanic*, thoroughly enjoyed *Good Will Hunting*, and found (much to my displeasure) I had a lot in common with Melvin Underhill in *As Good As It Gets*. But no movie touched me as *Amistad* did. I would suggest that every human go and see it, it will change the way you look at America, slavery, and yourselves regardless of your

ethnicity.

Song of the year: That damn flute song from Titanic

You know the song I am talking about. Its the one with that damn flute, its official title is "Rose," but it is really that damn flute song because of...you got it...that damn flute. It is so beautiful, so peaceful, says so much, sounds so pretty, and gets stuck in your head so quick that you have to go and buy the \$16.00 soundtrack. Not many songs hypnotize you into buying an album. I wonder if Mort Borkowitz put a of hypnotic suggestion in the album to compel people to buy it...hmmm...

Earliest Jamaica Me Crazy: Beckett and More

As is their tradition, Beckett and More beat the rest of the campus and started partying at 6:07am on Jamaica Me Crazy. That is just way too early for me to start anything, I have enough trouble waking up to go to my 8:00am classes, let alone waking up that early to begin drinking.

Smartest Jamaica Me Crazy: Townhouses

At first I was disappointed with my fellow upperclassmen for their slow start. It wasn't until almost 10:30 that I heard the deafening sound of the first kegs being tapped (three of which were discovered by the

authorities). But, notorious, felonious misfits Josh "Gulp-Gulp" Woods and Kevin "Margaritaville" Ahern explained that the upperclassmen weren't slow, they understood that "it is all about timing!" said Woods. "If you start too early (6:00am perhaps?) then you are passed out by 4:00pm."... "But", said Ahern, "if we start around, oh, say 10:30am and pace ourselves just right, hell, we can go straight through tomorrow." Amazing what you can figure out with a \$100,000 education...Socrates would be proud.

Best Singing performance by a male student: Glenn Vandebroek

This really isn't my award, ASSMC Vice-President Jen Fruglaetti told me way back in November that then ASSMC president Glenn Vandebroek does a wonderful rendition of "The Bells of Saint Mary's" every night at 9:30pm on his desk. I don't know if this is true, but I certainly think it is pretty damn funny.

Brian Stanley is a History Major graduating on May 23. He is the recipient of the Brian Stanley Award for his continuous work with the COLLEGIAN throughout his years at SMC.

LETTERS CONTINUED

that your screaming and yelling for more lighting is working. I want to take this time to thank everyone who has helped, especially Bro. Jack Curran and Joe Kehoe.

I should also mention that this is only a start to improving our campus. The issue of safety is a never ending road, and with each year we, the students and administration, need to keep adding lights and phones and educating people on rape and alcohol. So to the students, keep asking for more, and to the administration, thank you and please help us travel down this road of improving our safety conditions.

Valerie Bourquin
Communication, '00

Women's Resources

Dear Editor,

This has been an exciting year for the expanding and developing Women's Advocates program. I want to thank faculty, staff, and students who have volunteered to take an active part this year. The Counseling Center, Student Health Center, Residential Life Office, Public Safety Office, the Office of the Dean for Student Development and Leadership, the Vice President for Student Affairs, Advising Services/Special Programs, Personnel Services, and faculty from Communication, English, Religious Studies, Psychology, Women's Studies Departments, and others have played significant roles in supporting the development of the Women's Advocate program.

Issues of personal safety, sexual assault reporting policy and procedure, and rape prevention education have been the motivating force behind 16 student volunteers, and 11 faculty and staff, attending a 6-week pilot training from February 18, 1998 to April 1, 1998. Plans for input into summer orientation and the 1998-99 academic year are underway. Recommendations for future training topics include additional alcohol and drug information, gender issues in communications, balancing victim privacy with "need to know," dating expectations, self-

defense, crisis intervention, and issues for men.

Several exciting goals have been identified as a result of the Fall planning and our 6 short weeks together this Spring:

- Student Handbook revision for sexual assault reporting procedure is currently underway. (contact Christa Kell/Denise Witzig/Maureen Little/Carl Reed)

- Clear information flow chart outlining reporting procedure to be available to all students in the Fall. (Christa Kell, et al.)

- Web Site to be designed offering resources, personal safety information, and links to women's support. (Contact Sheri Richards/Nancy Glenn)

- Prevention Education project reaching R.A.'s, all Freshmen, and other student groups and organizations. (Contact Fawn Sutherland/DeAnna Federico)

- Outreach project to get the word out on campus to be "in your face" about facts about rape and other women's issues. (Contact Amanda Chavez)

- Involvement with the Public Safety Department to promote safety and self-defense activities throughout the year. (Contact Valerie Bourquin/Kelly Couch)

The Women's Advocate group has, along with other members of the community, recognized the need for coordinated services for women on campus. We have begun discussing the possibility of developing a Women's Resource Center. The Offices of Vice President for Student Affairs, Academic Vice President, and the Executive Assistant to the President together with faculty from the Women's Studies program and the Counseling Center have played an important role in advancing the development of the Women's Resource Center. Space, a part-time coordinator, and a programming budget to provide for the needs of women on campus are in the planning stages. Additionally, a student advisory board will promote a center that will house the following:

- Resources for women's health issues, legal/financial concerns, women in athletics, history, politics, religion and science; Library of publications, magazines and

current events; Clearinghouse for current laws, bills before assembly, community activities, etc.; Coordinator of Women's Advocate training and on-going Peer Advocate program; Future Hotline; A place for those who support the concerns for women to come together in a social and academic setting to build a community committed to equality.

Please contact any of the Women's Advocate, Steering Committee members if you have questions, ideas, or if you want information: Co-chairs: Denise Witzig and Sheri Richards, Christa Kell, Maureen Little, Sue Fallis, Allen Hilton, Betsy Reed, Mary Smith, Sr. Clare Wagstaffe. Three students will be appointed for the 1998-99 fall term. Again, I thank all of you who have participated and those of you who have supported this project in spirit but were unable to be active this year. I look forward to continued growth and development in the years to come!

Sheri Richards
Co-Chair Women's Advocates
Director, Counseling Center

Copy Clarifications

Dear Editor,

I would like to address several articles that appeared in the April 28th issue of the COLLEGIAN:

The first is the article entitled: *Anderson not returning as promised*. It is misleading to have a headline that indicates that a promise has been broken. As a religious for over twenty years, I can tell you that no one can promise to be in a particular assignment for any given year. Assignments are made by the superior, in this case the Visitor, and with some consultation of the person involved. The headline should have read: *Anderson not returning as hoped for*.

The other article that I would like to address is *SMC Holds Silence*. I would like to clarify a statement attributed to me. "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". When I made the statement, I was giving one of several ways in which people understand orientation. This one happens to

be from a statement on homosexuality written by the Quakers.

Finally, in the article *Turning the Earth*—before I blessed the site of the Ageo Townhouses, a "sculpture" was read, not a "sculpture" as your article states.

Fr. Salvatore J. Ragusa,
S.D.S.
Director, Campus Ministry

Ministry Negligence

Dear Editor,

I have recently been informed that yet another of the Campus Ministry staff will no longer be with us in the 1998-99 school year. Upon hearing this, it led me to realize that the turmoil and struggle within the campus ministry community is greater than we think, and it is affecting all who are members. Being a devoted Catholic who attends church regularly, I am beginning to feel more and more neglected by the people who are supposed to be my "faith community."

Anyone who has attended a St. Mary's Mass service during this school year has noticed the tension that has been created with the new Mass format. I am not alone in saying that this restructuring of the Mass is neglecting people, some to the point where they have made the decision to no longer attend services at St. Mary's. They feel like their spiritual needs are not being fulfilled. As Campus Ministry states in their mission statement, we are asked to "respond to the challenge set forth by Pope Pius the XII to foster a consciousness of, "not only belonging to the Church, but of being the Church." Now I ask you, how can one feel like they "belong" to the Church when they are constantly closed out of parts of the services by the priest and its fellow members? As an institution that has made its goal to, "facilitate the spiritual growth of the St. Mary's College community", I feel Campus Ministry is lacking the effort to make all members feel comfortable.

Within the past year and a half we have lost five members of the Campus Ministry Staff. This has led to a merger of some of the services that are available to the

SMC community. I believe this merger has led to a lack of diversity of ideas within the staff and has led to a single stream of thought that leaves many "traditional" worshipers out in the cold. My request to the new, and even smaller, Campus Ministry staff is to realize that not all people worship in the same way, and that diversity and acceptance of new ideas is the cornerstone of building a community where, as you wonderfully stated, "we may nurture a sense of mutual respect."

Jennifer Sweeney
Psychology, '99

Community Division

Dear Editor,

This year Campus Ministry has gone through many changes and has added many new dimensions to the ministry in an attempt to bring the community of believers together to share their common faith in a more closer, more lively setting. Yet, I find these attempts lacking in consideration and completely going against what Campus Ministry is trying to and should promote.

I believe Campus Ministry has done a wonderful job in working to ensure that our community knows that the ministry is still a strong presence on this campus, if not stronger, especially with the staff cut. Yet, with this cut comes the loss of the possibilities of looking at ministry issues differently.

It concerns me to see that Campus Ministry has become a one-directional organization. I support their attempts to bring the community together, but many times I've questioned their motives when implementing these ideas. When I sit in Mass, and a portion of the congregation is at the altar for the blessing (the congregation is invited to stand there), and I see a small portion of people standing in the pews, I have to wonder if they really feel they are part of the community when most of what they see are other people's backs. I question the reasoning behind why that "semi-circle" was closed? I question why Father Sal turned

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Of, By, and For the Students

Jaime Sturgeon
Opinion Contributor

The Administration proclaimed this year to be the "Year of the Student." However, it wasn't the Administration that followed this promise and made it great for the students. Students, initiating and committing to their goals and endeavors, made this year beyond a doubt, "The Year of the Student."

The Administration did not uphold their promise to us. We, the students, upheld the promise to ourselves. We made sure that we were heard through our united media, student committees, and student-run Town Hall meetings.

Students can argue that this year involved too much struggle with the Administration to be the year of the student. The Administration made us fight for what we wanted and needed. It seemed that anything we asked for was too much trouble for them to do or took a minimum of two months to even be considered.

Needless to say, some changes were made for the students, but only with the students having to ask and raise a fuss for action. Changes such as additional lighting, one particular bright light that illuminates Bro. Craig's new housing, took a march and many demands to receive.

The new Vice President for Student Affairs, Bro. Jack, made himself present at almost all events, held office hours for student consultation, and even implemented a communication between students and the Administration by his efforts in the COLLEGIAN and postings around campus. The welfare of students was considered, but only after we demanded that our concerns be a priority, as has been the case in the history of St. Mary's College.

Despite the pessimism encountered in the Administration, the students did not give up and persevered. The Administration in September would have loved to have canceled all senior socials for the rest of the year. Instead of letting the Administration get their way, the Senior Senate fought. The new administration had no idea who

they were up against.

We are students who have been taught to question authority and decisions. We are challenged to fight for what we believe. We are students with an enormous amount of drive and confidence. We could envision greater things for the school - why couldn't the Administration?

This is "The Year of the Student." Every year is for the students. I came to St. Mary's because I wanted to know my professors and classmates. Leav-

WAS THIS THE YEAR OF THE STUDENT?

ing St. Mary's, I firmly believe that whether you succeed at a particular college or university is based 20% on the academics offered and 80% on the people. In the College's case, the people are students, faculty/staff, and the Administration. It's the people who make your year and make you want to continue your education here. Only when the people work together can positive things truly be done, and can a successful year be completed.

The Administration's power over students will only be as influential as the students allow it to be. We are very powerful and must commit to every year being "The Year of the Student."

The Administration cannot guarantee this promise to the students. We can only guarantee for ourselves and never give up this endeavor. To the Administration, "Are we buggin' ya? We don't mean to bug ya!"

Jaime Sturgeon is a Communication Major graduating on May 23.

Students Play Second Fiddle

Phillip Iverson
Opinion Contributor

It was said that this would be "The Year of the Student." But, it was merely a hope. In reality, this year at St. Mary's has been far from being the year of the student.

In the Fall, there was an unparalleled energy; with the start of a new year and a new administration on campus, things looked full of potential and promise. Then, things began going

suggest that one becomes involved by going to class events and not trying to evoke real change on campus. When some students tried to make change, they were often squelched by the comment that nobody would want to do that or that it wasn't enough of a social event.

When this failed, individual students tried to make changes this year. However, watching these students was like watching people hitting their heads against brick walls. The Women's Studies students who organized the student march ran into problems when the Administration decided to step in and make comments at a student event. Adding insult to injury was the fact that those comments were prepared ahead of time, thus failing to take into account anything said at the march.

