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## Students Speak Out Against Sexual Assault

Protest spotlights need for support, collaboration, and campus-wide communication

By MARY RUNOLFSON

News Editor

In an atmosphere of concern over a recent campus rape and widespread disapproval of campus crime notification, students met to voice their frustration with the current administration.

Student Advocate Stephanie Green, a speaker at the December 7 Speak Out against sexual assault, amplified the frustration of students. "We're asking for the same things as last year. This administration has failed to create positive change. We now face an epidemic of sexual assault," said Green.

While the Women's Resource Center has been key in addressing the recent assaults at the school, Green feels that the College's failure to provide the group with adequate space "does not validate the group and the experience of the victim."

The topic of campus notification drew applause from the audience. Senior Class Senator Leslie Crouse said, "there is a serious lack of communication, which creates an atmosphere of distrust. We should not be informed via the *Contra Costa Times* or the *Collegian*. We received several messages [from administration] about the gunman and the missing purse. Take the same course of action with sexual assault," said Crouse.

When the most recent rape was mentioned, the survivor, who was in audience, chose to speak to the crowd. "I feel like I've been punished. I feel like this school doesn't care." Announcing the



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Speak Out gatherers listen to speakers express their concerns regarding sexual assault.

name of the accused perpetrator, she said, "I don't want to be ashamed about this. I didn't do anything wrong."

The survivor informed the crowd that she had been removed from campus over fears regarding her emotional well being. "I'm not eating, I'm not sleeping, but isn't that expected? I'm being forced to go home, and home is not a supportive environment. I need my friends," she said. According to the survivor, she has been told by Interim Dean of Student Development and Leadership Mary McCall, PhD, that she cannot reapply for housing until Fall 2001.

Peer Advocate Nikki Ford said, "My emotion is frustration. I have to look at the survivor and I cannot give him/her answers. The school is more willing to protect the perpetrator than my rights as a

woman. We can talk until we're blue, but it doesn't mean crap unless there is action."

Junior Class Senator Brian Dougherty emphasized his disapproval with the lack of administrators in the crowd. "I see a couple of deans, but no President, no Vice President. Do they have a fear of being set up by students? If an administrator can't answer questions by students, he shouldn't be an administrator," said Dougherty.

McCall and Brother Jack Curran, PhD, FSC, were asked to account for not attending the last ASSMC Senate meeting to address sexual assault. "I'm disgusted by their lack of effort. I took it as a direct slap in the face. By disregarding your voice, they disregard your rights," said Sophomore Class Senator Kacie

La Compte, who then called on Dean McCall, who was in the audience, to answer questions. Curran was not in attendance at the event.

When she approached the microphone, McCall said, "Sexual assault is one of the reasons I took this job." While McCall declined to answer specific questions about the most recent sexual assault, she said, "I know this frustrates people and it frustrates me too. I have legal responsibilities, it's the nature of the job. There are things in every job that you like and don't like, but I'm committed to working with students."

Because of the challenges faced by the students, staff, and community of the College, organizers hoped the Speak Out would be an instigator for change regarding sexual assault and communication.

## Vote of No Confidence Passed by ASSMC Senate

By LARA BALLENTINE

Editor-in-Chief

The ASSMC Senate passed a vote of no confidence at their last senate meeting of the fall term on Sunday, December 3. According to Junior Senator Brian Dougherty, the vote of no confidence is a statement of the senate's lack of confidence in Vice President for Student Affairs Brother Jack Curran, FSC, PhD. Dougherty suggested the vote in response to Curran and Interim Dean of Student Development and Leadership Mary McCall, PhD not attending the Senate's December 3 meeting.

In Resolution 00-002, a therefore clause called upon Curran and McCall "to testify before the ASSMC Senate on the issue of sexual assault." Two weeks after the resolution had been introduced on October 29, ASSMC Vice President for Administration Greg Teshara sent an e-mail invitation to Curran, requesting both his and McCall's appearance at the December 3 meeting. But Curran felt he "responded with the November 9 letter," in which he addressed six resolutions the Senate had proposed, including a response to Resolution 00-002. Curran feels "The Senate needs to listen to my response and consider it. If they then wanted to invite me as a guest speaker [at a Senate meeting], I'd be honored to come."

McCall and Curran met with ASSMC President Kiersten Daniel on November 27 to discuss their appearance on December 3. Daniel said, "both [McCall and Curran] agreed on Monday [November 27] to appear [before the Senate] and to only answer questions on current policies and procedures." She promised there would be no attacking or rude comments from Senate members and that Teshara would regulate all questions to be answered at the meeting. According to McCall, she had wanted to know the goal of the meeting and had asked "to have an agenda that we would respond to." There was no further communication between McCall and Curran to the ASSMC until Friday, December 1 at 4:30pm, when Curran delivered a letter to Daniel. The letter noted, "Having carefully considered and promptly

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## SMC English Professor Ed Biglin Awarded Teaching Honor

By LORNA SCHARTON

Managing Editor

Each year, the Academic Senate awards one faculty member the title of "Professor of the Year," an honor based on that professor's contributions and achievements at the College. This year, the group selected English Professor Ed Biglin, who has been a faculty member for more than two decades.

Biglin has been Director of the Jan Term Program at the College for the past 13 years, has served as Chair of the English Department, directed a composition

program for the College and was Chair of the Academic Senate last year. While the Chair of the Academic Senate usually contributes to the decision on the award, Biglin was unaware of his nomination: "They quietly slipped someone else into that place for the decision, and I was not involved, or even aware."

His selection was based on the high esteem held for him by current faculty members. Biglin commented, "I was very surprised to receive the nomination. It's a fabulous honor because it comes from your colleagues. One of the great things about teaching here is the

quality, the interests, and the vitality of the faculty, so to have them recognize me is particularly special."

Carol Lashof, current Chair of the English Department, commented on Biglin's influence among the faculty. "Professor Biglin has been an outstanding leader for the English department and for the Saint Mary's community. Committed to excellence, he is a generous mentor to colleagues and to students," said Lashof.

Biglin specializes in South African Literature and enjoys teaching courses on the subject. "One of the delights of teaching at a small

college is that there is a variety of classes that you get to teach and it is a challenge, but really fun. The class that is most special to me is the one that I know most about and love, and that is African Literature." Biglin hopes to educate more students about African Literature because he values the diversity of culture that the genre offers, and hopes to show students the diversity but also the similarities. "I would really like to bring that awareness to the Saint Mary's community," said Biglin, "Africa seems pretty far away from Moraga to most of our students."

# NEWSNotes

## Campus

The installment of two new Dante boilers, at the cost of \$80,000, was completed on Friday, December 8, allowing the heat in several buildings to return to normal.

The boiler in the Oliver Hall Kitchen had been compensating, and as a result Dante, Galileo, North and South Arcade, the Brothers' quarters and St. Albert Hall Library were all receiving heat at reduced levels, causing many classrooms and offices to stay at uncomfortable, cool temperatures.

Two smaller boilers replaced the old boiler. "If one boiler breaks we will always have the other one, and the two new boilers will be able to provide more heat than the one," said Buildings and Grounds Manager Joseph Kehoe.

The original Dante boiler had not been functioning since the summer when, during a safety inspection, it was discovered that the boiler had been severely damaged by rust and corroding pipes.

## California

Around 20,000 gray whales are migrating south from their Arctic feeding grounds to their Baja California breeding grounds. By Christmas, the whales will be in the waters around San Francisco. In the end, the whales will have completed a 12,000-mile round-trip migration. A number of whale-watching trips are available in San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, and Bodega Bay.

## Nation

Clinton's waning Presidency has lawyers scrambling for presidential pardons for their convicted clients. It was reported in several *New York Times* articles that Whitewater figure Webster Hubbell and Wall Street financier Michael R. Milken may be appealing for pardons.

Similarly, a lawyer for convicted Whitewater figure Susan McDougal is working to get a Presidential pardon for the Clintons' former real estate business partner.

Presidential pardons are normally processed through the Justice Department. However, lawyers in high-profile cases sometimes make requests directly to the White House. This method proved successful to lawyers in the Iran-Contra scandal during the end days of the Bush administration.

A company called Enjewel, which sells jewelry and watches over the Internet, has joined with designer Thomas Kurilla to produce a line of jewelry "in honor of Election 2000."

The sterling silver designs include a butterfly ballot with hanging chad pendant for \$125, pregnant chad cuff links for \$100, and dimpled chad earrings, also \$100. The new line comes just in time for the holidays. They are available only on the web at [www.enjewel.com](http://www.enjewel.com).

## International

**Norway:** Historian Per Haave, by studying the Norwegian health archive, has discovered that the country castrated 414 people (men and women) from 1934 to 1969. The procedures were in an effort to crackdown on rapists, mental patients, homosexuals, and epileptics.

**Russia:** The lower house of the Russian Parliament overwhelmingly voted to restore the controversial Soviet national anthem as the national song. It will replace the temporary anthem, which had no lyrics, which had been instated with the end of the Soviet Union. President Vladimir Putin is also trying to find a new state symbol.

**England:** British ministers approved over-the-counter sales of a morning-after pill in an effort to cut Western Europe's high teenage pregnancy rate. Britain has the largest rate of teenage pregnancies in Western Europe. The decision comes despite vocal opposition from churches and anti-abortion campaigners.

-M.N.R./E.B.

# Academic Calendar

- January 8..... January Term classes begin
- January 8-10..... January Term drop/add period
- January 21..... Senate Meeting (6pm - Soda Center)
- January 26..... Last day for pass/fail grading
- February 2..... Last day of January Term
- February 3-11.... Spring Recess
- February 12..... Spring Classes Begin
- February 12-23.. Spring Term drop/add
- March 26-29..... Mid-term exam period
- March 30..... Incomplete grades expire
- April 7-16..... Easter Recess
- April 9..... Mid-term grades mailed
- April 20..... Last day pass/fail grading
- April 23-27..... Advising Week

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# SMC BRIEFING

## CAMPUS Snapshot

### Winter Musicland

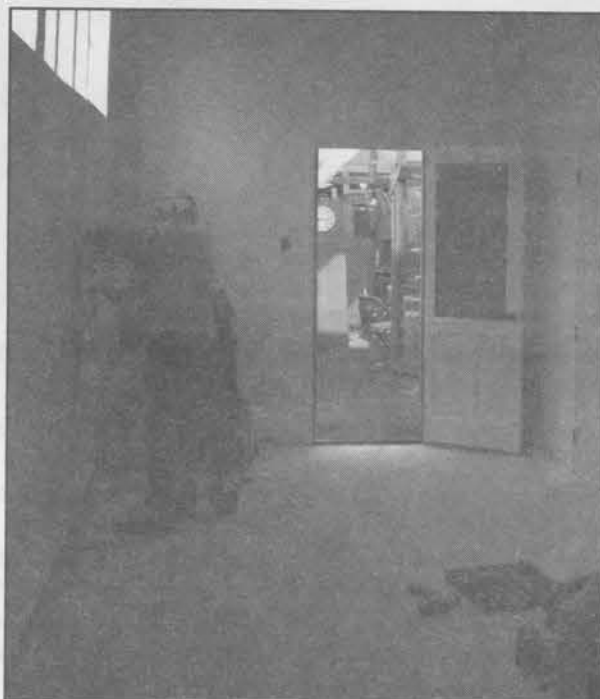
Walking into the chapel by candle-light, the Nightingales opened their winter concert with "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel." The choir has been practicing since September under the direction of Li Wen Monk.



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## New Janitorial Facilities Under Construction

By KIRSTEN CURTIS ♦ Staff Writer



Collegian / NICK SYLVA

The scheduled changes to the Diamond Cleaning crew's break facilities and office are being erected, as promised. Buildings and Grounds Manager Joseph Kehoe noted that he was improving the workers' area by providing a refrigerator, microwave, storage area, running water, electricity, and heat in their new facility.

Although the changes were not made by the original Thanksgiving deadline, construction of a new building has begun. When the finishing touches are complete, the Diamond Janitorial Staff can move in.

The building has already been painted, and according to Kehoe, the project's coordinator, lights, electricity, carpet, and running water will be installed soon. His main concern is to "move [the workers] in there and get them out of the cold." He is pleased that the workers will finally have their own permanent establishment.

Veronica Gonzales Rayes, an employee of Diamond Janitorial, is happy that they are building another structure. "This new building is more closed and established," she noted. Gonzales Rayes looks forward to "spending time" in the new building.

## SENATE: Vote reflects ASSMC Senate's lack of confidence

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responded to those resolutions in that letter [from November 9], the attendance of either Dean McCall or me at the previously unscheduled 3 December 2000 ASSMC meeting seems unnecessary." The letter was attached to the senators' packets at the 6pm meeting on Sunday.

Sophomore President Sean Sullivan said the letter was a "complete defiance of the resolution. They don't have the common courtesy to write us until the last business day before the meeting." Since the appearance request was written in the first sexual assault resolution, Dougherty said "When a sexual assault occurs on campus, such as it has, it's as if it doesn't concern him enough to be here." After Dougherty suggested a vote of no confidence with regard to Curran, Sullivan added, "We need to send a message to the student body

that we are united and that we really do care." After senators discussed the idea of a "less aggressive" vote of concern, or to send a declaration of sentiments, Dougherty refused to retract his motion to vote no confidence. The vote passed with 27 affirmative votes, two opposed, and two abstained.

Both McCall and Curran were notified Monday morning of the vote. McCall wanted to know what the vote meant, what the students are trying to say, and what would be an appropriate response. At the first of two meetings, McCall and Curran met with President Daniel, Vice President Teshara and Interim Director of Student Activities Joanna Cady to discuss Sunday's events. The second meeting occurred Monday, December 4 at 8:30pm and included two senators from each class and the entire ASSMC Executive Council. Curran apologized for not being at the Sunday meeting and for "any miscommunication that led to them being up-

set, or the emotions they felt. Their legitimacy was being questioned, and I was trying to heighten their legitimacy [by sending the senate a formal letter]," Curran noted. "We achieved a mutual understanding in regard to the process."

To the knowledge of the ASSMC or Curran, a vote of no confidence against the Vice President of Student Affairs has never been recorded at Saint Mary's. In 1999, the Academic Senate passed a statement of concern with regard to President Brother Craig Franz, PhD, FSC, at their last meeting of the fall semester on December 7. In reaction to the aggressiveness of the vote, Teshara said, "Yes, we were reactionary. We were looking for action and reaction from Br. Jack. And we received an immediate response." The senators feel confident that their voice has now been heard. Everyone involved hopes this will open the lines of communication between the administration and the ASSMC Senate.

