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## Off-campus students victims of car thefts Saint Mary's parking lots not alone in Lamorinda vehicle burglaries

by Katie Alpizar  
Staff Writer

The rise in recent car thefts is not limited only to on-campus residents; Saint Mary's College students who live off-campus are victims as well.

Sergeant Mark Ruppenthal, Moraga Police Department, says that in the last month and a half over 50 auto burglaries have occurred and 11 auto thefts.

Ruppenthal guesses that number is higher because only, "50 percent of crime is ever reported."

The streets that are getting many reports include Ascot Drive, Donald Drive, and Woodminster.

The places targeted are multiple dwelling complexes where cars are parked along the street or in carports, said Ruppenthal.

The crimes usually occur late at night or the early morning.

Hondas, Toyotas and Acuras are typically the cars burglarized.

On Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2:40 a.m., a resident behind Campolindo High School saw a

suspicious person going through a parked vehicle, said Ruppenthal.

The man confronted this person and police were able to find the burglar hiding in a car in Rheem Parking lot.

Two more were arrested in Lafayette.

Ruppenthal warned against confronting the suspect because you never know whom you are dealing with.

Police have arrested some suspects that range from juveniles, parolees, and persons from out of town.

These vehicles are mainly stolen for transportation purposes or burglarized for faceplates or items of value.

One stolen car was recently recovered in a drainage ditch in Vallejo.

Ruppenthal estimates that about half, to one-third, of these are students, while the rest are simply residents living along the same streets.

Ruppenthal wants more information about what is going on



Students living on Ascot are aware of car thefts like their campus peers.

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sent to the community. "You would be stunned how many people can't wait to get the paper," said Ruppenthal.

He says if people are never told the reality of what is going on, they are never able to understand why it is happening.

The Moraga Police Department is currently continuing investigations, developing more leads, and stepping up patrol.

## Hermanas Unidas conference held



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Several Hermana chapters stand united in front of Saint Mary's Chapel.

Statewide campuses meet at SMC on weekend

by Jenna Fox  
Staff Writer

Saint Mary's College hosted the fourth annual Hermanas Unidas conference for the first time last weekend, Feb. 27 - 29. Chapters from six California universities - UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, CSU Long Beach, CSU Northridge, CSU Fullerton, and UC Berkeley - came to experience Hermanas Unidas at the SMC community.

The theme of the conference was "Unique in many ways, united as one." Approximately 300 members attended.

Norma Lopez, coordinator for Latino Student Programs expressed her hope for the women attending the conference, both SMC students and the guests. Lopez felt it important for the participants to understand "the power that exists in belonging to a community."

"Something that I'd like for all the chapters to take home with them is a deeper understanding that what they're doing is very important," said Lopez. "In their

own way, yes, but the fact that they have these connections and create a space for young women to come together and create community is very powerful, beyond what they may see right now."

The main focus of the conference was the workshops. These workshops were organized by professor Myrna Santiago, Norma Lopez, co-founder Vanessa Cornejo, Br. Camilo Chavez, and professor Maria Ruiz. The workshops highlighted several facets of Latino life on and off college campuses, such as stress management and family life.

Co-chair Sofia Navarro believed that this conference was to be an important part of the Hermanas Unidas experience, giving the women a chance to share their trials and tribulations, and, as the name of the club indicates, unite.

Lopez expressed this goal saying, "I think that the beautiful thing about the Hermanas Unidas on a statewide level is that you see HERMANAS, p2

## Asian Heritage Month to be eventful Trip to Angel Island, Asian Cultural Night highlight March

by James Lee  
Staff Writer

With the onset of March, Asian Pacific Islander Heritage month has made its way to Saint Mary's College. While June is typically the month to celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, it is celebrated in March at Saint Mary's College so that students of SMC of Asian and Pacific Island descent can celebrate their cultures while still in school. "The month of March was chosen because it ties in the Asian Cultural Night, and also so we can have an opportunity to share our cultures with the SMC commu-

nity," said Alfredo Biralde '05, Vice President for Student Affairs of the Asian Pacific American Student Association (APASA).

Many different fun and educational events are planned during this month with the help of Mary Ho, coordinator of student activities and leadership programs, and other staff members, including students.

To start off, the opening ceremony is on Thursday, March 4 which will have opening comments and performances from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and then food will be served in the

Delphine Multicultural Lounge from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be an offsite visit to Angel Island on Saturday, March 13. Here, students will learn about how many Asian Pacific Americans came through the island while immigrating to the United States (There is limited space for this event so students need to reserve a spot by calling x8317).

On Monday, March 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Delphine there will be a discussion entitled "Everything you see MONTH, p2

## 'Crimes Against Nature' debuts Christopher Kilmartin to perform one-man narrative

by Cori Simpson  
News Editor

This Thursday, March 4, Saint Mary's College students will get the chance to watch Christopher Kilmartin perform his one-man narrative play "Crimes Against Nature." This play deals with the issues faced by males growing up in America. Kilmartin is a professor of psychology at Mary Washington College in Virginia, a psychologist, and stand-up comedian. His play is intended for all audiences and will address gender violence from a male's perspective.

In the past, the Women's Resource Center's programs about

sexual assault have been lectures given by women, which could alienate portions of the audience. This event, which is in the format of a play, is intended to be interesting for males and females and more entertaining than a lecture.

"This is unique because it's done in a theatrical manner. It's not a lecture. He's more likely to reach a broader audience because it's something that everyone can relate to," said Sharon Sabotta, interim director of the Women's Resource Center.

The play will remind students that sexual assault and violence against women are not only

women's issues but men's issues as well.

"[The show] is autobiographical... it's really a story of a white boy growing up in America, but my experience is that people associate it with stories of their own, and that includes people of different ethnicities, class backgrounds, and sexual orientations, and it also includes women," said Kilmartin. The show will also use humor to look at how males are socialized in this society and how they are bombarded with messages that can be harmful to both men and women.