The definitive statement, though, that may unfortunately forever live in infamy, came from the third Town Hall Meeting this year. It was then that those in attendance were told almost matter of factly that the students were not the largest stakeholders in the College. Who could possibly be the larger stakeholder in any academic institution if not the student?

If my understanding serves me correctly, St. John Baptist de LaSalle started his schools for the purpose of educating the poor orphan children who had no education. This year it seems as if everything that has been done would indicate the students are merely playing second fiddle to money, bureaucracy, and socializing. Where has been the commitment and effort to strengthen the classroom and academic integrity and involve the students in both of these important roles?

I came to St. Mary's for an education and this year it seems as if that education has fallen by the wayside for these other less important things in my personal academic well-being. If this was "The Year of the Student" please let me know which one student that was, because it surely wasn't me.

Phillip Iverson is a Religious Studies Major graduating on May 23.

A Fond Farewell - A Challenge to Continue the SMC Tradition

James Britto
Opinion Columnist

Four years...some could say it is a lifetime. A lifetime of memories, knowledge, friends, and cherished times. I can honestly say that my four years here at St. Mary's are among the best of my life thus far. I have made many friends, and lost a few. I have learned so much, laughed a lot, shed a few tears, and given my all to many things.

It is amazing to think about all we involve ourselves in here at SMC during a short amount of time in the grand scheme of things. Yet, we see this four years as if it is the only thing we know while we are in it. We live SMC and love SMC. We involve ourselves in activities, whether it be sports, KSMC, The COLLEGIAN, The Gael, stu-

dent government, band, drama, music, or other clubs. These are our focus and our life for our time here. Our friends and mates are our life. We find love and sometime lose loves. We know not much outside of the hallowed gates of St. Mary's, but that is okay with us. Yet there is so much out there in life waiting for us, if we only allow ourselves to discover it.

I admit that I am sad to know that my academic career at St. Mary's is over. I have made friendships that I know will last a lifetime. I have learned things that will allow me to expand my mind and continue to learn for the rest of my life. I have come to know the best faculty that any college has to offer. I have been involved in some of the best activities and worked with some of the best people that there are today.

I think I speak for many when I say to my friends, that I thank you for your love and support, and that you will always hold a special place in my heart. I love you all!

To the faculty and staff, please continue your commitment to making St. Mary's a place that is not only conducive to providing the best education there is today, but to allowing yourself the time to be the best you can be. We depend on you, and our future students will depend on the work you put in now. We love you as well! Be a constructive and positive voice to the Administration. Remember that as alumni, we will always be loyal to the St. Mary's way.

I issue some challenges to remaining students, faculty, and the Administration: (1) Continue the dialogue. Don't think that the issues that have been raised in past years, and this year, will go away with the Class of 1998. The brightest minds of our day are here and have been working to make ties a place where all can be safe and successful. Keep your ears open to our needs. God gave us two ears so we could listen twice as much as we speak. (2) Respect the size, individuality, and tradition of St. Mary's. We do not want to be Santa Clara, and we do not need capital fundraising campaigns that will detract from the small, unique, and quaint community we are. Protect the sanctity and traditions that we so cherish. (3) Never be so

careless to think that you are immune from things coming back on you. We must make responsible decisions so that our actions reflect our true desires. Think before you act. The decisions you make will impact many.

I want to thank the faculty and staff for all of their hard work, dedication, and support over my time here. The people in the Business Office, Registrar's Office, and Financial Aid are supreme. They never get the recognition they deserve for what they do for us.

To the custodial and grounds staff, thank you for cleaning up after us, and for keeping St. Mary's a beautiful home for us. To the cooks, we may not have loved the food, but we appreciate the effort. We might have starved without you. To Campus Safety, thank you for working to keep things quiet and safe for us, but NOT for the occasional parking ticket.

I also want to thank our student representatives, who went out of their way to ensure that our St. Mary's experiences have been memorable. I want to especially thank Jaime Sturgeon, who has always been my best resource on student senate, and who always is able to help out students, and especially me.

I want to thank the various media for the service they have done to further dialogue, allow the facts to be out, and to allow us all to benefit from each other's ideas. Without them, I feel we would be a much less

connected community. We WILL achieve world domination! Fight the power!

And last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my peers and friends. There are many of you, and you are all special, and you know who you are. It is not possible to be part of something so powerful and so successful, without the help of your friends. I love you all! My appreciation and admiration is directed to you all.

We must also all give thanks to our parents for their love, support, and tuition payments. And we must all remember that there is a power that is supreme to all, and no, it is not Bro. Craig...our Almighty Father is to be thanked for allowing us to benefit from the La Sallian tradition.

And with this in mind, I thank you all for reading my columns for the past two years, and for listening to me in all capacities. I have learned a great deal from everything I have done here, and I look forward to all that I still have to learn. Please continue the discussion throughout your lifetimes. Remember that even as we leave, we will always be bound by one common tie...Gael for life!

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The COLLEGIAN wishes all members of the class of 1998 good luck in their future endeavors!

A Letter From the Editor

Renee M. Sando
Editor-in-Chief

Devising a lead for this article is difficult for me. After four years, you'd think I would be good at writing leads. But somehow writing the lead for this article seems somewhat impossible.

This is it. My last article for the COLLEGIAN. For the past four years my name has appeared somewhere within the pages of this newspaper. Today, it all ends.

During the four years I have spent tucked within the rolling green hills of Moraga, the COLLEGIAN has given me a front row seat to watch the events and drama as they unfold at St. Mary's. I've seen the addition of a new building (Garaventa), the Men's Basketball team win the West Coast Conference title and travel to the "Big Dance," the fee for e-mail accounts on Galileo rescinded, the student body marching together, the plans progress for the student union, and a new president inaugurated. I've interviewed former Governor Jerry Brown and Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, coaches and players, and countless campus personalities.

Each of these people have let me into their lives and told me their stories. Their stories have

become my stories, and in turn I have shared them with you.

Through these stories, I have seen the COLLEGIAN grow and change. When I joined the COLLEGIAN my freshman year, we inhabited the fourth floor of Augustine. We created page layouts for the newspaper on a bunch of Mac SEs perilously strung together with phone cords. Today, we are located on the second floor of Ferroggiaro, and we have a couple of PowerMacs, a scanner, and an 11x17 laser printer. We've changed the paper's layout and expanded the staff. I've been proud to be a part of the continuing evolution of the newspaper.

In 1903, the first COLLEGIAN Editor-in-Chief, Andrew F. Burke, wrote in the first editorial, "It is intended that our paper will be the mouth-piece of the students of the College giving from time to time an account of all matters of interest pertaining to the institution." Ninety-five years later this still holds true.

In this "Year of the Student," the COLLEGIAN has been the voice for the students. We have covered campus crime and campus safety, the faculty workload debate, the evolving alcohol policy, and changes within staff and administration (despite this, we are still waiting the disclosure of the inauguration's

cost). Throughout the year, we have consistently brought these issues to light and encouraged the campus community to discuss them. The pages of the COLLEGIAN never lacked substantial stories or student input. We've discussed campus lighting, presidential living quarters, issues of free speech and women's rights and needs on the Op/Ed pages.

We've received praise and criticism this year, both indications that the paper has fulfilled its duty. A collegiate newspaper has an obligation to report the news of the community in a fair and unbiased manner. It is also obligated to ask the tough questions and seek meaningful answers. When a newspaper is unable to do so, it fails to be a newspaper and becomes a newsletter or a tabloid. A newspaper's duty can only be fulfilled if the leadership and the membership of the newspaper understand and assert their First Amendment rights. They cannot simply report the "good" news, they must also report the bad. The newspaper cannot acquiesce to those who are concerned with public relations; it must continually seek the truth.

This year the COLLEGIAN has faced many tests of its commitment to good journalism. I am proud to say that my staff and

I have withstood these challenges and asserted our rights as journalists. We have covered each of the difficult stories with ethics and good taste.

During my tenure as Editor-in-Chief, I have learned a lot about the First Amendment, working with others, not always getting what you want, managing and motivating a group, making tough decisions, but most importantly -- myself.

Working on the COLLEGIAN over the past four years has been an unbelievable experience. When I arrived at St. Mary's as a freshman, I never imagined working for the newspaper. Only at St. Mary's could a girl with no prior journalism experience rise to the rank of Editor-in-Chief. I am thankful for 1994-1995 Editor-in-Chief Brian Thomas and his ability to see something in a timid freshman that she did not readily see herself. Because of Brian, I have spent many a sleepless night, known the pressure of deadlines, and made many great friends along the way. I would be remiss if I did not mention former Editor-in-Chiefs Chad Dunigan and Jonathan Randall, both of whom taught me how to use Pagemaker and how to work with people.

I would like to thank my staff for their hard work and dedi-

cation this year. Day in and day out these hard-working individuals went after stories, laid out the paper, and produced a high-quality product. Fawn, Catharine, Brenda, Brian, Heather, Nicole, Jim, Jessica, Damon, Megan, Michelle, Jason, Jen, Christy, Krishna, and Sapna, I could not have asked for more.

I would also like to thank Denise Witzig, the COLLEGIAN Moderator. Denise has stood behind me through thick and thin this year. She has been a continual source of encouragement and a great friend.

I also owe my parents a debt of thanks. They have been my support and my guiding lights. Thank you Mom and Dad.

Finally, it is with sadness that I bid a fond farewell to St. Mary's. I will never forget my collegiate experience. God is Gael Forever.

Renee Marie Sando

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off his mic at one of these closed sessions. Was it perhaps an attempt to lure people closer to the altar because they wouldn't be able to hear him? Whatever happened to respecting the different ways people worship? Whatever happened to bringing the community together?

Is it the belief of our Campus Ministry to accept the majority and throw out the minority, a minority that may not play such an active role in the ministry, but are a part of it all the same? It makes me physically ill to witness this act that goes beyond everything they claim to represent. I realize it's hard with one Mass and one overworked priest, but you can't get the best of both worlds when it involves the traditional and the contemporary.

And whatever happened to the Church and State being separate? When I have to sit in Mass and listen to Father Sals speak of school politics, especially his view of the student march and how we, the students, haven't really communicated to Bro. Craig, I feel as though I'm being lectured to. I begin to feel as though something out there wants to assimilate me into a mindless android who doesn't have the reason to come to its own conclusions.

I realize that there is a Campus Pastoral Team that is comprised of many students and that should be the voice of the students when questioning runnings of the ministry. Yet, when I brought my concerns to one of the CPT members, I was greeted by a false understanding and the protectiveness of the "idea."

I realize that my relationship with Campus Ministry may be altered because I voiced my feelings, but you have to realize that I am not the only one who feels that the ministry on this campus has gone beyond the point of "trying new ideas." I write this for those who don't know how to voice their own distress and frustration; for those who feel they are wrong by disagreeing with Campus Ministry. I thought Campus Ministry

was supposed to help people grow in their faith, not become disillusioned by it.

Evangelie "Evie" P. Sarjo
Psychology/Art, '99

Value of Education

Dear Editor,

As I begin to reflect upon my past and the unique twists and turns that have led me to where I am today, I can recall the excitement during the last week of my senior year in high school. Most of those whom I knew were accepted to the college of their choice and were thrilled. However, not many stopped to consider why they wanted to attend college. For most, college was a natural step after high school. Nevertheless, if this was the only reason, committing four years of one's life as well as spending approximately \$80,000 or more to receive a piece of paper is a waste of time, energy, and money.

After two years at SMC, I have become somewhat disheartened. My naive views of what education ought to be seem too idealistic; they seem secondary at this institution. I have always thought that the purpose of college or of educating oneself is so that one may learn how to think logically and critically: ultimately, to cultivate one's intellect. However, after taking three full semesters worth of classes, I have come to wonder if the College is just another institution whose main concern is its image, rather than the quality of its programs and facilities. This distinction results in the derailing of the institution's purpose, which is to educate. More importantly, I question whether education of the students is first and foremost in the eyes of the College and whether students, themselves, have reflected upon their purpose of attending college.

As I walk to class each morning, I see indifference written in the facial expressions of my fellow classmates. I sense a feeling of apathy. No one seems to care. Attending class seems only a motion, a routine. An excellent example is the seminar classes.

Not only are we exposed to thoughts regarding universal principles and thoughts that address our own existence, but more importantly, we are invited to challenge and "experience" these thoughts to discover why they are indeed great. We are invited to "learn."