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## Brother Mel To Head Oakland Project

Former College president to lead construction of Bay Area Cathedral

By LORNA SCHARTON  
Managing Editor

Brother Mel Anderson, FSC President of the College from 1926 to 1997, is currently overseeing the production of Oakland's new Cathedral of Christ the Light.

Anderson was commissioned by the Oakland Diocese and Bishop John Cummins to oversee the major project. Anderson will lead the project in locating a site for the fa-

cility and will work with renowned architect Santiago Calatrava in the Cathedral's design.

A November 30 *San Francisco Chronicle* article explained that the design and the name of the Cathedral are inspired by the liberal church reforms of the Second Vatican Council, specifically on the Vatican II document, *Lumen Gentium*, "Lights of Nations." The prospected design of the Cathedral focuses on a pair of hands raised

in prayer. The Oakland Diocese serves over 500,000 Catholics throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Anderson, Saint Mary's 26th president, retired in September 1996 after serving the College as President for 28 years. Anderson founded the Extended Education and the MBA degree programs and expanded the department of education as a separate school in 1978.

## Clubs Get Into the Spirit of Giving

Toys and money gathered for low-income after-school program

By SCOTT SANFORD  
Guest Writer

The holidays are a time for families to come together and celebrate, sharing blessings they have received. While most of us are wondering what to give our family and friends, some, those who ordinarily have to struggle to make ends meet, are further burdened to make the holidays more enjoyable for loved ones.

One cannot help but remember that the setting at the first Christmas was also a humble one, and in

similar spirit, several clubs have organized food and toy drives for those less fortunate. A toy and money drive, sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Liberal and Civic Studies Club, is in honor of Jubilee West. Located in Oakland, Jubilee West provides an after-school program for low-income kids, where they can relax and do their homework while their parents are at work. Any donations should be brought to the Campus Ministry Office.

The Circle K Club is sponsoring a separate drive benefiting the

Women's Refuge Center, a sanctuary for battered women and children. The drive is being promoted by central campus RAs, who are suggesting that freshmen purchase clothing and toiletries as donations.

Although promoted only on the central campus, upper-classmen are welcome to participate. Any donations should be taken to the office of Residence Life or any RA's room on central campus. Circle K plans on supporting the Women's Refuge Center through the school year.

## No Relief For On-Campus Housing

Office of Residence Life aims to shrink large wait list during break

By ELIZABETH BURNS  
Assistant News Editor

As we near the end of the fall semester, nearly 155 students still remain on a housing waiting list. The 65 men and 90 women are the remaining holdouts of Saint Mary's housing crunch, where too many students and not enough dorm rooms have made living on campus a rare luxury.

"We recently contacted people to see if they wanted to remain on the wait list or if they already have housing, so the list has been cleaned up," said Faculties Coordinator of Residence Life Michael Viola. Most of the students on the

wait list are either commuter students, live with friends, or have monthly leasing arrangements according to Viola.

The Office of Residence Life hopes to offer housing to some of the students on the wait list during Jan Term and the spring semester. There will be a number of openings in many buildings due to students leaving the College, moving off campus, and those who are studying abroad during the spring semester. "There is still an opportunity for some things to open up, it's always a guessing game," said Viola.

Students transferring to Saint Mary's mid-year, as well as stu-

dents returning from studying abroad sessions, will be added to the current wait list. The number of openings in the dorms will not be known until mid-December when all of the halls are closed.

There are still no plans to increase the number of spots available in housing. Due to an increasing number of incoming freshman during the past two years at Saint Mary's, the housing crunch does not appear to be coming to an end anytime in the near future. "Housing will continue to be a hot commodity, and I expect that there will be the same number of students on the wait list [next year] if not more," said Viola.

## CRIME Beat

### 11/21/00 Trespassing Warning

A student was given a verbal trespassing warning for being on campus. Residence Life had ejected the student from housing. The warning was given by Public Safety and Residence Life.

### 11/30/00 Grand Theft

Someone had taken a couch out of the ASSMC offices in Ferragiaro Hall. It is unknown who could have taken the couch. The value of the couch is \$1341.00

### 12/1/00 Possession of Marijuana

A Justin Hall RA notified Public Safety for assistance with a possible marijuana violation. Officers responded to Justin Hall where marijuana and paraphernalia were found. The two resident students were referred to Residence Life for disciplinary action.

### 12/1/00 Disturbing the Peace

Public Safety received a call of a large party at More Hall and the party was broken up. Later in the evening another call was received that there was a fight at More Hall. Public Safety requested Moraga PD for back up and the crowd was dispersed without incident.



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Public Safety and Moraga PD officers broke up a late night More Hall fight.

### 12/1/00 Possession of Stolen Property

Public Safety responded to a party in Ageno C. Public Safety noticed a couch in the residence that matched the description of a couch that was stolen out of JC Gatehouse Hall in October. A student living in the room admitted to taking the couch. Maintenance retrieved the couch and locked it in storage. The student was referred to Residence Life for disciplinary action.

### 12/5/00 Alcohol, Burglary, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Public Safety responded to a room in Ageno C to discuss a matter with a student. Two students were found to be in violation of alcohol policies, burglary, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Residence Life was with Public Safety and is handling the case.

### 12/7/00 Alcohol Violation, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Public Safety responded to the De La Salle lot on a suspicious circumstance. The Officer found a student hiding from Public Safety. Alcohol and drug paraphernalia were confiscated from the student. The case was turned over to Residence Life for disciplinary action.

### 12/8/00 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Public Safety responded to an anonymous call that someone in one of the dorm rooms in Ageno C was smoking marijuana. Upon arrival, Public Safety entered a room with two RAs. A search turned up drug paraphernalia including a mirror with cocaine residue on it. The two resident students admitted to using drugs and paraphernalia. The case was turned over to Residence Life for disciplinary action.

### 12/8/00 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

A Public Safety Officer walking through the hallways in Ageno C smelled an odor of marijuana coming from a student's room. An investigation revealed that a resident student had been smoking in his room and drug paraphernalia was confiscated. The case was turned over to Residence Life for disciplinary action.

### 12/8/00 Vandalism

An unknown person broke off the rear window wiper of one of the College vehicles. There were no witnesses.

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## Collegian View

### The Night Before Finals



'Twas the night before Finals, and all through the dorms  
 All the students were cramming to get higher scores;  
 For classes required, 'bout which they don't care,  
 They'll pull an all-nighter and not brush their hair.

The Seniors were nestled all snug in their beds,  
 With gallons of liquor now gone to their heads;  
 The professors, we hoped, would cut us some slack,  
 In subjects about which we didn't know jack.

Then out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
 I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
 From out in the parking lot came a loud crash;  
 A dumpster, once more, had blown up with a flash.

I stuck out my head then to look down below,  
 And saw a guy running as fast as he'd go,  
 Then, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
 But some other guys running and carrying beer.

One said, "Merry Christmas!" but was he Saint Nick?  
 Or a guy with no finals just pulling some trick?  
 More rapid than eagles Public Safety came,  
 And whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"To the top of the dorm! To the top of the hall!  
 Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"  
 And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
 Some shouting and yelling and guys saying "Oof!"

I said, "Quiet down, you're going to be caught!"  
 They said, "Are you crazy? We're totally not!"  
 I held out my hand, and then one by one, They crawled  
 through my window and joined in the fun,

They were dressed all in black, from their head to their foot,  
 And their faces were tarnished with ashes and soot;  
 They saw my light shining on chemistry books,  
 And burst out in laughter and gave dirty looks.

They said, "We've arrived to help with your struggle,  
 Forget all your finals, they're not worth the trouble.  
 Just four years from now you'll be working five days,  
 And no one will care if you got C's or A's."

With a bit of a start, I looked into their eyes,  
 Were they slackers, or nerds – what was up with these guys?  
 Like reading my mind, they spoke out all as one,  
 "You're in college now baby, so why not have fun?"

A wink of their eyes and a twist of their heads,  
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;  
 Yes, finals might cause me to worry and pace,  
 But just one more week and I'm out of this place!

With their work now all done, the three men disappeared,  
 While their presence was gone, though, their message was clear.  
 But I heard them exclaim, ere they ran out of sight,  
 "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND PARTY ALL NIGHT!"

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Zero Tolerance

**D**ear Friends,  
 What follows is a shortened version of a letter I sent to faculty (via E-mail). I wanted to share it with the entire Saint Mary's community.

Sexual violence against women is a threat and a reality that pervades our culture. Saint Mary's College does not escape this horrible situation. As Dr. Roseanne Quinn points out in her recent letter to *The Collegian*, there were four sexual assault complaints adjudicated last year, and this semester there have been three incidents on campus already. As someone who works closely with a number of our female students who must navigate this environment, I strongly believe that it is better to face the issue of sexual violence directly and openly. Attempting to conceal the problem only contributes to a culture of denial in which sexual assault has the potential to become an even greater reality and threat.

With this in mind, I want to applaud the Collegian, the Sophomore Student Senators, and the Advocates of the Women's Resource and Research Center for their efforts on behalf of women at Saint Mary's. In different ways, each of these student groups has worked diligently to create a safer environment for women on campus and to raise awareness

about sexual violence among the college community as a whole.

The Collegian's excellent coverage has helped keep students, faculty, and staff informed as to the issues and instances of sexual assault at Saint Mary's. Your reporting has helped to make sexual violence against women an issue that we cannot afford to ignore. Thank you for your strong commitment to keeping us informed.

The Sophomore Student Senators drafted Resolution 00-002, which not only accurately lists the problems surrounding the College's previous handling of sexual assault on campus, but which also provides sensitive and intelligent recommendations for how these problems might be more adequately addressed. This resolution was unanimously passed on October 29. I praise your courage and wisdom in advocating legislation that serves the interests of women's well-being at Saint Mary's.

The Women's Resource and Research Center has done an excellent job advocating for the survivors of sexual assault at Saint Mary's. The student Advocates, along with the Center's coordinator (Dr. Roseanne Quinn), have struggled against a culture of denial that encourages us to believe that sexual assault doesn't happen at Saint Mary's. I'm grateful for your work with the

survivors of sexual violence at SMC, and I strongly support your recommendations for a "Zero Tolerance" policy. It seems to me that as a Catholic institution that is concerned with the spiritual and physical well-being of each and every student, we have a moral obligation to implement this policy immediately.

**MICHELLE LELWICA,**  
 Director of Women's Studies

### Inequity on Campus

**D**ear Collegian,  
 I just wanted to comment on the article in the November 15 edition of your paper, concerning the maintenance staff's horrible accommodations. First of all, thank you for bringing this issue to light. I know a lot of us students, myself included, had no idea that this kind of discrimination was going on. Secondly, I'd like to know how I can voice my disapproval of this matter to our school. I see no reason why our valued members of the maintenance staff should not have adequate facilities for eating and taking breaks. I, for one, would gladly welcome these workers to share our lounge areas or dining areas. Why did the college administrators take it upon themselves to ban these members of our community from eating along side students, without ever even asking us about it? Don't we have a say? Why can't the College use some of our

\$18,000 tuition money to build the staff a decent place to eat lunch? We can donate thousands of dollars to the Moraga Fire Department for a new truck, but we can't afford to make our maintenance crew more comfortable? I think it's deplorable and I am glad that your paper helped make us aware of this problem. Now, how do we rectify it?

On another note, I have a grievance that I would like to air, but don't know who to turn to, so it seems your paper is a proper forum. It has to do with the Brickpile café and its facilities. First of all, why is the game room always locked? Why do we need to have hours for a game room? Can we not be trusted to be in the game room past 5pm? What's with that? If I'm willing to pay money to play a game and let off some steam, shouldn't I be allowed access to it? Even when the game room is supposed to be open, it isn't. This goes for Taco Bell and the café too. Why are they never open when they're supposed to be open? It's bad enough that we have to wait until 11:30am to get any kind of lunch, but even then, it is never open on time. I've sometimes waited until 12pm or 12:30pm for this place to open. For commuter students, this is the only place on campus to get lunch. The fact that it's not open in the morning is really inconvenient for those of us who don't

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# Put on Trial by Public Opinion

By BRAD KVEDERIS  
Opinion Editor

"Another spectacle, and it's respectable to take it lightly like another TV show." When singer/songwriter Jesse Michaels put these lyrics into one of his songs, he was attempting to comment on America's callous, almost indifferent attitude toward human tragedy. In reality, we shouldn't even need his music to open our eyes. There are examples of this pattern all around us on our own campus.

As you may know, the past two months have brought an exceptional number of public spectacles to the Saint Mary's campus. In the past three issues of the *Collegian*, reports have been published about gunshots fired on campus, two major drug busts, and now, a student jailed for an alleged rape. What most people fail to realize when they see an alleged crime reported on television or in the newspapers is that they are hearing about real people. We feel comfortable gossiping and speculating about stories like this from a safe distance because very few of us know what it's like to be involved in either side

of such a situation. If your name was in one of these headlines, it would be the story of a day that had unexpectedly changed your life forever.

The reason why we use words like "alleged" and "suspected" is because we are not judges or jurors, and enough is at stake that we need to be careful of forgetting that. It may seem like I'm "sticking up for the bad guys" by saying that, but after you've finished reading the story, just take a moment to remember that peoples' lives and futures are at stake. To most of us, the people in cases like this one are just names or faces that we are distantly removed from – but imagine yourself in either one of their places, and it's a different story. Are the rest of us interested in these events because we can "get a glimpse" of things we wouldn't ordinarily experience in our own lives? Would any of us want to experience either side of them firsthand?

If anyone were to answer "yes" to my last question, I would have to question his or her sincerity. No matter how the current case turns out, there will be no winner, and all

of the people involved will suffer more than almost anyone in the relatively "safe" position of a spectator could imagine. What makes us feel comfortable gathering around and watching human misfortune, as long as it's not happening to us?

People say that O.J. Simpson and Bill Clinton faced "trial by the media," but how could such "trials" be possible if not for the public's willingness to judge them without experiencing these rather horrid ordeals firsthand? I have heard students talking about the current rape case as if the people involved might as well have been characters on "Friends" or "Seinfeld." But although it may be just casual conversation to some people, it makes all the difference in the world to others. As someone who really has been through the fickle "Court of Public Opinion," I can tell you as much.

If stories like these have a profound effect on you, you are certainly entitled to your own opinion – but if they're just entertainment, try to remember what they might mean to other people. It really is the least you can do.

## Saint Mary's Slips in College Rankings, Gains in High School Rankings *Lighten Up!*

By MARK MYERS • Humor Columnist

A shocking new report released on Monday by the respected publication *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Saint Mary's 7th in private colleges on the West Coast. This is frustrating news for Saint Mary's, who has been struggling the last few years in college rankings, but there is good news as well. For the first time, Saint Mary's was also included in the *U.S. News* high school rankings. In fact, the report released Thursday put Saint Mary's as the number one ranked high school in the country, even going so far as to say that Saint Mary's is "the perfect high school." The report examined all aspects of the activities that high school students do not have the privilege of participating in: drinking, living on their own, etc. – these are privileges that Saint Mary's students enjoy, with a good old-fashioned high school feel to them.

