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Faculty Salary Scale Inadequate

Salaries fail to
increase with cost
of living

By Julia Jenkins
News Editor

As students began the 1998-99 school year we noticed that new building projects were under way, tuition increased, and the faculty salary scale once again failed to keep pace with inflation. As the cost of living raises St. Mary's tuition, economics would suggest that, in turn, faculty salaries would also increase.

St. Mary's faculty salaries are set on a scale that consists of 19 steps ranging from Assistant step one to step six, Associate step one to six, and Full Professor step one to seven. Each year most faculty increase a step and should thus receive a merit increase of approximately 3%, plus a cost of living increase.

This past year, President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, PhD. recommended to the Board of Trustees that the Associate Professors, Full Professors and administration receive an across the board 4% increase, and Assistance Professors receive a 4.5% increase. The Board approved this recommendation. However, because many professors did not ad-

SUMMARY SALARY DATA				
		1996-1997		
	Comparable Schools*	SMC		%Difference
Professor	\$70,665	\$65,000		-8.72
Associate	\$53,082	\$50,700		-4.70
Assistant	\$43,288	\$39,700		-9.04
		1995-1996		
	Comparable Schools*	SMC		%Difference
Professor	\$67,523	\$63,100		-7.00
Associate	\$50,735	\$48,000		-5.70
Assistant	\$41,523	\$39,200		-5.90

*Mills College, Occidental College, Pepperdine University, San Francisco State University, Santa Clara University, University of San Francisco, Pomona College, Whittier College, Loyola Maramont University, University of San Diego, University of Pacific, Lewis and Clark, Reed University, University of Puget Sound, Seattle University, Gonzaga, Portland University, and Williamett University.

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vance up the salary scale, the actual average increase received this year was 3.4%

This, while good for the administration, who usually receive less of an increase than the faculty, was bad for the professors. Most faculty received their 3% step increase plus an extra 1%, but inflation this year was well over 1%.

In the San Francisco Bay Area inflation increased 3.3% according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), but St. Mary's uses the National CPI which was only 1.7% not including the cost of housing.

Most faculty did receive more than the average faculty national increase which was 3.4%

according to the Wall Street Journal, but many professors did not even receive that.

The way the scale is set up, an Associate Professor can advance yearly to each step until the final step. At that step the professor is reviewed by the Faculty Rank and Tenure committee. The Committee determines whether the professor advances from an Associate to a Full Professor. Their decision is determined by teaching effectiveness, scholarly activities and their service to the College.

"It is very difficult to have enough scholarly time to stay current and design good courses, without sacrificing time with students outside of class," says

Chair of Faculty Welfare Committee Roy Allen. This is one reason why the faculty are trying to reduce their course load to six. Those faculty who do not advance, do not receive a step increase.

A lot of faculty do not step up. This year there were approximately 5 faculty at the top level of Assistant who received a 1% increase, 11 at the top level of Associate who received no increase, and a large number of the 35 professors at the top level of Full Professor who received a 2.5% increase.

Some professors received as little as a \$12 to \$30 annual increase after taxes, thus they

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Solidarity Observed

Faculty support
excludes student
input

By Fawn Sutherland
Editor-in-Chief

Adorning the shirts of various members of the St. Mary's Community this past week, small pieces of rainbow ribbon have been one of the only outward signs that marked the observance of Solidarity Sunday.

Observed by people across the nation, Solidarity Sunday allows people, regardless of their sexual preference, to visibly demonstrate their opposition to the verbal and physical abuse of Gay and Lesbian people.

GALA made ribbons available to students outside Religious Studies Professor and GALA Faculty Moderator Paul Giurlanda's Dante office. The ribbons accompanied small cards stating, "I wear this ribbon in Solidarity with my Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Sisters and Brothers." The cards also included a brief "Solidarity Prayer" and "The Solidarity Pledge."

Beginning with an e-mail sent on September 30 by Giurlanda, faculty and staff have furiously responded to a verbal attack made on GALA President Nathan Cuthbert earlier this year.

In her e-mail sent October 1, Assistant Athletic Director Betsy Reed wrote, "Certainly, it is much easier to roll the eyes and look away from ugly speech or actions instead of standing up to those violating the integrity of our community."

"Yes, there is support from the ranks. I wish I had seen MORE students... I do wonder, however, what will the response be to the attack against Nathan [Cuthbert]?" Wrote Professor Frances Sweeny in her e-mail on October 2.

Professor Brenda Hillman stated, "We must not stop at wearing ribbons and e-mailing each other, because the force of this hatred is huge and treach-

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Campus Alcohol Policy Awaits Revision

Dean of Student
Development
reviews policy

Jason Vitucci
Managing Editor

As the school year began, Student Handbooks were distributed containing the current alcohol policy.

In years past, situations regarding problems with alcohol have simply differed to California Law.

This new document is revolutionary because it marks the first article that deals directly with problematic alcohol situations.

Stipulated at the beginning of the policy was a note stating "this policy is currently being revised. When revisions are approved, they will be published to the College community. In the meantime, the following policy remains in effect."

Dean of Student Development Peter Simonds confirmed this statement and provided the campus community with a look at the new policy that awaits his approval before it goes into effect.

The document currently stands at eleven pages; a length that Simonds hopes to dramatically reduce. "I hope to get it down to three or four pages," says Simonds.

The Ad-Hoc Alcohol Policy Review Committee developed the new policy. The Committee is made up of administrators, academic faculty and students.

The group consists of Counseling Center/Coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Programming Nancy Glenn, PhD., Director of Events and Conferences Mark Jaime, Department of Psychology Brent LaMon, PhD., Director of Alumni Relations Giles Miller, Extended Education Student Representative Terry

Bennett, Assistant Athletic Director/Residence Director Betsy Reed, Collegiate Seminar/Residence Director Deanne Kruse, Assistant Director of Residence Life Craig Elliot, ASSMC President Tricia O'Brien, Men's Basketball Head Coach Dave Bollwinkel, ASSMC Vice President for Student Affairs Jennifer Abel, and Assistant Director of Personnel Services Elaine Parcher.

The proposal was submitted on June 3, and Simonds hopes to have his revisions made sometime in the next month.

The current size of the document is large when compared to Santa Clara's alcohol policy, which stands at a readable two pages and covers seven different points of argument.

The conciseness of the Santa Clara policy makes it very reader-friendly and much more accessible to the student.

A general summary of the

Santa Clara document is as follows: 1) Service and consumption of alcohol at on and off campus events must comply with state and federal law; 2) University food service is the sole provider of alcohol at stipulated events; or in certain cases another designated licensed agent; 3) No public consumption of alcohol; except at designated events, in authorized areas; 4) No alcoholic beverage consumption at University-sponsored intercollegiate or club sport athletic event or recreational sports activity; 5) Alcoholic beverage companies donations limited to cash donations, donated products in support of fund-raising, or other special events approved by the appropriate official; 6) Service of alcoholic beverages must meet standards stipulated in a certain appendix; 7) Alcoholic beverages are allowed to be

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Op / Ed

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THE COLLEGIAN VIEW

END OF THE RAINBOW

Why is it that it takes an extreme incident to bring the obstacles that obstruct our true path to united community into view? Why is it that we prefer to go around these obstacles rather than making the effort to remove them or prevent them from getting in the way in the first place? How can we allow our fellow human beings to dehumanize one another with cruel actions and spiteful words?

This past Sunday was Solidarity Sunday. Solidarity in this sense indicates the unifications of all people despite the differences created by race, sex, sexual preference, culture, etc. What we often forget is that these differences can also bring us closer to understanding our similarities. Humanity, in its most united state resembles a rainbow. Each individual is like a separate color defined by individual personalities and beliefs. When each part comes together, boundaries fade away, blending and creating new colors as they unify in the form of a rainbow.

Our campus is currently struggling to understand why the cruel verbal assault of a student at the hands of fellow students took place earlier this semester. Another baffling question concerns the reasoning behind why the incident and its discussion was limited to faculty and staff. The faculty of SMC found that it was necessary to share their feelings and concerns regarding the cruelty that took place. Why were students not included in this critical discussion?

It was not until this past Sunday that students were informed that dehumanizing activities such as that which occurred earlier this year are taking place on campus.

We the **Collegian** commend Fr. Sal Ragusa, Director of Campus Ministry and official Campus Chaplain, for bringing this issue forward for the entire community through his homily this past Sunday. Ragusa took the steps that the faculty did not. He brought the issue to the group that is at the heart of the problem, the students.

We believe that communication between the separate factions on campus is necessary in order to develop solutions. Unfortunately, the discourse that took place among the faculty regarding this issue was not effective in developing a solution because it did not involve the student body nor did it incite action. It was students that were involved in creating this problem. Why were students not immediately included in the search for the answers to it?

In order to more effectively deal with the problems that present themselves at St. Mary's, it is the responsibility of the students as well as the mediums which serve them to take a more active role in their communities. Now that the peer group most closely associated with inflicting the cruelty upon one of its own is aware of the wrong that has occurred, it is our responsibility to actively look for a way to rectify injury. By actively involving ourselves in productive discourse by means of letters to the editor, attending and speaking at Senate meetings' public forums, student forums, and Townhall Meetings an answer can be found.

Editorial Corrections

Detour • Upcoming Concerts all dates with the month August (8) should have been October (10)!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Letter to the SMC Community

Members of the SMC Community:

We cherish the opportunity to experience a small school where individuals uniquely strive to create a caring environment. Warm friendships are nurtured. New faces are welcomed. Close ties are fostered. Indeed, our community is truly blessed.

Characteristically, we harmonize to promote peace and understanding, even where diversity of opinion exists. It is that diversity of opinion which makes St. Mary's such a vibrant community. It is that harmony and concern for each other that makes St. Mary's such a Lasallian institution.

Recently, however, diversity of opinion has been used as an instrument to fracture our community. The very attribute which serves as one of our greatest strengths - diversity - has been used as a dividing knife rather than as a unifying glue. We have been saddened to hear about recent acts of intolerance on campus and we wish to use this occasion to address these odious and serious matters.

We have heard that individual(s) who profess a particular lifestyle orientation, or who are identified as being of a particular ethnic heritage have been subjected to ridicule. We furthermore understand that signs which announce meetings of GALA and other organizations have been defaced. While we are pleased to note that, to the best of our knowledge, such incidents are rare, their presence in our school - to any degree at all - is most troubling and must not be allowed to continue.