Unfortunately, the classes themselves are somewhat contrived. Students "discuss" and "converse" because their grades are at stake. Comments are sometimes spoken without the slightest thought. From previous experience, only about a handful of students actually read the text. The remainder either do not care or feel that the text was not significant enough to warrant their attention. However, when it came time for discussion, those who did not read also participated for fear of receiving a bad

grade. Their participation not only distracts those who thirst for knowledge and exploration of the text, but often times derails the discussion from its main path. This hindrance is frustrating. Not only do the students who did not read limit themselves, but their selfishness and inconsideration also inhibits the learning of others. That, in itself, is a crime. Why attend a class only to receive a grade? A grade is not a measure of intelligence, neither is it a measure of how wonderful and likable one is as a person. Why, then, must we worship grades at the cost of true learning? Is it not better to have "learned" than to receive an "A" and not learn anything? There are many college students, but few are educated college students.

I do not have all the answers, nor am I excluding myself from

the population to whom this editorial is addressed. I only want to point out that we ought to reflect upon why we attend college so that our money, as well as that of our parents and taxpayers, our energy, and our time will be better spent. Not only will we benefit from knowing, but others will as well. We are more fortunate than most and ought not to waste our precious and incredibly short lives in order to receive a certificate which says nothing but we have spent four years in "an institution of higher learning." Learning begins with desire, and desire is acknowledged via examination of oneself. Whether we truly learn is ours to prove; no piece of paper can certify serious contemplation and learning.

Kim-Lien Nguyen
Chemistry, '00

Top Ten Reasons to Join the COLLEGIAN

10. Lamorinda Pizza on deadline nights.
9. Fawn's 7-layer bean dip and her mother's cookies.
8. Learn the words to all the songs on Alice @97.3fm.
7. We relocate quite regularly.
6. Someone's got to have pens in their hair (Renee always did).
5. Unlimited "Snapple" drinks.
4. You get to see the sun rise before the crew team.
3. Midnight bonding in close quarters.
2. Close relations with the Administration, especially Bro. Jack.
1. "Thoughtless Glory Hounds"

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More Trouble for Mideast Peace

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has stated that he may turn down a visit to Washington next week where the next scheduled peace talks are to be held with Palestinian authorities. He further states that this is due to pressure from the United States for Israel to turn over 13 % of the West Bank over to the Palestinians. Fighting continues to ravage the country as minor skirmishes consistently break out.

Possible Peace in Ireland

A Sinn Fein leader stated that they will recommend approval of the Northern Ireland peace plan as party delegates prepare to vote on it. Prime Minister Blair and former Prime Minister Major toured Belfast, the center of Irish turmoil in the past, in an effort to rally support for the peace accord. It appears as though peace will finally prevail in Northern Ireland.

Possible Minimum Wage Increase

Democrats have sworn to push for a one dollar increase in the national minimum wage. This push is due to the presentation by a labor group stating that the previous increase did not harm the economy at all. This new push will most likely face heavy opposition from the GOP as the plan is to attain a \$6.15 minimum wage by the year 2000. Republican leaders argue that this increase would lead to inevitable layoffs.

Jetcraft Check Ordered by FAA

The Federal Aviation Administration ordered checks on 650 Boeing aircrafts. The check will include emergency wiring inspections. This order comes after the discovery of a fuel leak into a pipe protecting wires on one of the planes. This directive is classified as an emergency and it gives United States carriers seven days to check the wire bundles that run through the fuel tanks in the wings of the planes.

Vietnam Veteran may be Identified.

Defense Secretary Cohen has decided to honor the request of a missing Air Force lieutenant's family to have a body exhumed from the Tomb of the Unknowns, in hopes that better forensic techniques may help to identify the body. The remains of the body were ordered to be exhumed as soon as possible.

THE NEWS

Devoted Educator Retires

History Professor Ben Frankel ends his 50 year career at St. Mary's

By Heather McCourtie
Op / Ed Editor

After fifty years of teaching at St. Mary's College, professor Ben Frankel will be retiring this Spring as a full-time professor.

Though he is scheduled to return to teach two Seminar classes for the 1998-99 school year, the end of the 1997-98 school year marks the conclusion of Frankel teaching History at St. Mary's.

Hired in 1948 as a part-time, temporary teacher for a class of 150 students, Frankel got the position not for his diploma, but for his ability to hold a room with his powerful voice. Throughout his years at SMC, he has taught History, Seminar, Spanish, and Speech.

Surprisingly, Frankel never aspired to being a teacher. "I've worked as a journalist, a professional singer, an actor, an engineer, but I never thought teaching was for me," said Frankel, who always ended up teaching in some aspect despite his choice of career. "Teaching has allowed me to express all of my other talents in front of a class."

In his years at SMC, Frankel has seen various changes, from the scare of the school shutting down its doors to the admission of women in 1970. He has seen five presidents come through the College, including previous President Bro. Mel Anderson, who was a student of Frankel.

He has seen the College grow from a solely undergraduate population to the current population that includes extended education and graduate programs. "I've seen a college no one knew about become one that is academically respected throughout the world," commented Frankel.

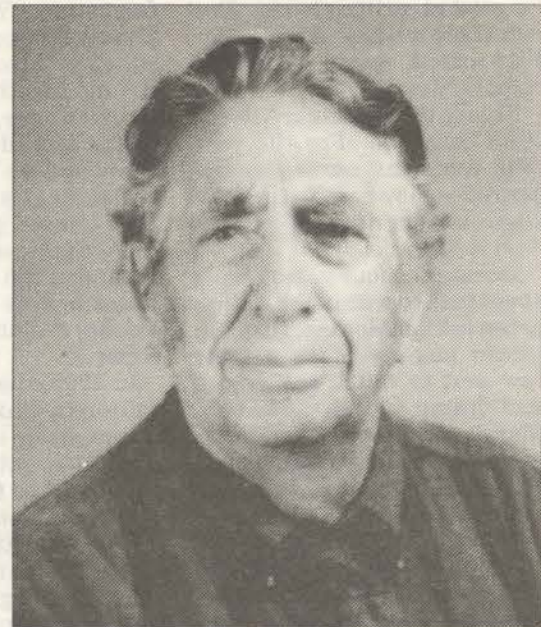
Frankel has also seen and helped to build the continuation of the small community that revolves around St. Mary's.

"Ben and his wife Kate have gone out of their way on many occasions to welcome faculty and students over to their house for dinner. He is a model for the rest of us," said Profes-

sor Carl Guarneri, chair of the History Department.

Furthermore, Frankel has maintained contact with many students after their graduation. "I've seen many of my student's sons and daughters come through SMC. I figured I'd get out before the 3rd generation comes through," joked Frankel.

Frankel considers teaching at St. Mary's a rewarding experience. "It is still very much a part of me. It has been incredibly wonderful to be able to have a real, inspiring kind of life," said Frankel. "When you love something, feel good about it, and get paid for it, then that's been a rewarding life."



History Professor Ben Frankel

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Faculty: Students speak on Courseload proposal

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suggestions, such as a student evaluation of faculty performance after the plan is implemented, assurance of more office hours held by faculty and places for students on implementation committees. They also called for increasingly effective advising services, if more courses were to be offered on a rotating basis.

The new proposal focuses on the principle of the courseload reduction, maintaining that the suggested methods of implementation are "talking points," provided as suggestions.

Through this proposal, the faculty reiterate their dedication to the quality of education here at St. Mary's, and state that they will not rely on tu-

ition increases, further reductions in course offerings or further increases in class size to fund their proposal.

Professor Ed Biglin stated, "From the student point of view [this plan] is better, and that was one of the goals in the revision." He also pointed out that this plan calls for gradual implementation, "to minimize the disruption and allow for effective planning."

Academic Senate Chair Professor Frank Murray concurred, and expressed his belief that this plan "is more likely to gain acceptance from the President and the Board of Trustees."

Both professors maintained that the modified proposal's methods of implementing the courseload reduction are not

set in stone, each stressing the fact that if the proposal passes, there will be room for discussion about implementation and expressing their conviction that students would be part of that discussion.

Murray anticipated discussions about implementation details between the faculty, Franz and the students in the Fall, if the proposal passes and stated, "Student input is welcome and important."

Biglin agreed, saying, "Student input in the implementation stage will be crucial," and expressed his belief that greater student input in the rearrangement of this year's course offerings could have prevented many of the problems faced by students and faculty alike.

Bust: US@SMC continue to hold bust hostage in lieu of demands

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that their message was taken seriously."

Interim Student Life Associate Crista Kell expressed her disappointment that the proper channels to redress a student complaint were not followed.

"Even though this got attention, I don't know if it will get results. Results will happen when the system is followed,"

stated Kell.

Kell believes that there are many ways in which a student's complaints can be heard. She has proposed to O'Brien that a campus-wide school climate survey be conducted in the Fall.

Along with the survey, Kell would like to see the development of a plan to address the issues the survey raises.

O'Brien is supportive of the school climate survey idea. She would like to hear "not from a small group but to hear from all students about their views."

For now, O'Brien hopes for the safe return of the bust and that it be returned "anonymously before anything drastic happens."

Service Hours Proposed

Students request longer hours for Marriott Retail Venues and Health Center

By Julia Jenkins
Staff Writer

Due to recent student concerns, longer hours for Marriott Retail Venues and the Student Health Center are being proposed to better accommodate the needs of the students.

Chair of ASSMC Student Marriott Committee Leah McAleer and ASSMC President Glenn Vandebroek sent a proposal to Marriott Food Service Director Julie Sloan requesting that the hours of Taco Bell and Cafe Louis be extended to later in the evening and on weekends.

McAleer explained that the current hours do not suit the students, and Marriott needs to provide food services. Vandebroek emphasized the

need for a place to go after events, basketball and baseball games, movies, and socials, not just for students but for others visiting the campus.

Most importantly, extended hours would encourage students to remain on campus and prevent them from leaving campus in search of food after partying.

A meeting with Sloan and the Student Marriott Committee is planned to discuss and work out the details of the proposal. Sloan warns that the MBA program has Dryden Hall reserved on Saturdays and that Marriott tends to lose money during late nights and weekends.

Senior Jennifer Moranda, Student Health Committee member has drafted a proposal to extend the hours of the Student Health Center.

The proposal asks that the Center be open with a nurse on duty on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. It also requests that the doctors' hours be extended from the cur-

rent nine and half hours a week to fifteen.

ASSMC President Vandebroek explains, "Students cannot currently make the two and a half hour window when the doctor is present due to classes that go back to back."

The proposal calls for new staff to be hired for the weekend; however, funding for the proposal is still subject to discussion.

The Student Health Committee and Head Nurses Mary Smith and Sue Peters are in favor of the changes. President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC Ph.D will determine whether the proposal is accepted.

The proposal will be finished within the week and will be given to Franz and Vice President of Student Affairs Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D.

Moranda is asking for feedback from Franz and Curran prior to the end of the semester. She hopes to work out the details with them and have the proposal implemented for the Fall semester.

HOUSING: Overbooked and underbedded

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through phase one received housing, students on the waiting list were given the opportunity to claim housing space. As more living space opened, students on the waiting list were called.

If a student was not reached, the caller left them a message requesting that they call the Housing Office as quickly as possible. The first students to call back were those who received housing.

According to Armtrout, "Because we work under such a time constraint, we don't have time to wait for them to call in a few days."

Currently, 53 women and 33 men reside on the Housing waiting list. Armtrout says that although they remain on the list, it does not mean they

were not contacted for housing. No housing remains available, however.

According to Armtrout, the housing office had designated 550 beds for the incoming freshmen, however, with the immense amount of students who requested housing, on campus housing is currently overbooked.

If rooms open over the summer, Armtrout says that Resident Life's first goal is to move students from Assumption Hall into other parts of campus. "Because Assumption was used mostly for freshmen this year, students can't seem to make the transition away from it being a 'freshman' hall."

Armtrout feels that, ideally, Assumption Hall would be best used for the themed hall that had been planned for this year.

"If it's marketed better, it would be a great location with plenty of available space for hall events."

Originally, this year the second floor of Aquinas was intended to be Multiculturally themed; however only three applications were received.

One of the three applicants applied only so she could receive housing on campus, according to Armtrout, because once she was contacted for her room assignment, she withdrew her application for the floor.

To acquire housing, other students have voluntarily opted to have triples. Once the Housing Office receives the freshman confirmations for housing, it will be decided if triples are again needed for the Fall semester.

SMC CRIME BEAT

• **May 5 Injury Collision**-Moraga Police and Fire Department responded to an injury collision that occurred on-campus. The two students, whose vehicles collided at low speeds, were transported to the hospital for minor injuries.

