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Displaced: Lottery Losers Must Move Off-campus

By MARY RUNOLFSON
News Editor

Each year, the story is the same: juniors and seniors apply, they grow anxious, they hover around Residence Life, and then they either shed a sigh of relief or begin apartment hunting.

This year's housing lottery was no different.

According to Residence Life Facilities Manager Michael Viola, of the 684 juniors and seniors that applied, 479 were offered housing for the 2001-2002 school year. That means 205 students will either have to wait out the summer and hope for vacancies or make plans to move off campus.

"Most of the students on the list will have to find other housing," said Viola. "Of course students are disappointed," he added, "but we allocate our resources the best we can."

Some students feel a more organized, selective process would provide housing for students based on community involvement. "I think it's unfortunate that students who are active in clubs, organizations, and athletics, who are required to be on campus at strange hours, often are forced to live off-campus," said Sophomore and ASSMC Vice President for Administration-Elect Sean Sullivan, who was placed on the housing waiting list.

In addition to the construction of more student housing, Sullivan advocates a need and involvement-based selection. "We need an application process for housing that rewards students for their involvement in making the community a better place."

Other students blame an increased number of freshman applicants. As far as Dean of Campus Life Steve Nygaard (who has been at the school two years) is aware, the numbers have remained relatively stable.

Vice President for Enrollment Services Michael Beseda believes that Saint Mary's housing crunch is not unique to this campus. "What were experiencing at Saint Mary's is very common. Both Berkeley and San Francisco State have severe housing shortages."

Beseda believes that most col-
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Controversial Fliers Cover SMC Campus:

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FACING CRIME

A Collegian News Series

By LARA BALLENTINE
Editor-in-Chief

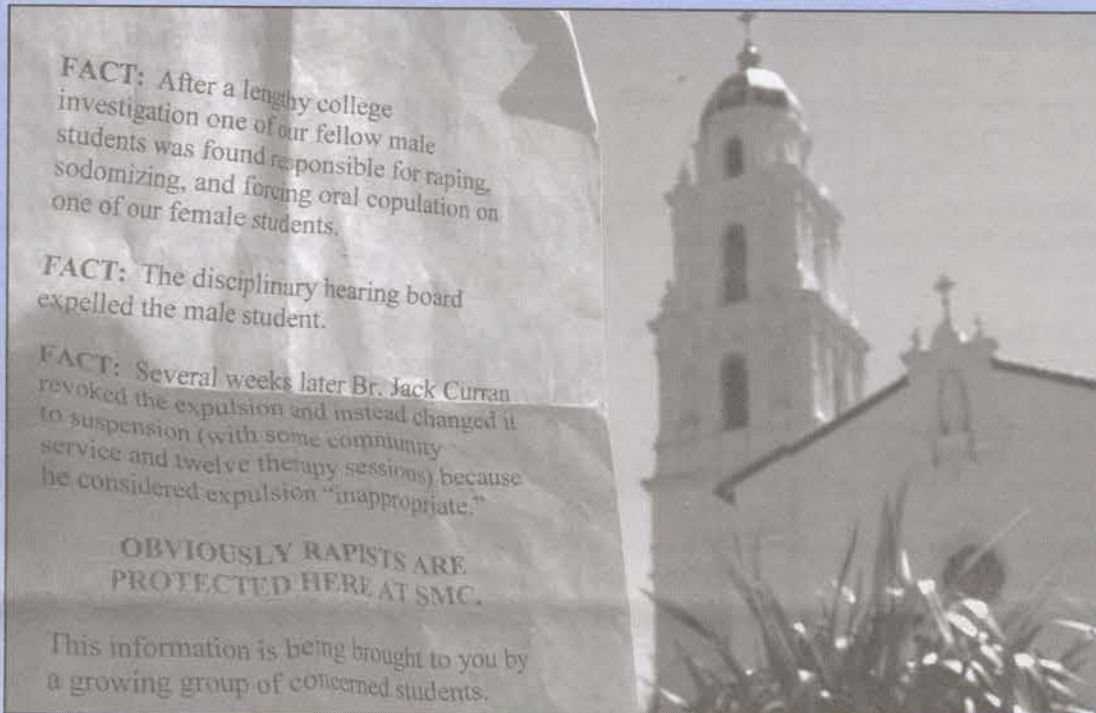
Prospective students recently touring the campus were confronted with a campus-wide issue that isn't traditionally listed in brochures: sexual assault.

On Tuesday, April 17, the first day back from Spring Break, fliers claiming "rapists are protected at SMC" were widely distributed throughout campus. By 11am that day, the majority of the fliers were taken down.

"The fliers are shocking. This is unacceptable behavior by the administration and it really puts into question the safety of our students," said Allyson Wiley, a Saint Mary's junior.

The anonymous authors of the flier, who called themselves "a growing group of concerned students," make reference to a number of "facts," the first of which reads "a lengthy college investigation" in which the Disciplinary Hearing Board (DHB) expelled a Saint Mary's male student.

The flier then includes the following: "Several weeks later Br. Jack Curran revoked the expul-



The fliers appeared around campus on a day when many prospective students were visiting SMC.

sion and instead changed it to suspension (with some community service and twelve therapy sessions) because he considered expulsion 'inappropriate.'"

Resident Advisor and Program Board Vice-Chair Noah Cowen said, "It's a major mistake by Brother Jack to overturn a decision of an entire board without consulting them. This sets a precedent that the law doesn't extend into

Saint Mary's."

The Collegian has received phone calls as to the legitimacy of the fliers, and questions regarding the DHB process. In a recent interview with Brother Jack Curran, FSC, he explained that because of the Federal Education and Privacy Act, no specific questions could be answered regarding the case represented in the flier.

Curran did say that the student's

"expulsion was modified to suspension from all activities on campus." When asked if [the male student involved] will be attending classes in our community, Curran replied, "He will not be in classes. If he still poses a danger, he wouldn't be here." An April 20 College press release read, "The male student involved in the assault is no
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Gaels Welcome Randy Bennett as Men's Basketball Head Coach

By GEORGE MALACHOWSKI
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's announced its replacement for Dave Bollwinkle over Spring Break, naming Randy Bennett to mind the bench for the Gaels.

Bennett took the job on April 10 and was welcomed by members of the Saint Mary's community as well as reporters from FoxSports Net, the WB affiliate Channel 13, and other members of the press.

At the press conference Bennett explained, "We need to start with what we have and gain confidence. We have to work hard." He also added, "The talent here is better than their 2-26 record."

This is Bennett's first head coaching position although he has an extensive history in basketball and the WCC. He was an assistant



Randy Bennett joins the Athletic Department with previous WCC experience at Pepperdine and San Diego.

coach at Pepperdine and at the University of San Diego for a combined 12 years. He also coached at the University of Idaho.

He has coached under current Chicago Head Coach Tim Floyd, current USD Head Coach Brad

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SMC Awaits Million-Dollar Promise for J.C. Gatehouse

By MARY RUNOLFSON &
ELIZABETH BURNS

News / Assistant News Editor

Brother Craig Franz, FSC, PhD, compared the situation to a home loan. "It's like when your parents get a loan to remodel a bedroom," Franz said.

Most bedroom renovations, however, don't require a loan of \$40 million.

Four years ago, an anonymous donor pledged \$25.5 million to pay for the construction of J.C. Gatehouse, and \$15 million for renovations in Galileo Hall.

The plan was to receive the money before construction began. "It was anticipated the gift would come during construction," noted Franz. When

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NEWSNotes

Campus

SMC Gaels Web-Provider Goes Bankrupt

Totalsports, the athletic webservice provider for Saint Mary's has folded. The website is under conversion and will be completed by the end of this week. For information on Gael athletics contact the Saint Mary's College Sports Information Hotline at 510-982-0244.

Commuter Students Association Goes Online

The goal of the Commuter Association is "putting people in connection with groups and events that aren't held at convenient times," said President Memuna Mustapha.

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SMC BRIEFING

FASTQuote

"After slaving away at your job for eight months, you don't get the long-awaited pay check you have been expecting. How does that make you feel? Unmotivated? Exhausted? Cheated? Betrayed?"

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<p><i>April/May</i> 2001</p>			<p>25</p> <p>Blood Drive, 10am, Soda Center.</p> <p>Financial Aid Exit Interviews, 4:30pm, Soda Center.</p> <p>Woodrow Wilson Panel, 7pm, Soda.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Community Housing Program, 7:30pm, Delphine.</p> <p>Religious Lecture, 7:30pm, Soda Center.</p> <p>Cartoonist, Rapper Keith Knight, 7:30pm, Soda.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Dean's Honor Reception, 2pm, Soda Center.</p> <p>Last day for SMC Day Off guest sign-ups, ASSMC.</p> <p><i>Our Town</i>, 8pm, LeFevre Theatre.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Housing Lottery, 8am, Hagerty.</p> <p>Parent's Appreciation Day, 8am, Soda Center.</p> <p>Softball vs. Santa Clara, 1pm, Cottrell.</p>
			<p>29</p> <p>Honor Society Brunch, 11am, Soda Center.</p> <p><i>Our Town</i>, 2pm, LeFevre Theatre.</p> <p>Organ concert, 3pm, Chapel.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Cardio Kickboxing, 9am, Dryden.</p> <p>Food Sales, 11:30am, LeFevre Quad.</p> <p>Pgm Brd Movie, 10:30pm, Dryden.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Baseball vs. San Jose State, 3pm, Guisto.</p> <p>APASA meeting, 6pm, Delphine.</p> <p>Portuguese Club, 7pm, Delphine.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>ASSMC Pgm Brd Event, 12pm, LeFevre Quad.</p> <p>Irish Club Social, 7:30pm, Dryden.</p> <p><i>Our Town</i>, 8pm, LeFevre Theatre.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Softball vs. Santa Clara, 1pm, Cottrell.</p> <p>Baseball vs. Pepperdine, 1pm, Guisto.</p> <p><i>Our Town</i>, 2pm, LeFevre Theatre.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Lasallian Reflection, 12:40pm, Chapel.</p> <p>Read-a-thon, 1pm, Delphine.</p> <p>ASSMC Pgm Brd Movie, 10:30pm, Dryden.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Diversity Forum, 3pm, Delphine.</p> <p>Chamber Music Concert, 8pm, Chapel.</p> <p>Student Alumni Assoc., 8pm, Dryden.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Student Art Show Reception, 12pm, Hearst Gallery.</p> <p>Baseball vs. California, 3pm, Guisto.</p> <p>NightenGael Concert, 8pm, Chapel.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pgm Brd Event, 12:30pm, Chapel.</p> <p>Senior Night, 7pm, Soda Center.</p> <p>Student Dance Production, 8pm, LeFevre Theatre.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Cardio Kickboxing, 9am, Dryden.</p> <p>Pgm Brd Movie, 7:30pm, Delphine.</p> <p>Student Dance Production, 8pm, LeFevre Theatre.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>ELP Celebration, 11:30am, Rocalli.</p> <p>Student Dance Production, 8pm, LeFevre.</p>

In addition to recently being chartered, the club has created a website. "We want to form a community where we can have virtual meetings and honest conversations," said Mustapha. The Commuter's site can be reached at <http://www.geocities.com/smccommuter/>.

Nation

Thousands of hours of Richard Nixon-Oval Office dialogue are now available for free duplication. The National Archives in College Park, Maryland has made the tapes public. Topics range from the inane to heated conversations about Vietnam, civil rights, domestic issues, and China among other things. Also available is the famous 18 1/2 minutes of silence recorded in June 1972, three days after the Watergate break-in.

A police dog in Polk County, Florida has been fitted with a new pair of metal choppers, and the trend is spreading. Police Departments across the country are fitting their canine partners with titanium caps for their teeth. The metal improves bite and grip, and it expands the police dog's career; many dogs lose or chip their teeth in the line of duty. In addition, officers hope that the new, more menacing grin will discourage conflict.

International

An Australian delivery truck carrying a full-load of beer crashed into the Tweed River North of Sydney. Eager volunteers spent two days diving for the treasure. Officers considered the retrieval theft, but no one was arrested. One man reportedly left with 400 bottles.

Miss Israel will not bow to terrorists, and she'll do it in style. At the Miss Universe pageant on May 11, Miss Israel will wear a diamond and pearl studded bullet proof vest.

