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Stephen Rammel leaves his three-year stint at UCLA to helm the Gaels.

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Male Majority in Executive Council

For the first time in a decade, male Gaels dominate election



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Newly elected ASSMC Executive Council Members (from left) Brad Kvederis, Amy Uyematsu, Greg Teshara, and Sean Sullivan pause for a group photo. The four will take office on May 1, 2001.

By **LORNA SCHARTON**
Managing Editor

At a college where the majority of students are female, it may come as a surprise that the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College has elected an executive team dominated by males.

"This is the first time in over a decade that the ASSMC Executive Council has had males in the majority," said Sean Sullivan, Vice President for Administration-elect. The current 2000-2001 Council consists of three females and one male.

Despite this majority/minority reversal, next year's Execu-

tive Council aims to bring students together, increase communication across campus, and improve the infrastructure of student government without letting gender politics get the best of them.

"I don't know how much of a difference gender will make on our work. I don't anticipate it being

an issue," said Amy Uyematsu, the sole female member of next year's Council, who was elected to her second term as Vice President for Finance.

Greg Teshara, ASSMC President-elect is also doubtful about the impact: "Gender is unimportant compared to the mindset

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VOTES By The Numbers

ASSMC President		
Greg Teshara	273	Elected
Sandra Simeon	114	
Yordanos Medhane	109	
Vice President for Administration		
Sean Sullivan	338	Elected
Maritza Cruz (write in)	77	
Vice President for Finance		
Amy Uyematsu	256	Elected
Alison Bianchetti	224	
Vice President for Student Affairs		
Brad Kvederis	189 / 83	Elected
Keli Imoto	175 / 76	
Tasha Wagner	128	

Scandal and Accusations Mar Election

Issues of eligibility and various postings brought to the table

By **MICHELINE SABATTE**
Executive Layout Manager

In the Vice President for Administration race, Junior Class President Maritza Cruz was removed from the ballot on the night before voting began because she attended the first Election Board meeting on February 26. As stated in the ASSMC Constitution: "No candidate for an Association office shall be a member of the Election Committee during the election in which he/she runs." Upon hearing that Cruz had turned in a petition to run for Vice President for Administration, Sophomore Class President and fellow candidate Sean Sullivan sent a letter to members of the Election Committee on Wednesday, March 14.

The Board met that night to review Sullivan's letter. The Election Committee decided that Cruz should be able to run for Vice President for Administration.

Sullivan appealed the decision of Election Board by sending another letter to the committee on Monday, March 19. "It was not a correct interpretation of the Constitution," said Sullivan when asked why he appealed the decision.

With the appeal, the issue was turned over to Judicial Board.

Judicial Board held a meeting on Monday night, March 19, and overturned Election Board's decision. Judicial Board decided that Cruz was ineligible to run because her presence at the meeting was a "direct violation of the Constitution."

Chairperson Kiersten Daniel had to call Cruz that night. "It was hard," explained Daniel who informed Cruz that her name would be taken off the ballot.

As a result, the only name on the ballot for that position was Sullivan. Cruz mounted a write-in campaign, but when the votes were tallied on March 21, Sullivan was elected with 338 votes and Cruz received 77 votes. "It was difficult to run as a write-in candidate," Cruz explained. "Some people were confused. They knew I was running,

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Coach Dave Bollwinkel Resigns After Rocky Season

By **GEORGE MALACHOWSKI**
and **C.J. DAFT**
Sports Editor / Staff Writer

The Gaels' 0-13 record in WCC Conference play meant they were the only team in Division I Men's Basketball that failed to win a conference game. Their 2-27 season record signaled that a change needed to be made. The result was the March 12 resignation of Head Coach David Bollwinkel.

The official press release by Brother Craig J. Franz, FSC, PhD, wasn't issued until March 17. In it the Head Coach gave no reason for his resignation and only had complimentary remarks about Saint Mary's. "I want to thank Saint Mary's College for the opportunity it afforded me to serve as the head men's basketball coach. I am appreciative of the support and assistance of scores of men and women throughout the campus community. It has been a wonderful experience representing Saint Mary's College as its men's basketball coach."

Athletic Director Carl Clapp



Collegian / NICK SYLVA

Saint Mary's Men's Basketball Coach Dave Bollwinkel resigned on March 12, ending a four-year stint as a Gael.

would not comment on Bollwinkel's resignation and referred all inquiries to the official press release.

The Athletic Department is conducting a nation-wide search for a new head coach, which will be chosen before recruiting is allowed in April. De La Salle's High School's Coach Frank Allocco, who's son Frank Allocco, Jr, played for the Gaels from 1996-2000, has been suggested.

The Contra Costa Times reported that Porterville College Coach George Nessman (who has built the school into a Junior College powerhouse) is also interested in the job. He has ties to the Christian Brothers, attended De La Salle High School, and received his masters from Saint Mary's.

The Los Angeles Daily News wrote that USC Assistant Coach Silvey Dominguez, a Saint Mary's

assistant under Ernie Kent from 1992-96, is also a candidate.

This year has seen the program's worse season (2-27), and it had been Bollwinkel's fourth year as head coach. At Saint Mary's, his overall record is 35-80 and his WCC record is 15-41. He replaced popular head coach Ernie Kent, who left for Oregon State after leading the Gaels to an NCAA Tournament in 1996.

Bollwinkel took over a team poised for success with "Big Continent" Brad Millard and other standouts such as Eric Schraeder. However, Millard's talent was marred by injuries, and the team did not make the NCAA tournament during Bollwinkel's tenure.

This year was supposed to be a rebuilding year as the Gaels brought in eight new players. As highly regarded recruits, they were expected to perform immediately but their talent never materialized.

"The problem was that we were losing games and a lot of guys became frustrated with the losing. Nothing successful comes from losing," said Senior Point Guard Frankie King.

NEWSNotes

Campus

Professor Receives \$12,000 Grant

Anthropology Professor Lynn Meish received a \$12,000 grant from Rotary International. She will be teaching at the Catholic University of Ecuador and at the Center for Multicultural Studies and the Institute for the Study of Andean Culture in Otavalo. Her goal is to teach the local residents how to preserve their history and culture.

JC Gatehouse Money Still Not Received

An article in the March 31 *Contra Costa Times* reported the anonymous donor who pledged \$40.5 million to the

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FASTQuote

"The SAT's ask that we all act like each other, talk like each other, think like each other, and this is not education. This, if anything, is closer to 'A Brave New World.'"

Damon Tighe

Photography Editor

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>April</i> 2001</p>			<p>4</p> <p>Diversity Forum, 11:30am, Delphine.</p> <p>Socialist Union, 7pm, Delphine.</p> <p>Sexual Assault Awareness, 8:30pm, Hagerty.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Softball vs. Oregon State, 3pm, Cottrell.</p> <p>MEChA Meeting, 6pm, Delphine.</p> <p>Lecture, 7pm, Soda Center.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount, 2pm, Guisto.</p> <p>Men's Tennis vs. Santa Clara, 3pm, Korth Tennis.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Softball vs. San Diego, 12pm, Cottrell.</p> <p>Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount, 1pm, Guisto.</p>
		<p>8</p> <p>Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount, 1pm, Guisto.</p> <p>Men's Tennis vs. Pacific, Korth.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Easter Recess</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Easter Recess</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Easter Recess</p> <p>Meditation, 12pm, Soda Center.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Easter Recess</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Easter Recess</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Easter Recess</p>	<p>17</p> <p>APASA Meeting, 5pm, Delphine.</p> <p>Student Alumni Association, 8pm, Dryden.</p> <p>Collegian meeting, 4:30pm, Ferroggiaro.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BSU Meeting, 7pm, Delphine.</p> <p>Accounting Club, 7pm, Hagerty.</p> <p>ASSMC Pgm Board Event, 10:30pm, Le Fevre.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Women's Tennis vs. Pacific, 3pm, Korth.</p> <p>Women's Lacrosse vs. Stanford, 4pm, Stadium.</p> <p>Mocktail Party, 7:30pm, Soda.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Cardio Kickboxing, 9am, Dryden.</p> <p>Men's Tennis vs. Portland, 3pm, Korth.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Circle K Club, 6pm, Delphine.</p> <p>ASSMC Program Board Event, 7pm, Off Campus.</p>

campus has yet to provide the money. To cover the costs of J.C. Gatehouse, the College was forced to get a bank loan and dip into other resources. Campus officials told the *Times* they expect the money soon. In the meantime, plans to renovate Galileo Hall have been suspended.

Career Development Veteran Retires

Bernie Valdez, Director of the Career Development Center, will be retiring April 12, after 18 years with the center. After practically building the now hugely successful Career Center, Valdez will enjoy retirement but will continue to be involved with the Saint Mary's community. The first thing on Valdez's list is to celebrate his birthday, which ironically falls on the same day of retirement. Valdez's position will be filled on that date by Brother Brenden Madden of the Career Center.

Whipple Case Provokes Gay Partner Rights Bill

Supported by Sharon Smith, partner of Lacrosse Coach Diane Whipple, Assembly woman Carole Migden, D-San Francisco authored a bill that would provide sick care leave for a partner, allow partners to make medical care decisions, allow partners to be beneficiaries, collect unemployment, and allow a partner to act as a conservator. The bill was approved with an 8-to-1 vote by a committee and will now head to the legislature to be signed by Governor Gray Davis.

Opponents say the bill undermines the institution of marriage, and some gay activists groups say the bill is too broad.

International

A United States surveillance plane collided with a Chinese fighter plane on March 31. The spy plane crashed on the island of Hainan, China. The US crew is in Chinese custody and are said to be safe. The Chinese plane crashed into the South China Sea and the pilot is still missing. US officials reported that the collision was accidental, but an investigation is underway.

-M.N.R., L.E.S



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CAMPUS Snapshots

Lacrosse's Unofficial Mascot Poses

Senior Pete Lunny's stuffed coyote looks on as the team loses to San Diego State. The stuffed animal attends men's lacrosse games, wearing the SMC team jersey.



Collegian / ANDREA CAMARENA

Annual Asian Affair

"Reflections" was the theme of the fourth annual Asian Cultural Night, which was organized and put on by the student-run Asian Pacific American Student Organization. Over 250 guests attended the event on Tuesday, March 27 to watch the six performances that showcased the traditional dances, stories and music of the Korean, Vietnamese, Hmong, Hawaiian, Chinese, and Filipino cultures.

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Town Ordinance Takes a Backseat

By LORNA SCHARTON
Managing Editor

After nearly a month of on-campus discussion, Moraga's proposed "party fee" ordinance has yet to be voted on by the Town Council.

The proposal for the ordinance was originally made on February 28, and further discussion by the Council has already been postponed twice. The ordinance was authored by the Moraga Police Department, and is currently being reviewed by lawyers for both the College and the Town of Moraga. Chief of Police Barry Kalar expects discussion to resume in late April.

The ordinance is currently tied up in the hands of lawyers and has, according to Kalar, "gotten far more complicated than it was intended to be."

Dean of Student Development Mary McCall PhD, believes that the revisions are minor, and will not change the ordinance's basis. "Fundamentally, the ordinance won't change; my understanding of it is that the revisions will be clarifications in the language."

Students voiced concern in early March about the ordinance, which would require party hosts to pay a \$72 per hour, per officer charge for the second time that police are called to the property in the same night. While students have since come together in support of each other, as of yet, no formal dialogue between Moraga and the students has occurred.

The agendas for the last two Moraga Town Council meetings omitted discussion of the ordinance. "We were disappointed that the issue was postponed - we held a forum, and passed around a petition, but haven't had the chance to address the Town about our concerns," said Brian Dougherty,

a Junior Class Senator, and a member of the Student Committee for Alcohol Reform (SCAR).

The committee, led by Dougherty, held an open microphone forum in Ferroggiaro Quad to involve students in the process. A petition was also organized and signed by hundreds of students who felt that they had been unjustly targeted by Moraga.

Kalar denies that the ordinance is intended for anyone in particular. "We could be out there targeting adults; this ordinance is not intended to target college students or anyone else, it is targeted towards bad behavior, and targeted to get people to take responsibility for their actions. When people act responsibly, there will be no problem."

McCall agrees: "The Saint Mary's piece in all of this is very small. The ordinance gives the officers a chance to deal with people who are repetitively creating problems. There are a number of situations involving high school students, and one of the motivations for the ordinance is to get the parents [of high school students] involved in what happens on their property."

Some students at the College, however, believe that the manner in which the ordinance was proposed left them without a chance to respond. "We felt that they [The Town of Moraga and the Police Department] were directly violating the students' right to have their [our] voices heard," said Dougherty. Another member of SCAR felt that the ordinance was unjust: "Students had no warning that this ordinance was going to be proposed, or that it even existed," said Brad Kvederis.

The proposed ordinance surprised administrators at the College as well. McCall was not aware of the ordinance until Monday, February 26, when she met with Brother Jack

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SENATE Report

Election Injustice? The SMC Public Speaks Out

The ASSMC Senate joined for their second-to-last meeting of the current school year on Sunday, April 1, 2001. Among several agenda items were the chartering of new clubs for next year, the discussion of the "Cost-Recovery for Liability Fee" proposed by the Moraga Police Department, and the introduction of new resolutions. Brother Jack Curran, FSC, Dean Mary McCall PhD, and Dean of Campus Life Steve Nygaard were in attendance at the meeting.

During the Public Comment session, Monique Nigorizawa and Lila Vaseno, both in the class of 2001, addressed the Senate regarding the recent election. They had been "disheartened by the elections", specifically that three lawyers had been consulted during the election process by three separate candidates. Vaseno referred to the Bible, stating: "If you read the Bible, it says that Christians should not sue other Christians." The students also referred to the student handbook: "All members of the community are entitled to, and responsible for, maintaining an environment of civility that is free from disparagement, intimidation, harassment and violence [173]."