• **May 7 Public Drunkenness**-Moraga police responded to a report of a problem with an intoxicated student. After the student said that he did not know where he was or where he lived, the officer placed him under arrest for being intoxicated in a public place. This was due to the level of intoxication of the individual. The student was later released to an adult who would care for him until he was sober.

Student Union Delayed

Inconsistencies in Union plans cause student distress

By Julia Jenkins
Staff Writer

Student Union Construction was set to begin on April 27. However, construction has yet to start.

It came to the attention of ASSMC President Glenn Vandebroek during a February meeting with the Student Affairs Committee that the food court to be placed in the new Student Union had been reduced in size.

The preliminary plans had once accommodated five different food outlets and Cafe Louis, but the final plans turned half of that area into a game room.

Vandebroek, a four-year member of the Student Affairs Committee, explains that it has

been the responsibility of the committee to design the student union, but these changes were made without their consent nor to the knowledge of the Board of Regents.

Vandebroek argues that this project must "stay in the hands of the students" because the purpose of the Union is to serve the students. He stressed that the food court is one of the most important elements of the Student Union.

Chair of Student Affairs Committee and College Regent Ray Syufy spoke to the Board of Regents on May 5, and explained that there is still time to make the necessary changes to the plans to accommodate more dining options.

President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. will make the final decision.

Construction has been delayed due to technicalities with the building contracts.

Student Body Fee Delayed

Franz hopes to give more money to ASSMC

By Julia Jenkins
Staff Writer

Prior to Spring Break, ASSMC President Glenn Vandebroek sent President Bro. Craig Franz FSC, Ph.D., a letter requesting a seventeen dollar increase in the Student Body Fee to offset the demand for more student activities.

In his reply on April 24, Franz rejected Vandebroek's proposal. Franz stated that the request for an increase in fees arrived after the College had established costs for the next academic year.

In the letter, Franz acknowledged that the monies requested would have "directly and positively" im-

pacted the students by providing opportunities for student involvement, but the students had already been notified of the cost of attending St. Mary's next term. Therefore, the Student Body Fee will remain \$118.

Franz is hopeful that he will be able to allocate monies from other funds to increase the ASSMC budget for next year.

The Student Body Fee has not been raised since 1994, when former President Bro. Mel Anderson, FSC approved a similar proposal to accommodate the yearbook.

The possibility for an increase of the Fee for the 1999-2000 school year is still pending, and Franz has asked for more dialogue on the subject.

In response to Franz' letter, Vandebroek stated he's "happy the proposal will take shape in the near future."

Focus Group Meetings

V.P. for Administration/Chief Financial Officer Lionel Chan would like to hear your opinion.

Junior/Sophomore: May 13, 4:00pm

Freshmen: May 20, 4:00pm

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CALENDAR

May

- Wed 5/14 The Classical Chorale Performance
Chapel, 6:00pm
- InterVarsity Bible Study
Ageno A, 2nd Floor Lounge/Aquinas Lounge, 9:00pm
- Movie "Mad City"
LeFevre Theatre, 10:30pm
- Thurs 5/14 Free Concert, National Keyboard Artist, Senior Haig Kouyoumdjian
Hits from the 80's, Phantom of the Opera, Titanic, Les Miserables, and Evita
LeFevre Theatre, 8:00pm
- Frid 5/15 Nightingaels Spring Concert, Free Admission
LeFevre Theatre, 8:00pm
- Thurs 5/21 Senior Send-off
Ampitheater, 4:00pm
- Black Student Graduation Celebration
Soda Center, 7:00pm
- Fri 5/22 Resident Halls close at noon for all students not graduating
- Latino Graduation Celebration
Assumption, 2:30pm
- Bacclaureate Mass
McKeon Pavilion, 6:30pm
- President's Reception
Soda Center, 8:00pm
- Sat 5/23 Graduation Ceremonies
Stadium, 10:00am

Election Update

By Jason Vitucci
Assistant News Editor

During the course of the past two weeks, most of next year's student government was determined.

Elections for the positions of president and vice president were held on April 22 and 23 and senatorial elections were held on April 29 and 30. The makeup of the two completes the core team that will plan and run student activities for the next academic year.

The results for the Senior class presidential elections were determined by a runoff election held on Monday, April 27.

Aubree Swart beat out Thomas Lickiss for the position in a very close race. The Senior vice presidential race was also determined by a runoff election. Karen Fry received 59 votes and edged by to beat out Annie De Graca.

In both the Junior presidential and vice presidential races, there was only one candidate in the running. Sharlene Duale received 48 votes, which was enough to be officially elected to the office of Junior president. Melissa Hunt received 47 votes and gained the posi-

tion of Junior vice president.

The Sophomore president was elected outright with 100 votes. Mario Sorrentino was elected to the position. The office of vice president was determined by a runoff on April 27. Theresa Fullmer edged past Sara Aleshi and attained the position with 71 votes.

The new constitution allows for the election of one more senator, for a total of seven. Next year's Senior class senate will consist of Barry Alves, Amy Bell, Brandyn Coleman, Karen De Kleine, Annie De Graca, Thomas Lickiss, and Gina Meneni.

The Junior Senate only had six senators elected to it. They are Kelley Bardwell, Jacquelyn Cammaroto, Erika Hughes, Alisa Macksey, Hector Vergara, and Jason Vitucci. The Sophomore Senate will be Sara Aleshi, Jaime Fernandez, Elizabeth Lee Gonzales, Kelda Klingmueller, Rodda Leage, Missy Macias, and Meghan Walsh.

The student government will be completed in the Fall when the new Freshman class elects its officers.

These new officers all look forward to another busy year in student government.

Verdict Reached

By Brenda Hereford
Head Copy Editor

The civil suit of Johannes Van Vugt, formerly an Anthropology/Sociology professor at St. Mary's, has ended with a verdict in favor of the College.

In light of this, Van Vugt may appeal the decision, and has asked the St. Mary's chapter of the American Association of University Professors for any advice and assistance that they can give.

The AAUP has chosen to take another look at Van Vugt's case, appointing Government Professor Steve Sloan the chair of a subcommittee that will review the public record and make recommendations to the chapter.

Possible recommendations may be: that the chapter do nothing; that the chapter request a review of the national AAUP; that either the local or national chapter file an amicus curiae brief; or request that the College re-evaluate the case.

Van Vugt's suit, filed August 20, 1996, named former President Bro. Mel Anderson, FSC and the College as defendants, alleging that Van Vugt had been denied tenure due to his sexual preference.

MEChA: Diamond Service Workers and Grounds staff honored

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technological improvements.

In addition to this, the layoff is particularly upsetting, says MEChA faculty moderator Professor Alvaro Ramirez, because so much money was spent on the President's inauguration while these workers experienced financial hardship. According to Ramirez, this violates the St. Mary's Mission Statement tradition which states, "A distinctive mark of a Lasallian school is its awareness of the consequences of economic and social injustice and its commitment to the poor."

Freshman Sari Cortez researched the workers' situation for a presentation she was to give in her communications class, and shared this information with MEChA members. Some of the people she interviewed for her project were Joe Kehoe, Director of the Physi-

cal Plant, Carlos Urrutia, Union Organizer of the Services Employer International Union Local #1877, and the janitorial and groundskeeping workers themselves.

Urrutia said that according to the workers' contract, Diamond Services was supposed to shift its workers to worksites other than St. Mary's so that they would still be working.

Although these were the terms of the contract, according to three of the workers, they were not reassigned to other worksites and did not work the three weeks during the winter break. One worker says that she was notified two weeks before the winter break that she would not be working during those the three weeks

of the break.

Staff members, who only earn minimum wage for their work, are afraid to speak up for their rights for fear that they could lose their jobs. In regards to this, Bro. O. DeSales Perez states, "At no point or level should the College be in a situation of taking advantage of workers who are not well-informed of their rights or in fear of reprisal for their jobs."

MEChA hopes that through their honoring of the janitorial and groundskeeping workers, students, faculty, staff, and administration will treat the workers who keep the campus clean and beautiful with respect and equity in terms of social justice

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Lifestyles



Every year about this time students start wondering what their future holds. For those who believe that outside forces predict or control their fates, there are a variety of sources to consult like tarot cards, astrology, and numerology. For those who like to look within but for whom the traditional religious avenues just haven't succeeded, Wicca and witchcraft provide another alternative.



The Fool



The Chariot



Justice

No Warts In Sight

A real witch tells the truth about Wicca, magick, and spells

By Melissa Devlin
Special to the Collegian

What springs to your mind when you hear the word "Witch"? An old crone covered in green with a pointed nose? Black pilgrim hats, black cats, brooms, cauldrons, eye of newt, conjurations, spells, dark arts? Salem Lucifer demonic practices? Do you ever think of someone, dressed like anyone else, with a regular job, 2.5 children and a mortgage? I do, but then again, I'm a witch. Or more specifically, I belong to a tradition associated with Witchcraft.

But before I continue I must add, witches do not worship Satan (most don't believe in him); sacrifice goats, small children, anything else, they can get their hands on (that's just icky); agree with the concept that they are going to hell (see above about Satan).

So what is a witch, you ask. Is that Wiccan? Please allow me to clarify. There is a difference among witches, Wiccans, and members of other traditions, though the Wiccan tradition considers itself a kind of umbrella under which all other traditions fall. Other traditions, though, have a tendency not to appreciate that point of view.

A witch is simply a practitioner of magick (sic). They don't necessarily believe in any particular god, or celebrate any holidays. A Wiccan is also a practitioner of magick, however, they are part of a more standardized group that believes in a central god and goddess, though others exist within

the tradition, and keeps holidays called sabbats. Of note is that the Wiccans, although relatively new players, have roots in most of the ancient "heathen" traditions. It would be impossible to describe the multiple others out there, from hermetic to my own tradition, druidic, so I shall simply add that they also practice magick, but have their own theology separate from that of Wicca. You might well be wondering, as I did, what magick is, and what the k is doing on the end of

soul that extends, and others believe that it's faith that provides the result, still others believe that it's form a spiritual source. No one can agree, and nor should they have to. What I can tell you is that it is an art or a craft which, excluding herbal magick, produces an effect by largely nonphysical means. Magick is alive, and real. Magick exists on this earth, and witches tap into it. All it requires is an open mind, that is flexible and creative.

To skeptics I note that



A dagger, crystals, and stones

"magick?" Well, simply put magick with a "c" is a performance art for stage and circuses, while magick with a "k" is the craft witches use. I have not, as of yet, seen a fireball or watched someone turn invisible, although that might not surprise me as much as you might think.

As for what magick is, I've taught magick to many different people. I've even held informal classes on the subject. What I cannot do is tell you in short what it is. Magick is something deeply personal and unique to the self. While some call it a part of the

the truly scientific mind can not rule out magick as a possibility, for you have yet to disprove its existence. Just because no one had proved the world was round, didn't mean that before a certain mathematician produced his theory (long before Columbus) that we somehow lived on a flat earth.

Witchcraft is a highly misunderstood and criticized practice. A witch's faith is often ridiculed by those who do not question the miracles of their own god. They have through the centuries been

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Playing the Ha

Nicole Atilano
Lifestyles Editor

Tarot remains a popular form of fortelling future events. Cards are interpreted according to a question posed, and the reading is determined by a system of shuffling, stacking and turning over the cards, and arranging them in various ways.

Tarot cards consist of two separate packs of cards. These are the Major Arcana of 22 cards and the Minor Arcana of 56 cards. Images on the cards are clues to intuition and perception which are not meant to be taken as literal representations.

The Major Arcana represents the spiritual journey the soul takes, lessons to be learned, and higher experiences. The Minor Arcana is divided into suits similar to playing cards.

Each suit is made up of cards numbering one to 10 in addition to the four court cards: the

activity, thoughts, prize. G



page, the knight, the queen, and the king. The different suits represent different experiences and spheres of life. The suits are wands, cups, swords, and pentacles.

Also called rods, wands are associated with cre-

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Zodiac: Wha

By Evie Sario
Staff Writer

Astrology. We've all heard the stories: Be wary of today for planetary alignment is working against you. And of course, like fortune cookie sayings, we step back and laugh, marching off on to bigger and better things than a measly horoscope. For the average person, astrology is a simple form of entertainment and should be taken lightly, but for many mystics and diviners, the powerful influences of stars and celestial bodies is a natural occurrence.

Astrology began its history in China and has been filtered through the years from civilizations such as Egypt, Arabia, and Bharat (India). It was the Bharat astrologers who holds the most influence on the knowledge of the astrology on the Christian Era. Astrology was used to explain the world around us and its influence on the physical world and human beings. Many times throughout history the stars predicted weather changes, the will of God, and/or the qualities of health and personality in humans beings.

