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Special events highlight Jan term theme

by **Johnathan Morales**
Staff Writer

As Jan term comes to a close, several speakers will be coming to Saint Mary's to discuss issues relating to this year's Jan term theme: The "Global" Community in a Changing World. These events have been brought to campus by a variety of organizations, including CILSA, the MFA program, and the Collegiate Seminar program.

First, on January 23, artist Helen Redman will be coming to the Soda Center. Redman will discuss her work as a lifetime female artist.

The same night, the Saint Mary's MFA program will host an evening of readings from the Irish modernist W. B. Yeats.

Also coming to Saint Mary's on January 27th at 7:00 PM in the Soda Center is Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, who will speak about the many issues surrounding her son's death, including hate crime legislation and raising awareness of discrimination.

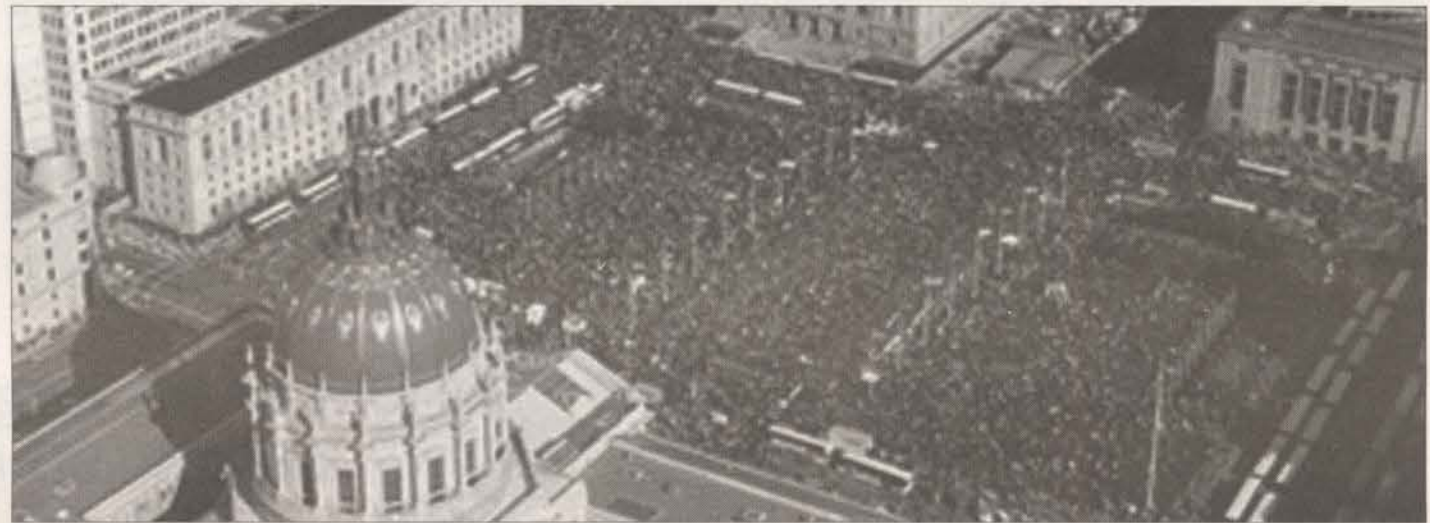
This spring the Collegiate Seminar program also will host several events. A talk entitled "Raised by Wolves: The Romans as They Saw Themselves," by Barbara Ellen Logan of UC Santa Cruz, will take place on February 24th and 25th in the Soda Center.

On February 26th, the Seminar program will host "Antony and Cleopatra: Dramatic Readings and discussion of scenes from Shakespeare," also located in the Soda Center.

The Shotgun Players, who presented *Troilus and Cressida* this fall, will be returning in March to perform the play *Oedipus Rex*.

On February 14, Saint Mary's will join 662 other colleges throughout the United States in performing Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*, starring students and staff from Saint Mary's.

The presentation is part of a global movement working to stop violence against women, and proceeds are being donated to domestic violence organizations in our community.



SF floods with protesters

Activists from Saint Mary's join in massive rally

by **Pablo Armas & Peter Tappeiner**
Staff Writers

On Saturday, Jan. 18, more than 40 Saint Mary's students, staff, and faculty joined thousands in San Francisco to protest the Bush Administration's proposed war against Iraq.

Student anti-war organizer Mike Cioffi '05 described the looming war as "unjust and immoral" and said that "war hurts more people than any dictator could."

"I don't believe we'll follow through and help Iraq develop as a nation after the war," said sophomore Laura Hautala.

Around the world, hundreds of thousands of people of all political persuasions and faiths gathered in such cities as London, Tokyo, Cairo and Moscow



to voice similar sentiments.

The protest in San Francisco, organized by International A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to

Stop War and End Racism) began with a rally at the Embarcadero. Marchers then proceeded down Market street

to Civic Center Plaza for a rally where speakers including actor Martin Sheen, singer Joan Baez and Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-Oakland) addressed the war against Iraq as well as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, U.S. dependency on oil and the growing problem of human rights violations toward immigrants and people of color.

Speakers also celebrated the life and dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose image was seen on many posters and banners held by demonstrators. Police estimated the crowd at 50,000, while organizers claimed that over 200,000 attended the demonstration. Either estimate would make this demonstration one of the largest anti-war rallies in the nation.

Protesters from Saint Mary's stressed the importance of voicing their opposition to the war and were optimistic about the effect that the demonstration would have. "So far the other protests have gotten Bush to go to Congress and to the U.N.," said Cioffi, expressing the hope

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Vanderkelen no longer media relations boss

by **Josh Farley & Nick Mangham**
Editor-In-Chief & Detour Editor

In light of last fall's scrutiny from the outside media and an increased college development workload, President Brother Craig Franz, FSC, relieved VP of Advancement Barry Vanderkelen of his duties overseeing college communications and gave them to VP of Enrollment Michael Beseda.

Franz cited Lipman-Hearne, a marketing firm based in Chicago that specializes in non-profit organizations, as recommending the change in both Vanderkelen's

and Beseda's job descriptions.