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# What's Happening

## "A Doll's House"

The Collegiate Players present three key scenes from Ibsen's "A Doll House." The actors will be answering questions from the audience. Saundra Alasio will be playing Nora and Philip Wharton will be playing Torvald. This presentation, directed by Barry Horwitz, will play Wednesday, March 3 and Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Soda Activity Center.

## ASSMC packets

Do you want to rule the world? Start by running for the ASSMC Executive Council. Pick up a packet in Student Activities. Packets are due Thursday, March 4 by 6:00 p.m. Questions? Call x8509.

## Can I be a Feminist and...?

Is it possible to be a feminist and love men, wear makeup, or listen to rap? Can men be feminists? Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner, co-authors of *Manifesta: young women, feminism and the future*, can answer these questions. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 8 in the Soda Center. For more information call x4706.

## Carnival for Kids

The annual Carnival for Kids is coming up. The carnival will take place on April 23 from 3:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sign-ups for Big Buddies will go through April 10. Sign-up at CILSA or the ASSMC office.

## Diversity Dance

This year's Diversity Dance, "A Night of Stars," will be held on March 26 at Scott's Seafood in Oakland from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale beginning the week of March 1. Tickets start at \$30 a person. Come and dress up as your favorite celebrity in semi-formal attire. Your campus diversity clubs bring this event to you. For more information, please call x8317.

## Senior Ball

Attention seniors: Do you have a date for Senior Ball? This year, the Senior Ball will take place on Friday, April 23 at Hs. Lordships Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. Bids will be sold for three weeks, starting on Monday, March 22. There's a benefit to buying bids early! Prices for bids are as follows:

\$90 (March 22 - March 26)  
\$95 (March 29 - April 2)  
\$105 (April 13 - April 16)

Bids will be on sale in Dante Quad on MWF 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on TTh 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call x3566 with any questions.

If you have any events you would like to see posted, please email the event with details to [collegia@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:collegia@stmarys-ca.edu).

# Crime Beat

2/21 <b>Incident:</b> Medical assistance <b>Synopsis:</b> Medical assistance/student transported from Guerrieri West; referred to student conduct and health services.	11:10 p.m.	2/26 <b>Incident:</b> Activated fire alarm. <b>Synopsis:</b> Activated fire alarm in Aquinas Hall; referred to student conduct.	3:52 a.m.
2/22 <b>Incident:</b> Tampering with equipment <b>Synopsis:</b> Tampering with pull station in Justin Hall; referred to student conduct.	2:01 a.m.	2/26 <b>Incident:</b> Activated fire alarm. <b>Synopsis:</b> Activated fire alarm in More Hall; referred to student conduct.	4:07 a.m.
2/23 <b>Incident:</b> Suspicious phone call <b>Synopsis:</b> Suspicious phone call made to North Claeys; referred to student conduct.	1:23 a.m.	2/26 <b>Incident:</b> Possession <b>Synopsis:</b> Possession of marijuana and paraphernalia in Aquinas Hall; referred student conduct.	10:10 p.m.
2/24 <b>Incident:</b> Minor vehicle accident <b>Synopsis:</b> Minor vehicle accident at Brother Jerome West faculty parking lot; referred to business office.	9:20 a.m.	2/27 <b>Incident:</b> Tampering <b>Synopsis:</b> Tampering at Ageno C; referred to student conduct.	1:05 a.m.
		2/27 <b>Incident:</b> Fire alarm <b>Synopsis:</b> Activated fire alarm in Ageno B; referred to student conduct.	2:57 a.m.

## HERMANAS: conference gathers 300

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have this network set in place. I think that is really important for the young women as they move into their professional life: having this connection to this greater network of people. But at the same time Hermanas Unidas on each campus is allowed to be what they want to be, and that's why they're talking about uniqueness."

Members are mostly first generation Latinas in college, Navarro said, and deal daily with issues of homesickness, stereotypes, and racial identity. While Hermanas Unidas is a statewide organization [a support group for women, neither a sorority nor a

club], "Hermanas is different at SMC because it serves specifically as a retention program, geared towards the Latinos in college. Statistics show that a high number of Latinos drop out of college in their first two years. Hermanas is striving to lower those numbers," said Daniella Simunovic, community service coordinator.

"It's very empowering to see so many people," said Lopez. "So many young women in college with goals, and with aspirations. Being able to come together all at once is motivational; it really motivates you to continue on your path to success."

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don't want to talk about in the API community" where people will discuss health, sex, and dating and how they affect the Asian Pacific American community.

On Thursday, March 18, the 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors are scheduled to perform in the Soda center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. They are publicized as the "Asian American version of In Living Color," and through comedy they speak about issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans.

To end Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, on Tuesday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m., will be the seventh annual Asian Cultural Night (A.C.N) with the theme this year being "Bridging the Past and Present." The event is held

to educate the SMC community about the different Asian Pacific cultures through food, traditional costumes and dance, and other kinds of performances. Admission for A.C.N. is \$3 for students, \$5 for staff, and \$10 for guests.

All the events are open to all of the students to learn about the Asian Pacific American Culture, whether it is through social issue discussions, traditional music and dance, or food.

"March gives us the opportunity to celebrate a few cultures not normally in the spotlight. The events that represent the Asian Pacific culture will be fun for everyone to attend," said Ed Parcero '05, Vice President of Finance for APASA.