Today astrology is used more to better understand the human self and give some indication about future matters. It is also meant to provide in-

formation about a person's career, relationships, money issues, health, family, and all other aspects of life. However, humans have a hold on their future, so whatever the horoscopes predict you can change it with your thoughts and actions: use common sense.

Present day astrology revolves around a cycle of twelve signs. This cycle begins with Aries then Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and finally ending with Pisces. Each sign is the next step to the other, each having its own special set of characteristics. When born under a sign, there are basic characteristics that influence who you are as a person and what factors in the universe help shape your life. This is not taking into account that the sign you're born under is merely the "sun sign." It doesn't take into account that "rising signs," time, and place

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Cups are associated with love, emotions, and relationships with others. That which is within

signs are Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces.

Swords are linked with aggression, old moves, power, action, and great courage. Swords deal with problems and difficulties that must be overcome in life. Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius are the signs connected with the swords.

Often connected with money, pentacles are also linked with security. This association stems from the fact that money can be a form of security. They are also linked to practicality, training, and mastery of trade.

The cards of the Major Arcana consist of the Fool, the Magician, the High Priestess, the Empress, the Emperor, the Hierophant, the Lovers, the Chariot, Justice,

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The Magician Justice Judgement

The Chariot

page, the capacity for it, is an important element of wands. Most of the wands cards are illustrated with sprouting leaves indicating growth. This growth is both spiritual and mental. The wands suits are associated with the horoscope signs Aries, Sagittarius, and Leo.

the subconscious mind along with one's instincts are encompassed by the cups. Feelings are the theme of this suit whose horoscope

Add Up Your Future

By Katie Cleland
Staff Writer

Forces which allow us to see within yourself through star gazing and magic sneak their way into random facets of our everyday lives. We skim over the horoscopes contained in the morning paper, see our month predicted in fashion magazines, and watch commercial after commercial of the Psychic Friends Network. Future predictions are a bit unreliable for a lack of substantial proof. Yet a variation of blind faith astrology allows you to observe the internal qualities rather than the external worries of every day life. This method is called Numerology for it is based on related numbers to the numbers in your birth date. Everyone possesses their own single-digit number which supposedly gives insight to your personality. Shown below is how to diagram your own astrological number.

If your birthday is March 17, 1978
3+1+7+1+9+7+8=36 3+6=9

This number is supposed to show a lot about your personality, mainly pertaining to strength, weakness, and ability. To learn more about this numeric analysis of your character, check out the novel *The Life You Were Born To Live* by Dan Millman. Here is a small glimpse into the number you may possess.

If you are a:

#1-Creativity & Confidence: Ones have an enormous amount of energy allowing creative ability to be channeled through. This assists in everyday projects and challenges.

#2-Cooperation & Balance: Strength, support, and cooperation come together to form a 2. Limits must be declared on how much this person tries to help for they may assist too much then withdraw.

#3-Expression & Sensitivity: The key phrase to a 3 is constructive emotional expression. Number 3's are direct and honest and have very strong opinions. This may lead negative criticism rather than positive feedback.

#4-Stability & Process: A concrete foundation is the starting off point for 4s. The outer pieces of life then slowly come together in a goal completing process.

#5-Freedom & Discipline: The strive for "experience of the moment" fuels the engine for a number 5. A switch from extreme independence to dependence is common. This continues until the inner freedom is achieved.

#6-Vision & Acceptance: Beauty, purity, and high ideals pollinate the inner self of a 6. They try perfection and a higher understanding of themselves.

#7-Trust & Openness: This group has a unique mind which can easily read between the lines of a situation. 7s enjoy outdoor life because of their mission is to learn to trust the outer surroundings in order to reveal their own inner self.

#8-Abundance & Power: These 8s either search for wealth or avoid it all together. To master the inner self is to redirect the search for power to a search for higher purpose.

#9-Integrity & Wisdom: 9s set the honest and trustworthy example to the rest of the class based on their own leadership ideals and skills. They usually overflow with character and charisma.

These brief categories allow the open minded reader to have more insight into their own, overlooked personality traits. This is just another way to try to categorize things that should not be categorized. It is a fun way to see if it matches how you act on certain occasions but to rely on it for everyday purpose is extreme.

What's Your Sign?

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of birth have influences over your whole being. Some would say this is why the description of your "sun sign" doesn't fit, but then a g a i n this

passionate, impatient, insistent and do not like to be told no. Aries enjoys being the center of attention. They take an interest in the world of action, leadership, and accomplishment. Aries likes to get things done.

Taurus, the Bull, is ruled by Venus. People born under this sign are typically stubborn, hard to convince, but they also desire harmony in its surroundings and tend to ward the materialistic side. Practical and persistent, they are determined and work hard.

Gemini, the Twins, is ruled by Mercury. People born under this sign are taken up with details and facts, but most of all communication; seeking to establish a bond of common understanding based on thought, logic and verbal expression. Liveliness, variety of change, both of expe-

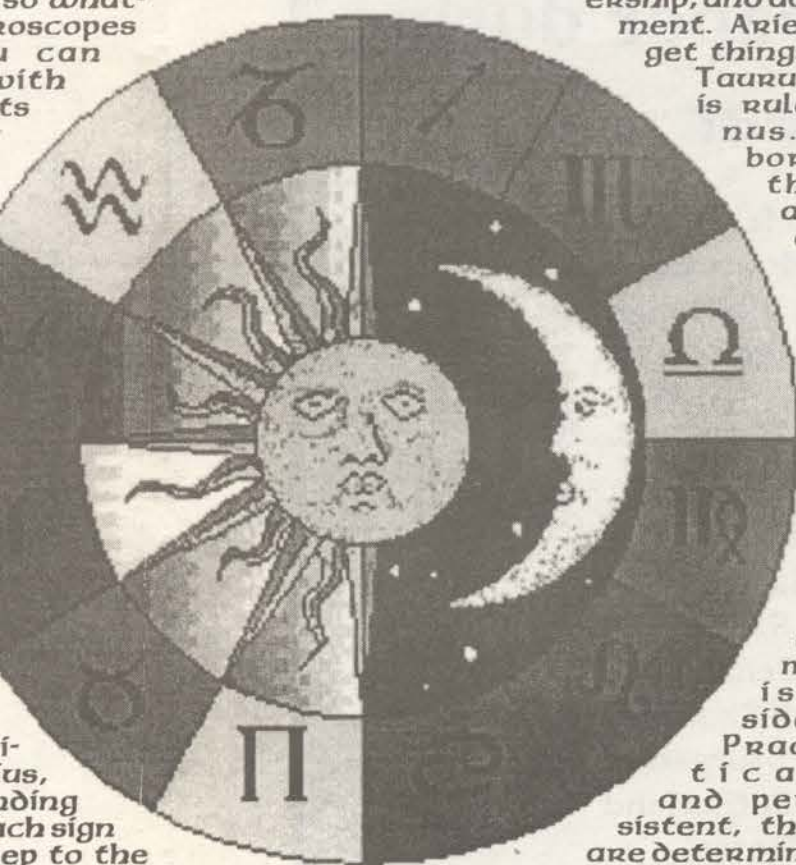
rience and environment, are all vital to this air sign.

Cancer, the Crab, is ruled by the moon. People born under this sign are usually concerned with feelings and are protective of self and others' feelings. They are very sensitive to intrusion. They can be extremely aggressive and can enter the attack mode in an instant. Though they appear confident on the outside, Cancers are very uncertain individuals.

Leo, the Lion, is ruled by the Sun. People born under this sign are usually characterized by warmth and creativity and are usually steady, dependable, and courageous. They despise meanness or pettiness and usually make good leaders. Leo symbolizes the need of the ego to make its mark on the world. Ambition, power, and self-confidence are hallmarks of this sign.

Virgo, the Virgin, is ruled by Mercury. People born under this sign are characterized as being secretive and taken up with analyzing, solving, and assessing. The future is a primary focus as they always plan ahead and

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is all for fun! The signs are separated into categories of fire, air, earth and water.

Aries, the Ram, the first element of the twelve signs, is ruled by Mars. People born under this sign are somewhat childish in that they are willful, impulsive, impetuous,



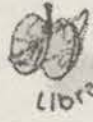
SIGNS: What your birthday says about you

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work toward a goal.

Libra, the Scales, is ruled by Venus. Libra loves to have things move smoothly with few problems. They seek balance. Often times weighing the alternatives (at times overly judgmental), they can go as far as resulting in a well thought out opinion and other times in decision and uncertainty (in some cases procrastination). Venusian aspects of this sign are usually well appreciated by others (sensuousness, charm, grace, and good humor).

Scorpio, the Scorpion, is ruled by Pluto. People born under this sign are purposeful and know how to get what they want. Scorpio is a social sign. They are possessive in nature. They are serious, gracious, social, and diplomatic. They are suspicious of the Pollyanna philosophies and superficial optimism. They show an excellent sense of humor and show a mature understanding of the ironies of



Libra

life. Sagittarius, the Archer, is ruled by Jupiter. People born under this sign are characterized as seeing the big picture. They refuse to be bogged down by details. They represent the human spirit: expansive, and optimistic. Sags prefer to seek more about the world (a higher truth) and often times reject many of society's values.

Capricorn, the Goat, is ruled by Saturn. Economy often times describes the people born under this sign. They have a tendency to refuse to waste energy and are slow and careful in approaching things. Responsible, patient, and persistent, they rarely give up and often do not care how long it takes them to achieve their ends. They don't like to admit they are wrong and are often suspicious when things are going too well for them.

Aquarius, the Water Bearer, is ruled by Uranus. The



Sagittarius



Capricorn

Aquarian approach to life is joyful openness.

Aquarians like to have things move easily. They are often the promoter of high ideals, valuing scientific and universal truths, though often times they are wrongly accused of coolness or lack of emotion.

Pisces the Fish is ruled Neptune. They are not known for the practicality, but can in fact be masterful in their under-



Aquarius

standing and expression of abstract ideas and systems. People born under this sign run the risk of being escapists and loners and of having addictions. They are highly empathetic and are extremely sensitive (sign of sorrows); suffering is born well in people born under this sign. Pisces have good memories good perhaps because of their impressionability.



Pisces

MAGICK: Not Black

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an excellent scapegoat. Thousands of landowners and non-Christians have been burned as witches. Even today, as the scattered populace of witches slowly grows, high school teachers still say, witches not only don't exist, they never existed.

Witches are often criticized, ignored, made fun of, and accused of perversity. If there is a side of society that it does not like, Witchcraft is blamed. For most witches every positive thing they hear from a non witch, they have heard ten negative. Making it harder are the wannabe witches that have swarmed to the practices, waving crystals and declaring themselves in tune with it all. Witchcraft is not taken seriously, and is still feared, even abhorred, by people all over. It is something that is unknown to the larger part of the populous and therefore considered dangerous.

Witchcraft is a beautiful thing: it is as beautiful to a witch as Jesus is to a Christian. There is a great joy to be found in awaking hidden abilities within oneself, and exploring the possibilities. I suppose that's what witchcraft really is about: possibilities.

TAROT: Tell your future

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the Hermit, the Wheel of Fortune, Strength, the Hanged Man, Death, Temperance, the Devil, the Tower, the Star, the Moon, the Sun, Judgement, and the World. These are interpreted differently every time they are dealt.

Cards are dealt in a Horseshoe Spread when a short reading is being done or a question is being answered. Seven cards compose this spread. Card one tells about past influences. Card two represents present influence. Cards three stands for

the future or the subconscious. Card four is prudent action that should be taken. Card five symbolizes other people. Card six warns about obstacles ahead or action to take against them. The final card, card seven tells the probable outcome.

To experience Tarot, you can call one of a number of psychic hotlines and have a reading done for \$20 or more. But a better bet would be to save some money by buying a pack and learn to do readings for yourself and your friends.

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COLLEGIAN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

May 13, 1998

Student Art Show

By Holly Le Du
Staff Writer

Spring is in the air, finals are right around the corner, and as in every year, the Student Art Show has opened at the Hearst Art Gallery. Unlike many previous student shows, the exhibition is tightly put together with a wide breadth of styles. Some of the comments that have been made about the show have said, "It flows well." "It looks professionally done." "It's a very strong show." These comments, of course, are gratifying to those of us who worked through the weekend to put it up, as well as the many artists who put in their time and energy on their pieces.