Resolution 00-0012 was presented to the Senate. The Resolution calls for a standardization of e-mails distributed to SMC students. The document cited the Family Rights and Privacy Act that requires students to be notified of all campus crimes. The resolution encouraged a more standard protocol for such e-mails,

and encouraged a modified list of student e-mail addresses, including non-SMC domain addresses. The resolution was moved to be continued at a further date.

The Senate chartered five new clubs. The Commuter Students Association facilitates the needs of commuter students by holding off-campus socials and would create a website linked to the main SMC website so that commuters could learn about campus events more efficiently. *Students for Civil Liberties* is a club that would serve as a forum for students interested in discussing their rights, as students of SMC. *Spotlight* is a theatre club that would focus on exposing theatre enthusiasts to professional performances off campus and would perform live theatre as well. *Gaelforce* is a spirit club that would encourage students to attend off campus sporting events. *SMC Outfitters* is a club that will serve the hungry and homeless communities in the Bay Area. All of these clubs were chartered into the ASSMC.

Senator Brian Dougherty, class of 2002 and Brad Kvederis, Vice President for Student Affairs-elect, spoke on behalf of the Student Committee for Alcohol Reform, urging the Senate's support in the committee's efforts. The committee opposes the recent proposal made by the Moraga Police Department, and opposes the Parental Notification Policy mandated by the Offices of Student Affairs and Residence Life. No consensus was reached on this subject.

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3/11/01 Stay Away Order Violation

A student in South Claeys contacted Public Safety that her stay away order against a student had been violated. The incident was forwarded to Residence Life.

3/11/01 Medical Assist

Public Safety responded to assist a student who was feeling ill. The student refused medical treatment. The student's friend said she would take her to the hospital if the situation worsened.

3/13/01 Damaged Vehicle

A student's vehicle, parked in the baseball lot was damaged by a baseball. The incident was forwarded to Insurance Administration.

3/14/01 Possession of Marijuana

Public Safety was called to assist an RA with marijuana use in Justin Hall. The room was searched and marijuana was found. Five students were reported to Residence Life for disciplinary action.

3/21/01 Hit and Run, Non Injury

A student's vehicle parked in the baseball lot was damaged. No note was left, and the damage was minimal.

3/21/01 Petty Theft

A cell phone was taken from the KSMC offices. It is unknown who could have taken the phone. The station manager is looking into the incident.

3/22/01 Intoxicated Student

Public Safety was called to assist a heavily intoxicated student in Le Fevre Theater. Paramedics were called, and the student was transported to John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek.

3/23/01 Harassing Phone Calls

Public Safety was contacted by a student in Guerrerri East who was receiving harassing phone calls. A report was written and sent to Residence Life.

3/26/01 Handbook Violation

Public Safety made contact with five students in a car in De La Salle parking lot. It was determined that some of the students were smoking marijuana. Names were taken and referred to Residence Life.

3/26/01 Petty Theft

ITS reported that a computer mouse was taken from a Garaventa computer lab.

3/27/01 Hit and Run, Non Injury

A student's vehicle was struck in the More parking lot. No note was left, and a report was taken.

3/28/01 Hit and Run, Non Injury

Public Safety was called to Justin Hall to assist an RA and RD with a possible drug situation. Moraga Police were contacted and an investigation is being conducted.

3/28/01 Employee Injury

A SMC employee was injured while trying to open a blocked door in Delphine Lounge. A report was forwarded to Personell.

3/28/01 Handbook Violation

Public Safety was called to assist an RD with a student in possession of a pellet gun. The gun was confiscated and turned over to the Director of Public Safety. Public Safety and Residence Life are investigating the matter.

There were nine booted vehicles between 3/10 and 3/28. In all of the cases, fines were paid and the cars were released.

This information is available for public viewing in the Assumption Public Safety office.

Grand Jury Indicts Dog Owners DA Plans to Seek Convictions on All Charges

By KATHERINE TOMKINS
Lifestyles Editor

Culminating two months of speculation, testimony, and nation-wide attention, the owners of the Presa Canario dogs who killed Saint Mary's Lacrosse Coach Diane Whipple were handed heavy charges by a San Francisco grand jury.

Marjorie Knoller, present at the attack, is charged with three counts of second degree murder, involuntary manslaughter, and keeping a mischievous dog that killed a human. Robert Noel, husband of Knoller and joint custodian of the dog, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and keeping a mischievous dog that killed a human. Knoller is being held on \$2 million dollars bail, and Noel is held on \$1 million bail.

After Knoller testified before the grand jury on March 26, she suffered an anxiety attack on the steps of the court building. Paramedics responded, but Knoller quickly recovered. She and Noel quickly fled the area in a rented car. The District Attorney had asked for the couple to be placed under sur-

veillance. As they headed north, they were stopped once for erratic and reckless driving. The couple was ultimately taken into custody at the home of friends in Corning, a small town northeast of San Francisco.

Recently released documents suggests that authorities suspected sexual abuse of the dogs. One affidavit by a Pelican Bay Prison sergeant claimed that he seized a letter to Knoller and Noel's adopted son, Paul "Cornfed" Schneider, that described sexual activity between the couple and Bane, the male dog.

Noel and Knoller received their sentences on Tuesday, March 28. After her three-hour testimony, Knoller contended that it was the male dog, Bane, that caused the fatal injuries. Bane was put to sleep that night by Animal Control authorities. The involvement of Hera, the female dog at the scene, has been debated. Though the dog was originally ordered to be destroyed on February 22, prosecutors have received permission to keep her alive while they perform behavioral tests relevant to the trials of Noel and Knoller.

SCANDAL: Elections draw fire

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but they couldn't remember for what position."

Upon hearing that she had lost, Cruz was not sure if she wanted to appeal the Judicial Board decision. "I don't know. There are too many emotions right now," said Cruz. "It may have been a different race if I had been able to run as a legitimate candidate."

In an interview on March 22, Cruz said, "I felt I was cheated by Judicial Board's decision. People who run and have money feel that they have the power to intimidate others," continued Cruz. When later asked for clarification, Cruz would not comment.

The *Collegian* learned of a confidential, post-election meeting between the two candidates on Friday, March 23. Also at the meeting were ASSMC President Kiersten Daniel and Director of Student Activities Yvonne Canada.

Daniel and Canada would not offer specifics on the content of the meeting.

After the meeting Cruz remarked, "I do not plan on appealing Judicial Board's decision." Cruz would not comment on why she had decided this.

Sullivan also would not comment on the details of the meeting on Friday. "We came to an agreement in private," said Sullivan. "I am pleased an agreement was reached. I am looking forward to serving as VP for Administration."

In an interpretation of the Constitution, Cruz has until May 1 to appeal the Judicial Board decision. On that day, next year's elected executive team assume office.

Sullivan, who was happy to win the election said, "I didn't feel like I ran unopposed. [Maritza Cruz] ran a strong write-in campaign."

Both Sullivan and Cruz feel that the election process could use reform. "My first priority is to completely rehabilitate and clarify the election procedures," said Sullivan. "They're a disaster."

Cruz added, "The system has a lot of loopholes. The current executive team has acknowledged this and there is a lot of talk that it needs to be worked on."

In addition to the contest for Vice President for Administration, there was a challenge in the Student Body President race. Brad Kvederis was told in a letter by ASSMC President Daniel on March 8 that Judicial Board decided he could not run for Student Body President. Daniel quoted from the ASSMC Constitution stating: "The President shall have attained junior standing at

the time of election and have completed at Saint Mary's at least four semesters."

Kvederis is in the middle of his fourth semester at Saint Mary's, but has not completed his fourth, and therefore, is ineligible to run for President.

"I wasn't angry because [Judicial Board] handled it well and there was a legitimate reason for it," said Kvederis.

Instead of running for president, Kvederis was able to run for Vice President for Student Affairs. Following a too-close-to-call race, Kvederis eventually beat fellow candidate Keli Imoto by eight votes in a run-off.

Some candidates in the election were challenged for breaking the rules regarding posting campaign material. On March 18, Kvederis noticed that some campaign material was posted without the ASSMC stamp of approval. He brought this to the attention of the Election Board.

"I got word from Election Board on Monday that all flyers without the approval stamp on them were going to be taken down," continued Kvederis. "That's not what I meant to have happen, and I felt bad about that."

Erin Hamer, current Vice President for Student Affairs and Election Board member, said that the only consequence of having a poster or flyer without an approval stamp on it was that it was to be taken down.

The other posting violation had to do with the challenge to campaign material that Yordonas Medhane, Black Student Union President and candidate for Student Body President, put up in Ferroggiaro Quad.

In the election rules and procedures guidelines, "no election material may be posted at any time in Ferroggiaro Center." Medhane posted material in Ferroggiaro Quad. An official campus map was examined and it was determined that Ferroggiaro Center refers only to Ferroggiaro Hall, the location of the ASSMC offices and not the quad area.

"[Yordonas Medhane] had found a loophole in the guidelines. Whether it's right or not, she found it," said Hamer.

With the many loopholes found in the Constitution and the election rules and procedures, the general consensus was that it was good that these discrepancies were pointed out so that they can be changed or better explained for the 2001-2002 school year.

"There needs to be more specific rules and there needs to be a direct list of expectations for behavior and conduct of candidates," concluded Hamer. "If we want consistency and elections that we are proud of, then there has to be clear expectations."

Comm. Seniors Present Papers in Arizona

By MARY RUNOLFSON
News Editor

Celebrating the end of a term-long writing ordeal, five Communication majors and their theses were selected to participate in a Communication Conference at Arizona State University West.

Accompanied by Thesis Professor Shawny Anderson, Elizabeth Steele, Celine Sabatte, Paul Leonardi, Laura Cole, and Kelli Iverson were flown to Arizona and given the opportunity to present their theses in panels organized by paper topic.

For one writer, the process of writing the paper and formally presenting it to fellow students gave her the confidence to move on from Saint Mary's. "If you take pride in the process and become personally invested, you'll end up with something you could present to a grad school or an employer. Personally, it gave me the confidence that hard work can pay off," said Senior Celine Sabatte.

Three of the students were from Brother Ray Berta's, FSC, Thesis class. "These papers were the best in the room. These were the A's," said Berta.

"This was the first time we participated. To submit five and have five accepted is exceptional."

Regarding the Department's decision to cover the costs of the trip, "This is an example of putting your money where your mouth is. I hope this will become a regular event."

The paper topics varied: Elizabeth Steele: "At Loss for Words: Alzheimer's and Interpersonal Skills." Celine Sabatte: "Religious Images in Advertising: An Eschatological Analysis and Systematic Organization." Paul

Leonardi: "Reciprocal Adaptation: The Cultural Exchange between Hispanics and the Internet." Laura Cole: "Waiting Until Your Wedding Night or Living Together Before Marriage." Kelli Iverson: "Spinal Cord Injury: Living With Non-Verbal Discomfort."

Not only were the paper topics original, the students were honored for their ability to combine existing research with their own.



Photo Courtesy of CELINE SABATTE

Seniors pose with Professor Shawny Anderson, in Arizona.

RESULTS: Landslides and close calls

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that each person brings in. If someone has good ideas, I'm all for them, no matter who or what they are."

ASSMC President

A Business Administration major and Religious Studies minor, Teshara is from San Francisco and was a member of the Executive Council last year as the Vice President for Administration. He is eager to advocate for the students in his newly elected position, which will officially start on May 1.

As President, Teshara's primary job will be to "serve as the number-one advocate and liaison for students by representing them on all boards and committees of the College, and to every department and administrator," said Teshara.

Teshara hopes to increase communication efforts between students and the Administration. "I would like to increase the respect that students are given, and make sure that our voices are heard. Students need to be empowered, and know that we are the College: without us, the 2,500 students who call SMC home, the College is zero."

Among other interests, Teshara hopes to encourage the College to work on maintaining the facilities that are already in use. "We can't build new residence halls every year. We need to maintain those buildings that we do have, like the residence halls, like Galileo, before we create new facilities."

As to why he thinks students voted for him, "What you see is what you get with me. I'm not fake, I'm not a rebel, I'm not overly-charismatic, I just try to be upfront and honest," said Teshara.

Vice President for Administration

Sullivan is pursuing a double major in the Economics and Financial Services Honor Concentration

programs. A native of Carson City, Nevada, he currently serves as ASSMC Sophomore Class President. As the Vice President for Administration, Sullivan will serve as the chair of the Senate, oversee passage and implementation of legislation, and will collaborate with the Administration on Senate actions. He will also oversee the production of the campus's student directory, *The Red and Blue*.

In his new position, Sullivan hopes to bring students closer together through the ASSMC body: "I want to make it more feasible for students to use the Senate."

He would also like to bring the Senate together: "Right now the Senate is polarized by classes, I'd like to bring them together next year."

Sullivan also plans to rewrite the ASSMC Constitution over the summer months. "I plan to redistribute the power so that Executive Council members will serve as facilitators on senate issues, so that senators can make more of the decisions that will affect the students who voted for them in the first place."

Sullivan hopes that students voted for him because "they believe that I can make life here a little bit better on a daily basis."

Vice President for Finance

Amy Uyematsu was the only candidate who ran for a second term as an Executive Council member. Originally from Watsonville, California, Uyematsu is a Business major and mathematics minor. She plans to use her second term as an opportunity to make students aware of where the ASSMC money goes and continue her efforts of building an ASSMC endowment.

