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# ACCUSATIONS PROVOKE ACTION

Students rally at open mic in front of Chapel

by Josh Farley

Editor-in-Chief

Even without helicopters and news vans present, SMC students braved gray skies and impending final exams to make their views known.

Over 150 students, faculty members and administrators gathered Friday on the chapel lawn to listen to speakers at an open mic, many of whom defended the College's administration. The demonstration included a procession to the campus entrance, since outside media is still barred from campus.

But last Friday, there was no KGO helicopter or any news vans - only a single reporter and photographer from the San Francisco Chronicle, which had published no previous articles on this issue.

That didn't stop Christian Muller '04, the organizer of the event, and others, from voicing their opinions on the current situation.

"Our enrollment will go down, our tuition will go up, and the number of students who've cancelled their [entry] applications with the registrar is in the hundreds," said Muller. "Let's understand how



Students march back to campus after a demonstration on Friday.

difficult these situations must be for our administration."

Others made more severe remarks on the issue.

"This place is as safe as its going to be, and if you have a problem with this place, go elsewhere," stated Chase Poole '04.

"As a female, I feel very safe on this campus," claimed Katie Gallagher '06.

Crystal Riggins, leader of the Student Reform Coalition that led protests demanding administrative change following the KGO newscast, also spoke at

the gathering.

"If [KGO] can wake up an apathetic campus, then what is really wrong [with their report?] The [sexual assault] issue has been brought up before; look back and see this is noth-

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# Controversial attorney involved in multiple SMC assault cases

by Josh Farley & Brad Kvederis

Editor-in-Chief & Chief Copy Editor

An intriguing connection between the recent sexual assault cases at Saint Mary's arose last week, when it was discovered that independent Berkeley lawyer Elizabeth Grossman has been involved in repeated attempts to prosecute SMC males accused of sexual assault and harassment since 1998. The Collegian learned late Saturday that Grossman has been involved in the prosecution of at least two SMC students in prominent sexual assault cases and may have been a part of several others, including one scheduled to go to trial in Contra Costa County in February 2003.

And while at least two cases involving Grossman have been mentioned repeatedly in KGO-TV's coverage of assault at SMC, it is not known whether Grossman herself was involved with the television reports. A telephone message left at Grossman's office was not returned by press time on Sunday.

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# amorinda PD's may be profiling SMC students.

by Jonathan Morales

Staff Writer

Being stopped by the police was becoming a routine for Esteban Guevara '05. But after being stopped for the tenth time for no apparent reason, he decided something needed to be

"Out of all the times, I only got one ticket, which was for speeding," Guevara said.

Esteban, a SMC student, is one of several minority students who say they receive unequal treatment from the Moraga, Orinda and Lafayette police departments.

"In some instances," Guevara said, "I was forced to get out of my car, and it was cohol. Other times, the officer would talk down to me and degrade me.'

Fed up with the situation. Esteban went to professor Lynn Meisch, who teaches his popular culture class. Professor Meisch mentioned the problem to other faculty and staff, including Black Student Programs coordinator Brian Stanley. Eventually, a meeting was set up with Moraga Police Chief Brad Kerns. The November 25 meeting was attended by Kerns, Guevara, Stanley, Meisch, professor John Dennis and Public Safety director Bill

"We had a really positive meeting with the Moraga po-

being searched for drugs and al- lice chief, Brad Kerns," Stanley said of the meeting. "We have a lot more work to do, but I think we're better off today than we were a month ago."

At the meeting, Chief Kerns suggested that students go for ride-alongs with police officers, and offered to come to classes and speak to students about the police force and its

"We need to understand where the students are coming from, they need to understand where law enforcement comes from," said Kerns, who is himself a graduate of Saint Mary's.

Although Guevara was the only student who attended the meeting, there are plans for another meeting sometime in January, with hopes to include more students.

However, this is not just a problem for students. Guevara said that last year some SMC janitors were pulled over "because their truck was polluting the environment." In addition, professor Alvaro Ramirez said that he was followed home by a Lafayette police officer.

"As I went on Saint Mary's Road, the policeman was behind me and he followed me." Ramirez said. "I would turn, he'd turn. I would turn another way, he would turn another

Ramirez said right now he is most concerned with communicating with the police in a peaceful manner to solve the

"I don't think it's a confrontational thing, what we want is for it to stop," Ramirez said. "The police should know that we're a big part of Moraga, and they should have good relations with all of us: faculty, staff, students, workers. We're all part of the same community here."

According to Guevara, it is important for students to understand the issue and what they can do about it.

"I would just like people to be aware of their rights when getting pulled over," Guevara said.

"Just because they have a badge does not necessarily mean they have the right to disrespect you."

# IN THE **NEWS**

#### **Head Athletic** Trainer Honored

Chris "Jake" Jacobson's 20 years as head athletic trainer at SMC will be honored on Wednesday, December 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Soda Center.

#### Jan Term

Jan term 2003 begins January 6, 2003 and ends on January 31.

#### **SMC** welcomes new coordinator

The office of Student Activities and Leadership Programs is pleased to welcome Mary Ho, coordinator of student programs. Mary will be working with the new student orientation program, advising the diversity clubs from the Associated Students, and serving as the primary programmer for Student Activities and Leadership Programs. Ho's office is in Dryden Hall.

# CRIME BEAT

11/26 9:30 a.m. Incident: Informational Synopsis: Pornographic pictures posted in Ferroggiaro and Post Office, removed by Public Safety.

11/26 3:15 p.m. Incident: Vandalism Synopsis: Car vandalized in Aquinas parking

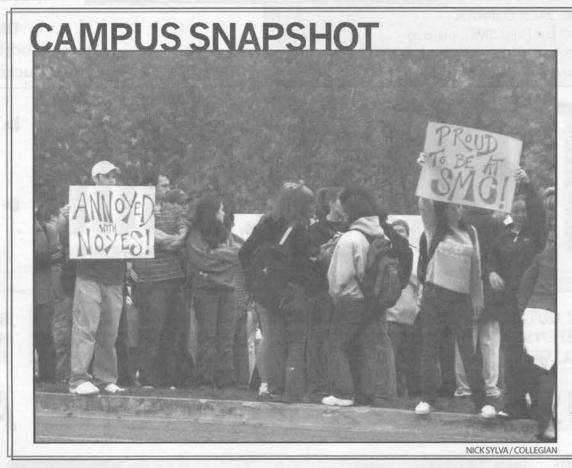
11/26 8:00 p.m. Incident: Handbook Violation Synopsis: Underage possession of alcohol in Justin Hall, referred to Student Code of Conduct.