The main idea behind the student shows is to give the artists what is usually their first opportunity to exhibit their work in a professional space. The canvas that was worked on all semester looks very different mounted on a wall with lighting than it did sitting on a paint-splattered easel! The second motive behind the show is to give exposure to the artists' work, not only so they can show their friends and family, but members of the community who are art collectors and who look for promising new talent.

This year, the St. Mary's Art Club came up with the idea of putting out a limited edition poster of a drawing done by Peter Kelly, one of the most talented artists of our college, who also won a highly competitive Cal Grant scholarship for graduate work.

The poster is a simple and timeless charcoal drawing of a young woman in prayer, reflecting St. Mary's religious commitment to its students. The picture is on sale at the Hearst Art Gallery, either signed or unsigned, and all proceeds will benefit the Art Club for future events next year.

The first room of the gallery is usually reserved for seniors and this year is no exception. Those of you who have been here in past years will recognize Ingo's colorful and dramatic abstract canvases, as well as Peter Kelly's charcoal drawings of the human body. Another prominently featured artist is Dan Perea, a business major who obviously knows how to use both sides of his brain, whose work "The Devil in the Details," was featured on this year's announcement. (Dan, I hope that your business degree is for knowing how to market your artwork!)

Another wonderful aspect of this year's



Daniel John Perea, "Devil in the Details," 1998 oil on canvas.

show is the multiculturalism found in much of the work. La Keysha Bradley has expressed her heritage with African inspired sculptures, including a beautiful mask, as well as a painting and a pastel which seek more to illustrate the American side of African American. As well, many of the Japanese students explored the traditional drawings of their culture with wood block prints.

There are other works by seniors which did not go into the first room only out of respect for the continuity of the show. Shay Lopez, an English major, shows an exciting versatility with beautifully executed sculptures and water colors, which

leads me to think that he has chosen the wrong field. Christo, who is not a senior, also has a strong body of work in his surreal expressions through color washes.

As well, there are many whimsical sculptures of fruit, everyday items, and little figures which are set in the cases. The show covers everything from photography to a large cartoon board, making this show much more diverse and enjoyable to go through. But don't take my word for it; go see the show yourself and let your friends know you support them and their efforts in creativity. This world will always need more artists.

He Got Game shoots for three but misses

Spike Lee had a chance to make a championship film, but was too ambitious for his own good

By Brian Bergtold
Detour Editor

As I settled into my seat at the plush new Brenden 14 in Concord, I was expecting a cinematic masterpiece about basketball and the people behind all the glitz. I figured *He Got Game* had a lot going for it, from a top-notch director who loves the game to a proven leading man, with an NBA player co-star to add authenticity.

I wasn't ready for the marathon that my friends and I were about to endure. Spike Lee has proven himself as a director who can develop a compelling story, but it seems as though he started the film, then phoned in the rest from courtside at the Garden. Considering the length, it appears that he skipped the editing session as well.

This is one of those films that gives you a straightforward character sketch, then leaves you wanting more. Lee's characters never get to show anything through their actions beyond what we are told in an overt manner.

He Got Game opens up by introducing us to Jake Shuttlesworth (Denzel Washington), a convict who loves the game, making effortless jumpers under the glowering stare of prison guards. He is called away from the yard to a cliched

prison warden, played by Ned Beatty, who works in a cliched office. Not a good start.

It seems that Jake's son, Jesus (Ray Allen), is the number-one high school basketball player. The governor is a major contributor and alumnus of Big State, and he is willing to reduce Jake's sentence if he convinces his son to sign a letter of intent. So, we are off on Jake's journey back to Coney Island to convince his yet undecided son where to go. The only problem is that Jake is in prison for killing his wife, Jesus' mother.

It takes him roughly two-thirds of the movie to get around to telling Jesus why he has mysteriously appeared back in his life.

Much of that two-thirds is unnecessary, but more on that later. In the meantime, we witness Jesus being bombarded from all sides by people "looking out for him," while in reality looking out for number one. Granted, it is believable that relatives and friends would want to get something for themselves, but the way it is presented is rather blunt. Jesus' uncle's money-grubbing is meant to make us feel hurt and sorry for Jesus, but this tired subplot only leaves the viewer wondering why he/she should care.

This is one of the film's major

flaws. Scenes like Jesus' girlfriend LaLa saying "I love you Jesus" as another man's hand reaches over her shoulder would beat home on *Melrose Place* or *Days of Our Lives*.

Lee seems to have been watching too much MTV, as he takes the quick-cut shots to an extreme at times. For instance, when Jesus is being warned about all the temptations, from sex to drugs, we bear witness to quick shots of bare-breasted women having sex, then a group of shots of graphic drug use, etc. Lee reverts to trying to shock us, but it amounts to nothing.

The core story of Jake and his son would have been compelling if Lee had stuck to it and developed the characters, but, instead, he chooses to heap

loads of superfluous subplots that leave you wondering what the point of the movie is halfway through. Jake's relationship with the hooker next door is a prime example of film that should have been left on the cutting room floor. What looked like a promising storyline in which Jake would bare his soul turns into a meaningless prelude to sex that lasts altogether too long. Stick to the basketball!

In the end, renting *Hoop Dreams* would be a better way

to gain insight on the process. Lee had so much to work with, but fell into age-old movie cliches. Toward the end of *He Got Game* I was squirming in my seat wondering, when it would all end. The few high points and spirited performances can't salvage the dull, protracted storyline. Basically, the only redeeming quality is the return of Public Enemy in the soundtrack. If Spike Lee thinks he can offer up bloated films like this and remain a respected director, he is sadly mistaken.



Allen and Washington discuss Allen's future plans for college.

Touchstone

Pup like it hardcore on new disc

By Brian Bergtold
Detour Editor

Jarvis Cocker is a character. He is a poet. He is a rock star. Above all, Jarvis Cocker manages to be very middle class—he is one of the common people. In fact, a song by that very name appears on 1995's *Different Class*. "Common People," a radio semi-hit for Pulp here in the states dealt with the rich trying to be poor in the new chic.

Cocker has the ability to turn often seemingly boring social commentary into an engaging and melodic tale. "Sorted Out For E's & Whiz," deals with the true experience of attending an outdoor rave, comedown and all: "Oh is this the way they say the future's meant to feel? Or just 20,000 people standing in a field," Cocker later croons, "I lost my friends, I dance alone, it's six o'clock I wanna go home."

In the UK, he is a cult figure. He made a fool of Michael Jackson, and some say himself when he jumped on stage at the Brit Awards a few years back in a fit of protest to Jackson's use of little kids in his stage act. The guy is intelligent and has a sense of humor, which comes

though in his lyrics. It's taken them more than a decade, but Pulp and frontman Cocker are turning that wry style into success.

Pulp's new disc, *This is Hardcore*, is another batch of commentary. Cocker doesn't as much sing half the time as he speaks with a melodic tone. He sounds like a cross between former Pink Floyd frontman Roger Waters and Bob Geldof. Bandmates Candida Doyle, Mark Webber, Steve Mackey, and Nick Banks aid Cocker's crooning with a combination of melody and discordant sounds.

Like past efforts, *This is Hardcore* cruises along from rock to ballad and everything

in between. The sound of this album could be called retro, but that would be selling it short. The members of Pulp are alchemists that turn lounge, rock, pop, and elec-

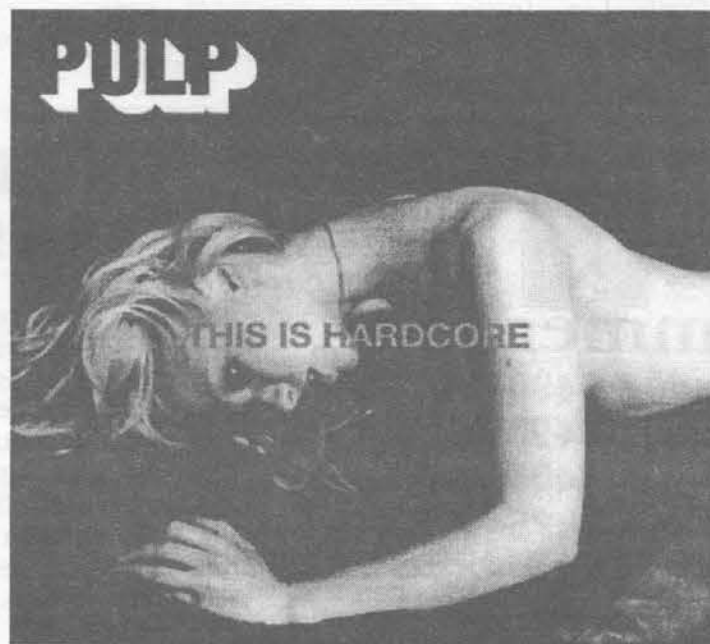
tronic effects into musical gold. Cocker always seems to have his tongue planted firmly in cheek, but as usual his lyrics sting with truth. "Help The Aged" contemplates youth with lines like: "Help the aged, one time they were just like you. Drinking, smoking cigs, and sniffing glue," then later sings, "Funny how it all falls away. When did you first realize? It's time you took an older lover, baby." The song ends on a serious note, "You can dye your hair but its the one thing you can't change. Can't run away from yourself. In the meantime we try, etc." Heady stuff.

The title track is a sweeping epic that feels like it would be at home on the soundtrack of some hardboiled detective movie. It deftly incorporates normal instruments with loops without sounding contrived. "TV Movie" sounds like it would be home on Pink Floyd's *The Final Cut*, with a sound and lyrics that ring of angst, putting a twist on the usually cliched

tales of lost love. "Without you my life has become a hangover without end. A movie made for TV: bad dialogue, bad acting, no interest. Too long with no story and no sex."

Like the album it follows up, this one isn't perfect. The band gets beyond itself on a few tunes. That's to be expected from a band that has talent. Not everything can be a gem, but at least they try to test their boundaries. The same cannot be said of most bands these days. The record store racks are filled with one-hit wonders. Today's music scene is all about getting at least one radio friendly single onto the record, leaving the rest of the disc filled with debris.

Thankfully, "Britpop" is dead, and the detritus has been swept away leaving the bands with merit standing above the hacks that jumped on the bandwagon. It is really too bad that there hasn't been a grand clearing of the ranks here in America since the death of the hair bands. The "alternative" scene, as oxymoronic as it is, needs a shakeup. Perhaps Jarvis could come over and kick the collective asses of Third Eye Blind and the like.



Homegrown: high potency star power

By Brian Bergtold
Detour Editor

It is America's number 1 cash crop. It isn't wheat. It isn't corn. It isn't even soybeans. In fact, it isn't legal. California voters call it medicine, and it grows among the states grand forests. If you haven't gotten the hint by now, this crop is known by numerous monikers: reefer, mary jane, dub, skunk. Call it what you want, but marijuana is big business.

It isn't surprising that someone finally decided to make a serious (as serious as you can get about pot) film about the subject. Well, it is intrinsically sprinkled with humor, but *Homegrown* is a caper film filled with murder, the mob, intrigue, and er... lots of buds.

The film, directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal (*Losing Isaiah, A Dangerous Woman*) is a low budget independent with a surprisingly all-star cast. Oscar winner Billy Bob Thorton is joined by Hank Azaria, Kelly Lynch, John Lithgow, Judge Reinhold, Jon Bon Jovi, Jamie Lee Curtis, Ryan Phillippe, and Ted Danson as a psychotic mobster. Quite an interesting mix of talent.

The movie begins with Malcolm (Lithgow) cruising through San Francisco on his way to board a helicopter for his pot plantation in Humboldt. In the meantime, Thorton, Azaria, and Phillippe are lounging around their camp at the crop. It is almost time to harvest, and green thumb

Azaria is proud of his "ladies."

Upon hearing a helicopter, the group treks out to meet Malcolm, only to witness him being aerated with a pistol. With Malcolm out of the picture, the trio figures it is the work of "rippers," or rip-off artists who plan to plunder the crop.

They quickly decide to salvage what they can, and set off on a wild ride that finds them way over their heads. They create a feeble ruse that Malcolm is still alive in order to process and sell what they have, even lying to Azaria's sometimes love interest Kelly Lynch. Lynch is a small time trimmer and packager who usually deals with Malcolm, and becomes keen to their plans after they get greedy and go back for the rest of the crop, all 1500 pounds of it.