"The [Board of] Regents had been asking us to do this for years," said Franz. "We felt it was the right time to do it."

In his Jan. 9 weekly letter, Franz also cited "...the realities of a challenging national economy and the particular importance of institutional giving" as reasons for relieving Vanderkelen of his external relations duties so that he can focus more on the development aspects of his job.

Vanderkelen was suspended without pay for six weeks following allegations that he assaulted a former SMC student at a campus conversation on Nov. 20 last year. His return

on Jan. 6 commenced with a meeting with his entire department at the Soda Center.

Most in external relations had not been informed that Vanderkelen was no longer in charge of their department, and as a result, were puzzled when they were not invited to the Soda Center meeting for his return. An announcement followed, informing everyone in external relations that VP for Enrollment Michael Beseda would begin oversight of external relations.

Beseda's title has also been adjusted to vice-president of enrollment services and college communications.

Brother Craig said he had

spoken with Senior director of external relations John Leykam the morning of the meeting and had decided to leave out the departments, as they were no longer pertinent to Vanderkelen's return.

"In retrospect, the people in [external, community, and media relations] would have liked to be invited," said Brother Craig, "but John [Leykam] and I decided another way."

Beseda's new campus communications aspect includes oversight of how Saint Mary's deals with the outside media and community, production of "Update" alumni magazine, and the rest of the Saint Mary's publications office.

IN THE NEWS

AAUW offers award to graduating senior

The American Association of University Women is offering a \$300 award to one graduating SMC female. For information on how to win the award, contact Lisa Douglass at x4830.

American Chemical Society Workshop

On Saturday, January 25, there will be a chemical society workshop from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Galileo room 21. For more information call x4050.

Casino Night

This Friday, January 24, Program Board will put on "An Evening in Vegas" at the Soda Center from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Call x4146 for more information.

"Expressions of Blackness"

The 2nd annual event celebrating African heritage will take place Saturday, February 15th, registration starting at 5:30pm. Contact Brian Stanley at x4349.

Future RA Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, January 23 in Hagerty Lounge for all of those who are interested in becoming a resident advisor for next year.

"Hansel and Gretel" comes to SMC

On Thursday, January 30, at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., students enrolled in the Jan Term play "Hansel and Gretel" will wow the audience with their rendition of this classic fairy tale. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call x4381.

Student Alumni Association meeting

The Student Alumni Association will be meeting on Wednesday, January 22 in the Delphine Lounge. Contact Jim Sciuto at x8018.

Vagina Monologues comes to SMC for a day

On Friday, February 14, the Vagina Monologues are being performed by SMC students and staff at 7:00 p.m. in LeFevre Theater. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for staff. For information, call x4193.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



Choua Yang / COLLEGIAN

Anti-war Rally

Some SMC students hold up "Don't Invade Iraq" signs to join the over 200,000 participants in the anti-war rally in San Francisco on Saturday.

ANTI-WAR: SF protest one of the largest in world

Saint Mary's activists find protest a way "to live what they teach"

that this demonstration would help to prevent the war. Blair Howard '05, felt that the protest was successful in "showing that people from diverse backgrounds are coming together to say one thing."

When asked how the U.S. should address the problem of dictators like Saddam Hussein, not all protesters had answers. Professor of Politics Patrizia Longo pointed out that the duty of removing Saddam ultimately falls on the people of Iraq. Like the revolts against authoritarian regimes in Eastern Europe the people of Iraq should "do their job and topple Saddam." Longo believes that the U.S. should support movements for democracy in Iraq as opposed to imposing a new regime on the Iraqi people.

Many from Saint Mary's felt that it was their duty to par-

ticipate in Saturday's demonstration.

"As professors, we need to set an example and live what we teach," said Longo.

Several professors came to the march, including Professors of History Myrna Santiago and Gretchen Lemke-Santangelo, who carried a banner which read "Historians for Peace." Students felt a similar sense of responsibility; according to Howard, "we have to practice what we're

learning at Saint Mary's. Social issues come up in classes and it's good to be able to address them."

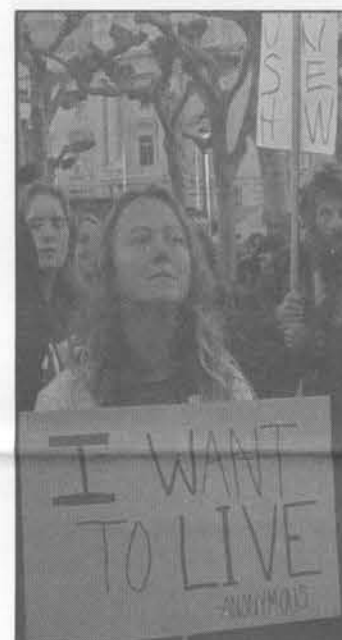
"This demonstration shows that we as students have a role in our government and it's more than just voting," commented Cioffi. Although war against Iraq may seem inevitable to some, more and more people around the

United States appear to be learning this lesson."

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SMC student Mike Cioffi '05



A Protester watches one of Saturday's speeches in Civic Center in San Francisco / Photo by Urano Makoto

CRIME BEAT

1/11 3:23 a.m.

Incident: Alcohol Infraction

Synopsis: Underage drinking in front of Justin Hall on DLS road.

1/13 3:15 p.m.

Incident: Theft

Synopsis: Golf cart stolen and recovered behind McKeon Gym.

1/14 7:00 a.m.

Incident: Vandalism

Synopsis: Side door smashed and broken at Brothers' dining room.

1/14 11:30 p.m.

Incident: Battery

Synopsis: Sexual battery outside of Aquinas. Referred to student development.

1/15 6:25 a.m.

Incident: Vandalism

Synopsis: Crack on windshield of Public Safety patrol vehicle.

1/16 5:25 p.m.

Incident: Handbook violation

Synopsis: Possession of pellet gun in dorm room at Augustine Hall, referred to student conduct.