According to *U.S. News*, many

high school students feel just as comfortable at Saint Mary's as they do at their old high schools. Former Miramonte High School senior and current Saint Mary's Freshman Josh Murphy said that he feels "right at home – Saint Mary's has basically got the same alcohol policy as a high school, and there are rules in place that make me feel like I am sneaking around behind my mom's back. The school administration caters to the needs of high school students – that means giving funds to 'coffee nights' and cutting back on funds for parties like Luau. Notice how school events like 'Jamaica me Crazy' are getting toned down, and the funds redirected to events that high school students really enjoy?"

Senior Lauren Becker agreed with Murphy, saying, "You have your cliques just like in high school. You know, there's the sports team cliques -- football, basketball, rugby, lacrosse, etc. Then you

have the snotty cheerleader types, the party animals, and the list goes on. There's plenty of gossip going around, too – if you have a one night 'hook up', the entire school knows before you do!"

The report found that many students also dreaded dating, a large part of college life. People felt pressure to date the best looking, most popular person. The report mentioned that such behavior "is found in all high schools", whereas in college, personality actually counts.

The situation has become so severe that some Program Board members are trying to further change Saint Mary's events to resemble high school events. Right now there is discussion of changing the boat dance to "Prom", as well as implementing a "Senior Ditch Day." Buildings and grounds staff have expressed concern about the implications of possible senior pranks.

## Senate Slapped in the Face

by KACIE LE COMPTE  
Guest Writer

On the evening of December 3, 2000, the ASSMC Senate received an offensive slap across the face. This slap was initiated by the very administrative figures that voiced their dedication to the purpose and cause of the ASSMC Senate at the dawning of this school year. Administrative figures Vice President of Student Affairs Brother Jack Curran, along with Interim Dean for Student Development and Leadership Mary McCall, demonstrated their evident passivity toward action taken by Senate to protect the rights of students who inhabit this campus. They expressed this passivity by failing to attend the formal Senate meeting held on the evening of December 3, 2000 to which they had been invited in or-

der to discuss current Senate resolutions and the pertinent issue of sexual assault on campus.

By failing to attend this meeting and excusing their absence with a simplistic letter presented to Senate, their actions proved nothing other than their lack of concern regarding the recognition of interests of students who make up the SMC student body. The letter consisted of a brief explanation of their inability to attend the meeting that was due to the fact that they felt content with their voice and representation as expressed at the previous meeting. The fact is that it is their responsibility to converse with the Senate when called upon. The Senate is a direct channel of the students' voices to the admin-

istration. Their attendance is not dependent on their sense of personal fulfillment of their position regarding its efforts taken in correlation with the demands of the student body. Their attendance is requested so that the Senate might feel the voices of students have been recognized in their completion and entirety. Their position as administrative figures parallels student needs that they have apparently chosen to disregard.

I ask you, the students of Saint Mary's College, how can we expect this institution to grow in its ability to nurture the needs of we the students, when two powerful administrative figures such as these continue to miserably fail at their pledge of dedication to we the stu-

## IN THIS REALITY

By Sean Sullivan • Class of 2003

### A New Season of Discontent Ends

A vote of no confidence. A student speak-out in the quad. The sound and the fury. And all taking place between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If you go back to last year, the time between these two fall holidays was also extremely volatile. A procession of students and faculty ended in Ferroggiaro quad, where speaker after speaker berated the administration, while the *Collegian* reported of a "Campus in Chaos."

Although this year's actions did not reach the dramatic crescendo of last year's, this has been a somewhat turbulent fall of discontent . . . but for other reasons.

To chart the Senate action that precipitated the vote of no confidence, you really have to go back to the October 15 Senate meeting. At that meeting, the Senate passed Senate Resolution 00-002, which, among other stipulations, called upon "Vice President of Student Affairs Jack Curran, FSC, PhD, and Interim Dean of Student Development and Leadership Mary McCall, PhD, to testify before the ASSMC Senate on the issue of sexual assault." The resolution passed by a vote of 35-0-0. The process was thus set in motion that would bring these two principal Student Affairs administrators to the Senate to discuss the matter of sexual assault.

As October quickly turned into November, the relationship between the Senate and those in the Student Affairs bureaucracy worsened. Acknowledged miscommunication between the groups escalated and reached a breaking point on the afternoon of Friday, December 1. ASSMC President Kiersten Daniel received a letter from Vice President Curran informing her that he and Dean McCall would not be in attendance at the December 3 meeting of the ASSMC, saying it was "unnecessary."

If deciding not to attend the meeting was a mistake, using the word "unnecessary" in the reasoning was simply unintelligent.

At the December 3 meeting, the Senate took the Administration's cavalier dismissal of the Senate as a direct slap in the face to its legitimacy by the very administrators who theoretically were supposed to be its chief supporters. And the fact that they did not come was wrong. They should have. These two administrators should have reorganized schedules and been available to answer the student body's questions about sexual assault. I can't think of a more valid use of their time as Student Affairs administrators. With that said, the Senate over-reacted. We, as representatives of the student body, felt this metaphoric slap in the face extended beyond the Senate to the entire student body, and especially those concerned with sexual assault.

As debate continued, the Senate seemed convinced there needed to be a formal response to the poor judgment of the administrators, but was divided about how exactly to do it. One group of senators favored a severe vote of "no confidence" in the leadership of the Students Affairs bureaucracy. Another group, of which I was a part, favored a less severe "statement of sentiments," that would have expressed the Senate's anger at the lack of administrative support, but stopped short of expressing no confidence. And there was a third group. This small group of senators didn't really care what happened, and simply wanted to end the meeting as fast as possible. I'm sure glad we have elected officials more concerned about getting out of a meeting than affecting actual change. That reminds me of the fourth group, those senators who didn't even come to the meeting. Five senators failed to make the important meeting. But here's the kicker: Four of them were freshmen. So, the largest class at the College had only five of its nine votes present at a meeting where a decision was made that will affect them for years to come.

In truth, a large group of senators were uncomfortable with the vote of no confidence, but felt that it was more important for the Senate to take a united stand than to nitpick which united stand to take. Obviously, this logic has many flaws, but at the time many of us seemed to be picking between the lesser of two evils: passing something we thought was too strong a message, or diluting the powerful voice of the Senate by voting against it.

Did we make the right decision? I suppose we will never know. But in the end, I think the nearly unanimous statement was a positive step for a legislative body that is just beginning to step out of its own shadow.

dent body?

My answer to you is that we can expect nothing from these individuals. I simply ask you to make a conscious note of the continual efforts taken by your ASSMC Senate body to ensure and enforce the rights of you the students. If you look to this institution and feel an extreme sense of offense regarding action taken by your adminis-

tration to ensure your rights as both individuals and members of the student body, realize you are not alone. I encourage you to look to the administration of this institution and ask yourselves why.

Why have your interests as represented by the ASSMC senate been disregarded in such a degrading manner by the members of the administration itself?

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have anywhere else to go for food. And why does Starbucks close so early? It's impossible to get any food at all on this campus after 3pm. Some of us are on campus well after 5pm, is it too much to ask to keep at least one place open where we can purchase food? Even the bookstore closes by 3pm or 4pm, so you can't even go and buy a candy bar! I would like to see the College install vending machines on campus. How about community microwaves so we can bring our own food and heat it up?

We all pay good money to attend this school. I'd like to see some of it used for our benefit.

**CASSANDRA S. COCHRAN**  
Junior

## Senate Vote

**D**ear *Collegian*,  
In regards to the ASSMC Senate meeting that took place this weekend, I felt the need to express my opinions on why I was one of the two people that voted against the motion. The motion addressed the vote of no confidence for the lack of cooperation the Senate had with the Office of Student Affairs. I felt that the issue that we addressed was only presented to us the day of the vote and it was a quick passing of judgment for some of us. This is one of the primary reasons why I felt that the majority of the Senate did not take the best possible option in dealing with the Division of Student Affairs and Interim Dean of Student Development and Leadership that evening. Also, the fact that not too long ago the Academic Senate did not even submit a vote of no confidence to Brother Craig, but rather a statement of concern made me feel that we should have taken a similar step. Another major reason I voted against this motion was because I think that a statement of concern could have raised the issue. Once we were able to see the effects of it, we would have been able to make a wise decision and see even the necessity of a vote of no confidence. Although I felt this way, I must commend the whole Senate for their professionalism and patience through the whole process.

**ERICA UCHIDA**  
Sophomore Class Senator

## President's View

**D**ear Editor,  
I would like to thank Amanda Janis for her article, entitled "Our Own Electoral College: Do you feel represented by the ASSMC Senate," that was in the November 29 edition of the *Collegian*. I speak on behalf of the entire Executive Council when I say that comments, such as Amanda's, enable us to address the concerns of the students.

Amanda followed up on her article by attending the Senate meeting on December 3rd, in which she spoke to the Senate and raised questions that are vital to our growth. In response to Amanda's article, The Executive Team will post proposed resolutions a week prior to the upcoming Senate meeting; it is our intention that this will give all of the students the opportunity to address concerns they may have over the resolutions. We would also like

to encourage you to attend the weekly Senate meetings that your class officers hold.

Greg Teshara, the Vice-President for Administration has erected a new Senate Info Board in front of the ASSMC offices with the hopes of getting more information out to all students. Beginning in Spring Semester the class Presidents will post when and where their weekly meetings take place. These class meetings are open to everyone.

The purpose of Senate is to represent the student body. Students elect class representatives to speak and vote on their constituents behalf. If, for any reason, students do not feel like their concerns are being represented, I encourage anyone to contact an elected representative or myself. At any time during a Senate meeting a Senator on the floor can suspend the rules to acknowledge a student wishing to address the Senate.

The reasoning behind the vetoing of the sexual assault resolution 00-008 was not, as I have stated in a previous article, because I disagree with the contents of the resolution. There were serious concerns with the way in which it was written and the details that were not included. I feel, as President, it is my job to not only ensure that all perspectives are represented by a piece of legislation that is passed by the Senate, but signed by myself as well. The ad hoc committee that sponsored the resolution addressed the concerns that I had regarding this resolution and a new resolution, 00-009, was passed and approved.

Again, thank you, Amanda for the issues that you addressed in your article. I truly feel that without constructive criticism we would not be able to change the status quo. The resolutions that we have begun this year are new. Like anything that is new, we still have some kinks to work out to ensure that all students are being represented. The Executive Council welcomes any suggestions.

**KIERSTEN DANIEL**  
ASSMC President

## Sexual Assault

**D**ear *Collegian*,  
I write in support of the sensible proposals in Dr. Roseanne Quinn's recent letter (*Collegian* of November 29). The College owes a duty to its male students to tell them, clearly and unambiguously, that sexual assault – rape or unwelcome "touching" – will have serious consequences for them. They must be treated as adults, and held responsible for improper, not to mention felonious, conduct.

The College owes at least two duties to its female students: (1) To do what is reasonable to protect them from molestation, including having a clear policy of punishing assailants, making that policy known, and making examples of students who assault others. (2) To give victims of sexual assault the survivor rights outlined in Dr. Quinn's letter.

Finally, the College owes a duty to itself: as an attorney retained by the College recently advised, it should protect itself from lawsuits (based on a breach of its duty to provide a safe environment) by removing known sexual assailants from

the campus, presumably after a showing of probable cause.

Society has finally grown thoroughly intolerant of rape and other sexual assaults. A clear, tough College policy may educate our students enough to save some of them from long prison terms, and others from the twin pains of being assaulted and having to relive that assault in order to prosecute the offender.

**JOAN HALPERIN**  
Professor, Modern Languages

## No Confidence

**D**ear Editor,  
On Sunday, December 3, the ASSMC Senate had requested the presence of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Br. Jack Curran, FSC, PhD and Mary McCall PhD, the Dean of Student Development and Leadership, to testify before the ASSMC Senate about the College's policy on sexual assaults. Both did not attend the December 3 Senate meeting. Hence, the Senate considered and passed a vote of no confidence in the Vice President for Student Affairs.

On the surface, this might appear to be an extremely reactionary and even immature course of action for the ASSMC Senate. However, acting as the legitimate governmental body representing the interests of all the undergraduate students of Saint Mary's College, I felt it was a just and reasonable course of action. Late on the Friday before our meeting, the Senators received a letter written by the Vice President for Student Affairs, explaining that he did not feel it "necessary" for him to attend our meeting to discuss the College's policy and recent sexual assaults on campus.

On the Monday after our vote of no confidence (December 4), Senators Brian Dougherty, Laura Nunez, and myself attended Br. Jack's walk-in hours to discuss the vote and to express our views in person. We expressed our disappointment in both him and Dean McCall's non-appearance at our meeting to discuss this very important issue. Br. Jack candidly explained his reasons for not attending and his views regarding the assaults.

Later that Monday evening, Br. Jack, Dean McCall, and the Interim Director of Student Activities and Leadership, Joanna Cady, had a discussion with two senators from each class about the vote and how to improve the relationship and communication between the Division of Student Affairs and the ASSMC Senate. I feel that Br. Jack and Dean Mary McCall have acted in a positive and rapid manner to address our concerns for their non-appearance, by meeting with us almost immediately after our vote.

These positive steps taken by all parties in this matter show that all of us in the SMC community are deeply concerned about the assaults and want actions to be taken to prevent more incidents like them from occurring. In addition, I hope that actions taken by the ASSMC Senate will lead to our body being viewed not as one that is reactionary, but as one that is responsive and progressive.

**JAY GATCHALIAN**  
Junior Class Senator

## Gatehouse Theft

**D**ear *Collegian*:  
I am writing in response to

*Stephen Pelligrini and Anthony Stefanich are:*

# TWO GUYS *With* LONG NAMES

## Stupidity Should be Painful!

Ah, Christmas. The time of the year when we are all told to love one another...aw isn't that sweet? Well we would like to break that tradition with a few stupid things and people we hate. Shazbat!

People who point at their wrist while asking for the time...I know where my watch is pal. Do I point at my crotch when I ask where the toilet is?

People who are vacuuming and come across a staple stuck in the carpet and keep passing the vacuum over it 1000 times but never pick it up themselves and throw it away.

People who are willing to get off their butts to search the entire room for the TV remote because they refuse to walk to the TV and change the channel manually.

When people break up with you and say "It's not you, it's me." Then why aren't I the one breaking up with you?

When people say "Oh you just want to have your cake and eat it too." Damn straight! What good is a cake if you can't eat it? You might as well say "You can't have your toilet and pee in it, too."

