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Bookstore woes continue

*Students and faculty fed up;
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by Josh Farley
Editor-in-Chief

Another semester, another headache at the bookstore.

Over the past three years, the Barnes and Noble campus bookstore has been plagued with ordering mishaps, miscommunication with faculty, disorganization, and a revolving door through which five managers have come and gone. And while a special committee and a new bookstore management race to overhaul the ailing store, it may be too late for many faculty members and students.

"There is a great disconnect between what the bookstore wants and what the bookstore can do," says Professor Sam Lind, who teaches courses in business. "I'm considering having [my students] just bypass the bookstore and order everything online. It would be less expensive and probably more efficient."

Lind is one of many professors considering purchasing

textbooks at an off-campus source. However, many students have already discovered alternative sources.

"I just order everything off the Internet," says Vanessa Lopez, '06. Vanessa and her sister Marissa used the bookstore for their fall semester, deciding in their second semester of college that it was advantageous to go elsewhere. They claim to have found better deals, greater efficiency, and even better ways to make more money selling back books.

"When you sell them back here, you only get a quarter of what you paid," the sisters say, "our last resort is the bookstore."

Professor William Halpin, who teaches law and operations management in the school of business, has found that escaping from using the Barnes and Noble seller on campus may not be possible.

"[The bookstore] is the only

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Marijuana: crime reports show increase

by Chris Mateo
Assistant News Editor

Since the end of January Term, there have been three reported cases of possession of marijuana, and one report of confiscation of drug paraphernalia.

With these cases in mind, curiosity sets in on why there has been an increase of drug-related issues on campus.

Bill Foley, director of public safety, noticed this recent rise in marijuana possession on campus, but felt that it was just a rare anomaly.

"If there is a report of suspected drug use, then we send officers to check it out. As for these four specific cases occurring within a close time frame, it seems to be just an irregularity in the occurrence of such an issue," said Foley.

The disciplinary action towards such a case goes beyond public safety.

"Depending upon the amount, public safety may take it as a criminal complaint or a referral to student conduct. Once it reaches student conduct, then it is within their judicial review to determine the type of discipline."

Foley believes the rise shouldn't go unnoticed, even if it is by chance. "I think we should all be aware of the presence of illegal drugs on campus. Students should keep in mind the consequences of such actions."

A resident advisor, who asked to remain anonymous due to a confidentiality agreement, explained his lack of involvement in the most recent case of suspected marijuana possession in his hall.

"I wasn't aware of the incident until after public safety took care of it. Even after that, I took no part in the disciplinary process."

A Saint Mary's sophomore described the 'pot smoker's' mentality.

"It's a great social tool. You not only smoke something illegal, you learn important things as well. You make close friends and it teaches you to share."

In response to the recent cases of drug possession, the student said, "These guys that got caught had to learn the hard way. They were found because they smoked in a place where the authority could easily find them - the residence hall."

New and improved Dryden opens

by Jonathan Morales
Staff Writer

Have you ever been bored on campus or felt that there is nowhere for you and your friends to hang out?

Have you been into Dryden Hall recently?

Dryden now boasts two pool tables, two Ping-Pong tables, a foosball table, air hockey, a big screen TV and computers with internet access. The grand piano is still there as well.

Last Thursday, Sodex'ho provided food, Peel provided smoothies, and music was provided by SMC graduate and DJ Noah Cowen as a new and improved Dryden Hall opened its doors to dozens of enthusiastic and eager students.

While playing pool, Brandon Moore '04 said that the new student lounge is great for "having a good time and relaxing when I'm not studying."

The Dryden Hall conversion was a result of an Associated Students planning committee, including ASSMC Vice President Tony Ancelj, and former SMC Vice President for Student Affairs Brother Jack Curran. The new game equip-



Photo by Lisette Garcia

ment was bought with left over funds from the 1999 construction of Cassin Student Union.

Student Activities Director Jim Sciuto said that video game equipment, including an X-box and a Playstation 2, will hopefully be added to Dryden in the near future. Other anticipated additions include more TVs, a 100 CD jukebox and paintings and pictures to decorate Dryden's walls.

"We encourage people to come and hang out. Use it as a lounge," said Rodda Leage, graduate assistant. She encour-

aged commuter students especially to stop by between classes. She also said that students are welcome to offer any suggestions they may have, as Dryden is still a work in progress. "We're definitely open to student's suggestions."

Students can use Dryden from 11a.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week, free of charge.

"There's always someone working here," said Leage, referring to the many students who used to work in the old game room but now assist students in Dryden.

One of those students is Andrea Camarena '04. "It's really cool that people are actually using it," said Camarena. "I was working at 2am and people were actually here." She pointed out that the old game room usually attracted no more than one or two students per hour.

The future of the old game room is unknown at this time. However, while campus planning committees decide what to do with that space, students can enjoy all that Dryden Hall now was to offer.

IN THE NEWS

Attention graduating seniors

The 2003 Commencement book will be available to check your information. Please stop by Filippi Hall to do so. If there are changes, make an appointment with Leslie Welty in the Registrar's Office. Candidacy for Commencement awards is due by March 1.

Multicultural food fest

In Hagerty this Thursday, the Peer Education Network and Health and Wellness Center hosts an evening of multicultural food and great music. For more information, call x4254.

Yearbook photos

Senior photos will be taken for the yearbook everyday this week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call x4673.

Science lecture series continues

As part of the Brousseau Lecture Series, Troy Duster, Ph.D., professor emeritus at University California, Berkeley will be speaking on campus Thursday. His lecture, entitled "Some Social Side-Effects of the Revolution in Human Molecular Genetics" will talk about social implications of the molecular biological revolution. The talk will be in the Soda Center at 7 p.m.

Seminar Event

Tonight the Collegiate Seminar Program will host Barbara Ellen Logan, a professor at University California, Santa Cruz. Logan's talk and slide show entitled "Raised by Wolves: The Romans as They Saw Themselves" seeks to address the question: If the Romans were masters of the world, why is their writing so full of anxiety? The talk will be in the Soda Center at 7:30 p.m.