11/27 9:15 p.m. Incident: Violation of Restraining Order Synopsis: Voice mail message left in violation restraining order in ageno A, referred to Student Code of Conduct.

12/2 2:23 a.m. Incident: Harassment Synopsis: Harassing phone calls made to Sabatte Hall, referred to Student Code of Conduct.

12/3 12:00 p.m. Incident: Petty Theft Synopsis: Floor mat taken in McKeon Gym.

12/3 2:45 p.m. Incident: Petty Theft Synopsis: Computer keyboard taken in Saint Albert's Computer Lab.



**Positive** Response

Students gathered on Friday, celebrating the Saint Mary's community as well as addressing the newscasts that have left SMC with concerns of a tarnished reputation.

# Plan proposes expansion of student union

ASSMC Senate suggests growth of Cassin Student Union into Dryden Hall

by William Porter

Late January could see additions to the B.J. Cassin Student

The proposed plan, drawn up by the ASSMC, will fill the now-empty Dryden Hall with various activities for students to enjoy. Pool tables, ping-pong tables, air hockey, big-screen televisions and couches will grace the hall if the proposed plan is accepted.

"There needs to be a central location for students to go," said Tony Ancelj, ASSMC vice

president for student affairs.

"Both on- and off-campus students need somewhere to hang

The ASSMC committee that has put together this proposal issued surveys in late May asking for comments regarding the current student union and possible ways to improve it.

After reviewing these surveys, a sketch of the plans was drawn and the wheels of progress began to turn.

"One question asked the students what improvements they would like to see done to the student union," said Ancelj.

"Half the students did not even know where the student union was; that was alarming."

The current student union, located on central campus, includes the Brickpile, Starbucks, Bell, Delphine Multicultural Lounge and a small game room with an undersized pool table and a handful of video games.

"I never see anyone in the stuother than buying food or coffee," said Jenn Armstrong '05. "An addition to the tiny game

area would be nice."

The funding for the new addition to the student union will come from the excess money left over from the building's original construction three

"It is a great idea," said senior Razi Hyder.

"I wish they would have thought of this earlier. It seems like it will be a fun place to go."

To obtain further information dent union doing anything on the student union, visit Ancelj in the Associated Students office or contact him at x8507

Others from the coalition stated they appreciate open should be informed.

dressed the issues," said Abby tions to be answered. Volk '03. "As much as I appreciate having people express their opinions, they need to understand the issues - there's no excuse for that."

#### KGO MAKES FURTHER **ALLEGATIONS**

During the most recent KGO broadcast, the I-Team raised new accusations against SMC, including a file-shredding session involving ITS and an allegation that the faculty senate is proposing a vote of no confidence in President Brother Craig Franz, FSC. KGO also asserted that the College discourages victims from going to the police.

Franz denied he had any knowledge of ITS wrongdoing in a December 5 letter to the SMC community.

"Allegations made in the news reports that computer files or documents have been erased or otherwise destroyed are totally unfounded," Franz said.

Franz held a press conference last week to address the media's concerns. I-Team reporter

Dan Noyes and his crew were visibly annoyed when they arrived to find that other members of the media would be attending the press conference. dialogue, but that the speakers The KGO anchor repeatedly asked if he would have suffi-"[The speakers] never ad- cient time for all of his ques-

> Brother Craig responded to a number of new allegations, including a possible vote of no confidence by the faculty senate. He said he would consult the senate if the issue arose. Charles Hamaker, 2002-03 president of the senate, says he has not heard any mention of the issue.

"There is no movement in the senate for a vote on Brother Craig" said Hamaker, "but the senate does intend to pick up how to investigate the sexual assault policy.'

The 45-minute interview concluded with Noyes chasing Franz out the door, demanding that he be given the e-mail addresses of students who have allegedly been flooding Noyes's personal e-mail account with pornography.

KGO radio anchor Bernie Ward has picked up the SMC sexual assault discussion as well, comparing Saint Mary's current problems with the recent Catholic priest pedophile scandal in a broadcast last week.

Ward, an ex-priest, is known for his often-controversial comments, which have man-



KGO's Dan Noyes interviews Br. Craig at a press conference.

aged on several occasions to get on sexual assault and misconhim into trouble. Last year, he duct among the best available. apologized for comments he made on September 12, 2001the day after the terror attacks- referring to ultra-orthodox Israelis as "Nazis."

#### **ADMINISTRATION** REVIEWS POLICY. PLANS REFORMS

A presidential task force, a third-party statistics monitor, and an investigation by "Security on Campus" will gauge any wrongdoing by the administration, according to Franz.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Sally Stampp will head a sexual assault and safety task force that will "look in all areas [of sexual assault] and empower Stampp with the financing necessary," said Franz.

"We want to make Saint Mary's educational programs

said Stampp.

Security on Campus, the watchdog safety group that beis vastly lieves SMC underreporting crime statistics and mishandling sexual assault cases, will also be allowed to fully investigate, according to

"We will be fully compliant with [the organization]" he

Each Clery Act violation that Security on Campus finds will result in a \$27,500 fine by the U.S. Department of Education.

Brother Craig stated the school is looking for a thirdparty group - one different from Security on Campus - to monitor all campus crime statistics.

"We feel we report statistics correctly," says Franz, "and if we haven't, we are anxious to know why."

# Remembering a legend: **Brother T. Jerome West**

by Chris Swain

News Editor

Brother Jerome West passed away early last Sunday, Dec. 1. He was 84 years old.

Friends and family warmly remembered West as a congenial individual who "was a person really aware of students' needs and wants."

A funeral liturgy was held for West last Wednesday.

Former Saint Mary's president Br. Mel Anderson delivered the eulogy, remembering West as "competitive yet compassionate, purposeful but sensitive, steadfast but realistic."

Brother Jerome was born

James Erwin West on July 23, 1918 of Katherine Noonan West and William West. His mother was an Irish organist and his father a German butcher. West was one of three

An alumnus of Saint Mary's class of 1940, he took his final vows as a Christian Brother three years after his graduation.

West served as a teacher and principal, among other positions, before taking his final position at SMC as Vice President for Development and College Relations.