When people read an article out of the paper to you. Thanks a lot, those thousands of dollars on tuition went everywhere except teaching you how to read.

When people say "it's always the last place you look." Of course it is. Why the heck would you keep looking after you've found it? Do people do this? Who and where are they? Shouldn't we kill them before it's too late?

When people say while watching a film "Did you see that?" Nah, I paid \$8 to come to the theater and stare at the floor.

People who keep saying "Do I make you horny baby?" like Austin Powers. Yeah, that was just as funny as the first 30,000 times I heard it.

People who ask, "Can I ask you a question?" Didn't really give me a choice there, did you?

When people say something is "new and improved!" Which is it? If it's new, then there has never been anything before it. If it's an improvement, then there must have been something old before it.

When people say "life is short." What?! Life is the longest damn thing anyone ever does!! What can you do that's longer?

When you are waiting for the bus and someone asks "Has the bus come yet?" If the bus came, would I still be standing here?

When people complain about the *Collegian* being so negative, yet have never read *Two Guys With Long Names*. We think it would change their outlooks.

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a letter which was published in the November 29 edition of the *Collegian*. More specifically I am writing in response to "An Experiment of Conscience?" I, like many of my fellow science majors who read this letter, was appalled. It shows that there is a blatant disrespect towards science majors. Yes there is no denying that theft has occurred, but who is to blame? In this particular article it states that "it has been brought to the attention of the *Collegian* staff that the person(s) responsible for each of these incidents are science majors..." How is it then that when quoted, Professor Burley stated, and you published, that it has not been determined if in fact the vandals were science majors?

This article continues to give off the impression that the English and Communication majors are having to cope with less than adequate conditions for their majors while science majors do not fully appreciate

what they have been given. Is it not those same people that we are made to feel sorry for that will be using J.C. Gatehouse when they go to fulfill their Area C requirement, which we all know is a science course and it is required that every student of SMC must take? Is it not these same ungrateful science majors who sit in the English classrooms which have tables that wobble, earth toned carpets, and no air or heating? It seems to me that this was a greatly one-sided article put forth to show how science majors are ungrateful for what they have, and that is directly shown when, and I quote "one bad apple does spoil the bunch". I think an apology to all science majors is owed, because they are no different than the people who wrote this article. We are all following in what we want to do, and no one should look down upon us for that.

**JASON LANCASTER**  
Biology Major

# LIFESTYLES

Happy Holidays

HELP WITH THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON

# FIVE

things you need to know before you wrap 'em up and ship 'em out!



by Lara Ballentine  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



1 Tired of going to Longs for those hard-to-find beauty items? Head to **Pure Beauty**, a new eclectic store that boasts two locations, one near Baja Fresh in Lafayette on Mount Diablo, and the other near Hallmark in Broadway Plaza in Walnut Creek. Check out the huge array of Burt's Bee's chapstick and lotions, make-up, hair and nail supplies as well as gift ideas. Great prices mixed with great selection make **Pure Beauty** a fun shopping experience. But leave time to browse...the shelves are stacked and the tubs are full of incredible finds!

2 Fly your sweetheart to your house for the holidays. Live in New York? That's okay. Hit the browser and enter [jetblue.com](http://jetblue.com). At **Jet Blue**, all fares range from \$49 to \$249 each way, and they have non-stop service out of Oakland and Ontario, Los Angeles. This new airline company took to the air last February and was developed by a Southwest CEO. Each seat on this new airline comes equipped with DIRECTV, and you can choose your own seat online. Travel to Florida, Vermont, or Utah for the cheapest prices around. Take a spur-of-the-minute trip to NYC with a friend, and you can fly there tomorrow at the cheapest price available!



3 **The Art Of Having Fun.** Feeling artistic this holiday season? Even if you can't draw a stick figure, find one of these "make your own pottery" stores in your hometown or stop by Locust Street in Walnut Creek on your way out of town. **Color Me Mine** can ship the presents to you or the receiver just in time for the holidays. Be the artist you never knew you could be — show your parents what you learned at college! Bring a friend along for fun, or drag your seven-year-old cousin "Monet" to help you create a masterpiece.

4 Think again before skipping another trip to **COSTCO** with your mom. Your neighborhood **COSTCO** (from Saint Mary's, it's an equal trek to Danville or Martinez) has more than just frozen foods and bulk paper products. Find great mixes of nuts, chocolates, or coffees for those aunts and uncles who you just don't know what to buy. **COSTCO** has a huge array of affordable children's gifts for your cousins, or slippers for your dad for only \$10.99. Buy your gymaholic brother a jumbo pack of Met-Rx bars while you shuffle past the collection of audio books, movies, and novels for everyone on your list. Pick up a tub of peppermint sticks and hot chocolate on your way to the check-out, and you'll stay warm and cozy throughout the holiday season.



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## "What is the worst gift you have ever received for the holidays?"



"An ugly green velvet dress. It was hanging by the fireplace, and I couldn't even tell what it was. It looked like a monk's robe or something. I took it back."  
-EMILY BRADFORD, FRESHMAN

"My parents got me an alarm clock in the shape of a mushroom, and on the hour, a pig would come out and trumpet a horn."  
-LIZ REUTER, SOPHOMORE



"The straps for doing sit-ups. I never used them because they were stupid, and what were they trying to tell me anyway? That I need to lose my gut?"  
-BRIAN DOUGHERTY, JUNIOR

"My father gave me a Playboy."  
-MARIUS WEERTS, FRESHMAN



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*It's*

# the Season For Giving Gifts ... Do It In Style



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Executive Layout Manager

**C**hristmas is approaching and it's time to buy your friends and family members a thoughtful gift to put under the big tree.

Stores are flooded with decorations of Santas, candy canes, angels, ornaments, and other such holiday treasures. Anywhere you turn, the colors red and green scream from store displays, greeting cards, and even wrapping paper.

Wrapping paper is an interesting business because personality comes into effect when deciding which design to buy. You are forced to match personalities with paper. Is he a bold and bright clip art Santa person? Is she a delicate powder blue angel type? Can you just buy a gender-neutral roll of wrapping paper with snowflakes or stars to get the holiday message across? What about paper for your parent's gift? Would the traditional green with Merry Christmas written in red do? And finally, what about your boyfriend

or girlfriend? How can you make their present look special?

Anyone can simply go to Hallmark and buy a roll of wrapping paper and some curling ribbon to decorate a present. Although the paper may be festive and match a person's personality, it really doesn't take much effort or thought to it. After spending money on a person to get them a nice present, why not go the extra step and show them that you took the time to creatively wrap their gift. Besides, a great wrapping job makes the gift inside seem ten times better.

When first impressions always count there's no better way to impress someone than to give a gift that is nicely wrapped. So with this in mind, here are a few ideas to try out.

### HOUSE OF CANDY CANES

They say a good dinner is all about presentation. If a dinner looks like it took a long time to prepare, even if it didn't, it will

make all the difference. The same theory can be applied to wrapping a present. Looks can be everything.

The "House of Candy Canes" technique is a quick and easy way of wrapping a holiday gift. All you'll need is plain red wrapping paper, some holiday ribbon, scotch tape, and a box or two of large candy canes. First, wrap the gift in the paper and tie the ribbon as usual. Then tape the candy canes around the outside of the box. Tall, square boxes are the best. Finally, hide the tape with extra ribbon around the box.

### SLOPPY-JOE CANDY COLLAGE

If wrapping presents isn't quite your thing and you're one of those people who can never get the edges folded tight, you may want to try the "Sloppy-Joe Candy Collage" technique. All you have to do is take a bunch of miniature sized wrapped candies and glue them onto the box. A

holiday bow in the center finishes off the look quite nicely. Remember, if you know your friend's favorite candy, it's all the better.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEART

In the age of technology, we are often criticized for not writing notes or cards to those we care for. e-mails will never be able to replace the personable feeling of a hand-written letter. That is why the "Message From the Heart" technique can come in handy to revive this dated tradition.

Again, wrap a present with plain colored paper as usual. But do not tie a bow on it. Instead, write out a message to your friend. If you add some glitter on top, you can capture a fine decorative look.

### PICTURE-PERFECT PRESENT

A picture is worth a thousand words. Everyone loves pictures because it reminds them of fond

memories. The most intimate Christmas wrapping technique is the "Picture Perfect Present."

Wrap a present in any type of paper, hopefully matching your friend's personality. Find your favorite picture with this person and take the picture to Kinko's to get it photocopied onto photo glossy paper. Colored copies are preferred, but black and white copies give it a rustic look. The point of copying the photo is so you aren't ruining the picture or giving away your only copy. Mount the copied photo onto the present with glue or tape and tie with a ribbon.

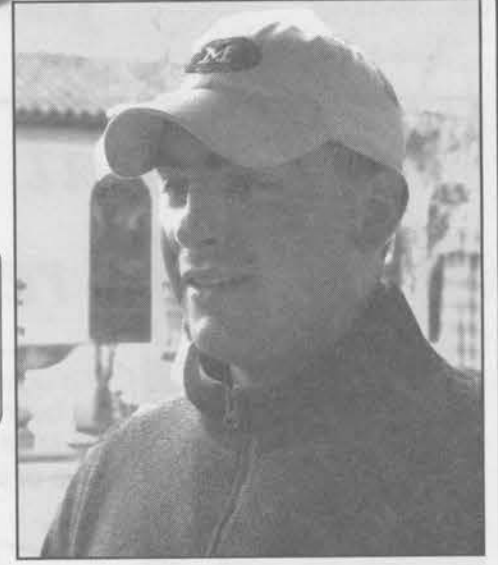
This technique is great for parents or grandparent's gifts. Find a cute baby picture of yourself and put it on the present. Your family will simply adore it.

Whether you have a nice gift to give someone or not, there's no reason not to dress it up in style. Creatively wrapped presents will be appreciated and you'll be able to see this appreciation in their eyes as you give them their gift.

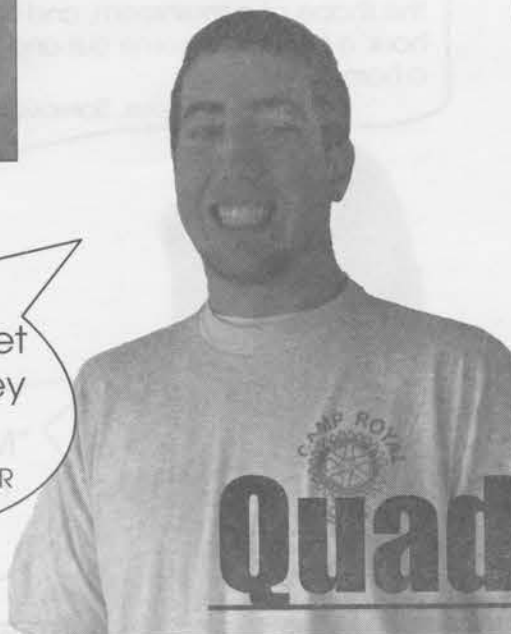
## "What do you want for Christmas?"



"A 2000 Mercedes-Benz CLK in lime green."  
-TWILA VILLANUEVA, FRESHMAN



"A Razor (scooter), so I don't have to walk to Saga."  
-BRAD SCHEPLER, SOPHOMORE



"The new Pokemon figure and a Backstreet Boys CD and a Britney Spears poster."  
-MIKE BONE, JUNIOR



"A Toyota Tacoma off road truck, forest green. I won't get it, but that's what I really want."  
-RAHBECKA GALVAN, FRESHMAN

QuadTalk



# Jan Term

## EXTRA TIME FOR extra-curriculars

by Josh Lo Bue ♦ GUEST WRITER



**J**an Term: The catalyst in an otherwise unrelenting year of essay writing, math equations, and mind numbing textbooks. Remember those Fall Tuesday nights studying up on that biology material that you will be quizzed on in your 8am? Remember wishing for the end of the week? Wondering what will be going on Friday night? Well, let me welcome you to Jan Term and the Tuesday night party!

Unlike other schools, many of our Jan Term classes provide us with a Wednesday off for "mid-week recuperation". (This break is well earned after the *extreme* mental exertion we will be suffering through in classes such as "Hollywood goes to High school" and "Movies and Social Rebellion.")

Other classes that meet Monday through Thursday, on the other hand have the advantage of a luxurious three-day weekend for which there are numerous activities to explore. In order to maximize your Tuesday nights or three-day weekends to their full recuperative benefit, follow these suggestions to get your respites a 'Rollin'.

**Hold A "Study Group":**

The ultimate way to get those books read for class. Invite a few friends over from your class, and make sure they bring snacks. Jan Term is a great time to really get to know your classmates, who are usually people outside of your major. Also, the homework for your photography class is probably a little more fun to do in a group than say, calculus.

**Indulge in an Impromptu Snowboarding Excursion:**

This one is self-explanatory. A group of people with a common interest: snowboarding, gather together with a common goal: an impulsive, mid-week trip up to Squaw or North Star to enjoy the fresh snow.

**Go to a Concert:**

If you are not from the Bay Area, and even if you are, you need to take

advantage of the plethora of musical talent that brews here. On any given night, there is a concert of some form or another going on within about a thirty-minute drive from school. Also, because of the extra day off, you can check out

the popular rave scene. You may find yourself taking a bit of time to find a rave and its location. You can find fliers all over the place, but most likely in crazy stores in Berkeley. Because they generally last all night, raves are the perfect

way to release some of that winter energy and party past dawn. Although most people at raves and concerts are very friendly, do go with friends and remember the buddy system!

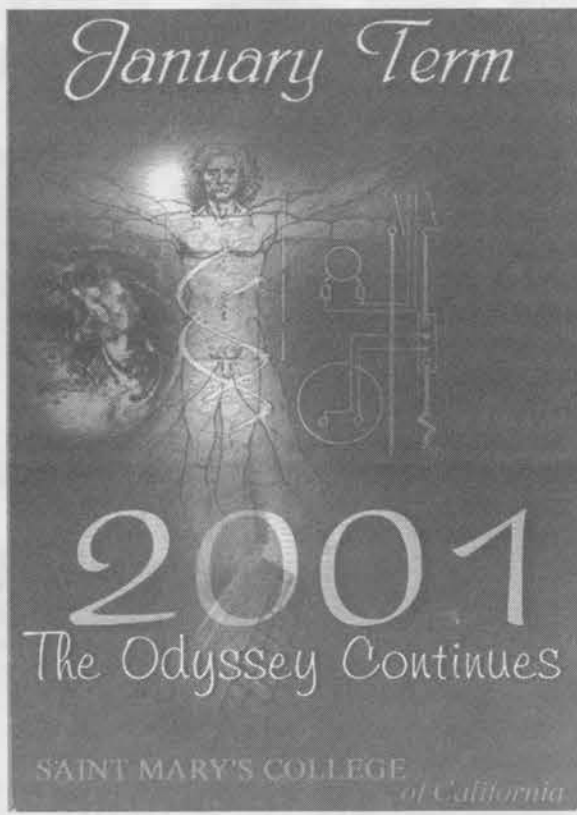
**Party with the Banana Slugs:**

Santa Cruz is just an hour and a half away, and a great place to escape to. Walk the Boardwalk, lay on the beach, check out the mating sea lions, and discover the best Albertson's ever. Be sure to check out the Cactus Club where bands such as Long Beach Dub All-Stars and Nirvana have played. Also, be sure

to try the delicious Boardwalk funnel cakes and Santa Cruz sour-dough bread.