Club Meetings

Commuter Students Association, Delphine, 2/25, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
APASA General Meeting, Delphine, 2/25, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
GALA Meeting, Delphine, 2/25, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
MECHA Meeting, Delphine, 2/26, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Business Club Meeting, Soda Center, 2/26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Intersarsity Meeting, Delphine, 2/27, 7:45-9:45 p.m.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



Andrea Camarena/ COLLEGIAN

Rugby prepares to engage

Men's rugby scrums against University of Nevada, Reno this past weekend. The Gaels were victorious, 36-27.

Graduation speaker selected for class of '03

by Liz Schnitz
Staff Writer

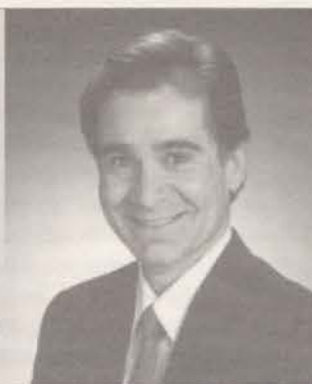
On May 24, Charles Garfield hopes to ease the stress of decision making, which the class of 2003 must contend with as they celebrate their graduation from Saint Mary's.

An accomplished mathematician, businessman, author, and humanitarian, Dr. Garfield provides a powerful inspiration to graduates this spring by proving that success in the "real world" is developed by following conviction - not a paycheck.

"The interesting thing about idealism is how easily it can be combined with realism," Garfield said last Tuesday, as he met with members of the senior class senate.

"If you ignore what you're constitutionally suited for,

"If you ignore what you're constitutionally suited for, what your heart tells you to be, you will not be happy."



what your heart tells you to be, you will not be happy.... The saddest phrase you'll ever hear is 'you know what I could have done?'"

Garfield began a career in mathematics, leading him to help build the first space shuttle, Apollo 11. He then changed course and began Shanti Project, an internationally successful volunteer orga-

nization, which brought Garfield the distinction of National Activist of the Year.

Explaining the skew line he followed from spacecraft construction into melding business with humanism, he says, "[There was] something about people that was infinitely more interesting to me."

He has been impressed with the popularity of volunteerism

in the United States, and sees it as proof that there is an innate desire in human beings to help others; as strong as any other instinct. "Anytime you separate doing well for yourself between doing well in the world- it's an artificial dichotomy."

Garfield is now Director of Medicine at UCSF, with a special interest in oncology. He has learned some of his most important lessons from the cancer patients he has worked with who often have an elevated understanding of what should be truly valued in life.

When asked during the discussion how to succeed in the face of the unthinkable, Garfield asked an open-ended question. "Do you have the character and resilience to engage the setback in such a way that it strengthens you?"

CRIME BEAT

Sexual Assault Task Force Update

This past Monday the college's task force on sexual assault facilitated a discussion with students on Saint Mary's current sexual assault policy. The purpose of Monday's dialogue was to receive student opinion on how the college's policies and procedures could be changed or developed to benefit the campus.

"We are now clear on what the policy currently states, but now we need to know what students want to see changed," said David Holquin, ASSMC President and student representative on the task force.

Pointing out problems with the training and objectivity of the investigator, the appeals process, the reporting and posting of sexual assaults on campus, as well as the definition of sexual assault students voiced their concerns.

"There are many gray areas, specifically with the and/or clause, in the definition of sexual assault in our student handbook," said Crystal Riggins '05.

Other students felt the women's advocates should play a larger role in sexual assaults on campus to help victims make the right decisions. Also, the students asked for more student involvement in creating the new sexual assault policy.

"There isn't a college or institution that has found the answer to ending sexual assault that the college can mock," said Sally Stamp, Academic Vice President.

Although, no definite changes had been presented, the student suggestions were taken note. Monday's meeting started communication between the task force on sexual assault and the student body.

Student punches public safety officer

In an anonymous townhouse on Thursday night, public safety was called to the scene on reports of possession of marijuana. Once the officers arrived, a student attempted to get away by punching a campus security officer. The public safety officers on the scene quickly wrestled him to the ground where they detained and cuffed him. Local authorities from Moraga and Lafayette were called onto the scene to assist in the arrest.

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New bishop appointed to Diocese of Oakland

Most Rev. Dr. Allen Vigneron to take the place of Most Rev. John Cummins as bishop of diocese

by Nathan Cho
Staff Writer

Earlier this winter, it was announced that Pope John Paul II had appointed The Most Rev. Dr. Allen Vigneron to be the coadjutor bishop of Oakland, California.

The current bishop, The Most Rev. John Cummins will retire later this year, having reached the age of seventy-five, the age of mandatory retirement.

Saint Mary's College is one of only two Catholic colleges within the jurisdiction of the Oakland diocese. SMC has long had a cordial relationship with the Diocese of Oakland and this upcoming episcopal change may have a profound impact on SMC.

Bishop Vigneron comes to California from the Archdio-



Bishop Allen Vigneron.

ocese of Detroit, Michigan, a diocese that is considerably larger than Oakland that contains five Catholic colleges and universities.

Currently coadjutor bishop, Bishop Vigneron will take over for The Most Rev. John Cummins, D.D. upon his retirement later this year.

No stranger to the academic world, Bishop Vigneron has

been a professor and administrator at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He graduated from Sacred Heart Seminary in 1970 with a B.A. degree in Philosophy and Classics. He earned a S.T.B. and S.T.L. degrees in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University and holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Catholic University of American in Washington.

He was ordained as Bishop for Detroit on July 26, 1975 in Rome. In 1991, Bishop Vigneron journeyed back to Rome to take up a position at the Vatican's Secretariat of State. While at that post, he also taught theology and philosophy at the Gregorian University.

In 1994 he came back to his home diocese and assumed presidency as well as the position of rector of his alma mater, Sacred Heart Seminary.

Bishop Vigneron has been a priest for nearly 27 years, 6 of those years as a bishop. Bishop Vigneron will be assuming a authority of a diocese comprised of roughly 428,000 Catholics within both Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

In August, Bishop Vigneron, along with a few other bishops, proposed a national plenary council to discuss clergy sex abuse.