VAGINA MONOLOGUES



Faculty, staff, students, and community members are cordially invited to attend the First Annual SMC V-Day production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." February 14th at 7 pm in the LeFevre Theater

Tickets are \$2.00 for students and \$5.00 for faculty, staff, and community members. The event is sponsored by The Women's Resource Center and C.I.L.S.A and the proceeds will benefit Bay Area anti-violence organizations.

V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. Through V-Day campaigns, local volunteers and college students produce annual benefit performances of "The Vagina Monologues" to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups within their own communities.

This year Saint Mary's College of California will be joining the V-Day global campaign to end violence against women with our own production of The Vagina Monologues produced, directed, and starring Saint Mary's students and staff.

Tickets available at The Women's Resource Center in De La Salle Hall or call 631-4193 for more information.

Hansel and Gretel Revisted: Making it G-rated

Michael Cook's "Creating Theatre for Future Generations" makes a dark story a little bit brighter

by **Susanne E. Schweitzer**
Chief Copy Editor

Most Jan Term classes require two and a half hours a day plus any homework time. Though students may grumble about this, the time is nothing compared to the effort expended by the "Theatre for Future Generations" class, which builds, rehearses, costumes and performs a play in one month. This year, the play is "Hansel and Gretel", and features Katie Krueger and Michael Guasco in the title roles. Director Michael Cook works with the technical crew in the mornings from 10:00 to 2:00, at which time the cast comes in to rehearse until 6:00. Beginning in the third week of the month, everyone in the class comes in at 10:00 to work until 6:00, making this class a full-time job for its members.

The final week of the class is spent performing for school-children who are bused in from East Bay schools. Sharon Cahill, Lefevre Theatre's box office manager, continually sells out the morning performances, and most of the students delight in the children's reactions.

"We do such a good job in this production, and the rea-

son I know that is because of the kids' reactions. They are so excited to meet us afterwards, and ask how we made some 'magic happen.' They give us hugs, and ask for autographs. It's really exciting," said assistant director and repeating class member Tolulope Odewumi.

The original story of Hansel and Gretel has been changed a little to make it more kid-friendly.

Some complained after last year's "Puss in Boots" that the lion was "too scary," so Michael Cook, who also writes the plays, made it a bit more palatable. For instance, instead of being abandoned by an evil stepmother, Hansel and Gretel have loving parents,

but get lost in the woods. "I'm glad I don't have to be the evil step-mother. Since my character is a kind and loving mother, I think kids will be more receptive to me, which is good. They are so cute after the play, and I'm glad they won't be scared of me," said senior Mary Kuczkowski, who plays Mother.

Also, instead of doing battle with one menacing witch, the part has been split into two sisters, Minerva and Daisy (played by Susanne Schweitzer and Katie Maloof). Minerva is the typical evil witch with a lovely outer appearance. Meanwhile,



Katie Krueger and Mike Guasco as Gretel and Hansel, respectively.

Photo by Michael Cook

“It's a lot of work but it's very rewarding. Once you see the kids' reactions, it makes everything seem worthwhile.”

KATIE KRUEGER
Class of 2004

Daisy is a tender-hearted vegetarian whose kindness is masked by a hideous exterior. Though Hansel and Gretel are more scared of Daisy at first, she ultimately proves to be their salvation, as she is the one who pushes Minerva into the oven. This was also a conscious decision on the part of Cook, who felt that Gretel shouldn't have to compromise her kindness. Finally, Minerva does not die in the oven, as "witches can't burn," sparing the audiences further distress.

The cast, including Katie

Maloof, who plays Daisy, the good witch, embraced this lightened version of the story.

"The two witches make the story a little less scary for the kids. My character also gives them a lesson in not judging books by their cover. And my wig is awesome," said Maloof.

Both witches sport massive wigs made of yarn and bits of muslin. Costume designer Lee Sablan conceptualized a sea theme for Minerva, and a midnight sky theme for Daisy, further capitalizing on the "good-versus-bad" theme, as one can't

judge on appearances.

Katie Krueger, who plays Gretel, said that the class is "a lot of work, but it's very rewarding. Once you see the kids' reactions, it makes everything seem worthwhile. Michael (Cook) is very imaginative, and he does everything. He makes everything happen through the students."

Tickets are still available for Thursday, January 30, at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., for \$5. Call Lefevre Theatre's box office at X4381, or by stop by the box office Monday through Friday.

THE WAY WE WERE ...

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Casino Night

This year's "Evening in Vegas" is not a recent idea. The annual casino night was enjoyed in 1978 just as much as this Friday's gambling fiesta.

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OPINION



Only a collective effort by the students will keep the administration's feet to the fire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Gael POLL

Student behavior during Jan-Term

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Percentage of students who spend 1 hour or less a day on homework during Jan Term.

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Percentage of students who spend 2 hours or more a day on homework during Jan Term.

31

Percentage of students who drink 3 or more days a week during Jan Term.

53

Percentage of students who say that Jan Term is most valuable for their social life.

37

Percentage of students who say that Jan Term is most valuable for their academic life.

This week, the Collegian asked 66 students about their behavior during Jan Term, and compiled the results above. All surveys are anonymous.

On the Nature of Idiotic Arguments

Peace = Good. War = Bad. Diversity = Good. Poverty = Bad. Social Justice = Good. Corporation = Bad. Environment = Good. Oil = Bad. 1984, here we come; or perhaps we're already there. Judging from the rhetoric of activists, protestors, pundits and academics, everything can be reduced to these convenient and mindless equations.

All I need to know about anything, I can find from the utterances and rants of the closest sign-wielding, slogan-shouting, socially-aware progressive.

But for whom is this convenient? For the masses pouring out of our slanted institutions of higher learning, I believe that "useful idiot" is a most appropriate label. They are merely carrying out that which was programmed into them. As simple as binary code, the little moral shorthand echoes in their heads: war is bad, Pat Buchanan is a rasist, Bush hates the environment, tolerance is good and so on.

Why do we always associate increasing diversity with goodness? Has the value in achieving superficial demographic equality replaced the value of seeking and fostering natural excellence in whomever may possess that potential irrespective of race?