**Hold a Movie Marathon:**

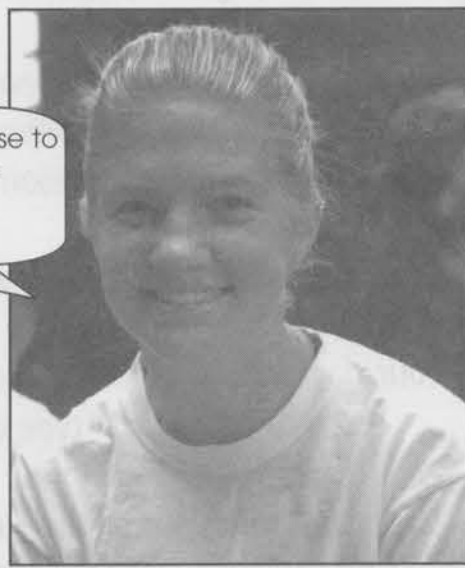
Jan Term is a month afflicted with free time to lounge around and escape the cold outdoors. Invite your friends to pack your single with pillows, popcorn and drinks, and hold a movie marathon. I recommend deciding on a theme, such as: Trilogies, like *Stars Wars* (pre-quel), *Indiana Jones*, or *Road Warrior*, or *The Exorcist*. Try watching all of them in a row, and debate the ability of a sequel to be as good as an original. Camios: Pick your favorite cross-over stars, like David Bowie or the Red Hot Chili Peppers and find as many flicks with him starring or playing a bit role as you can (hints: *The Labrynth* or *Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me* for Bowie, *Point Break* or *The Chase* for the Chili Peppers).



### "What do you have planned for New Year's Eve this year?"



"I might go to Santa Cruz."  
-LIZ ROBERTS, JUNIOR



"I'm going to my friend's house to have a party. It's going to be pretty wild."  
-JILL ANDERSON, FRESHMAN



"I'm going with my roommate Emily to Vermont to party it up."  
-NATALIE LUCAS, FRESHMAN

"I'll probably go to Tahoe to party and relax."  
-MIKE PSARA, SOPHOMORE

## QuadTalk

## Here's to Your Health

By Miriam Eisenhardt, RN, MPH and Nancy Glenn, PhD

**Q:** *What are some things to anticipate now that I'm getting ready to go home for the holidays?*

Now that you've adjusted to being at Saint Mary's, for most of you, it's time to go back home for winter break. While this can be a relaxing time away from school, often reconnecting with your family and friends can be an adjustment. Here are some tips for managing holiday stress that may come up.

First, remember things may not be exactly as they were when you left. Just as you have changed while at school, your family has, also. Talk to family members ahead of time about expectations for the holiday break. Diverging expectations are conflicts that usually arise. While you may expect to follow the same rules at home as you do at school, your family may have other expectations. It can help to sort this out before it becomes a problem. Conflicts can also arise when your social life conflicts with family plans. You have lived fairly independently at school. Now you have other family members to consider.

Second, remember that holidays can be an emotional time and bring up a host of feelings. You don't need to put your emotional needs on hold. Spend time with people who are supportive.

Don't commit to more than you can handle. At this point, the break may seem endless, but it will fly by. Be realistic about how much you can fit into the time that you have. Take time to enjoy parts of the holiday season that you enjoy. Planning ahead can help you fit in things that you want to do without rushing from one activity to the next.

Give yourself transition time before returning to SMC or embarking on a travel course, so you can feel replenished for the New Year. Happy Holidays!

If you have questions about: nutrition, relationships, family problems, fitness, stress, sexuality, alcohol, nicotine, drugs, physical and/or emotional health, send them to "Here's to Your Health" at the Collegian, e-mail questions to [meisenha@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:meisenha@stmarys-ca.edu), or call x4776 or x4364

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## DECORATING FOR Christmas

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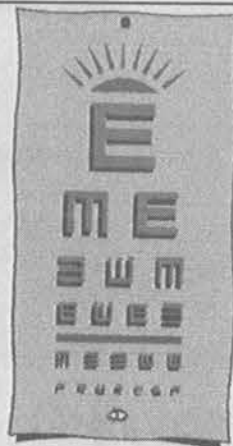
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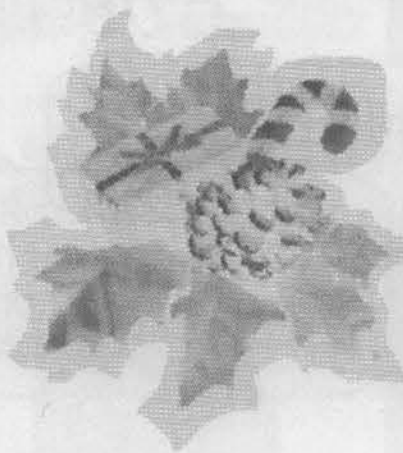
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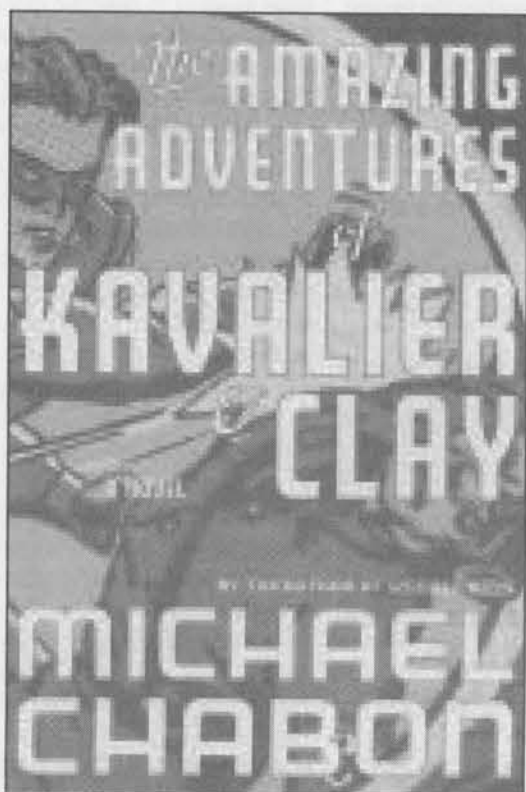
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# Michael Chabon Writes a New Novel, Has Time To Drop By and Chit-Chat

By AMANDA JANIS • Executive Copy Editor



**Michael Chabon's new book, *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay* is available at the Saint Mary's College Bookstore and all Barnes & Noble locations.**

**F**inals are over, or almost, and it's time to head home for the holidays. Whether you're hopping a plane, carpooling down the 5, or don't even have to travel to be "home," one thing we all share in common is that we won't have to focus on schoolwork for a few blessed weeks. So how to spend those rare moments of free time while traveling? Or once home, how do you avoid watching cheesy prime-time sitcoms with the "fam"?

*The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay* by Michael Chabon (author of *Wonder Boys*) just may be what's missing from your carry-on. Director of Composition Rosemary Graham, PhD, said, "*The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay* has it all: Love, Sex, Money, an airplane made from dog skin, cameo appearances by Orson Wells, Salvador Dali and Roy Cohn. No boat race though." (Mark Twain is rumored to have said that *War and Peace* was a "loose, baggy monster of a novel that had everything but a boat race.")

The novel is set in the late 1930s and 40s, the golden era of comic books. It most generally depicts what the title promises — the adventures of two cousins, Sammy Klayman and Josef Kavalier; Josef escapes Prague and ventures into business with his cousin once reaching New York.

Beyond the surface, however, there are many subplots of significant historical prominence directly related to the main characters. These subplots include Jewish immigrants in America and their struggle for employment; the surge of popularity in the comic book industry thanks to Superman; the initial hesitancy of Americans to join in the fight against Hitler; "alternative sexual orientations" during a time in which that phrase was non-existent; the Golem of Prague; the experience of frustrated soldiers during WWII; the allure of Harry Houdini; the plight of Jewish families in Europe; and the controversy over the relationship between superheroes and their sidekicks, to name *only* a handful.

Chabon weaves his characters' intriguing tales with historical accuracy and linguistic elegance, shifting in styles throughout the book. One chapter may chronicle Sammy's emerging sexuality by help of an omniscient narrator, while the next may jump into the narrative of an *Escapist* comic. Graham noted: "I'm particularly intrigued by the narrative

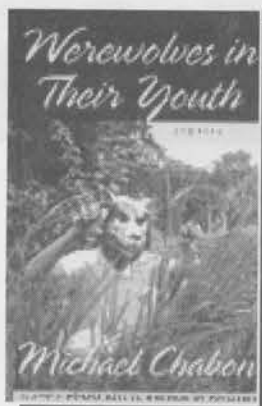
voice in this novel. It takes us inside the minds of a wide range of characters while reaching across decades, oceans and continents. One moment we're sitting in the New York theater watching *Citizen Kane* premiere, and then, a few chapters later we're in Antarctica, watching the troops play *Lupe Velez* for a chance to stay warm through the night. Chabon has great affection for his characters, and you will too by the time you're done. (Which will be sooner than you think. Though long, this novel is a page-turner.)"

Chabon recently talked with Saint Mary's students in Graham's "Love, Sex, and Money in Contemporary Literature" course, where he amicably entertained questions of all sorts. Senior English major Taryn Doyle talked about Chabon's visit: "Unlike how some authors refuse to reveal details about their books, Chabon welcomed questions and even gave an in-depth history as to how he thought of and created such a layered novel. Having the opportunity to question the author of a book we spent days discussing in class, really makes reading the book twice as good." Yours truly asked him why he switches between using four letter expletives to describe sexual desire, to more elegant words like "prurient," (answer: vocabulary changes to fit different characters). He described the immense amounts of research necessary for authoring a text set during such an ominous period in world history, revealing that he often found himself avoiding the actual writing process by burying himself in research.

Several class members commented that Chabon's writing style is so eloquent that, in essence, he effectively draws or paints a picture for readers. Asked if he might be an artist, or draw cartoons, Chabon's reply was, "I'm not very creative," to which there was much eye-rolling around the classroom. Doyle said, "Chabon is a brilliant writer with a very humble demeanor."

Michael Chabon will be on-campus again for a reading on Monday January 29, 2001 at 7:30 in the Soda Center, open to all who are interested. Take advantage of this great opportunity: read the book, meet the author — what more could you want?

## Other books by Michael Chabon

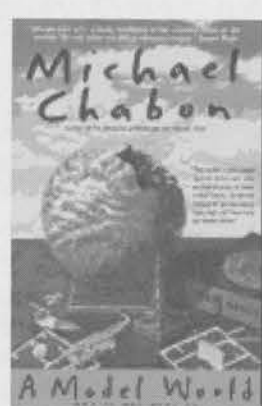


*Werewolves in Their Youth* takes us into the hearts and lives of young people and people in midlife caught at emotional moments of turning point and change. In the opening story, "Werewolves in Their Youth," a boy attempts to help a troubled classmate, only to uncover the even more perplexing

troubles of the adults around them. In "House Hunting," a young couple mends their strained relationship during an appointment with a strange real estate broker. In the final story, "In the Black Mill," a student archaeologist travels to a small American city, and finds himself investigating the mysterious fates of the inhabitants.



In *Wonder Boys* we meet James Leer, a troubled young "wonder boy" whose obsession with Hollywood suicides leads him to commit a pair of startling crimes. Thereby his destiny becomes entangled with that of his writing teacher, Grady Tripp, a former prodigy whose penchant for self-destruction is exceeded only by the twenty-six hundred pages of his unfinished magnum opus, *Wonder Boys* — a leviathan of a novel that is devouring his life. Joined by Terry Crabtree, Grady's editor — another onetime boy wonder whose appetite for the bizarre has derailed a promising career — teacher and student set out across a mysterious nighttime landscape to search for a vision of redemption, and a shot at literary fame.



Originally published in *The New Yorker* and other magazines, these short stories are delightful in their portrayal of characters, the light irony of the situations, and the flow of the sentences. Chabon deftly paints humorously odd people floundering for fulfillment. In the first part, readers glide into a kaleidoscope of worlds—a Jewish wedding in Los Angeles; Laguna Beach with an estranged couple; Paris with an American do-gooder; Pittsburgh with a down-and-out baseball catcher, a disc jockey, and a blundering toy maker; and finally duplicity in academics. Chabon's stories will captivate creative writing students, students of literature, and casual readers alike.

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# COLLEGIAN Album Reviews

By DANIEL GALLEN • Staff Writer

## Hidden By Authority Combines Humor and Power Into a Whisker Biscuit

Unless you have been following Hidden By Authority from its inception in 1994, you may not have heard of the band's previous albums *Real Negativity* and *Sounds Like Sh\*t*. Don't worry. H.B.A.'s latest release entitled *Whisker Biscuit* proves these album titles wrong because the group's sound is far from crap and the negativity is focused and balanced into songs that are unmistakably punk. Even if the album titles are a joke they express the band's approach to music and life. H.B.A. can sit back and laugh at itself while performing meaningful tracks. This makes them not only very punk, but very entertaining.

With *Whisker Biscuit*, Hidden By Authority proves that punk's opening acts often carry the intensity and experience of the genre's better known groups. The group has shared the stage with such acts as Unwritten Law, Blink 182, 98 Mute, Voodoo Glowskulls, and The Adolescents and while H.B.A. has qualities that make it similar to these and other punk outfits, its sound is refreshingly unique. The album is complete with anti-government tracks such as "Real Negativity" and "Mr. President," but they are not like the vocabulary-filled creations of Bad Religion, which require at least a seven hundred on the verbal section of the SAT. These tracks are playfully intense and speak to the listener about relevant social concerns without preaching.

The use of humorous introductions makes *Whisker Biscuit* flow and showcases H.B.A.'s personality. "In the End" opens with the segment "I like these guys. They are funny guys. Just kill one of them," and these words mirror the approach of the album and the track itself. Josh's vocals do not shy away from morbid discussions of mortality, and shift between pondering the effects of greed and trust. *Whisker Biscuit* is a look at H.B.A.'s many emotions expressed in tracks such as "You Make Yourself Look Bad (Lovers)" and "Another Day," but the band plays teeter totter with these emotions and leaves on a definite musical high.