At a Human Genome Organization conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, researchers announced that modern Europeans are descended from a few hundred Africans, who left their continent as recently as 25,000 years ago. The discovery contradicts the theory that modern humans evolved simultaneously in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

ELECTION Results

Class of 2002

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Vice President Danielle Motl

Senators:

(No students were elected, and elections will take place in Fall 2001. Seven positions are available).

Class of 2003

President Billy Porter
Vice President Kacie La Compte

Senators:

Allison Bianchetti
Jacklyn Verducci
Keli Imoto
Brendan Hughes
Erica Uchida
Corinne Devin
Julie Ann Kolch

Class of 2004

President Mary Anne Tooke
Vice President Nick Egide

Senators

Jonathan Lowe
Jacqueline Smith
Tony Ancelj
Megan Bartleson

(Three positions are available).

CAMPUS Snapshot

Climbing to New Healths

A Saint Mary's student takes advantage of a climbing wall at the recent Health Faire. Students could receive a massage and take home free samples of various health related products.



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Asian Cultural Night Demonstrates Diversity of SMC's Asian Students

By **ANDREA CAMARENA**
Opinion Editor

Asian Pacific American Student Association (APASA) displayed the diversity of Saint Mary's College and celebrated their tenth anniversary on Tuesday, March 27, with the fourth annual Asian Cultural Night.

The event featured performances representing the traditional stories, songs and dances of the Korean, Vietnamese, Hmong, Hawaiian, Chinese, and Filipino cultures. At 5:30pm, the doors opened, and the Soda Center was filled with over 250 guests that were on the RSVP list for the dinner and show.

After an opening speech by Kim Wesolowski, the coordinator of Asian Pacific American Student Programs, and a prayer from Brother Dominic Berardelli, FSC, there was an Asian-food, buffet style dinner.

The evening was hosted by Jerald Balgos and Lily Woo, alumni and former leaders in

APASA. The evening was organized by the ACN Executive Team, made up of William Nguyen, Karen Oliver, Wesolowski, Lynn Phan, and Joy Barut.

Each cultural's set was organized by a student Chair and performed by other Saint Mary's students. The first set was a solo performance by Jinee Kim who sang Korean operatic songs. The Vietnam set followed and featured four candle dancers. The Hmong set was headed by Ly lee and Mary Xiong who put on a play that depicted a traditional folk story and dance. The Hmong set was followed by a Hawaiian dance featuring eight dancers. The China set performed, relating an old story through narration by Nguyen and a short play accompanied by a song and dance routine. The final set represented the Philippines. It started with a group singing in Tagalog and ended with a lively and very complicated dance performance that excited the crowd and closed the evening with a positive mood.

HOUSING: Annual problems continue as 205 students are put on waitlist

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lege-bound students are beginning to accept limited housing as part of the college experience. "Most students realize that they'll get housing for two years, and they find that situation reasonable. What Saint Mary's has seems pretty good, although maybe not ideal," said Beseda.

Even current students who face removal have begun to see the situation as a bitter, but inevitable, pill. "There's not enough for everyone; it's just the luck of the draw," said

Junior Phil Gomez, who will be looking for off campus housing with several friends. "We'll manage just fine on our own."

A "Community Housing Program" is being offering on April 26 at 7:30pm in Delphine Lounge. The workshop will offer tips for waitlisted students who will have to find off campus housing. Tutorials will include the construction of tenant resumes and ways to make the most out of open houses. The event is co-presented by Dean for Campus Life Steve Nygaard and Director of Community Relations Lisa Douglass.

SENATE Report

The adage "money makes the world go round" was proven during the Finance Board's open forum, designed to discuss the 2001-2002 proposed budget. The informal gathering was in lieu of ASSMC Senate meeting.

The first to respond were Laura Ratajczak and Noah Cowen of the Program Board who argued for equal stipends and a budget no less than the one they received this year. "To not have a reward is disappointing. You're not going to get people in future years if there's no compensation," said Cowen.

Lara Ballentine of the *Collegian*, whose stipends were denied, made the point that the Senate unanimously approved the stipends, yet the Finance Board, composed of four voting members, had the power to overrule thirty-three elected officers. Both the Program Board and the *Collegian* argued that they provide significant services to students. Board member Brian Dougherty said that the Board couldn't give money to one group without taking from another. "When we increase your printing costs, a group like Men's Crew loses money to buy a boat." The Board repeatedly defended the fact that they had to give and take between organizations.

ASSMC Vice President for Administration-Elect Sean Sullivan argued for an appropriate allocation of funds. "They call it utility," he said. "How many students are benefited by each dollar spent?"

Since KSMC failed to submit their budget on-time, their traditional \$17,000 was cut to \$2,241, providing for a general manager stipend and licensing fees.

Both the yearbook and *Gaelpage* appealed for an extension to their funds. "We'd like to fund everything, but then we'd have

to take money from someone else," said Board Member Mary Anne Tooke.

Sam Reardon, Dance Team president grew frustrated as she compared their coach to similar club sports. "I have a problem with the complete inconsistency of what you've awarded coaches in various clubs. You can't selectively choose which coaches deserve more. A coach is a coach."

ASSMC Vice President for Student Affairs-Elect Brad Kvederis suggested that funds for club sports be covered by the Athletic Department. "Almost 30 percent of ASSMC funds are spent on club teams that the College should be paying for. It's crippling the student government."

In response to that suggestion, Board Member Tooke encouraged students to put pressure on the administration to make that change.

Another solution arose when Sullivan proposed an increase in Student Body Fees. "There are some very basic needs that are not being met. Raise the fees \$5 per student and that would make a significant difference."

Daniel Mickelson of the Waterski and Wakeboard club offered to surrender \$330 of food, duplication, and equipment fees. "I have no problem sucking in my belt," Mickelson said.

BSU and APASA fought to keep their funds for movie nights and other internal social activities. The Board stated that they had to weigh which costs will best benefit the most people. The Finance Board continually stated that all questions and suggestions would be taken into consideration. In addition to meeting individually with concerned groups, the Board will now reexamine the entire budget to be presented for final vote on April 29.

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CRIME *Beat*

4/4/01 *Possession of Marijuana*

A student was caught smoking marijuana in the laundry room of Assumption Hall. This was the student's third offense. Moraga Police were called and the student was arrested.

4/5/01 *Non-Injury Accident*

A school bus with children backed into another vehicle while trying to park the bus. No one was injured and the California Highway Patrol was called for an accident report.

4/6/01 *Hit and Run*

A student's vehicle was damaged by a hit and run driver in the baseball parking lot. No note was left and there was moderate damage to the vehicle.

4/6/01 *Booted Vehicle*

A student's vehicle was booted in the Chapel loop for having three unpaid parking tickets. The tickets were paid and the vehicle was released to the student.

4/8/01 *Non-Injury Accident*

A subject drove his car off of Bollinger Canyon Road onto Saint Mary's College property. The subject was not hurt and Moraga Police took a report.

4/9/01 *Disruptive Student*

A student in Mitty Hall was escorted off campus by Public Safety at the request of Residence Life Staff. The student became agitated when the RA asked to check his room for alcohol. The case is being reviewed by Residence Life.

4/13/01 *Credit Card Fraud*

An employee of the College reported that another employee had been using his credit card to obtain vacation packages. An investigation started (Moraga PD report).

4/17/01 *Reckless Driving*

Public Safety observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, running a stop sign and almost colliding with another vehicle. The subject was stopped and cited for speeding and running a stop sign.

4/18/01 *Possession of a Keg*

An RD requested Public Safety's assistance with confiscating a keg of beer. The keg was confiscated and the suspects were turned over to Residence Life for disciplinary action.

4/18/01 *Possession of Marijuana*

An RD called for Public Safety's assistance regarding the possible use of marijuana. Upon arrival, a student was confronted who admitted to smoking marijuana. A report was written and referred to Residence Life for disciplinary action.

4/19/01 *Grand Theft*

A Marriott employee reported that approximately \$500 was taken out of an office safe. Moraga police was called, dusted for fingerprints and are conducting and investigation.

4/19/01 *Loud Party*

Public Safety was called to break up a loud party in Sabatte Hall. The student was warned to break up the party but failed to do so. Public Safety responded again and the party was broken up. The student was written up and forwarded to Residence Life.

4/19/01 *Minor in Possession of Alcohol*

Public Safety with an RA responded to a dorm room in Augustine Hall for a report of possible marijuana use. There was no one in the dorm and access was gained. There was alcohol in the room and the occupant was under 21. The alcohol was disposed.

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

Get Well Soon, Brandon!

Over Easter Break, a valued member of our *Collegian* staff suffered a serious injury. He is in critical care, and we hope he will recover soon. We wish him and his family all the best. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

GATEHOUSE: Awaiting funding

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the money was delayed, the College decided to go ahead with plans, and a bank loan was obtained to cover costs.

The College still hasn't received the money. "I have every assurance that the money will be received," said Franz. "It's a pretty common situation," he added, "it's not unusual for institutions to take out loans, while waiting for pledged money."

Franz notes that the donor has agreed to pay all costs associated with the loan.

When asked if he knew why the funds have not arrived, Franz stated that "a third party is involved." Respecting the donor's request

for anonymity, Franz could not elaborate.

As Vice President for Planning and Advancement Michael Ferrigno told the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "The nature of the gift depended on a third party, and the donor could not control the actions of the third party."

Ferrigno also told the *Chronicle* that the school is financially sound and could pay off the loan if the donor never produced the money.

Students are more skeptical. "Next time Saint Mary's should not count their eggs before they hatch," said Chris Jacobs.

"Saint Mary's should have charged the donor up front like they do their students," said Chad Dickens.

DHB: Student's expulsion modified

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longer on the campus and is suspended from the campus for all purposes."

Curran said that the College has a low tolerance for risks. "We are conservative in that we don't want to take risks. That's the reason for interim suspension. We're saying, 'Pack up and leave, and we'll talk later.'"

The DHB appeals process extends to Curran only in cases of expulsion. Curran stated that he is involved with the DHB only "at an arm's length." Curran feels that if all appeals were denied, the College would not be adhering to the disciplinary process.

In response to the fliers, Curran met with Dean of Campus Life Steve Nygaard, Dean of Student Activities and Leadership Mary McCall, PhD, Director of Public Safety Roger Sciutto, and Sister Ingrid Clemmensen of Campus Ministry. "There are some students, presuming it is students, on campus, that have some concerns. We all share their concerns. 'Obviously' (in regards to a sentence on the flier that states, "Obviously rapists are protected here at SMC") this is not what we share. It concerns me that students have that conclusion. We need to engage in dia-

logue. This is not a true statement. All students are protected here — not rapists. These acts are not tolerated and are not part of who we are," he told them.

"It's ridiculous to say there's a "No tolerance" for risk. We'd have surveillance cameras in every dorm. If we know someone who is a risk, we'll do all we can to lessen that risk. Safety is our number-one concern."

Sciutto said, "I don't think the student body has anything to worry about. My initial reaction (to the flier) was to look into it. I found out that he (the student) will not be in classes. The document does not paint an accurate picture. Several students have come to me to talk about it. I encourage anyone who has concerns to talk to proper officials before producing things that make innocent people worry."

Some students around campus are pleased that disputes about sexual assault are being aired in public. "I think the fliers are a good thing because they give the raw truth, for once. It's something that was not downplayed by an official document. We pay a tuition to get an education and to be protected, rather than to protect criminals," said Freshman Michelle Dalida.

Concerned Students and Faculty to Rally at *Take Back the Night*

By ANDREA CAMARENA
Opinion Editor

Concluding a year of increased sexual assaults and concern, students and faculty will once again participate in the annual vigil *Take Back the Night*, which will take place on April 26.

The national event is meant to raise awareness of sexual assault. Participants will light candles and participate in a candle-lit walk through the campus. Their final destination will be the ground floor of Augustine, where a reception will be held in the Women's Resource Center. The walk and reception are

free to all participants and food will be served.

Take Back the Night will take place simultaneously with 500 other campuses throughout the United States. Nationally, *Take Back the Night* has taken place on college campuses for the past 25 years. The Saint Mary's version of the vigil was originally organized by the Women's Resource Center. Peer Advocate Alicia Allegrini says the center is expecting around one hundred people to participate.

The vigil will take place on Thursday, April 26 at 7:30pm in front of the De Le Salle statue. For more information, contact the Women's Resource Center.

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Collegian View

Something is Rotten in The State of SMC: Who Ya Gonna Call?