Also, as a Brother in residence, West was in touch with

the students and "was always interested in the students' point of view," said Anderson.

During his time as vice president, West led the College in commencing a development campaign that surpassed expectations by \$21 million.

Some of the growth of the College under West included McKeon Pavilion, three of the Ageno halls, and Brother Jerome West Hall. The hall named after West was donated in his name because the donor believed that, after West's other successes, it was time he was honored.

66 He was competitive yet compassionate, purposeful but sensitive, steadfast but realistic. "

> BR. MEL ANDERSON, FSC Former President of SMC

went through his novitiate process under West, remembers West as "tough but very sensi-

During the General Chapter of the Christian Brothers in Rome in 1967, West's ideas, and those of many Brothers, were challenged. Following the Brother Martin Fallin, who chapter, sixty Brothers at vari-



**Brother Jerome West** 

ous stages of formation left, which "killed Jerome," said Fallin. "He was always very concerned in dealing with individuals."

"He believed in the College as a Liberal Arts, Catholic and Lasallian educational adventure," said Anderson, "and he believed that passionately."

# Landis leaves SMC

by Andrea Camarena Sports Editor

Three-year Gael veteran Tim Landis resigned from his position as head football coach on Tuesday, December

Bucknell Univeroffered Landis the head coaching position for its Division I-AA team on Monday night. For the Saint Mary's athletic staff, Landis's de-

cision came unexpectedly but with a logical explanation. As a Pennsylvania native,

he saw the move as more of one for his family than for his ca-"It was a very difficult deci-

sion," Landis said. "The opportunity is once in a lifetime. It's not only a professional opportunity, but also a good personal decision. I wasn't planning on leaving, but it's a great chance to go home."

The Saint Mary's football program hopes to name a new

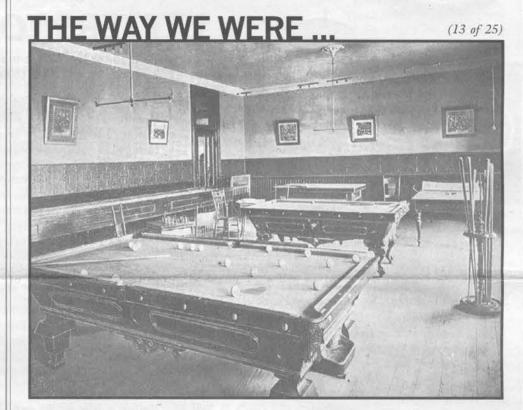
coach by January 1. Athletic director Carl Clapp plans to organize a committee to find someone before the month's end. As of now, the department has both internal and external candidates in mind. Both defen-

> sive coordina-Jeff Hammerschmidt and offensive coordinator Ian Shields have expressed interest.

With his exit, Landis had this to say about the organization he's leav-

ing behind: "Saint Mary's is about the people. It's not the largest school. It doesn't have million-dollar facilities, but the people are the quality. The student-athletes are great guys and so were my colleagues...If it's not hard to say goodbye then it wasn't a very great place. It was hard to say goodbye to Saint Mary's.

The football team will begin practicing with its new coach during the spring.



A more perfect student union?

This photo from the June, 1905 edition of the Collegian shows the billiard hall from Saint Mary's old Oakland campus, complete with pingpong, shuffleboard, and non-coin-op billiard tables. Perhaps our Moraga campus will someday enjoy the same quality of entertainment in its own student union.

# **GROSSMAN:**

were referred to her by a third party. College president Br. Craig Franz, FSC, and the SMC legal department both declined to comment on the issue; Women's Resource Center director Laura Armstrong and Dean of Student Development Mary Spellman said they were not familiar with the attorney's involvement in the cases.

Grossman, a criminal de-It also remains unclear fense attorney who also whether the plaintiffs in SMC's devotes part of her practice to sexual assault cases sought out assisting plaintiffs in sexual hired to represent Susan Polk, Grossman on their own, or harassment cases, has been accused in the October 14 murinvolved with a series of controversial cases in the recent

> She has served as a defender for Lynna Lea Weusthoff, a 31year old high school teacher who had sex with a 17-year old male student at Walnut Creek's Northgate High. Weusthoff pled no contest in April to

charges of statutory rape, and was sentenced to 120 days in

jail and five years' probation. Grossman has also been der of her husband Felix Polk. Polk, a Berkeley psychologist, was beaten and stabbed 27 times at his Orinda home. Polk's is the first murder case in Orinda in three years.

Grossman also hosted an October 19 fundraiser for the Lynne Stewart Defense Committee at her Berkeley office.

indicted in April for allegedly helping client Omar Abdel Rahman, the Egyptian sheik convicted of planning the 1993 Center, pass messages to an Egyptian terrorist organization. Many lawyers across the country have decried Stewart's arraignment as an attempt by the federal government to by terrorism probes. Others, scinded after her lecture.

Stewart, a well-known New however, have criticized York criminal defender, was Stewart for her controversial remarks about victims of the World Trade Center attacks.

The victims of the 9/11 attacks, Stewart said in a lecture bombing of the World Trade at Stanford, "had no idea that they could ever be a target for somebody's wrath, just by virtue of being American. They took it personally. And actually, it wasn't a personal thing."

Stanford's offer to Stewart frighten attorneys who seek to for a mentorship position at the represent individuals targeted university's law school was re-

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Dear Students,

This coming September, I will be celebrating my 25th anniversary as a De La Salle Christian Brother. Five and a half years ago, Brother Craig invited me to join the Saint Mary's College of California community as the Vice President for Student Affairs. During this time, it has been a privilege to know, live, work and pray with and for you, the students of SMC. Also, during this time I have had to make some difficult decisions. In doing so, I have always tried to be fair and objective, guided by what is best for students, their well-being and educational development. I feel confident that these Lasallian principles always have guided my decisions. After prayerful discernment, I feel that at this point in time it is best that I step aside. I have offered to Brother Craig my resignation from the position of Vice President for Student Affairs. I have been in conversation with my Brother Provincial and over the next couple of weeks, I will be transitioning to minister in the Lasallian mission of the New York province of which I am a member.