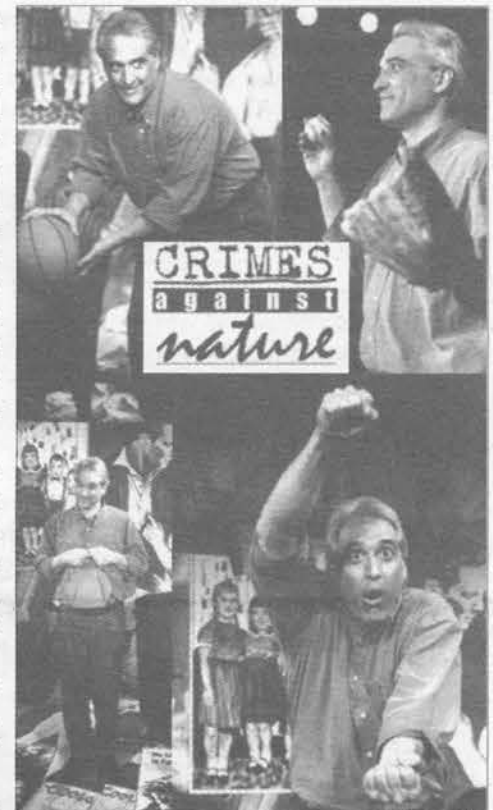
## CRIMES: skit to show male perspective

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Kilmartin agreed to make himself available on campus to visit classrooms. He will also be available to answer questions and is planning to work with the peer outreach education team before his performance. With this special workshop he hopes to bring ideas about how to get more students interested in gender issues.

"I really like the way he approaches things," said Reese Ho '06. "This could be great as a peer educator to find out more ways to get students' attention because nobody likes to listen to a lecture for half an hour or an hour."

The performance will be on Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Soda Center. A reception will happen prior to the performance at 6:30 p.m. in the Soda Center that all



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are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the women's resource center at x4171.

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**Body Acceptance Month**  
**Women's History Month**

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Outdoor Adventure Hike  
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"Real Women Have Curves"  
March 25 6p-9p  
Movie, Food, and Discussion - Library Theatre

"Women Who Empower in Unconventional Ways"  
Multicultural Panel  
March 31, 7:00p

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# Faculty profile: Costanza Dopfel

## Professor passes on passion for language and life

by Katie Kimball  
Opinion Editor

Costanza Dopfel, an assistant professor in the modern language department, has inspired her students to learn more than what is offered in the classroom. The following comments from professor Dopfel illustrate her interesting background that brought her to the SMC community.

**Experience at SMC:**

"I was hired as an Assistant Professor at SMC in 2002, after a search to fill a tenure-track position in Italian. I am very happy here, partly because of the students and partly because of the colleagues and the Brothers."

**Background:**

"I grew up in Milano, Italy, where my whole family still resides. In Junior High and High school I studied English, French, German, Spanish and Latin language and literature. I also attended college in Milan, and graduated with a Laureate in German and English literature.

"While a student in Milan, I also worked for Lufthansa and visited China and the United States. For many years I also worked as a translator/interpreter during the fashion seasons in Milan and Bruxelles.

"After I came to the U.S., I was accepted at UCLA for a Master in Comparative Literature, then transferred to Stanford on a full fellowship for a Ph.D. in Italian and Comparative Literature. During my graduate studies I got

married, had two boys and moved to Marin County."

**Inspiration/Mentor:**

"My grandmother, who died at the age of 105 last June 19, a victim of the terrible heat wave in Europe. She was British and was born in 1898 under Queen Victoria.

"She spoke seven languages, including Portuguese and Russian, and was passionate about philosophy. As a child I spent hours reading old books to her in multiple languages. She loved literature and in her late 90's she headed a discussion group that met weekly."

**Goals in teaching:**

"Whenever I teach a course, I try to create an experience for students that will leave a mark on their development and choices in life.

"My main goal is to have my students develop a curiosity and interest for the subject that will encourage them to keep learning well past their years at school. Learning can and should be fun, but it also involves a certain degree of pain. No real knowledge is attained easily, and every step is harder than the previous one. I would like my students to understand and accept this fact, as they learn to respect the work, sacrifice and dedication that is the foundation of knowledge.

"In addition to teaching language, seminar, and Jan Term, I teach literature, especially from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, because they are such fascinating periods, both extremely alien to us and yet so fundamen-

tal for understanding who we are now. I also believe that it is not possible to separate literature from art, history and music, and I am trying to develop courses based on a complete experience of the period."

**Other activities:**

"I have the tendency to get enthusiastically involved with everything I touch. I am organizing an event at Saint Mary's entitled *Living by the Sword*. It is part of a series of presentations funded through an Alumni-Faculty grant I was awarded last year. For the upcoming event, which will be taking place on March 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Soda Center, I am having a medieval knight and his squires come and demonstrate the rules of combat and chivalry. My students and I will arrive dressed in garb and will represent the *Court of Ladies*.

"I am planning an exhibit of pictures for the library recording the life of Italian Americans in the East Bay from the turn of the century to the 1950's.

"I am active in my field, and in April I will chair a panel at the Renaissance Conference in New York, and next year I plan to present a paper at Cambridge, England. I am active in the seminar circle, discussing choices of texts and attending retreats. I am involved with the Studies Abroad Program, with the International Area Studies and with the new Language Studies Minor.

"Lately I have been involved with the Society for Creative Anachronism, a group of re-enactors that pretend to live some-

# Beyond the Bubble

Tony Vala-Haynes

National and world news bites

- Haiti - After the resignation of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President Bush ordered Marines into Haiti to keep order.

- After referring to the proposed constitutional amendment that bans same-sex marriage as "immoral," Rosie O'Donnell resolved to marry her girlfriend in San Francisco. Over 3,300 same-sex couples have been married in San Francisco since February 12.

- Wichita, Kansas - A woman died of a heart attack on the morning of February 25 while watching the climactic scene of crucifixion in Mel Gibson's new film, "The Passion of Christ." The woman, Peggy Scotty, 56, was not known to have any pre-existing health problems.

- Beijing, China - Scientists declared that a pig weighing 1,980 pounds that recently died might have been the largest pig in the world. Surprisingly, the pig died from lack of exercise and weighed close to a metric ton.

- Scientists say the amount of weight a woman gains after she turns 18 has a great deal to do with her risks for breast cancer.

- A new report shows that 60 percent of U.S. citizens consume alcohol on a regular basis and 20 percent binge drink.

