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Newscast sparks outrage

KGO-TV alleges inadequacies in Saint Mary's policy

by **Chris Swain**
News Editor

An investigative report that aired on Channel 7 last Tuesday harshly criticized Saint Mary's College and Brother Jack Curran for allegedly "trying to cover up a serious problem with sexual assault."

Dan Noyes, an investigative reporter for the ABC7 "I-Team," rehashed memories of the sexual assaults of two women and the dilemmas they faced when dealing with the College's disciplinary policy for their attackers.

Former student Kate Malone and a female identified as "Cindy" each told their stories, remembering what they thought happened to them during and after their assaults.

Both went on to explain the sanctions that their attackers received which, according to Noyes, they felt were completely inadequate.



Photo by Nick Sylva

Br. Jack Curran responds to student questions at a campus conversation on Nov. 20.

Mary McCall, SMC's former dean of student development, informed the *Collegian* after the broadcast that only sanctions directly concerning the victim are told to the victim, and that victims rarely know the full list of sanctions that the disciplinary hearing board gives out.

"If you are banned from campus other than for classes, a victim doesn't know that, because it has nothing to do with them," said McCall. "If it's not related to the victim, then you don't

ally know what happens.

"The rest of campus is left to speculation when there's no one that can know except the assailant."

When Noyes came to campus for the first time on Tuesday, see **REPORT**, pg 3

Allegations leave community stunned

by **Josh Farley**
Editor-in-Chief

Has Saint Mary's expelled students for sexual assault? Does the College notify its campus community when a potential rapist is on the loose? Do administrative officials alter statistics to help maintain the school's reputation? And does the administration listen to our concerns as students?

From those who feel that their college is a victim of sensationalist journalism to those who consider the KGO-TV newscast a call to action, everyone is searching for answers.

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One concern that came out of last Wednesday's "campus conversation" with administrators and students was over lack of communication between students and policymakers. Communication wavers in terms of the lack of notification about alleged sexual assaults.

"What I heard loud and clear is that students are afraid," said Dean of Student Development Mary Spellman, "and they want to know this is a place that listens to their concerns, and that this is a place that will support them."

Spellman is establishing a

new sexual assault policy committee, with members from the Women's Resource Center, Residence Life, the student body, faculty, and other community members, that will examine sexual assault and inappropriate sexual behavior policies at SMC.

"We have a lot of work to do," Spellman said.

Communication must also be in the form of educational programs, according to SMC senior and former hunger strike participant Abby Volk.

"We talk as a community, but do we actually understand what sexual assault is? What consent is? I don't think we do," said Volk. "Not all cases of sexual assault are when someone is forcibly raped."

Laura Armstrong, the coordinator for the Women's Resource Center, raises concerns about the actual nature of communication at the College.

"[SMC] is like a high school—words get twisted around by faculty and students, and no one bothers to go the direct source and ask real questions."

But right-to-privacy acts, such as FERPA and the Clery Act (please see page 5), make official College communica-

tions highly restricted, which leads SMC community members to rely on rumors as their main source of information. However, it was brought up at the campus conversation that some colleges do report alleged rapes for the sake of campus safety.

"I know there are ways of [notification] that do not violate rights of privacy," says Steve Nygaard, Dean of Campus Life. "I'm interested in hearing about those ways."

Dean Spellman was able to confirm that there have been five alleged rapes in the past year at SMC. The *Collegian* has also learned there have been alleged rapes on each of the past two weekends.

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Brother Jack Curran, SMC's vice president for student affairs, says that the College does not alter statistics to preserve its reputation.

"Our crime statistics that are reported within the Clery Act are absolutely accurate and fully reported," says Curran. "We stand by those numbers one hundred percent."

According to Curran, the crime statistics reported by Public Safety have not matched statistics sent to the Department

of Education (DOE) because Public Safety's past crime definitions have not matched those definitions that the DOE requires. While Public Safety includes both liquor law violations and public drunkenness under a single heading entitled "alcohol violations," the DOE specifically instructs colleges not to report incidents of public drunkenness.

In 1998, Public Safety, under the direction of Roger Scuitto, recorded 377 alcohol violations, but only five fit the DOE's definition of "liquor law violations."

There have also been discrepancies in the past with Public Safety's methods recorded accusations of sexual assault. Public Safety databases have not included a "sexual assault" category—only a category entitled "sexual harassment," which included both sexual assault accusations and other forms of sexual harassment. In this respect, Public Safety logs and the DOE website statistics have tended to differ.

The College is now attempting to ensure that Public Safety documents crime statistics according to DOE definitions in

see **ALLEGATIONS**, pg 2

Students voice concerns over sexual assault

by **Chris Mateo**
Assistant News Editor

A campus forum was held on November 20 for students to express opinions, share concerns and ask questions about the sexual assault allegations that had been made against Saint Mary's. Over 150 students and five administrators filled Dryden Hall searching for answers.

Students came in with questions and left with differing opinions of both the newscast and the "campus conversation."

The event began with a prayer by Mary Spellman, dean of student development. David Holquin, president of the Associated Students, and Sharon Sobotta, coordinator of sexual assault education, mediated the discussion.

Holquin and Sobotta sifted through the sea of raised hands and chose people to ask questions they hoped would be answered by administrators.

Dean Spellman, Brother Craig Franz, president of SMC, Brother Jack Curran, vice president of student affairs, Steve Nygaard, dean of campus life and Laura Armstrong, director of the women's resource center, were the administrators present to answer questions to the best of their ability.

"I initiated this conversation on behalf of the students," Holquin said. "There were a lot of questions, and students were able to express their concerns, desires and fears. I expected honest dialogue, and that's what we had. It was a first step, the first of many, but not the last. It was distressing to me to see our community bashed publicly. I hope that from such a horrific story SMC can grow from this and foster its community."

"I feel that the administration came to do what they had to do," said Crystal Riggins '05, who has become a prominent advocate for women's issues in the wake of the KGO report. "They listened to the students' questions and answered around them."

"I know that the story was sensationalized, but that's what fueled campus concern and Wednesday's discussion. I plan to educate the student body, myself, and the faculty about what's going on around campus and to take a stand and

see **REACTION**, pg 2

IN THE NEWS

MFA Reading Series Continues

The Creative Writing Reading Series continues its Fall program with Pulitzer Prize winning author Michael Cunningham. Cunningham is the author of *The Hours*. He will have a lecture and book signing on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Underclass yearbook photos

Underclass yearbook photographs will be taken in Dryden Hall on November 25-26. Pictures will be taken from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Club Meetings

Dante Club Meeting, Dec. 3 at 7:00, Delphine.
MeChA Club Meeting, Dec. 4, at 6:00, Delphine.
Student Alumni Association Meeting, Dec. 4 at 7:30, Delphine.
Intervarsity Club Meeting, Dec. 5 at 7:45, Delphine.
Eire Og Meeting, Dec. 3 at 8:30, Delphine.
APASA Meeting, Dec. 3, at 4:30, Dryden.
Hermanas Unidas Meeting, Dec. 2, at 7:00, Delphine.

CRIME BEAT

***There have been 5 alleged sexual assaults on campus since January 1, 2002.**

11/17 8:58 a.m.
Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: A Public Safety vehicle was vandalized in the Siena Hall parking lot.

11/17 3:20 p.m.
Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Blood found on wall in De La Salle Hall. Student referred to Student Code of Conduct.

11/19 1:35 a.m.
Incident: Malicious Mischief
Synopsis: Student referred to Student Code of Conduct for malicious mischief in Augustine.