While digging under ground trenches to put in new phone lines, construction workers discovered a river of pink slime flowing through the catacombs beneath the hallowed halls of Saint Mary's. After accidentally falling into the gushy river, two workers emerged covered in slime and started arguing over extremely petty things.

"I don't know what came over me," said Carl, one of the workers, "One minute Lenny was my friend and the next minute I was yelling at him over his lack of diversity. The obscenities just came flying out of my mouth."

"I was so ashamed of myself, I was unable to respond to his

criticism in a way that wasn't arrogant, callous and alienating," responded Lenny, the other worker.

But this is not the only altercation linked to the river of hate slime. The Saint Mary's community seems to be turning increasingly sour towards each other day by day. Random acts of hate and inconsiderateness have swept through our school in recent months. No doubt, it has something to do with the slime. Or at least we hope the river of slime was to blame, we wouldn't like to think of our fellow community members as being so shallow on purpose.

How does this slime work, you ask? The *Collegian* recently con-

tacted a specialist from New York City who has experienced and studied such slimy phenomena before, Dr. Egon Spangler. He has concluded that the slime is a manifestation of human emotions. "The slime has definitely been feeding off the pessimism and evil sentiments of the Saint Mary's student body and faculty. The green stuff intensifies those negative feelings and feeds them back to those people 10-fold," he stated in a phone interview.

Symptoms and side effects of slime interaction include: disregard for human dignity, contagious negativity, racial tensions, overpopulation, fighting between students, distrust of community mem-

bers, secrecy of crime, salary disputes, and general naughtiness and sentiments of irritation. Spangler hypothesizes that the effect might be counteracted if a certain image or idea could be found that would unite the various elements of the Saint Mary's and Moraga communities in good will towards one another. Sadly, no such idea exists.

The slime river seems to be converging throughout the campus quickly. When asked what this might mean, Spangler responded: "There's something strange in your neighborhood, it's something weird and it don't look good."

LETTERS to the Editor

Health Fair Appreciations

Dear Editor, HEALTH MATTERS, the Health Fair, was a huge amount of fun for the whole Saint Mary's campus. Thanks go out to everyone who participated. A special thanks to those invisible faces who contributed giveaways and food including Noah's Bagels, Whole Grain Bakery, Jamba Juice, Apple Market, Albertson's, Kaiser Permanente, Delta Dental, Vision Services Plan(VSP), and our very own MARRIOTT!!!

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
MIRIAM EISENHARDT
Health and Wellness Center

Cultural Confusion

Dear Editor, This year's Asian Culture Night should be recognized as an example of the great steps taken to welcome other cultures at Saint Mary's. However, greater steps need to be taken in order to ensure that all cultures are correctly represented.

Aside from the fact that Hawaiian is not an Asian ethnicity, as a student from Hawai'i, I felt that the Hawaiian culture was sorely misrepresented at an Asian Cultural Night. The performance I saw represented stereotypes of Hawai'i: tiki torches and scantily clad men and women. One of the songs that they performed, "Ulilie," was about a bird. In a traditional hula, this would have been represented in the dance.

I have no objection to anyone performing hula, as long as they are taught how to dance appropriately. I'm positive that if I had gotten up to perform a traditional dance of any of the cultures represented on campus, and walked around clapping and playing hand games, people would not stand for this. I, for one, would not perform a cultural dance if I had no knowledge of

the culture. The performance made it seem as though our [my Hawaiian] culture is not as welcome here as others. Stereotypes can easily offend people, and I would rather not have seen Hawai'i represented at all at Asian Cultural Night. The Hawai'i performance that took place offended a culture in an environment where it should have been celebrated.

CHRISTINA HU
Class of 2004

Couch Confession

Dear Editor, I would like to formally apologize for my violation of the school's code of conduct. It was I, Kurt Lowder, that removed the couch from the first floor of J.C. Gatehouse. At the time, I did not think about the negative effect that would occur through the Saint Mary's community, and the attention that it would receive. I justified my theft because I thought nobody would even notice it was gone. I had intended to return it at the end of the year. My intent is not to excuse my actions, but to let you know why I made this foolish decision. I learned a valuable lesson, and realize that the consequences could have been much more severe. Once again, I am very sorry for my thoughtless actions.

Sincerely,
KURT LOWDER

Stop Stepford University

Dear Editor, Some reflections in the wake of residence life's announcement to the Faculty Senate of parental notification in cases of misconduct involving alcohol.

There is a movement afloat to fix our student body. I hope that we all could slow down and think about what is happening before we unwittingly participate in the tearing down of those whom we have been called to educate.

Consider the negative messages implied in several of the current faculty and administration campaigns. Some say we need a smarter student body ("The quality of our students has not matched the increasing reputation and quality of our undergraduate faculty"). Some say we need a more honest student body (hence, the honor code). Still others say we need better-behaved students (proposal for parental notification of misconduct). Each of these efforts have laudable intentions in part, but taken together they point to an abandonment of the traditions of the College, which are aimed at welcoming each student individually and challenging each to grow in knowledge and faith. One of the hallmarks of our college has been the very real and liberating education afforded our students in the unmediated relationship with their professors. I fear that the current proposed repairs of the student body will make it more difficult for that very liberating encounter of a Saint Mary's education to take place. Have we taken the measure of the adverse effect of the large-group solutions to problems that many of our students heretofore did not know that they had? Or, have we considered the insidious nature of proposals that reinforce negative views our students may already have of themselves? Saint La Salle taught us to know our students individually, their strengths and weaknesses, and to shape our pedagogy accordingly, while teaching the group as a whole. Of course, his agenda was for us to be ambassadors of the Good News. It is going to be harder for our students to hear good news from us if our institution's opening words to them are that they are less than, dishonest, and immature. I think that a proper alternative to fix-it proposals for the student body would be avenues for greater faculty and

administration dialogue about our own methods and goals. So let me end with a bit of heresy in the current academy. We do not need a better student body. That is an abstraction that I can live without. When I recall each of my students individually this semester there is not one of them that I would not want in class. When I recall my own days as an undergraduate I am happy to think that most of my teachers were as welcoming. Oh, and as challenging.

BROTHER CHARLES
HILKEN, FSC

Is Rape OK at SMC?

Dear Editor, Whenever I did something bad as a child, my parents would punish me for it. It not only helped me to distinguish right from wrong but it also served to show me how society works: do something bad and you suffer the consequences. That's why I was shocked to read a flier concerning the crime of rape. The flier claims that a student "was found responsible for raping, sodomizing, and forcing oral copulation" on another student, and that the accused student was found guilty and expelled. But it further claims that this punishment was revoked in favor of "community service and twelve therapy sessions." The flier names Br. Jack Curran as the man responsible for reducing the punishment. I'd like to know if this is true. I've talked with quite a few students who say the rape did happen, but that they aren't sure if the expulsion was revoked. No one seemed shocked to hear that rape was being treated like a victimless crime. Students are saying that Saint Mary's doesn't like to make a public display of rape, and that there are other rapes treated with even less attention. And if this is indeed true, I hope Br. Jack Curran and anyone else involved understands the hypocrisy of their

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Stephen Pelligrini and Anthony Stefanich are:

TWO GUYS

With
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NAMES

The Angry Advice Columnists

Okay loyal reader(s), we'd like to perform some more community service (not because we were ordered by a judge or anything, we just feel it's our duty as upstanding citizens). So this week, we took time out from our busy schedules and devoted some of said time to listening to people's problems. Here are some of the responses. Just a reminder: We think we're funny and we wish to share our special brand of humor with the reader(s) out there. We're not out to offend anyone, but sometimes it happens and that's life. So please, take us with a grain of salt...better yet take us with ten grains of salt. And if you happen to take offense at this trifle of a column, that's fine. We don't care.

Dear Guys:

I work on campus, but I can't reveal the exact building. For the past three months, I've seen dead squirrels and raccoons being dragged into the back, and the next day, a mysterious meat substance is served. Do I have a moral obligation to report this?

— Worried in Walnut Creek

Worried,

You need to tell those freaks in Gatehouse to stop letting the biology students cook dinner on the bunson burners. We have Saga don't we? Oh...wait, uh...yeah, just get out of there and spread the word okay? And watch your back. The Man has undercover chefs everywhere. Thank you, citizen!

Dear TGWLN:

I'm an editor for the *Collegian*, and I have a huge problem. There are these two humor columnists who write for the paper, and I can't stand them any more. They keep on saying stupid words like "Shazbat," and they think they are soooooo clever, just because they're the most highly read section of the paper behind *Crime Beat*. The question is, should I fire them?

— Lollipop Lover in Lafayette

Lollipop,

We have no idea what you're talking about, but if we were editors for the *Collegian* we'd have much bigger things to worry about, like our terrorist propaganda or dodging The Man. Just take a nap, your problem will go away pretty quickly...we're sure of it...very sure.

Dear TGWLN:

Recently somebody made fun of my "puppet." I really like having him on display even though he's a little goofy-looking. I was so busy this Jan Term because of my job and all, but I still put a whole bunch of pictures of him on my door so everyone could see him. Then some girl just flat out trashes me for it! How should I respond?

- Jilted in January

Dear Jilted,

Well, whatever you do, don't write her some angry letter, reciting the first amendment. It makes you come off as ignorant and skirting the issue. Yes you do have a right to display pictures of your "puppet," but maybe an explanation of why he is a puppet would also be a good idea. People like you better when you defend your position instead of just throwing your biases in people's faces when you don't know what the hell you're talking about.

"People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid."

- Kierkegaard

Grad School Tests Don't Gauge Our College Success

By STEPHEN VERUTTI
Business Manager

Attention seniors! You may want to read this. I am in the same boat as so many of you, wondering whether or not I should go to graduate school, travel, or take the first job offer that comes my way. Now, I have decided to go for my MBA simply because it suits me best. I was dead set on graduate school, but I did not know where. I paid my 190-dollar test fee and was about to crack the books when a *Collegian* article crossed my desk. This article focused on a current issue in which educators are contemplating removing the SATs. Let's face it; the SATs are not a gauge of how well we do in college, nor do they prepare us for it. I began thinking: are graduate school admissions tests the same?

I cracked open a study guide for the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), the chosen test for those applying to business schools, and took a look. This test is broken up very much the same way as other graduate tests with a Critical Reasoning section. The first section is a series of essay questions followed by two multiple-choice sec-

tions. The entire test is three hours long.

As I looked at the sample questions I began thinking, "what a load of crap." The first question asked me to choose the statement about physiological and social behaviors in Weddell seals that supports a generalization about the animal. What about seals has anything to do with my ability to be analytical in a business sense? Also I should note that actual questions regarding classes which made up my business degree were few and far between in this section. I am not suggesting that questions about animal behavior or incidences in Peterson's disease do not exercise or challenge our analytical expertise, but it takes business majors out of their element. True, good analytical skills are a must in graduate school, but grad school tests evaluate raw skill and are not focused on the education the student has gained over the past four years. This negates or reduces the value of that undergraduate degree because our score does not reflect our actual ability. The test should gauge how comprehensive the student's foundation is in their chosen field is.

I skipped to the next part of the

test, the Quantitative section, which included questions from my geometry and trigonometry texts. These are both classes I took six years ago when I was in high school. I am not saying solid math skills are not important, but for a student who has been studying statistics and financial ratios, to have to remember this information is ridiculous. Yes, test our math skills, but within reason and context. I can calculate turnover ratios in my head in nanoseconds, but I cannot remember geometry rules or complex algebra. And to ask me to do so is illogical in that knowing geometry is of less importance in being a good CFO than if I wanted to be an architect or math teacher.

The only section that really made perfectly logical sense to me is the verbal comprehension section. If the GRE and LSAT are at all like the GMAT you need to truly prepare yourself. My suggestions to all of those considering graduate school is get going early. Don't spend 1,000 bucks on a crash course that will not help, but you should open up a study book available at our bookstore and read it, or take review classes at SMC if offered. It will prepare you for what they'll ask because it won't be what you'd expect.

Campus

Connection

Give the *Collegian* a Chance and Stop the Snickering

An article for every SMC student, faculty, and administrator

MICHELINE SABATTE

Executive Layout Manager

I am writing this piece because of the continued negative comments snickered about the *Collegian* by students, faculty, and administrators on campus. As a third-year staff member for the paper, I have heard many insults about the *Collegian*, many of which were unsubstantiated or offensive. For instance, people say: "The *Collegian* always misquotes people," and, "They never get the facts right." I am a true believer of accountability. If the *Collegian* makes a mistake, tell us about it. Write a "Letter to the Editor," e-mail us, call us, visit our office on second floor Ferroggiaro and tell us where and how we were wrong. Let us correct it. We cannot change the mistake if it is not brought to our attention. We print editorial corrections for any mistake that we make. That is our policy. Are these the same complaints that are being said about us?