Bishop Vigneron proposed that to combat the abuse and misconduct, the Church needs to reaffirm orthodox teachings, particularly in regards to vows. In effect, this proposal would

reinforce the identity of the Catholic priesthood and emphasize a solid commitment to chastity and celibacy.

The Diocese of Oakland is one of the only dioceses to have immediately formulated a plan to prevent sexual abuse and to aid victims.

Bishop Vigneron's love of the Church and his initiative will no doubt compliment the diocese in this regard.

In terms of SMC, the Diocese of Oakland and the College entered into an agreement last year whereby the bishop would regularly interact with SMC through meetings with the religious studies faculty and the annual convocation.

Last Friday, The Most Rev. John Cummins was honored at our convocation and honored in light of his retirement.

BOOKSTORE

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game in town," he says.

Halpin uses a San Jose State professor's text, which was personally delivered to campus this semester by the author. But after several follow ups, Halpin never had his phone calls returned, and was even told that the books the author delivered were 'lost.' When they were finally found, neither Halpin or the author were called back to confirm that the order was ready for students.

"I don't know how they're structured, but it's pretty clear the people working there don't know how the system works, and somebody needs to get over there and take a look," Halpin says.

Dean of Academic Development Ed Biglin has begun to 'take a look' at the store, helping initiate a faculty committee that is currently evaluating the bookstore's textbook practices. Communications professor Ellen Rigsby is chairing the committee.

"The bookstore three years ago was functioning really well," says Biglin. "Since then, we've had a revolving door of bookstore directors."

Pietro Bolla '03, an employee of the bookstore for nearly his entire undergraduate career, has worked for all five managers.

"The managers didn't know [the situation] when they arrived," Bolla says, "by the time they adjust to [the store], they leave."

Bolla also says it is not en-

tirely the bookstore's fault for the communication problems.

"[Faculty members] don't always follow the deadlines, and they expect to have their orders rushed," he says, "when they themselves turn them in late."

A new process for ordering books should avoid this situation all together, says new bookstore manager Christopher Rose.

"There will be clear deadlines when [book orders] are due." In an e-mail to all faculty members, Rose outlined a new system that he hopes will make the bookstore prepared and efficient. He will communicate through the administrative assistants of the deans of all schools on campus, and give a deadline for orders. The deadline—still at least eight weeks before school starts—will serve as a wake-up call to anyone who hasn't ordered texts, and give them ample time to receive orders in advance of the start of the semester.

"I'm a really neat guy, to put it mildly," Rose says. "Everyone is expecting me to fold, when personally, the hardest thing I've had to deal with is the mess."

Even if the bookstore can manage to get organized and better communicate with faculty, the fear remains: how long will Rose, the fifth manager in three years, stay in his position and ensure to us long-term improvement?

"I'm planning on staying for a very long time," he says.

THE WAY WE WERE ...

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Editors called to active military duty

The WWII draft put a strain on the *Collegian* staff when the editor-in-chief, along with two other staff members, were required to report for active duty.

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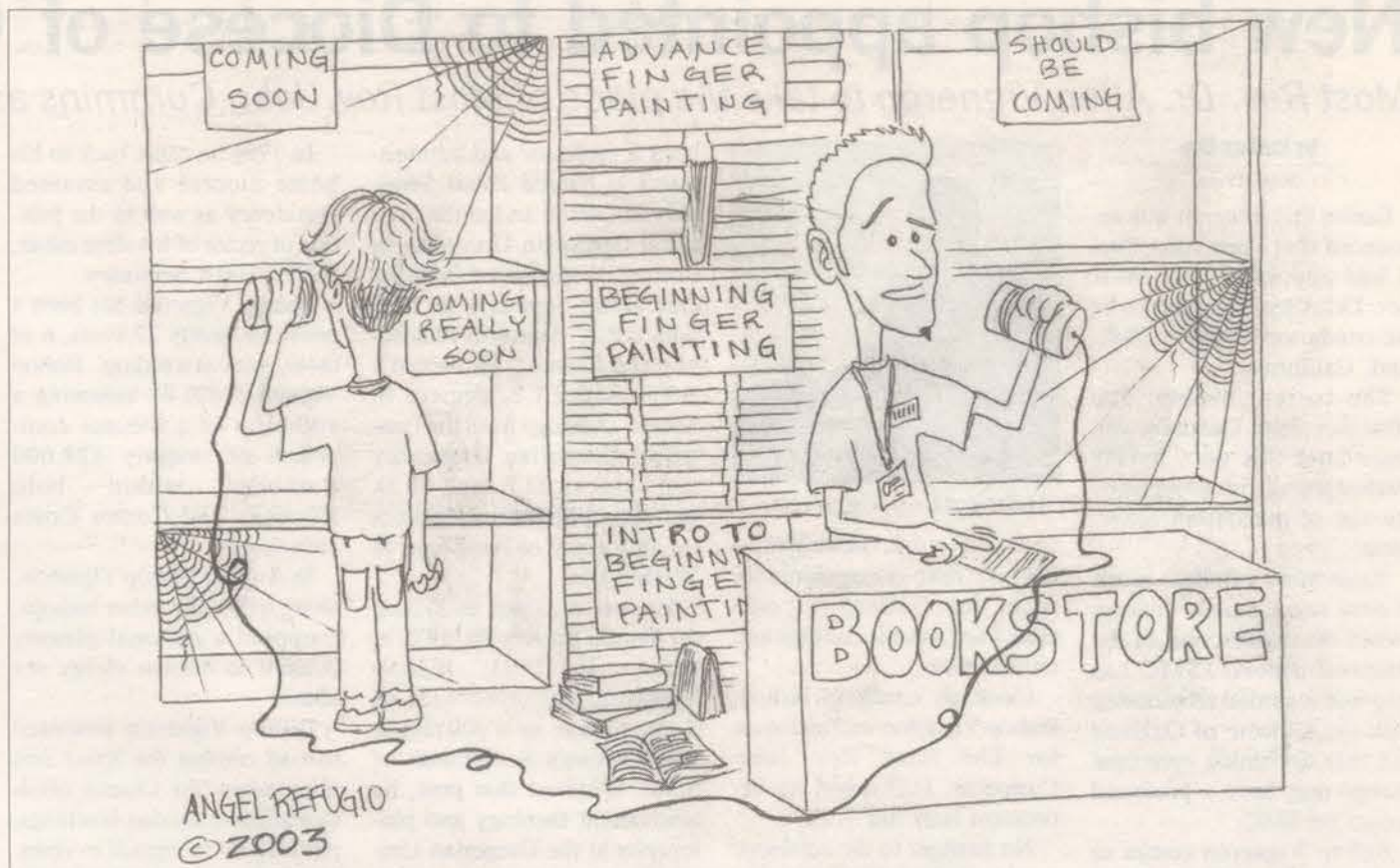
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OPINION