## Tsunami Bomb Explodes With The Invasion From Within!

If two negatives don't make a positive, this theory has not been explained to the Northern California punk band Tsunami Bomb. The group has combined the two negatives of its name to create the build-up power of a deadly tsunami and the bomb-like energy of intense female vocals. And, it is all packed into a six-track EP entitled *The Invasion From Within!* — a release that has the external feel of B-movie magic and showcases musical experience that is anything but horrific.

The EP opens with Tsunami Bomb's title track "The Invasion From Within," which has received air-play on the San Francisco radio station KITS, and it is a vision into everything the band has to offer. The song moves from the haunted-house organ intro, to an intense guitar and drum accompaniment completed by the seductive and unique vocals of Agent M. "No One's Looking," which has plenty of time for instrumental shifts and gives Agent M sole responsibility for the chorus and enhances the pace of the EP, and illustrates the teamwork that is integral to Tsunami Bomb. The band members use this teamwork to perfect the true punk track "No Good Very Bad Day," because simple guitar chords and the addition of Brian Plink on vocals create a focused song that does everything it needs to in one minute and 46 seconds. *The Invasion From Within!* finishes off with the dual vocals of Agent M and keyboardist Ooblette Sparks in "Lemonade," and Tsunami Bomb's most dynamic and powerful track, "Not Forever." This song should propel Tsunami Bomb onto the level of the Bay Area's better-known punk bands. "Not Forever" exhibits where Tsunami Bomb has been with its music, but succeeds because of how much this experience matters. The group has experience. Having toured with the likes of AFI, The Ataris and Mad Caddies as well as fulfilling well-deserved headlining spots, Tsunami Bomb is not looking for its break, but is establishing itself as the complete package. Tsunami tracks can be found on compilations, such as *Punk Rock Strike*, *You Call This Music? Vol. 1 Punk*, and the recently released Silent Records album *Our Voices Must Be Heard*, which also features Link 80, Good Riddance, New Found Glory and Nuclear Saturday.

# RENT THIS!

By STEPHEN PELLIGRINI  
Layout Designer

It's cold outside — must be the holiday season. You might be expecting a review of my favorite Christmas movies. Well, I hate to disappoint, but Christmas movies are all the same: "Oh, this is going to be the best Christmas we've ever had! What? Oh no, we can't have Christmas...but wait! Christmas is saved!" If you are desperate to watch something Christmas-like, then watch the Peanuts Special. Anyway, one of the best parts of Christmas is getting your stocking stuffed with presents. Here are some flicks you can stuff your own stocking with.

**SLC Punk!** (1999) Starring: Matthew Lillard, Michael Goorjian, Annabeth Gish, Jennifer Lien and Christopher MacDonald. Written and Directed by James Merendino.



www.imdb.com

The glamorous life of two punks.

"I am the future! I am the future of this great nation which you, Father, so arrogantly saved this world for!"

Meet Stevo (Lillard), the blue-haired, thrift shop clothes-wearing, anarchist college graduate punk. Also, please meet his best friend, Heroin Bob (Goorjian), who is called Heroin Bob because he hates needles. Go figure. He has the honor of having an infectious disease named after him. The year is 1985, the town is Salt Lake City, Utah, the hotbed of culture in the West...or maybe a hotbed of culture in Utah. Stevo and Bob consider themselves the only true punks in the city. To them, everyone else is a poser, into the punk scene for the popularity, the fashion, music and fake British accents. Everything is going "tres faboo" for Stevo and Bob until the fall of '85; until then, they were just happy living out their lives, partying, doing drugs (except Bob who only smokes and drinks beer) and beating up rednecks. The fact that they live in the "religiously oppressive" city of Salt Lake doesn't make their lifestyle easy, neither does Stevo's dad who constantly nags him to

go to law school.

This movie deals with the thin line between being a part of a movement (in this case the anarchist movement), and just looking like you are. For example, Stevo is perfectly content in having things remain static forever. He just wants to continue partying and being an anarchist by wasting his college education. Even though he believes that, in the end, all things lead to chaos he is desperately trying not to change and trying to get his confederates not to change. In the end, it takes a tragedy for Stevo to realize the person he truly is.

**Lola Rennt**, a.k.a. *Run Lola Run* (Germany 1998, released overseas 1999)

Starring: Franka Potente, Moritz Bleibtreu, Herbert Knaub, Nina Petri. Directed by Tom Tykwer.



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Lola runs to save her man.

"Every second of every day you're faced with a decision that can change your life."

Never before have I spent an entire film with chills going down my spine. Tom Tykwer's *Lola Rennt* is one of a kind — it brings that briefly popular "Choose Your Own Adventure" phenomenon to the movies, with a kind of creative originality that's downright brilliant.

Don't be scared off by the fact that it's a German film with subtitles. Dialogue is secondary to intense rave music and the sheer panic as Lola (Potente), a stunning redhead, runs through the city streets in a breathless 20 minutes as she tries to scrape up 100,000 DeutschMarks (the equivalent of \$20,000). Her boyfriend Manni (Bleibtreu), fresh off a drug transaction, bolts off a train when he sees a police officer get on, strictly out of habit. The policeman wasn't looking for him, and as a result of his knee-jerk reaction, Manni leaves the sack of cash behind on

the seat next to him. He's supposed to present the cash to his boss in 20 minutes and it's doubtful the crime lord will understand.

Lola vows to help him, as well she should — Manni took the train in the first place because Lola failed to show up on her motor scooter to pick him up. While that was the result of scooter theft rather than a faulty memory, all that matters now is that she must find \$20,000 before the boss turns Manni into a grease spot. What follows are delirious images of what Lola's frenzied mind conjures as ideas to raise the money. She's without a car, so in each scene, she sprints past the same faces each time, a few seconds early once, a few seconds late the next time. These moments make all the difference. You might wonder why this movie isn't only 20 minutes long, well Lola doesn't exactly get it right on the first try. Every second of every minute matters, and so do the decisions she and those around her make.

Tykwer has made one of the most visually fascinating movies in years. Not only is his editing and camerawork interesting, but he employs a device I've never seen before: as Lola passes people on the street, he allows himself a momentary diversion to flash forward in those people's lives. With the words "And then..." on screen, he kicks off a flurry of Polaroids of the person's next few weeks, months, even years, which involve both perverse death and odd circumstances. This flick is a rush.

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# Assassins Shoots Up LeFevre

By JACQUELINE REITER  
Assistant Sports Editor

Created by student director Damian Papa, the cast of thirteen students opened on December 1 with their rendition of *Assassins*. Put on to complete his senior thesis for his Performing Arts class, Papa directed this student-run production receiving no funding from Saint Mary's College. *Assassins* is a witty performance that looks at history through the eyes of the people who have attempted to assassinate former presidents (which explains the title).

In America, the country of opportunity, these characters find themselves in a rut. Though they all have their dreams, and none of them are able to create the future they wish to have. Lee Harvey Oswald doesn't know how to love his wife, Guiseppe Zangara can't find a cure to his

stomach pains and Leon Czolgosz doesn't see how anything will get better for him by working in a bottle factory. Each of them comes to the disturbing solution of killing a president. With one or two shots (depending on accuracy), these once no-name individuals established their own place in history. What seemed like a life of misery or little opportunity can be easily turned into one full of fame by just "moving your little finger."

Filled with humorous monologues, *Assassins* kept the audience on its toes. The most memorable monologue goes to Senior Robert DeLong who played Samuel Byck (better known as the Santa Claus). Driving along he shared his frustrations with the government with the audience in an intensely funny speech.

Another character just as delightful was Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, played by Sophomore Katie Maloof. Infatuated with

Charlie Manson, Fromme finds herself unworthy of his love because as she puts it, "he is the Son of God!"

Because of the unfamiliar plot and story line, some of the audience had a difficult time following the characters. Having a cast of only 13, there were some cast members who had the responsibility of playing more than one character, the most going to Michael Guasco who played a total of six characters.

Papa's rendition was definitely successful as the LeFevre theatre did have a noticeable attendance on all three days. As a first time director, Papa can be proud of his work. Sophomore Erik Michels commented that, "he was a great director and despite not much acting experience he helped me out a lot."

Congratulations to everyone who was involved with the production of *Assassins*.

## Mary's Books 'n Crannies



By MARY RUNOLFSON • News Editor

### What Was Santa Thinking?

Over the years, Santa has taken sick delight in stuffing my stocking with less than traditional literary fare. Every Christmas morning, while the other kids rush down to the tree, I walk apprehensively toward a stack of absurd, twisted, embarrassing, and downright nasty books that I know are always, unfailingly there.

For example, take Paul Spinrad's *The Guide to Bodily Fluids*. I have nothing against a good bodily fluid, but I do I really need a whole chapter on vomit? What about the chapter entitled, "Mucus, Menstruation, Saliva, Sweat and More?" The comprehensive guide is also full of statistics. Did you know that 42 percent of people fold their toilet paper, or that 52 percent of people have blamed others for their own farts? And I always thought research was boring.

In 1998, I received *Creepy Suzie: And 13 Other Tragic Tales for Troubled Children*, by Angus Oblong. Think of it as an evil, acid-tripping Dr. Seuss. I've taken the liberty of reprinting one of the stories, "Emily Amputee," in its entirety: Emily went to the doctor for her annual check-up. Some paper work got mixed-up, and they amputated one of her legs. The end.

See what I mean? They're all much longer, and they're all as disturbing. Be sure to read "Little Scooter," who has a head that people love to throw things at. These gruesome stories are a perfect cure for that Christmas morning schlock.

One of my favorites, *999 Lies for Every Occasion* by Jo Donnelly, offers such priceless gems as "Eat, there are starving kids in China!" or "It doesn't make you look fat." Donnelly has organized his lies by category, making the perfect lie easy to find. There are lover's lies: I've never felt this way. Mother lies: he's in hamster heaven now. Or, my personal favorite mother lie, your sister never acted like this. This book is a resource and particularly helpful around the holidays when we have to stifle our true feelings.

I must say, the most disturbing book would have to be Burton Silver and Heather Busch's *Dancing with Cats*. The color pages contain photos of cats and their owners dancing together. I don't know how they got these cats to move like this. My personal theory is that they constructed some large, two-story scaffolding, threw the cats off the top, and photographed them the moment before they hit the earth. Which is scarier, cats flying about or the owners who write about with them?

It was tough showing my grandmother the books *Drinking, Smoking, Screwing* and the companion book *Lying, Cheating, Stealing*. Editor Sara Nickles has compiled stories, poems, and personal accounts from famous writers like Fran Lebowitz, Tobias Wolff, Mark Twain, and Woody Allen...all of which deal with our favorite pastimes. While the stories don't offer as much underground seediness as one would hope, they are fun to keep on your bookshelf.

Last year was a disaster. I received *Tracing Your African Roots*, *Tips for New Mothers*, and *The Men's Fitness Encyclopedia*. Since I'm not a man, unaware of any direct ties to Africa, and since I definitely don't have any children, you can imagine my early-morning confusion. When I confronted Santa, she informed me that I'd "just have to live with it" because Amazon.com sent the wrong order, and she "didn't have time send them back." Apparently even Santa isn't immune to holiday fatigue.

I could go on, and after having a recent conversation with Santa about this column, I've been assured that this year will not disappoint. I'll let you know how it goes.

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## Durst's Talent "Limp" At Best

Part one of a three part series about why rap's newest whiteboy posers can't get enough of themselves

By STEPHEN PELLGRINI  
Layout Designer

I was listening to the radio the other day as I often do in my spare time and it was announced that after the break I would be treated to a new song from Aaron Lewis, the lead singer of the band Staind. It was an acoustic version of the song "Outside" performed live at the 1999 Family Values tour. Well, for your information, Lewis has one of the best voices of any lead singer out there, and sounds just as good live as he does in studio. So after I was mesmerized by the first verse, I snapped out of it when the words "Yeah, this is the real motherf\*cking deal ya'll! I'm feeling those lighters!" ripped through my speakers and assaulted my ears. Who else could turn a meaningful song into every other Limp Bizkit song there is, but Fred Durst himself? Thankfully Lewis didn't pander to Durst's ego and was able to

finish the song the way he intended with Durst tagging along, not really singing or even playing the guitar but his name is credited on the song. This, from the man who almost threw Staind off the stage at a concert in 1997, accusing them of being Satan worshippers.

My problem with Durst as well as notables Eminem and Kid Rock (look for rants on them in future articles) is that they are vain. Their music carries only one message; a message about their own greatness reminding the listener not to disrespect them, because they are just too cool for criticism. Let's continue examining Limp Bizkit for a minute shall we? Here is a band with so much talent, yet so little to say, except for how cool they think they are. Take their new album, *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water*, for instance. On almost every track, Durst has to open up by reminding the listener of who they

are listening to, and what album is in their CD player. What is he doing, killing time? Could you imagine if real musicians like Robert Plant did this? "Yeah! This is Led Zeppelin! You're listening to Houses Of The Holy!!!! Yeah!!!!" Bizkit's music (except for the songs they've ripped off) is nothing more than a reflection of their gigantic egos. "Break Stuff" is a curse-filled tune about how you shouldn't mess with them when they are angry because Durst's got a chainsaw...watch the heck out! Their latest song, "Rollin'" features wonderful, heartwarming lyrics like this: "now i know y'all be lov'in this sh\*t right here/ l.i.m.p. bizkit is right here/people in the house put them hands in the air/cause if you don't care, then we don't care/1, 2, 3, times two to the six/jonesin' for your fix of that limp bizkit mix/so where the f\*ck you at punk/shut the f\*ck up and back the f\*ck up/ while we f\*ck this track up."

Wow, pretty deep.

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**Women's Basketball**

On the net

Check out Senior Guard Mary Volmer's guest column at [www.fullcourt.com](http://www.fullcourt.com), an Internet magazine focusing on women's basketball at the high school, college and pro levels. Her column details the events of the Gaels' season.

**Women's Basketball**

Jerkisha earns honors

Junior Forward Jerkisha Dosty was named the WCC Women's Basketball Player of the Week for her performance in the Saint Mary's Thanksgiving Classic on November 24 and 25. She was named the tournament's MVP scoring 22 points and grabbing seven rebounds against Southern Utah and 12 points and 12 rebounds against Northern Iowa.

**Women's Basketball**

Gaining Respect

The Gaels are gaining national respect in recent polls garnering eight votes in the AP poll (making them 36<sup>th</sup> in the nation) and one in the ESPN/USA Today Poll (tying six other teams for 35<sup>th</sup> in the nation). Also, *Full Court Press*, an Internet magazine, ranked Saint Mary's 24<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Their 6-1 start is the best in school history as a Division I program since 1987.