Or how about this classic: anti-war. How many times have I heard the prospect for war with Iraq characterized as American imperialism? If it can be argued that the temporary rule of Germany and Japan by the United States immediately after World War II was for the benefit of those respective peoples, as well as for the rest of the world, and that this passes as imperialism, then it seems to me that more American imperialism is needed.

Many of us have simply internalized the nonsense that is fed to us, unbeknownst to even ourselves. Their origins and meanings are never even discussed.

We are being pushed here and there, satisfying the myriad of shadowy agendas; essentially what amounts to the corralling

of the mob. More and more the culture unquestioningly accepts them. The nature of argument itself is seemingly being turned on its head, or there is no argument altogether. This cancer is very much a part of our culture.

It's only a matter of time before we accept that 2 + 2 = 5 because: we must be tolerant of the 2 + 2 = 5 community, we must never discriminate, or because its an acceptable lifestyle choice. Everyone bow and say in unison, "Yes, Big Brother."

Peter Robert Flores, '03
Confessions of a Really White Man

Until the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, there were hitching posts on main street in our town. Then the government moved in, brought lots of improvements, like nuclear reactors, and we made uranium 238 for the Nagasaki bomb. There weren't any Japanese living nearby—unless you count those out at the relocation camp, and they moved away after the war.

There weren't any black people, either. That is, until I was in fourth grade, when we got our first family. It was on the front page of the newspaper and I saw one of their boys on the playground; he seemed all right.

The Indians were out on the reservation, where my father once took me to buy a salmon. They weren't supposed to sell to us, but nobody bothered about it.

The Mexicans mostly lived in their cars, because they followed the crops. I saw a lot of them at the gas station where my father worked. They liked talking with him.

When he wasn't pumping gas and cleaning windshields, my father was guarding the nuclear plant. Mostly, however, he and the other guards hunted deer, fished and made potluck stews from what they killed while protecting us from communist spies. He slept a lot there, too, because it really wasn't possible while pumping gas or on his third job, selling car care products to gas stations in Washington and Oregon. Oregon was important,

because he could buy cigarettes for himself and friends, without paying sales tax.

My grandfather was marshal; my great uncle the sheriff. I still like policemen, guns and Hank Williams.

Uncle Don was fun to be around. But I didn't like going to his house. He converted an abandoned chicken coop into a home, but left too many unfinished places where flies got in. If they weren't stuck to the yellow flypaper above the table, they were floating in the cereal bowls. I don't know where my aunt was during all this (they told me she was around, somewhere).

My grandfather was always telling jokes about "nigras" and watermelons. Then he stopped. Near as I can tell, it happened right after my cousin, a working girl in the next town (where there were plenty of black people), dropped off two black children for him to raise.

Then we moved up in the world and bought ourselves a

trailer. My mother, inclined to put on airs, called it a "mobile home." Also about this time I brought home my girlfriend to meet the folks. Her parents were professional people, employed by the government, and I never met them. She was black.

I didn't realize it right away, but, as my mother informed me, my father stopped talking to me. After a while I went off to college and he got over it.

Eventually, I married a nice Polish woman, converted to the Catholic faith, and began teaching at Saint Mary's.

So, as you can see, there are very few students at the College who can feel comfortable in my classes or office. And that is why I strongly support the College Diversity Initiative. For without me, who would advise and instruct all the redneck, right wing, heterosexual white people from trailer courts?

Wayne Harter,
Philosophy Department Chair

Collegian VIEW

What do we do now?

Tuesday, November 19, 2002. 6 p.m. Channel 7.

The seeming calmness of our campus disappeared with one five-minute newscast that night, and the integrity of our college came under fire. Dan Noyes and his KGO entourage came to Moraga, alleging anything and everything about our College's handling of sexual assault. Suddenly, everyone had an opinion, and our "bucolic" campus, as one reporter called it, was enthralled in debate.

Two months later, everything seems calm again. The administration is promising reform, promising to stay proactive. They have settled our fears to an extent about the issue with their assurance.

Dan Noyes is gone, having abandoned our school for his next investigation. We're left with ourselves—administration, faculty, alumni, parents and especially, students. We are the ones who care about our school, and its betterment, not some reporter from KGO. If we truly want things to change around here, we must continue fighting for it.

It's up to us, as students, "to hold our administration's feet to the fire" as one past *Collegian* editor said it—to follow through with the changes that need to be made, and to never give up the fight for the betterment of our college.

The power to take another life

Illinois' ex-governor Ryan reopens death penalty debate

by Liz Schnitz
Opinion Columnist

No one has ever compared ex-governor George H. Ryan to fellow Illinoian Abraham Lincoln except, well, his lawyer. Only days before departing his office after a term marred with scandal, Ryan made history when he granted a blanket clemency to all of death row in the state of Illinois. This has sparked controversy and speculation across the country. Only some weeks before, Ryan had been most notable for his corrupt use of government employees for his own campaigning agenda.

Many are surprised at Ryan's apparent slap in the face to the state capital system. In 1977, as a state representative, he voted the reinstatement of the death penalty in Illinois, after capital punishment had been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

Perhaps even more shocking is the manner in which Ryan decided to grant clemency to those already convicted. Referring to it as a "moral" decision, the ex-governor claims to have come to his decision on a "case-by-case basis," as he told Chris Bury on "Nightline." But don't misunderstand him.

"I just said I went over every one of those cases," he clarifies. "Now how do I cherry-pick those cases when I know there are innocent

people going to death row? How do I say this one is guilty and this one isn't?"

He expressed this confusion to Oprah as well; "I didn't know how I could cherry-pick."

Aw, shucks. From now on, "cherry-pick" will be the new euphemism for the task of de-

terminating the death penalty.

Ryan's mistake was taking this large task upon himself to begin with, which is why his lawyer referred to him in the same light as Abraham Lincoln during successive inquiries about his decision, and why others are confident that this

tion, "How can we know for sure?" started one's investigation, chances are it will linger long enough to keep any conscience (including Ryan's) aware of a flawed system, and thus reluctant to leave the wisdom of questionable verdicts to chance.