Then there are the comments: "They never cover our events," and, "They do not report on what we are doing." How can we cover an event if we do not know it exists? We are not the all-knowing supreme mind-reading beings our critics think we are.

We need your help. If there is an event happening on campus, tell us about it beforehand. We will send a reporter and photographer to the

event if we are given proper notice. We would love press releases or even a one-paragraph e-mail about your event, so we can understand more about it and why it is important. This information can be dropped off to our post office box, to our office in Ferroggiaro, or sent to us by fax or e-mail.

Then there are the comments such as: "The *Collegian* is only interested in bashing the administration," and, "The *Collegian* is only looking for a scandal to print on page one." Do not continue to bring our name down in vain without understanding our cause. We represent Saint Mary's College, which includes all members of our community. Our primary audience is the students, but we do not neglect important faculty or administrative issues.

We have tackled faculty housing and salary in articles this year and have profiled and welcomed new administrators who have been hired. Yes, we have also covered some controversial issues. If sexual assaults happen and there are controversies with elections, then those stories will go on page one.

We do not look for scandals. We do not search to find dirt on an administrator. But we do feel it is important to report on something that is not being done correctly or fairly. We report news. Our job is to figure out the who, what, when, why, where, how, and so what of any story.

We are not perfect. Each day we are learning. Each week we are reporting, gathering information, writing, designing, and editing so that we can produce the newspaper. We spend countless hours in the office on deadline nights. We love serving our community by providing news and by providing a place where opinions can be expressed openly. We would not want this service to end because of the negative attitudes people have of the *Collegian*.

I'll end with this saying: Work with us and not against us. So if you have something to say about the *Collegian*, tell us about it. We encourage feedback on every issue. We can only improve with your comments. But when these comments are said without basis or behind closed doors, then our reputation is damaged. And everything that we work for is thrown away and insignificant. For a community like Saint Mary's, that values its members and the Lasallian tradition, we cannot let these negative comments continue.

Coming Next Issue: The second part in the "Campus Connection" series will deal with trusting the *Collegian* journalist. This article will explain the interview process of *Collegian* reporters.

Do have any comments about this article or any others in this publication? Please send them to collegia@stmarys-ca.edu by 5pm on Wednesday, May 9.

Collegian Editorial

After slaving away at your job for eight months, you don't get the long-awaited paycheck you have been expecting. How does that make you feel? Unmotivated? Exhausted? Cheated? Betrayed?

According to your boss, you didn't earn it. They reconsidered paying you just because it wasn't in their best interest. How would you feel if, in place of your salary, you received a letter that said, "The Board recognizes the time each student devotes to this medium that benefits the student body." Oh wait, that's the current situation the *Collegian* and Program Board have been experiencing with staff stipends.

The control in the Oval office does not solely lie in the hands of Mr. George W. Thank God. Can you imagine Dubya making every crucial decision that comes to his desk without consulting his cabinet of highly educated and experienced people? We didn't think so. The same goes for every institution throughout our nation.

Yet, right here in our community, we have an avalanche of unbalanced power. Who has the final word on campus issues? There are enough boards and committees on campus to confuse

even the most informed campus activist. How do we, as students, know whose word to trust, or on what level an issue will end?

When the Disciplinary Hearing Board makes a decision regarding a student crime, how do we know that their decision is final? What value does their word have, if it is possible for that decision to be overturned? The same can be said of other campus groups. When the 33-member Student Senate votes on an issue nearly unanimously, how is it that the Finance Board, with just four votes, has the power to overturn that student-represented Senate decision?

No matter what decision is made by the Senate, the Finance Board can overturn their ruling, which is what occurred during a recent decision regarding *Collegian* and Program Board stipends. The entire Senate voted 27-0-1, for the implementation of *Collegian* stipends (which we have raised money for ourselves), and a few weeks later, the Finance Board rejected the stipends, even though the stipends are constitutionally allowed. But now we cannot even claim our five cents an hour wage.

When decisions are made in the "best interest" of our community — they should be informed decisions. Leaders are leaders because people elect them, appoint them, and support them. It is these electors, the average student, who deserve to be consulted about decisions that will affect them.

When the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College vote via representation in Senate to reinstate stipends that have been in effect for the last 15 years, it only makes sense that this decision-making body has the final word. Their votes represent the 2,500 students of the College. Their votes have been based on formal consultation and professional presentations.

When the Finance Board (a group of appointed, *not elected* individuals, with a group of only four voters present) votes to overturn that Senate decision, *whose voice* is really being represented? Certainly not the voices of the students, who weren't consulted. Certainly not the voice of the organization who the decision affected.

Just who exactly is making the decisions that affect our lives? We're concerned. Shouldn't you be?

—THE COLLEGIAN STAFF

Making Choices: Your College Years are What You Make of Them

By JACKIE SMITH
Staff Writer

As I stopped to ponder the rather grueling admission process of college, I reflected upon how much time and effort I had put into choosing the institution that would initially begin my introduction into a higher level of education. As students approach the last five weeks of school, freshmen have begun evaluating their first year at Saint Mary's and whether or not it will be their last.

Unfortunately, over the past couple of weeks I have been sincerely disturbed by the negative comments I have heard and received from my fellow peers and friends. I have heard tons of chatter about transferring schools, unhappiness with social programs, boredom, and overall dissatisfaction with the rules of the school. I find it interesting that just after one year a student can make such general assumptions and accusations about an institution. Sure, I sympathize with the people who feel a need to be closer to home, or in general do not feel that Saint Mary's is a good match for them.

However, I do not feel all the whining and complaining is justified or necessary. I partly feel that much of the dissatisfaction on our campus within the freshman class is our preconceived notions. I think to a large extent the vast majority of us came to college looking for the times of our lives. We expect phenomenal parties, a great education, a beautiful campus, attractive people, good food, and an overall good time. Well hello everyone, welcome to LIFE! Life is never what we expect it to be, so why should college be any different. We come into college thinking that the institution is supposed to give us the best years of our life when in reality we have forgotten that establishments do not create happiness. Chances are, any college or university has the same or similar issues as Saint Mary's. Maybe their party scene is a little livelier, and their rules less strict, but I guarantee no college is a utopia.

I'm not saying any of this to upset people or cause any extreme amounts of uproar, I only wish for people to recognize the full meaning of their comments. I personally like the school. Sure there's some stuff I would

change, but that would be the case anywhere. I know this sounds cliché, "But school, like everything is what you make it." I understand if it is not the right fit for you, and maybe there are other things on your agenda. However, from one student to another, remember there are people that chose to go here, and are proud to attend this institution. Maybe we won't be given the right to brag about our parties, but somewhere along the lines we'll be thankful for the education that was given to us at this establishment. If you do not think you're getting a good education, then by all means leave, but if deep down your excuses are trivial and will not mean anything ten years from now, then reevaluate why you're at this institution and if you should remain, because personally I do not want anyone here that does not want to be here. If I do outgrow the school and find it is not the right place for me anymore then I too will hold myself to this creed. School is what you make it, if you're not satisfied then either stick it out and make the best, or leave. Regardless, Saint Mary's will continue to be a good institution, the question is, will you be here?

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actions and the backlash it will cause. Rape is murder. It kills the spirit. Saint Mary's is a religious institution that teaches preservation of the spirit. And as more and more people find out about this rape and others, the truth will come out and stronger action demanded.

JENNA SHIRAR
Class of 2003

Feminism Should Honor Differences

Dear Editor,
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to write one more letter in response to the questions being raised about the nature of feminism.

Kristin Anderson wrote a remarkable letter in your last issue regarding stereotypes and social roles. She elucidated what

I think to be two key truths of feminism. First, physiology does not determine whether or not a person can adequately fulfill social responsibilities and roles. Second, there is a fear that "focusing on differences can lead to differences of expectations and differences of privileges," i.e. inequality, and because of this fear we should strive for equality. What I think feminism fails to ask is whether or not these two truths are good.

We have all been taught from early on to glorify equality (I'm speaking in terms of equality of the sexes). It's in our water. But what is equality? Why do we want it/ it seems Anderson would say, with good motives, that equality would do away with differences of privileges and expectations, and hence, oppression. In other words, we want it in order to be free from oppression, hatred, etc. But in saying this, equality is only desired in negative terms. There is no content to it, just fear of

something. 'No,' one might say, 'I want equality so men and women can have equal opportunities, e.g. so that a man and a woman have equal chance to be a military officer or priest.' At first glance this seems to be a positive reason for equality. But upon closer inspection, this too is based on a negative principle: 'I want to be free from the oppressive structure that keeps me from fulfilling myself.' Can a call for equality be given that isn't grounded on a negative principle? Maybe not.

In terms of social responsibilities and roles, I'm not saying men can't be adequate caretakers and women can't be adequate breadwinners. What is not questioned though is whether or not it is good to simply be adequate. Adequacy gets the job done, and often gets it done well. Our society focuses on this. We want adequacy because it's possible. Excellency, on the other hand, isn't as easy. We don't

push excellency with much force for example, an A at Saint Mary's doesn't necessarily mean a student has done excellent work). In terms of males and females, is there a difference in our natures, something that is not socialized into us, that if we would only focus on it, this focus would lead us closer to excellency? It seems feminists would say no; for now, I think so. Perhaps we should honor differences instead of being afraid of them.

Many things are left unsaid

because my letter must remain short. If any readers would like to respond right away I can be emailed at noknow2002@yahoo.com. As part of our liberal education we should continuously search for the truth and question our opinions. As with most things, this is best accomplished if we work together.

TONY RISHELL
Class of 2002

IN THIS REALITY

By Sean Sullivan ♦ Staff Writer

What Really Should be on Gael TV

Since I can't find Gael TV on my television, and since I am not sure when they will be programming new shows, I have taken it upon myself to develop four new shows for the station based on pertinent community issues and concerns. These shows would be easy to produce, cheap to film, and increase community awareness. Plus, the school could charge advertisers and take the money to bail out PG&E.

COPS at Saint Mary's

Ride along with members of the Saint Mary's College Public Safety force as they deal with a variety of campus menaces. After all, this year they have had to deal with everything from a gunman on campus to a purse-snatcher in Galileo. Another fun element is the fact that you can watch your friend's car get booted and see your buddy's parties get broken up. It receives high ratings in the real world, why not here?

Weakest Link II: The Senate

This show really captures the essence of the Senate like no other show I have ever seen. The old C-SPAN-esque coverage of the Senate is dated, it's time for a new, interactive Senate that moves at the pace of today's world: *Weakest Link II: The Senate*. Replace even-tempered Greg Teshara with the British import hosting the original version of *Weakest Link* to raise the acidity level. Then watch as she berates Senators for not knowing Robert's Rules of Order, their times tables, the capital of Paraguay, and not passing enough resolutions. After that, at the end of each meeting, it's time to vote off the weakest link. The Senator who makes it to the end of the year gets to give out all of the money in the ASSMC budget for the next year. Seems fair, right? Plus, we'll have a new campus catch phrase, "You are the weakest link, goodbye."

Meet the Press: After Hours

Collegian Editor-in-Chief Lara Ballentine hosts a weekly roundtable discussion at Café Louis with newspaper columnists and community newsmakers. Important community officials, such as President Brother Craig Franz, Faculty Senate Chair Rebecca Carroll, and Senator Brian Dougherty, would discuss pertinent societal issues and their favorite drink recipes with Lara and her panel. Joining the Editor at the roundtable: Stephen Pelligrini and Anthony Stefanich, the "Two Guys with Long Names," presenting an ever-sarcastic view of the world; Mary Runolfson, from "Mary's Books 'n Crannies," to provide the perspective of the literate world; George Malachowski, with his well-known perspective on sports; Humor columnist Mark Myers, to lighten up the mood; and myself, representing "In This Reality," restricted to making comments only when given "the conch." Educationally intoxicating, just like SMC.