Can you hear me now? Communication problems have plagued the campus bookstore.

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* reserves the right to edit any submitted material, solicited or unsolicited.

Defending Freedom of Orthodoxy

Dear Editor,

In response to Miss Jackson's letter to the editor regarding the article "Heresy and SMC," it appears that her interpretation of the article, as evidenced by her published reaction, is self-contradicting. It begins with praise of Saint Mary's promotion of diversity, observing it when she hears "Basketball players discussing Aristotle, and Catholics discussing the Koran," and the like. She interpreted "Heresy and SMC" as a threat to such diversity condemning the admittance of heterodox speakers invited to speak on campus. On the contrary, the point of "Heresy and SMC" is not that there is any problem with "Catholics discussing the Koran," but that there are not enough Catholics discussing Catholicism. One so passionate about diversity should surely realize that the exclusion of orthodox speakers in place of heterodox speakers is opposed to the very meaning of "diversity." The root word "di," meaning "two," implies a fair and equal representation of two opposing views: one conventional, the others unconventional. By excluding the orthodox element, diversity ceases to exist, and the result is the same "indoctrination" by which she was so offended.

Let us then proceed to embark on the endeavor which is far more sincere and yet more arduous, and that is to lay forth those things on which we disagree in detail, and not simply excuse as offensive. The latter is far too easy, and the mere fundamental habit of dissent is simplistic. We do not doubt Miss Jackson's ability to judge the principles, causes and consequences of an idea for herself, but we also believe that many Saint Mary's students are not even aware of the real complexity of authentic Catholic teachings. There is a lot more to the ethics and morals behind these issues than the Catholic student, much less the non-Catholic student realizes. It is

therefore important to educate ourselves on first of all those fundamental principles of what the Catholic Church teaches to make any case at all, even if one does not have the slightest understanding of what the Catholic Church represents, but even to make any coherent argument at all so as to question them fairly.

Given this, it is ironic that Miss Jackson, who says "I do not find a speaker who takes a different view insulting," is insulted by the different views expressed in "Heresy and SMC." This is evidence of a common and disturbing trend at SMC, which has resulted in the sully of the conception of diversity and inquiry. This trend is the slowly clarifying definition of a "community of dissenters." A community within which the mass of dissenters, whose own ideas differ among themselves, are obligated to find a method in which to allow themselves to tolerate each other's differing opinions to ensure the stability of the community, and to ensure that each member can hold on to the ideas that they regard as their own in the face of opposition. This method is to find a scapegoat from which to base their dissent, and thus by finding a common ground of dissent, they "feel" justified in their many varieties of opinion, considering them all true despite their inevitable contradictions. At Saint Mary's, this scapegoat is orthodox Catholicism, and it is once again ironic that this occurs regularly at a supposedly Catholic school. While tolerating the difference of opinions within the "community of dissenters," the ostracized one, Catholicism, and all those who adhere to it, will always be wrong, and with it will be associated such judgemental and propagandistic terms such as "rigid," "conservative," "doctrinaire," "narrow-minded," and, of course, "offensive." This is why members of this community take "offense" at the orthodox view - responding with feeling instead of thinking - because to question it intellectually is to let it into the

"community of dissenters," offsetting the balance and destroying the illusion of truth among contradictions. The offense that is evident in Miss Jackson's letter is the spawn of this fear - the fear of the realization that maintaining such a community is in itself mindful indoctrination, when in fact indoctrination is exactly what it is, because orthodoxy is consciously excluded by the community. The result is conditioned dissent - the product of a mindfully indoctrinated mind.

Scott Miyashiro
Nathan Cho
Rob Porter
Class of 2004

Two Letters Defending Business Majors

Dear Editor,

In regards to the letter poorly written [Nov. 19] about business administration majors [sic.], I feel the need to defend my area of study. This article was simply a confused individual writing from a one sided perspective on an issue he knows nothing about. Before one attempts to bash other areas of study, one first needs to look into why write such an incorrect article [sic.]? If it's simply to make yourself feel better about your major, one shouldn't need to do so by weighing the pros and cons of each school and deciding that your area of study is then indeed the best. This was a bias article [sic.] and absolutely has no validity. We business majors are able to define our success by more than just money. Like philosophy we learn to reason and achieve better understandings of the capitalist economy we participate in. What matters most within the entire college is that each person should be here to participate in the Lasallian experience, and if one individual is not, than he or she is here for the incorrect reasons. Each of us is striving to become a more educated person as this world calls for such a thing, but don't make yourself feel more Lasallian than the next by refuting such a program as

my beloved business department.
Chris Guglielmetti
Class of 2004

Dear Editor,

This letter is being written in response to the inaccurate and unfounded article entitled "The Business Major: Not a True education" by Christian Muller. The author attempted to discredit the vitality of the business major, while he simultaneously attempted to minimize the effect that business has on society and the world in general. For instance, if business vanished from existence, how would individuals exchange goods and services? Where would buyers and sellers go if barter didn't take place? By no means am I saying that business examines the definition and "true meaning" of every letter of every word like the gifted philosophy majors; however, it does incorporate economics (the study of choice) and the buying behaviors of individual consumers. I don't feel as though it is appropriate to get into a debate over which major serves the greatest ultimate purpose, but it is important to note that all majors are equally vital in their own right. I am not a philosophy major; therefore, I would never take it upon myself to critique or criticize philosophy. Your description of business is inaccurate and unfounded in that you are not a business major... you most likely absorbed the sensationalized information provided by the media and based your opinions on those ideas. Business may not be as intrinsically-focused as other majors; yet, isn't that why SMC students are required to take 4 semesters of Collegiate Seminar and several other area requirements. Philosophy can open your eyes to new and enlightening ideas; however, in many instances, it can distort reality and confiscate one's common sense. I leave you with this to ponder...What is philosophy? Are we philosophy? Is philosophy philosophy? And I'm out like Dusty in S.F.