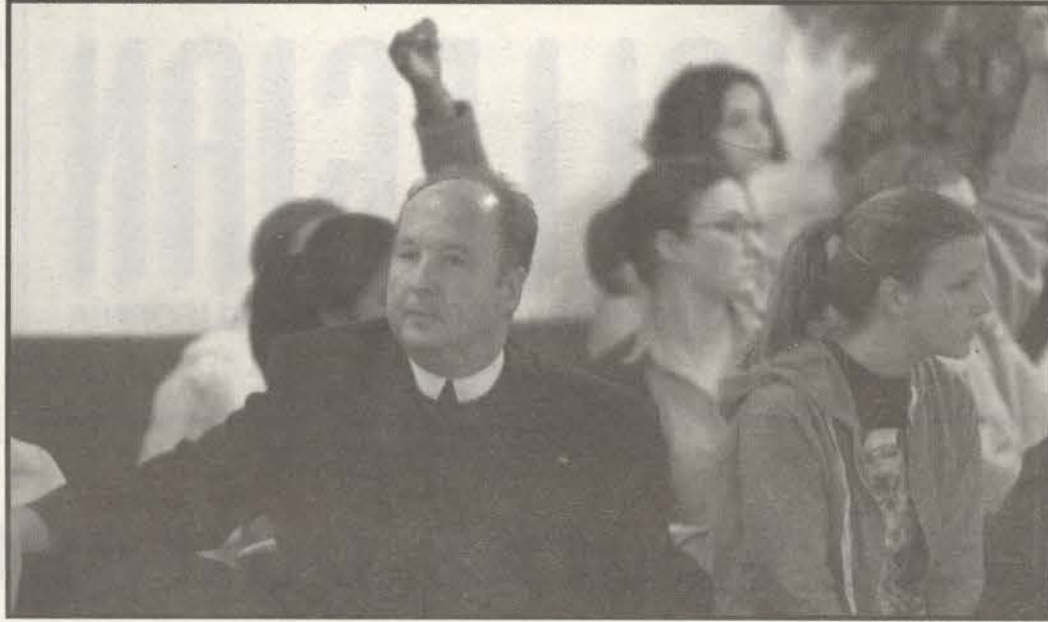
11/19 1:45 a.m.
Incident: Fire Alarm
Synopsis: There was a trash can fire in Augustine hall. Case closed.

11/19 8:30 a.m.
Incident: Grand Theft
Synopsis: A couch was stolen from Dante Hall.

11/19 5:30 p.m.
Incident: Medical
Synopsis: Faculty member was having back spasms in J.C. Gatehouse Hall.

11/19 5:30 p.m.
Incident: Petty Theft
Synopsis: Locker theft in McKeon Gym.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



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Campus Forum

Brother Jack Curran rests between answering one of many questions he was grilled with at a forum last Wednesday. About 150 students, faculty and staff were present.

Shanties raise awareness of homelessness

Week of events brings SMC students to understanding of global problems

by Jonathan Morales
 Staff Writer

If food was distributed equally across the world, every person would receive 2,700 calories a day – far more than the minimum needed for basic survival.

Last week, Campus Ministry, CILSA, and SMC Outfitters sponsored Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week, a national effort to raise awareness about poverty in the world.

Among the events that took place was the Hunger Banquet, which showed how the world distributes its food supply.

Last Tuesday night in the Soda Center, students filed in and were assigned "income levels" at random.

Most students found themselves in the lowest category, representing the 55% of the world's population that lives on less than \$700 a year.

People in the highest income bracket were served a full, nutritious meal of steak, potatoes and vegetables, while those in the bottom of the scale were served a bowl of rice that, as one student commented, "tasted like soap."

"You may think hunger is about too many people and not enough food, but it's not," said Jade Salata, the banquet emcee.

On Wednesday, some students spent the night surrounding the statue of De La Salle.

"Shantytown" helped students understand what it is like to live without proper shelter. A prayer service was also held that night.

Some students from Campus Ministry, CILSA and SMC Outfitters spent Monday afternoon in Oliver Hall, cleaning off students' plates and measuring wasted food.

They estimated that SMC students waste almost 70,000



Photo by Choun Yang

Students slept in cardboard boxes in front of the chapel.

pounds of food and over 8,300 gallons of beverages annually.

Event participants tried to bring students to awareness of the fact that 1.2 billion people live in poverty.

Hunger and Homelessness

Awareness week is a national program sponsored by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness. Mary Sue '04 said that about 300-400 colleges nationwide participate.

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tell the administration that this is a very important issue to us."

Riggins and a delegation of women's advocates were present at the ASSMC Senate's final meeting of the semester on Sunday. Among their list of suggestions for improving SMC's response to sexual assault were replacing the campus's current "yellow" streetlights, quicker and broader notification to the student body when assaults do occur, repairing and replacing emergency phones, and making someone other than college officials available to victims immediately after an attack.

Riggins also called upon the College to fire two of its vice presidents, Barry Vanderkelen, VP of Advancement, and Br. Jack Curran, VP of Student Affairs.

Vanderkelen is accused of assaulting a student at last Wednesday's forum while attempting to enforce a ban on video cameras at the event. The student has filed a report with Moraga police.

Vanderkelen made a public apology to the ASSMC Senate Sunday, stating that he regretted his actions, and he had let himself become too distracted

by the week's events. Vanderkelen's advancement office deals with alumni donors to the College, many of whom have threatened to cease donating as a direct result of the KGO report.

The College has suspended Vanderkelen without pay until January.

The Senate also took nearly an hour to debate and unanimously pass a comprehensive, three-page resolution on sexual assault, calling on administrators to address many of the same concerns recently brought up by women's advocates.

Most students from the Wednesday forum seemed to agree that change depends on active participation from all SMC community members.

"The forum was filled with a lot of people who were upset and somewhat angry," said Colin deLeon-Horton '05.

"The answers were not there, so students had to keep on asking. I feel that the most productive part of this meeting was when a young lady stood up and said that involvement, not just discussion, was going to move this issue into where everyone wants to see it. We need to instill change."

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order to avoid the re-counting the citations prior to reporting them to the DOE.

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The allegation that students who commit sexual assault are not expelled was a major issue in both Noyes' newscast and the campus conversation.

Curran stated that there has been at least one student expelled for sexual assault in the school's 75-year history, but also stresses that, in many cases, suspension from the College is equivalent to *de facto* expulsion.

"A good majority of those suspended do not return to campus," said Brother Jack. "A two-year suspension is quite discouraging, and students seldom apply for readmission."

The discrepancy between SMC student handbook definitions of "inappropriate sexual behavior" and "sexual assault" is also under scrutiny.

"The consequence [of sexual assault] is expulsion, and their name is then posted [publicly]," says former dean of student development and current psychology professor Mary McCall. "If the person is found responsible for inappropriate sexual conduct and sanctions are imposed, the only sanctions [the victim] can

know about are the ones that relate to her."

In allegations of sexual misconduct, the College is prohibited from notifying the entire campus of the outcome of a case and the victim has limited knowledge of the resulting sanctions, sometimes leaving the victim frustrated.

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Ultimately, Women's Resource Center coordinator Laura Armstrong and sexual assault awareness and prevention coordinator Sharon Sobatta believe that only a college-wide effort, by both administrators and students, will help raise awareness of sexual assault.

"[The community] must be up front and honest about sex," said Armstrong. "If you are going to have sex with someone, you have to be ready to be honest."

The school-wide educational process needs to incorporate both men and women.

"The power to stop rape is in a penis, not in a vagina," says Armstrong. Sobatta added, "A feeling of safety on campus will come when the community is comfortable in talking about sexual assault."

Faculty meet to discuss collective bargaining

Recent survey finds seventy-two percent of faculty favor joining university professors' union

by Nick Sylva
Executive Editor

In the first step toward collective bargaining, the faculty met last Wednesday to discuss the possibility of forming a Saint Mary's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

One of the goals of the meeting was to follow up on a recent AAUP survey of 129 SMC faculty, in which 72 percent indicated that "the SMC AAUP Chapter needs to be a collective bargaining unit."

Of those consulted in the survey, 52 were full professors, while the next-largest groups were composed of less than 25 full or part-time professors apiece.

The survey also ranked faculty concerns, of which the current salary policy was the overwhelming top choice, followed by non-tenure track faculty, shared governance, and retirement medical benefits.

"The survey shows that re-

tirement and salaries are in question by the faculty and it would be beneficial to have someone speak for them," said Patrizia Longo, a faculty member and union organizer.