Gael TV Eyewitness News

The very latest news and information of the day, live from Moraga. Imagine the usefulness of this kind of programming. We could have live reports from the Registrar's Office during class schedule filing (just like tax day), ASSMC ballot recounts (just like in Florida), and campus protests and speak-outs (just like at the World Trade Organization talks). Like all other local newscasts, *Gael TV Eyewitness News* could serve to senselessly alarm viewers to completely innocuous threats at Saint Mary's.

Albany Waterfront Trail

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Art takes over Hobo Junction



DAMON TIGHE
Photo Editor

The dull lull of cars on I-80 buzzes in the background as the Golden Gate Race Track rises from the rubble that has helped create "Hobo Junction." Of course, this is not the name anymore, now that the homeless and anti-consumerists have been evicted. However, a new spirit brews on this man-made peninsula. The Albany Waterway, now covered with managed trails, is giving birth to art.

In the 80s, "Reagonomics" forced many to lose their jobs and homes. A large number of these homeless people began to inhabit the old industrial landfill on the edge of the Albany-Berkeley border. The squatters built homes among the twisted rebar, concrete and coyote scrub. Gardens were built at "Hobo Junction" to feed the community that thrived at the water's edge. June 15 of 1999 brought an end to this off-shoot of society when cops came in and evicted all of the inhabitants.

Following the trail that extends right out of Albany Street, bicycle sculptures, huts and other intriguing items of this not-so-long-ago past can be found. Most of the "junkyard" art created during the eighties has subsequently rusted and become overgrown with fennel and kikuya grass. Dropping into the amphitheater in the center of the peninsula that used to be home to open-air raves, one finds a mystical mix of strange constructions. It is as if the whole world had died and in its wake, rubble had become the only form art.

California poppies bleed their orange flowers over the cracked concrete that constructs the southern edge of the peninsula, but it is on the north side where new growth in art is beginning. Large paintings on plywood plaster the trail. Rocks around the water's edge have been unable to avoid the stroke of brushes and an arch of Styrofoam stands mighty and erect in front of a grounded boat. The dark paintings depict the debauchery of the race track, the destruction of the Bay and the various social scenes of the East Bay. Fluid strokes compliment uneasy material that has sometimes become textured by the use of dirt and other materials mixed in with the paint.

"Acid" is all a fisherman nearby could tell me about the pieces that scattered the coastline. The word "Snif" is incorporated into most of the works and flies high as the lone flag on the beached ship. The peninsula's art is constantly changing as the group or individual named "Snif" continues to add and elaborate on what is already there.



-- Photos by Damon Tighe --



U2 Takes It Higher!

“Elevation 2001” show shocks the crowd with new debuts, sexy singing, and a whole lotta love!

“Distance does not decide your brothers,” shouted Bono, just beats before the band launched into the prolific lyrics of “One”. Actually, distance decided nothing at the band’s final concert on April 20 in the Bay Area, as audience members throughout the San Jose Compaq Center came together in hype, song and dance to experience U2 as brothers rightly should. Flags were waved, and shared. Toilet paper tossed, and while Jesus may have walked on water, Bono took to the hands of his fans, strutting confidently across the outstretched palms of those fortunate enough to grab hold of his sole.

Friday night’s sold out “Elevation 2001” concert has been hailed by tried and true fans as being the best live performance ever delivered by the legendary Irish band. Though the band pleased fans the night before, Bono made it clear that the Friday show had no rivals: “Last night was very special, and tonight we’re gonna take it even further!”

And indeed, they did. Nobody in the arena knew what was about to happen. Nobody knew that they were about to experience pivotal “firsts” for a band that has been going strong for decades. Nobody knew that they, the chosen fans of the Bay Area, were to experience the debut of not one, but two songs never before played on a North American tour.

“We’ve never played this song in front of anyone,” mused Bono at the start of “Kite.” As Bono belted out in mystical power, “I’m a maaaaaan, I’m not a child,” the crowd answered at full dynamic “I know that this is not goodbye!”

Little did the crowd know, as Bono and the Edge strutted together around the point of the heart-shaped catwalk that was their throne, they were about to participate in the first performance of a Zooropa single on North American territory. Fans shared in an intimate moment of the band’s reprieve when Bono whispered to Edge, and in a flash, a stage manager magically appeared with yes, a lyric sheet for Bono’s aid. Ever bold and teasing in his way, Bono offered a sexy hush to nearby fans and raised a finger to his lips in a “shhh, don’t tell” motion. It was at this moment that American fans heard the first-ever live, acoustic performance of “Stay (Faraway So Close).”

The crowd was beside themselves, entranced by the breathy melody and tingling rhythms of the Edge. As the scintillating music charmed the crowd, Bono and the Edge went after each other as though in a slow motion catfight. The audience purred in delight.

But let us not forget the rest of the band. “You’ve probably heard that singers are divas, no. I’d like to introduce you to my three bosses,” said Bono, before Larry, Adam and the Edge approached the heart and wowed the crowd.

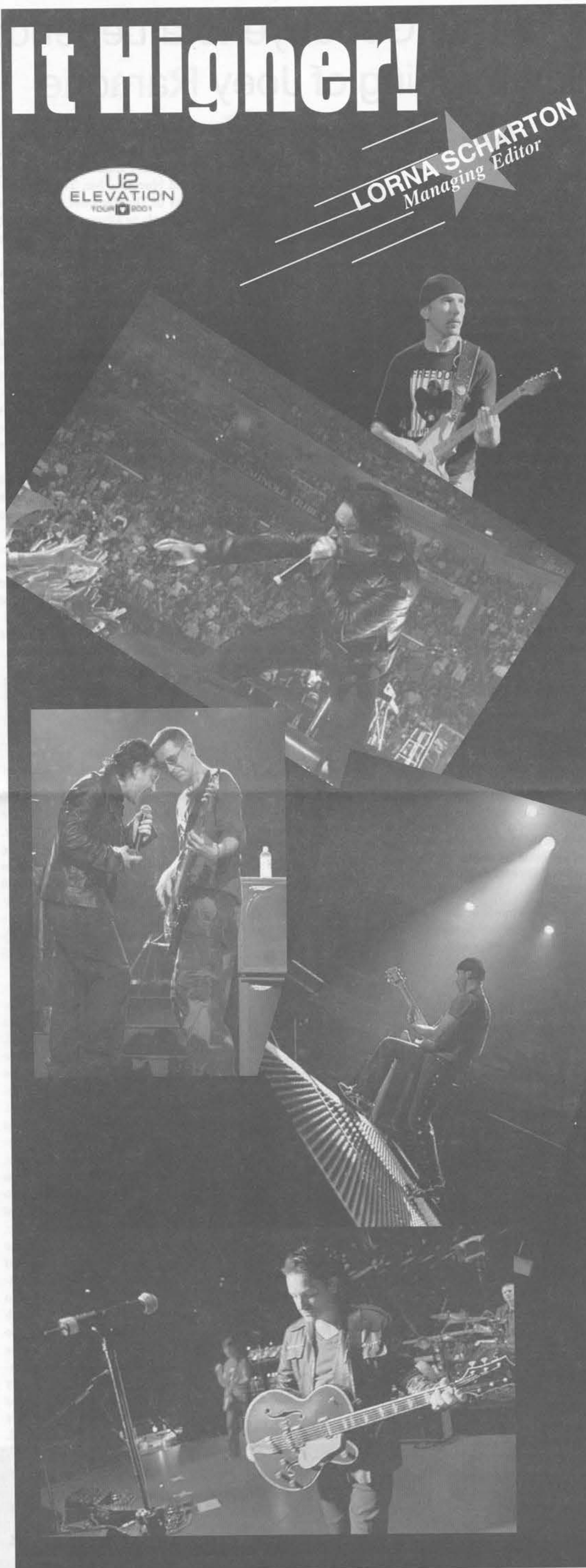
I won’t go into details about the set. Most of you who care were either at the concert, or don’t deserve to hear about everything that you missed. (Just know that you missed out on just about the most legendary performance of your lifetime.)

Other highlights of the show included Bono’s mad dash through the floor crowd after “The Fly,” which had his two body guards grunting and clearing the way for our bedecked-in-black star, and Bono’s mysterious lounging physique atop a film screen that ascended from the stage in “Mysterious Ways.”

Fans of the band know that the Irish originals are no sellouts – they make it clear from the beginning of every show that their heart is in it, for every minute of every day. The band will not let you forget their alliances: their support and participation for humanitarian movements such as “Cancel the Debt,” a movement to encourage countries like the US to cancel debts owed to them by third-world countries, so that the latter can spend what money they do have on education and healthcare for their people. The band made blatant statements against handgun possession during their song, “Bullet in a Blue Sky” as a 13-screen set-up displayed mocking images of Charlton Heston announcing his “credo” toward gun-rights.

The undaunted band professed to fans that their music was not in vain, that they were not distant to the cries of the unfortunate: “An entire continent is being flushed down the toilet, and no one gives a shit,” said Bono. It was at this point that Bono expressed to Bay Area fans that distance made no difference in brotherhood. While many bands may say prolific messages and encourage fans to make changes, U2 has gone beyond mere saying, and done the doing. U2 has been a major influence in the struggle for change in Irish politics, and has held its own in supporting and donating to causes throughout the world. The Elevation Tour features songs from U2’s “All That You Can’t Leave Behind” album.

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A Tearful Goodbye to a Legend: The Passing of Joey Ramone

GREG STANTON
Detour Editor

Although the fight over who started "punk rock," whether it be The Sex Pistols in England or The Ramones in America, still exists today, all heads were lowered and all voices were muted for the passing of the beloved front man of The Ramones. Joey Ramone died on April 15, at the age of 49, in a New York City hospital where he was being treated for cancer. He had been suffering for the past eight years of lymphatic cancer. Ramone, born Jeffrey Hyman, co-founded his band The Ramones in 1974 and had been rocking the minds of adolescent teens with his stripped-down speed-driven three-chord version of rock 'n' roll which started a whole new genera of music.

After the band's self-titled release in 1974, they began to tour all over the world. First stop, England. Unknowingly the band's stop in England would give birth to such great acts as The Sex Pis-

tols, and the The Ramones left their mark on the world.

With nearly 20 albums and even



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a film credit, the Ramones have conquered all areas of the entertainment world. A large feat, con-

sidering that when they first began the only place which would let them play was CBGB's, then a country and bluegrass bar. The discography of The Ramones would grow at nearly an album a year, and with each album released they received more and more acclaim.

After a service in his hometown, Ramone was laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery in Woodhurst, New Jersey, as a rabbi read the Mourner's Kaddish. In attendance was Joan Jett, Blondie members Debbie Harry and Chris Stein, former Ramones drummer Tommy Erdelyi, and other friends and family. A memorial event is being planned to celebrate what would have been Joey's 50th birthday in May.

Since the band broke up with the news of Ramone's condition in 1995; he had been working on a solo album for the past few years. Long-time Ramones producer, Daniel Rey, told MTV that the nearly-20-song disk will most likely be issued later this year. With the memory of nearly 20 albums to date, and almost 2,200 concerts the King of Punk's legend will live on.

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STEPHEN PELLIGRINI
Layout Designer

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (1998) Starring: Johnny Depp and Benicio Del Toro. Based upon the book by Hunter S. Thompson. Directed by Terry Gilliam.

Viewing this movie in any conventional sense would be a waste of your time. On the surface it is nothing more than two hours of an acid trip and a whole bunch of drug-induced violence. And, I'm not saying that's a bad thing, it's just not the movie's purpose. Ever hear of a little thing called the American Dream? Well Raoul Duke (Depp) and his attorney Dr. Gonzo (Del Toro) are off to find it and exploit the hell out of it over a three day weekend in Las Vegas. With them is a pharmacy's worth of illegal substances, not that they needed all those drugs for a simple three day trip, but when you get locked into a serious drug habit, the tendency is to take it as far as you can. Duke and Gonzo were having a pretty good time, living it up in LA, abusing dwarf waiters and tossing back a few cocktails, when they got the call from headquarters. Duke (a doctor of journalism) has been assigned to cover the Mint 400 desert motorcycle race in Vegas. There is no time to ponder this rotten assignment, just

enough time to get the hell out of LA for a couple of days, but they're going to need a fast car, Acapulco shirts and a tape recorder for special music...yeah baby.