"The endowment is an opportunity to benefit future generations at SMC—by collecting the interest of such a fund, we could eliminate student activity fees altogether."

Uyematsu cautions that the benefits of the endowment would not take place immediately: "We would need a significant amount of interest turned over to us in order for the student fees to go down."

Uyematsu encourages students to get more involved with the ASSMC: "The more input we get back from them, the better—people in leadership positions need to know what students want."

Vice President for Student Affairs

Brad Kvederis, a native of Orinda, is a double Major in English and Politics. As VP for Student Affairs, Kvederis looks forward to giving students a social scene. "Saint Mary's would have a great atmosphere if people had something to come together for."

Kvederis will hold the responsibility of overseeing all campus clubs, organizations, and media. In addition, he is eager to implement a new program on campus that would encourage students to get involved on campus through their dormitories.

"A Dorm Activities Council is an idea that I have seen work at colleges like Saint Mary's," said Kvederis. The DAC would consist of elected representatives from each campus residence hall, who would organize social events for residents throughout the college. Halls with great attendance would receive additional money for future events based on a point system.

Although Kvederis' campaign has been targeted as one focused on alcohol, Kvederis defends his position as an advocate for students. "This school needs to get real about alcohol and come up with a solution that will meet the realistic expectations of the students, the town and the College, without things getting out of hand on any side."

Disciplinary Hearing Board Incidents Increase Over Years

By LARA BALLENTINE
Editor-in-Chief

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The Disciplinary Hearing Board (DHB) has seen a need to restructure its process and purpose over the last two years, after seeing an increase in the number cases each year. In 1997, there were two cases presented, one hearing during the 1998-99 school year, and during 1999-00, there were seven hearings. This year, there have already been nine cases heard by the Board.

In addition to being a more central part of the disciplinary process on campus, the Board finds its decisions help educate the community. According to the Coordinator of the Women's Resource Center Roseanne Quinn, "From the start of the Resource Center on January 18, 1999, there has been an increase of reporting of sexual assault," which may account for the jump from one hearing to seven in 1999.

The DHB is reverting back to the educational direction on which it was once founded in 1997.

Professor of Psychology Keith Ogawa, PhD is the longest standing faculty member of the Board and has watched the transformation. "We have moved back closer to the position of being an educational board," said Ogawa. "We took more of an emphasis on fractions, what occurred and what sanctions are applied. Now we look at the educational value." As to the formation of the change, Ogawa felt that "everyone had input as to the fact we needed to steer back to the educational direction that fits the Lasallian philosophy."

Director of Campus Life Steve Nygaard hopes to implement his newly drafted proposal regarding a Peer Disciplinary Hearing Board. "We are considering it on a pilot basis for the central campus." The Peer Board would consist solely of students, addressing cases of a lower level that impact the community, such as noise violations and vandalism, according to Nygaard. His goal is to have a draft ready to circulate for consideration to the Resi-

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Curran, FSC, and Kalar to discuss the document.

McCall added: "I think it's great for students to get involved like this. It might not change the ordinance, but it may give the Town a better understanding of where Saint Mary's students are coming from."

Greg Teshara, ASSMC President-elect for the 2001-2002 school year, feels that the ordinance is reasonable: "The ordinance says that we can be charged, not that we definitely will. You can have a party without having the police get involved—some students are

dence Life Staff and students to receive feedback.

"A Peer Advisory Board would be a much more effective system. If my friends are the ones who are judging me, I'd be less likely to offend them than someone who doesn't live on-campus. My peers are more in tune with what is or is not appropriate student behavior and are therefore, in a better position to judge my actions," said Junior Justin Keane.

The DHB initially transformed from an appeals process to the current procedures. Prior to 1997, the Dean of Student Development and Leadership would meet solely with students to collect information regarding complaints. After the Dean would decide the appropriate sanction, students could appeal and the process would then go to the Board. According to Ogawa, "It was more of an appeal process" than the current disciplinary process.

Other changes that have been incorporated into the DHB process are those included in the Student Handbook. In addition to the overall format and appearance of the handbook, word changes and details involved in the process were updated for the current, 2000-01 Student Handbook. New to the handbook is the mentioning and brief description of the DHB under the Sexual Assault and Harassment categories, which is not found in the 1999-00 handbook.

The following statement is also absent from the new edition: "An attorney can be present if the respondent has been arrested or has criminal charges pending on the same issue. In that case, Saint Mary's reserves the right to have their own counsel present." The only person a complainant or respondent can have present at current hearings is an advisor, who cannot be an attorney. "Students don't have the right to plead the fifth in the process. It's not in the student's best interest not to answer questions," said Dean of Student Development and Leadership Mary McCall, PhD. The current handbook has six pages of information addressing sexual assault and harassment, compared to three pages in last year's handbook.

clearly being irresponsible."

Increased communication between the Town and the College is a goal for many Saint Mary's students. "The fact that students were not included in the discussion upsets me. I wish more students would voice their opinions about that, instead of getting upset over the ordinance itself," said Teshara.

The ordinance, officially entitled Liability for Party Response, is one of two reports recently presented to the Town of Moraga by the Police Department. The second ordinance, which has not been addressed by the Council, focuses on underage drinking violations.

OPINION

Collegian View

Leadership & Getting Involved: Make Saint Mary's Your Community

It's April. One more week of midterms and then it's time for Spring Break. While the greatest challenge for most students is surviving exams and not mentally checking out after break, the Saint Mary's community faces a greater challenge: strong student leadership. Next year's student leaders have just been elected – and each now holds a responsibility to the students of the Saint Mary's community.

These newly-elected officers face the enormous challenge of representing the students and using their power to motivate school activities. New officers' campaign slogans have been challenged, and even their moral

responsibility. However, it is these leaders who we look to for our improved future. What can they do to help us? What can we do to help them?

The ASSMC is not the only opportunity for students to take up leadership positions at SMC. Every campus club needs strong leaders who will keep the Saint Mary's students as their primary concern. Student clubs rely on students to define them. What is a good club without an energetic group of students behind it?

Saint Mary's is in need of good leaders. Few students can balance their school schedule, social life and other responsibilities while planning and managing meetings.

Yet, it happens on a daily basis for many of our peers: student leaders of Program Board, BSU, KSMC, the Ski Club, and even the *Collegian*, sacrifice a few minutes (or hours) each day, for your benefit as a student.

Are these sacrifices worth it? We think so: Clubs and the ASSMC have the ability and power to facilitate change on campus. ASSMC, which controls the budget, can promote and support on-campus activities that get students involved. Clubs that bring students out of their dorm rooms and into the Soda Center for a dance, or into Delphine for dinner, are clubs that are actively out there, trying to interest you, the student. Get in-

involved with these clubs if you want changes, or just a good time.

Spring Break is less than a week away. When we come back to campus, there is only half a semester left. Get involved before the opportunity passes. It is not too late to join that club: nor is it too early to start thinking about next year. Let your newly-elected officers know what changes or campus events you'd like to see. Build up your resume with involvement in clubs that relate to your career. Make your voice heard, and act on the opportunity to make Saint Mary's *your* community.

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LETTERS to the Editor

Senior Senators Seek Election Closure

Dear Editor,
As Senior Class Senators, we feel it is our duty to speak out against the injustices that have occurred during this year's Executive Council Elections. We are writing this letter because we have invested a lot of time and energy into trying to reform the student government at Saint Mary's, and we feel affected by the governing body and the school we leave behind.

It has come to our attention that the newly-elected Vice President for Administration, Sean Sullivan, has threatened to file suit against an opponent, Maritza Cruz, for character defamation should she appeal the Judicial Board's decision to remove her as an official candidate in the election. Their ruling was based on Ms. Cruz's attendance at a meeting of the Election Board on Feb. 26, 2001. The ASSMC Constitution states, "No candidate for an Association office shall be a member of the Election Committee during the election in which he/she runs" (VIII:i:b). Petitions for the election were not available at the time of the February meeting and although we do not question that Ms. Cruz probably shouldn't have been at the meeting, the Constitution is unclear and ambiguous on this matter. The Election Board interpreted the Constitution to the best of its ability and ultimately voted 7-2-2 to allow Ms. Cruz to seek office.

On March 19, 2001, the Judicial Board met to discuss Mr. Sullivan's appeal of the Election Board's decision. Their vote split 3-2 to overturn the ruling made by Election Board. Ms. Cruz was not allowed to run as an official candidate for the position. She

could, however, campaign as a write-in. It is during this campaign that the alleged defamation occurred.

In an open letter to the students of Saint Mary's College, Mr. Sullivan writes, "...I do have ethics and morals that guide me. And I will always tell the truth" (author's italics). We ask the students to consider this: What kind of leader calls his opposition into a private meeting to threaten her from pursuing her right to appeal the Judicial Board's decision? How ethical and moral is such an action? We strongly encourage and support Ms. Cruz to take action – whether or not that entails appealing the Judicial Board's decision. No one should be threatened for seeking his or her rights.

The Election Board has dealt with multiple complaints concerning the election rules. Candidates complained that their unapproved posters were torn down, even though the rules clearly stated that all election material had to be visibly approved by the Office of Student Activities. One candidate used ASSMC resources inappropriately, one voiced concern about the structure of the information booklet in each of the voting booths, and three candidates consulted lawyers to discuss their legal rights. It is the Election Board's job to deal with these issues and concerns on behalf of the Associated Students, but this year's election problems highlight a growing division among Saint Mary's students, and this trend is a community concern.

We need to seek closure as a community and as a Senate. Rather than attacking each other for the remainder of our term, we need to clarify rules and procedures for the upcoming Class Elections so we can avoid conflict and controversy in the future. We

may only have six weeks left in office, but that does not stop us from wanting to regain some of the pride and legitimacy that was lost during this election debacle so that we can be proud of our work and our titles as Senior Class Senators and members of the ASSMC Senate.

Senators for the CLASS of 2001:

- ANGEL HERNANDEZ
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- NOLAN ARIETA
- SARI NICOLE CORTEZ
- MARIA MAGALLANES
- KARI RICCI
- LESLIE CROUSE
- KATE KOENS
- LAURA NUNEZ

Challenging BSU Talent Show Critics

Dear Editor,
I am a freshmen student at SMC. A week ago, I read two articles in the section of the newspaper titled "Letters to the Editor." I was appalled at what I read. There were two articles about the BSU Talent Show that was given a few weeks back. I couldn't relate to the article and I must say that I felt very insulted as an SMC student and a member of the BSU. I felt the authors of the two articles were hypocritical in their writing and that they totally contradicted themselves in their style of writing the letters. My main concern, or rather question, about the authors and the letters is this: How is it that you can complain about feeling disrespected and humiliated by the SMC community, but in return refer to your fellow students as "savages at a Jerry Springer show," "ignorant," "infantile," "delinquent," and have the nerve to elude to how students were wrongly raised by their parents?

As a performer in the talent contest myself, I cannot say that I understand your hurt. I was well informed that booing could occur at the contest and believed that every other participant was also informed of this. As far I knew, everyone (participants and audience alike) was aware that this event would be an "Apollo Style Talent Show." This is how it was publicized on posters and information slips given out. So I am confused as to how you as a single participant were the only one not informed. I think it was incredibly unfair that you would point a finger at the entire SMC campus and BSU specifically. By calling the talent show "a Disgrace to SMC" and asking "Is there any dignity?" I feel that you not only disrespected your fellow students but singled out a specific group of people in the process. Not only did you belittle and degrade the name of the BSU, you also disrespected its members who take pride in it. But even on top of all this, you showed your fellow students EXACTLY what you believed they showed you — DISRESPECT!!! Calling names in the newspaper is not the way to go about resolving anything. I feel that if you felt that hurt about it, you should have taken the time to talk to the officers who put the event on instead of throwing out harsh words.

"We are all children of God, blessed with many gifts. How dare anyone boo..." These were your words, but you also said, "The Saint Mary's College I am so proud to be a part of would never allow such blatant disrespect..." But how dare you be a true hypocrite and in turn show the Saint Mary's community your own "blatant disrespect." The next time you decide to write a letter to the newspaper (and I

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POINT Counterpoint

SAT's: Only One Part of the Picture

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By BRAD KVEDERIS
Opinion Editor

If you're like most college students, chances are you spent the better part of your junior year in high school worrying about the infamous "Test You Can Never Get Into College Without Passing," the SAT. The pressure was enormous, the implications for your future were enough to give you a headache – and all the while, you were wondering how a couple hundred multiple-choice questions could possibly be used to measure all the knowledge you'd accumulated in your life up to that point. Why is so much emphasis put on the SAT's, and do its results really tell us that much about who's fit to go to college and who isn't?

The short answer to this question – and the one that's become fashionable these days – is that the SAT is a poor way of determining students' intelligence because it has the problems associated with any standardized test. Certain information is given extra weight, while other information is overlooked. Certain questions favor certain types of students. Good test-takers may seem disproportionately bright, while poor test-takers may receive scores that belittle their intelligence.

In other words, SAT scores can be so distorted that they really shouldn't matter.

I would be inclined to agree with this argument – if it did not lose sight of the bigger picture. If the SAT's were the *only* thing considered by colleges admitting new students, some students would have an advantage. But so many other factors play a role in admissions decisions that it's hard to believe the SAT could tilt the playing field by itself. Admissions officers have heard all about the problems with the SAT's, and are usually bright enough to pick out students who may be smarter than their test scores indicate.