As an academic community within a larger global society, we have done well to bring together a diversity of individuals. The empathy we feel, the compassion we share, and the understanding we promote, by many measures has beaten the odds. Society at large is still plagued by many of the social prejudices we have avoided. But diligence is required. Ensuring that our College will be a safe and welcoming community for all people will require nothing less than persistent and energetic support of diversity.

Let us encourage each other at all times to appreciate the diverse human gifts of our community. Our mission statement challenges us to be a community which "comes together to grow in knowledge, wisdom and love." If we are to achieve this most enviable end, we must open up not only our minds, but our hearts as well. Our actions alone must prove that ours is not a mission impossible.

Tricia O'Brien '99
ASSMC President

Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, PhD.
College President

Open Letter To SMC Community

Friends, Colleagues, and Fellow Learners,

"Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God." Many of us repeat this Lasallian salutation frequently as we go about doing what we do at St. Mary's ... live, learn and serve one another. I believe that in saying these oft repeated words it is also good to "remember that we are in the holy

presence of one another."

Unfortunately, there are times when the holy presence of another person is not honored. When this happens, I, like others at St. Mary's, abhor the disrespectful, insensitive, and unholy treatment of any one of our students, faculty, staff, administrators, or guests. Anything that is done which disparages or violates another person emotionally, physically, sexually, spiritually or in any other manner, should and will not be tolerated within this campus community. Should you or anyone you know have any information about any person being harassed or intimidated, you can help us to resolve these matters by privately and confidentially immediately contacting the Dean for Student Development and Leadership (Pete Simonds @ 4235), Director of Public Safety (Roger Sciutto @ 4282), Director of Residence Life (Nancy Morrison @ 4236), Director of Student Activities (Yvonne Canada @ 4704) or me (Brother Jack @ 4235).

For members of our community to feel safe in the process of successfully resolving serious matters of this nature, maintaining confidentiality and respecting the privacy of the individuals involved is paramount in our practice and is consistent with the law. Consequently, in our campus follow-up to specific reported incidents, it is not our practice to publish names and other identifying characteristics of those who are unfortunately subjected to such violations of our campus community standards. I want to ensure the campus community that matters of this nature are indeed addressed severely and that confidentiality, safety and privacy are maintained and respected by all of the offices involved in the process.

It was while attending the September 10th meeting of the Diversity Task Force that I first learned of a poster for GALA having been burnt. This is inappropriate behavior which discredits others, violates our community standards, and dishonors the holy presence of God within each other. When I heard that this happened, I was outraged not only because it had occurred, but I was also outraged by the fact that this burnt poster was still hanging on the wall of a campus building! This is not consistent with the expectations and responsibilities that membership in this community entail. Each of us has a responsibility to immediately bring matters of this nature to the attention of the Dean, Public Safety, or a Residence Life staff person. By not taking such action, appropriate and swift resolution is hindered. I implore each of you to immediately report such matters to these appropriate campus offices.

While I was shocked and disheartened by the news that I heard at this meeting, my faith in our community is not shattered because I know that so many others share my belief that as members of this community each of us must share in the responsibility to reinforce, build and celebrate a respectful campus community that is absolutely free from disparagement, intimidation, harassment and violence of any kind. As members of this community we all do share in this responsibility to honor and celebrate the goodness of one another as well as to redress that which is not consistent with this community standard.

Thankfully, immediately after the September 10th Diversity Task Force meeting ended, action was taken to attempt to redress the matter at hand. A concerned member of the SMC community immediately removed the poster from

public display. While there is really no action that could totally rectify this despicable act, certainly some action was and is warranted. I thank the person who removed the burnt poster from the hallway wall. I also would like you to know that through e-mail and in person I informed both the Student President and the Faculty Moderator of GALA of this incident, conveyed the embarrassment and regret of the College that this incident had occurred, and reassured them of our collective campus community commitment to continue to promote respect for the dignity of all persons. Toward this end, I met with our Dean for Student Development and Leadership, our Director of Student Activities, our Director of Residence Life and our Director of Public Safety. Each of them is working with their respective departments to heighten our campus commitment to promoting respect for the dignity of all persons (with particular emphasis at this time on GALA) and networking with other on-campus and off-campus personnel to do the same. We all suffer and we all are lessened when one of us is a victim of intimidation, harassment, disrespect or violence. Together, we all can make improvements to increase and enhance our community.

I firmly believe that many of us in our day-to-day interactions make this a very good place to live, learn and serve each other. By what each of us does and how each of us acts with one another each and every day we build here a real and living culture of respect and honor. As Lasallians we do well to daily nurture our individual and collective mindfulness of God's holy presence and of the holy presence of one another.

Bro. Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

Please Correct!

Dear Editor:

In the September 25 publication there were several errors in the Tenure Denied article written by Walker Lewis concerning the information given about Dr. Scott Myers-Lipton. First of all he is not an Assistant Professor of Liberal Studies, he is an Associate Professor. And secondly, Myers-Lipton did not resign from teaching at Saint Mary's. In fact, he is currently teaching a course in the INVST Leadership Program. I would greatly appreciate the correction in your next issue. Thank you.

Cristina Whiffenburg
Liberal Studies '99

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POINT • COUNTERPOINT

The Value of Experience

Jason Vitucci
Managing Editor

The opportunity for travel during Jan Term goes to the very nature of the program. I remember talking to my advisor during registration for Jan Term Freshman year. He told me that I should take a course outside of my major to add a diverse element of academics to my course transcript.

The experience of a travel course cannot be replicated by the greatest book. The great philosopher Descartes states that to truly understand the essence of a topic, one must experience it. I realized this last year as I had the opportunity to travel through Israel and Jordan. Stories from the Bible jumped off the page and into these ancient archaeological sights. Now, every time I read the Bible, I am able to envision the actual place in my mind.

Some may make the argument, that these courses are too expensive. I would counter that argument with the simple fact that if one were to travel the same itinerary on their own, it would cost them much more money. At each of the sights that we visited in Israel, there was an admission fee which was included in the original price of the trip. I would say that 95 percent of the museum and sight costs were included in the ultimate cost of the trip. I would not attempt to tell you that these courses are affordable to the masses, however they are certainly not over-

priced for the content that is provided to the travelling student.

The importance of travel cannot be discounted from the curriculum of Jan Term. I believe travel to be an integral part of education. The aforementioned experience is one of the most powerful tools for education that St. Mary's has available to its community.

Jason Vitucci is an English and Religious Studies Double Major Graduating in 2000.

Chris Ursini
Staff Writer

January Term courses should not exist at St. Mary's for many reasons. Primarily, these "courses" are not open to everyone. They are only open to those of us who are fortunate enough to have parents rich enough to spare \$3,000. There are many students who would kill for the opportu-

nity to see the sights in England or Italy, but they cannot because they cannot afford to go.

Many of these travel courses cannot be as rigorous as what is experienced in the classroom during January Term. Some courses visit 10 to 15 cities in a month. That's not learning, but traveling. For many students it is a way out of having to take a real class. One of the courses was described to me like this: "That course was so easy. All we did was get drunk every night. At the end, I just had to write a paper."

Sure this sounds like fun, but what did this student really learn? That "daddy can buy my way out of having a real class." Why doesn't St. Mary's offer travel courses during the regular semester? Instead of taking Physics, just pay \$3,000 and go to Europe and get drunk. Personally, I would not let my parents pay for such a "class." I feel that not only the reputation of St. Mary's but the reputation of my college education is lessened by allowing students to take these extravagant vacations!

Chris Ursini is an Engineering Major Graduating in 2000.

Should We Have January Term Travel Courses?

A Focus On St. Mary's Catholicism

Jason Vitucci
Managing Editor

Catholicism is not a word that is frequently used here in the St. Mary's community. In fact, in my two full years here on campus, it is one of the most infrequently used terms. Should this be a concern for a Catholic school of higher education?

I recently had the privilege to attend Bro. Craig Franz's Fireside Chat with the faculty of the campus. The topic of discussion was The President's Vision that has recently circulated around campus. It was the concern of some faculty

members that there was no Catholic emphasis included in the entire treatise. This was of particular concern to some of the Christian Brothers who teach here.

Further, I wonder if Catholic Values would be viewed as apparent anywhere on campus. It is definitely evident that there is a Christian emphasis as seen in the Religious Studies requirement of graduation as well as the many styles of group prayer sponsored by Campus Ministry this fall. But I would hardly call these a predominantly Catholic emphasis.

It was brought to my attention that a certain plaque on campus,

dedicated to the souls of aborted babies and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, spawned a debate around campus amongst the students as well as faculty. Apparently, some of the faculty members were distraught that they would be forced to pass by this monument everyday and were adamant that it is torn down. I commend the administration for allowing this plaque to be implemented. It displays a staunch belief of Catholicism. And to the faculty that don't like walking past it, I would like to remind you that you do teach at a Catholic institution.

Getting back to the lack of "Catho-

licity," as it was dubbed at the Fireside Chat, I would like to report that some new members of the faculty were surprised that at least some portion of their teaching would need to have some type of Catholic focus. As an example, I provide the amazement of one of the business professors who includes a segment of ethics in her teaching of Business Law. She could not believe that she would not need to refocus a portion of her lecture in Catholic Ethics, since she had been hired by a Catholic institution. She was notified of no such inclusion.

Some faculty provided an idea to implement more community out-

reach programs on campus. I believe this to be a wonderful suggestion, however this, too, is merely a Christian suggestion.

For a higher degree of "Catholicity" to be realized on this campus, it must come from the overall philosophy of the administration. Saint Jean Baptiste De La Salle founded the order of the Christian Brothers in the tradition of the Catholic Church. We, as members of the St. Mary's community, must not lose sight of this.

Jason Vitucci is an English and Religious Studies Double Major Graduating in 2000.

Internet Provides Reality Check For Media Sources

Walker Lewis
Op/Ed Editor

This past weekend, while browsing through the latest Lewinsky-Tripp phone conversations in *The Contra Costa Sunday Times*, I stumbled upon something truly interesting. It wasn't Linda Tripp's self proclaimed motherly interest in young Monica, or Tripp's highly questionable motives with Ms. Lewinsky's New York job search. All of this new information coming from the Lewinsky - Tripp phone conversations is fascinating, at least in a General Hospital, soap opera kind of way; it begs you to keep coming back for more.