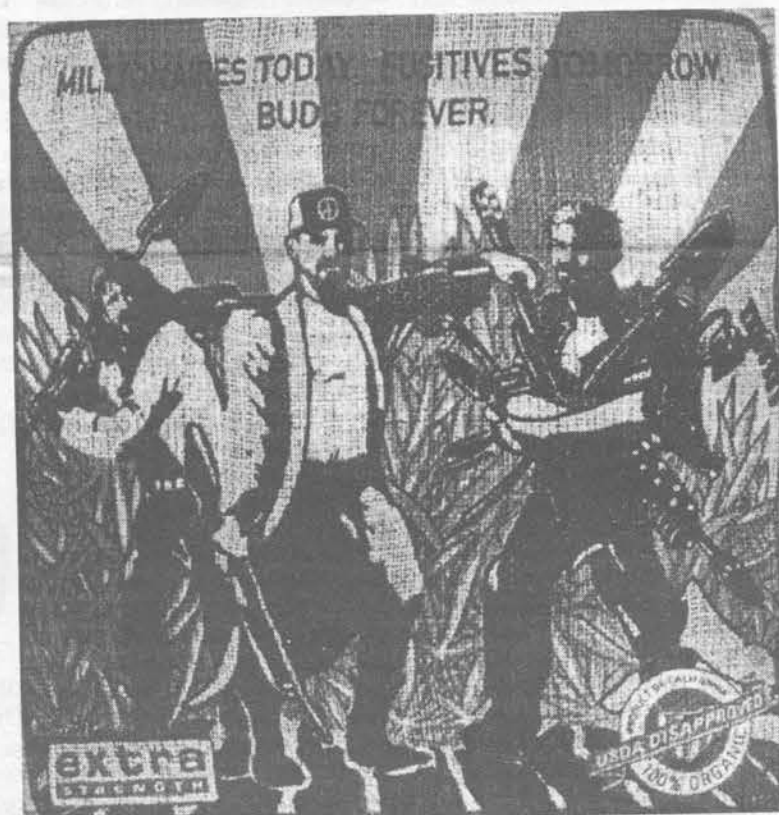
Along the way, they have to deal with Bon Jovi, a shrewd Humboldt dealer; Reinhold, a corrupt local cop; and Danson as a likeable yet ruthless Mafia man who had made a deal with Malcolm to get into the Humboldt scene. That close knit community of growers led by matriarch Jamie Lee Curtis is weary of such in-

trusion, adding another set of unknowns for the hapless four-

some. The Humboldt scenes were



Billy Bob Thorton literally tries to blow away the competition. Protecting the "ladies" is a high priority for these growers.



filmed on location in Aptos near Santa Cruz. The production had to deal with rain and a few half-baked robbers who stole some of the silk prop plants. Thorton noted that he hoped they didn't try to smoke them. They actually worked with both sides of the scene, dealing with law enforcement and growers alike.

Homegrown was a long time in coming, and isn't really getting much support from its distributor. The cast was assembled pre-*Sling Blade* hype, and they were actually some of the first people to see the half-hour short that Thorton eventually turned into the acclaimed full length film.

While the film isn't exactly Oscar material, it is an engaging and entertaining look at what can be a seedy (excuse the pun) industry. Even if you haven't experienced the culture, it is a film worth seeing for the exceptional performances by Thorton and Azaria.

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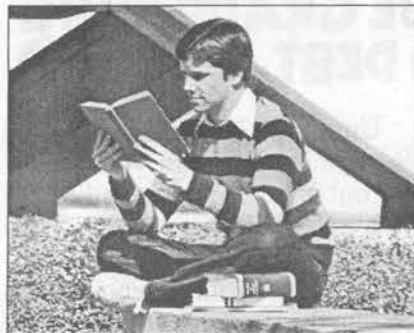
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Men's Soccer Seeks To Build on Successful Season

Chris Howe
Assistant Sports Editor

St. Mary's College Men's Soccer saw much improvement in the 1997 season. With impressive wins over nationally ranked teams such as Cal Berkeley and Wisconsin, the Gaels proved that they are a force with which to reckon.

In the season-ending bout with the Santa Clara Broncos, Gael domination was the prevailing sentiment on the field.

The 1997 SMC Men's Soccer team has had to say thank you and farewell to ten senior players as this year's season drew to a close.

The following are the men who will forever be a part of St. Mary's soccer history: #1 Chris Beatty, #1 Ryan Rowland-Smith, #5 Landon Reid, #6

Shawn Fitzgerald, #7 Hamit Utush, #10 Michael Weinstein, #11 Jeff Canarelli, #22 John Heyek, #25 Paul Ruiz, #26 George Warta.

Two men were chosen from the best of the best of which St. Mary's soccer is composed to receive the honors of positions on the West Coast Conference teams.

Senior Fitzgerald, also named an All-American athlete with a 3.7 GPA, received 2nd team honors rewarding his efforts as a key SMC defender as well as for his team captain leadership. Junior Devin Ebricht received 1st team honors for his scoring successes, 13 goals and 1 assist.

The success of the 1997 season was just a hint of

what the Gaels have in store for their opponents in the future.

In 1998 the Gaels are tentatively scheduled to face-off against a number of the nation's as well as the world's top teams.

In August (date yet to be chosen), St. Mary's will play host to the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. In mid-September, the Air Force Academy will venture out west in an attempt to get past solid Gael defense.

Notre Dame too will try to score the big win when the Indiana team makes its way to the rolling hills of Moraga to take on the Gaels in November.

Within the same month, SMC is set to meet the challenges that Pennsylvania and Loyola Marymount will place



Damon Tighe

Devin Ebricht returns as the Gaels' top goal scorer.

before them in the 1998 SMC Fall Soccer Classic.

With these games as well as the conference bouts with the likes of Portland, Santa Clara

San Diego, USF, and LMU, the St. Mary's team will have a full plate, but continued improvement, as always, is the goal and success is in sight.

Players, Coaches and Referees on Fans

By Matt Teeter
Guest Columnist

Earlier this year I was thrown out of a St. Mary's Men's basketball game against Loyola Marymount University. I am fulfilling the sanction levied upon me by St. Mary's by writing an article about fan sportsmanship.

In conducting interviews for this article, I spoke with Men's Basketball's NBA prospects

Eric Schraeder and Brad Millard, Men's head coach Dave Bollwinkle, Women's basketball's superstar Stacey Berg, and NCAA Division II basketball referee Carl Everret, to gain further insight on the topic of fans.

Every person I interviewed agreed that fans play a huge role in the outcome of sporting events. They claimed that fans can help the home team win the game by taking the other team out of the game men-

tally.

They describe this as the "sixth man," which can best be described as an adrenaline rush that pushes the home team over the top.

"When the fans offer their support and they get behind the players, it gets the players pumped up and gets them ready for the game," said Millard.

I asked the players and coaches what kind of fans they preferred. Naturally Millard, Schraeder, Berg and Bollwinkle agreed that they would rather have a loud, somewhat obnoxious fan than a quiet and polite fan. Loud fans have a positive impact on the outcome of the game.

Bollwinkle answered this question by saying "I want obnoxious fans like yourself, Matt."

I asked them about the topic concerning the limits of fan participation. I posed the question, when does a fan overstep or bounds? Berg, Millard, Schraeder and Bollwinkle agreed that a fan crosses the line when they get personal in their criticism of either the referee or the players.

"Razing the opponent, getting onto the opposing coach, making a lot of noise and being supportive of our home team is all part of being a good fan and it gets you home court advantage as long as its not vulgar, its not unsafe and its not in poor taste," said Bollwinkle.

More importantly, Everret,

being a fan of St. Mary's basketball and an official said, "a fan crosses the line if they make any threatening comments towards the official."

Berg added that fans cross the line when, "they get vulgar in a personal sense, and it takes the grace and the modesty out of the game."

Finally, I touched on the subject of professionalism on the job, especially concerning NCAA basketball officials. Players, much like referees, have to deal with harsh criticism night in and night out.

Millard, Berg and Schraeder said that they just have to play right through it and try not to pay attention, don't let it affect their playing and most importantly don't interact with the fans.

Everret agreed that just like players, officials must display a high level of professionalism on the court. They must not let fans' criticisms affect them and their performance on the job. "Being an official you have to have tough skin and you have to try and block out 95% of the comments."

The bottom line is that by reacting to a fan's comment during a game the official displays a lack of professionalism and concentration.

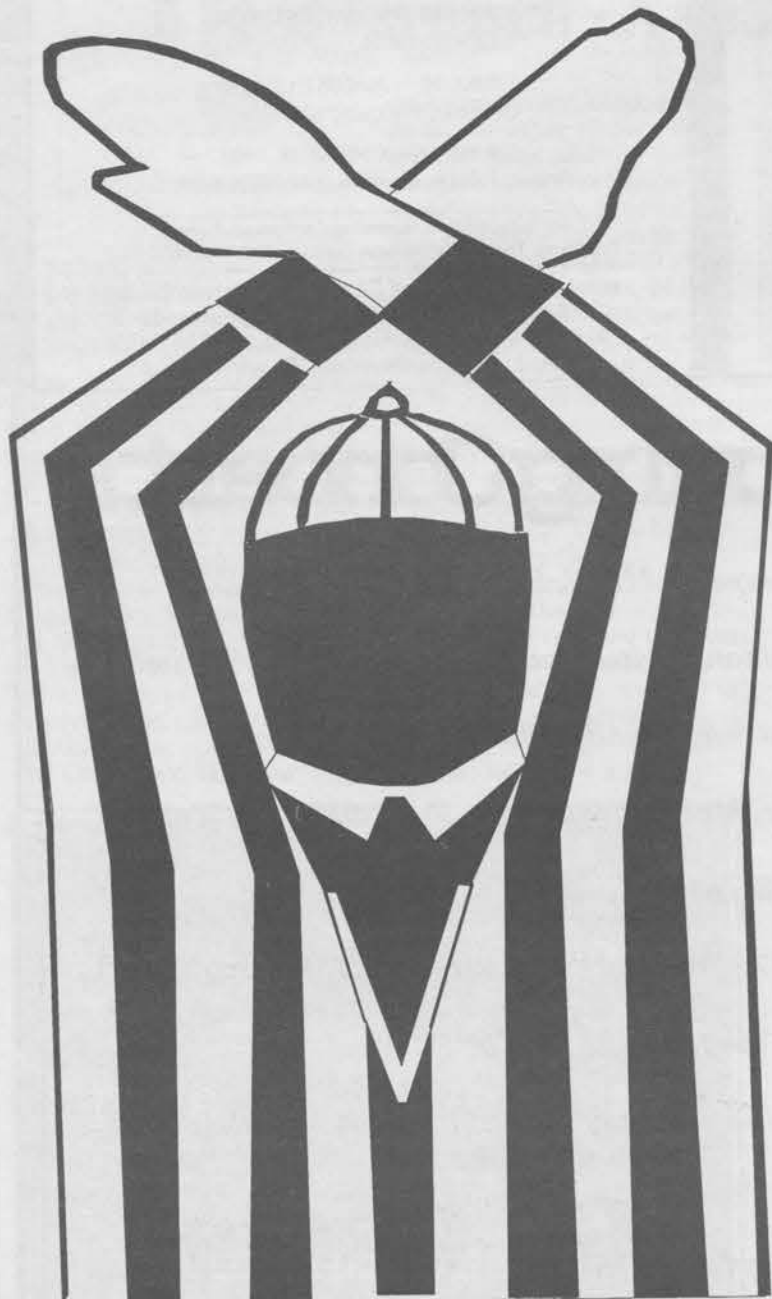
In short fans can overstep their bounds and it's up to the fan to keep participation at a high level. But at the same time NCAA officials must also display a higher level of professionalism as should the players and coaches.

Let us not forget that without fans, sports would not exist, so fans be loud and obnoxious, but keep it clean and refs, be professional.

Correction:

In the article entitled, "SMC Crew Fours Take Bronze at States," published in last issue, the obstacles that the Gaels faced at states in April were **not** too much for the medal-winning St. Mary's rowers to overcome.

Also, third-year rower Junior Bennett McCulloch rowed at stroke in the winning women's varsity light four for SMC.



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Loss of Seniors Leaves SMC Football Bare With Few Supplies

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

Many questions must be answered and much improvement done for the 1998 version of St. Mary's Football. The Gaels finished with a losing record for the first time in ten years and will have their offense decimated by graduation.

With the coming of Spring practices the main competitions arising are between Chad Thomas and Joe Lilley for quarterback and Brandon Young and Darin Maxwell for running back.

Young received most of the backup time this year for Ed Williams while Maxwell has the ability to split time at both back field spots.

The receiving corps was anchored by a record breaking Shane Sullivan, but the team must find someone else to fill his shoes. Both Sullivan and Michael Richards were seniors this year. Candidates to fill the vacate spots are Gino



Fabian John will return as a defensiveback and kick returner.

Marini and Bruce Rhode. Marini is the small speed guy while Rhode is a taller receiver.