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frenzy scenes are scenes of actual merit and thought, such as Duke flashing back to San Francisco for the 60s and the protests and drug culture. "And that, I think, was the handle -- that sense of inevitable victory over the forces of Old and Evil. Not in any mean or military sense; we didn't need that. Our energy would simply prevail. There was no point in fighting -- on our side or theirs. We had all

the momentum; we were riding the crest of a high and beautiful wave. So now, less than five years later, you can go up on a steep hill in Las Vegas and look West, and with the right kind of eyes you can almost see the high-water mark -- the place where the wave finally broke and rolled back." How cool is that?

Terry Gilliam cranks out yet another film that is a visually stunning combination of special effects and costume design (see *Brazil*, *12 Monkeys*). Especially notable are the shots of Duke and Gonzo in the car, barreling down the highways and the streets of Las Vegas. Del Toro is simply a genius in his work, once again transforming personalities and looks for this role, gaining almost 40 pounds. If you looked at snapshots of Del Toro from *The Usual Suspects*, *Fear and Loathing and Traffic* side by side, you wouldn't know it was the same actor...that's how good he is. And let's not forget the always-exciting-to-watch Johnny Depp who copied the mannerisms and speech of the real Hunter S. Thompson so perfectly, you'd think he was a clone. Their performances, combined with cameos from Tobey Maguire, Cameron Diaz, Christina Ricci and more, make this movie a truly raucous ride into the surreal.

Mary's Books 'n Crannies

By JACQUELINE REITER • Guest Cranny Writer

The Marquis de Fraud

"And they're off!" A beautiful track, fast horses and big casinos, everything they want you to see at the race track. The odds are up, you pick a horse and if you're lucky you hit the jackpot and go home feeling big. But what happens behind those nicely trimmed hedges and smoothly groomed horses? In *The Marquis de Fraud*, Philip Reed reveals there is a lot more than meets the eye.

Based on a true story, this riveting thriller takes us through the hills of San Francisco, into the stands of bay meadows and over to London for the chase. The story begins with horse trainer Cliff Dante, an expert looking to make some more cash with a "pin hook" deal that could bring in a large profit. He successfully brings in two more clients that could increase his profits in more ways than one. What he doesn't know is that one of his new clients has something else in store.

Dante thinks he's back on the top with a winning horse and a young colt that could sell for big bucks. Loving life he hooks up with two friends who increase his access to cash. Dan Van Berg, an insurance salesman from San Mateo and an old friend of Dante's, is looking to hit the big casino with horse racing. The third man is Malcolm Ravling, a Londoner with boyish good looks and just as much charm. He is a well-known investor, known as the miracle man, who successfully increases the profits for all his clients. Ravling, the biggest spender of all, sets the sights high for Van Berg and Dante. This could be their year.

However, the scene takes a turn for the worst with more twists. First looking for an opportunity to score big, the three end up in a story of revenge, greed and are left searching for justice. The chase takes them to England, where the schemes they predicted become uglier, much more complex and for some turn fatal. More people are involved and the stakes are stacked higher. With every turn, another person is "missing" and the walls are caving in on all that is left of Dante and his life back at the track. The conclusion is farther away than the reader might expect. Reed writes with so much suspense, the reader never knows what will come next. It's a page-turner that left me on the edge of my seat. Not only does *The Marquis de Fraud* enwrap you with its intensity, but knowing that in the back of your head it actually occurred brings an extra level of depth.

Author Philip Reed received the story line from a friend, Philip Leberherz who was involved in the true story. He is still racing horses at Golden Gate Fields. His daughter, Regan Leberherz, attends Saint Mary's and is a member of the Women's Lacrosse team. Mr. Leberherz has generously decided to donate a portion of the profits from the book to the Diane Alexis Whipple Foundation. With every book that is sold from the Saint Mary's bookstore, a portion will go directly to the foundation. *The Marquis de Fraud* will be at our bookstore in three weeks. Definitely a book to read, it brings suspense and energy right into your backyard.

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Renowned Cellist to Perform at SMC

LORNA SCHARTON ★ *Managing Editor*

Dawn Foster-Dodson, currently the Assistant Director of Chamber Ensembles at Saint Mary's, will bring her classical talents to campus on Wednesday, May 16, performing selections by Bach, Brahms, Vaughan Williams, and a jazz Sonata by David Baker. Accompanying her at the 8pm performance is Miles Graber.

"Music makes people get in touch with basic emotions," says Foster-Dodson. "It makes them feel sad, happy, remorseful, joyful and grateful to be alive. Music is like fresh air, a basic necessity to human life. Do you know anyone that doesn't need fresh air?"

Foster-Dodson has been hailed as a "true artist" by the San Francisco Examiner for her professional work. She has performed extensively with the San Francisco Opera, Chamber and Ballet Orchestras and with the Oakland Symphony. In addition to having soloed with the San Francisco Concert Orchestra (1997), and with the Oakland Youth Orchestra (1994), she has been a concerto soloist with the "Los Angeles African American Chamber Orchestra." She is currently working on her debut album with DoDee Records.

Foster-Dodson has performed with such artists as George Benson, Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Jessye Norman and many others. She graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in 1982 with a Bachelor's of Music degree.

Foster-Dodson was born in the East Bay and raised in Lafayette. For more information about the May 16 concert, please contact the Performing Arts Department.

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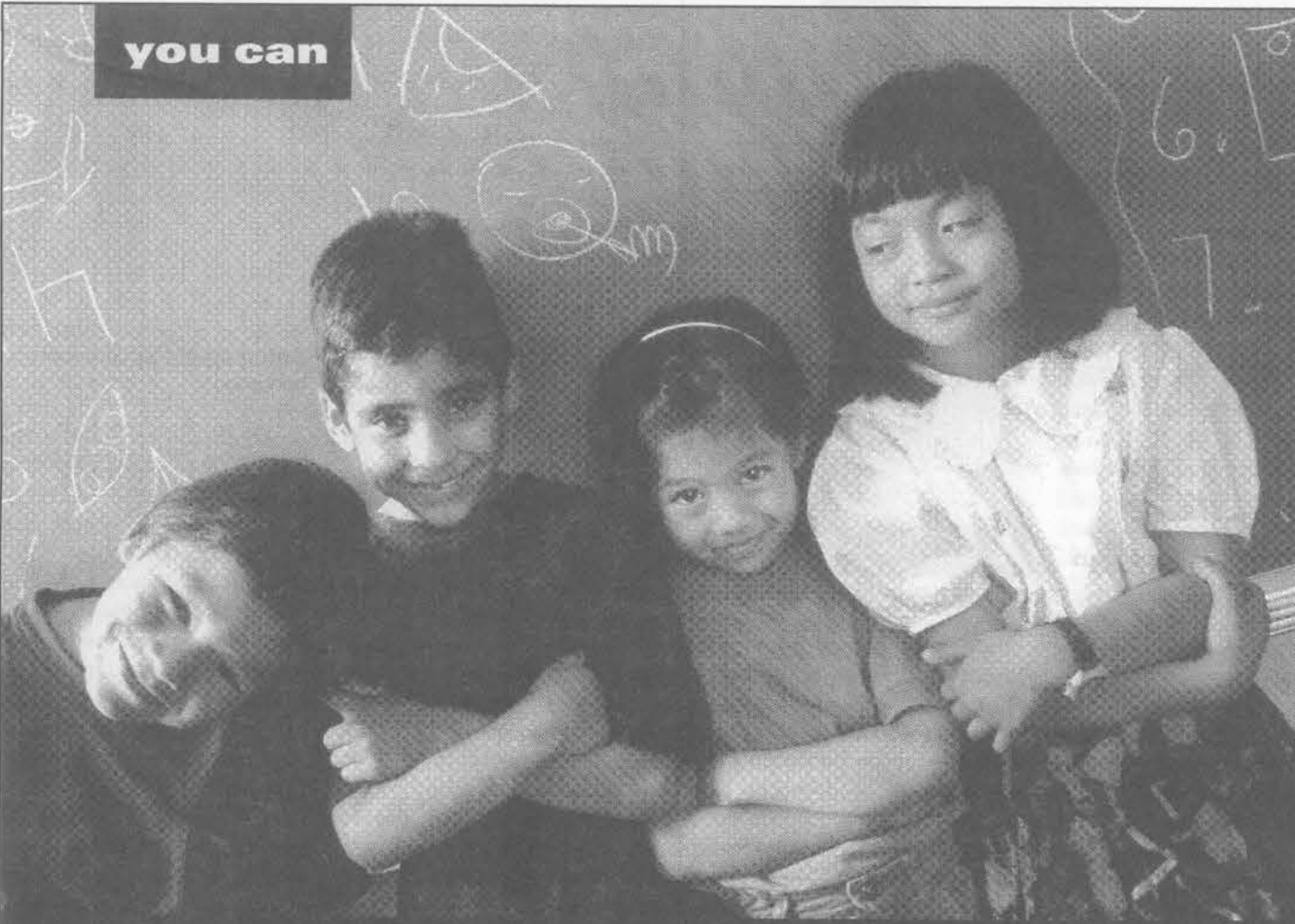
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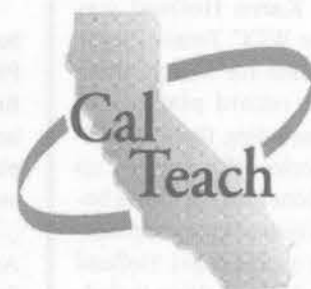
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Women's Basketball

Saint Mary's Signs Savannah

On April 11 Women's Basketball Head Coach Michelle Jacoby announced that Savannah Williams of Vallejo, CA signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for the Gaels next season.

The guard stands 5'10" and played on the Vallejo High School Varsity squad for four years. This past season she was named the Monticello Empire League Most Valuable Player. According to Grass Roots Scouting Service she is the 17th ranked high school guard in the nation. She will fill in for graduating Senior Hilary Parker departure Jacoby says, "By the end of her career she's going to be a tremendous basketball player."

Women's Soccer

Gaels Sign Takekawa

On April 17 Women's Soccer Head Coach Paul Ratcliffe announced that Sarah Rae Takekawa of Kailua, Hawaii signed a national letter of intent. The midfielder lettered four years at her high school and made the Oahu Interscholastic Association All Star First Team in 1999, 2000, and 2001.

As a senior she was selected First Team All-State, after garnering honorable mentions in 1999 and 2000. She also ran track and was named Kailua High School Most Outstanding Athlete for Girl's Track her senior year. She has also participated in the Olympic Development Program in 1999 and 2000 in Laramie, Wyoming, as well as being chosen for the Hawaii State Team for four consecutive years since 1997.

Ratcliffe commented, "She's a very good technical player, a versatile midfielder with the ability to score."

Tennis

Holland Holds Honor

Senior Karen Holland was named the WCC Tennis Player of the Month for March, posting a 7-2 record playing #1 singles, including three conference victories. Her stepped up play has benefited the Gaels because of a rash of injuries (please see article on this page). Holland faced tough competition including red-hot Gabriella Lundqvist of Sacramento State, who she defeated in straight sets. Holland's win over Lundqvist marked just the second loss for Lundqvist out of 11 matches to that point.

SPORTS

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Mens Crew Down to Two Members

Mass exodus occurred when coach pulled team from tournament

By **ANDREA CAMARENA**
Opinion Editor

The Saint Mary's Men's Crew team is now facing one of its toughest challenges of the season. Four days before the San Diego Crew Classic, four of the Men's Crew team's rowers permanently resigned after Coach Andrew Zolnay decided that the team would not go to the competition.

The team is now down to only two remaining rowers, Freshman Dan Tichenor and Senior team captain Yon-Teo Seeger. Tichenor and Seeger are continuing to practice and hope to still compete. Zolnay's decision was based on the skill level of the teams that they would have to race against at the meet, including UC Berke-



Two crew members ready a boat for practice.

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ley, whose finishing time at the meet was several minutes faster than Saint Mary's best time so far this season.

Zolnay and Seeger will each be racing in single boats for the remainder of the season, "I continue

along without them, we'll be racing in races further down the road. We aren't ready for races right now, because we are inexperienced in the singles, but we will be racing the later races," stated Tichenor. The team has rearranged its prac-

tice schedule to more convenient afternoon times, but is continuing its usual land and water workouts.

Though it is now considerably smaller, the team will remain a team and finish up its season.

Women's Tennis Down, But Certainly Not Out

By **JOSH FARLEY**
Staff Writer

If you have been out to the courts lately to cheer on the Women's Tennis team, you may have noticed something unusual --the Gaels do not have all of their starting spots filled. This is an unfortunate circumstance caused by the many injuries the team has endured this year.