To help address these concerns, and to guide the fledgling chapter into collective bargaining fruition, the AAUP provided three speakers for the 40-member audience.

Marcus Harvey, the AAUP's West Coast Field Representative, outlined a committed grassroots campaign in order to make the AAUP a viable and influential resource on campus.

While acknowledging that the unique nature of SMC will make this campaign more difficult than those at other colleges, he did state that works from Catholic leaders like Pope Leo should provide credence and authority to the campaign.

"We have to overcome the notion that we are truly a family and committed to social jus-



Photo by Nick Sylva

Saint Mary's faculty listen to Stewart Weinberg, who represents the faculty at USF.

stice, and take responsibility for all our members," said professor Susan Weissman. Weissman feels there will be many difficulties organizing a union campaign at SMC.

But Weissman was encouraged by the attendance, and

feels that this core group has the ability to make the changes she feels are long overdue. If the SMC chapter is able to gain enough faculty votes to form a collective bargaining unit, it would become the second group on campus to achieve

this, after the Able Janitorial workers, who are represented by the SEIU Local 1877.

But, after the administration thwarted similar efforts by Saint Mary's Public Safety officers, no one is anticipating an easy road ahead.

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November 12, he asked Clifford Williams. SMC's head of media relations, for permission to interview someone about current statistics at SMC. Noyes was referred to Mary Spellman, the current dean of student development, who oversees all student disciplinary procedures.

When questioned about the process of what happens when a student reports an alleged sexual assault, Spellman mentioned the disciplinary hearing board's procedure.

"They conduct an investigation, interviewing all witnesses, the complainant, and the respondent, and they make a determination on whether or not one of our policies was violated," Spellman said in the broadcast. (See more about the process, pg.7)

He was able to finish his interview with Spellman but, after an attempt to get Curran on camera, Noyes was notified by Public Safety that he was no longer welcome at SMC and was removed from campus.

During the ABC report, Noyes and the I-team also interviewed former Public Safety director Roger Sciutto who accused SMC of covering up the numbers of sex offenses reported on campus. He claims that his resignation was prompted by the fact that the College was sending phony numbers to the federal government and to parents of prospec-

tive students.

In his letter of resignation in March, 2002, however, Sciutto said that his motive for leaving was a new job with "a very generous salary and benefit package." In his letter, Sciutto also stated, "Brother Jack has not only been a great boss but he has been a great friend and his commitment to this College, the students and to our president is matched by very few."

Channel 7, citing statistics from the Department of Justice, maintained that, on average, 140 women are sexually assaulted each year at a college the size of Saint Mary's. However, only the sexual assaults that are reported to Spellman's department are reported to the federal government.

"You shouldn't force anybody to do something they don't want to do, but at the same time you want to let them know they have resources out there," said Laura Armstrong, current director of the Women's Resource Center. In the calendar year 2001, only two sexual assaults were reported. Since January 1, 2002, there have been five alleged sexual assaults at SMC. The KGO-TV newscast closed with Malone saying, "If you don't have a daughter, please don't send her here."

"It is disappointing that such inaccuracies were presented in a misleading way. It is offensive to the current students, faculty and staff," said Curran.

THE WAY WE WERE ...

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Food for the Hungry

In 2000, the Knights of Columbus collected food in November for the holiday season. Continuing in the Lasallian tradition of service, many students this year donated food that was sent out to various East Bay locations on Monday.

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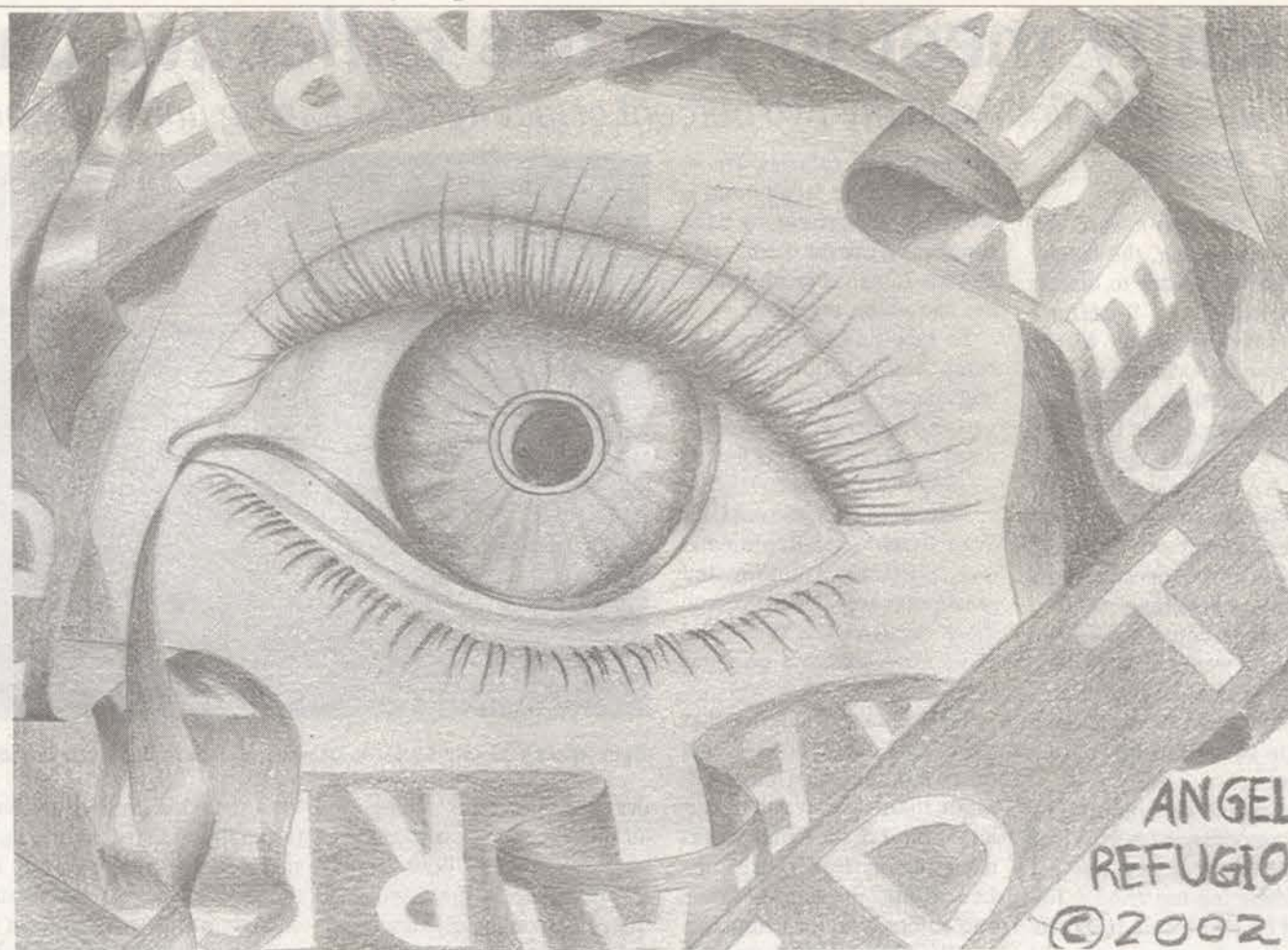
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Student reaction to sexual assault

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Percentage of students who have been, or know someone who has been sexually assaulted at SMC.

22

Percentage of students who have visited the Women's Resource Center.

65

Percentage of students don't think SMC is doing enough about the rape issue.

95

Percentage of male students who feel safe at SMC.

89

Percentage of female students who feel safe at SMC.

This week the Collegian asked questions of 140 students and compiled the results above. All surveys are anonymous.

Law-focused mentality hides the larger picture

by William Porter
Opinion Columnist

"I want people to know that if they're thinking of sending your children here, don't. If you have a daughter, please don't send her here," said former SMC student Kate Malone in a recent ABC 7 news interview.