I am grateful beyond words for the opportunities that I have had to be of service here at SMC. The students of SMC are second to none! During my life as a Brother, I have never served a student body more gifted, generous, committed, and engaged. The Christian Brothers here on-campus are incredibly dedicated and available to students. For the opportunity that I have had to live in religious community with the Brothers of the Alemany Community and in association with the Brothers of the

SMC Community, I am grateful. The staff, faculty, alumni, Regents and Trustees are among the most committed professionals I have ever known. To have come to know, serve and love so many quality people here at SMC -- students, Brothers, Lasallian colleagues - I am blessed. God is a Gael and I am grateful for having been a part of this community! As you embark on the final days of the fall semester, I wish you all the blessings and graces you need to continue to prosper, grow and learn. I ask that you always remember and consider making your own the response of the prophet Micah (6:8) to the people of his time when the people asked: "What does the Lord ask of us?" The prophet Micah responded: "To act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.

> Sincerely, Brother Jack Curran, FSC, PhD

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Submit your letters to the editor by mail, e-mail, or in person. All letters should be as concise as possible, and the Collegian holds the right to edit any submitted material, solicited or unsolicited.

Dear Editor,

Student reaction to sexual assault

Percentage of students who think that the media is to blame for the sexual assault scandal.

60

Percentage who think the administration is responsible for the scandal.

Percentage of students who think Brother Jack should not have resigned.

45

Percentage of students who think that the sexual assault policy is responsible for the scandal.

30

Percentage of students who think that SMC students are responsible for the scandal.

This week, the Collegian asked 75 students who was to blame for the sexual assault scandal. Students were allowed to vote for more than one choice.

In Defense of Saint Mary's

I would like to try to balance the perspective about Saint Mary's College of California that has recently been presented in the media.

What constitutes sexual assault? What constitutes sexual harassment? What are the best ways to educate and support the development of young women and men as they explore the role of sexuality in their relationships and lives? How does a college work toward this end? How does a college manage to respect the individuals' responsibilities and rights as well as their ethics, morals, religious convictions, and personal preferences? These are the complex questions facing colleges today.

Recent media coverage makes it appear that Saint Mary's College in Moraga is not working on these issues. As a faculty member and student advisor at Saint Mary's for 15 years and as the former Acting Dean of Students, I can assure you that we are working on these issues in and out of the classroom at Saint Mary's.

I am concerned at the level to which the media has taken the words of some college community members and made what are very complex issues seem simplistic. This approach, educationally and psychologically, is not only counterproductive to the advancement of women's rights, but does not promote the development of young women as proactive communicators and problem solvers.

From my point of view, Saint Mary's College is committed to its mission of educating students in an environment that is not only safe but conducive to non-threatening exploration of all issues related to living and learning.

Finally, as Acting Dean of Students during the Spring 2000 semester, I worked closely with Brother Jack Curran. I found him to be a caring man, totally committed to the well being of students. There is absolutely no reason to question either his character or his integrity. I will miss his presence at Saint Mary's. I hope his resignation during such troubled times will not detract from the many contributions he has made to the college

Christa Kell Faculty/Advisor

#### **Defending My** Actions

Dear Editor,

Before a few weeks ago, I never watched the news, and the KGO-ABC news report reaffirmed my reasons. The report was sensationalized; all TV is, yet, when you look past this you can get to the heart of the issue.

The report showed that there is a problem at this college and the problem has been around for a while without being solved. When I first saw the newscast, it upset me, so I asked questions. Honestly, I did not know what I was getting myself into, but the answers that I got led me to the actions that I took. I do believe that my actions were in the right, and if they were not, the administration would not have taken the actions that they did. Our asking for Brother Jack to be removed from his position was in no way a personal attack against him, but stating that we did not have confidence in him as a professional.

You may disagree with me, you may even be angry with me. However, I challenge you to ask your own questions about the community you live in. I am not mad at KGO-ABC News, because they can wake up our apathetic student body and force them to action; I thank KGO-ABC News.

Being a student here gives me the right to be critical and demand change to this commu- Still there remains one probnity that I am a part of. The Student Reform Coalition never cheaper online, I have to pay said that we were representing the majority on this campus. We only said that we were a concerned group of students that were willing to voice our opinion

I am glad that students on both sides are taking action, but I encourage everyone to educate themselves before they begin to speak. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you would like further information:

smcstudents1@yahoo.com. Crystal Riggins, '05

#### **Boycott Bookstore** this December

Dear Editor,

So it's around the middle of May 2002. As I approach the bookstore with my used books, I am eager that I will be receiving at least a portion back from the hard-earned cash I put down in February to buy my books. I'm thinking that I might be able to get enough money to start my summer off right. If I spent about \$425 on books only three months ago, it wouldn't seem crazy that I would expect at least a 25% return of \$100. No dice -- I was wrong and, come to think of it, I was now wrong for the fourth time. I had never got any real money for my books. Again, all I got back was about \$37. I was angry, angry that \$425 turned into only enough to fill my gas tank, buy a slice of pizza and get Mallrats on DVD (which is very choice might I add).

Nonetheless, I told myself that, come September, I would buy all my books via Amazon.com. One problem is that the way this school is set up, you can't even find out the books needed for each class unless you go to the bookstore (Tricky, Tricky, SMC accountants, you set that one up right). So I went there, wrote down the to make the exchange, TAX titles of all the books I needed and then ordered them online. Mike Bausch, '04

lem, now even though they are shipping costs, plus I have to wait for them to arrive.

It would seem as if the bookstore had a monopoly stronghold on the wallets of SMC students that can't be shaken. That is, until I got a little idea while watching Sponge Bob. Thanks to the new, easy to use Saint Mary's classifieds (http:// smcnet.stmarys-ca.edu/ classifieds/), we can all buy and sell books while potentially having a 0% loss in

Example of the situation; I put an ad in describing my retail \$70 economics book with highlights specific to Bodily's class, but instead only advertise it for \$40. I stand to not lose some \$60 bucks at the bookstore but only \$30 to whoever buys it. However, the person that bought it from me could potentially sell the same book in May for \$40 and have a 0% loss. We can sell it saying what features the book has, like notes to a particular class you had it for. We can sell Seminar books in packages and save hundreds. When it comes down to it, the bookstore has been taking us for fools for years, and no one has called them on it. They manage to sell the same book multiple times, gaining exponentially, as we settle for the few bucks they hand us because hey, we gotta eat too.

You might have lots of money and not even need this article's advice. Or you might be like me, scraping what you can get to get through these four years. Whatever the case may be, frugal students need to support the classifieds because Napster is gone and movie tickets aren't getting any cheaper. Go to the site, make an ad in all of five minutes, and then just arrange a place on campus FREE!