Ryan indeed has a conscience, and while he can go to sleep each night knowing he left no one die who might have been innocent, some of those he "saved" are wondering what the fuss was about, as they will remain in prison for crimes they might not have committed. Stanley Howard is one of them. He watched three of his inmates pack their bags to go home, and he will pack his own to move to a general population prison. "I celebrated for about five minutes, then I got angry," he told the Tribune.

As Ryan's critics dissect his historical moment, he pays the price for playing the liberator just before exiting office, as it will be up

to many of his opponents to decide the fate of the Illinois death penalty. Among them is Cook County States Attorney Richard Devine, who has spoken out against the mass clemency with a force that will confront Ryan's ostensible step forward. The Illinois Prisoner Board isn't finished looking at the rationale of Ryan's decision either, and chances are that their investigation will entail a little more scrutiny, and a little less "cherry-picking."



George H. Ryan looking rather uncertain with his instrument of death.

terminating the guilt of a death row inmate.

To be fair, Ryan's "cherry-picking" dilemma is well-founded. The Illinois capital system has seen 17 wrongful convictions since the reinstatement of the death penalty, and the system's fallibility was the subject of a national conference at Northwestern University in 1998, as well as a five-part expose in the Chicago Tribune that same year, two years before Ryan put a moratorium on

clemency blanket was Ryan's attempt to leave office a controversial hero. As governor, it was his right to grant clemency (although some have questioned whether reopening the cases was within his power). What the governor should have realized was that anyone with enough heart and common sense to examine the capital conviction process shouldn't be too surprised when they feel that they are unable to deny anyone clemency. If the ques-

Contemplating Conscience

by Kacie Le Compte



Knowledge, not ignorance, is bliss

As I view fog dissipating and my vision of the Villa in the Valley clears, I must ask myself: is this real? White walls and green grass do not constitute utopia. In weeks past, through protest, discussion and rallying, I watched with big eyes as students, faculty and administration acknowledged this reality. It was as though the bubble had been burst, and individually and collectively, people knew what to do. "Ignorance is Bliss" ceased to maintain its hold, the iron chains were broken, and the truth was embraced. The truth being that this campus does have issues, and burying them beneath an over-watered lawn is no longer acceptable to the participants of this community.

As the world around us consumes itself in self-induced chaos, we continue to go to class. What few fail to realize, however, is that we are each empowered in a way that supersedes the force of any weapon placed in our hands. Knowledge is power, so use it. The most destructive force regarding that which seeks to oppress you, is understanding the oppressor itself. The truth is beautiful to the extent to which it offers you what is real, but living a life where truth is your stimulant shall be chaotic in and of itself.

If one can see beauty within madness and strive to tame such a beast, then there is hope (and always shall be) for the day when the wild shall cease to rule and peace will devour a world awaiting it. One must be willing to deal with the madness to achieve the dream, however, and this is the deciding factor. Can you love an idea more than you love yourself?

Such a battle, for attainment of the truth, requires belief in an idea, because the truth has not yet been captured, thus you must be willing to let the dream sustain you in hopes of achieving the actuality.

We are each bound to the earth as we were to the womb. The earth has given us life and thus sustains it, for a mother of any kind understands a selfless existence. As her gracious children, we strip from her the very things allowing us to live.

We suffer at the hands of our blissful ignorance only until we self-destruct. You must want to see before all can be revealed. Open your eyes and see, for if you do, just as the fog dissipates over time, so paradise may be revealed, so shall the madness.

HERESY and SMC

The sudden rise in unorthodox speakers on campus

by Nathan Cho and Scott Miyashiro
Opinion Columnists

SMC takes great pride in advertising that it is a Catholic, liberal arts institution. However, one cannot overlook the fact that the College has recently been promoting certain types of guest lecturers who may not fit this description. In a time where our Catholic identity seems all but clear, it does not seem to help our cause to invite carefully selected types of guest speakers, those with heterodox and dissenting ideas, contrary to what the Church teaches. The college also takes great pride in fighting against "mindless indoctrination," and in its efforts at promoting diversity.

However, as we are only human, we know that certain issues remain ambiguous, and, at times, at odds with our Christian understanding. As we said of our Christians on the playing field, the two parties collide. The former are not ones to shift certain areas of

faith and morals on any scale at all, it is a bad habit, and an inimical. It's method, especially not recommendable for students who don't have the tools to judge for themselves first of all.

Last year SMC hosted the Rev. Dr. Charles Curran, a priest well known for coining the oxymoron phrase "faithful dissent." Also last year, Robert Kaiser appeared - a former Jesuit who also holds heterodox views that appear to undermine the idea of a "called" and sacramental priesthood.

Recently, SMC invited two well know heterodox speakers, Joan Chittister, OSB, and Garry Wills. These speakers seemingly dissent from key teachings, ranging from women in the priesthood to sexual ethics. The issue is not that these individuals do not have anything worthwhile to say, nor is there the implication that a multiversity of ideas does not belong at a university. The issue is that it is highly problematic that, at a school that takes so much pride in its

fight against "mindless indoctrination," and its promotion of "diversity," it promotes only the heterodox view. If SMC is so interested in diversity, why not have orthodox speakers as well?

It appears that what is taking place is not mindless indoctrination, but something far more dire, as well as something unambiguously against diversity: *mindful* indoctrination. The college has mindfully and meticulously selected heterodox lecturers.

The fact that such a one-sided representation of Christianity is happening is in a sense ambiguous itself, because those who have a modicum of Catholic education can hardly be in a position to judge for themselves the principles, causes and consequences of these issues.

This is not to say that students are incapable of independent thought, but this is why certain areas of Christianity - those held by faith in the *Magisterium* of the Church - ascribe their ambiguity to the

realm of what the Church has called the "mystery of our faith."