- Howard Stern has been suspended for indecency on his radio show. When he was interviewing Paris Hilton's ex, Rick Solomon, (the man who stars opposite Hilton in the widely exploited sex tape) someone called in and used a racial slur. Although Stern immediately hung up on the man, it still reached the radio airwaves.

- Belpre, Ohio - A sixth-grader was suspended for 3 days for bringing a Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue to school and then refusing a lesser punishment. The lesser punishment would have been to attend an alternative school in the area for two days. The principal of the school claimed he had never seen a swimsuit edition of Sports Illustrated.

(Sources: Cnn.com, Msnbc.com, Contra Costa Times, The San Francisco Chronicle)

time between the year 600 and 1600. My 'persona' is a noble Italian Lady from around 1480, named Costanza Elisabetta degli Orsenigo. I have an incredible gown handmade by a seamstress and a collection of lesser gowns I

allow my students to wear. "I love cooking and have gone to the extreme of making my own sausages and even my own butter. Every year I organize and cater a banquet for around 90 people."

# 'Enlivened' General Assembly

by Chris Mateo  
News Editor

The General Assembly meeting of the Associated Students Senate was full of agenda topics ranging from the new Enlivenment idea from the Student Activities staff to the promotion of Alex Kirschner to media board chair.

The docket portion of the General Assembly began with a presentation by Mark Jaime and Jim Scuito from Student Activities. This presentation was to inform the audience of the new "Enlivenment" program implemented by the office. Enlivenment will affect the senate, program board, and the Cassin Student Union. The program will include a campus-wide collaboration of different offices, departments, and organizations, new marketing, and student assessment results.

The agenda then called for the resolution to reduce the number

of senators. After an extended debate between having a large and small senate, the senate failed to approve the resolution.

Jennifer Merlo, vice president for finance, presented the audience with a club sports funding/organization update. The senate moved on to charter a new club called C.O.V.E.N.A.N.T., a Catholic organization, to the special interest clubs.

Finally, the docket ended with the judicial tribunal confirmation of Michael Chin, justice, the promotion of Natalie Wilson to chief justice, and the confirmation of Melissa Lomas as an association member to the finance board.



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# SNAPSHOT



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On Tuesday, February 24, "Expressions of Blackness" gave audience members a night full of good food, great skits, and amazing performances such as this one from West Africa.

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# OPINION

## Collegian View

### The Golden Wasteland

Jessica Gutierrez

Driving on the freeway during rush hour traffic is as frustrating as it is unbelievable. Only it's not five or six in the evening, which is the usual rush hour time when people get off of work and head home. It's three in the afternoon and all you want to do is get out of your car and take a nap in the carpool lane until everything has cleared. That's right, there's ALWAYS traffic. Born and raised an Angeleno, traffic has always been a part of my daily life. But in the past few years I have noticed an increase in traffic size and time.

Once in college I found out that it wasn't just in Los Angeles that the traffic is terrible. It's pretty much everywhere in California, especially in San Diego, Sacramento, and the Bay Area. The supposed reason is overpopulation. It affects our deteriorating environment, dysfunctional school system, overburdened health care, and lower quality of life. It increases the already inflated price of property in major California cities.

The primary cause is that there are too many people and not enough resources. This is a problem because of America's implicit open door policy that has resulted in overwhelming immigration into California. Thus far, efforts to fix the problem have failed, and there are very few new ideas in the market among government leaders. In fact, it was Governor Schwarzenegger who urged the world in his State of the State Address to, "come to California". Way to go Arnold. California's population increased from 591,000 in 2002 to 35,591,000 in January 2003. And human interaction as a result of the increase has been nothing but negative. A recent news story described that on a roadside in San Jose after a fender bender, an irritated driver grabbed another driver's small dog and threw it into oncoming traffic. Talk about road rage.

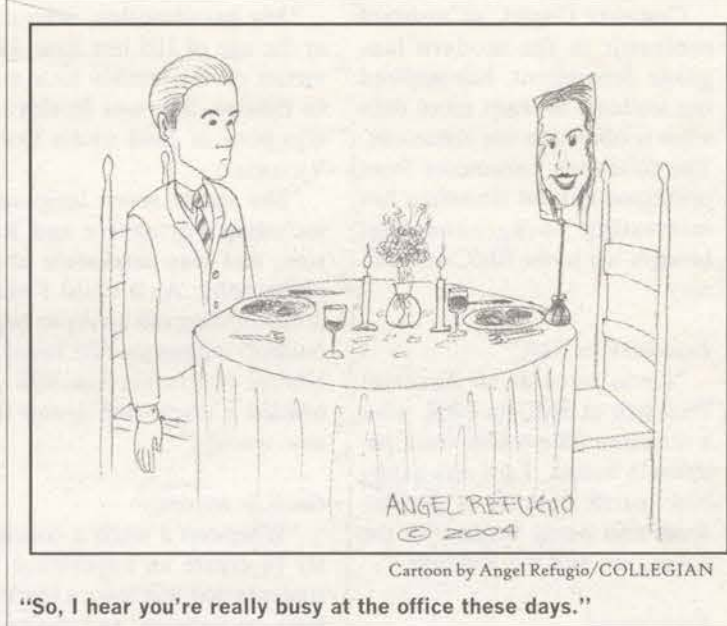
U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein says of the increasing numbers, "I find them very distressing and I'll tell you why. If the growth comes before the ability to handle that growth, what you inevitably have is a backlash. That's what drove Proposition 187." This Proposition on the 1994 ballot measure sought to deprive illegal immigrants of most state-funded social benefits. It was overwhelmingly approved by voters, but changed by courts based on constitutional grounds. "I think growth is California's number one problem, and how that growth happens is critical to the future of the state," the Democratic senator adds. Here are the facts: in the six seconds it takes you to read this sentence, seventeen people will be added to the Earth's population. Within an hour, California's population will grow by 60 people. California's population in 2001 was nearly 35 million and grows over 611,000 annually. Predictions estimate a population of 50 million people by 2025. Let's hope our Golden State doesn't become a wasteland by then.