# a stand... not that it matters

by Susanne E. Schweitzer

Chief Copy Editor

Unless you were living under a rock last week, you know that the issue of sexual assault on campus was brought to a head by KGO TV's "I-Team" invescontroversy over the handbook policy. A group of mainly female students protested the administration's lack of action by camping out on Chapel Lawn. They initiated this strike to resolve ten central issues, most notably the request that Br. Jack Curran, Vice President of Student Affairs, be removed from his

While there's no doubt that the administration has made mistakes in the past regarding this touchy issue, to place the blame squarely on Br. Jack's shoulders is both inaccurate and grossly unfair. However, the issue I

be granted academic amnesty and be safe from punishment.

No one is debating the importance of the issues these students were backing. In fact, tigation, which stirred up 80% of it was simple common sense, and should never have required the drastic measures taken by this student coalition. However, isn't the point of protesting self-sacrifice? Have we become so spoiled and jaded that we've lost focus of the importance of the debate? Two years ago, the hunger strikers asked for the same clemency, and it left me feeling then, as it does now, slightly cynical.

Because we are an academic institution, our classwork and academic priorities should come first. When these responsibilities pale in light of bigger issues (such as the revisal of the sexual assault policy), action should and must be taken.

cerns the eighth resolution on change were subject to tear gas not have to worry about the the strikers' list of demands: and police brutality, yet the quiz in your class the next that all involved in the strike importance of the issues at- day, a mid-week slumber tracted supporters despite party might be fun! The only these risks. Their protest was noble because it involved the threat of reprisal. Protest, by its very nature, implies an indifference to negative consequences. I would like to know how many individuals would have supported this cause if there had been any possible danger. Not that the issues of policy weren't worth a fight, but would students still have staged such a drastic call for action if anyone had been in grave danger of, say, failing a class because of it?

I fear that because this resolution has now become policy, the nature of civil disobedience will start to slip. If one is no longer willing to risk anything to affect change, what's to stop students from staging monthly, weekly, or even daily protests? Don't like the food at During the Civil Rights Saga? Camp out on the lawn to really wish to debate con- movement, advocates for create change. Not only do you protest absurd.

possible negative outcome might be a sore back. Heck, my brother took the same action to get Star Wars tickets, but no one's calling him an

I am not advocating punishment for the people who went on strike last week. Not only do I believe the majority of the issues they were debating were in need of attention, but I have a lot of respect for anyone willing to take a stand, no matter what the cost. However, in the case of this protest (and in the countless strikes which will doubtless follow here at St. Mary's, no matter how much the administration tries to keep everyone happy), there was no cost to consider. The danger in such a resolution is that it starts to invalidate the action, making the notion of



# Think Before You Speak: A Student's Response

To the Editor,

A quote by Brian Stanley in an earlier letter to the editor this year really sums up much of the student-spoken cally weak " I watched the same gathering and read the same flyers as everyone else, but I did not "here" from any "Mike" (read the flyer).

The fact that a lot of the words that were spoken lacked any substantial support or intellectual thought, which this college does actually support, disturbed me. "This is not Berkeley"-obviously not, because Berkeley demonstrations have a well thought out and substantially supported argument and foundation. I am not, by any means however, taking anything away from the importance of this gathering to the college community, nor am I saying that I do not agree with a lot of what was said.

The gathering was extremely but this does not take away the important in that never before have I seen this college display such an outpouring of pride and activism outside of a sporting rhetoric pronounced at last event. Everyone there obvi-Friday's open 'mic': "Intel- ously had a great interest in lectually vapid and theoreti- what was affecting our commu-

> It is our human nature to be reactionary and respond to what we, as students, feel as threatening, and everyone there displayed this. However, reaction is not an excuse for ignorance. Due to personal experience with violent and sexual crimes against someone extremely close to me, I, as much as the rest of the student body have a vested interest in the recent disturbing news regarding sexual assault on cam-

> For this reason, portions of the Channel 7 broadcasts were important in that they brought a sense of awareness regarding a vitally important issue.

With regard to Brother Jack, personally, I was sad to see him go, especially in such a fashion, right for others to have their own opinion on him. I would like to believe that no one in this college is not subject to accountability, and as VP of Student Affairs, you are accountable to the entire student body.

Furthermore, it is extremely disturbing to see that the gathering's speakers blamed a particular and select group of passionate students, who hold the right to have an opinion just as much as anyone else, for his resignation. Never once did Brother Jack or any other college administrator blame a group of students for being solely responsible for his resignation, and to believe so is exceptionally naïve because there was and still is a much bigger picture and no one has presented any evidence other-

Is this college safe? Generally speaking, yes. However, a high level of ignorance was again displayed by a number of the gathering's speakers in that there was a lack of recognition of problems with the college's sexual assault policy. The problems are too long to list, but they, unlike some of the spoken rhetoric at the gathering, are substantially supported.

The Associated Students Senate, who represents the entire student body, voted unanimously for a wide range of changes to the college's sexual assault policy and the Sexual Assault Review Committee will hopefully be implementing these changes and

In conclusion, it was again important that this gathering was held and so much pride and passion was displayed. Hopefully, everyone realizes that we are all entitled to our own opinion, but any opinion is just that-merely an opinion, unless substantial and factual evidence is given to support it.

Sincerely, Nick Hardeman '03

# Blame Rape on Alcohol

Dear Editor,

I have watched the recent events unfold on campus with regard to the debate over sexual assault, and have found myself consistently frustrated with both

Over my time here at Saint Mary's, I have noticed a problem that goes deeper than just this sexual assault issue, that could ultimately be argued as the root of the whole problem. This was no more sharply brought to my attention than the November 26 issue of the Collegian.

After several pages of opinions and letters and essays on the problems the administration has with dealing with sexual assault, I find myself on page 10. This page consists of a piece called "The Best Way to ... "- one of the items mentioned is "how to make a fool of yourself at a Saint Mary's Party"- the first phrase is "come sober."

THAT is the root of this problem. So what's the alternative, come drunk? The opposite of sober is drunk, which means one has already had too much to drink, and they're showing up at a party where they will drink even MORE

Now, I'm not against drinking completely, but come on. If this is the attitude the majority of students have on campus, that the only thing to do on the weekend is spend money to get wasted, and then when their judgment is severely impaired, complain of the consequences, then there is a serious disconnect. If one is to make the choice to get smashed, then she has to deal with the consequences. Girls: if you know this is a problem here on campus, the smart thing to do would be to not allow yourself to get so wasted that you don't know what is happening around you! As strong, capable women, we have to look out for ourselves!