The idea that SAT scores are used to measure intelligence is also a misconception: the test only looks for general mastery of a few subjects. To put it simply, there are certain things that a college-bound student needs to be capable of doing, and these are what the SAT's are meant to check for. The test doesn't cover material from advanced classes; it covers material from the classes that *every* student is supposed to take. It is not a sharp enough tool to separate geniuses and super-geniuses, but that isn't what it was designed to do, either. The SAT's are meant to check for a certain base level of knowledge and reasoning capacity; if someone has both, it is rare to see him

fail the test altogether. While scoring a 1400 doesn't necessarily make you smarter than someone who scores a 1200, high scores don't happen by accident, and they show that you know how to do certain things. True enough, I've never spent a minute studying word analogies since I got to college – but knowing how to answer questions like that requires reasoning capabilities just as much as rote memorization.

It's true that the SAT's are not the all-encompassing test of wisdom that hype has built it up to be. It doesn't check for things like creativity or advanced logic, but it was never meant to do that in the first place. Other methods – like the Advanced Placement tests or the SAT II subject tests – are used to get a better idea of students' specific strengths and weaknesses, but there is still a place for a more general measuring stick.

Really, the SAT's are the *only* indicator that is not subjective to some extent; grade point averages and extracurricular activities can have greatly different meanings at different high schools. If SAT scores were the only thing looked at by colleges, then the process might be called unfair. There's no need to do away with the SAT; the better option is to ignore all the hype and use the test only for what it was intended to measure.

SAT's: They're Not the Right Solution

CON

By DAMON TIGHE
Photography Editor

The SAT's were originally designed to give colleges and other institutions a standard ground by which to evaluate academic ability, because schools that students come from are not always equal in their teaching or grading. A student at one school with a 3.8 GPA may have more knowledge and learning capabilities than a student at a different school with the same GPA.

The purpose of the SAT's sounds great in theory, but how well has the theory been converted into reality? Is there really a way to evaluate everyone in a completely objective manner? The verbal section of the SAT has come under fire recently, because the words used have come from a certain *part* of the culture that we call America – not necessarily the culture as a whole. Thus, certain populations have a lower probability of having seen the word before the test than other groups. Secondly, in the analogy section, the words are given outside of a context and you are asked to derive

the meaning of the word from thin air so that you can compare it to another "naked" word. Asking this of students is like asking them to tell you what a sprocket does in a machine, without allowing them to see the machine as a whole. Is this really the kind of thing that colleges are using to select students? When a college chooses to use the SAT's, the college is saying that it believes the questions asked in the test and your ability to answer them is pertinent to the abilities you will need for college. Considering the analogy section of the SAT's, colleges are endorsing that flat-out memorization of terms is more important than actually thinking.

Immediately, people will object that you *do* have to think during the analogies, because after you have memorized your words, you have to compare them to other memorized words. However, what basis do you have to compare the words? Depending upon your frame of mind, different analogies can be drawn between different sets of words, so the SAT's are picking a certain frame of mind, which might as well be memorizing. The SAT's ask that we all act like each other, talk like each other,

think like each other and this is not education. This, if anything, is something closer to a "Brave New World." A "Brave New World" where people have already been chosen to succeed (go to college) based upon dispositions given to them by their teachers and environment, instead of their ability to think. What fun would life be if we all thought alike? We would be no more exciting than predictable rocks.

I, of course, will be accused of tearing down a bridge without thinking about building another if I leave this argument at my simple dismay with the current system. Thus, I propose that a testing system must be created that allows people to think and yet be evaluated at bulk. In this system there would not be a single right answer, but there would be wrong answers. Your grade would not be determined by your ability to pick the correct answer, but rather by your ability to see answers that aren't correct. A testing system in this format would also help to encourage the idea that there isn't a single answer for everything, but many. The world is not black and white, and our testing systems should reflect this.

Do Students Have Fourth Amendment Rights?

By JACQUELINE SMITH • Staff Writer

Time and again, life is presented in a way that always leads to the challenging of views and the questioning of what our forefathers deemed as rights to be within the Constitution. Lately students have been curious – and others down right furious – about some of the policies on Saint Mary's campus. Not only have many felt their rights have been violated but the idea that there does not appear to be a line drawn to distinguish to the students on campus what their personal boundaries consist of. Is it an infringement on student's rights to have to allow those uninvited inside, or have their rooms searched and destroyed upon inspection? I am here to present some students' personal opinions of the situation, answer some questions about College policy, and provide some knowledge about our fourth amendment rights.

Students all across the campus have voiced concern over the violation of their rights. Many have felt that, at times, various officials on campus have imposed certain requests that violate the student's rights. Not too long ago, two freshman males were approached and asked whether or not they were participating in "inappropriate behavior" and to confess to whatever was going on. There had been a complaint that someone smelled marijuana coming from their room. The young men were told that if they confessed, their room would not be searched. However, after the confession, Public Safety proceeded to enter and invade what the individuals called "personal memorabilia," which consisted of letters, pictures, their bed sheets, closets and other personal items. One of the young men stated, "I know Public Safety has a job to do and I respect that, but if they give you their word they're not going to search the room, then they should stick to their original agreement." Another student also felt the infringement of her rights when she was randomly searched without her permission during one of SMC's break periods. Apparently, she came back from break and her portion of the room had been rummaged through and her items moved, and a session with her Resident Director scheduled to discuss some of the "personal items" found. To this day, she is still unaware of the reason her room was searched in the first place. Numerous students have felt the pain of the policies being enforced.

Many feel they are held responsible for acts that cannot be proven, or held to judgments that might have been accurate in the past, but are no longer true. One student expressed his feelings on the subject. He felt that a lot of times, "Public Safety based their opinion on things that could not necessarily be proven. They automatically assume they know what is going on without substantial evidence." There are some issues and concerns the student body is raising in terms of their rights. More students are beginning to question and wonder to what extent school officials go to in searching the rooms of Saint Mary's students, and when it goes too far.

The handbook discusses and interprets some of the rules and regulations in place at the College regarding individual's rights. An effort was made to contact Residence Life to receive their opinion on this issue, however, at press time they were unavailable for questioning. The Fourth Amendment denotes that "the right of the people to secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." Clearly this would suggest to most of us that there are certain rights we are guaranteed to when it comes to our personal belongings.

The handbook does not see things in the same light. The handbook more or less states that when we sign our housing forms, we are essentially signing over our rights to the officials that enforce and protect our campus. On page 136 in the Residence Life section, outlines the College's policy on their "right to enter." The handbook states, "authorized personnel may enter and search student rooms without the student's consent for reasons of health, safety, normal maintenance and repair, inspection or replacement of room furnishings and/or equipment, or to enforce campus policies. A hall or floor room inspection may be utilized to locate missing lounge furnishings or equipment. In addition, vacancies may be shown to prospective occupants when accompanied by a member of the Office of Residence Life staff. Insofar as is feasible or appropriate under the circumstances presented, attempts will be made to give advance reasonable notification."

In many cases there does appear to be a direct violation of rights according to the Fourth Amendment in the Constitution. To some degree, choosing to attend this private institution meant giving up our right to privacy or what we consider our privacy to be. What may feel as an infringement of boundaries could simply be an act to protect students and enforce the policies of the school. Maybe both sides need to examine their participation in the events taking place and remember that Public Safety has a job to perform, and we as students have rights that should be continually investigated to ensure that the amendments given to all should be applied to all in every aspect of society, even college life.

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QUESTION: When is Saint Mary's Day Off?

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truly hope it will not be for a similar situation), I suggest that you choose your words carefully.
FRANEISHA CRAWFORD
CLASS of 2004

Response to BSU Apollo Talent Show

Dear Editor,
 The BSU has read the articles in the *Collegian* about our Apollo Style Talent Show and we have spoken to the individuals who chose to write the articles on a personal level. The opinions they have expressed were heard loud and clear. Although we do not agree with the statements they have made, we respect their opinion about the show. We feel as if the tone taken in one of the letters is extremely offensive to the entire Black community at SMC and we do not appreciate that. The letters of these two individuals will not cloud the success of the Apollo Style Talent Show, as well as the tone one of the offensive nature of one of the letters will make us work harder towards unifying the campus. Our events have, and will continue to include all people and we welcome all people to participate in BSU events. These two individuals are entitled to their opinion, but the fact remains that this is only their opinion. Overall, the Apollo Style Talent Show was an event that the Saint Mary's College community can look forward to seeing again. We would like to thank Ms. Lyons and Mr. Kinsey for bringing their opinion to us, and it will be considered in the future. The BSU would like to thank the SMC community for supporting us in our efforts to unify the SMC campus. We hope to see everybody at our next event, the Gael Spot on April 20 starting at 10pm. See you there.

CHARLES NELSON
 Co-Events Coordinator BSU
CLASS of 2003

Understanding the BSU Talent Show

Dear Editor,
 After reading the Letters to the Editor in the last issue of the *Collegian*, I felt a need to put some balance into the perception of the event. I was not able to attend the entire event as I was working late but did drop in towards the end. I was very impressed with what I saw. It was crowded in Dryden and there was a very festive air with many different types of interaction going on. Students were having a very good time. Talking, joking, greeting one another in a way not often seen on campus. The last few acts ranged from the highly-talented to the highly offensive but no one really seemed to mind, as even the worst one was done with tongue in cheek humor. Advance billing of the event at the sign up table stated very prominently that the Talent Show was to be done Apollo Theatre style. As I regularly watch the Apollo show on Black Entertainment Television I was a bit apprehensive about trying that format here as the audience can be quite brutal in their reactions. The organizers assured me that they would inform contestants about the rules and thought that students would understand and enjoy their imitation of the famous

show.

When we talk about diversity, we often like to put it into neat little boxes, but that night it was diversity with a real edge. But along with that edge was acceptance and appreciation. One of my advisees had told me she was going to sing an operatic aria and I warned her of the possible consequences but she did anyway and fortunately was not booed. She and two other advisees were the ones who told me of Cynthia Lyons being booed and how sorry they felt because Cynthia's act was very good and also how impressed they were with her poise under stress.

My advisees recognized Cynthia as one of the lead actresses in the award winning *Iphigenia and Other Daughters* we had seen in the fall. As Cynthia is also a former advisee I gave her a call to talk to her about the show. Cynthia admitted that she was very upset and hurt at first but has since put it behind her as she now knows that there was no intention to hurt her. As she has never seen the Apollo show, she did not really understand when they told her she might be booed.

The final image that I had of the evening was a dance group. As they came on stage, almost as if on signal, the entire room gathered around and the intensity with which they watched was a wonder to see. I thought to myself that if only I could get students to show that much interest in their studies they would all get A's. Having put on or attended many events on campus which are greeted with apathy or boredom, it was truly inspiring to see such life and enthusiasm.

My congratulations to Charles Nelson, Yonas Tesfay and BSU, for despite the rough spots, they put on an outstanding event in true Apollo fashion.

ROBERT M. GARDNER
 Collegiate Seminar
Explaining Manifesta More Clearly

Dear Editor,
 I would like to respond to the dialogue that has unfolded between Silvia Mooney-Lopez and Tony Rishell regarding the Manifesta Jan-Term event, and particularly some of the most recent comments made by Rishell centering around male and female differences. When I read, as I did in Rishell's last letter, ideas that refer to humans presently "denying our nature" and the "evils of feminism" without the actual articulation of any of these "evils" I am led to draw the conclusion that although "throughout history...males were socialized into men and females were socialized into women...with different social roles, [and] with different social responsibilities," the relatively recent shifting and expansion of a typical female's place in society makes some uncomfortable. What "social roles" is Rishell referring to: caretaker, breadwinner, leader, follower? I would argue that there is nothing in my natural biological makeup, hormones, capacity for muscle development, appendages between my legs or a lack there of, that has anything to do with my ability to fulfill these and other social responsibilities adequately.

I was particularly unsettled by Rishell's statement: "This is not to say that the sexes are unequal. They are equal but different." This sounds to me like "Girls can't do math; boys aren't

nurturing." I recognize fully that Rishell is not saying this, nor, I would guess, does he even feel that this is implied. These are tremendously false stereotypes, absurd in their utterance at an institution of higher education. However, I did not pull them from thin air; they are stereotypes that come into being when socialization is mistaken for elements in human nature. The implications of this statement are a little frightening in that focusing on differences can lead to differences of expectations and differences of privileges. 'Different but equal' has bred 'separate but equal,' and as history has shown favor and privilege will fall to the more advantaged group (i.e. white males) when differences and divisions are drawn between humans.

KRISTIN ANDERSON
CLASS OF 2002

The Symbol of Our College

Dear Editor,
 Each year at this time I am entertained by the clever ways that candidates for student offices generate attention for their campaigns. Of the many flyers that saturated the campus shortly before the ASSMC election, I found those posted by the campaign of Brad Kvederis to be the most interesting for what they implied about the Saint Mary's student body: it depends on alcohol consumption in order to define its identity. In what may be one of the most entertaining flyers for student office, Mr. Kvederis even invoked Albert Einstein as support for his campaign for an increase in alcohol consumption on campus that is free of personal responsibility or accountability. Mr. Kvederis' insight appears to have been confirmed at the recent public forum where student leaders expressed their inability to conceive of a way to promote social interaction without alcohol consumption. From these events, as well as the March 21 issue of the *Collegian*, we may conclude that the symbol that best explains the student social life at Saint Mary's College is a bottle of beer. The question is whether this is an adequate symbol for a student body at a Catholic college. I suggest no.

Symbols play a central role in the life of the Catholic Church; they invite us to explore the depths and mysteries of the faith. If we are to value and express our Catholicity as a community, I encourage students to embrace a symbol that better articulates their potential. The most powerful symbol that binds the Catholic Church together is the Eucharist: God's creation, fashioned by human hands, and transformed into the real presence of Christ.