What captured my attention last weekend was what Ethan Rarick had to say about the Starr

Report, "The Internet's coming out party." Rarick's editorial begins by pointing out that the Clinton scandal indicates a benchmark in news history. The benchmark, however, isn't found in the news, but in how we get our news. Television changed the way we look at the world because we were actually able to see the news, but television has always been controlled by media sources that decide what is important. The Internet, on the other hand, is not controlled by a media that caters to certain opinions. In fact, to the contrary, the Internet is home to the kind of news that people might not want you to know. At least it coexists there with more reputable news. Rarick credits the Internet with facts that allow a reader to come up with his or her own conclusions. With the growth

of the Internet, Rarick explains, "people will get more and more of their information directly, unfiltered by [news writers]."

But the Internet is more than a straight to the source news resource for Rarick. He is worried that the Internet will lead us all down separate paths. "A world in which we are all empowered to inform ourselves is a world in which we end up being informed about different things... The Web may end up destroying whatever minor shred we have left of some kind of common civic discourse."

I don't think that Rarick's point goes to the heart of the issue. And this is where I disagree with Rarick. When I see my roommate's girlfriend looking on the Internet for her favorite band's Web page, I don't assume that she was looking for election news

and somehow wandered elsewhere. Likewise, many people who do follow current events go to the Internet to follow up what they are interested in. Many of our news sources offer Internet sites that offer more information plus a chance to get involved in a chat, debate or poll. I would say that, if anything, the Internet connects people. Over the summer, I was amazed to see that my mother had become computer literate in order to access her favorite news program's debate chatroom.

Perhaps Rarick, as a journalist, is worried about job security. But it seems ridiculous to think that any mainstream media will lose a step to the infinitely specific World Wide Web. Rarick seems to doubt our ability to inform ourselves as Americans. He suggests that it might be better

for Americans to learn news through a filter. I can see his point. Perhaps we would have viewed the Vietnam War differently if we had not seen it on television; it is hard for the media to spin what is right in front of everybody. But this is exactly what makes the Internet so great. We will always have the world's best political analysts looking over the Starr Report or whatever hot topic draws interest. Now we are all entitled to follow from our own computers.

If the media is corrupt, in the sense that it no longer sticks to what is truly newsworthy, I can only hope that the Internet provides a reality check.

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High Potential Offers Many Opportunities For Freshman

Maria-Pia Silva
Staff Writer

At Saint Mary's College students are given more than one opportunity to pursue their academic goals through higher education. They have the chance to be enrolled through a program called High Potential. High Potential is for students who have the ability to succeed in college but were unable to show their aptitude through the standard procedure of a college admission.

As a High Potential student I

have encountered different ideas of how students in this program are perceived. Some see this program as students who are above average or who are not college material. High Potential students do not fall into either of these stereotypes they are no different than any other student admitted to Saint Mary's. Students are not handed this program on a silver platter. First, they must undergo another admission process which requires them to fill out another application, write more essays, and get more recommendations.

Once a student is accepted they are expected to attend a three week summer program which they must complete successfully. The summer session is intended to prepare the students for college by teaching us learning skills, and time management, etc. It consists of hard work for example attending classes all day, reading the Iliad in three weeks, writing a research paper and much more. We were taught how to become master students in an institution of higher education.

In my opinion the program of-

fers many opportunities for incoming freshman. Even though the summer program is intense, you learn what will be expected of you as a college student, making the transition from high school to college easier. Since the program usually consists of about twenty-five students the High Potential program becomes a family. The students support and help each other through all the hard work so we can complete the session together as a team. We are given the privilege of not feeling lost and alone when school begins

because of the friendships we built. There are many advantages to being in the program and should not be looked as a disadvantage.

The summer program of 1998 was able to accomplish everything that was expected of us as High Potential students. We all proved that we had the potential to achieve in a institution of higher education as well as anybody else.

Maria-Pia Silva is an English Major Graduating in 2002.

Weekly World Report



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

Judiciary Committee Approves Probe
In a vote drawn across part lines all 21 Republicans voted for the probe while all 16 Democrats voted against the probe. Two amendments by Democrats that limited the length and the scope of the inquiry were defeated. Congress will vote on the resolution within the week.

Clinton Addresses IMF
President Clinton addressed the International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington. Clinton asked the finance ministers from 22 industrialized and developing nations to adopt a U.S. proposal for an emergency lending fund to stop financial unrest from toppling Brazil and the rest of South America.

49ers Owner Pleads Guilty
DeBartolo pleads guilty, fined \$1 million in a Louisiana Casino scandal. He was placed on two years probation and assessed a total of \$1 million in fines. This stemmed from a \$400,000 gift that he gave to former Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards shortly before his company received a casino license. DeBartolo in his plea bargain also agreed to cooperate in any future trials involving the Governor or his son.

UN Honors 50 Years of Peacekeeping
Tuesday, the UN celebrated 50 years of peacekeeping honoring three of their 1,582 fallen. Their families were awarded medals by Secretary-General Kofi Annan. The UN first started peacekeeping missions in 1948 when they monitored the truce between the Israelis and the Arabs in the Middle East. Annan also announced a permanent memorial on UN grounds to honor slain military and civilian peace keepers. The memorial will be paid for by the prize money from the Nobel Prize that the UN peace keepers won in 1988.

Dow Chemical Settles for \$23 Million
Dow Chemical Co. agreed to settle a \$23 million lawsuit that alleged that they allowed contaminated water from its Pittsburgh plant to flow into the Sacramento River Delta. The suit was filed by San Francisco based BayKeeper who said that Dow violated Proposition 65, the Clean Water Act. The Settlement is likely to include a cleanup plan and damage award.

US Fails to End Crackdown in Kosovo
A senior US envoy failed again to persuade Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to end the crackdown in Kosovo. This crisis has lasted seven months and with no compromise in sight threats of air-strikes are being used to persuade Milosevic. This strike would come from a multinational force.

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SALARY: Declining scale not working for faculty

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were making less money this year than last due to inflation.

For many faculty, there was no warning, finding out only when they received their pay check.

"How was this decision made, what were the grounds for the distributions, and why were those affected not informed?" asks Communication Department Chair Sue Fallis. "[The faculty] are so committed to the institution, [not receiving an increase] was like someone saying you don't matter," adds Fallis.

"The College needs to recognize that we have a very good faculty and we want to continue to encourage them and not let them be demoralized by the declining salaries," says Allen.

"While the numbers are going up the scale's buying power is going down," agrees Vice President for Administration Chief Financial Officer Lionel Chan. "The table has reached its breaking point," he adds. The Board of Trustees are concerned and have asked that a study be done of the competitiveness of the faculty's salaries.

Chan along with the Faculty Welfare Committee will compare similar schools in California ranked in the Pacific II A by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

"The scale is a constraint in terms of getting new faculty," says Chan. Each field has a separate demand; other universities pay faculty in certain disciplines more, whereas St. Mary's scale allows no flexibility for the different disciplines.

Some faculty have even left the College because of the salaries. "Faculty's salaries have lost the ability to attract and

retain faculty," adds Allen.

In a letter on March 4, 1998 to Chair of Academic Senate Frank Murray, Allen wrote "the faculty salary scale has not kept up with inflation since 1992 ... there are scale increases averaging less than 1%, this deterioration in purchasing power of the average faculty member could worsen."

In a letter to Franz, Chan, Business Affairs Assistant Vice

it has had financial trouble in the past. The school has filed bankruptcy once before. "We are not a wealthy school," says Chan. The College does not have a large Alumni base from which to draw funds. Our endowment fund (school savings account or investment fund) is only \$60 million.

While this may seem like a lot of money, other schools have a much larger fund. Pomona Col-

lege has a \$400 million endowment fund and Harvard, the oldest university in the United States, has an \$11 billion fund. "It is important for the endowment fund to be

Step	Assistant	Associate	Professor
1	\$37,988	\$46,584	\$59,145
2	\$39,332	\$47,823	\$60,934
3	\$40,724	\$49,709	\$62,889
4	\$42,167	\$51,669	\$64,846
5	\$43,660	\$53,708	\$66,818
6	\$45,207	\$55,827	\$68,788
7			\$70,763 A \$74,576 B

1998-1999 Faculty Salary Scale

President John Rengel, and all St. Mary's Faculty on April 23, Allen wrote, "The average Assistant Professor in 1998-99 compared to his predecessor of 1991-92, will have reduced yearly purchasing power of \$1,726, whereas Associate Professors will have lost \$2,530 relative to their predecessors, and Full Professors will have lost \$2,613."

"The scale has been declining relative to inflation so it is not working," says Allen. "But it is wrong to think a new scale or step system will solve the problem." The solution seems to be that the current scale must keep up with inflation, but this remains a Board of Trustees decision.

According to Allen, it is important to keep the faculty united and avoid fighting between Assistant, Associate and Full Professors.

St. Mary's may be a financially healthy school today, but

increased," says Chan.

He points out that "St. Mary's is tuition based and could do much better with a larger endowment fund." Seventy percent of the College's operating costs are based on tuition. This is one of the highest percentages in the nation.

In January, the College will announce a Capital Campaign. This aggressive campaign headed by Advancement plans to double the College's endowment fund.

"It is extremely important that the faculty support [the campaign]," stresses Chan. A larger endowment fund will be good for the faculty and "should improve education on campus," Chan adds.

Franz says, "I don't know if the current system is fair." He emphasizes the need to pull data from other institutions. "I want to pay the teachers a fair salary," he adds.

GALA: Incident incites faculty unrest in e-mail discourse

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erous," in her e-mail sent to all faculty, staff and GALA on October 3.

However, students, for the most part, have remained unaware of the verbal war taking place across the campus network.

Now, with the administration also responding to the cries of outrage, this incident, which went unreported, has now been brought to the forefront of the St. Mary's Community, against Cuthbert's original intentions.

Unrecognizable to Cuthbert, the names of the students involved in the verbal attack against him are unknown. "Initially, I didn't want anyone to know about it. I don't even remember what day it happened,

it was too long ago."

Cuthbert chose not to report the incident due to his experience from the prior year. "Last year something worse happened to me. I reported it to Public Safety, but I just got a lot of flack from them."