Since Junior Lindsay Herndon Ortega, Sophomore Cata Fillol, and Sophomore Kristen Poppert were all out for prolonged periods during the season, the Gael squad was often forced to forfeit their number three doubles and number six singles match.

With no margin for error, the rest of the team would have to be nearly flawless in order to win matches. Although team success has been hard to come by, there is great reason to celebrate when looking at the individual records of those who competed.

Senior Karen Holland, from Auburn, California, was named WCC Player of the Month for March, finishing with a 7-2 record and an undefeated mark in conference play. She currently boasts a 12-3 record.

The always-gritty Sophomore Annie Wolford, from Truckee, California, refuses to see her season ended by a plethora of injuries. She won the tie-breaking match over San Jose State for one of the biggest wins of the season, as well as recording the Gaels' lone win versus UC Santa Barbara this year at the number two position.



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Sophomore Heather Snow, from Winters, California, has posted a 5-2 mark at the number two spot, and during a match last week versus UC Riverside, pulled out a 12-10 match in the third-set super tie-breaker.

Freshman Valerie Verrier, from Montreal, Canada, has a 6-3 record at number four, and her passion for the game will only serve to improve the Gaels over the next three seasons. Having those injured players consistently in the lineup could have made for a much-improved season, but there is no need to fret about the past.

With proven winners in the lineup and the possible comebacks by those injured players, the Gaels definitely have something to look forward to when they head to San Diego this weekend for the WCC Tournament.

Arvind Stokes Helps Lift Gaels Over Idaho 4-3

By **JOSH FARLEY**
Staff Writer

Men's Tennis is no stranger to injury, as the past three years have evidenced with several top players out of action. A demanding spring season, as well as hard training in the fall, can wear very much on a player's body, and the team must be able to compensate by shuffling its lineup and using extra players to fill the role of an injured teammate when needed. In Reno, on Easter Sunday, Senior Arvind Stokes did just that.

With a nagging back injury in addition to a severe head cold, Junior Arturo Planell was forced to sit out of his matches in both singles and doubles. With tough opponents at the University of Idaho, Sunday's match was to be no walkover. Especially in the wake of Planell's absence, the Gaels would have to fight tooth and nail to get a victory.

After a rigorous fight for the doubles point, the Gaels emerged with a 9-8 (7-4) victory by Sophomore Thomas Burgemeister and Freshman Filip Sarovic in the deciding match. The six singles matches would go down to the wire as well, and the Gaels would have crucial wins from Sarovic and Senior Richie Thomson.

With match score tied 3-3, it would be up to the player at the number six position, and indeed, the player who was Planell's substitute on the day, who would match. Down 5-2 in the third set, Arvind Stokes had the team on his shoulders.



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Senior Arvind Stokes swings into action.

Stokes, the 5-10 crafty right-hander from Eureka, California, is no stranger to pressure, however. In his sophomore year, he held a team best 13-3 record on the year at the five and six spots, using his grinding style of play to wear his opponents down. Now in his senior season, Arvind still displays flair and high emotion, which his teammates can't help but admire. And in the situation, having his team cheering him on, Arvind regained control of the match, and even faced match points along the way. He went on a tear, winning five straight games to win the decisive set 7-5.

For Arvind (known as "Kumar," his middle name, to his teammates), the win could not have been sweeter. Beating Idaho brings about more implications of a possible national ranking, and puts the Gaels at 13-7 overall, with high confidence heading into the conference tournament.

THE WCC TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS OCCUR APRIL 27-29 AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY.

SPORTS

Crew Battles Mother Nature in San Diego

Team reaches third final before rain cancellation



By JACKIE SMITH
Staff Writer

Two weekends ago on April 14-15, the Saint Mary's Women's rowing team headed off to Southern California to participate in the San Diego Crew Classic. Although the weather posed a serious threat and there was intense competition facing the Gaels, both the Varsity and Novice teams worked hard and delivered outstanding performances at the San Diego Regatta.

The Varsity fought some tough weather obstacles on Saturday, as well as some fierce competition. They raced top teams from Kansas State, Tennessee, and UC Davis. Saint Mary's stayed neck and neck with all of the teams until the 750m mark, and then started to fall behind.

The Saint Mary's Women completed the race with a fifth-place finish, beating out Rice University and rival Santa Clara. The Varsity team advanced to the third final, but unfortunately, due to weather

conditions, their race was cancelled. Despite the harsh weather factors and fierce competition, the Varsity eight managed to beat last year's time by eight seconds, making it their best time in San Diego.

Like Varsity, the Novice faced tough obstacles. The weather conditions did not permit favorable conditions for racing. Since the weather was extremely windy- to the point of producing white caps on the water- the novice team's first race was delayed by five hours. Not to mention the inconsiderate attitudes of fellow competitor Virginia, who slyly cut off the Saint Mary's boat before the race.

The girls leaped ahead and advanced past the other teams quickly, but were unfortunately called back due to a false start by Virginia. The second time, all of the teams had good starts from the takeoff. The race was tied up until the 500m, when Washington and Virginia made their advance to eventually take first and second place.

The Novice eight placed sixth,

ahead of conference rival UC Davis. Like Varsity, Novice advanced to the third final, but was not permitted to race because of the weather.

Novice Crew Rower Christina Dominici commented on the events at the Crew classic. "We were disappointed that the weather conditions prevented us from racing in any final; we were all extremely eager to prove how hard we had been working."

This race marked the first time that Novice Coach Stephanie Maybee had a novice team that qualified for finals. Hopefully, in the upcoming races weather will not be a problem for our Saint Mary's Women's Rowing team.

Despite the weather setbacks, Women's Rowing is not giving up. The girls are even more determined to work hard and as a united team. They're currently in the process of gearing up for their next major event, which is the WIRA Championship, and for the WCC Conference Championship on April 28-29th at Lake Natoma in Sacramento.

Golf Team Finishes Sixth Place in WCC

Championship Won By Pepperdine

By GEORGE MALACHOWSKI
Sports Editor

A Gael squad looking to improve from 2000's last-place finish at the WCC Championships landed sixth out of eight spots. The tournament rounds up a season that saw improvement.

Junior Parke Jacquay led the Gaels at Saint Mary's, landing a 12th place finish by shooting ten over par with scores of 72-82-72 (par was 72) over three rounds. Freshman John Chirila also finished in the top 20; he finished tied for 19th with scores of 78, 80, and 72.

Junior Joey Morstad, Senior Garret Deal, and Sophomore Brent Jensen rounded out the five Gaels that attended the tournament. Morstad finished 25th, Jensen placed 29th, and Jensen earned 33rd place.

Pepperdine won its ninth WCC Men's Golf Championship and was led by Freshman Randy Creighton, who shot 3 under par for the tournament. USF garnered second place honors, followed by Portland, Santa Clara, and San Diego.

The Gaels had success this season, winning the Division I flight of the George Buzzini, Sr. Invitational and placing sixth out of 20 teams. Jensen led the Gaels, shoot-

ing four over par for the tournament. At the Otter Invitational, the Gaels placed ninth and Jacquay shot eight over par, finishing 3rd overall.

Saint Mary's also did well at the Portland Springs Invitational, placing 4th out of twelve teams. Jacquay succeeded again, finishing ten strokes off the lead for a tenth place finish.



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Pepperdine Freshman Randy Creighton swings into victory at the WCC Championships.

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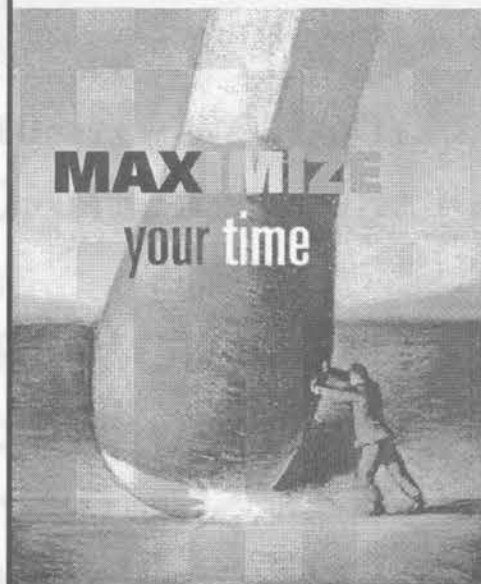
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San Francisco	15*
April 14	
Saint Mary's	6
San Francisco	9*
April 17	
Saint Mary's	10*
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Saint Mary's	3
Gonzaga	13*
April 21	
Saint Mary's	1
Gonzaga	6*
April 22	
Saint Mary's	0
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Men's Tennis

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Utah	5*
April 8	
Saint Mary's	5*
Pacific	2
April 14	
Saint Mary's	5*
Nevada	2
April 15	
Saint Mary's	4*
Idaho	3
April 20	
Saint Mary's	Results
Portland	Not Available

Overall record: 13-7

Men's Lacrosse

April 1	
Saint Mary's	19*
Reno	6
April 1	
Saint Mary's	16*
Pacific	0

Overall Record: 6-5

Men's Golf

April 16-17

WCC Championship
6th/8
Top Finishers:
Parke Jacquay 12th place
John Chirilla 19th place
Joey Morstad 25th place
Garrett Deal 29th place
Brent Jensen 33rd place
(There were 40 competitors)

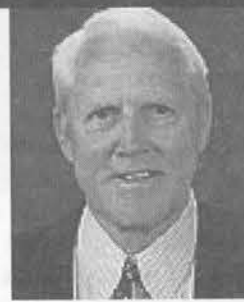
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Sports Guru

By JOEL BRILLANT ♦ Staff Writer



The Man With The Plan:
Bill Walsh makes his final NFL draft

With the 2001 NFL draft behind us, Bill Walsh one more stab at rebuilding a disastrous 49ers squad. If you think this is an impossible task, Walsh did accomplish this goal in 1979 after the team went 2-14. By taking over the 49ers' operations, Walsh led them to the Super Bowl just three years later. After building one of the most successful NFL teams over the last two decades, we can only hope he can do it one more time in 2001.

Walsh, who has a keen ability to evaluate talent, drafted Joe Montana and Dwight Clark in 1979, Ronnie Lott in 1981, and Jerry Rice in 1985. All of these players were key contributors to the success of this franchise. Last year, Walsh fo-

cused on defense, drafting Outside Linebacker Julian Peterson, Cornerbacks Ahmed Plummer, and Jason Webster, and Defensive Lineman John Engelberger. All four of these players have the potential to be pro-bowlers. In 2001, Walsh's focus shifts to offense after losing Pro-Bowl Running back Charlie Garner-or does it?

Apparently, Walsh still believes in the old saying "Defense Wins Championships," and overlooked his need for a Running back, moving up two spots in the first round to draft Defensive End Andre Carter with the number seven pick overall. Carter, a 6-5, 250-pound monster, has a ruthless work ethic and the unusual speed of a Run-

ning back. This combination is so rare, Walsh went out on a limb saying, "I consider him one of the best picks in recent history." This is the same man who drafted the best Quarterback of all time in Joe Montana, and the best Wide Receiver to ever play the game in Jerry Rice. If Walsh is right, and the 49ers drafted another superstar, who will redefine the game, the 49ers are on the road to success. With their young defense, the 49ers' future can only get better, but what about their hole at Running back? If you asked Walsh, he would probably tell you that you could put anybody back there, including "He Hate Me," because offense doesn't win.

From the Sports Desk...

New Basketball Coach is No Paul Westphal

By GEORGE MALACHOWSKI
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's hired a new head coach to resurrect the woeful men's basketball program two weeks ago. His name is Randy Bennett and he seemed like a decent sort, a tad nervous in his press conference, but he is a fresh face to Gael Athletics and he has nowhere to go but up.

However, after seeing this glimmer of hope for the basketball program, I was reminded that Saint Mary's has a long way to go before it becomes respected.

The day after the press conference, I read an article in the *Contra Costa Times* by Eric Gilmore about the new hire, "The Gaels Got the Best for their Money." The gist of the article was that Saint Mary's is a small school without a lot of money, and had limited options.

This, of course, is played out by the last three head coaching announcements (Ernie Kent, Dave Bollwinkel, and Bennett) because none of these men had head coaching experience before they were hired here. Saint Mary's is forced to take a flyer on unproven coaches because they can not afford someone with head coaching experience.

This idea was thrown in my face even more when I heard a week later that Pepperdine hired Paul Westphal to head their team. He has coached in the NBA for the Phoenix Suns and the Seattle SuperSonics; and he will be an instant attraction to recruits.