Hence, what is needed is a unified curriculum carefully planned and structured by those who are faithful to true Catholic teachings, and able to rightly judge their concrete and practical application in our times, as opposed to the pick-and-choose doctrines that suit the comfortable palate of our lifestyle. We must question the methodology of educating students on issues of faith and morals. We must investigate the possibility of a methodical trend that has an agenda of its own, and will never be satisfied with just one answer. As students, we should open our minds in wonder and take the advice of many wise scholars who hold as a maxim: "seldom affirm, never deny, always qualify..."

So it remains, where is the diversity we claim to cherish in the midst of this mindful indoctrination and conditioned culture of dissent?

SPORTS

Poised for WCC Championship run

Men's basketball looks impressive in weekend performance, at 2-1 in WCC play



Photo By Andrea Camarena

Three-point ace Tyler Herr looks to pass. He nailed 4 three-pointers against Portland on Saturday.

by Denny Bulcao, Jr.
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's men's basketball is back, and improved from recent seasons. After an NCAA-worst 2-27 finish just two seasons ago, the Gaels (9-7, 2-1 WCC) have already matched their much-improved win total of last year with 11 West Coast Conference games remaining before the year-end tournament in San Diego.

Second-year head coach Randy Bennett has built a team that could compete with defense into a team expecting to win with an immediate-impact recruiting class. True freshman forward Daniel Kickert (Melbourne, Australia), junior transfer Frederic Adjiwanou (Ambilly, France), and sophomore transfer Jonathan Sand-

ers (Denver, CO) have added a strong, talented inside presence and better ball-handling skills. Saint Mary's has improved its shooting percentage immensely over the past two seasons, with cleaner, fundamentally sound play.

The Gaels have routinely shot in the high 40 to mid-50% range from the field and limited opponents to embarrassing accuracy marks of high 20's to low 30's. In a heartbreaking 56-53 loss to Gonzaga (12-5, 3-0 WCC) this past Friday night, the Gaels held the Bulldogs to their lowest point total all season. GU has played three top-25 teams, was ranked as high as #20 in the nation, and is expected to win the WCC for the sixth straight year. One hopes the Gaels are just teas-

ing their fans after similar close calls at #19 Stanford and #34 Utah in pre-conference play.

SMC got things rolling in the WCC with a character-building, comeback victory at USF (1-1 WCC) on January 11. The 68-62 win was the first conference-opening "W" for Saint Mary's in five long years.

Trailing by 10 points or more for a good thirty minutes of regulation, the Gaels finally caught fire on the heels of senior point guard Samuel Saint-Jean's career-best 23-point performance. Junior forward Chase Poole rebounded from a tough first half with 14 points and Adjiwanou was one digit short of a double-double with 15 points and nine rebounds off the bench.

Read all you want about Fri-

day night's game against the Zag's -- you had to be there. The Gaels fought from the opening tip to the final buzzer in a heart-rending loss in front of 3,118. McKeon Pavilion had upset-buzz flying all over, and it didn't end with Saint Mary's four-point halftime lead. A few calls, the 50/50 balls, timely shots, all the intangible little things needed to knock off a big-time team were there, not to mention SMC playing its best game to date.

The Gaels led by eight with 8 minutes to play, an eternity in basketball. Down the stretch, clutch shots by GU's Blake Stepp and Cory Violette pushed the Bulldogs ahead for their first second-half lead with 5:00 remaining. Saint Mary's lacked a knockout punch and had to come back with Saint-Jean carrying 4 personal fouls, then finish the final moments of regulation without him. Losing their team leader proved fatal as a blessing (a missed free throw by Gonzaga while leading by 3) went sour on a desperation 3-point attempt by Kickert. The Bulldogs escaped, but the Pilots wouldn't.

Saturday night was focus night when the Gaels faced off against the lowly Pilots of Portland (1-3 WCC). Just 24 hours removed from the aforementioned loss, SMC responded with a 69-54 win, leading every second of the way. Daniel Kickert matched his career-high with 24 points while junior guard Tyler Herr finished with 14, nailing four three pointers. Adjiwanou came up just shy of another double-double with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Come out and support the Gaels against Bay Area arch-rival Santa Clara at Santa Clara on Jan 25 at 7:00PM. Listen to the games on 89.5 FM KSMC, Gael TV Ch. 19 or through www.smcgaels.com.

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S BASKETBALL

JANUARY 1	
Saint Mary's	59
Utah	65
JANUARY 11	
Saint Mary's	68
San Francisco	62
JANUARY 17	
Saint Mary's	53
Gonzaga	56
JANUARY 18	
Saint Mary's	69
Portland	54

Chase Poole was named WCC Conference Player of the Week on January 6 after averaging 19.5 points and 14.5 rebounds in games against Brown and Yale.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

JANUARY 2	
Saint Mary's	64
Sacramento State	56
JANUARY 4	
Saint Mary's	46
Colorado State	64
JANUARY 11	
Saint Mary's	56
San Francisco	58
JANUARY 16	
Saint Mary's	77
Portland	84
JANUARY 18	
Saint Mary's	53
Gonzaga	67

On January 8, Triola Jackson was named Player of the Month for December.

MEN'S TENNIS

JANUARY 11	
Saint Mary's	2
Pepperdine	5
JANUARY 12	
Saint Mary's	3
Cal Poly	4

Baseball looks to surpass expectations

by Sam Adams
Sports Writer

Any time a team loses top players to the draft or graduation, they will enter the next season with questions. But the 2003 Gaels think they are going to be able to fill the shoes of Mark Teahen, Jason Waugh, and Brett Wayne.

"You don't ever want to lose players of that caliber, but I'm confident of the nucleus of the team we have this year," said coach John Baptista.

The team remains optimistic, no matter what critics say.

"The goal every year is to win the WCC, and Saint Mary's has never done it," Baptista said about being picked to finish fourth in the conference. "This team can surprise some people. It's a yearly deal. We use it as a little motivation. We have much higher expectations for ourselves that any other else has."

Entering the season, the team will rely on its pitching to keep them in games. "I think we are a team of pitching and defense. We are going to lean on the pitching staff for some leadership." Said Baptista.