Cuthbert has since reported the incident that took place earlier this year. After speaking to both the Dean of Student Development Peter Simonds and Director of Student Activities Yvonne Canada, Cuthbert agreed to complete a Student Contact Report.

At Mass on the evening of Sunday, October 4, Father Sal Ragusa S.D.S. addressed the community's power of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit. Using a Guatemalan woman's

metaphor of boulders that crush people in their paths, Ragusa asked the community to remove the boulders from the path instead of just tending to the wounded and finding a way around it. Ragusa associated the metaphorical boulders with the current problems that Cuthbert and other students are encountering at St. Mary's.

At the end of his e-mail sent to members of the St. Mary's Community on September 30, Giurlanda surmised, "If one feels uncomfortable wearing this ribbon because 'people might think I'm gay,' it's a wonderful opportunity to experience in a very small way for a little while what gay people experience in a very big way all their lives."

Corrections for Jan Term Catalog

Jan 052-- Prof. Michelle Lelwica-- "Spirituality of the Body: Introduction to Aikido and the Role of the Body in Spiritual Practice". Schedule should read MWF 8-11:30 AM (not PM as in the catalog supplement).

Jan 002-- Bro. Ken Cardwell-- "Assembling California" will meet on the following schedule: Mon. 12-2:30pm, Tues. 12-5pm, Th. 12-2:30pm, and Fri. 12-2:30pm, except for the third week of January, when the class will be on an extended field trip away from campus Monday through Thursday

Accelerated Elementary French and German: Check with Registrar for new class times.

Phone Problems Persist

Telephone Services address ongoing difficulty

By April Molinefil
Staff Writer

As the school year continues, so do attempts to fix problems with the new phone system. Efforts are now being made to fix technical glitches and students confusion concerning operation techniques.

Thursday October 1, voice mail training sessions were held for students and faculty in Filippi conference room from 9:00am until 1:00pm. According to Telephone Services Manager Teresa Hansen, no students attended the sessions.

Hansen thinks that a possible reason for nonattendance was that students were not properly informed of the sessions before they occurred. "We will probably do it again and make fliers and notify people through e-mail of the sessions," Hansen said.

Right now, telephone problems seem to be decreasing. "We are down to 10 trouble tickets, mostly concerning voice mail and users not knowing how the system works. A permanent GTE technician is on campus two days a week to fix any technical problems with the phones.

Junior Marc Boeles said, "I still don't get call-waiting and my

voice mail has never worked. I am about ready to go buy an answering machine."

Another source of information about the phone service and line for communication will be available on an Intranet, which is presently in the process of being developed.

"Information and fliers have been sent to resident advisors in the dorms and more will follow about the system and what it offers," says Hansen.

Regarding the services that are now available, students do not yet have three-way-calling and faculty do not have call waiting. "The majority of the faculty did not want call waiting because they haven't had a real need for it," adds Hansen.

Sophomore Devin Horton said, "I had to pay a lot more money in the beginning, which was an inconvenience and had to wait a week for the phone to start working at all. Maybe if I had some better instructions I could figure out how to work my phone."

Senior O'Neil Kamaka said, "My voice mail still doesn't work. I followed the instructions that came with the phone and they didn't help at all."

Call forwarding is now working and is implemented by pressing star and two and then the number for the call to be forwarded to. There is also an emergency 911 service, scheduled to begin working October

13. Hansen says this service will be enacted when someone dials 911 and the call goes directly to Public Safety and the Moraga Police Department with the exact location of the call.

Billing is another area affected by the shift to GTE. On October 15, when phone payments are due, money will go through St. Mary's instead of GTE.

Students can drop off checks to Bemle Cox in the Telephone Services office in Filippi Hall or mail it in. Hansen said having the phone services site on campus is cheaper for both the students and St. Mary's.

Hansen also reported that the calling cards have arrived and will soon be accessible to students.

"There are 2,500 cards and right now we have to decide the easiest way to distribute them. Each student has to fill out a sheet with their card number so Telephone Services has a record of who has what card."

Hansen suggests students be open-minded about the changes. "I am open to all ideas and suggestions and will immediately address any problems or questions students have," she claims

Hansen reports that she is happy the new phone system "has come this far this fast and many of the problems we have faced have been worked through."

South Africa Study Abroad

New program makes travel available for less money

George Malachowski
Assistant News Editor

Beginning Spring semester St. Mary's students will have a new avenue for study. This Spring approximately nine to eighteen students will travel to South Africa to study at the University of Cape Town.

This program and others are being facilitated by administrative support. President Bro. Craig Franz, FSC, PhD. wrote in his mission statement about expanding the horizons of students by Study Abroad Programs.

St. Mary's will charge students for tuition, housing and a 14 meal plan for their stay at UCT. This covers tuition at UCT, room, board, and among other things 70% of the airfare cost. St. Mary's student loans and financial aid awards may be used to cover these costs.

Associate Professor of Anthropology Margot Winer PhD. put together this program and will be leading the group of students.

Winer has been a Research fellow at the Department of Archaeology at the University of Cape Town for the last decade. She has also taken several Jan Term classes to South Africa.

Winer believes students should travel to South Africa because "[American] students are immersed with South African students in classes and it is

really a mind opening experience." Winer hopes to make this program an annual venture.

One of the main reasons Winer wanted to set up this program is so that St. Mary's students would be able to see more of the world and its cultures.

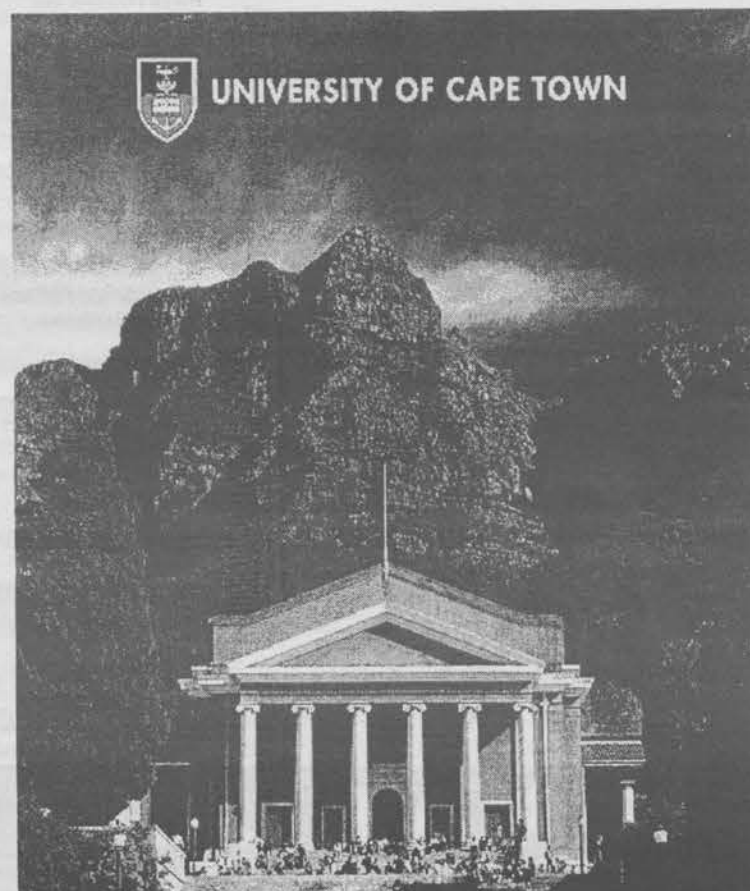
One prospective student, Junior Dan Johnson explains, "This summer I met people from South Africa in Europe. I saw pictures [of South Africa] and I

wanted to go when this opportunity appeared."

"It is also a place I normally wouldn't be able to travel to," Johnson added.

The Study Abroad Program to South Africa has stopped taking applications, however there are plans to create opportunities much like this for the future.

Executive Assistant to the President James Devine Ed.D. will be developing these opportunities.



The University of Cape Town in South Africa.

SMC CRIME BEAT

Oct. 2- DUI and Non-Injury Accident
SMC Public Safety detained a possible DUI at the front of the school and reported the matter to MPD. MPD arrived on the scene and detained the driver for a DUI. The driver's car also had recent damage to the front of his car. The driver admitted that he had been involved in a hit and run. It was later determined that the driver had committed a hit and run non-injury collision when he hit a posted sign on St. Mary's Rd. The driver was booked at the Moraga Police Department and released to a sober adult.
MPD

Oct. 3- Physical Fight - Mutual Combat
The victim was spinning "donuts" on the St. Mary's lacrosse field when a male confronted the victim. MPD was called to the scene. There they served the victim a DMV DL 310 on an unrelated suspension. SMC Public Safety advised that they had not seen a crime, but that they would contact the victim for any civil restitution resulting from the damage.
MPD

Oct. 3- Miscellaneous Disturbance
MPD was called in response to an altercation between a SMC staff member and a student. MPD determined that the suspect had grabbed a Resident Advisor's arm during a verbal altercation about college rules. The student does not attend St. Mary's and was asked to leave and never come back by SMC Public Safety. The student left as requested and the victim did not press charges.
MPD

Oct. 3- DUI
A student under 21 was found driving with alcohol in their system.
PS

Oct. 3- Traffic Enforcement
Public Safety responded to a speeding driver on De La Salle Drive and cited them for an unsafe speed.
PS

Oct. 3- Student Behavior
Public Safety responded to a student under the influence in the Thille Hall lobby.
PS

Oct. 4- Verbal Fight
Public safety responded to a verbal altercation in More Hall.
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POLICY:

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served by student organizations whose membership is predominantly 21 years of age or older as long as student body fees are not used to purchase the alcohol.

In the proposed St. Mary's policy, there are eleven sections that are developed at great length. They are: 1) The Alcohol Policy Mission Statement, 2) Legal Requirements, 3) Basic Principles, 4) Guidelines for Student Sponsored Events, 5) Guidelines for Faculty/Staff/Alumni/Administration Sponsored Campus Events, 6) Guidelines for Off-Campus Events, 7) Use of St. Mary's College Facilities By Private Sponsors, 8) Publicity and Sponsorship, 9) Locations for Alcohol Consumption, 10) Educational Programs and Assistance, and 11) Health Risks.