The stats for the fall of 2003 reported four sexual assaults at Saint Mary's. Four. And, that's just what's been reported. Is the *Collegian* beating a dead horse by reiterating the topic? Is devoting an entire four-page section to the once widely publicized issue of sexual assault a bit too sensational? Sensationalism is what Dan Noyes brought to Saint Mary's in the fall of 2002. Addressing the issue before it boils over into an embarrassing I-Team investigation is not.

This campus has reached a point where it's acceptable to talk about scary, negative, even unpopular subjects publicly. Three years ago, the *Collegian* didn't have the right to say something

real on taboo subjects without backlash. And neither did those on campus who were willing to speak. Everywhere people had to fight to be heard on this campus. The *Collegian* staff had to dig copies of the newspaper out of trash bins when the headlines read, "Rape issues persist on campus." In a lot of respects many people are still fighting to be heard on this campus, but now, there is a growing group who is more willing to listen, to read, and to most importantly act.

And, so, in respect to the years of fighting and pushing and breaking down barriers, this year's *Collegian* staff refuses to let serious coverage of Sexual Assault fade away until rape, sexual



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harassment and disrespect leave this campus.

Unfortunately, it looks like it may be a while, so expect the cov-

erage and know that when you are fighting and screaming to be heard, you have a voice with us, and we don't shy away too easily.

## Community Views

Dear Editor,

Michael Chin's article "Why Keep SMC Football?" had a few factual errors. Of the three football bowl games in which Saint Mary's competed, Slip Madigan coached one. Slip Madigan led Saint Mary's to a win in the Cotton Bowl against Texas Tech in 1939, SMC 20, Texas Tech 13. Jimmy Phelan was the coach of the loss at the Sugar Bowl in 1946 against Oklahoma A&M: SMC 13, Oklahoma A&M 33; and Jimmy Phelan also coached the win at the 1947 Oil Bowl against Georgia Tech; SMC 41, Georgia Tech 19. Herman Wedemeyer's name was spelled incorrectly; he was inducted in the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1979.

Linda Wobbe  
College Archivist

Dear Editor,

I want to briefly address a couple issues that arose in Jon Slobodin's editorial, "The Right Side." While I agree that two points of view must exist in the classroom, I think it's important to realize why so many college campuses are erupting with liberal professors. My mother is a teacher and doesn't earn half of what she should. And while I'm sure she can't always silence her political views in the classroom, she does not in any way oppress the students by expressing her feelings of acceptance when it comes to homosexuals and welfare. Conservatives do not teach because they are concerned with money and power. Money and power is not a benefit of being a teacher. If anyone is concerned that they are not experienc-

ing enough conservatism I would suggest he or she open the newspaper and read about our president through the eyes of the conservative media. Read about the constant search for the weapons of mass destruction that never existed. Read about all the conservatives who claim they have nothing against homosexuals, they just don't believe it's morally right for them to marry. If you can't read a paper, as I have many friends that are dyslexic, turn on the news and melt into the couch as you hear about Mel Gibson's father deny the Holocaust ever took place. The point is our education should not be confined to the classroom. If you are displeased with your professors either transfer or take your education into your own hands. Make it a point to inform yourself of what people who have a different point of view are saying. I thank Jon Slobodin for bringing the issues of bias teaching to light. However, conservatives and liberals alike should not expect teachers, who are human, to remain impartial all the time. I commend you for playing the devil's advocate, Jon. Please continue to do so, it benefits not only yourself but the students who do not concern themselves with views other than their own.

Tony Vala-Haynes  
Staff Writer

Dear Editor,

SMC has yet to officially join the Great West Football Conference. There are plenty of reasons to re-view the situation further. The other

GWFC schools are in a scholarship arms race that is leaving the Gaels behind. For example, UC Davis was limited to 36 football scholarships in Division II. But the Aggies have moved up to Division I-AA (63 scholarships allowed) and will reach their new scholarship limit within a few years. The Gaels, on the other hand, reportedly give the equivalent of less than 20 scholarships. Increasing this aid is expensive at a school that costs over \$30,000 per year. Unless SMC plans to triple the number of football scholarships it offers, joining the GWFC will ensure the Gaels regularly finish in last place. Remaining independent isn't much of an option either. As the only I-AA independent in the West, scheduling would be difficult.

A viable alternative is to join the Pioneer Football League, a growing nonscholarship conference which includes three schools the Gaels have played in last decade: San Diego, Drake, and Dayton. In the past, the PFL has allowed schools to honor scholarships given before they entered the league. The PFL offers regionalized scheduling and a championship game between division winners. As a PFL member, the Gaels would have a natural rivalry with fellow West Coast Conference member San Diego, which recently hired former Oakland Raider assistant Jim Harbaugh as head coach. In both talent and scholarship levels, the Gaels are closer to the Pioneer than the Great West. Joining the nonscholarship PFL would be the best move to support and sustain football at St. Mary's.

Eric Wormhoudt

Attention Junior Class of 2005:

I would like to thank all of you who attended "For Those About To Rock".

Not only did our very own SMC bands perform well, but also we had over 225 students participate in this fundraiser. A special thanks to Angel Vasquez, Chris Long, Jerrad Fanucchi, and Travis Bizirek for all their hard work and dedication.

In addition, our Baja Fresh night was a success too, but we've got more planned.

1. Baseball style t-shirts will be available Thursday, March 11. They are currently being made, and will cost only \$15! It's a white shirt with blue sleeves, but you'll have to see the design for yourself. Trust me, you won't be disappointed!

2. Bowling at Diablo Lanes: Tuesday, March 16 (9pm-1am & price T.B.A.). We're working in partnership with the Student Alumni Association. Cost includes unlimited bowling and shoe rental.