Ben Sanders

Gael POLL

Student Responses to the Campus Bookstore

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Percentage of students whose books were not all available when they first went to buy them.

44

Percentage of students who couldn't afford all their books at once.

95

Percentage of students who think that the buy-back prices are unfair.

45

Percentage of students who acquire their books from alternate sources.

33

Percentage of students who sell their books to alternate buyers.

This week, the *Collegian* asked 75 students about their impressions of the campus bookstore and compiled the above results. All surveys are anonymous.

Physical and sexual assault linked

SMC's failure to acknowledge physical assault over sexual

by Michelle Dalida
Opinion Columnist

Once upon a time, a Saint Mary's girl, then a freshman, was returning to her dorm after a rigorous session with her chemistry book in the library. Waiting outside her door was her UC Berkeley sweetie. A look of rage twinkled in his waspy eyes when she let him enter her room. As the Bear began to question his Lady Gael about her whereabouts, he became enraged. Before the Gael could explain, he decided that a back slap across her face was just enough to get his point across. What happens next can only be accurately described by a Jackie Chan movie; karate kicks were flying about in the Augustine single. After that day, she put her life in the hands of the Moraga Police, and Saint Mary's College, because after all, what else do they have to do? A year later, the rabid Bear sent a private investigator to her

door to harass her. Scared and bewildered, the Gael called Public Safety because that was what she was told to do in an emergency. As she frantically dialed 4282 and waited, she finally heard a voice, and sadly, it was Public Safety's

“What most people don't realize is ...assault and sexual assault are intrinsically tied together.”

answering machine.

And where was Public Safety when a male Gael was attacking her friend literally a few yards away from the Public Safety booth? Yes kids, it's not only the students from "Berserkley" that attack. They are homegrown at Saint Mary's too! A common altercation between a male and female Gael turned into wrestlemania in the Augustine parking lot. Although she was

screaming bloody hell and there were students standing outside, no one would help her. A woman was screaming for help 15 feet away from the Women's Resource Center, and the students choose not to look.

The Saint Mary's community needs a sexual assault task force that acknowledges this: physical assault on a woman is just as bad as sexual assault, or even worse. What most people don't realize is that, between a man and a woman, assault and sexual assault are intrinsically tied together.

Such assaults are most often linked because they have sexual and emotional ties. Even

though a woman is not assaulted in a sexual manner, this does not mean that sex is not indirectly involved.

The people who make decisions on this campus and claim to protect everyone, especially women, are not seeing the immediate need on this campus. If physical assault on a woman can be tolerated, even in the open, what is the difference with sexual assault? If Saint Mary's wants to show their commitment to annihilating sexual assault, they need to start looking at why women really get assaulted on this campus and prevent their attackers from setting foot on to the enchanted world of Gael country.

Assault is assault is assault, no matter if it is specifically sexual or not. It takes one unconscious girl to get raped, and you don't need to get a girl drunk to knock her out.

"Something about Saint Mary's"



by Billy Porter

A conversation about change

Changes have been made to our beautiful Moraga campus. Some of these changes are welcome by all, and some just kind of happened. Some are still desperately needed.

This is a conversation I overheard in the student union that sums up all the changes on campus, and those still needed. I am still unaware of the names of the two brain thrusts, but for the plot's purposes their names will be Bert and Ernie.

Bert and Ernie stumble into the student union with a sleepy look on their faces, backwards hats, and plaid pajama bottoms. They sit down and look around.

Ernie: Dude, where is the Taco Bell? I'm starving.

Bert: You didn't read your e-mail? The Taco Bell dog packed up and left campus, not enough people are buying his burritos.

Ernie: That sucks.

Bert: Yeah, but we can get smoothies and sandwiches here now. Get over it. Besides, we need to go lift today so we can look good for the ladies and taco bell isn't good before a workout.

Ernie: Dude, the power plant is flooded, remember?

Bert: No, it's only in January that the power plant floods, but I guess no one's figured out how to stop the water from ruining the floor and the weights every year. It's open now though.

Ernie: Sweet! Hey, was your class today in Galileo cancelled?

Bert: Yeah dude, it was cool. Besides, that building creeps me out. I can drop a book at one end of the building on the second floor and it will shake on the first floor on the opposite side.

Ernie: No way.

Bert: Way.

Ernie: Darn it, I'm late for practice. I can't run though because my ankle is sore as heck. The trainer isn't allowed to do anything on it either, club sports aren't allowed.

Ernie: They got a new public safety officer didn't they?

Bert: They did?

Ernie: Yeah, I got a parking ticket again but this time I did not recognize the signature on it.

Bert: Wow, so did they boot your car?

Ernie: Not yet, but I think they will next ticket.

Bert: Good, so now we can go to Taco Bell over on Rheem, I'm starving bro.

The two stand up and walk out as clumsily as they walked in. I could only sit in amazement. For students that did not seem to know much, they sure knew a lot.

Bookstore

blues

Potential solutions to the bookstore nightmare

Article by Pablo Armas
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The prices are high, the lines are long and, often, they don't even have the books that we need. So, my question is: How can a bookstore that everyone depends on not always have the books we need? Further, when we do find the books, they buy them back from us at such a low rate that we might as well keep them, or sell them directly to other students.

So what can we do about the problem? Here's an idea. How about better communication? Professors and publishers need to communicate clearly with Barnes and Noble about what books are needed.