Can the same be said for Bennett? Obviously not; he will have to rely on his recruiting skills and luck to attract top-flight recruits. If he cannot do this he will have to make this team succeed through coaching.

How the team recruits will rely largely on luck, and the team will have to hunt for talent. Can they find another Eric Schraeder or someone with Brad Millard's size? It is an uphill battle that the Gaels have been losing in recent years.

Next year's Gaels will be better, but the team will probably remain mediocre, and will be for the foreseeable future. Saint Mary's just doesn't have enough talent. I can't see them competing with the talent that Gonzaga and Pepperdine possess.

They will not challenge for the WCC Title, unless they get lucky with recruiting or Bennett is the next John Wooden. Time, of course, will answer all these questions and prove whether Bennett is the next Kent- who lead the Gaels to the NCAA's-or the next Bollwinkel.

Until then, I will be haunted by the fact that Pepperdine can hire Westphal, while Saint Mary's relies on the unproven Bennett.

THE WAY i SEE IT

By MATT HOFER ♦ Staff Writer

For the better part of his career with the Giants, Barry Bonds has been under intense pressure. Going on nine years now, he's been constantly probed by local media. On the nights when he doesn't feel like talking, it's because he's an arrogant ballplayer and when he does talk, everyone takes it for granted.

Since becoming only the 17th player in Major League history to hit 500 home runs, I have heard only positives about the guy. And why shouldn't I? Doesn't the Bay Area know that they're watching one of the greatest baseball players who has ever played?

Yeah that's right, I said it. "One of the greatest baseball players who has ever played." That puts Barry Bonds in very select company, and I'm prepared to defend it.

With Bonds just hitting home run #500 (#501 coming the following night) he needs only 28 stolen bases to become the first man in history to tally 500 home runs and 500 stolen bases in his career. No one else in baseball history is anywhere near that record. How far down is his nearest challenger? Put it this way, Bonds is the only player in history to reach a stolen base and home run count of 400, and only three others have gotten to 300-300. Bonds is so far ahead of

the rest of the competition, it's ridiculous.

Is Bonds arrogant? Sure, to some degree. But so are the majority of the players throughout the league. He could be worse - He could be Gary Sheffield. Yet I still think the Bay Area under-appreciates Bonds. People need to realize what they're watching every time he saunters out to left field. They're watching the greatest ballplayer I've ever laid eyes on. That is the pedestal Bonds should stand upon. Time will tell... Grandfathers will soon tell stories about the great Barry Bonds, and remember the pedestal they put him on.

Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows

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will discuss

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Wednesday, April 25

7:30pm

Soda Center

Reception Following

SPORTS

Two Pitching Powerhouses

Softball's two starting freshmen pitchers

Q&A

By NICOLE FARACLAS
Staff Writer

This year's softball team is led on the mound by two freshmen, Jennifer Eaton and Sara Wiedlin. While both are newcomers to college ball, neither are amateurs in the game of softball. As of March 14, Eaton and Wiedlin have each appeared in 23 games and have amassed solid win/loss percentages of .474 and .524, respectively. They each also boast a high number of strikeouts, Wiedlin with 96 and Eaton with 73.

How long have you been playing softball?

I have been playing softball for 15 years. I started when I was five. - Sara Wiedlin

I have been playing since I was six, so for about 13 years. - Jennifer Eaton

What made you choose to attend Saint Mary's College?

I chose Saint Mary's because it was small, Catholic, has an excellent academic reputation, and is close to home.

-Sara Wiedlin

There were a lot of reasons I chose Saint Mary's, including the beautiful campus and the fact it is located close to my home. It also has such a good academic reputation and best of all I really liked the softball program and coaches.

-Jennifer Eaton

Have you chosen a major? If so what is it? If not, what are you leaning towards majoring in?

I am leaning towards a nursing or pre-med major. -Sara Wiedlin

My major is liberal and civic studies; I want to become a teacher. -Jennifer Eaton

Do you have any special interests outside of softball?

I love to play classical music on the piano. -Sara Wiedlin

Outside softball I like to spend time with family and friends, and whenever possible, be around little kids. -Jennifer Eaton

What is it like to be a starting pitcher as a freshman?

At first it was really scary because I thought the players on the other teams were a lot bigger and older than me and could hit the ball really hard. It took me a while to get used to playing at the collegiate level. The hitters in college are much better than in high school and travel ball. You have to be a lot smarter and [more] careful about throwing to the batters. It's definitely more of a challenge. -Sara Wiedlin

It's really exciting being a freshman pitcher and it is also at times a lot of pressure, but I think that's why I love it so much because of all the challenges that come with it. -Jennifer Eaton

What do you enjoy the most about playing softball?

I absolutely love being around my teammates. I feel like I gained 20 sisters this year. I have so much fun goofing around with them, as well as playing with them. -Sara Wiedlin

All the friends I've made and gotten to know. Most of my best friends I've made on the softball field and the time we share together as a team is always so much fun. -Jennifer Eaton

What is the hardest part about playing softball?

It is really hard to balance your time between softball and academics. Both require a lot of time and energy. -Sara Wiedlin

When I get in a slump and know I'm not pitching my best. I feel as if I am letting the team down and that is definitely the hardest part on me. -Jennifer Eaton

What team would you like to beat the most this season?

I would love to beat Cal Berkeley and Santa Clara this year. -Sara Wiedlin

I would love to beat Stanford. That would feel pretty good! -Jennifer Eaton

Rammel Hopes to Turn Around Program

Coach has been successful at every level

By GEORGE MALACHOWSKI
Sports Editor

Stephen Rammel has tasted success at nearly every aspect of soccer, whether reaching the Championship game when he played at Rutgers, winning the MLS Cup when playing for DC United, or helping UCLA to three straight NCAA Tournament appearances as an assistant coach.

However, Rammel is in a whole new ball game since he took over the head coaching position for the men's soccer team. By his own admission, he "didn't know much about Saint Mary's, but I knew it was in a good conference [the WCC]." In taking this job he has the task of turning around a program that has a 28-46-3 overall record, 6-17-1 in the WCC over the last four years.

Although Rammel is still evaluating his players, he immediately recognized that he has "a good group of guys willing to battle." He hopes to mold these players so they can compete for the WCC title and generally "turn Saint Mary's into a successful program." However, "this is not going to happen overnight," Rammel commented.

In the longer run, he would like the program to play in the NCAA tournament and allow players to play professionally.

Rammel has had experience playing under and coaching with successful coaches such as Bruce

Arena, who made DC United into a powerhouse in MLS and is currently guiding the US National team. "Bruce Arena knew how to win and allowed players to play to their strengths," comments Rammel. One technique that he will take away from playing for Arena is competitive training sessions.

The Gael's new head coach hopes to "build on the good things here" and already sees that his players have a great amount of versatility. He will get to evaluate the team in competition during the spring season as they face a semi-pro team on April 25 on Garaventa Field at 6:30pm, and UC Santa Cruz on May 5th in Santa Cruz at 11am.

Soccer Spring Schedule

MEN

April 25
Semi-Pro 6:30pm
Garaventa Field

May 5
UC Santa Cruz 11am
Santa Cruz

WOMEN

April 29
Berkeley 7v7 Tournament
8am-6pm
Berkeley

May 12
Stanford TBA
Stanford

BENNETT: New coach

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Holland, and most currently under Lorenzo Romar (a former Golden State Warrior) at Saint Louis University.

Bennett faces an uphill battle as the men's basketball program has had only two winning seasons in the past 12 years. Added to that is the dilemma of having three scholarships left for this year; the late signing period began April 11. He commented, "Obviously it is not ideal. It's late and in recruiting now, everything

happens early."

Another battle is to get people into McKeon Pavillion, which he believes is especially important for a program's success. But to get students involved, "Players need to be a good representation of them. You also need a product that they [the students] like."

Athletic Director Carl Clapp called Bennett the "total package," and explained that he hired him because of his "ability to succeed in his recruiting, leadership, outstanding mentoring skills, and experience in the WCC."

SCOREBoard

Women's Tennis

April 9	
Saint Mary's	2
CS Fullerton	4*
April 10	
Saint Mary's	1
CS Northridge	5*
April 11	
Saint Mary's	2
Loyola Marymount	5*
April 12	
Saint Mary's	1
UC Irvine	6*
April 19	
Saint Mary's	2
Pacific	5*
April 21	
Saint Mary's	Results
Santa Clara	Not Available

Overall record: 5-14

Women's Lacrosse

April 5	
Saint Mary's	7
UC Davis	8*
April 9	
Saint Mary's	12*
University of Denver	8
April 10	
Saint Mary's	13*
Regis	4
April 11	
Saint Mary's	10*
Colorado College	5
April 14	
Saint Mary's	6
Cal	15*
April 18	
Saint Mary's	7
Stanford	15*

Overall record: 6-7
WWLL Record 1-5

Women's Softball

April 4	
Saint Mary's	0
Pacific	11*
April 4	
Saint Mary's	2
Pacific	3*
April 5	
Saint Mary's	0
Oregon State	6*
April 7	
Saint Mary's	6*
University of San Diego	5
April 7	
Saint Mary's	5
University of San Diego	6*
April 10	
Saint Mary's	2
University of San Diego	3*
April 10	
Saint Mary's	10*
University of San Diego	4
April 11	
Saint Mary's	0
San Diego State	1*
April 11	
Saint Mary's	3*
San Diego State	2
April 13	
Saint Mary's	2
UC Riverside	3*
April 13	
Saint Mary's	9*
UC Riverside	1
April 18	
Saint Mary's	Results
San Jose State	Not Available

Overall Record: 21-24

Baseball Squad Hopes to Gain Some Ground

By GEORGE MALACHOWSKI
Sports Editor

The baseball team is seven games under .500 in the WCC after being swept by the Gonzaga Bulldogs 13-3, 6-1, and 9-0.

The Gaels have only won three of their last ten games, beating Loyola Marymount twice and Cal once. Their results place them second to last in the West Division of the WCC.

Sophomore Mark Teahan leads the team in several key categories with a .355 average, a .457 slugging percentage, a .462 on-base percentage, 27 RBI, and 49 hits.

However, Teahan's efforts have

not been enough, as the team is only hitting .261. Besides the team's hitting woes, the staff ERA is 6.04.

The Gaels face 12 WCC opponents and San Jose State in the next month before the head to the WCC Tournament May 18-20.

The Gaels will have to go on a tear to make up ground in their division. They face San Diego and Pepperdine in three game stands; both teams are ahead of the Gaels in their division with substantial leads.

Saint Mary's faces Portland April 27-29 at Louis Guisto Field and travels to San Diego May 11-13 to face the Pilots.

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By LORNA SCHARTON

men's

The men's lacrosse team is winding up their season with success after landing a shut-out victory this past Saturday against the University of the Pacific, 16-0. The game proved that the team has mastered what it takes to dominate and obliterate fierce competitors with ease. They will take to the Division Championships this Saturday.

Their record has been steadily improving throughout the season – a notable win occurred in Reno, when the Saint Mary's team earned victory despite challenging environmental conditions. At their recent game against UOP, the Gaels were led by Sophomore Justin Fritzsche, who scored four goals and had two assists. It was a breakout game for him, and he earned the game-ball for his accomplishments.

The team won the Division B Northern section of the West Coast Lacrosse League, and will head into Division Championships this Saturday in Davis to battle for the Division Title. Come out and support the Gaels!

By JACQUELINE REITER

women's

After their second loss to Stanford 15-7, the women's lacrosse team is getting pumped and ready for their third and final chance at beating the Cardinals. Seated fourth in their division, the Gaels face the number one seed, the Stanford Cardinals on Saturday April 28. The winner will then play in the Final Four Championship the following weekend against the winner of the game between Cal and Davis.

On April 14, the Gaels took another defeat from the Bears 15-6. After coming back from a clean sweep in Colorado, Saint Mary's was looking forward to a challenging game against Cal, instead the Gaels finished with a tough loss. Cal ended the first half with a five-goal run and held the lead for the rest of the game. Saint Mary's were able to score only two more goals the second half.

The Gaels traveled to Colorado over the Easter Break and came back with three wins against University of Denver, Regis University and Colorado College. Despite drastic changes in the weather, one day it was sunny while the next there were blizzard warnings, the Gaels adjusted and dominated all three teams.



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