Her interview aired during an I-Team report claiming that the Saint Mary's College chain of command is indifferent to the issue of sexual assault. The report led stated that "the I-Team has learned that St. Mary's refuses to expel students, who violate the school's sexual assault policy. And that

means the victims are put in the very difficult position of going to class with their attackers."

In addition, the report continues to state that, in Kate Malone's situation, "the school's disciplinary hearing board concluded that the student attacker should be expelled, because his behavior, 'more likely than not,' violated the school's sexual assault policy."

The expulsion was reversed after the fact by a formal appeals process through Brother Jack Curran. Taking her case to court, "Kate Malone filed a police report, but the Contra Costa County District

Attorney's Office declined to prosecute because of insufficient evidence."

The action of expelling the alleged assailant is proof that the school's disciplinary hearing board is willing and able to expel the perpetrators of sexual assaults, and that the fundamentals of the process are intact.

We must understand that there are laws which make matters of sexual assault private for the victim and their personal safety and privacy. These laws may make the school appear that it is covering up evidence but, in actuality, it is for the benefit of the victim.

I am in no way, shape, or form against the punishment of sexual assault. Sexual assault is a crime; one assault is one too many.

As a student, professor, or employee of Saint Mary's College, regardless of personal opinion, this is a direct reference to us. We are part of the community. Being part of the community makes it our responsibility to spread awareness to prevent further incidents, not divide ourselves over past cases. We must look at the situations that the students were in and form change. We cannot cover our eyes to the whole story, however easy it is to do.

Key is in reforming sexual assault policy

by Lindsay M. Lamb
Guest Writer

For many students, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. was very similar to September 11 — our stable complacency was ripped out from underneath us and we were forced to make a decision regarding how the Saint Mary's community deals with sexual assault.

Those of us who have dealt with sexual assault issues on campus in previous years expressed feelings of extreme sadness—it was something we knew would continue to plague our campus; however, we (naively) hoped the powers that be learned something from the events of two years ago. For others who were not here then, the most common feelings have been anger, hatred and a lack of respect for the administration.

But while the administration bears a great deal of responsibility for the school's sexual assault policies, I challenge us, as students, to look within ourselves and realize that we have the power to effect change. It is our duty to revise the sexual assault policy as found in our *Student*

“As it stands now, the policy does not place the needs of the rape victim at the center. Instead, Saint Mary's has placed the Dean of Student Development...at the center of the process.”

Code of Conduct. Currently, the policy does not place the needs of the rape victim at the center. Instead, Saint Mary's has placed the Dean of Student Development, Mary Spellman, who is not trained in counseling rape victims, at the center of the process.

Under the current policy, after a girl goes through the horrifying and belittling traumas of rape, she is forced to talk to someone who is not trained to help her. Furthermore, student volunteers and staff of the Women's Resource Center, some of the only people on campus properly trained to help rape victims deal with their situation, might not even be informed of the incident.

The roles of the "advisor" and "investigator" are also incredibly disturbing. The policy states that an "investigator" is "a trained faculty or staff member [who]

will investigate the allegation and submit the determination of responsibility" to the Disciplinary Hearing Board (DHB). Currently, the training and there are no stated qualifications for being an investigator. The "advisor" is not an advocate from the Women's Resource Center, nor a counselor from the Counseling Center trained in helping rape victims or survivors. The "advisor" must take a passive role in the investigatory and disciplinary process as they are prohibited from speaking directly to either the investigator or the DHB. "advisors" can only offer silent support to the victim during the entire process.

When the DHB reaches a determination of responsibility, neither party, nor their "advisors" are allowed to view copies of the final report. Regardless of the intent of this policy, the effect

is that the DHB's actions look unethical, as if they are trying to cover something up.

Finally, the only rapes reported to the campus community are those in which "there is an imminent risk of harm to others." As students, we deserve to know what is going on in our campus community. Names should not be included in reports; however, any allegation reported to either the WRC or the Dean of Student Development should be reported to the *Collegian* and made public as soon as possible.

Clearly, there are many flaws inherent in the current policy that perpetuate the cycle of rape on campus as it isolates and disempowers the victim, while misinforming the campus community. I will feel safer only when the policy changes —when all students are made aware of the issue. Rapes are inevitable on all college campuses, but it is our duty not only as students, but also as a community, to educate ourselves about these issues so that we can begin to change them, and our campus can begin to heal.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Sexual Assault



Hunger Strike, Spring 2001

2001

- April - "Take Back the Night" rally on campus
- Controversial flyers run, saying "Obviously rapists are protected at SMC"
- "Rapist Role Call" [sic] flyers distributed to students, giving the names of alleged rapists
- May - Hunger strike staged by SMC students in protest to SMC's handling of sexual assault issues



Silent Sexual Assault March, Fall 1998

1998

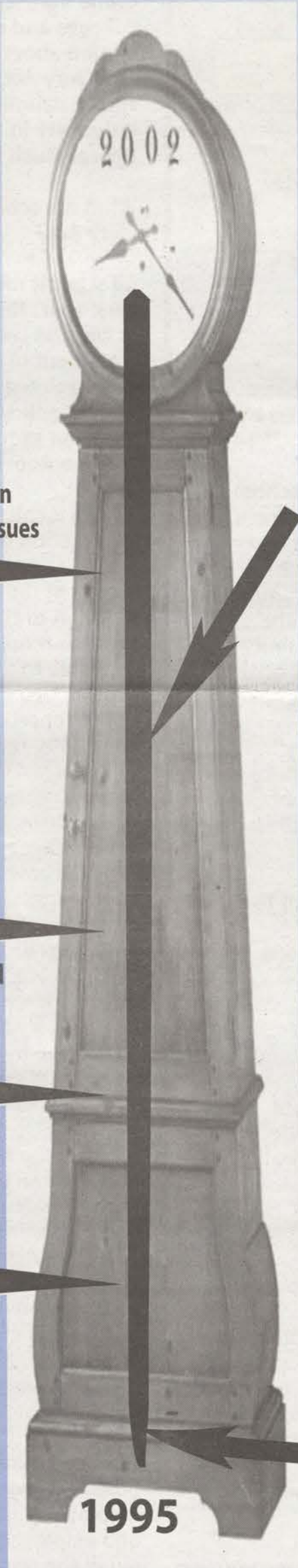
- September - Female student allegedly raped on campus by fellow SMC student

1997

- September - Female student allegedly raped by her own visitor

1996

- July - Family of summer camp victim sues SMC. Suit settled out of court.
- Fall - Female student allegedly raped by her own visitor



2002

- February - District attorney drops charges in Nov 2000 rape case.
- Criminal charges dropped by CC County against Alonzo Rojas in the alleged rape of Kate Malone due to lack of evidence
- September - Jackson Katz speaks
- November - KGO-TV reports on rape allegations at SMC.
- Campus meeting about broadcast and campus concerns about sexual assault issues Student Reform Coalition formed

2000

- January - Campus meeting discusses sexual assaults at SMC
- August - Female student allegedly raped on campus by a fellow SMC student
- Female student sues SMC for negligence in September 1998 rape case
- Contra Costa County Grand Jury indicts male student for September 1998 rape
- September - Female student raped on campus by fellow student(s)
- Katie Koestner visits campus to discuss on-campus rapes
- October - Senate resolution on sexual assault passed
- November - Kate Malone allegedly raped by a fellow SMC student.
- Senate resolution on sexual assault vetoed by ASSMC president
- December - Senate resolution on sexual assault passed; SMC students organize protest against sexual assault

1995

1995

- June - SMC Summer Camp attendee raped by Daniel Troy, SMC staff member

Photos from Collegian Archives

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LEGAL ACTS ON CRIME & CONFIDENTIALITY

Know your rights to confidentiality under federal law as well as the necessary disclosure of information

F.E.R.P.A

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

What are your privacy rights as a student under FERPA?

FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of a student's educational record.