Many of the sections are similar to that of the Santa Clara policy and Simonds has suggested that he hopes to reduce the size of the proposed document to a similar size as the existing Santa Clara policy. This is not to say that any content will be similar.

Currently, in the second month of school, the student body stands without an updated alcohol policy.

The proposal that has been submitted to Simonds by the Ad-Hoc Alcohol Policy Review Committee awaits his revision and approval.

Infotrac Technology Updates Library

New digital technology expands SMC Library

By Angela Serafini
Staff Writer

New additions to the St. Mary's Digital Electronic Library help to make students' lives a little easier.

In addition to existing programs including Albert, the St. Mary's Library System, Melvyl, which allows access to the U.C. System and Pathfinder, which allows access to U.C. Berkeley, the library has updated its Expanded Academic Index with Infotrac.

Infotrac has an index to over 1,800 magazines and academic journals, many of which can be brought up on screen with the article's full layout text including pictures.

Leg work to find articles on the shelf is eliminated; many articles are on the computer and can be printed or even e-mailed to students.

Approximately half of these articles are currently in our collection, but the remaining are accessed from other libraries otherwise unavailable to St. Mary's students.

"Access to other libraries is popular with both students and faculty," says Librarian of Systems and Media Services Martin Cohen.

Infotrac is available from any computer on the campus network. It is also accessible to those with campus e-mail and internet accounts who use St. Mary's as their internet service provider.

"This is so big because you can get this at home, off-campus, through e-mail and anywhere you have access to the school's account," says Cohen.

To use Infotrac from campus, students choose the Faculty and Academics (soon to be titled Academics) icon on the St. Mary's home page. From there, click on St. Albert Hall Library and then Library Catalogues and Databases.

Students are then asked to enter their desired subjects and a list of articles is displayed. Once specific articles are chosen a variety of options become available.

Electronic delivery will let the student know which options are available for that particular article. A preference whether to download the article in magazine text or reformatted text is offered.

Those students with access to the Acrobat reader (available to on-campus computers) can print the exact magazine or journal article layout including text and pictures. The third choice of e-mail is always an option, but only offered in the reformatted text.

Articles which are not available in full text will specify abstract or citation only. These are either the author's overview of the article or just a part of the article. The Hard Copy Delivery tells where to locate the article in the library.

If the article is not in the library it will say "ask at the Circulation or Reference Desk." If a student fills out the proper forms, the desk can get the articles electronically from other services the following day.

As of Friday October 9, another new program will be up and running in the library.

ABI/Inform will have access specifically to business, economic, and management articles, and will replace the similar existing program.

"Because of Infotrac and ABI we are adding at least 500 journals [to our library] that we didn't have before, increasing them by over 50 percent.

We are still not Berkeley, but we try to provide our undergrads with connections and access to begin their research even if it means they have to go to other libraries," says Cohen.

Senior Micaela LeNoble comments, "I transferred here from Cal State Hayward and that is one thing they had that St. Mary's did not. I am glad to see our library is expanding."

Junior Phil Campbell agrees. However, he had some difficulty

accessing Infotrac from off campus. "The program works great in the Library," Campbell says. "But when logging on from my dorm room, the screens look different and the text is jumbled."

Among other changes in the library is the addition of a second laser printer, which should be set up mid October. There will be a charge of ten cents per page to print on the laser printers.

This will run similarly to the photo copier, where cards can be issued. "It is expensive to print full text articles. Plus, it seems unbalanced to photocopy and have to pay or print for free. There will be a discount available when printing several pages," Cohen explains.

Students will also be able to save articles for a few hours and come back later to print them.

The library is continuing its expansion. The next few years will bring even more books and encyclopedias on-line, as well as, more specific subject indexes for articles.

These will include nursing, education, health, math, psychology, sports, religion and modern languages. "We are very excited about everything that is new in the library this fall," says Cohen. "Be sure to come in and check it out."

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EVENTS

Communication, Responsibility & Respect

Fawn Sutherland
Editor-In-Chief

Hanging out... Dating... Hooking up... Hugging down? Each school has its own language for the way students come together, for Katie Koestner, it all started as innocently as "hanging out."

Beginning with almost a silly attitude, the audience of 220 members of the St. Mary's community were quickly swept along with her girlish glee on the evening of October 4. Laughing at all of her jokes, Koestner encouraged the participants to empathize with her experience, through all of its highs and lows.

As a freshman at William and Mary College in Virginia, Koestner began her college years with beliefs and trust fostered by her upbringing.

Koestner told of the little wave and strategic planning that went into her efforts to attract a "drop dead gorgeous" guy she had made eye contact with at a dormitory "mixer."

Finally discovering they had a common class, she and the guy, Peter, decided to study chemistry together. She assures us that this and the "study" sessions that followed were periods during which they were "hanging out." They even studied Chemistry... "for maybe three minutes."

During one of their study sessions Peter suggested they go out to a "real" restaurant. Koestner and Peter dressed for the occasion, a dinner date to a French restaurant in Williamsburg.

Wining and dining Koestner, Peter appealed to her innocence and tempted it.

While they ate, Peter told her about his parent's house in Greece. Inviting her to accompany him there for the summer, Peter laid out four rules for Koestner, which she nervously laughed over. The third and fourth rules were the hardest for Koestner to stomach. The third: Sometimes she would have to drink (Koestner doesn't drink) and the fourth: She would have to have sex with him whenever he wanted.

Koestner pushed these requisites aside counting them as jokes. After dinner they went back to her dormitory room to dance.

In spite of her earlier explanation that she had no intentions of having sex until she was married, Peter had other ideas. In her room, he became quite insistent. Koestner's attempts to change his mind failed.

Angry at her resistance, Peter decided to go to bed...her bed. As he slept, Koestner

stayed awake. At approximately 5:00am, Peter awoke apologizing for his actions. Koestner let her guard down and went to sleep. Within seconds he'd taken advantage of her vulnerability.

Koestner incorporated the responses that students have had to her presentation.

She allowed her posture, facial expressions, attitude and voice inflection to communicate the intensity and severity of emotion that she and others in similar situations have felt.

At one point she stopped to remind her listeners, "I liked him a lot. I just wanted to remind you about that. Everyone seems to forget that part."

Koestner's attempts to bring Peter to justice within the system of the school failed and her case was turned down by the District Attorney, but not by the media.

Koestner has three thoughts on what can be done about rape. 1) Communication; 2) Responsibility; 3) Respect.

One in every four women and one in every eight (possibly six) men are raped. Every 21 hours on each college campus someone is raped.

"You can change the world one day, one person at a time... Take a risk that'll be a start."

Rabbi Brings Religious Diversity to SMC

Jason Vitucci
Managing Editor

There could not have been a better day than September 24 to discuss the High Holy Days of Judaism and the Jewish relationship with God.

At 7:30pm, one of the Religious Studies Department's newest faculty members, Rabbi Michael Oblath, took the podium to discuss these topics and as he did this, a more well-rounded approach to religion was also realized on campus. In his introduction, Chair of the Religious Studies Department Tom Poundstone, lauded that many faculty members relayed to him that, "It's about time." Perhaps this is because, until now, the department consisted of instructors with primarily Christian backgrounds. This lecture, along with Oblath's course offering "Introduction to Judaism," open up the student body of St. Mary's to an in depth look at another major world religion.

After Poundstone's introduction, Dean of Economics and Business Edwin M. Epstein, who has known Oblath for quite some time and had a hand in bringing him to St. Mary's, further welcomed him. Oblath's discussion opened up with a dis-

ussion of the holy days. The three original days of high importance were centered around the harvest. These Harvest Holidays are Passover, Shavlot, and Sukkot. The tradition of Passover is continued today; however it is remembered for different reasons. Shavlot and Sukkot are the other two. These are no longer considered High Holy Days. Focus has shifted to Rosh Hashanah, which marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, which is known as the Day of Atonement. Oblath defined three points of vocabulary in understanding this day. He defined sin as simply not keeping God's commandments, repentance as a realization of the disobedience, and atonement is when the opportunity for disobedience presents itself once again and that person does not veer off the path of righteousness. "Yom Kippur is a day for the devout Jew to talk one-on-one with God," said Oblath. Rosh Hashanah was celebrated September 21 and Yom Kippur was observed on September 30.

From there the lecture moved to a discussion of the Jewish perceptions of God as seen through the Old Testament of the Bible and modern Jewish views of God. "Jews view their

covenant with God as a two-way street," explained Oblath. "God is held accountable just like anyone else." It is also important to realize that they believe that God is capable of making mistakes. Oblath quoted two modern Jewish views of God's actions from a popular movie. They are: "If I knew God, I would be God," and "If I knew God, I would put him on trial." These quotes show that it is both impossible to know God and for which actions God is accountable.

The lesson that there are many individual beliefs in Judaism was brought to fruition when Epstein disagreed with, or reinterpreted what Oblath was suggesting about human suffering. Oblath stated that God is indifferent to human suffering, where Epstein suggested the notion that God is ultimately ineffable; unable to be comprehended. This just goes to show the central point that Oblath was teaching; the validity of personal beliefs in Judaism.

Oblath's lecture was both informative and enjoyable. It is apparent that he will serve as an integral part of the St. Mary's faculty, bringing a more diverse background to the Religious Studies Department.

Gaelfest 1998



The Laser Show -- The Gaelfest kick-off event.

Christine Howe
Events Editor

A united community was the goal for Gaelfest 1998 and it all came together in the celebration of cultural diversity and all-around fun.

The weekend started off with a free BBQ co-sponsored by Campus Ministry and the ASSMC Program Board. Resident and off-campus students, faculty and staff gathered together to indulge in grilled goodies and community friendship on Friday evening on De La Salle lawn.

After the meal, all were invited to take part in the pre-Laser Show Spirit Rally in the Chapel Quad. Performances by the Pep Band, Cheer Squad, and Dance Team set SMC spirit in motion.

In addition to the exhibitions, the Program Board involved community members in games and activities such as a pie-eating contest and St. Mary's largest game of Twister.

Getting a preview of what Saturday night's "Dancing Through Time" homecoming dance had in store, KSMC spun the sounds of the decades as the SMC community danced anticipating the start of the Laser Show.

This year's Laser Show focused on the diverse music of the decades rather than on St. Mary's tradition and community. Though entertaining with its bubble-eyed fish and wacky choreographed adventures, the show strayed for the overall SMC focus. One illuminated mention of Gaelfest was made about mid-way through the show and Bro. Jack Curran, FSC Ph.D., and the Alumni Association were thanked as part of the finale.