3. Junior Class BBQ: (Date T.B.A.) An opportunity for Juniors to socialize while eating good BBQ food.

Soon, we'll decide on the location for our Senior Formal.

Do you want it at the Westin St. Francis or the Giftcenter Pavilion (both in S.F.)?

Also, don't forget to vote for our Executive Officers for next year on Tuesday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 10.

Any questions/ideas, please contact us at ASSMC, x4704.

Jeff Haskins  
President, Class of 2005

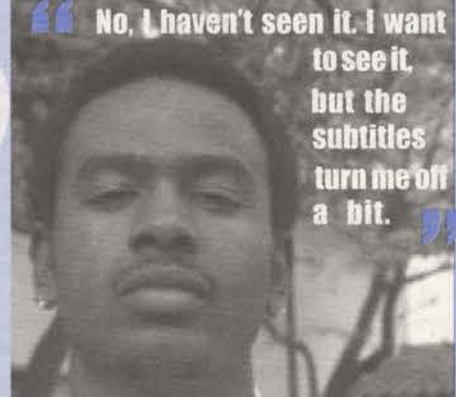
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SMC students were polled on their opinion of *The Passion of the Christ*.

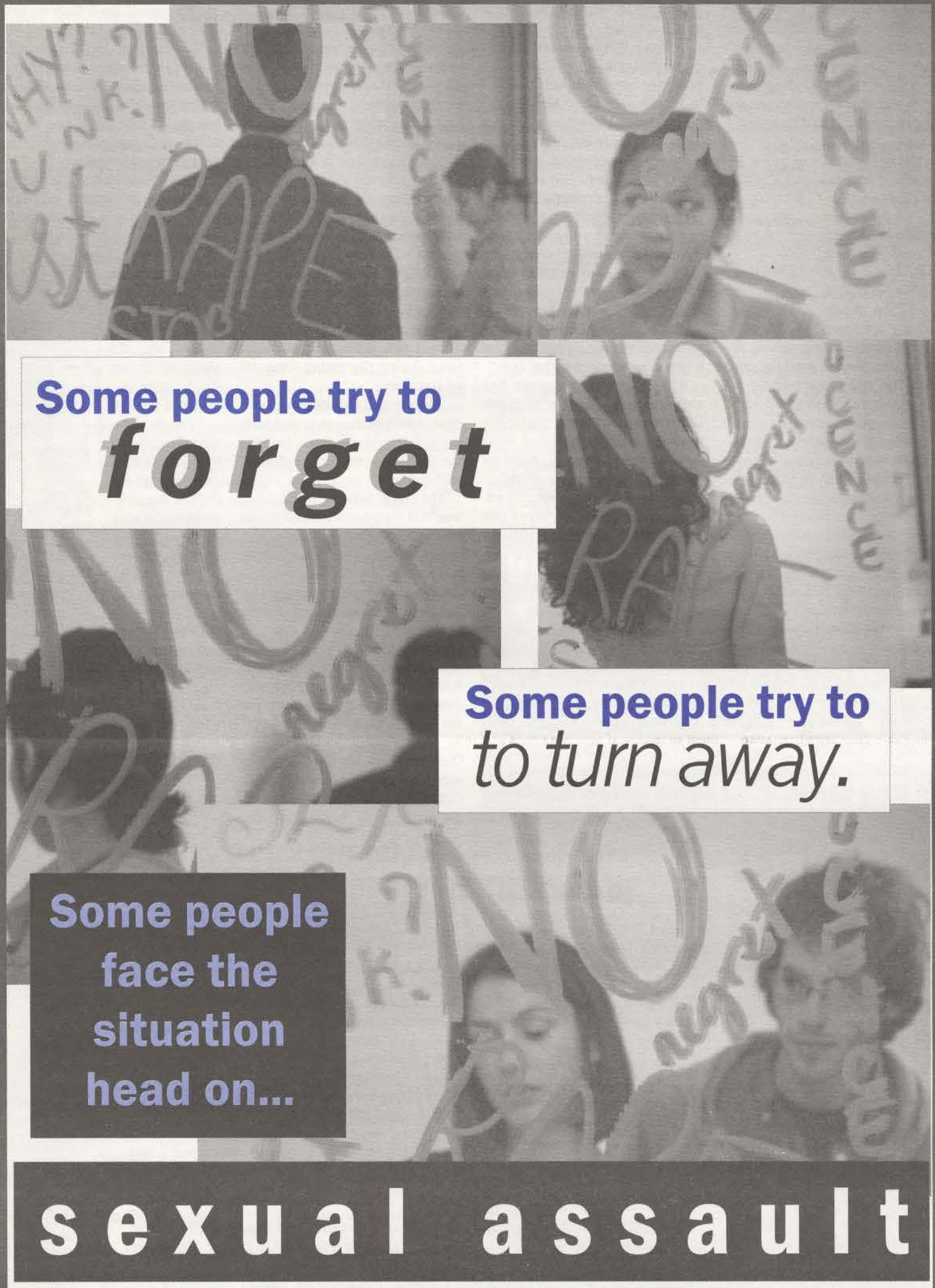
Have you seen *The Passion of the Christ*?



"No, I haven't seen it. I want to see it, but the subtitles turn me off a bit."

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**sexual assault**

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**Outreach, Education, Referrals, Support, Empowerment**  
*Women's Resource Center raises awareness of sexual assault and other important issues*

by Jonathan Morales  
In-Depth Editor

The Women's Resource Center. The WRC. Many students don't know we have one, and many others don't even know where or what it is. Others see it as a unisexual organization where men aren't welcome. Sharon Sobotta, interim director of the Women's Resource Center, wants to change these perceptions.