It has four main points:

- 1) As a student, you have the right to inspect and review your personal educational record stored by the college.
- 2) Students have the right to request that a school correct their record if they believe it is "inaccurate" or "misleading." If the school disagrees with a student's suggested correction, the student has a right to a formal hearing. If the school determines that the student's correction is still not valid, the student has the option to then place a statement within their private file attesting the element of their record in question.
- 3) Schools may disclose a student's "directory" information: name, address, phone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance at the school. These are not violations of FERPA.
- 4) Schools must have written permission from the student in order to release any non-directory information from a student's educational record.

FERPA WILL ONLY ALLOW THE RELEASE OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS WITHOUT STUDENT NOTIFICATION TO:

- A school official with a legitimate educational interest and on a need-to-know basis (example: A coach whose athlete is accused of sexual assault)
- Officials of other schools where a student is transferring
- Specified officials for audit evaluation purposes
- Those who have connections with financial aid to a student
- Organizations conducting certain studies on behalf of the school (including accreditation organizations)
- Courts that issue a judicial order or subpoena for a student to appear in court
- Appropriate officials in health and safety emergencies
- State and local authorities if the student is being prosecuted for a crime

The Clery Act

The Clery Act, formally titled the "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act," is a federal law requiring colleges and universities to disclose certain information about campus crime and security policies. The Clery Act, promoted by Howard and Connie Clery, whose daughter Jeanne was murdered at Lehigh University in 1986, was signed into law by President George Bush in 1990.

What are schools required to disclose under the Clery Act?

All schools must publish an annual report by October 1 each year; this report must include three years' worth of campus crime statistics. It must also include a statement of campus security policies - particularly those related to sexual assault. The published sexual assault policy must include victims' rights, where students should go to report crimes, and the extent of the authority of campus police.

Who is a college required to provide Clery Act information to?

A copy of the information gathered by a college must be given to the U.S. Department of Education. Schools are also required to make this information readily available to all current students and employees. Prospective students and employees must be notified of the report's existence, and are entitled to receive a copy upon request.

Which crimes must be reported under the Clery Act?

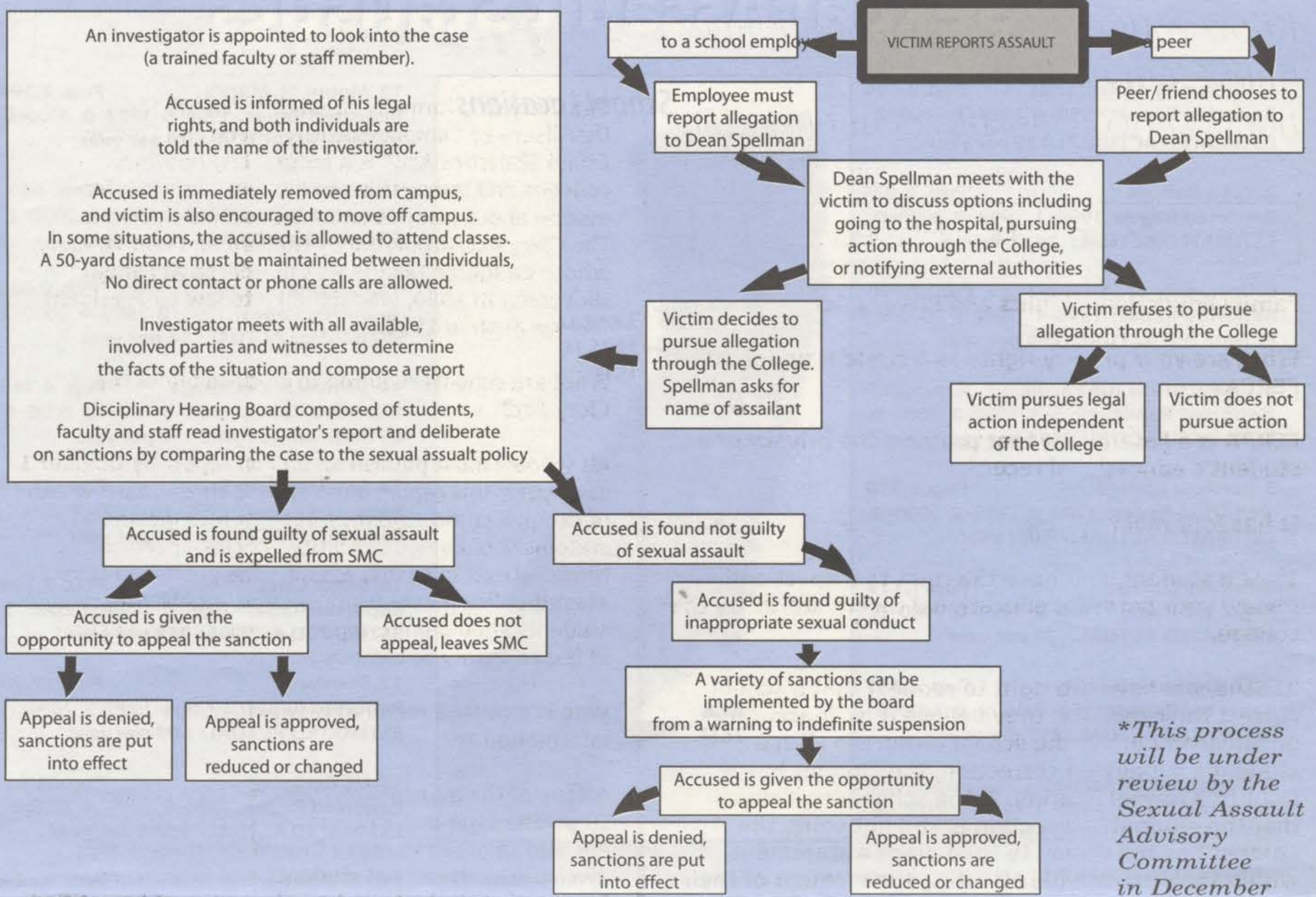
Schools are responsible for compiling crime statistics in seven categories: Homicide, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft and arson. They must also report weapons violations, drug violations or liquor law violations that result in arrests or disciplinary referrals. Less serious violations such as petty theft and public drunkenness are not covered by the Clery Act (instances of public drunkenness, as defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, do not count as liquor law violations unless certain special conditions are met).

When is a school required to notify its student body that a crime has occurred? How much information must they reveal?

The Clery Act divides crime notification into two separate areas: A public crime log and "timely warnings." All incidents are required to be posted in the public crime log, and must include the "nature, date, time and general location of each crime." The crime log also includes incidents that are not serious enough to be put in the annual report.

"Timely warnings" are required when a particular crime poses an ongoing "threat to other students and employees... Such reports shall be provided to students and employees in a manner that is timely and that will aid in the prevention of similar occurrences." The Clery Act does not explicitly define what constitutes an ongoing threat, leaving the matter up to the discretion of each individual college

THE OFFICIAL PROCEDURE: step-by-step from assault to sanction



KEY PLAYERS: prominent figures in light of recent events



Brother Jack Curran, Ph.D., FSC
Vice President of Student Affairs

Overseeing all student life policies and departments, Curran has responsibility over the athletics, campus life, student development and public safety. In 2000, a vote of no confidence was made by the ASSMC towards Curran for not attending a meeting where he was supposed to speak about sexual assault.



Brother Craig Franz, Ph.D., FSC
President of Saint Mary's College

Has full authority in all issues pertaining to the College and its services. Following a protest of the College's policy on sexual assault in 2001, Franz agreed to a list of demands that the protesters made, including hiring a full-time director of the Women's Resource Center.



David Holquin
ASSMC President

Organized the campus conversation on Wednesday, November 20.



Mary Spellman
Dean of Student Development

Began working at Saint Mary's on October 1, 2001. She oversees student discipline, the Health and Wellness Center, CILSA, and other departments. Speaking with Spellman is the first step in the College's disciplinary process against sexual assault.



Laura Armstrong
Coordinator of the Women's Resource Center

Began working at Saint Mary's over the summer of 2002 as full time coordinator. She is working with the recently hired Sharon Sobatta to change and increase the presence of the Women's Resource Center on campus. Armstrong invited Jackson Katz, who spoke instead of Katie Koestner.