**Softball**

Signs New Player

On November 27, SMC Head Coach Chelle Putzer announced that high school Senior Laura Davis signed a national letter of intent to play for the Gaels next fall. From Reno, Nevada, Davis plays catcher and led her team to the Nevada State Championships with a record of 41-2. During her senior season she threw out 63% of base runners attempting to steal. Her on-base percentage was .429.

# SPORTS

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## Gaels Face First Loss of Season Against Beavers

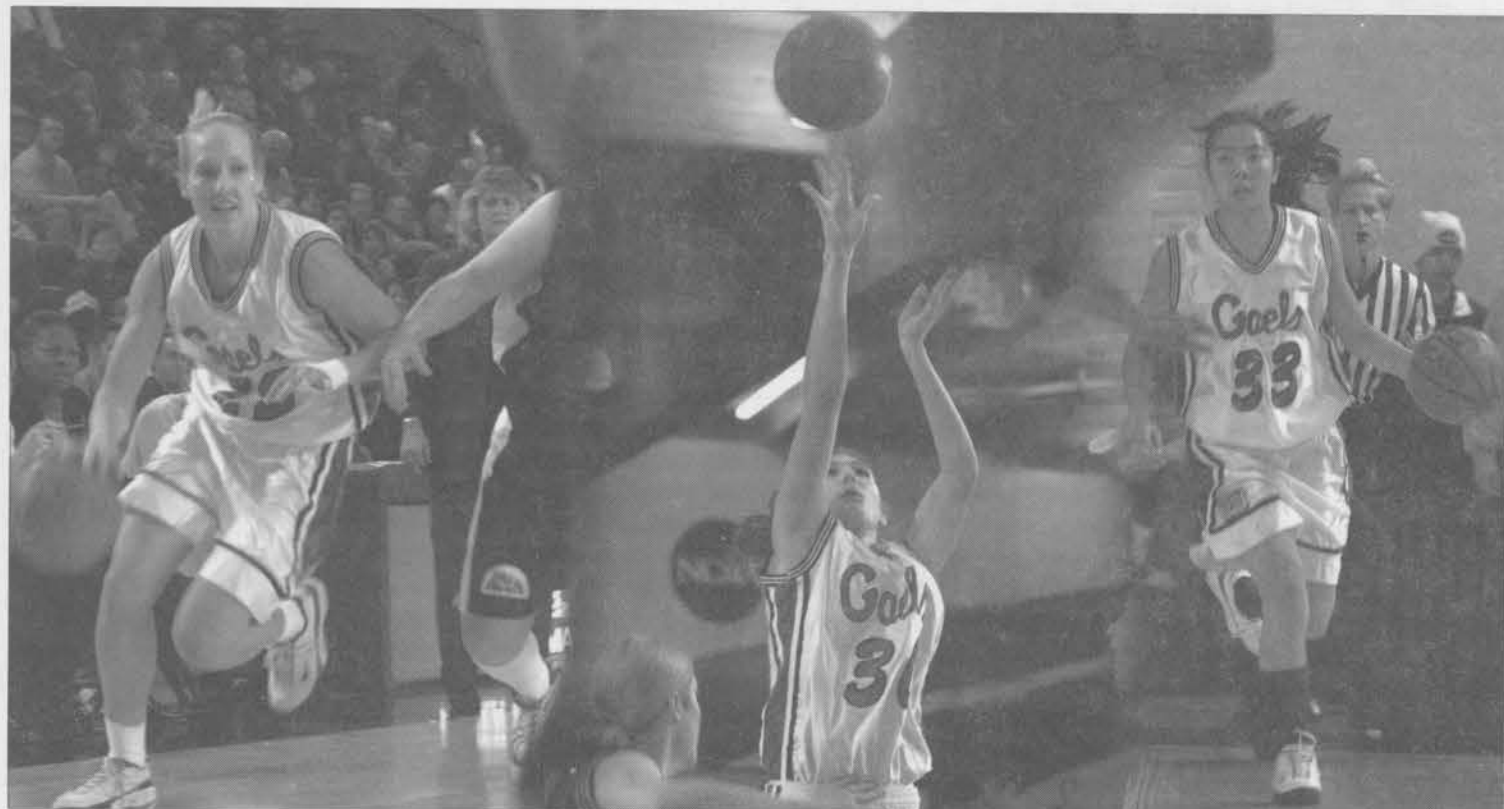


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Senior Hillary Parker, Junior Katie Davis and Freshman Corrie Mizusawa helped lead the Gaels to victory against Cal State Fullerton.

### Gaels rise in national polls, but fall in game vs. Oregon State 65-52

By JACQUELINE REITER  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Gaels shot a woeful 28.8% from the field in their first loss of the season against Oregon State 65-52. In a game that saw two 6-0 teams vie for undefeated status, the Beavers broke out early in the first half making a 14-2 run to start the game.

Oregon State led the entire way and dominated defensively, allowing only two Gaels to reach double figures. Junior Guard Katie Davis led the team with 18 points and nine rebounds, while Junior Forward Jerkisha Dosty added 14 points and 8 rebounds. The Beavers

had four players in double figures and shot 41.4% from the field and 75% from the three point land (3-4).

The Gaels made a run in the last four minutes of the game going on a 18-8, but it was not enough to overcome the 57-34 deficit.

After beating Cal State Fullerton 75-47 on Friday December 8, the Saint Mary's Women's Basketball team added another victory to their winning streak. The win added to the Gaels' best start in the school's Division I history (the Gaels became part of the Division I league in 1987).

The Gaels took the lead from the beginning with help from Sophomore Natalie Kelly, who provided 14 points and ten rebounds in the

game. Junior Forward Jerkisha Dosty also scored 14 points and hauled in 5 rebounds. Senior Forward Katie Davis added more points for the Gaels scoring 12 points going 4-8 from the field and 3-5 from three-point land.

In the first half, the Titans came within four points of the Gaels, but this was the closest Cal State Fullerton would get all game. Dosty and Davis also finished with a strong game, putting up another ten and nine points respectively in the first half.

On December 2, the Gaels challenged the Bay Area Pro-Am team and left with a win of 96-77. In the first three minutes of the game Saint Mary's led by a score of 10-2, a lead that they never gave up.

Kelly had another game high 18 points and 4 rebounds.

The Gaels were in Sacramento for their last game in November against Sac State. Saint Mary's took off with the lead again but faltered a bit in the first half before taking a 30-17 halftime lead.

Despite 10 turnovers in the second half, the Gaels pulled away scoring 36 points in the half. The Junior "Twin Towers" Jerkisha and Jermisha Dosty helped secure the win for the Gaels. Jerkisha added 11 points to the scoreboard and came down with 11 rebounds, while Jermisha had a high of 18 points and 13 rebounds.

The Gaels next face Washington on December 17 and meet Fresno State on December 21.

## Rugby Team Ready to Roll Out Season

By JACQUELINE REITER  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's Rugby team recently finished their pre-season games preparing for the upcoming season in January. During pre-season, the team split in half creating an "A" and "B" team. Both teams competed in two games and then combined forces to play in a tournament at San Jose State. Team A beat the Alumni team and San Jose State, while the B team beat Cal Maritime and lost to the Old Gaels, a club team from Orinda.

Although separated, the two teams practice together, share the same coaching staff, play games on the same day, and sometimes join to compete as one team. Both teams have a full schedule of games starting with their first game against Cal. The

Gaels will challenge several colleges throughout California from Cal Poly to Chico. The team will take a trip to Spain during the week of Spring Break. Last year the team flew to Fiji for a few games overseas.

Out of the 45 guys who are on the Rugby team, only 15 play on the field at a time allowing players to hone certain skills. Endurance, strength, speed and intelligence are required of every rugby player, but certain skills define different positions.

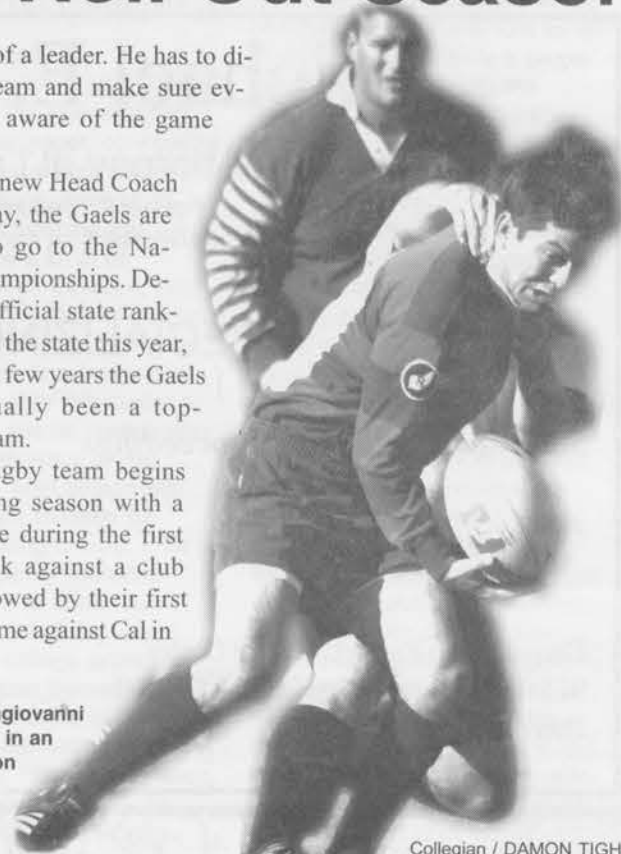
The bigger, stronger players are in the front of the field defending their offense, and blocking the other team from scoring. Players with more agility and speed stay in the back and try to find a path to the opponent's goal line. Sophomore Mark Maffey plays scrum half, a position similar to quarterback that requires the

qualities of a leader. He has to direct the team and make sure everyone is aware of the game plan.

Led by new Head Coach Mike Oday, the Gaels are hoping to go to the National Championships. Despite no official state ranking within the state this year, in the past few years the Gaels have usually been a top-ranked team.

The Rugby team begins their spring season with a scrimmage during the first week back against a club team followed by their first official game against Cal in January.

A.J. Antongiovanni is tackled in an exhibition game on November 11.



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# SPORTS*Talk*

**Sports  
Guru**

By JOEL BRILLANT ♦ Staff Writer

## Trade Bait: Bonds and Kent

This may sound ridiculous, but please hear me out. I've gone through different scenarios on paper to help propel the Giants past the divisional playoffs. These scenarios only work in two ways.

The first way is Giants General Manager Brian Sabean signing a big name free agent outfielder, perhaps Manny Ramirez. With Ramirez, the Giants will add more power to their lineup in replace of Ellis Burks who played rightfield for the Giants last season. When Burks wasn't playing he was often seen in the dugout hooked up to an IV prolonging his baseball career. Without Burks the Giants can now acquire an outfielder who is not injury prone. If Sabean doesn't sign a big name free agent outfielder like Manny Ramirez, then the Giants have to move to plan B.

Plan B is where I expect to hear some criticisms. The Giants need to trade Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent. Bonds and Kent are the backbone of the Giants franchise, however, their numbers aren't what concerns me. In 143 games last season, Bonds hit .306, had 49 homeruns and drove in 106 RBIs. Kent, becoming the first second baseman to win the MVP award in 16 years, played 159 games in which he hit .334, had 33 homeruns and drove in his typical 125 RBIs. However, we cannot expect to see these same numbers in the years to come. Both of these players are well past their prime. Bonds will turn 37 next July, and Jeff Kent will be turning 33 when the 2001 season starts. Their ages

are a crucial factor because the Giants won't have a chance at winning a World Series before Bonds or Kent retire because of the Mets, Braves, and Yankees.

Therefore the Giants need to trade Barry Bonds and replace him with an all-star player, or some young up-and-coming talent. The trade that makes the most sense to me would be Barry Bonds for Sammy Sosa. The Cubs outfielder will be a free agent next season, and Sosa has had problems with manager Don Baylor. This trade would ensure that the Cubs would not lose Sosa without getting something in return. The Giants would upgrade their outfield and they would also get one of the most personable players in the game today.

The second trade would be reigning league MVP Jeff Kent. And this is where Brian Sabean needs to pay close attention. The Giants should trade Jeff Kent back home to New York, along with Bobby Estalella, and Joe Nathan.

In return the Giants would receive Mike Piazza, the best hitting catcher of all time, and Bobby Jones. The reason why I included Jones is because he almost threw a no-hitter against the Giants in the playoffs, and the Giants shouldn't ever have to face him again.

In the end the Giants would now have Sosa, Jones, and Piazza in place of Barry Bonds, and Jeff Kent. With the dynamic duo of Sosa and Piazza the Giants are ensured to make it to the World Series and challenge the Yankees, Braves, and the Mets.

## THE WAY *i* SEE IT

By MATT HOFER ♦ Staff Writer

### A Growing Experience

On December 2, the Men's Basketball team faced their biggest challenge in recent memory. The Gaels traveled to Tucson, Arizona to face the Arizona Wildcats, one of the nation's powerhouse basketball programs.

Did the basketball fans in Tucson know where Saint Mary's College is? We could have told them Tennessee and they probably would have believed us. All that the Arizona fans saw was a fairly benign opponent. After all, Arizona has one of the richest basketball programs in the country. They were national champions three years ago and Arizona is currently ranked fifth in the nation. They have a total enrollment of over 34,000 people, quite the contrast from our little college nestled in the hills of Moraga, with 4,300 enrolled.

So what on earth was Saint Mary's doing on the mighty Wildcats' schedule? Were they there just so Arizona could spank a little school, pad their stats and prepare for their conference schedule? No, Saint Mary's was there to make a name for themselves. With more teams like Arizona on Saint Mary's schedule, slowly but surely they'll gain some recognition, putting themselves on the basketball map.

Just look what a few wins in March Madness did for Gonzaga; now they're known throughout the country and can frequently be seen in the national rankings. Why can't Saint Mary's do what Gonzaga has done in the past few years? I see no reason why we can't, and playing teams like Arizona is a step in the right direction.

In my mind, the final outcome of the game is meaningless. I'm sure it was difficult to suffer the worst loss in school history at the hands of the Arizona Wildcats, a 101-41 massacre. I too had visions of a stunning upset with the Gaels prevailing in dramatic fashion. But let's be realistic here, I wasn't expecting a win in Tucson. Nevertheless, I'm very proud of our team. We played one of the best teams in the nation, and we survived. I applaud my Gaels.