On defensive, St. Mary's has all-defensive end Coree Thomas back for one more year. As a senior Thomas' role as a leader must show more than ever. Adrian Browner and Fabian John return at defensive back while Tristan McCoy returns at linebacker and Abe Alcivar at defensive line.

St. Mary's opens their sea-

son at home against Sacramento State on September 5. The Gaels face Lehigh, Columbia, Drake and Chapman all at home next year. St. Mary's travels to Bucknell, Cal Poly, Southern Utah, UC Davis, and Towson.

With so many graduating seniors the Gaels must bank on their few returning players and hope a few underclassmen rise up and fill holes.

Women's LAX: Done for the Year, Building for Future

By Sarah Murdough
Staff Writer

The SMC Women's Lacrosse team has finished their 1998 season on a negative note as well as a positive one. This past season was a mixture of stunning upsets and disappointing losses.

The end of the season consisted of strong games against Cal and UC Davis and a huge defeat of the higher ranked Santa Clara Broncos. The Davis game was a tough loss after an excellent first half but a less energized second half.

The first SCU game was by far the high point of the season. The team was, for once almost completely healthy and all the elements came together to show the potential of the SMC team.

But this excitement was destroyed just days later when the Gaels and Broncos again met in the first round of the playoffs and St. Mary's was defeated.

President Shelby Fuiks, a key player was unable to participate in this match. Another factor that may have led to the Gaels' downfall was a strenuous three game streak that occurred the week before causing fatigue.

The last half of the season may have been difficult to keep spirits high after a long and rainy first half. Two very important tournaments were canceled as well as the change or cancellation of other games.

Still, the team looks at this

year as a building year. Many of the players had never played lacrosse before and yet still became starters and crucial players.

"This year was sort of atypical. We are happy with the season even though it wasn't a



A Women's LAX player battles an opponent.

winning one. It was a great building year and many rookies have become very valuable to the team," said Fuiks.

The injury of Dayna Wagner also hurt the team during the season. She was unable to participate after knee surgery.

"The season was fun. Everyone enjoyed themselves and played hard. We are all looking forward to next year," said sophomore standout Annie Walls.

Despite the challenges that the team had to overcome this year, it was still a productive year. In future seasons St. Mary's will, as always have a competitive team.

L.A. Trip Results in Three Losses

By Chris Howe
Assistant Sports Editor

Shaking the dust off of the old broom, the Gaels entered their recent series with Loyola Marymount University on the winds of success after sweeping the Portland Pilots the weekend before. Would this trend continue? Or, would the bumpy roller coaster ride of wins and losses that seems to have prevailed throughout most of the season reassert its presence as St. Mary's prepared for the final games of the 1998 season? Anything can happen down on the old diamond because it's never over until the final pitch is in the catcher's glove.

In Southern California for a

weekend of double-header action the men of St. Mary's baseball were set to repeat history with the dream of blanking the WCC foe as was done back in 1994. At the end of Saturday's game one, things did not look good for the Gaels as they took a 16-4 loss under the mighty paws of the Lions.

This was enough to motivate the SMC men and get them back on track in game two. SMC came on strong in the top of the first, taking a four run lead. Jeff Hebert and Travis Kermod each tallied homers (one apiece) contributing to the Gael domination. Bringing home the SMC 9-6 win was Jason Morgan-Voyce.

With game 3 in the first of double-header action on Sun-

day, May 3, came a second crushing loss. In their third battle of the weekend with LMU, the men of SMC watched the fruits of their labor slip out of their grasp. Despite another Hebert homer, LMU took the win 12-8.

In the final game of the Loyola Marymount series, it looked as though the Gaels could pull out the win. By the top of the eighth, SMC was one away from the tying it up with Lions, but out number three came before the tie run could be scored. As the Gaels held LMU to close out the inning, it seemed as though there was a very good chance that the St. Mary's team could split the series. Unfortunately, in the final inning LMU played tough and made it even more difficult for St. Mary's to make the necessary rounds of the bases to earn the win. Ultimately, the Gaels were sent home to Moraga with three fewer wins than they had gone after.

As always, anything can happen when two powerful forces go head to head against one another. That is just what occurred in the series with Loyola Marymount. But as we have experienced over and over again throughout this season, that does not mean the end for the Gaels.

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Bulls-Lakers Finals Likely

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

Though in the early stages of the NBA Playoffs, it seems that the Bulls and Lakers are on a crash course to meet each other in the finals.

Both teams are advancing through the playoffs with ease and little competition lies ahead.

For the Bulls, the Indiana Pacers will be their likely matchup in the semifinals. The Pacers competed all year with the Bulls for the top record in the east. With the addition of Chis Mullin as an additional outside threat, the Pacers now have the fire power to compete. Stallwarts Reggie Miller and Rick Smits anchor the squad.

Indiana's strength is their depth coming off the bench. The likes of Derrick McKey, Jalen Rose and Travis Best all could start for other teams.

The Lakers seem to be destined to meet up with the Utah Jazz, a perennial deep playoff team. Both Karl Malone and John Stockton are running out of time and must come through one of these years. Utah still relies on their patten pick and role with Stockton dishing to Malone.

A matchup between Chicago and Los Angeles would be a dream contest. Both teams have great players and characters to capture all fans.

There Michael Jordan trying to stave off a young bunch of kids looking to make their mark. Shak O'Neal trying to solidify his place as a great and not just good player. Everybody knows Shak can dunk, but can he dethrone the champions?

The story of whether the Bulls will be broken up after this year is present as well as if this year is Jordan's last. Anytime you have Dennis Rodman on a large stage there is always a story too.

Both teams should matchup evenly with the Bulls having a slight advantage due to experience and the Jordan factor. Personally, I don't anybody will be able to bet Mike.

Though the Bulls looked somewhat human during the regular season, the playoffs are another story. Jordan raises his level of player dramatically during the playoffs in addition to his teammates.

Broncos End Gaels' Season With Loss

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Nothing can be more fulfilling than closing out a season of ups and downs winning the final series of the season and dealing crushing defeat to one's local rival.

That is the exact sentiment that could be intensely felt on all sides of the fence as Santa Clara and St. Mary's met in their last three games of the season on May 9 and 10.

The all-out battle for the win got underway on Saturday in double-header action as the bells of St. Mary's announced noon. In game one, SMC looked strong. Rashad Nichols went 3-4 at the plate contributing five RBI's, including homerun number two of the season. Tom Callan also showed off what makes a Gael a force with which to be reckoned as he went 2-3 bring in three runs for St. Mary's. With this 9-5 win over the Broncos, Jason Morgan-Voyce earned victory number four in a 12-hit, five run complete game.

With the sweet smell of victory still lingering in the breeze, both teams took the field thirty minutes after the completion of the first. Despite great hitting by Dan Donohue, Nichols, Jeremy Fuller, and Gus Mariani, the win was pulled out of the Gaels' reach as the

Broncos went on a successful hitting spree in the fifth and sixth innings. Santa Clara took the win 9-2 splitting the first day of the series with St. Mary's.

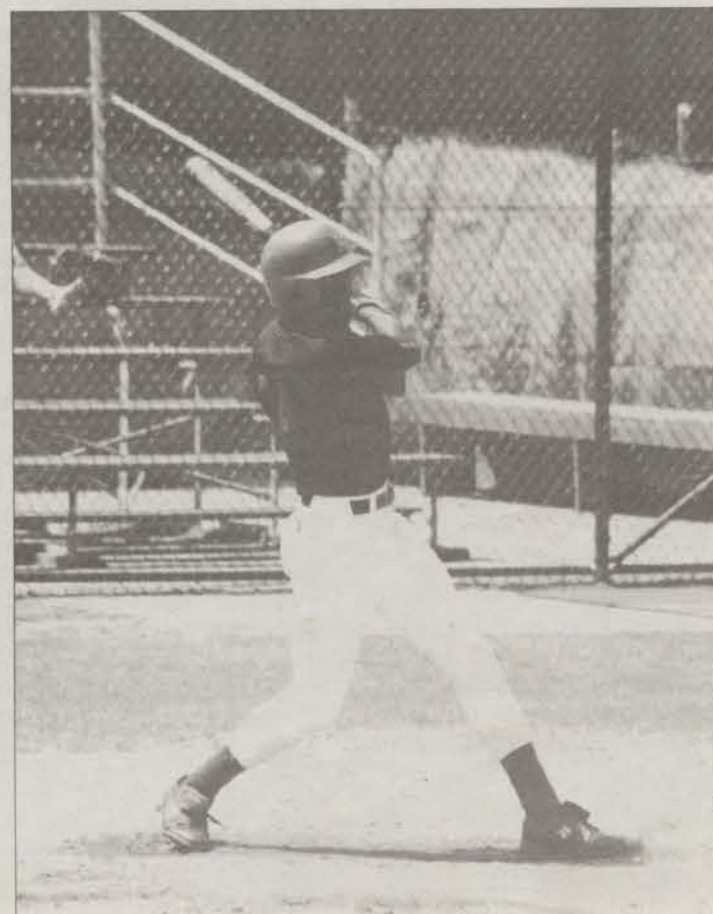
As the players took to the field for the last game of the 1998 baseball season on Mother's Day, May 10, one thing was on every man's mind. Every man on and around the diamond, be he Gael or Bronco, wanted nothing more than to close-out the season on a positive note earning the win.

From the start of the game, it was apparent that the Gaels had a difficult job on their hands. This was intensified by the three runs that the Broncos scored in the first inning, two of which were walked in by off pitching at the hands of the Gaels.

In the bottom of the same inning, SMC attempted to counter, but they were one run short of achieving the tie. As the game progressed, things went from bad to worse.

In the top of the eighth, Santa Clara rallied to bring in four runs. As the Gaels came up in the bottom of the inning, senior Jeff Hebert got things started off with his fifteenth homer of the season. Firing the ball over the far fence, Hebert tied the St. Mary's record for single-season homeruns scored.

Mariani followed suit when



Jeremy Fuller homered Sunday against Santa Clara.

he came to the plate later in the inning and brought in fellow Gael, designated hitter, Olin Cohan, in an attempt the narrow the gap between the SMC and SCU.

Sadly, the win was just not to be. Santa Clara scored two more runs in the ninth before they closed-out the game holding St. Mary's scoreless.

St. Mary's baseball finished the season 12-29 overall and 8-19 in West Coast Conference play. The Gaels look for team improvement as well as continued personal improvement as they look into the future of the SMC Baseball program and to the 1999 season.

Gaels Finish Third in WISL

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Jessica Hanaseth's grand slam highlighted a seven-run first inning as the Gaels pummeled San Diego in the consolation game of the WISL Tournament, 7-3.

The win on May 3 over the Toreros secured third-place in the tournament and completed a 22-39 season which is a six-game improvement from 1997.

St. Mary's was throttled by Loyola-Marymount in the semifinal round 13-0. Despite the heartbreaking defeat, the Gaels came out on fire in the third-place game as they scored three quick runs against San Diego.

In that same inning, the Gaels loaded the bases. Freshman Jessica Hanaseth came into pinch-hit and with one monstrous swing, the crowd and Gael bench went absolutely ballistic. The grand slam to left capped off the seven-run inning, and the rest was left in the hands of the pitching and defense.

Ginny Mines and Jenn Pick

combined to shut-down the Toreros as they allowed just five hits. Mines was credited with the victory, her fourth of the season.

Gina Javier played well defensively at second base and also bashed a pair of doubles.

Even though the Gaels finished third in the tournament, they played tremendous softball throughout the weekend, winning three out of four on Friday and Saturday.

In their first game on May 1, Pick earned her 12th victory of the season, allowing just three hits in a 3-1 win over San Diego.

In game two, St. Mary's tallied three times in the bottom of the fifth inning to defeat LMU 5-3. Rae Paulson got the win in relief, giving up no runs in one-plus innings.

The next day, the Gaels got big hits out of Ana Rodriguez,



Gina Javier tries to hold onto the wet slippery ball.

Gina Javier, and Greta Todd as they took care of business against San Diego 5-1.

The final game of Saturday went down to the wire.

With the Gaels trailing LMU 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning and two outs, Trisha Dean doubled to left. Amanda Murphy came up and scorched one to center towards the fence, but an incredible catch by the Lion centerfielder ended the game.

The catch played a big part in the seedings the next day in which the Gaels lost in a rematch to the Lions.

Final WISL Standings

WISL Champion
Santa Clara 7-1 (19-35)

St. Mary's 5-3 (22-39)
Loyola-Marymount 3-4 (26-31)

San Diego 1-7 (27-28)