Saturday's Gaelfest Street Fair was a true display of the Lamorinda area's ever-increasing involvement in life at St. Mary's. Local businesses such as Long's and Score Learning

Center were present to support the Gaels alongside campus groups including CLAM, Pep Band, the *riverrun*, the *Collegian*, and the Student Alumni Association. The ASSMC Senate Team had an entire section of carnival games devoted to bringing fun to the youngest Gaels' fans.

Diversity was acknowledged and celebrated throughout the day. Asian cuisine was enjoyed to the sound of local band jazz at the Street Fair. The MacIntosh Pipe Band re-enlivened the Celtic spirit with "Amazing Grace" at centerfield. Catherine Marie Davalos and the Davalos Dance Company celebrated Hispanic Heritage with their Northern California premiere of "Borders, Space, and Brown-eyed Girls."

Despite a well-played game, the Gaels dropped their season record to 0-5, falling 20-17 to the Columbia Lions before a packed stadium. The home cheering section was virtually filled with many left looking elsewhere for seating even up to the final moments of the competition. Students, alumni, and friends of St. Mary's College formed a united front supporting their Gaels 100 percent with joyful cheers at each first down and touchdown and heartfelt complaints at bad calls and Lion advances.

Fifth quarter was its usual success. "Butch Whacks and the Glass Packs," St. Mary's alumni rock 'n' roll troupe, provided the music that encouraged unity among past, present, and future Gaels.

The spirit of Gaels' pride and community unity carried over late into the night as undergrads came together to dance the night away to music that spanned the decades.

On a daily basis it may seem that SMC is divided beyond any possibility of union. Gaelfest 1998 proves that a united St. Mary's Community is an achievable goal.

Dannon Tighe

This week...

October

Friday -- 10/9

12:00pm - Women's Soccer vs Gonzaga (Garaventa Field)
9:00pm - Swing Night (Soda Center)

Saturday -- 10/10

12:00pm - Latino Students Alumni (Poplar Grove)
2:00pm - Latino Students Alumni Social (Multi-Cultural Center)
6:00pm - Master Artist Tribute Dinner (Soda Center)

Sunday -- 10/11

12:00pm - Women's Soccer vs Loyola Marymount (Garaventa Field)
2:00pm - Men's Soccer vs Notre Dame (Garaventa Field)
2:00pm - Paralegal Commencement (Soda Center/Claeys)
6:00pm - ASSMC Senate Meeting (Soda Center)

Monday -- 10/12

12:00pm - January Term Dance Auditions "The Ugly Duckling" (Dance Studio)
4:00pm - January Term Auditions for actors (LeFevre Theater)
10:30pm - "Good Will Hunting" Program Board Movie Night (LeFevre Theater)

Tuesday -- 10/13

4:00pm - January Term Auditions for actors (LeFevre Theater)
6:00pm - Career Info Night (Soda Center)
7:00pm - EMBA Open House (Soda Center/Claeys)
8:00pm - January Term Dance Auditions "The Ugly Duckling" (Dance Studio)

Wednesday -- 10/14

4:00pm - January Term Auditions for actors (LeFevre Theater)
7:00pm - "Our Lady of Guadalupe and Friends: Marvels of Mary in Colonial Mexico City" (Soda Center/Orinda)
7:30pm - Creative Writing/Writing Series (Soda Center/Claeys)
8:00pm - January Term Dance Auditions "The Ugly Duckling" (Dance Studio)
10:30pm - Program Board Movie Night

Thursday -- 10/15

1:30pm - French Club Meeting (Hagerty)
4:00pm - Study Abroad Information Sessions (International Student Programs Office)
4:00pm - January Term Dance Auditions "The Ugly Duckling" (Dance Studio)
7:00pm - "A Journey from Oaxaca to the San Joaquin Valley" (Soda Center)
9:00pm - Integral Social (Hagerty)

Friday -- 10/16

MIDTERM HOLIDAY
2:00pm - Women's Soccer Fall Classic (Garaventa Field)
3:00pm - Men's Soccer Fall Classic (Garaventa Field)
7:00pm - Volleyball vs San Francisco (McKeon Pavilion)

Borders, Space and Brown-eyed Girls

Cathy Davalos shares the story behind the dance

Kiersten Daniels
Staff Writer

In honor of the recent performance "Borders, Spaces, and Brown-Eyed Girls" that Catherine Marie Davalos, a second-year instructor at SMC, choreographed, I sat down and interviewed this amazing artist.

The Davalos Dance Company recently moved here from Los Angeles when Davalos got her professorship here at SMC. Her husband is an artist and together they see a large difference from LA to the Bay Area because of all the Bay Area has to offer artists.

Davalos started her company because she's short, Mexican and Italian and didn't fit that dancer stereotype that society has created. She strongly believes that "one size does not fit all" and this was her way to show that beautiful dancers come in all different shapes and sizes. Beautiful dancing was the criteria she based as the foundation of her company.

Her inspiration comes from stories and this is how the choreography develops. The story always comes first, then the movement. She tries to connect all the stories together.

Towards the end of the interview I asked her if there were any new projects on the horizon. She explained that she is always thinking of new projects and that the dancer's year is a lot like the school year because every September there is a show. She says that she has three possible project ideas in mind. They all sound very fascinating and I don't see anyone being disappointed when they reach the stage.



Erica Johnsen

Davalos portrays la chicana's struggles in the modern world.

The Chicana's Struggle

The Davalos Dance Company brings to life the difficulties faced by a short Mexican woman.

Lorna Scharton
Staff Writer

On the evening of October 3, the Davalos Dance Company performed "Borders, Spaces and Brown-Eyed Girls" to a full house in LeFevre Theatre. The dramatic dance work explores the similarities and differences between humankind through the relative borders and spaces of a Chicana (Davalos).

Through the course of the dance work, relations between humans transition from peaceful to anxious, safe to threatening.

The dancers delivered incredibly moving performances to a receptive audience despite a minor injury in the first half of the performance.

St. Mary's own Catherine Marie Davalos, assistant professor and director of the St. Mary's Dance Company, wrote, choreographed and directed the modern work. Also included in the performance were dancers Sharon Hoy, Gayle Kyhos, Valerie Gutwirth and Saint Mary's student, junior, LaShana Venice.

All students are cordially invited to attend the first

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Place: Soda Center

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October 9, 1998

CHEMICAL REACTION THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS MIX IT UP

By Brian Bergtold
Detour Editor

The Chemical Brothers. Few musicians have left an impact on my musical tastes like Tom Rowlands and Ed Simons.

Before packing up my belongings and leaving home for this fine institution back in '95, I made one last trip to my neighborhood Streetlight Records. My mission: pick up *Exit Planet Dust*, a record that a friend advised would blow me away. Upon returning to my car, I hastily inserted the disc into my CD player. I was hooked.

Since then, I have added everything the duo has put out, from the infectious groove of "Loops of Fury," to their first DJ mix disc, *Live at the Social Volume 1*.

Tom and Ed have the midas touch. Whether they are at work on the decks, or

re-mixing someone else's work, they have a sense of rhythm and style second to none.

They have great taste in tunes, as can be heard on their new effort, *Brothers Gonna Work it Out*. Since making a trip to Rasputin's to pick this disc up, it has found a seemingly permanent home in my CD players. This collection of songs is certainly one of the best DJ mix discs that I have ever had the pleasure of listening to.

The set starts with the '70s funk of Willie Hutch's "Brothers Gonna Work it Out," and takes no prisoners from then on. On a recent drive to Santa Barbara, the constant diet of beats had the odd, mysterious effect of causing my foot to press the accelerator down further, and further, until I found myself hurtling down

101, passing cars at an ever increasing rate. "The beats made me do it officer. Honest. I had no control!" Luckily the lack of Paunch and John's co-workers on the road meant I had no need to try this defense.

While a great deal of techno/dance mixes that have graced my CD player proved to be repetitive or just plain uninteresting after a few listens, *Brothers Gonna Work it Out* has enough variety yet continuity to make it timeless and constantly pleasing. Not since Sasha and John Digweed's two disc *Northern Exposure II* has a mix CD drawn me in like this one.

The inclusion of the aforementioned funk of the '70s along with tunes from the '80s and '90s give this mix an incredible feel. These aren't just some new club hits thrown together like so many mix compilations flooding the shelves today, but a discography of sorts of what the Tom and Ed have been spinning and enjoying in the past, present, and most certainly the future. Chemical Brothers' remixes of Manic Street Preachers' "Everything Must Go" (which Playstation owners will recognize as the opening song to *Gran Turismo*) and Spiritualized's "I Think I'm in Love" are gorgeous examples of their rock sensibility applied to the world of beats.

The set on this disc brings back fond memories of this past summer, with songs by the fabulous Micronauts, Meat Beat Manifesto, Dubtribe Sound System, along with various Chemical re-mixes having been spun at my apartment in LA by various DJ friends.

My only lament is that I have never heard the Chemical Brothers hit the decks in person. I had grand hopes of catching them spin an early morning set at Spundae in San Francisco this past September 14 after the Sunday Beastie Boys show. Alas, my friend's obnoxious girlfriend dashed those hopes with an equally grand display of ineptitude (see *Collegian*, Sept. 18).

Whether you are a Chemical Brothers fan, like good music, or just want something great to play at a party, this record is a must. This is music at its very best, and it should stir anyone's soul to move.



DETOUR

This Just In: Entertainment News Off the Wire

Live From New York, it's the Beastie Boys!

Set your VCRs this November as the Beastie Boys are set for two television appearances. November 21 will see Mike D, MCA, and Ad Rock invade the studios of Saturday Night Live. Industry wags consider this a coup of sorts for the NBC show that has been steadily losing viewers over the years. Those of you with access to HBO can catch the Beasties doing their thing on The Chris Rock Show November 24.

Radiohead to Show How Meeting People is Easy

Radiohead are set to release a film to video that chronicles their last tour. *Meeting People is Easy* is the work of Grant Gee, who directed their "No Surprises" video. Concert footage will be included, but the focus will be on the strangeness of life on the road. Guitarist Ed O'Brien comments, "I mean, you make a record within the confines of the five of you, and whoever else, then after that, you go out and tour this record and that's when it gets bizarre, then it's the rock'n'roll circus thing. It's not normality and it's not real. It's his slant on that and I

think it's going to be quite interesting." Look for a January '99 release.