"I want it to be accessible to everybody, and I believe that it is," said Sobotta. "We just need to get rid of any fears."  
The WRC is one of several on-campus organizations that deal with sexual assault. However, Sobotta stressed that the women's center addresses a variety of issues.  
"We do deal with sexual assault, but that's certainly not the only thing we deal with, and you can't really deal with sexual as-

sault without dealing with the larger, vital issues of oppression and things like that," said Sobotta.  
Although the women's center deals with sexual assault, it is not an anonymous place for students to receive support for sexual assault. Students seeking this must talk to a priest, go to the counseling center, or call the sexual assault hotline.  
"You couldn't just walk into the women's center under the cur-

rent system we have right now," said Sobotta, who is the coordinator of the Sexual Assault Crisis Response Team, the six faculty and staff members who carry the cell phone for the Hotline. "I work in collaboration with the Moraga Police Department and with the Contra Costa County Rape Crisis Center to provide ongoing training to this group of people."  
see WRC, p6

*Sexual assault. Two small words, five simple syllables, and enough power behind them to single-handedly ruin a person's life.*

We commonly see the side of the accuser, the victim, frequently the female, but what if the accuser isn't always the victim? Who's there to defend the wrongfully accused? Who's there to even listen to what they have to say?

There are two sides to every story, yet sexual assault is one we always hear about with one voice, one side, one sufferer. It's clear-cut, it's black and white – if a girl cries rape, if a girl points a finger, there's rarely a doubt that she's wrong. But everyone's human, everyone makes mistakes, don't they?

What if I wrongfully accused another student of sexually assaulting me? What if I targeted a known, respected student? What if I couldn't keep my facts straight; slipped up every now and then on the consistency of my story, but insisted that I had been victimized? It just seems silly to assume that my credibility wouldn't be diminished, right? But how much leeway am I given for merely belonging to the female sex?

He's bigger than I am, he's stronger than I am; I'm small and meek and could be traumatized and therefore unable to really remember what exactly happened that night. Is this argument enough to potentially ruin another person's life?

It seems absolutely ridiculous, completely unbelievable that anyone would ever have the capability to ruin another's life by untruthfully accusing them, but then again it's just as alarming to think any guy could knowingly force a girl to do what she doesn't want to.

The line of consent can be so shaky, and sometimes the difference between not wanting to do something and wishing later that you hadn't gets fuzzy.

Obviously, I'm a total supporter of women's equality, of standing up for your rights, for the defending of women against any type of abuse and victimization.

However, we shouldn't be able to find our equality in taking from a man's. Like the argument that renowned speaker Jean Kilbourne puts forth with her analysis of media gender portrayals, women need to be equally depicted as strong individuals, but we can't attempt to gain that by objectifying men as well.

Instead of making them fight the same battles we have to, we need to rise above it, and similarly, we can't stop our victimizations by making them victims as well.

So please, before we're so quick to point the finger of blame and unquestionable guilt, let's hear both sides of the story.

by Jo-Ann Arquillano

# Changes aim for safer SMC

Blue lights, phone among additions over past year to respond to student calls for improvements

by Cori Simpson  
Staff Writer

While freshmen may view the new blue lights and confidential sexual assault telephone line as conveniences that have always been here, other students know that these changes were made recently to improve campus safety.

The most visible change is the addition of the blue lights around campus, which increased to 23 this year. All but three of them double as campus telephones that students may use to contact public safety or to call someone's room. The blue strobe light on top is an additional safety feature that alerts bystanders of a problem and helps public safety identify the scene faster. The blue lights may also be used to contact public safety for an escort anywhere on campus twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Another change that helped make the campus safer was lighting upgrades and vegetation management. Department of Public Safety Chief Bill Foley said, "We walked the campus looking for areas where people may feel uncomfortable and made lighting upgrades there. We also got rid of a lot of the vegetation that cre-

ates a tunnel effect."

Along with changes by public safety, the women's resource center added programs and services to make dealing with sexual assault a little bit easier. At the beginning of the year, all new students attended a Powerpoint presentation on sexual assault, where students were informed about the new sexual assault crisis response team. The group of six trained SMC faculty and staff is available for victims to talk to via a confidential cell phone conversation. The phone can also be used for referrals. The telephone number for victims to call is 925-878-9207.

Conversations will remain confidential except under the following circumstances: knowledge of suicidal or homicidal thoughts, knowledge that child/elder abuse has occurred, information release is court-ordered, or there is an imminent threat to the safety of the victim, another student and/or member of the college community.

Previously, the only way for a victim to talk with confidentiality was for them to talk to a priest or a counselor.

"I think this is one step in the right direction," said Sharon Sobotta, interim director of the Women's Resource Center. "It has great momentum and is something we should keep on evaluating. We have the telephone in existence so someone can be familiar with on campus as well as off campus numbers. It is not intended to replace the Contra-Costa County Rape Crisis hotline, but it is a complement to that line."

An empowerment group has also been started by the Women's Center as a support place for women to talk about issues relating to sexual assault, such as assertiveness and self-esteem.

Through these changes, the administration aims to serve the campus well by making more safety resources available to students and to make the campus safer in general.

**"We walked the campus looking for areas where people may feel uncomfortable and made lighting upgrades there." - BILL FOLEY**

# Reporting Rises in Fall '03

Hotline credited for increase in incidents reported

by Chris Swain  
Managing Editor

Last semester four incidents of sexual assault were reported. All the incidents were called in via the sexual assault crisis response hotline.

"Some people were alarmed that there were a high number of reports last semester," said Sharon Sobotta, interim director of the women's resource center, "however, when you give people a confidential outlet through a support team that is knowledgeable of on and off campus resources, people are more likely to seek out support and more victims are more likely to come forward."

The confidential phone hotline was first used during the fall semester of 2003 and was implemented as a result of the sexual assault task force recommendations during the spring semester of last year.

"We wanted to have a way students could be in control and have a confidential resource besides the counseling center or a priest," said Sobotta.

The catch, Sobotta pointed out was that if students wanted to use this resource they have to report by telephone. "If students came in and told me face-to-face, under the current protocol it would not be treated as a confidential case."