Substituting the Eucharist for a beer bottle as a symbol of the student body reorients the discussion from one of personal satisfaction to community responsibility. Alcohol is a product fashioned by human hands from God's creation. Therefore, it contains the ability to reflect God's goodness in creation. The Church teaches that God has entrusted creation to humanity as a gift and that our use of this gift expresses God's goodness when it is oriented to the love of neighbor (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, §299,2415). The transformed bread and wine of the Eucharist, as the sign of unity in the Church is the most complete expression

of God's purpose for creation. As the central symbol of the Catholic faith, it challenges all of us to ask how our use of creation, in its many forms, contributes to a love of neighbor that manifests itself as a "student-centered educational community whose members support one another with mutual understanding and respect" (*Saint Mary's College Mission Statement*).

There are those who will dismiss my suggestions in this short reflection. That is okay. It is not my job to accept the lowest common denominator view that "that's what college students do." It is my job to set the bar higher and expect excellence. I challenge the newly elected student body leadership to dig deeper than easy answers that suggest that student social life depends upon alcohol consumption and to begin to ask how faithful stewardship of alcohol as God's creation will promote greater respect and concern for one another.

CHRIS FULLER
 Campus Ministry

Deans Decry Dogma of Dry Campus Debate

Dear Editor,
 We would like to make a clear and concise statement, as the Dean of Campus Life and Dean of Student Development, that we are in no way, shape or form, advocating for a dry campus here at SMC. As we have stated in several contexts around campus, our efforts in the area of alcohol and drug use and abuse on campus has two main foci: 1) to reduce high-risk drinking behaviors, specifically binge-drinking and 2) to reduce the negative consequences associated with drinking and drug use (e.g., missed classes, failed exams, jail experiences, etc.). We appreciate the space and effort that the *Collegian* dedicated to the issue of alcohol use and policy in the last edition (3/21/01) and especially the complexity of the issue as stated specifically in the Lifestyles section in the article entitled, "A Give and Take Situation." This is exactly how we, as Deans, see the situation – it must be a give and take between the perceived competing interests of the students to have a good time and the "moral obligation of the College to take these factors into consideration for the sake of our (the students') safety." On that same page, there was a list of statistics presented and we would like to offer some statistics, which we believe reflects the context in which we are designing policies and procedures to address the issues of alcohol and drug use.

In 1999 and 2000 surveys of more than five hundred SMC students, the percentage of students reporting to typically consume five or more alcoholic drinks per event, the definition of "binge" drinking, rose from 34% in 1999 to 42% in 2000. In addition, SMC has nearly twice the percentage of students reporting to drink almost every day or every day as compared to 75 similar schools across the country.

We are definitely open to continuing conversations with students regarding positive solutions to the problems we experience when dealing with students who are having negative

consequences from alcohol and drug use. We believe that open and honest collaboration with students is the key to keeping all members of our community healthy and safe.

MARY MCCALL AND STEVE NYGAARD
 Dean of Student Development & Dean of Campus Life

S.C.A.R. Addresses Alcohol Ordinance

Dear Editor,
 Once again, the Moraga Town Council's decision to adopt or reject Ordinance 12-5, "Liability for Police Response to Parties," has been rescheduled for a future Council meeting. Since the last time it appeared on the Council's agenda students have become aware of it.

The postponement means that the decision will probably be made either during SMC's Spring Break or after graduation. Because most students will be out of town, we will have little chance to say anything to the Town until after the ordinance is passed. This should not be allowed to happen. The proposed law will primarily affect Saint Mary's students – and even target us, judging by the comments made by councilmembers during their February meeting. Input from the SMC student body should not be excluded from the process; the opinions of the Town, the Moraga Police Department, and Saint Mary's officials have all been taken into account already. What message will they send by leaving ours out?

The Student Committee for Alcohol Reform (S.C.A.R.) opposes this ordinance because it is not the right solution to this particular problem. Its aim is to discourage students from causing trouble at off-campus parties – but why do students do this? The fact of the matter is that we go off-campus because we don't think there's enough for us to do on the campus. Whether or not it's actually possible to enjoy ourselves on campus when we choose to drink, most of us don't believe it's possible, so we go somewhere else. In a *Collegian* survey, nearly 50% of SMC students knew someone who has received a DUI – a clear indicator that we actually are leaving the campus. Numbers don't lie.

The College's strict policy and the low occurrence of alcoholic events has just made the problem take on a different shape. It has changed when and where we gather to socialize, but not much else. How will the Town's proposed law be any different? Students and administrators have shown interest in finding a long-term solution, not a "Band-Aid" ordinance that will likely just move the problem elsewhere. Instead of passing a law targeted at the symptoms of the problem, the Town should first let SMC students and administrators have a shot at addressing the cause.

We hope that students' ideas about the alcohol situation will be given some thought by both the College and the Town. We want to hear your ideas as well – e-mail them to the S.C.A.R. at: student_alc@beer.com.

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EDITORIAL CORRECTION: In Issue 10, the *Collegian* incorrectly attributed the Winona La Duke event. The coordinator of the lecture was Professor of English Denise Witzig.



Shake Hands With the

ALLSTARS

JOSH FARLEY
Staff Writer

From the smoky beer-drenched bars of the Deep South comes a unique trio of musicians with a skill for rocking their hearts out. All who witness this three-piece on stage cannot help but get down to the bluesy beats they generate. Indeed, the North Mississippi Allstars, whose sweat-laden three-hour shows have become legendary in those parts, now can be brought home to you, on their debut disc, *Shake Hands With Shorty*.

But beware: the Allstars might not be for you. Don't expect modern layered rock or structured radio edits from these guys, for this is not their intention. Don't expect anything near typical blues, for they are even pretty far off the road map in that department as well. Just open your ears and feel the true power of roots-rock like you've never heard it before.

The Allstars commence with their guns blazing on *Shorty*, and never cease to put them away. Their opener "Shake 'em on Down" has a basic, stripped down sound that gives way to blistering slide guitar solos and punchy bass rhythms. The tune certainly represents the album, and is a blaring archetype of things to come. Basically, if you're into this track, you're going to fancy the whole album. "Drop Down Mama" really introduces their intoxicating repetitious feel, musically as well as lyrically, just as lead singer Luther Dickinson declares, "I may look like I'm crazy / but at least I know right from wrong." Infectiously bluesy, the Allstars crank out their compositions in a style that just makes you want to dance like you've never danced before.

The record gains momentum as it goes, and passive melodies such as "Drinking Muddy Water" begin to stray deeper into the backwoods, where it feels as if things could go heinously out of control at any moment. But fear not, for it all draws back to a recurring beat and pattern that holds tight together. "Goin' Down South," may well do the Allstars their greatest justice, for their talents are beautifully exposed here. The booming bass sound of Chris Chew, combined with the drums and lead guitar of his two mates, the brothers Dickinson, all come together to create a unified ballad ideal for your personal southern hoe-down.

But what's more still is the sense that past is meeting present -- all the elements of the classic roots blues are here, but combined with sounds only our present generation has created. "K.C. Jones (On the Road Again)," brings a lyrically catchy sound complete with banjos and other unique instruments, very much with a southern attitude. But at other times on the album, the modern electric steps in, and even drum loops help to fill in empty spaces. By the end of this record you'll be awestruck with the notion that roots-rock may indeed have a place in the future of music.

As we move along the paved highways of modern rock, it is certainly not a bad idea to take a trip off the beaten path once and awhile. The North Mississippi Allstars are ready and poised to take you on a southern musical journey, complete with flowing lengthened jams and catchy repetitive tunes. Groove to the differing pace that their music creates, for, if nothing else, you'll be treated to a flavor in music not much tasted lately. Come 'Shake hands with Shorty' -- you'll be glad you did.

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DETOUR

For Fame or Shame: The Academy Strikes Again!

GREG STATTON
Detour Editor



Best Supporting Actor - Benicio Del Toro (*Traffic*)



Best Supporting Actress - Marcia Gay Harden (*Pollock*)



Best Original Screenplay - Cameron Crowe (*Almost Famous*)

Every year right up until that fateful day in March, I have confidence that the men and women of the Academy will "Do the right thing" (no pun intended) and pick winners who actually merit the awards. But every year the barrage of sequences and rhinestones walking down the red carpet, blinds my eyes to the obvious stupidity of the academy. Whether the Academy uses the glitz and glamour to draw attention away from the actual point of the awards show is an entirely different story; I am here to unveil the shame behind the Oscars.

First I have to gripe about the all-day-pre-show that E! does with the fabulous (please note the sarcasm) Mrs. Joan Rivers and her daughter Melissa. I don't know about the rest of the movie-going public, but I don't feel that they have anything relevant to say about the movie industry. How those two became the spokespersons for the Academy Awards is beyond me. They have changed it from an evening that recognizes the great achievements of the cinematic world to an evening of fashion which completely bastardizes the ideals of the evening.

Once the evening got under way and everyone took their seats, I figured that I was going to be in for a treat. The MC for the evening was one of my personal, all time favorite stand-up comedians and actors, Steve Martin. For the most part, Martin did his job well, and I think he did a much better job than old what's-his-name, oh yeah, Billy Crystal.

As the winners were announced, my blood pressure began to rise. I don't want to go in to detail of the awards given because I think that we've heard enough about how *Gladiator* skated away with a few too

many awards then should have, or how *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* should have taken home some more. But like I said, I'm not going to get into that.

As award after award was handed out, I became less and less interested because there were no surprises at all. The one-track-mind of the Academy just chose the one that was most popular, not the best -- and this was holding true throughout the entire ceremony, except for that of Best Director. Steven Soderbergh, who won Best Director for *Traffic*, was genuinely surprised and his speech reflected it. He thanked all those who "...spend part of their day creating..." He didn't thank anyone else on his crew, he said that he would do it all in privacy. The modest acceptance speeches and the sincere gratitude of someone rightfully winning an award and thanking the creative masses for making it happen, is the Academy at its best.

At the end of the nearly five-hour ceremony, I had become so enraged with the outcome that I decided it was better to change the channel and watch some infomercial about the latest product that peels potatoes, records your favorite show, and makes perfect julian-style fries then watch the speech for Best Picture. All-in-all, it was a horrible evening, which I felt was a waste of a day. But I know that next year I will do the same thing, and there is nothing that we can do about it. Then again, that's why there's an entertainment industry, to entertain us all, even if it's not entertaining.

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BRAD KVEDERIS
Opinion Editor

It would be impossible to count how many times sports fans have sat down and argued over which team is the greatest of all-time. What would happen if Michael Jordan's North Carolina team from 1982 played the UNLV team that went 36-1 in 1991? Would last year's Lakers be able to beat Magic Johnson's "Showtime" team? How would the 49ers teams of the 1980s do against the Pittsburgh Steelers of the 1970s? Questions like these have been asked for as long as team sports have been around. Conversations about them are entertaining, and are capable of going on for hours, but they are also frustrating because there has never been a way to settle the debate by having the teams actually play against each other. Never, that is, until now.

Whatifsports.com, a website currently in its second year of existence, provides a free service that lets sports fans match up any two teams – from any time period – and pit them against one another in a simulated game. Each team comes complete with its original roster, and every simu-

lated game features a box score listing individual players' statistics. Users can currently pair up teams from Major League Baseball, the NBA, and college basketball; the site is in the process of adding simulation engines for NFL, NHL, and college football teams. If playing one game at a time doesn't do the trick for you, the site also offers a feature called "matchup analysis." This statistical breakdown displays teams' overall records against each other, along with other stats like scoring and average margin of victory.

The site's database includes most well-known teams – in college basketball, for example, virtually every national championship team is included, as well as most teams that seriously contended for the title. Additionally, most major schools' teams of the past few years are generally included regardless of record. On the downside, though, not every team is included; you won't find a single Saint Mary's team on the site, although you can use either of Gonzaga's most recent NCAA tournament squads.

For NBA and Major League Baseball games, it's also possible to adjust the makeup of a team by changing the starting lineup and/or batting order. Particularly in

baseball, this can make for some interesting matchups – say, Roger Clemens from 1989 pitching against Roger Clemens from 2000, or any number of possible permutations. Even better, the site now allows fans to build their own custom teams – using players from different teams and different time periods – and enter them in league competition with other users. Imagine having an outfield of Willie Mays, Babe Ruth and Sammy Sosa, or a pitching staff with Sandy Koufax, Nolan Ryan and Randy Johnson. It's entirely possible, as long as you stay under the simulation's "salary cap," which is, of course, adjusted to pay old-time stars at their modern-day market values. Again, the best thing about whatifsports.com – and perhaps the most unbelievable one – is that it's absolutely free. A user can spend hours playing simulated games and create as many custom teams as he wants, but they'll never have to pay a dime. Unfortunately, it's a little late this time around – but imagine what this site could do for your NCAA tournament picks next year! Even if you're not a big fan of March Madness, whatifsports.com is definitely worth checking out – finally, there's a way to settle all the sports arguments that you never could before.

Mary's Books 'n Crannies



By MARY RUNOLFSON • News Editor

I Wish the Cradle Would Fall

I'm not a peruser of airport paperbacks. You know the type: Danielle Steele, Tom Clancy, Sue Grafton, even John Grisham. The only one I take the time to read is Michael Crichton, and even he's wearing on my nerves. So you can understand my hesitation when a friend gave me a copy of James Patterson's *Cradle and All*. But, you think friends know your tastes, so I gave it a read.

I'm sorry I did.