Clifford Williams
Director of Media Relations

Was the first one to speak to Dan Noyes and referred Noyes to speak with Dean Spellman.



Steve Nygaard
Dean of Campus Life

Provides oversight to the office of Residence Life in establishing policies and procedures. Works with Mary Spellman and Bill Foley in the administration of disciplinary policies.



Sharon Sobatta
Sexual Assault Awareness Coordinator

Hired over the summer of 2002, she provides the campus with information for the goal of improving awareness of sexual assault.



Dan Noyes
KGO-TV Investigative Team

Reported on SMC sexual assault allegations for KGO-7 on Tuesday, November 19. Student complaints requesting an investigation of Noyes reporting are under initiation with the Society of Professional Journalists.



Bill Foley
Director of Public Safety

Helps enhance campus safety by leading the security of SMC and by motivating all members of the community to actively participate in creating a safe environment.



Roger Sciutto
Former Director of Public Safety

Provided controversial information for the KGO-7 news report.



Rosanne Quinn
Former Director of the Women's Resource Center

During her time as director, Quinn helped the center to get a three year grant for \$30,000, and was involved in the Hunger Strike. In interview with Noyes on the KGO broadcast, Quinn expressed disapproval of the college's procedures concerning sexual assault.

California University and College Sexual Assault Statistics

1. University of Redlands Pop. 3,694
Reported Rapes: 1998- 4 1999- 1 2000- 2
ESTIMATED ACTUAL*: 129 per year

2. Yuba College Pop. 8,071
Reported Rapes: 1998- 1 1999- 0 2000- 0
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 284 per year

3. University of San Francisco Pop. 7,990
Reported Rapes: 1998- 1 1999- 1 2000- 2
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 280 per year

4. University of the Pacific Pop. 5,247
Reported Rapes: 1998- 3 1999- 2 2000- 0
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 186 per year

5. Barstow College Pop. 1,999
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 0 2000- 0
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 70 per year

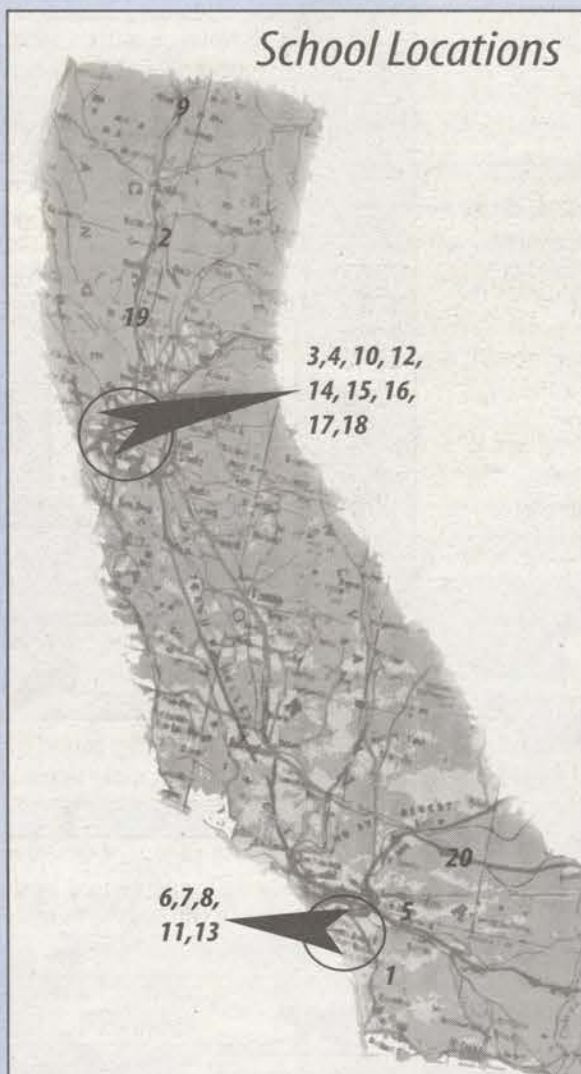
6. Brooks College Pop. 1,119
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 0 2000- 0
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 39 per year

7. Chapman University Pop. 6,197
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 0 2000- 0
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 217 per year

8. Claremont McKenna Pop. 1,024
Reported Rapes: 1998- 1 1999- 3 2000- 2
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 35 per year

9. College of the Siskiyous Pop. 2,150
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 0 2000- 0
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 74 per year

10. Dominican University Pop. 1,437
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 0 2000- 0
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 50 per year



13. Mount St. Mary's Pop. 2,204
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 0 2000- 0
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 70 per year

11. Pitzer Pop. 880
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 3 2000- 1
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 32 per year

11. Pomona Pop. 1,605
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 0 2000- 2
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 56 per year

14. Saint Mary's College Pop. 4,346
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 3 2000- 4
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 150 per year

15. San Francisco State Pop. 27,446
Reported Rapes: 1998- 16 1999- 2 2000- 2
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 961 per year

16. Santa Clara Pop. 7,704
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 0 2000- 1
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 269 per year

17. Stanford Pop. 17,207
Reported Rapes: 1998- 6 1999- 2 2000- 1
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 602 per year

18. UC Berkeley Pop. 31,011
Reported Rapes: 1998- 6 1999- 4 2000- 5
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 1,295 per year

11. Harvey Mudd Pop. 740
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 0 2000- 0
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 26 per year

19. UC Davis Pop. 24,866
Reported Rapes: 1998- 4 1999- 4 2000- 8
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 870 per year

12. Mills College Pop. 1,108
Reported Rapes: 1998- 0 1999- 1 2000- 0
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 38 per year

20. UC San Diego Pop. 19,347
Reported Rapes: 1998- 4 1999- 3 2000- 4
ESTIMATED ACTUAL: 677 per year

* "Estimated Actual Rapes" indicates the number of rapes on average that occur per year, calculated by U.S. Dept. of Justice estimated ratio

men



What You Can Do TO PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULT

women



What Men Can do to Prevent Rape:

1. If you are confused about your date/girlfriend's "mixed messages," stop and discuss the confusion before proceeding with any physicality. Don't assume that not saying no means yes.
2. Approach sexual assault as a human issue, rather than a gendered issue. Recognize other's disrespectful attitudes toward women, and try to speak out against them.
3. Never assume, no matter how a woman is dressed, where you met her, what you've heard about her or where you've taken her, that you have the right to expect any sort of sexual favors.
4. Take each situation individually. Even if you've had sex with a woman before, don't assume that she will have sex with you again. Respect the woman's right to change her mind.
5. Take responsibility for yourself and others. A woman cannot give consent if she is under the influence of alcohol and/or passed out. Don't let others take advantage of women in this situation.
6. Recognize and try not to take it personally that women may not trust you. As best you can, take an active role in assuring women that you don't mean to harm them. Recognize that women have the right to protect themselves, and be supportive of their efforts.
7. If you know or suspect anyone of violence against women, be it sexual, emotional, psychological or physical, encourage them to seek counseling. If you are guilty of violence towards women, get help now.

What Women Can do to Prevent Rape

1. Take responsibility for yourself. If you are going out, tell someone where you're going, and who you're going with. Tell whoever you're with that someone knows where you are.
2. Know your date, and know your surroundings. If you are just getting to know someone, double date until you feel comfortable.
3. Trust your instincts. You always reserve the right to say no, and get out of whatever situation you're in. Don't be afraid to hurt someone's feelings by leaving.
4. Be assertive. Share your wants, and let your date know what is and is not acceptable behavior. Know how far you are willing to go in advance. Make that limit clear at the beginning of a date.
5. Meet your dates in public places at first. Stay away from isolated areas (such as the Cross, the SMC, the woods behind the football field), as they leave you more vulnerable.
6. If you're drinking alcohol, make sure to have a sober friend who will watch over you. Watch your drink. If you leave it behind, get a new one. If someone offers to buy you a drink, accompany them to the bar, watch the drink being poured, and be responsible for it. Don't share drinks, and don't drink anything that tastes or looks unusual (i.e. extra foam, salty or bitter taste, excessive residue). If possible, choose beer or clear drinks over fruity beverages, which can mask the taste and appearance of date rape drugs such as GHB. If you think you've been drugged, get to a hospital immediately. Some drugs remain in the bloodstream for less than 72 hours, so if you suspect the use of a "date rape" drug, you must have a blood test pronto.