We can't do whatever we want, and then demand someone deal with the consequences. Part of going to college is learning to make smart decisions, and putting yourself into a situation that is sketchy, (and you know most parties have an element of it), then that's your mistake. No one

I agree that the college needs to re-evaluate itspolicies on sexual assault-that's unarguable. But it's not the only problem here. As students on a small campus, we need to look out for each other, and especially women. I'm not trying to be mean to the guys-there are plenty of great guys out here at SMC. BUT, to not take responsibility for one's actions and choices is what is sad.

Guys: you can help keep a lookout too. No one can make your choices for you, OR take care of the consequences. Each choice you make has a consequence, and you have to look at the whole picture before going ahead and doing whatever you feel like. Part of college is learning to be responsible, and becoming an adult. I feel like I'm just still in high school. Do you always want to be 18 and drunk on weekends? Or do you want to have a job, a family, and make something of yourself?

"Be yourself. Who is better qualified?" - Frank J Giblin II Carrie Beth Holt

# SPORTS

# **SCOREBOARD**

# CHRIS"JAKE" JACOBSON

Saint Mary's head athletic trainer Chris Jacobson will retire after 33 years in the business. Jacobson, whose last game will be the men's contest against Stanford on Dec. 14, has spent 20 years as a member of the Gaels' athletic department. An off-campus celebration is scheduled for Jacobson on December 8 at the Black Diamond Brewery in Walnut Creek at noon. There will also be a going-away celebration in the Soda Center on December 11 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All are welcome at both events.

#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

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#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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**DECEMBER 4** 

In the wake of her performance against Western Carolina, sophomore Triola Jackson was named WCC Player of the Week for the week of November 24-December 1.

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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# CLUB

# ·Still rowing with Dan Faustina

by William Porter
Sports Writer

# [Men's Crew]

t has been a year and a half since Dan Faustina was welcomed into the Saint Mary's community by the three remaining members of the Saint Mary's men's crew team. Since then, Faustina has made a significant impact on the sport of rowing at Saint Mary's. His positive attitude and exciting coaching style have allowed the team to grow

in numbers and contend with nationally-ranked schools in a short time span.

Faustina also stresses to all his rowers that studying and schoolwork are of equal importance to crew.

Before arriving at Saint Mary's, Faustina mastered the art of rowing while attending Pepperdine University, where he rowed for four full seasons. At Pepperdine, he developed a passion for the sport, as well as solid leadership skills as the captain of the team his senior season.

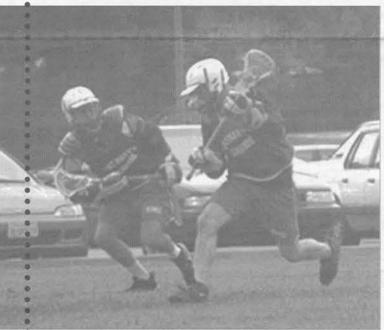
Faustina's coaching credentials include a three-year stint as the head coach of the SoCal Boat Club. At the Boat Club, he taught the basics to recreational crewmembers, as well as fine-tuning masters boats.

During his senior year at Pepperdine, Faustina also took on the task of coaching the novice squad at his university.

"I am pleased with the progress," Faustina said in reference to the growth of the team. "This is a young team with a bright future ahead."

For information on men's crew, contact team captain Dan Tichenor at x5813.

# Looking forward to...



# [Men's Lacrosse]

Katie Linnett

et ready, get excited and be prepared, because the Saint Mary's men's lacrosse season is get ting closer, with full-swing practices starting in January. With the biggest roster they have seen in years, it shouldn't be hard for the team to live up to the amazing season we saw last year as the team made it to the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League Championships. The championship game against USC ended with Saint Mary's short only a few goals. This yeaf's aim is to return to the championship and capture a victory. With five returning seniors and new freshmen who are picking up on the game quickly, this goal is not out of reach, even though most members of the team started playing knowing nothing about the game itself. Junior and veteran player Adam "Moose" Melville is very optimistic about the rookies. "Dan Fouchee and Toni Verutti will form a good midfield for the team,"Melville said.

Senior Mike Jennaro will be returning to hold up the defense, while fellow all-star players Joe Warner and Peter Burns will be back to team up for a strong attack. With the lack of funding and the struggle to stay together as a team, they need all of your support so, go out and show it at their first game, against the Saint Mary's alumni team, February 1 at 1:00pm.

# ·Officially Gaels

# [Women's

Rugby]

by Andrea Camarena

Sports Editor

ne of two new club sports chartered by the ASSMC in November, the women's rugby team has now begun its search for a coach and a solid team. After a year-long struggle to form a team and a strong following, the organization's president, Giselle Murillo, finally created a new athletic option for Saint Mary's competitive women.

The team's interim coach and assistant athletic director for recreational sports, Marty Storti, is still searching for a head coach for the team. They plan to name one by January.

The team began practice at the beginning of the fall semester with 40 women. Unfortunately, the numbers have slowly dwindled down, and Murillo still seeks new players, no experience necessary. The team's season begins in February and will run through April.

For information on SMC women's rugby, contact Giselle Murillo at x5349.



# Looking for a few good men.

[Men's Volleyball]

by CJ. Daft . . . . . . . . Sports Writer

sport that can get by UC Davis. lost in the club sport success that Saint Mary's experienced last year is the men's volleyball team. The team plays in the spring as do both the rugby and men's lacrosse teams. Last season, the team experienced some success, making it to the postseason, where it was knocked out in the first round

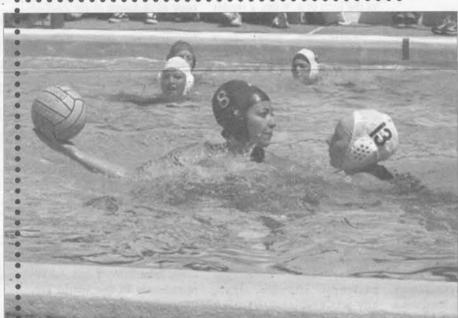
Unlike a varsity team or a more involved club sport, the volleyball team emphasizes the word "club." The team practices only twice a week before playing a match on the weekend. For the most part, the volleyball team plays local schools: Sac State, Davis, Santa Clara, USF, and San Francisco State are all in the Gaels' conference, a Division II club volleyball league. The farthest that the team travels in the regular season is to San Luis Obispo to compete against Cal Poly.