The plot is as follows: Anne Fitzgerald, a statuesque, beautiful, brilliant, former nun-turned-private-detective is sent by the Vatican to investigate a virgin pregnancy in Boston. Simultaneously, a priest is sent to the backwoods of Ireland to investigate another virgin pregnancy. The Pope suspects that these girls will give birth to the son of God and the son of Satan.

Keep in mind that while all this is going on, there are polio epidemics killing scores of children, floods, droughts, plights, disasters, catastrophes, and the like, all striking the globe. Can you guess where all this is going?

Kathleen is sixteen, lives in a beautiful mansion, and has great friends and a cute boyfriend. When she suddenly turns up pregnant, without having done "anything," she tries to get an abortion. Before the doctor begins the procedure, she excuses herself, goes to her office, and hands herself from a light fixture. The whole time Kathleen is hearing nasty, rotten voices in her head. It's all very dramatic.

Colleen Gallagher, our thirteen-year-old Irish lass, is poor, unloved, and an overly devout Catholic. She takes care of her mentally ill mother and endures the barbs and jabs from all the nasty school boys. Colleen, it seems, gets the short end of every stick. Her description is so nondescript, she barely exists.

The book is structured bizarrely. The chapters are only about 300 words each, and they constantly shift from one exotic locale to the next: Ireland, Vatican City, Rome, Boston.

The writing is overly simple and rife with cliches. At times, it seems like Patterson is writing for a mail-order catalogue. "She washed her hair with Aveda shampoo ... and then she glanced at her Rolex Lady Datejust wristwatch." Do you think Patterson gets kickbacks?

I complain about the book, meanwhile I read it in a single day. Patterson spent so much time setting up each situation, I just had to know which girl had the good baby and which girl had the bad baby.

In true pop-culture fashion, there's everything in this book: forbidden priest love, shoot outs, crazy maids, dying Popes, miracles, visions, ghosts, rape, bad parents, jock boy friends, and surprise endings.

I won't reveal the outcome, because mystery is the only thing that keeps this book afloat. My friend, the giver of this gimmicky book, believes it would make a terrific movie. Perhaps it would. It's written very cinematically, although a literal interpretation would drive an editor insane. You never know, CBS will probably turn it into a Sunday night miniseries.

To you out there, who gave me this book. Your score in our book war is 0-1, and you owe me. Then again, I sent you that Mickey Mouse murder mystery. I suppose we're even.

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Powderfinger's Odyssey Debuts in US

JOSH FARLEY
Staff Writer

For some well-known international bands, achieving success in the United States can still seem to be nearly impossible. Our country seems to be especially critical of foreign bands, as the music we hear on our radio stations and televisions is predominantly domestic. But for the Aussie rock quintet Powderfinger -- who waited until their album went platinum five times over Down Under -- the time to bring their music to America is now.

And their timing couldn't be much better. In a time where people are searching for musical inspiration, and an era in which the scene has been described as "lackluster," Powderfinger surely has a shot at achieving stateside success. The band produces a traditional brand of rock 'n' roll, very infectiously

catchy in nature, while cherishing an acoustic sound layered over with big guitars. They fall somewhere between a more popped version of Creed and a more intense version of Coldplay; their rock anthems lay grounded where bands like The Who and, by modern day comparison, Oasis have already been. That said, to follow in an area where so many have already triumphed gives Powderfinger a tough assignment -- but definitely one worth going for.

Odyssey Number Five is as good a compilation as Powderfinger can produce when offering a piece of its repertoire. The chosen single, "My Happiness," offers huge amounts of catchiness made to sink in, and with its brilliantly flowing melody, it does just that. Another song likely to receive American airplay is "These Days," which possesses symphonic sounds that build as each new instrument is heard, and at the cho-

rus, everything comes together in harmony for a captivating rock sound.

There are moments of harder rock on the album -- "Like a Dog" has a brutally strong guitar riff made to knock the socks off its listener. The opener "Waiting for the Sun," has deep, layered chords that surge throughout using a sweltering array of electric guitars, where lead singer Bernard Fanning declares, with his higher pitched, yet very smooth voice: "There's a place for us / sitting here waiting for the sun."

Only time will tell whether or not Powderfinger has what it takes to excite American audiences. But *Odyssey Number Five* is a solid beginning, if nothing else. They use an intelligently guided electric guitar sound, which gives the album an aggressive feel, but they also encompass the ability to turn down the volume, and bring in a softer side. This versatility can only help them in their quest to conquer our shores.

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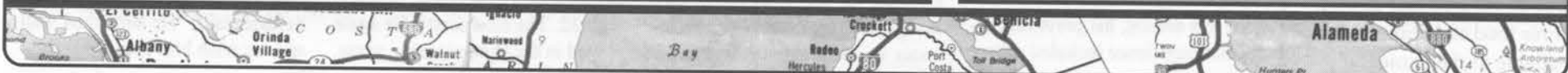
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Golf

Team Finishes Sixth

The Saint Mary's Golf team finished sixth out of 20 teams at the George Buzzini Sr. Golf Invitational last Tuesday. With a team total of 947, the team finished as the top Division I team out of five other Division I schools. Freshman Brent Jensen led the Gaels, finishing fourth overall with a three round total of 224, two shots from the lead. Opening the tournament with back-to-back rounds of 76, Jensen fired an even par 72 in the third round to keep pace.

Men's Soccer

Gaels Sign Souter

Kevin Arthur, the former Assistant Soccer Coach, announced the signing of Ryan Souter to play for Saint Mary's next fall. Souter, a defender and three-year letter winner at Bella Vista High School in Fair Oaks was captain of his team during the 1999 and 2000 seasons. He was selected First Team All-Capital League in 1999. His club team, the San Juan Lightening won the regional championships and made it to the National Championship Final Four. The team also won the State Cup Championships in 1996, 1999 and 2000.

Baseball

Team Volunteers

The Saint Mary's Baseball team continues to give back to the community with their bi-annual little league clinic held on Sunday. They also go to elementary schools to help out with reading programs and donate equipment to little leagues.

Tennis

Gaels Ready for Broncos

The Gaels get ready to face the Santa Clara Broncos on Friday, April 6 at 3pm at the Korth Tennis Courts.

The women's team have a record of 5-9. The Bronco's team is 6-8. The men's team has a 9-7 and is currently one three of the last four games.

Free food and drinks will be available at the game.

SPORTS

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Rugby Misses Sweet Sixteen *Team will face challenges in Spain*

By JACQUELINE REITER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's Rugby team has proved that they aren't a team to be taken lightly. After having one of their best seasons, the A team returned on Saturday from a challenge match against Oregon State for the regional finals. Even though they could have had a better game, the Gaels came away from a hard fought game and another memorable season.

The Gaels were down in the beginning of the game, but continued to fight and came back with the lead with 3 minutes left in the game. Unfortunately, Oregon State took the lead back, sealing a 34-28 victory.

"It wasn't our best game, we didn't play to our potential," explained Senior Casey Iaccino. If they had won the game over the weekend, the Gaels would have qualified for the national Sweet 16 in Ohio. Although their season ended on a sad note, the players were not disappointed with their season.

This year the Gaels had two big wins against Stanford and Davis. "Our game against Stanford was definitely the best game, we beat them bad," said Iaccino.

Senior Jaime Fernandez added, "It's been one of the funnest seasons, I love the guys I'm playing



SMC rugby players battle it out on the field.

Collegian / DAMON TIGHE

with and being a part of the team." Fernandez can't think of one thing that he doesn't like about the sport, he loves every aspect, the environment, the competition and the camaraderie amongst his teammates.

Fernandez, Iaccino and six other seniors are graduating from Saint Mary's this fall including AJ Atongiovani, Guido Quartroli, Steve Peltz, Chris Summers, Willie Khal and Ryan Thompson. Their last games of the season will be played in Spain over Spring Break.

Leaving on April 7, the top 20 Rugby players will travel to play two games, tour the country and they may even stop in to visit Fernandez's family. Both Fernandez and Iaccino are looking forward to their last tour. "A great group of guys are going and we should all have a lot of fun," stated Fernandez.

Even though they are graduating, they both have high hopes for the future of Rugby at Saint Mary's. "The team next year will be outstanding, there's a great core

of athletes coming back," explained Fernandez. "Rugby definitely has a bright future, its been a privilege to play with everyone."

Iaccino believes that Rugby should be elevated to varsity again after three continuous appearances in the playoffs. He would also like to see more people becoming involved with the sport and maybe even adding a Women's club rugby team. Fernandez would also like to see the popularity of Rugby increase and hopes for it to become an Olympic sport again.

Men's Soccer Welcomes Steve Rammel to Moraga

By C.J. DAFT
Staff Writer

On March 26, Athletic Director Carl Clapp announced the hiring of Steve Rammel for the vacant Men's Soccer coaching position, left by the recent resignation of Mark Talan. He comes to the school after a three-year stint as the top assistant Coach for UCLA.

Rammel takes over for a team that finished 6-13 overall and only won one league contest last season. But luckily for the coach, the team returns much of its roster as only five seniors will graduate this year. Those returning include all-league Nick Marcum, Brian Kummer, Freshman standout Alex Monsalve, and Alex Avina.

While at UCLA, Rammel led the team to three straight NCAA appearances including a Final Four berth during the 1999 season. Before this season, his previous collegiate experience included a three

year hire at University of Massachusetts from 1994-96.

In addition to six years as an assistant college soccer coach, Rammel is the Head Coach for the U14 Western Regional Olympic Development Program, where he led his teams to the Western Regional Championships in back-to-back seasons, 1999 and 2000.

The soccer players are enthusiastic about their new coach. "It's a good thing for the school," Sophomore Fullback Brian Rhodes said. In addition, Starting Sophomore Goalie Kellan Wilson feels that the program hired the right man for the job. "It's a step in the right direction," Wilson said. "He comes from a good program, and has had lots of experience."

Besides his coaching experience, Rammel has an extensive playing resume as well. During college, he led Rutgers to two straight NCAA Final Four appearances in 1989 and 1990, includ-

ing a championship game berth versus UCLA in 1990. That season, he was named to the All-American team as well as the Atlantic 10 Conference Player of the Year, and was runner-up for the Player of the Year Honor, the Hermann Trophy. Before his successful college career, the new coach was named as the Parade National Player of the year during high school. He earned his MBA in Finance from U-Mass in 1996 while he was coaching.

After his three-year coaching stint at University of Massachusetts, he signed with the DC United in 1996, where he helped the team win the league title and helped take home the U.S. Open trophy by scoring six game-winning goals during the season. Rammel also scored fourteen goals during the entire season and finished eighth in the league in points with 32. The next season he again played in the championship game,

this time with the Colorado Rapids.

He experienced international play, competing for the United States National Soccer team in 1991 and playing professionally for two years in Germany's 2nd division of the Bundesliga with the Tus Celle and SC Norderstedt clubs.

Rammel also has experience coaching at the National level, earning the United States Soccer Federation National "A" coaching license.

This experience impresses Wilson greatly. "He brings a lot of experience and understands the game well," Wilson said.

Hopefully his experience and knowledge of the game will be enough to turn around a struggling program.

In an official press release, current UCLA Head Coach Todd Saldana said, "He served us well, and we wish him luck."

SPORTS

Men's Tennis Aspires to Higher Level



Arturo Planell returns a volley against Foothill Junior College.

Collegian / DAMON TIGHE

By JOSH FARLEY
Staff Writer

One of the biggest goals of the men's tennis team this year is the attainment of a national ranking, a goal not by any means out of reach.

Playing ranked opponents like Utah, Santa Clara, and Pepperdine makes for a tough schedule, but it gives the Gaels a slew of opportunities to achieve what they are gunning for.

This last week saw the team compete four times in five days, an enduring task that would require every ounce of effort from every player.

On Wednesday, March 28, the Gaels looked to beat Air Force for only the third time in 22 years --

and they did it, in stunning fashion. After dropping the doubles point and losing at one and two in singles, the team had its backs against the wall. The latter half of the line-up came up big though, with enough wins to secure a 4-3 victory.

On Thursday, March 29, the Gaels hosted Portland State, and won easily, 7-0. On Saturday, the team traveled to the peninsula to play USF. Although the team beat the Dons 6-1 in their previous match, San Francisco came out firing, won the doubles point, and again, the Gaels could afford no room for much error in the singles.

In the end, men's tennis was able to pull through 4-3, thanks in large part to Richie Thomson's come-

back victory after he dropped his first set, and the Gaels could breathe a little easier.

Sunday, April 1 brought the team their toughest opponent, the nationally ranked University of Utah. The Gaels could not escape a loss on this day however, dropping the match 2-5. There were outstanding efforts though — Filip Sarovic's three set win at number 6, and Thomas Burgemeister's 6-1, 6-1 debacle at number five.

This coming Friday, the sixth the Gaels will host rivals Santa Clara at 3pm, a match with critical implications for the rest of the season. Sunday, April 8, they will host the University of Pacific, yet another opportunity to break into the national rankings.

Women's Tennis Battles Injury

By GEORGE MALACHOWSKI
Sports Editor

A season-ending knee injury to Junior Lindsay Herndon Oretga as well as other injuries have hurt the Gaels chances this year and left them with a 5-9 record.

Recent wins against UC Riverside and Portland State ended a four game slide that saw losses to Georgia Southern, Northern Iowa, Gonzaga, and Montana.

The Gaels dominated their game against UC Riverside at the Korth Tennis Complex on March 28 winning 6-1. They won all but one match and swept the top four

singles matches.

They had a repeat performance against the Vikings only losing one match for a 6-1 victory. In both matches the Gael's number-one player Senior Karen Holland won her matches 6-3, 6-3 and the number-two player Sophomore Annie Wolford won 6-2, 6-1, and 6-1, 6-1.