Also, the bookstore should allow itself more time to get all the books cataloged and ready to go. If it takes about two weeks for the books to arrive, and a few extra days to get them ready for sale, the professors shouldn't be told that their books will be available in less than two weeks. What good is it if the books arrive in two weeks when students need them immediately? This simply causes more headaches for students and professors, as well as for the bookstore, which gets its ear chewed out by both for not having books in on time.

Now, what can we do to lower the prices? One solution could be to pressure Barnes and Nobles by giving them an ultimatum: lower prices or they are no longer allowed to do business at SMC. Solution #2 could be to drop Barnes and Nobles altogether and let another company run the bookstore. The last solution, one that I recommend, is to reestablish school management of the bookstore. I don't see why Saint Mary's even allows a company that is unfamiliar with the college operate its bookstore. Let the school buy the books, sell us the books, and then buy back the books that they know they are going to use again next year. If they didn't sell all the books that year, they could save them and use them again the next year. Why can't Barnes and Noble, for the sake of students, lower book prices when they make such a high profit margin upstairs on merchandise?

It is clear that the bookstore needs to improve its operation, and the only way to encourage such change is to begin making suggestions to induce constructive restructuring of bookstore operating procedures.

SPORTS

Men's hoops slipping into mediocrity

Men's basketball team's tumble down the WCC ranks continues

by Denny Bulcao, Jr.
Staff Writer

It's called consistency. Championship teams have it; their opponents strive to attain it. The Saint Mary's College men's basketball team (12-13, 5-7 WCC) has been anything but consistent in the second half of their West Coast Conference schedule, losing five out of their last six including three games on their home court. After jumping out of the gates holding a brief tie for 2nd at 4-2, the Gaels are proving many a preseason predictors correct, settling in at fifth place in the conference standings.

Facing off against teams with proven team leaders and reliable leading scorers, the mix-and-match Gaels offense has become less and less effective.

In Sunday's 1pm tip-off, covered regionally by Fox Sports television, Saint Mary's found another way to lose with less than 10 seconds remaining. Leading the majority of the second half and by one down the stretch against rival Santa Clara (13-12, 4-8), the Gaels seemed to be closing things out with 5.8 seconds remaining. The Broncos had other ideas. After calling a time-out to regroup and create an inbound pass play, Saint Mary's second try proved disastrous. Approaching another five-second violation,



Photo by: Lisette Garcia

Saint Mary's sophomore Jonathan Sanders drives the paint to put up a shot against the USD Toreros.

Jonathan Sanders bounced passed to Daniel Kickert, who lost possession with two Broncos defending. The loose ball neared the Bronco sidelines, going out of bounds as Sanders and a Santa Clara player flew towards the stands. Sanders flung a blind sidarm pass to mid-court, and Bronco's Cord Anderson grabbed the ball and immediately hit his twin brother Brad under the basket. Anderson finished the gimme lay-up for a 56-55 lead. Saint Mary's inbound pass with two

seconds remaining was broken up and the once-rabid Gael fans walked out of McKeon, stunned.

This past Friday night, the second place USD Toreros (15-10, 9-3) walked into McKeon Pavilion and played a better game than their victory over SMC in San Diego on February 5th. The Gaels trailed start-to-finish, down 39-23 at the half before losing 75-57 in front of a meager 1,730. Junior Tyler Herr finished with 12 points in limited action.

Sophomore Jonathan Sanders continued his inspired play, totaling 10 points and a career-high nine rebounds.

Listen to the Gaels on 89.5 FM KSMC, www.ksmc895.com, Gael TV Channel 19 and www.smcgaels.com when they travel to Pepperdine, this Friday, at 7PM and Loyola Marymount March 1 at 7PM. If you can't get down to the Jenny Craig Pavilion at the University of San Diego for the West Coast Conference tournament—keep tuning in!

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL

FEBRUARY 17	
Saint Mary's	0/0
Pacific	8/4
FEBRUARY 22	
Saint Mary's	9/5
Hayward	5/1
FEBRUARY 23	
Saint Mary's	0/9
Sonoma	1/1

Men's BASKETBALL

FEBRUARY 21	
Saint Mary's	57
San Diego	75
FEBRUARY 22	
Saint Mary's	63
Santa Clara	66

Women's BASKETBALL

FEBRUARY 20	
Saint Mary's	63
San Diego	60
FEBRUARY 22	
Saint Mary's	68
Santa Clara	73

Women's LACROSSE

FEBRUARY 20	
Saint Mary's	7
San Diego	5

Men's TENNIS

FEBRUARY 23	
Saint Mary's	1
Utah	6

Women's TENNIS

FEBRUARY 20	
Saint Mary's	3
San Francisco	4
FEBRUARY 22	
Saint Mary's	3
UC Davis	6

BASEBALL

FEBRUARY 18	
Saint Mary's	2
UC Berkeley	6
FEBRUARY 21	
Saint Mary's	3
Sacramento State	5
FEBRUARY 22	
Saint Mary's	5
Sacramento State	4
FEBRUARY 23	
Saint Mary's	?
Sacramento State	?

SMC overmatched against Chico State

Gaels come out on top 10-9 against Claremont McKenna

by C.J. Daft
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's men's lacrosse team ran into a formidable opponent in Chico State, losing to the Division A North team 12-2. Chico seemed to pass and score with ease against the Division B Gaels.

Chico State took an early lead in the first quarter, scoring two goals before junior Peter Stemp shot a low bouncer through the Chico defense for the Gaels' first goal. Chico went on to score eight unanswered points before Stemp scored the only other goal for Saint Mary's to make it 10-2. The Gaels had their chances to score, but the Chico defense forced them to take tough shots and to lose possession many times.

Senior captain Mike Jennaro felt that the team ran into a much more skilled and experienced team than Saint Mary's.

"Our number one problem was that we are not used to seeing stick skills and offensive strategy of that magnitude every day, in and out of practice," Jennaro commented.

"Offensively, they really extended out and put a lot of pressure on our attacks, and really made us work."