Which leads to another question; the bullpen: Last year the bullpen was a shortcoming, putting pressure on starters to go deep into games. Tom Carroll and Justin Albrecht will compete for the closer job. "Last year we were thin because of injuries. Hopefully a closer will step up, we will stay healthy, and everything will fall into place."

Despite these questions, Baptista remains optimistic.

"We're really excited. We had the best competition since I've been here, and that's saying a lot considering who we lost." Hopefully, the team can answer these questions quickly and take the WCC by storm.

The Starting Lineup

Catcher: Nick Conte - Great arm, defense.
 First Base: James Gaulki - Slowed by injuries, hopes to break out.
 Second Base: Gilbert Gil - Freshman gets shot at second base job, nice glove.
 Third Base: Brian Byrne - Sweet sing and soft hands will replace Teahen.
 Short Stop: Mike Harris - Last year's second baseman makes the switch to short.
 Left Field: John Engers - Had a good fall, should hit with some power.
 Center Field: Mike Sansoe - Speedy outfielder with a good arm will leadoff.
 Right Field: Adam Bellows - Rounds out a quick outfield, should also hit with power.
 Designated Hitter: Tim Spooner - All-conference two years ago.
 Pitcher: Friday starter: Kevin Trochez
 Saturday starter: Matt Yourkin
 Sunday starter: Eric Bowden
 Tuesday starter: Jeremy Gonzalez
 Closer: Justin Albrecht or Tom Carroll - Key position battle heading into season.

Women's Basketball ups and downs

Preseason success met with 0-3 WCC start

by Christian Muller
Sports Writer

The Women's Basketball team had a successful winter break, going 4-3, however, as they enter league play, they've had some trouble maintaining their preseason stardom.

As of press time, the Gaels lost their third league game to Gonzaga, making their league record 0-3, and bringing their season record to 7-9.

The margin of victory has been impressive, at times as high as twenty, nevertheless, the margin of loss has been equally disappointing. As of recently, the Gaels have been in a bit of a slump, losing three straight games.

Thursday night versus Portland was one of those three games and the score (84-77) doesn't represent the intensity and closeness of the game. Triola Jackson played hard as usual, recording her eighth double-double of the season. Savannah Williams also contributed a career-high 14 points. Besides getting a late start of-

fensively along with an overabundance of turnovers, (which brought 33 points to Portland), there were very few aspects of the game that would point to loss for the Gaels. Yet, lose they did.

They gave up 33 points off of turnovers.

In the Gaels last victory, Jackson led the Gaels with a career-high 29 points. The women took down Sacramento State 64-56. Jackson dominated the first half scoring all of the Gael's baskets besides one three-pointer. Lindsay Lopez was also a big contributor scoring 13 points and grabbing five boards. The only thing that seemed to keep this from reaching blowout status was the Gaels 15 turnovers along with their poor shooting in the first half.

Triola Jackson's superb play has gotten her more than victories; last month she was named the WCC player of the month. This was awarded after a month of averaging 17.8 points and 9.8 rebounds. Make sure to keep an eye out for woman's basket-



Guard Lindsay Lopez finds an opening in the defense for a lay-up.

ball through AT&T broadband cable. They have agreed to televise the first game in March.

The woman play next on Friday against rival school Santa Clara in McKeon.

COACH

PROFILE



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Gaels find their man

by Sam Adams
Sports Writer

What do the Gaels have in common with the Giants, A's, Raiders, Sharks, and Warriors? They all have a new head coach. With the departure of Tim Landis to Bucknell, Saint Mary's started searching for a new head coach, and they've found their man: Vincent White.

White, formerly the running-backs coach at the University of Utah, was just what the committee, headed by SMC Athletic Director Carl Clapp, was looking for. "His enthusiasm and excitement for the opportunity was appealing to us. He also has significant football coaching experience at the division 1-A level," said Clapp. "What you look for is leadership ability, and Vincent has outstanding leadership ability."

White also brings in playing experience. He played running back at Stanford from 1979-1982, leading the nation in receptions as a senior in 1982, when he caught 69 balls. He had 1,275 total yards and 15 touchdowns and was named to the First Team All-Pac-10. He was drafted by the New York Jets in the sixth round of the 1983 draft, but chose to play for the Denver Gold of the USFL from 1983-1985.

A lot of discussions surround the offense. With the hiring of White, the days of the triple option are out, and the days of a wide-open offense with lots of passes are in. One question heading into the season is personnel: does the team have the players to make the switch?

"I think we have enough good athletes to do what we want to do. Guys are excited, which is what we want to see," White said.

"There's a lot of ways to move the football," said Clapp. "With the loss of Tim Landis, there was potential for change."

The defense will also change some. "We'll be a little different," said White, "more unconventional, I should say."

White is thrilled at the opportunity to coach SMC's football team.

"Being African-American, you don't get a lot of chances. I love the atmosphere here. I really fell in love with the people when I came here for my interview."



Raiders and Bucs victories result in all-pirate Super Bowl

by Brad Kvederis
Guest Writer

As the clock began winding down in the Oakland Raiders' 41-24 thumping of the Tennessee Titans in the AFC championship game, it became apparent that the matchup in Super Bowl XXXVII would be the first of its kind.

The Raiders' victory, combined with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' win over Philadelphia in the NFC championship game, ensured that next Sunday's game will

be the first-ever championship game in professional sports in which both teams have pirates as mascots.

The matchup means that the NFL is guaranteed to have a champion with a pirate mascot; not since 1983, when the Raiders won the most recent of their three Super Bowl titles, has a pirate-themed team won a championship in any sport. Baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates won the most recent of their five World Series in 1979.

The Seton Hall Pirates made

it to the championship game of the 1989 NCAA men's basketball tournament, but lost to Michigan in overtime, 80-79. No team with a pirate or similar mascot has seriously contended for a college football title, although the Eastern Carolina University Pirates once achieved a #9 ranking in the late 1990s.