## SCOREBoard

### Women's Basketball

<b>November 30</b>	
Saint Mary's	66*
Sacramento State	48

<b>December 2</b>	
Saint Mary's	96*
San Francisco Pro-Am	77

<b>December 8</b>	
Saint Mary's	75*
CS Fullerton	47

<b>December 10</b>	
Saint Mary's	52
Oregon State	65*

### Men's Basketball

<b>December 2</b>	
Saint Mary's	41
Arizona	101*

<b>December 6</b>	
Saint Mary's	61
Colorado	105*

### Upcoming Games

#### Women's Basketball Games

Dec. 21 at Fresno State at 7pm  
**Dec. 29 vs. Lehigh 7:35pm**

#### Men's Basketball Games

**Dec. 14 vs. Dominican College at 7:30pm**  
 Dec. 16 at Nevada at 7:05pm  
**Dec. 22 vs UC Santa Barbara at 7:30pm**

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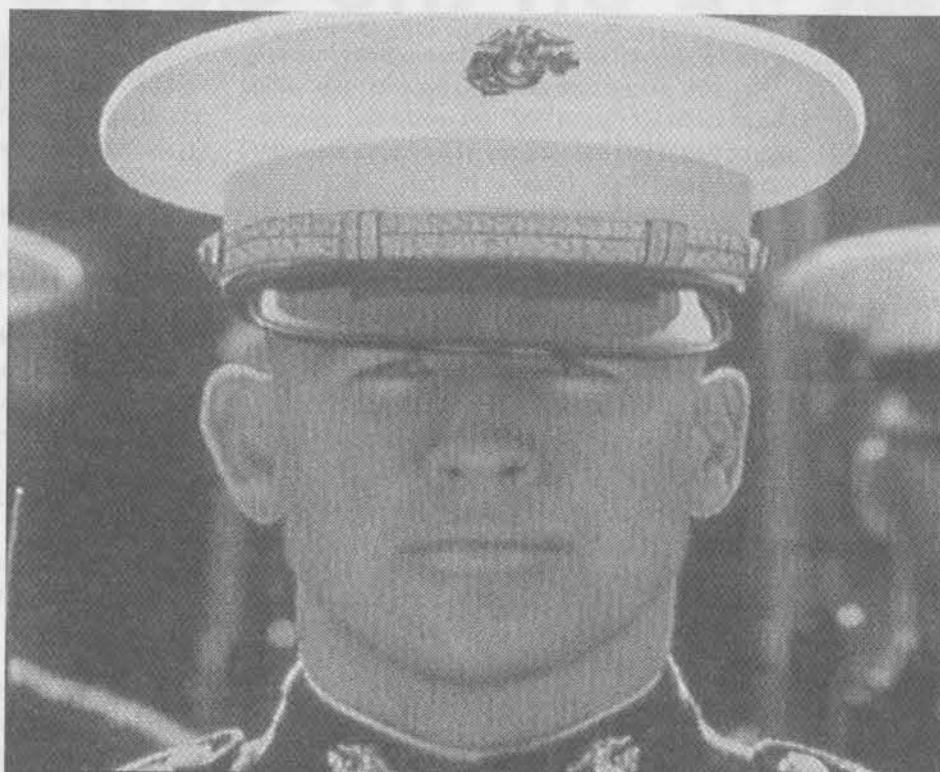
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# SPORTS FEATURE

## basketball

### Rocky Start for the Gaels

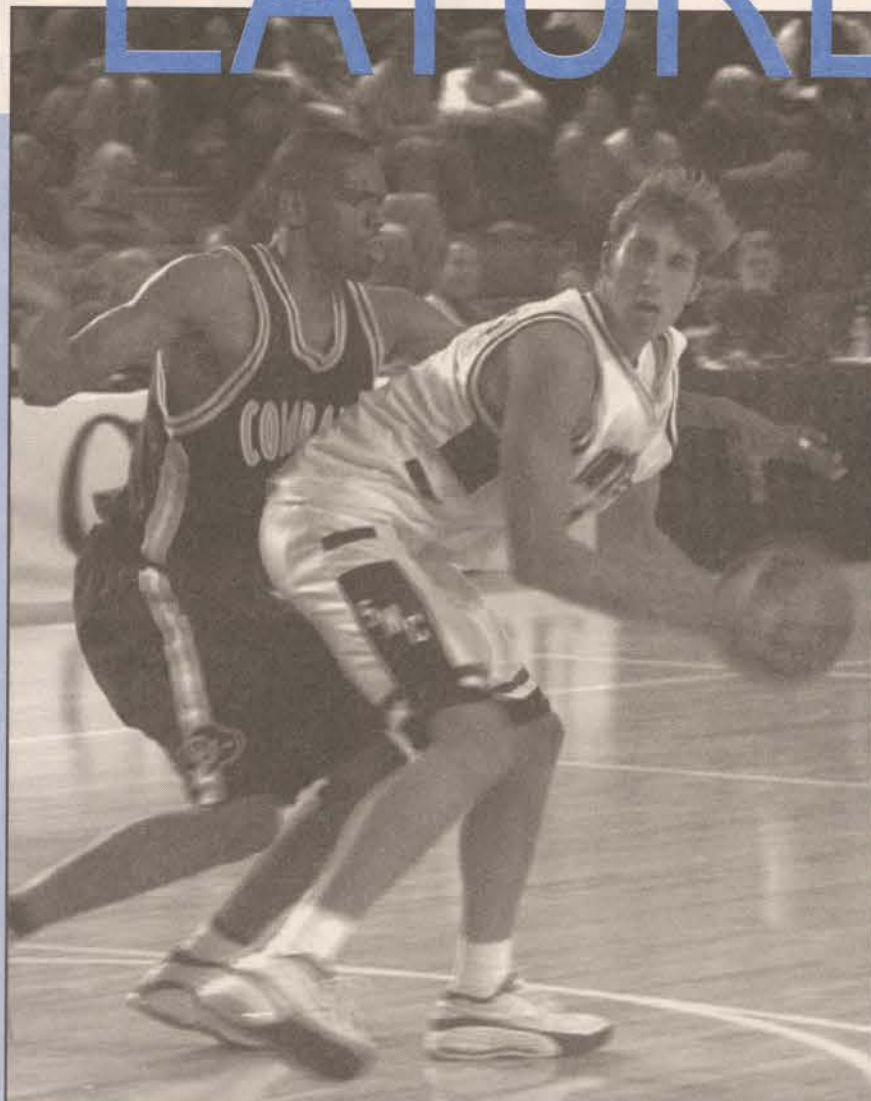
By JACQUELINE REITER ♦ Assistant Sports Editor

**S**aint Mary's Men's Basketball team recently suffered two hard losses, bringing their record to a dismal 0-6. On December 2, the Gaels fell to the fifth ranked Arizona Wildcats 101-41, followed by another defeat to the Colorado Buffaloes 105-61. Both losses were determined in the first few minutes as the Gaels quickly fell behind.

In the first half against Colorado, the Gaels were close in the early going with the score 10-9, but this was the closest they would get in the game. By half-time, the Buffaloes had pulled away 54-28. With ten minutes left the score was 78-50, followed by a point streak by Colorado that would take them to their final victory of 105-61. Junior Center Chris Baert had a career high 20 points, a team high four rebounds and a perfect 10-10 free throws. Sophomore Forward Ross Benson also helped out by putting up 13 points of his own.

The Gaels suffered their biggest loss in school history when they were pumeled by the Arizona Wildcats 101-41. This eclipsed their previous record loss, which was a 51-point loss to BYU in 1966. The Gaels found themselves trailing the Wildcats from the beginning and continued going into the second half 52-13. With eight minutes left and 82-33 on the board, Arizona Head Coach Lute Olsen, substituted his starters but continued to widen the lead. The Gaels could not stand their ground as evidenced by their shooting percentage of 17 compared to Arizona's 54 from the floor. They were also out rebounded 57-28. Sophomores Benson and Jovan Harris were high scorers for the Gaels with ten points each. Baert came through with another team high of nine rebounds.

The next game for the Men's team will be on Thursday against Dominican College. Tip off is scheduled for 7:30pm.



Collegian / MICHAEL STEGE

Freshman Forward Chris Schlatter looks for the big move against pressure from a Colorado defensive player.

### PLAYER PROFILE *Ross Benson*

By KRISTIE SINIGIANI ♦ Staff Writer

## #2 on the Gaels is #1 on the Court

**S**ophomore Forward Ross Benson is easy to recognize around campus, towering over most of the student body at 6'10." You would also easily recognize him if you attended any of the Men's Basketball home games.

Benson, who bears the #2 jersey, at 6'10" and 230 pounds, has distinguished himself by ranking in the top 10 in three WCC statistical categories. He is fourth in offensive rebounds with 2.6 per game, seventh in rebounds with 6.4 rebounds per game, and tenth in blocked shots with .40 per game. His 11.4 points and 6.4 rebounds per game is a team high, and he has led the team in scoring twice and rebounds three times.

The Sophomore is a Business major who comes from a family of five. He attended Cascade High School where he was able to play in a state tournament his senior year. This was the first time Benson's school had been to the State tournament in 20 years.

I was able to catch up to Benson and ask him a few questions about who he is both on and off the court.

**Q: What made you decide to come to Saint Mary's?**

A: I got recruited here for basketball. I came

here on a trip and I liked it here more than any other schools I went to. I had a really good time on my recruiting trip and the people were really cool to me.

**Q: Is Saint Mary's everything you thought it would be?**

A: Yes, I am very happy with my choice.

**Q: How long have you been playing basketball?**

A: Forever... I have been playing since I could remember.

**Q: Any other hobbies?**

A: Yes, I played baseball at first base until I was in eighth grade...I played golf my freshman and sophomore year until I couldn't play anymore because basketball took up too much time.

**Q: Do you have a favorite basketball player from the NBA?**

A: Larry Bird or Karl Malone.

**Q: What is your favorite NBA team?**

A: The Sonics, because they are my hometown team.

**Q: Do you want to continue playing basketball after college?**

A: Hopefully I will play somewhere. There are a lot of opportunities here and overseas, so I think I should be able to play somewhere.

**Q: If you could play anywhere, where would you play?**

A: I think it is every basketball player's dream to play in the NBA, and if I had my choice I would play for the Seattle Sonics.

**Q: How would you describe yourself in one word?**

A: Laid back. . . I don't worry about much and I try to take it as it goes.

**Q: Do you have any personal goals?**

A: Yes, everyone on the team has personal goals that they have set and mine is to be All-Conference.

**Q: Do you have any team goals?**

A: To win the West Coast conference tournament. And have a winning season.

**Q: Your team got off to a little bit of a rough start...what do you think the team needs to do now in order to improve?**

A: We need to continue gelling as a team. I think we are just going through a growing-up stage.

**Q: What would you say about the coaching staff this year?**

A: They are really patient with us. Three of the four guys that are coming back, got a lot of minutes last year as freshmen, and the other four guys are newcomers. They have done a good job understanding that we are still a very young and new team.

**Q: What do you think about this year's team compared to past teams?**

A: We are really close compared to a lot of other teams. Last year we had seven seniors, and then four of us freshmen and then a couple guys in between, and everyone kind of did their own thing. But this year, everyone lives on campus so we see each other all the time. It is a lot more fun because you know everyone better and it makes it easier. On the court I think we have started out a little rough, but I think we will be alright because of the team's positive attitude.

## men's

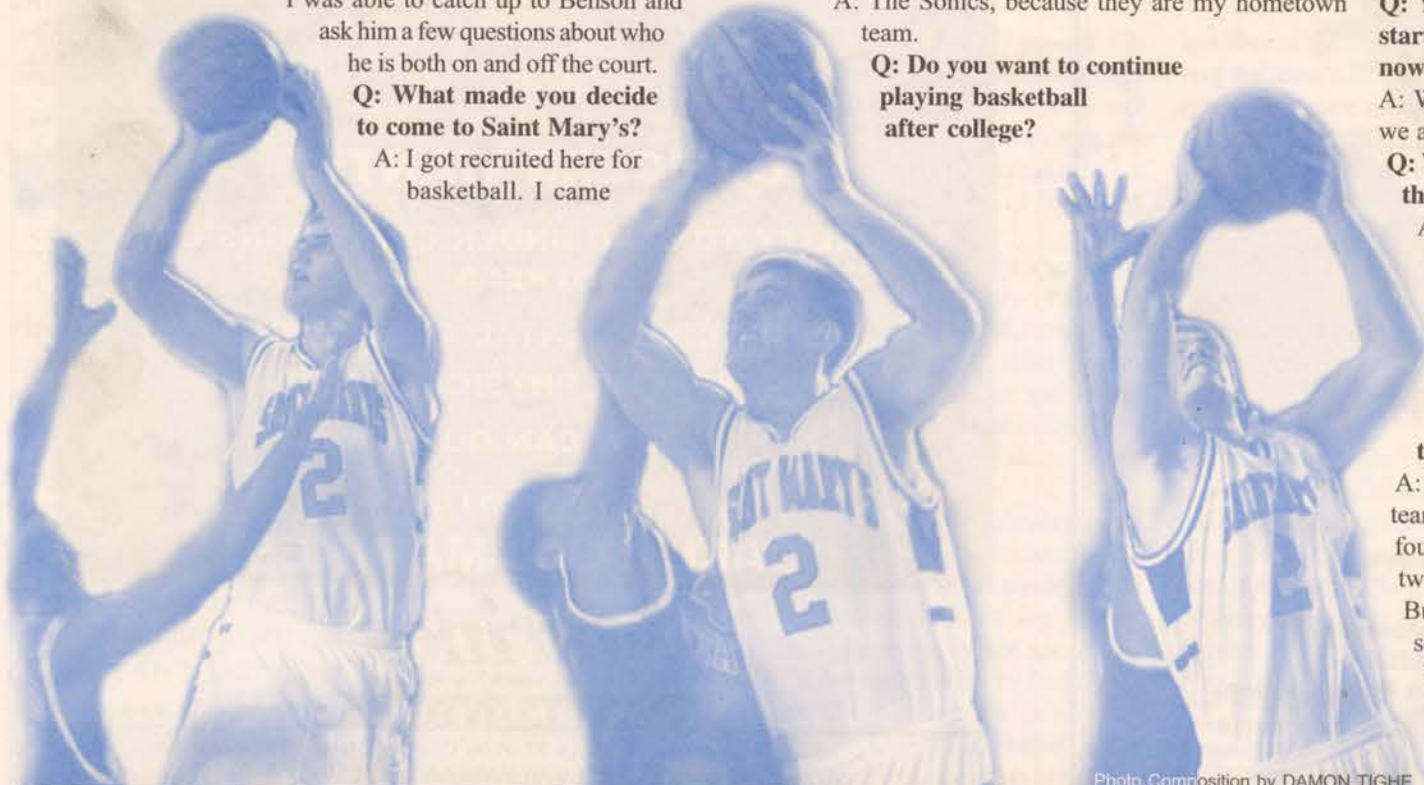


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