Earlier in the week, the Gaels beat Claremont



Photo By Elisse Trauscht

Juniors Brendan Leonard, Nick Egide and Eric Wilkins struggle against Chico State.

McKenna College, 10-9 in double overtime, in what was the most exciting game of the season so far.

In the second overtime, Jennaro picked up the ball deep in Gael territory and ran the length of the field, then found senior Joe Warner wide open for the winning shot. Warner's defender had left his man to help stop the charging

Jennaro.

Also huge for the Gaels was Peter Burns, who scored four goals. The victory over Claremont led the captain to make the assessment that they can play with most teams in Division II lacrosse -- and, with work, could win the conference championship for the fourth year in a row.

As a club sport, the team has

to do most of its own fundraising. One of their upcoming functions is an inaugural "shotgun" golf tournament at Diablo Creek on March 30.

The tournament will include contests on the course and dinner. The entry fee for the tournament is a tax-deductible \$100. For more information, call 258-0221 and ask for Mike Jennaro or Adam Melville.

Saint Mary's slips by Sac State

Gaels come from behind to win 5-4 on Saturday

by Sam Adams
Staff Writer

With the Gaels' bullpen struggling, Eric Bowden decided to go the distance on Saturday for his first victory of the season. Bowden (1-2) threw a complete game and third baseman Bryan Byrne led the way with two home runs as Saint Mary's beat visiting Sacramento State 5-4.

"We've been playing really hard," coach John Baptista said of the Gaels, who lost to Sac State Friday and to Cal earlier in the week. "We have always been within a hit of tying or taking the lead. We have been competing, we just need to keep battling, and the victories will come."

"Little things have hurt us," Baptista said of the team's 3-7 record.

"Injuries have hit our pitching staff, forcing us to bump guys up in the rotation and use guys in spots they wouldn't usually pitch in. Hopefully everyone will be ready for conference play."

Even though the Gaels are scoring 4.4 runs a game,



Photo by Allison Moore

Shortstop Mike Harris scored one run in two at-bats against the Hornets in Saturday's game.

Baptista says they need to "get more hits early on."

"We have our opportunities, but it seems like we don't start rallies until there are one or two outs."

The team did just that yesterday: With the game still scoreless in the fourth inning, James Gaulke led off with a single. After Tim Spooner was retired, Byrne planted the 1-0 fastball he saw over the right-field fence to give the Gaels a

2-0 lead. Sac State responded in the top of the fifth, scoring four runs off Bowden, capped off by an opposite field home run by Cliff Hinkle. But the Gaels would respond.

Mike Harris led off the bottom of the fifth with a walk and scored on an Adam Bellows single. In the bottom of the sixth, Byrne hit a leadoff home run to tie the game.

"He's having a good start," Baptista said of Byrne. "He is

hitting .289 after today, seems comfortable, and is one of our better hitters."

Bellows gave Saint Mary's the lead in the seventh with a sacrifice fly that scored Mike Sansoe from third. Bowden pitched two shutout innings to earn the first complete game for the Gaels this season.

"That really helped," said Baptista. "It allowed us to rest the bullpen." "It was a big game."

Women's LAX defeats Cal in opener

by Katie Linnett
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's lacrosse team kicked off the season last Thursday afternoon as they faced UC Berkeley for the first time since they became a varsity Division I team in 2000.

The Gaels played a remarkable game, winning 7-5. Stephanie French started off the game by winning the draw over her Cal opponent. Lauren

Riggers and Colette Spencer capitalized on the situation, scoring two goals in the first ten minutes of the game.

By halftime, Saint Mary's led the 6-3. Goalie Megan Ceccotti held up net, blocking 14 of the Bears' 19 shots on goal, despite a couple of shots that waseled by the goalie while the plays were always dense.

"I am on cloud nine right

now," said Ceccotti. "I am ready and excited for the rest of the season, and I've never seen our team play this well together."

Coach Debra Holland's hard work and dedication to the team shines on days like these. The team is beginning the team's fourth year as a Division I sport, six of the girls playing their fourth and final year together. The teammates seem to

be coming together as a cohesive team. Captain Thera Luce sees this game as an example for the rest of the season.

"This opening game proves how far we've come as a team and that we are ready to take on the rest of the teams in our league."

Cheer the Gaels on as they try and keep the winning streak going, February 25th, as they face UC Davis at home.

Springtime Hopefuls

by Chris Swain

While other sports, such as hockey and basketball, are in mid-season mediocrity with fan interest just run-of-the-mill, preseason baseball is coming into full swing.

For the players, this means drills at training camp; for the managers, finding that one stellar free agent, and for a group of elderly ladies I know, a pilgrimage to Arizona.

Every year, three or four of them religiously make the trip in the springtime to catch a glimpse of the developing talent and watch the old favorites go back to work again.

The fresh breeze, the pleasant smell of grass permeating the air, and opening day just 27 days away: It's yet to be seen who will emerge to fill this year's 750 roster slots.

Last year's top prospects included Carlos Peña, Drew Henson and Sean Burroughs, two of which were traded due to poor performance and one who dropped out of sight altogether.

San Francisco Giants draftee Jesse Foppert, a local boy from the University of San Francisco, is competing for a spot in the rotation. The right-hander will face stiff competition for the fifth spot from Ryan Jensen, Kurt Ainsworth and Jerome Williams.

A large number of new faces will most likely be on the Giants' roster this season with the dismissal of second baseman Jeff Kent, third baseman David Bell, and outfielders Shawn Dunston, Kenny Lofton and Reggie Sanders. Taking their places will be an experienced group of players, including journeyman Marquis Grissom.

On the other side of the Bay, the Oakland Athletics seem to be in good shape, holding onto Miguel Tejada, the American League's most valuable player. However, a few imposing questions still need to be answered. Like the Giants, the Athletics are looking for a fifth starter, but problems will arise in possibly having too many qualified candidates.

Also, with the retirement of Dave Justice and the release of Ray Durham, Oakland needs a few fresh bats to step into the lineup before opening day, or their run production could be on the decline.