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORUM

Sloppy journalism can't conceal the truth

Miguel Cervantes's 16th-century character Don Quixote made a fool of himself by needlessly attacking innocent people, traders, monks and innkeepers among them – without any provocation. KGO TV's Dan Noyes has apparently taken Cervantes's story to heart, attempting through his alarmist reporting to become the "Dan Quixote" of the 21st century.

Noyes and the KGO "I-Team" aired an investigative report last Tuesday on Channel 7 on sexual assault – an issue that can and should be discussed, and that the College has a chance to improve on. But rather than initiate a frank and open discussion of sexual assault, Noyes chose to try to fool the entire SMC community with a story filled with distortion and outright trickery that qualifies as shoddy reporting by even the most lenient of standards.

If Dan Noyes wants to talk facts, then let him. The KGO report accuses Saint Mary's of providing "phony crime statistics to the federal government and to the parents of prospective students" in order to keep up its image. Upon closer investigation, one will find that – although the school has room for improvement – it actually reports everything that it is required to by law. Noyes implies that Saint Mary's reports only 1.5% of the sex offenses it knows about because only two forcible sex offenses were reported by the College last year, while statistics from the Department of Justice project that "on average, 140 women are assaulted each school year at a college the size of Saint Mary's." But compare SMC with other schools, and the myth vanishes. UC Berkeley, a school with over 23,000 undergraduates – which, according to the I-Team statmongers, translates into 1,295 sexual assaults per year – reported only five last year. It is a fact that more than the reported two assaults probably occurred at SMC last year. But it is also a fact that the College did not know about a large number of these unreported crimes – a fact that Noyes chose to ignore.

Noyes also claims that our school protects the perpetrators of sexual assault, and that "the victims are put in the very difficult position of going to

class with their attackers." His report highlighted the story of a man who allegedly assaulted former student Kate Malone, implying that the College let him off easy by suspending, rather than expelling him. What Noyes and the I-Team didn't mention was that the man never set foot on the SMC campus again except for administrative business related to his suspension – in fact, among all students who are suspended from the College for any reason, almost none ever return as students.

Noyes deliberately distorts the truth in his criticism of SMC's "leniency" toward this man, downplaying the fact that all criminal charges against him were dropped due to lack of evidence. Saint Mary's actually punished the alleged attacker far more harshly than the police or the courts.

On one day about two weeks ago, two Ageno B residents were tricked by KGO into allowing their dorm room to be shown on-air as part of the I-Team report. According to the students, a KGO reporter posing as a student asked if she could film their rooms; when asked why she was filming, the reporter replied that she was doing "a project on dorms." The two students were later "shocked" to see their room shown on television, as the reporter never once mentioned that she was from KGO, that the report was about sexual assault, or that the footage would ever appear on TV. Both students told the *Collegian* that they felt like they had been taken advantage of; one was upset enough to file a report with Residence Life.

We must make sure that we take this chance to seriously think about the ways we can reform our College's policies rather than follow the example of trickery and finger-pointing set by Noyes and the I-Team. Nobody likes a rapist, but we must be able to tell the difference between an alarming report and an alarmist one – a lesson that our modern-day "Dan Quixote" would be well-served to learn as well. Until he learns that lesson, I will continue to ask Mr. Noyes where the truth is, because there is precious little of it in his reporting.

by Brad Kvederis
Chief Copy Editor

Image control on campus: Why do we hide from the truth?

The major concern at Saint Mary's right now is about the accusation of sexual assault on campus and the supposed withholding of information by the administration. As much as we call for policy reform and evocation of new services, however, we must examine why the policy is in need of reform.

The supposed hiding of information and other aspects of this conflict, such as the failure to increase lighting on campus, are all centered on one aspect that the College is trying to maintain -- image control.

The College is not reporting the sexual assaults in order to maintain the image of a safe college environment. No expulsion

has been administered because expulsions look bad for the College. The lighting on campus is dim in order to create that picture-perfect image of Saint Mary's as one drives in -- of the chapel and the Cross.

Saint Mary's is trying to create an image in which the College

appears dormant, quaint and safe. Unfortunately, that requires sacrifices that have been brutally brought to everyone's attention with the KGO news report.

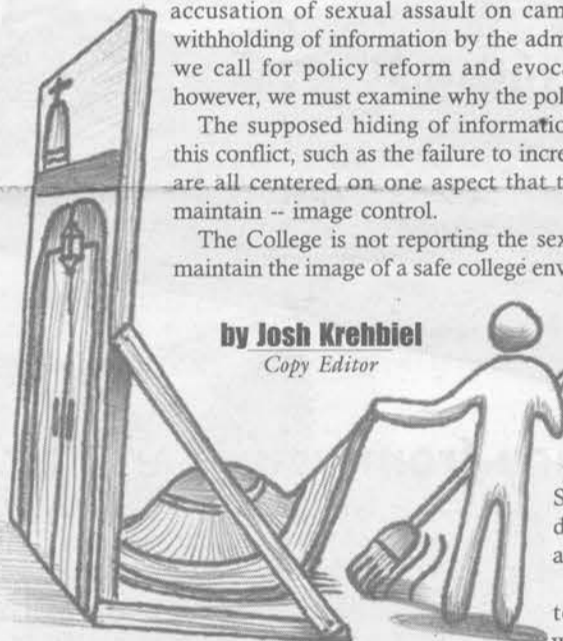
It is this very image creation that is causing the issue in the first place.

Image control can be a very effective tool. Most college students can relate to the idea of creating a certain an image for oneself. You'll attract the people that the image attracts. Thus, girls will wear Gap or Old Navy because it attracts other guys who shop at said stores, and athletes will wear their practice jackets because it attracts the girls interested in football players.

The College is attempting the same, trying to attract the children of parents who want their kids at a quiet, thoughtful, safe college, where they won't get in too much trouble. However, Saint Mary's doesn't exactly fit this description and, thus, it misleads people into considering SMC for the wrong reasons.

Ironically, the image of a safe school is making the school less safe. By withholding information, the College encourages possible assailants to enroll, because the enrolling students feel that anything they do will not be severely punished. On the flipside, the delusion of safety draws students to this campus, and thus creates future victims. If Saint Mary's was actually to deliver and announce severe action against an assailant, then other possible assailants would be forewarned that if they attempt anything illegal, they will be punished. It will also encourage probable victims to take a defense against being harmed.

Taking action and changing policy are more likely to actually create the image that Saint Mary's desires, and will decrease crime on campus. Saint Mary's should take drastic action against sexual assault and accept the loss of a few possible students in exchange for the long-term benefits.



GRAPHIC ART BY ANGEL REFUGIO

by Josh Krehbiel
Copy Editor

SMC administration's failures signal a need for change

In outrage, many students, school leaders and staff members gathered in Dryden Hall on Wednesday night to discuss the issue of sexual assault and get some answers. Unfortunately, for purposes of privacy and policy, the administration could not provide any specifics about the case – even those that reside in public records. Brother Craig, Brother Jack and Dean Spellman made their point: They will not discuss the case plastered all over the news, nor will they confirm or deny the accusations made. But they will spout passages from the handbook, run circles around our questions and concerns, and then assure us that our safety is first and foremost. How can we trust that? Knowing that we have been lied to, that most sexual assault cases are not reported to the police or to the proper authorities and therefore go unpunished, how can we rely on an administration that purposely covers things up and withholds important information from the student body that is relevant to our safety?

Wednesday's forum helped the administration learn that we, as students, want to know when sexual assaults happen or are attempted on campus. The other thing it did was to inform the student body that the administration doesn't have a plan and there are no direct answers. The "Campus Conversation" showed me just how severely the communication is lacking between the leaders and the community of our establishment.