Springstein Makes Tracks in a Box

The Boss, Bruce Springstein, is set to release a massive new box set that spans three decades of his work. *Tracks* will feature 66 songs, including 56 masters that have never been released. Although the collection spans from 1972-1995, the majority of the tracks come from the '70s when Springstein was producing massive amounts of material that never saw the light of day. Look for it on shelves November 10.

Antz Invade and Conquer Box Office

DreamWorks' *Antz* proved to be anything but pint sized this past weekend. The computer animated insect flick featuring the voices of Sharon Stone, Sylvester Stallone, and Woody Allen raided the box office, making off with \$17.2 million in its opening weekend. DreamWorks' effort to rush the film to release ahead of Disney's *A Bug's Life* appears to have paid off as the film posted a new record for an October release. Here is a run down of

the top ten in millions:

1. *Antz*, \$17.2
2. *What Dreams May Come*, \$15.8
3. *Rush Hour*, \$14.5
4. *A Night at the Roxbury*, \$9.6
5. *Ronin*, \$7.2
6. *Urban Legend*, \$6.7
7. *Something About Mary*, \$3.4
8. *One True Thing*, \$2.7
9. *Saving Private Ryan*, \$1.7
10. *Simon Birch*, \$1.5

CBS Needs to Thank Country Music Fans

CBS won the ratings war this past premiere week, fueled by rabid country music fans tuning in to see the CMA awards. The network has been in a steady viewership nose-dive since losing the NFL in 1993. It has since paid \$500 million to regain the right to air NFL games as a platform to advertise prime time shows. CBS is currently witnessing a slash and burn

cost-cutting program, the news division being the latest victim. Here are the top ten shows from last week:

1. ER
2. Friends
3. Frasier
4. Jesse
5. Veronica's Closet
6. CBS Sunday Movie: *Forever Love*
7. Monday Night Football
8. Touched By an Angel
9. Country Music Association Awards
10. 60 Minutes

New Star Wars Movie Gets a Name

George Lucas is slowly peeling back the veil of secrecy that has surrounded the new *Star Wars* prequel. The highly anticipated movie is to be titled: *Star Wars: Episode I-The Phantom Menace*. Expect a May 21, 1999 release on limited screens.

Upcoming Concerts

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| 10/9 Third Eye Blind/
Eve 6 @ Greek Theater | Krist Novoselic, and more
@ UC Berkeley Zellerbach
Hall |
| 10/9 mxpx, Homegrown
@ Slim's | 10/18 Everlast @ Slim's |
| 10/10 Juliana Hatfield @
Bottom of the Hill | 10/22 PJ Harvey,
The Rachels @
The Warfield |
| 10/10 KORNw/ Rammstein,
Ice Cube, Limp Bizkit,
Orgy @ Cow Palace | 10/23 Money Mark @
Bimbo's |
| 10/12 Save Ferris,
The Urge @ Slim's | 10/23 Cracker @
The Fillmore |
| 10/12 Alanis Morissette @
The Warfield | 10/24 Jon Spencer Blues
Explosion @ The Fillmore |
| 10/13 AIR @ Bimbo's | 10/27 Jerry Cantrell @
The Fillmore |
| 10/13 Bob Mould @
The Fillmore | 10/28 Semisonic @
The Fillmore |
| 10/15 Candlebox @
The Edge | 10/29-31 The Residents @
The Fillmore |
| 10/17 The Bridge School
Benefit w/ R.E.M.,
Wallflowers, Eels,
Sarah McLachlan,
Barenaked Ladies,
Neil Young, Jonathan
Richman, Phish
@ Shoreline Amphitheatre | 10/29 Dave Matthews Band
@ The San Jose Arena |
| 10/18 The Bridge School
Benefit
@ Shoreline Amphitheatre | 10/30 Marcy Playground @
Konocti Harbor |
| 10/18 Spitfire Tour: Spoken
word debates from | 10/30 Culture Club @
The Greek Theatre |
| | 10/31 Dave Matthews Band
@ Oakland Arena |
| | 12/11 Depeche Mode @
Oakland Arena |

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SPORTS

SMC V-Ball Drops Two in WCC

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

After racing out to a 6-3 record, St. Mary's volleyball team has lost their last four matches, two coming in the opening weekend of WCC play.

The Gaels traveled down

south to play Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine. The number 14 ranked Lions spanked the Gaels in three straight sets, 15-7, 16-14, and 15-8.

The loss dropped St. Mary's to 6-6 and 0-1 in the WCC. The Lions improved to 10-3 overall and 1-0 in league play.

Jaime Ivers totaled 13 kills and eight digs for St. Mary's. Freshman Heather Dill had 17 kills and 44 total assists.

The Gaels' next match up against Pepperdine was much of the same as the Waves downed St. Mary's, 16-14, 15-7, and 15-11.

Dill collected 19 kills and 47 total assists. Pepperdine improved to 2-0 in WCC play while St. Mary's lost their second match of the weekend.

Dill has been an excellent producer for the squad as a

freshman. In 26 games, she has recorded 99 kills, 77 digs and 16 blocks. She leads the team with 3.81 kills per game, 2.96 digs per game, and a .213 hitting percentage.

Dill recorded a double-double with a match high of 14 kills and 10 digs against Hawaii. The freshman recorded a career high 18 kills in a win over CSU Fullerton.

In addition to Dill, Whitney

Hoover has been a great force in the Gaels lineup. Hoover has 387 assists on the year, averaging 11.73 assists per game.

She recorded a season high of 50 assists against two opponents, CSU Fullerton and Fordham. Last year she had 782 assists in 105 games.

Men's Soccer Shutout

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

St. Mary's men's soccer improved to 4-5 on the year with a 2-0 shutout of Sacramento State.

Gael forward Jon Gordon broke a scoreless tie in the sixty-first minute of play.

Nate Kropp added an insurance goal in the seventy-eighth minute of play. The midfielder booted from 25 yards out for the score and just out of the reach of Sacramento State goalie, Ryan Duncan. Though the Hornets played aggressively throughout the match they could not muster any offense against St. Mary's.

The Gaels totaled 15 shots on goal with Gordon and Leo Cuellar leading the team with three shots apiece.

	WCC MATCHES								ALL MATCHES							
	W	L	T	TP	Home	Away	GF	GA	W	L	T	Home	Away	Neut	GF	GA
Santa Clara	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0	6	1	1	1-0-1	2-1-0	3-0-0	21	5
Portland	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0	5	1	1	2-1-0	0-0-1	3-0-0	13	5
Gonzaga	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0	4	3	2	1-0-1	3-3-0	0-0-1	15	6
San Diego	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0	4	5	0	2-3-0	0-0-0	2-2-0	14	12
Saint Mary's	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0	3	5	0	1-2-0	0-2-0	2-1-0	7	12
Loyola Marymount	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0	3	5	0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	6	13
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	7	0	1-3-0	0-3-0	0-1-0	6	21

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	WCC MATCHES								OVERALL							
	W	L	T	TP	Home	Away	GF	GA	W	L	T	Home	Away	Neutral	GF	GA
Saint Mary's	2	0	0	6	1-0-0	1-0-0	4	1	3	3	0	1-2-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	7	10
Santa Clara	1	0	0	3	1-0-0	0-0-0	7	0	8	0	1	6-0-0	2-0-1	0-0-0	30	3
Portland	1	0	0	3	0-0-0	1-0-0	3	0	7	0	1	5-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-0	27	3
Loyola Marymount	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0	6	0	2	5-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	19	5
San Diego	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0	5	3	1	3-1-1	1-1-0	1-1-0	12	13
Pepperdine	0	2	0	0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0	9	4	3	1	3-1-0	1-2-0	0-0-1	11	17
Gonzaga	0	1	0	0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0	3	3	5	1	3-3-1	0-2-0	0-0-0	18	15
San Francisco	0	1	0	0	0-0-0	0-1-0	1	2	1	7	0	1-3-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	6	17

The West Coast Conference

FOCUS GROUP MEETING

V.P. for ADMINISTRATION/ CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Seniors: Oct. 7, 4 p.m.

Juniors/Sophomores: Oct. 14, 4 p.m.

Freshmen: Oct. 28, 4 p.m.

Filippi Conference Room

Meet and give your feedback to Lionel Chan, V.P. for Administration/Chief Financial Officer at Saint Mary's College.

Soft drinks & munchies provided.



American History Comes Out of the Closet
Award-Winning Film to Open Dialogue at SMC
in Commemoration of Gay and Lesbian History Month

October marks Gay and Lesbian History Month, dedicated to recounting the often untold contributions of lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans throughout history. In observance of the month, we hope to open a new chapter of dialogue using the critically-acclaimed documentary "Out of the Past," winner of the 1998 Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival. The film brings forgotten stories to life, profiling figures from nearly 400 years of American history and following one young woman making history today. Interviews with scholars provide the context for these moments, illustrating the ways in which lesbians and gay men have always been part of the American social and political landscape. "Out of the Past" is a moving look at hidden aspects of the American saga which makes a complicated history clear, and extremely, powerfully real. Show your support of the struggle for gay and lesbian rights by attending the campus-wide screening of "Out of the Past" on Tuesday, October 20th at 10:30 PM in LeFevre Theater. We will have an open forum after the movie in which students and faculty can share their thoughts and ideas.

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St. Mary's Denied First Victory

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

Leading 17-13, St. Mary's Head Football Coach Mike Rasmussen tried a bit of trickery. If executed, the play would have sealed victory for the Gaels, but unfortunately the play backfired and fueled Columbia's 20-17 victory.

With 3:40 left in the fourth quarter, St. Mary's received possession only needing to move the chains once. But, Columbia's defense pushed the Gaels back on two straight plays, setting up a 3rd and 17 situation.

Coach Rasmussen inserted Luke Bodwin at quarterback and placed Joe Lilley in the back field. Bodwin pitched the ball to Lilley who sprinted left and punted downfield. Instead of pinning the Lions downfield the punt only traveled 22 yards and gave Columbia possession at their own 48 yard line.

"I wish I had it back. The definition of a good call is when it works," said Rasmussen.