The team is always looking for new members, and not much time is taken away by joining the team. If you have interest in joining the club, but have second thoughts about your ability to compete on a

collegiate level, think again. As a club sport, the team does not conduct tryouts. And although the play is competitive, the team was established mainly so that volleyball varmints at this school can play their sport in an organized, competitive fashion against other schools.

If you have any interest in joining the team, call team president Dave Allan.

Poolside Preparations



# .....A fresh start [Women's Volleyball]

by Pablo Armas •

Although it is a fairly new club, women's volleyball is in full swing. The club sport has only been around for a year now, but this is the first year that it has competed in an organized league of its own. In fact, the team has already played its first game of the year. Although they didn't win, they still have high hopes for the season. "That was the first opportunity that they had to play as a team. I think they learned a lot in what it means to be a team," said Marty Storti, director of Athletics for Recreational Sports. He had high praise for the team and sports clubs as a whole. He enjoys doing his work, knowing that clubs like this help the school and are a powerful opportunity for the students who participate in them.

# [Women's

by Andrea Camarena

# Water Polo

The splash of the women's water polo team will return to the Saint Mary's pool in Jan Term, when the Gaels get geared up to train for their 2003 spring season. The team began practicing in September, but has had low turnout due to scheduling conflicts. With a solid group of 20 women expected to jump into the pool in January, the team will train two hours a night, four nights a week to prepare for their season opener at the end of February.

Experience is the definite advantage for this year's team. Head Coach Leigh McGuire returns for her third season as a Gael. "She has totally taken all of us and reworked us. This season is looking up because of her," said team vice president Shelby Hughes '04. Hughes, in her third year on the team, is one of 15 returning players for the SMC water polo team.

As an official Saint Mary's club, the team holds fundraisers throughout the year to meet expenses for travel and equipment. On Monday, December 2, the team held a Swim-a-thon in the SMC pool. The team is also attempting to attain sponsors to provide balls for practice.

Liz Bayer '03, that captain of the women's water polo team, is still looking for more players to come out. For information, call Bayer at x8391.



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# **CANTANKEROUS** CORNER

by Karen Britten

# Baseball prattle for the fan in need

Fans of the Oakland Athletics and San Francisco Giants have been feuding with each other recently in the Contra Costa Times sports section via letters to the editor about whose team is better. The Collegian is the perfect outlet for my opinion, so here it goes.

First of all, it must be made known that I am a die-hard A's fan. Although I am not from Oakland, I have some definite reasons for my decision. Perhaps the biggest reason is the fan base, for although it is relatively small, it contains the people that I prefer to call my brethren." They are mostly blue-collar working Joes and Janes who come out to enjoy a mug of beer, a great baseball game and a hot dog. Despite public opinion, they know their baseball. A's fans are passionate individuals who love their team and expect loyalty and effort from their players. These are the same fans who, during a game against the Red Sox in which the A's were down five runs in the second inning, belted a loud and roaring war-cry for a gallant comeback from their boys in green. These are the fans that, on Opening Day 2002, were walking away from the ballpark shouting 'Let's Go Oakland!" over and over after the first win of the

This is the organization rooted in baseball history, too, boasting the likes of Catfish Hunter, Rollie Fingers, Mark McGwire and Reggie Jackson as one-time roster members in the glory days of Oakland A's baseball. We are an organization with 12 division titles in Oakland alone, 6 pennants, and 4 World Series

The only other option for the Bay Area baseball fan lies with the San Francisco Giants, who, although they have had post-season success, are nowhere near the level of overall on-field success that the A's are. That is not even enough to make me refuse to be a Giants fan. With Pac Bell Park, the Giants no longer reserve the right to call themselves a baseball team. Look around, and although the park is quite beautiful, you'll find yuppies chatting away on their cell phones, sporting their new and expensive Giants jackets that they bought to be cool. The menus at Pac Bell consist of fish tacos and clam chowder (where's the baseball in that?) They are proud of their slugger, Barry Bonds, who hides behind an elbow pad that compares in size only to his ego.

Being an A's fan may not bring me joy 100% of the time, but I am proud to be a supporter of the green and gold.

# **100 WORD REVIEWS**

# MOVIE

Pierce Brosnan is back as the seductive, charming British agent James Bond in "Die Another Day." In his twentieth adventure, Bond is sent to North Korea on a mission to find stolen diamonds. During his quest, he meets an American agent named Jinx, played by Oscar-winning goddess Halle Berry. Working as an unstoppable team, they disarm the bad guys and fight against all odds. This Bond has more cars, more action and more excitement than any of the others, and the scenery isn't too bad either! In the end, James gets the girl, keeps his job, and gets his martini -- shaken, not -Lara Endreszl

# BOOK

Controversial author Garry Wills wrote Papal Sin, which many felt could only be described as "church-bashing." To provide a sense of balance, he authored Why I am a Catholic. The "Why" and the "Catholic" part of the title are left unanswered. Wills begins the book by describing events in his life as a Jesuit brother but, excluding that, the book read more like a survey of Church history than a personal account of why Wills isn't exclusively Catholic. Wills doesn't adequately explicate the words that grace the cover of his book. Instead, it reads as a continuation of his earlier book Papal Sin, promoting his unceasing discontent with the Papacy.

-Nathan Cho

### CONCERT

On Dec. 5, as part of a promotion to sell tickets for the "Not So Silent Night" concert on Dec. 13, Live 105 had the punk rock band New Found Glory perform at the Bottom of the Hill in San Francisco. The band played two shows that night to a packed house full of teenagers and their parents. Since tickets for this concert were only \$5, the audience got a lot more than it paid for. The hourlong show full of songs from their latest album, Sticks and Stones, a few old songs, and a lot of audience interaction made this onenight-only showing a perfect preparation for the following week's Christmas music fest.

-Chris Mateo

by Susanne E. Schweitzer

Chief Copy Editor

How does anyone manage to get to the heart of the human capacity for both genius and creativity, even in a matter as simple as a cake?