Not since the "Wildcats-Wildcats" matchup between Arizona and Kentucky in the 1997 NCAA basketball championship have two teams

with such similar mascots met in a title game. Arizona won that contest, also in overtime, 84-79.

The Raiders and Buccaneers have narrowly missed meeting each other in the Super Bowl twice in the past 25 years. The Buccaneers lost in the NFC title game in 1979; Oakland won the Super Bowl the following year. The Bucs lost against the St. Louis Rams in the 1999 NFC championship, and the Raiders lost the 2000 AFC title game to Baltimore.



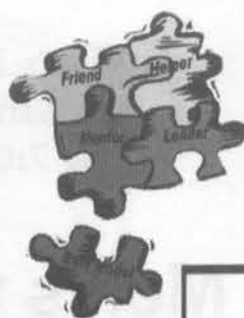
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Connecting the Pieces Toward a Brighter Future

January

Tuesday, 21

(Men's Tennis VS. USF)
3:00PM

Friday, 24

(Women's Basketball VS. Santa Clara)
7:05PM

Saturday, 25

(Men's Basketball VS. Santa Clara @ Santa Clara)
7:00PM

(Women's Basketball VS. San Diego)
7:05PM

(Men's Rugby VS. Berkeley @ Berkeley)
1:00PM

Wednesday, 29

(Women's Tennis VS. Pacific)
3:00PM

(Men's Tennis VS. Portland State)
3:00PM

(Men's Basketball VS. LMU)
7:05PM

Saturday, 1

(Women's Tennis VS. Santa Clara)
11:00AM

(Men's Basketball VS. Pepperdine)
7:05PM

Tuesday, 4

(Women's Tennis VS. Sonoma State)
1:30PM

Thursday, 6

(Baseball VS. Sacramento State)
2:00PM

Friday, 7

(Men's Tennis VS. Sonoma State)
3:00PM

Saturday, 8

(Men's Basketball VS. San Francisco)
7:05PM

(Women's Basketball VS. San Francisco @ SF)
8:00PM

February

Sports Events

Women's LAX to open season Feb. 20

by Jonathan Morales
Sports Writer

The SMC women's lacrosse team, in their fourth year as a Division-I sport, are ready to prove that they are a force to be reckoned with.

"The really exciting thing about this year is that we are continually improving our strength of schedule," said head coach Debra Holland.

The team will play more Division I games this year. Also, the team will make three

road trips this year instead of the usual two, having added an eastern tour to play Ohio State and St. Joseph's.

"We're hoping to do well in our league and beat teams like Stanford, Cal and Davis," said team co-captain Colette Spencer '04, who added that she is anxious to prove that the Gaels are not just a "typical West Coast team."

Coach Holland said that although the team lost seven seniors last year, the five freshmen that have joined this year have the experience it takes to play on a Division I team and will definitely be able to make

an impact.

Holland also said the team has a "phenomenal" new assistant coach who is working with the goalies, putting an emphasis on "saving the game."

"We lost a lot of games last year by just one point," said Holland.

The team plays its first game on February 20 at 3:30, when hosting UC Berkeley at Saint Mary's Stadium. On February 25, Davis visits, followed by Holy Cross on March 3 and Duquesne on March 5. The Gaels then travel to Colorado to play Mount St. Mary's and Denver.

Holland said that this year's team is simply good all around.

"We've just got a really good balance this year, a good balance of leadership and skills."

Men's Rugby primed and ready for regular season

by C.J. Daft
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's rugby team completed a tough pre-season schedule that will have the team ready for league play.

For the Gaels, it all started with a big victory against southern California League power University of Arizona, proving that they had not lost a step from last year. Over the first week of winter break, the rugby team traveled down to southern California, where they scrimmaged Claremont McKenna College and played the prominent club team Back Bay. The Back Bay game was a tough contest, considering the Gaels were pitted against older men with much more experience. It was good for the team, though, argued assistant coach John Everett.

"They got a good taste of what club rugby is about," he said.

On top of this club-level team, the Gaels also faced off against the Old Gaels, an always-tough opponent consist-

ing of Saint Mary's rugby-playing alumni. With all these games that the team plays, the assistant coach felt that they would be a much better team.

Any experience for the Gaels is good, especially to keep the team intact and focused, as starting this Saturday Saint Mary's begins league play against the mighty Cal Bears, who have not lost a rugby game in over a decade. Whether the team breaks the long winning streak is beside the point. The assistant coach hopes the team "to play hard, limit our mistakes, and hopefully at the end of the game we are in it."

Besides this game being the focal point of any team's schedule, Saint Mary's cannot overlook the rest of the league, as some consider their Northern California conference the best in the nation. The league includes UC Davis, Cal, Sacramento State, Reno, and Stanford -- all teams that have had success in the postseason and against other top collegiate teams in the nation.

Men's tennis looks for 1st win

As new players adjust, team goes head-to-head with WCC opponent USF

by Susanne Schweitzer
Chief Copy Editor

After a disappointing start to the season, men's tennis is now eagerly anticipating a revival. January 11 saw the Gaels lose to host Pepperdine, 2-5, though Rafael Lopez defeated Alexis Rafidison, 6-4, 5-7, (10-7) at #3 singles and Martin Marchaz defeated Kevin Borzenski, 6-2, 6-2. Filip Sarovic and Andre Sion gained the only doubles victory, defeating Borzenski/

Fehml, 8-4. On January 12, the Gaels lost a nail-biter to Cal Poly, 3-4.

However, these losses signify only a rocky start, not a rocky season. New members Andre Sion and Martin Marchal joined the team at the beginning of Jan Term. Sion comes from Perpignan, France, while Marchaz is from Toulouse, France.

Team co-captain Thomas Burgemeister eagerly antici-

pates Sion and Marchaz's contributions to the team.

"They bring a lot to the program. This is probably the best team we've had in my four years here," he said.

The rest of the season should prove the unsatisfactory beginning of the season only a memory. Their next match is today, at 3:00 at the Tim Korth Tennis Complex, against USF, so get out and support the team in their first home match.

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