The Gaels face tough competition in the next few weeks playing Santa Clara at home and CS Fulelton and CS Northridge away. The Santa Clara game will see two teams trying to reach .500 with the Gaels at 5-9 and the Broncos at 6-8. There will be free food at the game.



SPORTS PROFILE *Kevin Donlon*

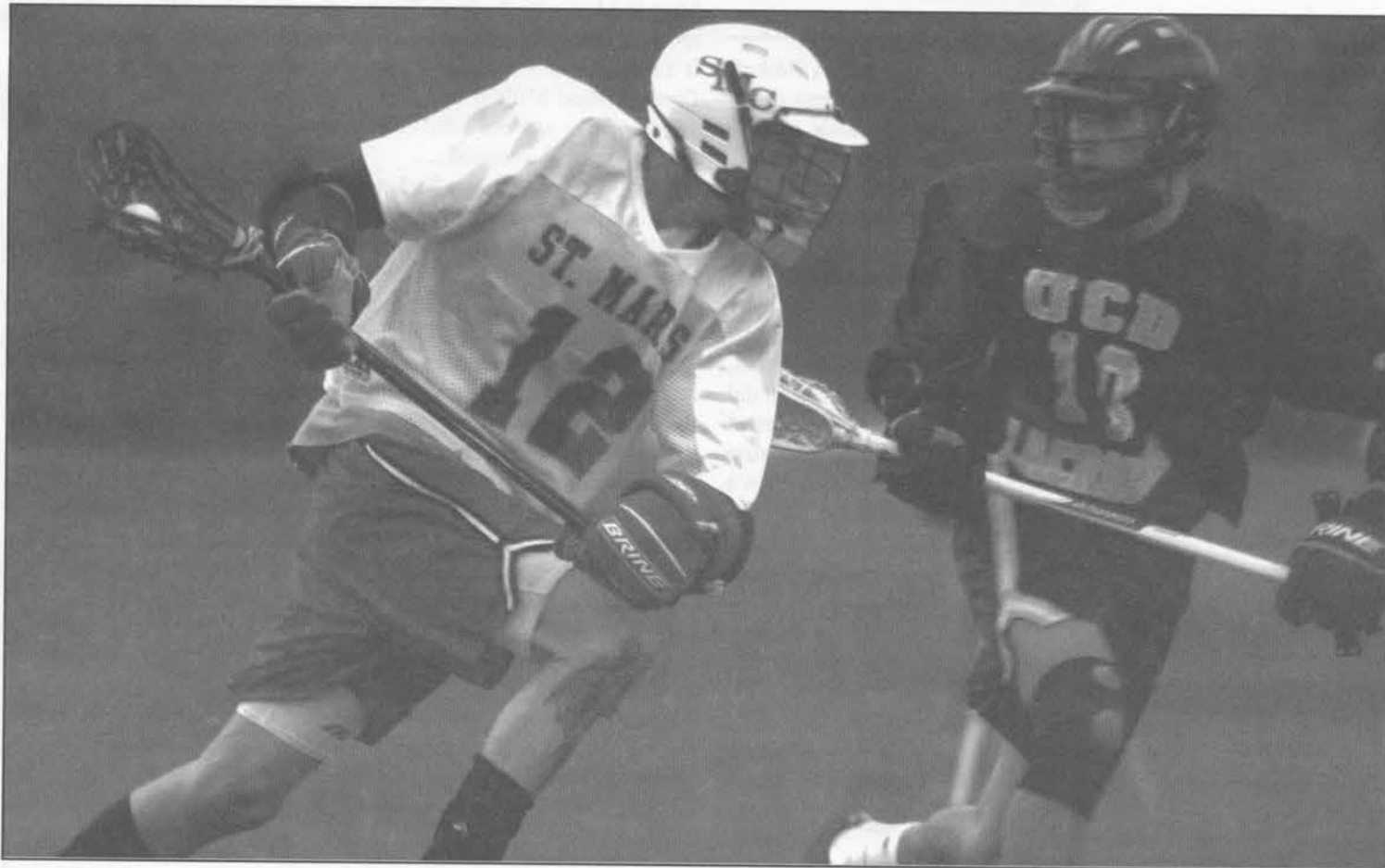
Senior Discovers Passion for Lacrosse Sophomore Year

By GEORGE MALACHOWSKI
Sports Editor

Senior Midfielder Kevin Donlon would not be playing lacrosse if it weren't for his roommate Brendan Leonard. Donlon, an avid swimmer, was drawn to Men's Crew his freshman year, and then decided to try lacrosse sophomore year after his roommate convinced him to come out for the team.

Deciding to switch sports meant that he had to learn a whole new set of skills. Donlon believes the stick skills, including passing and catching, were especially hard to master. Time was the biggest factor in learning these skills and Donlon explains, "I still get more and more comfortable as I continue to play."

Donlon was naturally drawn towards the midfield and he describes those who play the position as "runners." In fact, his favorite part about lacrosse is "running and the game itself." This season he has had the opportunity to show his range of skills scoring nine goals and having one assist in six games. And this season's play-offs have extra weight to Donlon because he missed last year's play-offs due to a broken arm. His goals for the end of the season are "to play well, score goals, and to have fun."



Kevin Donlon tries to turn the corner against an Aggie opponent.

Collegian / DAMON TIGHE

The Gaels are hoping to make a repeat appearance as champions at the Final Four at UC Davis on April 28. Last year the Saint Mary's Lacrosse team won the Final Four of the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League (WCLL).

The Gaels are on track to repeat that title. Following a 19-7 victory

over the first place University of Nevada Wolfpack, the team is two wins away from the state championship.

Senior Attackman Pat Opperman led the Gaels with six goals, while Donlon scored four and Freshman Wilhelm Schaeffler scored four.

Midfielder Nolan Arieta received the game ball for controlling the midfield with his excellent defense.

Donlon commented, "On the offensive side of the ball we played excellent. It was a real exciting win especially because we were underdogs."

The Gaels face University of the Pacific at home on Saturday April 21 and then play Humboldt State on Sunday the 22.

If the Gaels reach the state championship on April 28 they will face the probable Southern California champions Chapman University.

SCOREBoard

Baseball

March 20	
Saint Mary's	2
San Jose State	15*
March 23	
Saint Mary's	5*
Portland	2
March 24	
Saint Mary's	2
Portland	3*
March 25	
Saint Mary's	10*
Portland	9
March 27	
Saint Mary's	3
Stanford	8*
March 30	
Saint Mary's	2
Santa Clara	13*
March 31	
Saint Mary's	1
Santa Clara	10*
April 1	
Saint Mary's	6*
Santa Clara	5

Overall record: 9-20
WCC record: 3-7

Men's Tennis

March 24	
Saint Mary's	5*
Lewis & Clark	2
March 25	
Saint Mary's	4*
Gonzaga	3
March 28	
Saint Mary's	4*
Air Force	3
March 29	
Saint Mary's	7*
Portland State	0
March 31	
Saint Mary's	4*
USF	3
April 1	
Saint Mary's	?
Utah	?

Overall record: 9-6

Rugby

March 31	
Saint Mary's	30
Oregon State	32*

Men's Lacrosse

March 21	
Saint Mary's	6
UC Berkeley	10*
March 28	
Saint Mary's	8*
Boise State	4

Overall: 4-5

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- L - loss

SPORTSTalk

Two Fanatics Ready for Baseball

Bay Bridge Series Could Happen Again



By JOEL BRILLANT ♦ Staff Writer

The San Francisco Giants who finished 97-65, and won the National League West last season are now preparing to duplicate last year's magical season. With Jeff Kent and Barry Bonds who finished 1-2 in the MVP voting, the Giants' chances of repeating their dominance in the NL look good. Also with the duo of Rob Nen, who had 41 saves last year, and the flame-throwing Felix Rodriguez, the bullpen looks like it will continue to control the game in the later innings.

However, the only holes the Giants need to fill are at third base and right field because of the departed Bill Mueller and Ellis Burks.

The Giants answer to these departed veterans is a minor leaguer named Pedro Feliz who had 33 home runs last season in AAA. Also worth mentioning is Armando Rios, who has a career slugging percentage of .528.

The Giants pitching is solid with 17-game winner Levan Hernan-

dez, Shawn Estes, and Russ Ortiz. Overall, I predict the San Francisco Giants will win the West once again.

The Oakland A's finished in the American League West with a 91-70 record, are one of the youngest teams in baseball.

They have outstanding young pitchers in Tim Hudson, who won 20 games last year at the age of 24, and Barry Zito, who showed a lot of potential after being brought up from the minor leagues, half way through the season.

With the addition of lead-off hitter Johnny Damon, the A's look like they have improved their offensive arsenal, and with Jason Giambi, MVP of the AL the A's hopes and aspirations look high. Overall, I predict the Oakland A's will win the West once again.

I also think both teams are good enough to get to the World Series. So another Bay Bridge Series between the Giants and A's should happen, only this time the Giants will win it in seven.

Burks-less Giants Still a Powerhouse



By MATT HOFER ♦ Staff Writer

Finally there is sunshine. No more clouds, no more rain; spring is upon us. And that sunshine could only mean one thing - baseball. The sights and smells of baseball are finally filling the air, and I couldn't be more excited.

I've been ready for baseball since about January. I've literally been counting the days, with opening day clearly visible on my calendar. What makes this season even more exciting is the fact that my beloved Giants are finally expected to do well. Both *Sports Illustrated* and *ESPN The Magazine* have picked the Giants to win the National League West Division. Even though in the past few seasons the Giants have established an impressive record, each year they surprised those who didn't expect their success. Well, not anymore.

It is true the Giants lost Ellis Burks and Bill Mueller in the off-season, which were both major setbacks and the Giants will miss Mueller's smooth defense, as well

as his team leadership. Burks also brought veteran experience, as well as a .344 batting average and 96 RBIs. So, how do the Giants plan to compensate for these losses? The answer is Armando Rios who is primed and ready for a breakout season, and Pedro Feliz at third base, who is a welcome addition in my mind. And of course having the ever-dependable Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent in the middle of the lineup will hold the Giants steady.

However, I think the Giants' strength lies in their pitching. Their staff was one of the tops in baseball last year, and the only change this year is the addition of Tim Worrell, and more experience for a young group of pitchers. The Giants' pitching staff is one year older, a year more mature, and I think that will make the difference come October. Although I can't wait for Fall, the ride getting there will be just as fun.

From the Sports Desk . . .

Will Women's Basketball Make an Identity for SMC?

By GEORGE MALACHOWSKI
Sports Editor

Every year the NCAA Basketball Tournament introduces sports fans to unknown schools, institutions that are off the beaten trail. The tournament gives these schools their fifteen minutes of fame.

This year, little-known Hampton gained national recognition by beating high-seeded Iowa State. Others like Iona, Monmouth, Creighton, and Southern Utah did not pull off an upset, but earned national attention solely because they were in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

Several years ago the Saint Mary's Men's Basketball Team received this same attention when it faced Wake Forest and Tim Duncan. Brad Millard became a known player and our little campus got national attention.

This year the Women's Basketball team has garnered media attention by going to the "Big Dance."

They have placed Saint Mary's on the front page of the Contra Costa Times on several occasions, and even made the front page of the San Francisco Chronicle's Sports Page (which Gaels athletics rarely does).

So what does all this success

mean? It means much greater exposure for the College. It gives tiny Saint Mary's an advertising slot on national television to show the nation our Moraga campus. It is a way to recruit students and athletes.

Right or wrong, many college's reputations are based on their athletic teams. No one who hears "Notre Dame" can forget about their football. The same can be said of North Carolina and Duke. This is not to say that these schools aren't competitive academically, but their academic images are intertwined with their athletic images.

In recent history athletics has not

been intertwined with Saint Mary's. However, this was true of the great football teams in the first half of the 20th century and to a lesser extent the baseball teams from 1900-1920.

With the Women's Basketball Team's recent success it will be interesting if Saint Mary's becomes known as a "women's basketball school."

Will it be recognized like Texas Tech or LSU? Will Women's Basketball be the first thing people think about when they hear the words "Saint Mary's?" Only with continued success and media attention will that question be answered.

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Corrections:

-In the March 21, 2001 edition of the *Collegian* Parke Jacquay's name was incorrectly spelled Jacque on the page 17 article "Golf Team Swings Toward Improvement After Last Season."

-In the same edition on page 16, Corrie Misuzawa's name was misspelled Corry in the article "Volunteers Give No Help to Gaels."

-In the Offsides of the same edition, the sub-heading to the brief about Men's LAX should have read "Team Loses to Cal Poly," not "Team Loses to Cal."

SPORTS

Baseball's Spring Not So Sunny

Gaels avoid Bronco sweep with ninth inning heroics

By **GEORGE MALACHOWSKI**
Sports Editor

The Baseball Team came in a lamb during the month of March winning only four of their 15 games. The team during the month the Gaels faced four WCC opponents (Pepperdine, San Diego, Portland, and Santa Clara) in three-game series.

They were only able to win one series against Portland (two games to one). The Gaels were swept by Pepperdine and lost two out of three games to San Diego. In their last series of the month against the Broncos they avoided a sweep winning the last game. Their 4-6 WCC record puts them in last place in the WCC.

The Gaels dropped games on March 30 and 31 13-2 and 11-2 at Luis Guisto Field. In the first game the Bronco's pitcher provided all the offense they would need going 3-5 with 3 RBI's in the 13-2 game. Joe Diefenderfer also limited the Gaels to 2 runs in his seven inning effort.

The second game was little better than the first and the Gaels fell behind early in a 10-1 loss. Santa

Clara's Matt Queen hit a three run homer in the first inning and the Broncos never looked back.