Starting quarterback Chad Thomas had been injured in the beginning of the second half which is why Bodwin was inserted. Thomas went 10 of 22 on the day for one touchdown.

After receiving the punt by

Lilley, Columbia scored with 15 seconds left on the clock when Kirby Mack busted through from one yard out.

"I do that 95 percent of the time in practice. I have no excuse, I just missed it," said Lilley on the kick.

Lilley drove St. Mary's to two scoring drives in the second half. One being a 40 yard field goal by Reed Mokler and the other a 47 yard touchdown strike to Bruce Rhode.

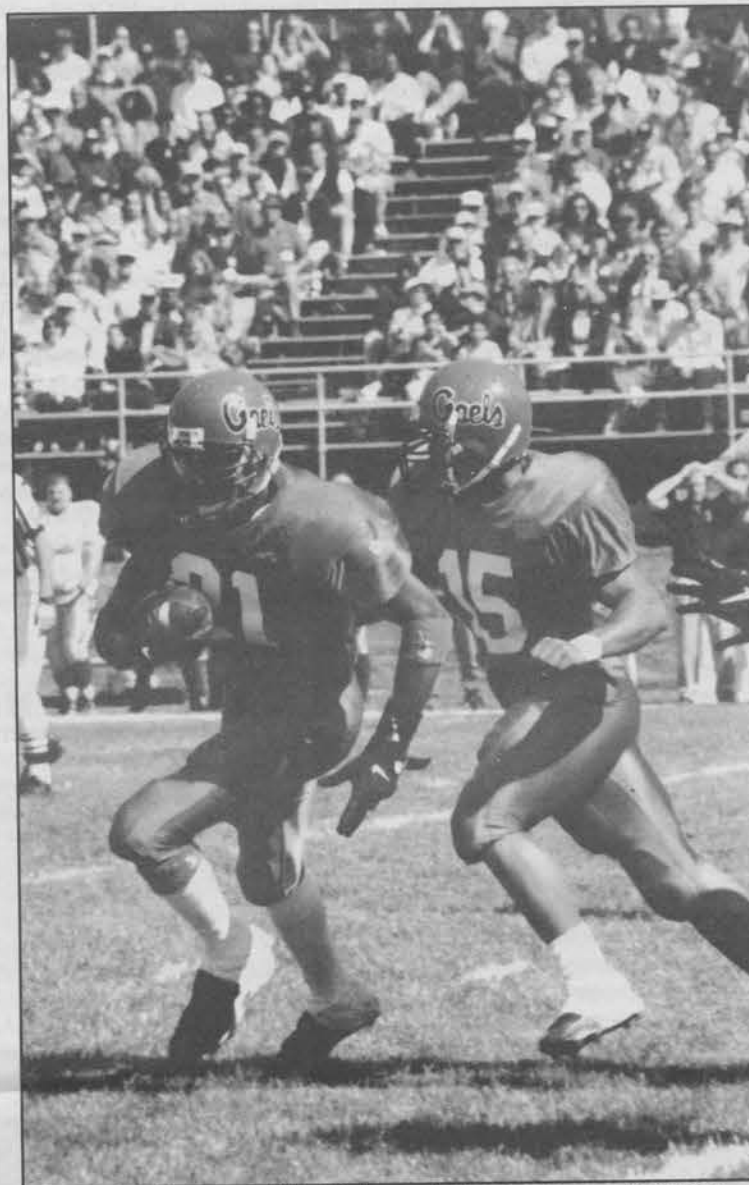
"It's a post pattern we run over and over again in practice, just execute," said Rhode on the score.

The game started with the Lions taking a 6-0 lead in the first quarter with the extra point being blocked by Miguel Valdillez.

But St. Mary's took a one point lead when Thomas scrambled through an array of Columbia defenders to find Mark Kleiman in the back of the end zone.

Lilley was 7 for 12 for 126 yards, one touchdown in addition to rushing for 19 yards on six attempts. Cornerback Lenny Walls collected his third interception in as many games against Columbia.

St. Mary's drops to 0-5 with Columbia improving to 2-1 with the Gaels visiting Southern Utah on Saturday.



Lenny Walls intercepted his third pass in three games on Saturday.

Damon Tighe

Random Sporting Thoughts

By Jim Bucci
Sports Editor

The arrival of October means one thing to this sports fan, the baseball playoffs. The match ups we see this year are the Braves against the Padres and New York against Cleveland.

Before I divulge my opinions about the playoffs, I first want to discuss the playoff format. The traditional setup of placing the winner of each division was chucked for the wild card. While I will admit that as a Giants fan I hoped to see my team in the playoffs as wild card. But, after watching the Cubs and the rest of the wild card teams get spanked I now hate this setup.

At least justice has been served and the four best teams in baseball remain. The World Series I envision places San Diego against the New York Yankees. There's no way the Atlanta "choke" Braves will last. From the American League, the Yankees will certainly defeat Cleveland. The Bronx Bombers are on a mission this year, I only hope New York will survive another World Series celebration.

My last word on the homerun race; Thank you Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. Though Sosa floundered in the last days of the season, both men brought back baseball. The sour feelings fans held over the strike were erased by one season of long ball. Just to make my vote known, Co-MVP's McGwire and Sosa.

* This week the NBA canceled preseason games for all teams. Memo to owners, let the players play! Look, fans don't care about who makes how many millions. As it is most fans can't even afford an NBA ticket. Arenas fill up with suits who don't know a thing about the game and stars who think they do. NBA, don't make the same mistake baseball did.

* NFL and college pigskin has started, as many well know, but just in case you haven't tuned in do so. Though there are a load of pathetic teams in the professional leagues, nothing beats the hard hitting action of NFL football.

* The college game has finally developed a playoff system. Now the top teams will play each other being that a third team doesn't enter the mix. I always loved the debate that followed New Year's Day, but hopefully this aspect of college football will rise up again. Though no one team stands out this year look out for UCLA.

Women's Soccer Scores With Shaw

By Sarah Murdough
Staff Writer

With the women's soccer season just under way, the team is already showing the potential that they have to play with the top teams. One of the reasons is because of stand out play by junior center half-back, Stacey Shaw.

In her third season as a Gael, Shaw's 14 years of playing has come together to lead her team into a successful year. With a three and five record so far the team is hopeful about the future. Close losses to top 25 teams, Duke and George Mason, each by only one goal, have captivated soccer fans.

Shaw has not only stepped up as a player but also as a team leader. With the enormous loss of current captain, Christy Slavín, out due to a strained MCL, Shaw has taken over the position for the time being. Fellow captain, junior Jamie Storm says, "Shaw always gives 100 percent every day. She's really stepped up and set an example with her work ethic and commitment to

the team. She expects a lot of others and herself."

Injuries to key players, Slavín and Janel Mello have

the playoffs," said Shaw.

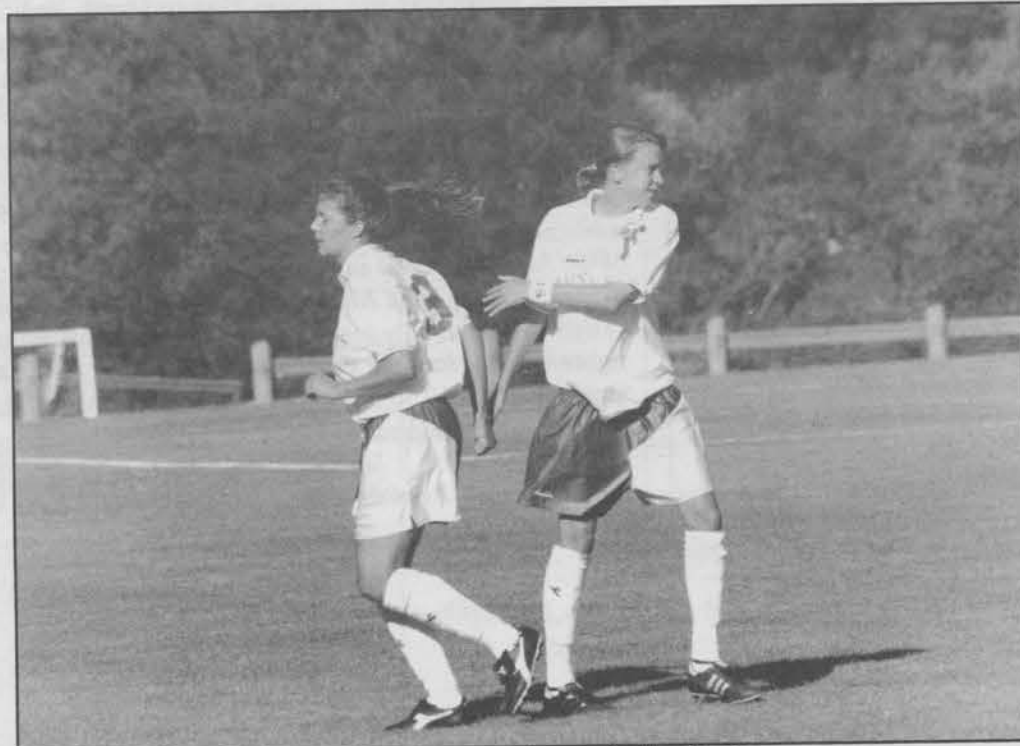
With this season just under way, Shaw already has two goals and one assist. First year Head

set plays. They revolve around her," said Ratcliffe.

"The team is very hard working and they are playing an

exciting brand of soccer. The whole team is playing well and they have allowed Shaw to step forward," said Ratcliffe.

Besides her love of soccer, Shaw is also a member of the Dean's List. With a double major in Sports Management and Psychology, her studies excel as much as her athletic ability.



Stacey Shaw has excelled this season as a goal scorer for the Gaels.

Jessica Dold

forced not only Shaw but the whole team to fill their void. "Due to the injuries we've had a lot of people, especially freshman, who have had to step up. If we can continue like this it is going to make the team more solid and hopefully lead us to

Coach, Paul Ratcliffe, says, "Shaw is a tremendous leader. She is the play maker on offense as well as the link to the defense."

Due to her exceptional ability in the air as well as her strong leg, "she is the key player in the

"Playing soccer is not a job, it's a pleasure. It is a way for people to express themselves," said Shaw.

Crucial games against Gonzaga and Loyola are scheduled for this weekend at SMC.