The biggest issue behind these rape charges and sexual assaults is not that they have occurred, but what hasn't occurred as a result of them. Everyone understands that rape is something tragic that happens on every college campus across the country. We're not denying what happened; we're mad that the school denies what happens here, and especially that it denies our right to know about those crimes. If Brother Jack's statement that "procedural problems" were the cause of the hypothetical situation where a student charged with rape was expelled and then allowed back here to graduate, we need to radically change these procedures. What kind of policies do we, as a school,

have when loopholes exist in the disciplinary procedures of a rape charge, or any charge, for that matter? We need to immediately remove such loopholes and establish a clear course of action when something like this happens, so nothing of this caliber takes us by surprise again.

I talked to a few people after the meeting to get some initial reactions. In response to my statement that this kind of behavior is reminiscent of a few other choice Catholic institutions that I've had the ultimate pleasure to be a part of, Junior Emily Bradford agreed. "Did the students get anywhere in this discussion tonight?" she asked. "No! Did any of the questions get answered? No! Do I feel better at all? No! The only thing I feel right now is even more anger and resentment than I came here with. Nothing got accomplished."

As for the students, most of us feel that the administration is going to have to work hard to please us this time and, unless they want to lose a bunch of money, they should reconsider their policies and update their procedural process.

Don't get me wrong, I don't hate the administration. I respect their immediate response to Tuesday's outbreak with concern and attention. What I don't respect is their naïve approach to these sensitive issues. There needs to be a reformed plan of action when someone is assaulted, regardless of the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

In defense of the administration's approach to the forum, Laura Armstrong, director of the Women's Resource Center, said, "There is a certain difficulty when it comes to issues and laws which restrain them from talking about certain circumstances and specifics. I am sickened and outraged about this and I wish everyone would just be open and honest in the discussion and say what they feel. It's easy to hide but hard to speak out." Through its actions, the administration forces itself upon the entire student body and takes advantage of us, as well as our bank accounts. This time, when we turn them in, will they go unpunished too?

by Lara Endreszl
Opinion/Layout Designer

DETOUR

100 WORD REVIEWS

MOVIE

Marshall Mathers, the star of "8 Mile," stars as "Rabbit," a white trailer park survivor growing up in Detroit, living with his deadbeat mom and thriving on his dream of being a rapper. Sound familiar? Playing the same character we all love/hate to watch on MTV, Eminem pulls off that whole "acting" thing nicely. Unfortunately, with only enough plot to fill 30 minutes, the movie dragged and filled space with sex scenes and moments of shallow bonding between Rabbit and his underdeveloped friends. The rapping battle at the end provided the high point of the movie, leaving me wishing I'd just downloaded the soundtrack.

-Andrea Camarena

PLAY

If you're staying on campus this weekend or live nearby, don't miss Jonathan Larson's Pulitzer Prize-winning rock opera, "Rent," which is playing through Sunday at the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco. Based on Puccini's 1896 opera "La Boheme," "Rent" follows the lives of eight struggling artists living in Manhattan's East Village. Constantly present in their lives is the shadow of AIDS. With its talented young cast, vibrant energy, and captivating rock music, "Rent" truly speaks to college students and young adults. The powerful storyline will move you to accept with enthusiasm the show's motto: "No day but today."

-Jonathan Morales

CLASS

Searching for that professor whose teaching gives direction to your mundane life? Patrizia Longo has been inspiring students to become active citizens not only in the SMC community, but in the outside world. Her class challenges not only the way you think, but the way you act. In her "Intro To Political Thought," you survey writings from Hitler to Mary Wollstonecraft. Her class engages in compelling debates on many controversial issues, including living wage and sweat shops. Longo has a strong background in political thought and social justice, and must be experienced at some point during your Saint Mary's career.

-Nick Manghum

the way to... prevent a hangover:

by Nick Manghum and Susanne E. Schweitzer

hangover remedy:

Didn't take our advice? There's still hope. Eat a banana, take a Vitamin C pellet. Get out of bed and move. It's hell, but only for a minute. Again, drink water. Lots, and lots, and LOTS of water. Avoid coffee for as long as your caffeine headache lets you. Remember this next weekend!

Drink a LOT of water before bed. Eat a lot of bread or greasy foods. Don't count calories—now's not the time. Stay up as long as you can. Take two Advil. Worst case scenario? Make yourself puke. It's gross, but it'll do you wonders the next morning.



talk your way out of a ticket:

Girls, you can't miss with the old standby—tears. Throw in a line about how your ex-boyfriend has gone mad and is stalking you, and you're golden. Guys? Tears don't work as well, but try to be as polite as possible. "Oh, I'm sorry, officer, I wasn't aware I was speeding." Also, don't do anything (like reach for a wallet, remove your hands from the steering wheel, etc.) without asking first. And need we include this bit of wisdom? Under no circumstances should you reveal your stash of weed under the front seat.

pass a class:

So you've gone to every session, done all your homework, passed the quizzes, but you're still in danger of failing? Right. Well, your best bet is to befriend your professor. Lie, lie, lie. Tell them your mom is sick. Tell them your dog is sick. Tell them you feel uncomfortable speaking out in class. Tell them your roommate's oppressing you. Whatever you do, don't forget what you said. If they feel sorry for you, you're not as likely to take home an F. Notice we do not promise A's.

figure out a tip:

Most wait-staff expect a 15% tip. For all you English majors, an easy way to figure this out is to look at your ticket, see how much the tax was, and double it. Err on the side of adding more. Young people have a reputation for being bad tippers, so let's try to abolish this trend. If the service is really bad (bugs in the food, sarcastic remarks, spilled sodas, suspicious phlegm-like snot floating in your water...) you need not leave anything. However, you should probably tell the manager why you're not doing so.



maintain your health:

Okay kids, you need more than four hours of sleep. You need fruits and vegetables. You need not stop hooking up with those with loose morals. Shower on a regular basis. Vitamin C helps, but only when you aren't sick. And don't forget—an apple a day keeps the doctor away. Broken leg? Struggling through pneumonia? Been shot in the arm? Avoid the health center—they'll only give you a cough drop and tell you to go to Kaiser.

get money from your parents:

To quote an earlier passage: Lie, lie, lie! "Unexpected books!" "My wallet was stolen!" "I need to take a special someone to dinner." "I have to bribe a professor." "We're collecting funds for starving children...like me." "I don't fit in without Manolo Blahnik shoes" "I'm in the middle of a crucial drug deal—I just need some cash to tide me over." Oh wait. Don't say that.

get the guy/girl of your dreams:

Start with the basics. Clean underwear, recent shower, brushed teeth. Deodorant's a plus. Serenade her window—3:00 in the morning is best. Send flowers every hour on the hour. Call her. Every day. Sometimes twice a day. Sometimes just to tell her that you went down the hall for a second, and were worried about missing her call. She'll appreciate the dedication. Ladies, shave your legs. And your face, if need be. Giggle maniacally. Guys like girls with a sense of humor. Send yourself chocolates. Wear your skimpiest outfits. Skin reminds guys of sex. And if you actually get him to come over, you should always have something baking.

make a fool of yourself at a saint mary's party:

Come sober. Try to engage people in political debates. For females, wear concealing clothing. Try to bring back the '80s with dances like The Pony, or the Electric Slide. Don't drink the jungle juice. Refuse to go past "first base." Assume that a kiss is the same as an engagement ring.

get through seminar without reading:

Let others start the discussion. Agree with opinionated students: "That's a really valid point." Meanwhile, flip through the text and find passages that look interesting. Once you know the main argument, try to shift the question into a modern context. This is called "going off on a tangent." Make *Don Quixote* all about following your dream of one day modelling socks internationally. Talk about your own Oedipus complex during Freud. Compare Penelope's plight in the *Odyssey* to your waiting at home by the phone on Saturday nights. Talk a lot about whatever you can. The bottom line? B.S.