The Gaels avoided a sweep in the next game with a superb

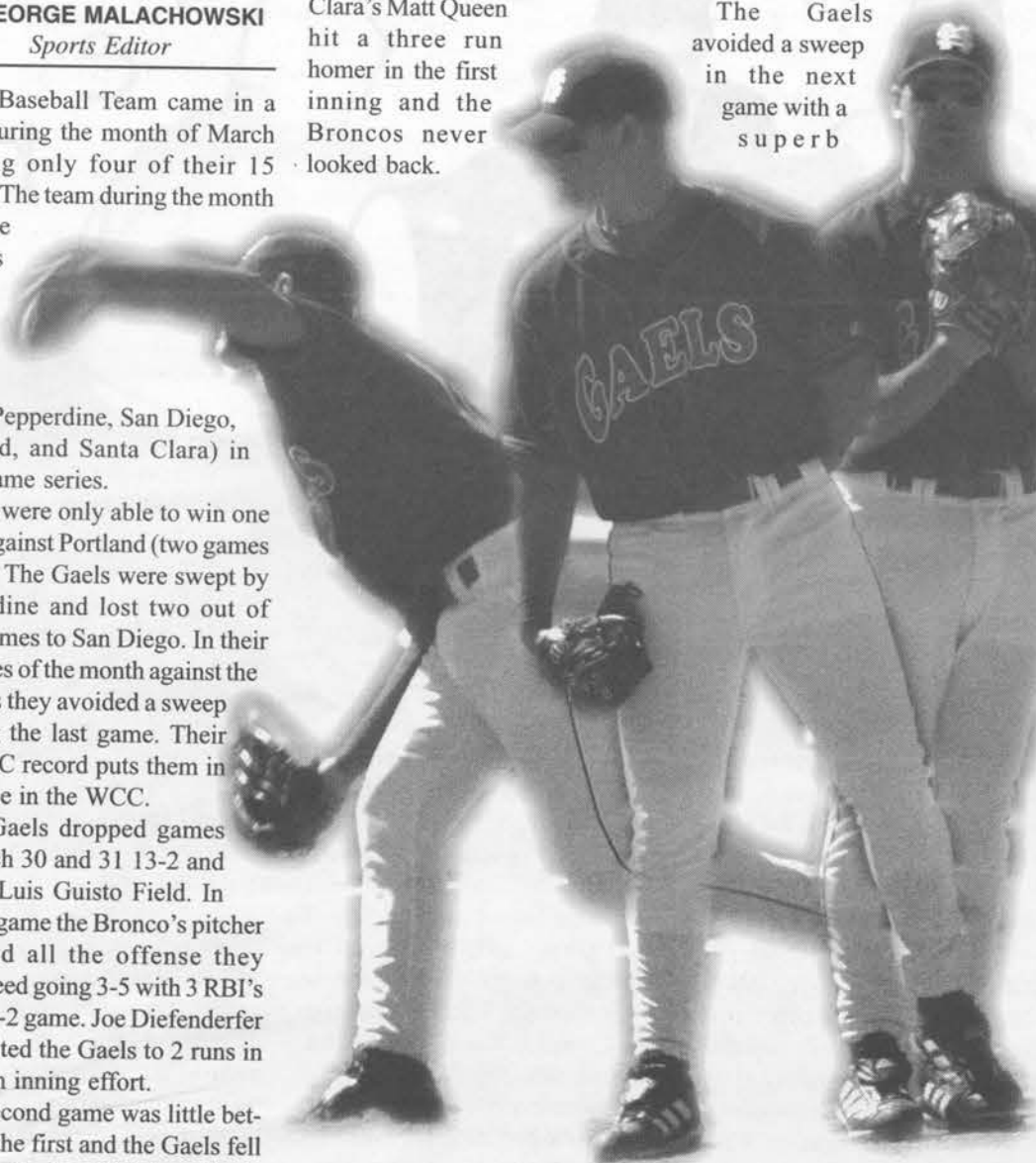
outing by Junior Pitcher Mike Byer. The game came down to the bottom of 9th inning with Santa Clara leading 5-4.

Senior Outfielder Kazzim Summerville started the Gael rally with a solo home run to deep right-center field to tie the game. The Gaels then loaded the bases on a double and two intentional walks. The game ended anti-camitacly with the Broncos walking in the winning run.

Injuries have hurt the Gaels run production and starting rotation. Jason Waugh, an all-league performer broke his leg and their top RBI producer Sophomore James Gaulke hurt his back.

The pitching staff has been hurting too and several "young guys" have had to step up and pitch. Head Coach John Baptista explained, "Key guys aren't playing right now."

Baptista believes this team can turn their season by "solidifying their pitching staff and putting runners in better position to score." With home games against perennial powerhouse Loyola Marymount University, April 6-8 and Pepperdine, May 4-6, the team has a chance to show their talent and get involved in the WCC pennant race.



Collegian / GEORGE MALACHOWSKI
Junior Mike Byer hurls a pitch in the Gaels' victory over Santa Clara.

SCOREBoard

Women's Softball

March 20	
Saint Mary's	5
Hawaii-Hilo	7*
March 20	
Saint Mary's	2*
Hawaii-Hilo	0
March 23	
Saint Mary's	10*
Central Washington	1
March 23	
Saint Mary's	3*
Chico State	0
March 23	
Saint Mary's	4*
Chaminade	1
March 24	
Saint Mary's	1
Simeon Fraser	11*
March 26	
Saint Mary's	1
Portland State	4*
March 26	
Saint Mary's	1
Portland State	6*
March 28	
Saint Mary's	6*
Oregon State	5
March 28	
Saint Mary's	2
Oregon State	3*

Overall record: 17-17

Women's Tennis

March 24	
Saint Mary's	2
Gonzaga	5*
March 25	
Saint Mary's	3
Montana	4*
March 28	
Saint Mary's	6*
UC Riverside	1
March 29	
Saint Mary's	6*
Portland State	1
March 31	
Saint Mary's	2
Sac State	5*
April 1	
Saint Mary's	1
UC Santa Barbara	6*

Overall record: 5-7

Men's Golf

March 19-20	
Otter Invitational	9th/15
Top Individual Finishes:	
Parke Jacquay	3rd place
Joey Morstead	19th place
March 26-27	
George Buzzini, Sr. Invitational	6th/20
Division 1 Flight	1st place
Top Individual Finishes:	
Brent Jensen	4th place

Overall record: 4-6
WCC record: 0-0

Men's Club Volleyball Finishes 7-7

By **C. J. DAFT**
Staff Writer

The men's club volleyball team just finished its season with a respectable record of 7-7. Under the head coaching of Vanessa Kiremedjan and assistant Julie Klem the team has excelled even with injuries.

The team struggled at times due to the fact that numerous players missed games with injuries, leaving the team at some games with only seven members on the team. "Due to injuries, the lineup was not consistent," sophomore player Dave Allen said.

Even with these injuries, the vol-

leyball team won some big games. One of their biggest victories came on March 7 at the expense of Los Medanos Junior College.

Last season, LMC won the Division II league, which is Saint Mary's division. The Gaels defeated the team in four sets at their gym. "We played well," said Sophomore Pat Duchene. Los Medanos later came to Saint Mary's and defeated the Gaels in three straight sets. "Against this team, you have to play your best," he added.

Throughout the season, the team received consistent play from a number of players. Sophomore Duchene provided spark at several

positions since he had to play each position due to many injuries on the team. Sophomore Allen provided protection at the net as a middle blocker. Returnee Junior Jordan Willis as the setter, set many spikes up for killing. Newcomers, Sophomore outside hitter Garret Vanneman, who did not show up until a third of the way through the season, Freshman Mike Stegy, and Freshman Brendan Hopkins provided a spark that allowed the team to remain close in their contests.

The team was young, and because of this the team played several close games, but because they lacked experience the team lost.

During the last game of the season, the team lost to San Francisco State in five sets after taking the first two sets, and they also lost matches to Sacramento State and Santa Clara in their fifth set.

With only two members graduating and with most of the rotation returning next season, the team looks to improve upon its record next season. The main goal for the team next season is to pull victories out of close contests. "Now we have to turn close matches into wins," Duchene said about next year's season. With its core players back, the team looks to be competitive in league and possibly win it.

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Few people can bear the rigorous schedule of two practices a day, let alone one at 5:30am and the second at 3:30pm. The intense training would leave the average individual feeling tired and frustrated. This is not the case of the Saint Mary's Women's Rowing team. They are a united group with strategic goals in place, and are determined to perform to the best of their capability.

On the weekend of March 24, the Saint Mary's Women's Rowing team traveled North to Humboldt Bay to face Washington and Oregon, two of their fiercest competitors. Despite the challenge, both the Varsity and Novice teams had terrific races and revealed their skill and intensity. The Varsity Eight fought hard throughout the race and tied at the 1000 — barely allowing first place to slip away. They pulled in with a fourth-place fin-

ish after a tremendous effort made by all of the girls in the boat. The Varsity Four fought a close race and finished in fourth-place.

The girls in the Novice Eight boat did not waste any time building up a fierce momentum to overtake their competitors. The Novice Eight, which is made up of first-year rowers, immediately claimed the lead and snatched first place with an astonishing 20-second gap between the other six teams. The Novice Four (who also showed impressive performances in their race) went all out, but at the last second competitors Seattle Pacific and Willamette University pulled ahead, and tied for first — edging out Saint Mary's who placed third. The girls are proud of their recent accomplishments and look forward to their upcoming race on March 31 at Oakland Estuary, against rival Santa Clara.

Coach Rich Wendling is impressed with both teams and their

hard work at practice. He is confident in each member and believes in the team as a whole. Wendling explained that once they start believing in themselves, the rest is pretty easy.

Varsity is on the water everyday and practices twice a day: once in the water, and an afternoon practice on land. The girls anticipate beating Drake this weekend and would appreciate the support of SMC at Oakland. Varsity Rower Liz Montgomery stated "we have it in the mind, the body, and now we just need it in the heart." The girls hope to qualify for the NCIIAA Championships.

The Varsity team also has individual goals. Varsity rower Julia Chapman has a long-term goal of making the U.S. National Team. Despite their demanding and busy competitive schedule, the Varsity team manages to maintain a tremendous bond with the Novice team. "Our Novice team is awe-

some, they're an inspiration to us," stated Chapman. The Women's Varsity Crew team is well on their way to accomplishing great things.

Coach of the Novice team, Stephanie Mayee talked about the team's unity and their hopes to finish the season with faster times. They ultimately hope to qualify for the Crew Classic, a huge regatta (day of races) in San Diego that will take place on April 7-8. In San Diego, the Novice team will meet some of their fiercest opposition, such as the Cal Berkeley lightweight, Humboldt State, Gonzaga, San Diego University, San Diego State, Seattle University and Seattle Pacific.

Coach Stephanie Mayee has a lot of confidence in her team. She feels that this last race at Humboldt brought the girls up a level, and showed that each girl is capable of accomplishing anything if they want it bad enough. One of her objectives for the team is to do

well the weekend of March 31, go into San Diego with a fast time, and make it to the finals. She explained that her main goal is to "Bring the sport to the forefront of athletics and have people realize that these are great athletes that deserve recognition." The team is excited and ready to take on their competitors this coming weekend and in the upcoming season. Novice Rower Allie Wade is enthusiastic about the team. "We're dedicated. It's showing in our practices, and in our grades, it's a good team to be on." Obviously Saint Mary's Women's Rowing team is in great shape and ready to take on the West Coast Conference. Cheer the team on as they travel to San Diego on April 7-8.

Article By:
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Humboldt Bay Brings Hope



At a meet in Humboldt on Saturday, March 23, the Saint Mary's Men's Crew competed in the Varsity Lightweight Four and Novice Open-weight Four races and displayed their steady improvement despite their placing. The Varsity Lightweight boat had trouble at the beginning of the race when they got behind and into last place as the result of one of the rowers catching a crab, which in Layman's terms, means getting an oar stuck in the water. The teammates struggled and caught up to the fifth place

boat towards the end, but lost their momentum during the last 250 meters of the race and came in last place. The team is not letting the loss in Humboldt discourage their efforts and is looking forward to the remainder of the season. "We had a bad start but otherwise, I think they performed very well. It was a great improvement from our previous race in Sacramento," commented Head Coach Andrew Zolnay on the meet. According to Zolnay the rowers cut approximately a minute off of their time from their last meet in Sacra-

mento. The Novice Open Weight boat performed well at the meet and came in fifth place beating Sacramento State despite being cut off three times during their race. The Novice boat also had the disadvantage of missing two of their usual rowers. Varsity rowers Marshal Minoux and Billy Porter rowed in both races, the second one being the Novice, resulting in half of the boat already being worn out.

The next meet that the team is preparing for is WCC and WIER on April 15. In preparation for

these upcoming competitions, the team will continue their normal workout according to senior captain Teo Seeger. This includes water practice on the weekdays from 5:30 to 7am and weekly timed sprints up Alta mesa every Wednesday. The athletes are also expected to participate in land practices whenever they are able to. Sophomore Varsity rower Dario Albiar-Carmona feels that, "The focus needs to be shifted to the physical training, conditioning, and personal technique." The athletes, while they are focused on a

team effort must trust one another to actively do many of their land workouts on their own time because of the conflicts in individual's schedules. Coach Zolnay plans have the team continue concentrating on all aspects of the sport including physical conditioning and skill. While the results of the Humboldt meet comparatively impressive, the team has shown improvement that could lead them to victory in WCC later this month.

Article By: Andrea Camarena