The bottom line: if you're a Bay Area baseball fan this preseason, look for the Giants and Athletics in the postseason, where they should both be operating as finely-oiled machines perhaps going the championship distance.

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MOVIE

The *Quiet American* revolves around the politics of Vietnam in the early 1950's, but there is no need to be a political junky to appreciate this fine film. Despite the political premise, the love triangle that emerges in the movie and the suspense that follows could keep anyone engrossed. Michael Caine stars as a British journalist whose love for opium is surpassed only by his affection for a much younger Vietnamese woman, Do Hai Yen. In an atypical role for Brendan Fraser, he plays a CIA agent who throws a wrench into their relationship when he falls in love with Yen.

-Erik Van Buren

TV SHOW

The *Simpsons* have done it again, passing the 300th episode mark, all while bringing skateboard legend Tony Hawk along for the ride. The show never seems to get old, always finding new and innovative ways to get people to watch. Remember when Michael Jackson held his baby over the balcony with a blanket over the baby's head? You know it's important if it comes up on the *Simpsons*. I knew it was an unforgettable episode when they played 'All The Small Things' by Blink 182 in the background, as it is only the best song ever...

-Ken C. Fung

MUSIC

Looking for some good acoustic music, but tired of the latest rotation of John Mayer's and Dave Matthews' songs, which seem to have monopolized the airwaves? Check out Nickel Creek's new CD, "This Side." Never before has music classified as 'bluegrass' had such wide appeal. The threesome, whose average age barely exceeds twenty, has been playing together for twelve years. While the combination of an acoustic guitar, mandolin and fiddle may not sound all that exciting, the experience and flat out talent of the group results in some of the most innovative music in recent memory.

-Chris Lucchetti

David Gray Soars in SF

The Welsh Singer-Songwriter blends 'Midnight' with 'Ladder'

by Jessica Simons
Staff Writer

I wasn't sure what to expect when I walked into the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium last week to see David Gray. I had never seen the Welsh singer-songwriter live, but like many there, I was curious as to how his sound would differ from his studio offerings. Opening for Gray was Cory Harris, whose acoustic reggae set and socially conscious lyrics provided for a provocative performance. However, it was highly evident that the crowd was there to see Gray.

One of the most unique aspects of the Bill Graham is that from the upper-deck, you can see performers backstage. I could see Gray, slightly hidden, jumping around and excited, waiting with the rest of his band before his set.

As the curtain opened, Gray sat at the piano and started playing "The Other Side." Just Gray and the baby grand, spotlight on him.

The second set of curtains drew back to reveal his band, as they joined in with the pi-

ano. Circles of blue lights lit the stage and the crowd.

"Better than Dylan!" screamed a woman from somewhere in the sea of concertgoers.

Playing songs off of his new album, *A New Day at Midnight*, as well the more familiar crowd-pleasers from *White Ladder*, and even a few from earlier releases, Gray provided over two hours of evocative, thoughtful music.

During the seventeen-song set, even more forceful than Gray's enthusiasm was his voice-- soaring during songs like the classic "Silver Lining," filling every inch of the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.



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During his performance of "Nightblindness," I was reminded of Beck's performance of "Nobody's Fault But My

Own." "Nightblindness" had an ethereal quality to it that was not present on the album version. Gray ended his set with the hit "Babylon" and the crowd joined in, singing and cheering.

Returning on stage for one encore, he started again at the piano singing the beautiful "This Year's Love."

After five more numbers, the concert seemed to be finished at "Say Hello, Wave Goodbye," but to my surprise, Gray ran to a grand piano at the back of the stage and ended with a more upbeat and elongated version of "Please Forgive Me."

He jumped around and shook his head at the piano bench, reminiscent of the Beatles head-shaking while singing "She Loves You" on The Ed Sullivan Show in 1964.

The concert ended with Gray and his band taking a bow in response to the crowd's reaction to their enthusiastic show. The energy was high, the performance entertaining, and the music powerful.

SUCCESS The truth behind the fall of the Roman Empire was never enough:

by Liz Schnitz
Staff Writer

Was the Coliseum possibly the forerunner of Paxil prescriptions? Or, in other words, were the Romans just as neurotic and anxious about the state of the empire and their place in it as many Americans are today? Tonight, guest speaker Barbara Ellen Logan will lecture on the mentality of the Romans, which she contends was that of "the loser". To bring the argument close to home, she references *The Aeneid*, which, unlike the Greek epic *The Odyssey*, actually focuses on the losers' voyage home.

One might be reluctant to shed a tear for a people who were part of a far reaching and long-lived empire, who relentlessly conquered across seas, and even watched while the condemned were thrown to lions. But there's pressure at the top.

"If a Roman loses face, he loses his identity," says Logan, who has analyzed different pieces of Roman literature, from private letters to Augustine's writings. She contends that the reason the Romans were such high achievers is not only because they were 'materialists' who believed that an idea is in the ac-



Barbara Ellen Logan will bring the Romans closer to home, tonight in the Soda Center.

tion itself, but that they were forced to act solely because 'the gods will it.' "You are what you perform," she adds. The effect of this ideology on the Romans was "the sensation that things are out of control."

Which certainly puts a new spin on public executions in Rome. According to Logan, the purpose of the slaughter was to appease ghosts at first, and the practice began with animal sacrifices. Eventually, this spectacle reached its infamous proportion after prisoners of war became gladiators, and later

were followed into the arena by Christians.

Even so, the stands were packed and people cheered, so why was this event so popular? Logan suggests we look at ourselves to answer this question. "[There's] something intriguingly similar between the way we watch 'Survivor' and 'Fear Factor' and the way Romans watched gladiator games...It's not just that they were interested in seeing people's limbs hacked off."

In essence, a bloody execution "relieves your fear of fail-

ure." If only there had been psycho-pharmacologists back then...

Logan, who returns to lecture again in April, will reflect upon the various roles in Roman society and the impact of the indefinite, ever changing borders on the Roman psyche. She explores Rome through a sociological perspective, but there won't be any post-mortem counseling for discontented Roman citizens. She does hope, however, that we might catch the similarities between the Romans and ourselves.