Michael Cunnigham, Pulitzer Prize winning author of The Hours, a book about the lives of three women whose destinies intertwine spectacularly, visited campus last Monday for a book reading and signing. I was able to sit down with him between his myriad other commitments, in hopes that I would discover what inspired the incredible beauty of this novel.

Cunningham did not begin writing until his junior year at college (he attended Stanford University, and hoped to become a painter). He abandoned this pursuit, however, "after a couple of years. I realized I just really wasn't good enough at it. I took up writing because I really wanted to do something, and writing really clicked. I never lost interest in it, and I still haven't lost interest in it," Cunningham said.

University of Iowa, which was, as he puts it, "another planet of sorts, where the most valuable, remarkable thing one can do in the world is produce a beautiful sentence.'

After graduating, Cunningham took a series of jobs waiting tables and tending bars - jobs that fit in with

his habit of writing four for hours every morning. When asked if it a difficult to stare at his computer screen for that long every day, Cunningham answered. "I sit there

for at least Photo from www.nysoclib.org four hours so that I'm there realized that there "wasn't really if anything comes. I have to sit through the blocks. [As an older writer,] I've learned to sit through them better than I could when I was 20."

Cunningham finds

with a specific character in mind. He likened the process to a snowball rolling down a hill, as the plot and shape of the novel are built around a character.

For The Hours, however, Cunningham was inspired by Virginia Woolf's Mrs.

> Dalloway, novel about a day in the life of an ordinary woman. Cunningham cites Woolf as one of his premiere influences and, in fact, The Hours began as a modern-day adaptation of that novel. However, Cunningham

enough to that. Why write a new Mrs. Dalloway when we've got a really great Mrs. Dalloway already? It very gradually took the form that it did. Three days in the lives of a writer, a reader and a character."

stories are usually generated style, it is not an imitation, which was an important distinction for Cunningham.

> "I wanted to write in my own voice, as much under her influence as possible."

> As for the novel's transformation into film, Cunnigham worked with screenwriter David Hare to ensure that the spirit of the novel would remain unchanged. Because the book focuses on description instead of dialogue, there was talk of voice-over. using a Fortunately, this technique, which Cunningham considers "cheating," was not employed.

"I feel great about [the · movie]. They did a really good job. They didn't compromise at all. I had the sense from the start that I was turning it over to serious, intelligent people who were going to try to make the best movie they could," Cunningham said. "It was a very risky project, but I'm really proud of it."

If you missed the lecture and book signing, you can still experience the beauty and intense philosophy of Michael Cunningham's gift. Pick up a copy of A Home at the End of the World, Flesh and Blood, or (ideally) The Hours, and be



everyday life

about

by Brad Kvederis Chief Copy Editor

Q:Every time I eat "Chee-tos," I end up with orange cheese powder all over my fingertips. there any way to avoid

A: Surprisingly, yes. Instead of using your fingers to grab Chee-tos out of the bag, pour them into your palm, then put them into your mouth like a handful of popcorn. Almost none of the cheesy residue remains behind.

Q: Why do some people bad-tasting refer to whiskey as "rotgut?"

A: A few hundred years ago, students at medical colleges performed autopsies on human corpses as part of their training in anatomy - but the dissection of corpses was prohibited by law. So the medical colleges in addition to having laboratories with few entrances and no windows - had to get their corpses from bodysnatchers.

Bodysnatchers would follow behind funeral processions for the newly-deceased (recent burials offered both the bestquality bodies and the lowest chance of someone noticing that a grave had been disturbed), then come back at night and dig up the corpses. To conceal their payload, the bodysnatchers needed to hide it in something that was nondescript, big enough to hold a whole human body, and whose contents wouldn't damage the corpse. Barrels of whiskey were ideal for this task, and many bodies were indeed carted off inside them. Although I don't know \*decades; 900 civilians have been (and don't want to, either) whether they ever sold the whiskey remaining unsuspecting drinkers afterward, the name "rotgut" has been used to refer to this and other types of foul-tasting liquor ever since.

In the world of anagrams - rearranging the letters of a proper name to form another word - who can lay claim to the best anagram of all-time?

A: My personal favorite would have to be Spiro Agnew, the vice president of the United States under Richard Nixon. Rearrange the letters in his name correctly, and you'll get "Grow a penis." TV Dick Cavett personality discovered this anagram, which was later popularized by humor columnist Dave Barry.

Q: In light of the recent hand-held missile attack on an Israeli jetliner, I wonder how vulnerable passenger jets are. Have any jets ever actually been shot down by shoulderlaunched rockets?

A: According to reports from the CIA and the U.S. State Department, 42 commercial airliners have been hit by shoulderlaunched rockets over the past three killed in said attacks. Five jumbo jets - Boeing 727s and 737s - were hit, and three crashed. While no reports of rocket attacks have been confirmed in the U.S., at least one such incident has been reported in Central America. Most shoulderlaunched rockets have a maximum range of a few miles and can reach as high as 11,000 feet; the most modern are effective at up to 15,000 feet.

Q: Is it true that a few mega-corporations make nearly all of the food products in the United States?

A: Not quite, but we're getting there. McDonald's owns Domino's and the Chipotle Mexican Grill. Wendy's owns Baja Fresh and over 2,000 Tim Horton's Coffee shops. Carl's Jr. owns the Green Burrito restaurants. Arby's owns T.J.

Cinnamon's and The Pasta Connection. All of the 19,000+ Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, KFC, Long John Silver's and A&W restaurants in the world are owned by Yum! Brands, Inc.

But perhaps the biggest example of corporate consolidation is ConAgra foods, which owns Armour, Hebrew National, National Deli, Oldham's Farm and Healthy Choice (meats), Chef Boyardee, Swiss Miss, Bumblebee Tuna, David (sunflower seeds and products), Lamb Weston (largest producer of potato products in the U.S.), Dennison's (chili and meat products), Knott's Berry Farm, Manwich, Hunt's (tomato products and puddings), Butterball (poultry), Fleischmann's, Move Over Butter and Parkay (margarine), Wolfgang Puck's (gourmet foods), Banquet (frozen dinners), Marie Callender's dinners (frozen restaurants), Libby's (juices), Chun King (Chinese foods), Blue Bonnet (dairy), Act II, Orville Reidenbacher's, and Jiffy-Pop (microwave popcorn), Pemmican and Slim Jim (beef jerky), Peter Pan (peanut butter), Reddi-Whip, Rosarita's (Mexican foods) and 49 other local brands.