Currently, the Women's Resource Center (WRC) is not a confidential place in spite of a student senate resolution from the fall of 2002 that stated the WRC by college rules could "provide the necessary and confidential support, options and their ramifications in the course of action the victim may choose to take"

along with other necessary resources.

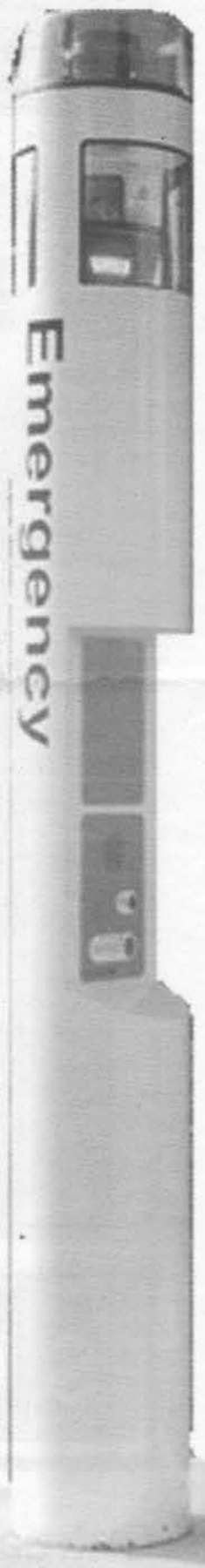
However, Vice Provost of Student Affairs, Mike Zoll explained "it's a legal reality that in cases of sexual harassment and sexual assault, staff have an obligation to report if they are told."

Zoll pointed out the existing confidential channels already available and the recent addition of the confidential hotline number saying that the phone "is our best way currently to provide privacy, but resources too."

The current policy continually needs to be reassessed, said Zoll, making sure it is meeting SMC community needs.

"I want sexual assault to be seen as not tolerable at this college and in everything we do show that we don't tolerate it," said Zoll.

"The fact that a response team was formed shows a great deal of commitment on the part of the administration, however we need to continually review and reassess the policy and make sure it is meeting the need of students in the SMC community," said Sobotta.



**ONE IN FOUR WOMEN** will be the victim of rape or attempted rape  
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**Sexual Assault Hotline**  
**925.878.9207**

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## WRC: raising awareness

April is sexual assault awareness month and, among other events, the WRC will sponsor Take Back the Night on April 15, an event to rally women to reclaim the streets and to honor those who have died as victims of sexual assault.

"The purpose of that event is to allow women and children to reclaim the streets and make them a safe place again," said Sobotta. "We're recognizing the issue of sexual assault but looking how it connects to other societal issues."

Sobotta took over as interim director of the women's center after previous director Laura Armstrong left earlier this year. Currently, a committee headed by Acting Assistant Dean of Students Scott Kier is forming, and will begin the process of hiring a new director for the center.

"What I'm looking for [on the committee] is a broad represen-

tation of the entire community: students, faculty, staff and brothers," said Kier. He pointed to a large stack of applications, indicating the large and varied pool of candidates to choose from.

The committee will meet next week for the first time, and is hoping to fill the position by June 1 or July 1, if not sooner.

Kier also mentioned his desire to see expansion of the programming offered by the women's center.

"We're looking for a more broad base across the campus for programming," said Kier.

Mike Zoll, vice provost for student affairs, had high praise for the Women's Resource Center.

"It's an essential center," said Zoll. "It's provided some great leadership for campus issues, such as sexual assault but not limited to that." He also expressed his appreciation for the services the center provides Saint Mary's.

**"The hardest part for me was trying to deal with everything afterwards..."**

Nothing was easy anymore, nothing and no one was certain. Obviously, there is some emotional baggage that comes with the territory. I tried to go back to normal only to sadly realize that I would never be the same again. Guilt. Blame. Fear. Sorrow. Shame. Bitterness. Anger. These feelings bubbled under the surface for a long time. I was in a lot of denial about the whole thing for a long time and I didn't know what to do.

Since I was in college, it was really convenient to turn to alcohol and drugs to help alleviate some of the pain I was feeling. I submerged myself with the desire to be numb and paved my own path to self-destruction. I had a lot of fun being wild and crazy for a while, but being wild and crazy is overrated. There were so many places I shouldn't have been, so many drinks I shouldn't have had, so many drugs I shouldn't have done, and so many people that could - and did - hurt me more. I was my own little self-loathing voodoo doll pricking away day by day. Full-blown panic attacks and depression popped up a few months later. When I finally saw the person I had become in the span of a little more than one year, it broke my heart. It wasn't until I came out of my fog that I realized my life read like a post-rape, post-traumatic stress disorder symptom list.

I decided that things had to change. After a lot of my own soul searching and a lot of processing with the help of friends and family, I now look back at myself and barely know who that confused, hurting young woman was. Life did get better and I started changing. I'm glad I made it because I almost didn't. It took a lot of courage to finally address this issue and to acknowledge it. I began to realize how affected my family and friends were by what happened. I came to terms with the fact that the men who love me will have to deal with this too. More than just my life was altered. Rape is a shattering experience and everyone has to pick up the pieces. I will never 'get over it,' but I can move on, and that's what's important."

**SEXUAL ASSAULT**  
*Timeline*

Information and photos from Collegian archives

- 1995**  
**June:** SMC Summer Camp Attendee raped by Daniel Troy, SMC Staff Member
- 1996**  
**July:** Family of summer camp victim sues SMC. Suit settled out of court.  
**Fall:** Female student allegedly raped by her own visitor

- 1997**  
**September:** Female student allegedly raped by her own visitor.
- 1998**  
**September:** Female student allegedly raped by her own visitor.

- 2000**  
**January:** Campus meeting discusses sexual assaults at SMC  
**August:**  
- Female student allegedly raped on campus by a fellow SMC student  
- Female student sues SMC for negligence in Sept. 1998 rape case  
- Contra Costa County Grand Jury indicts male student for

- Sept. 1998 rape case  
**September:**  
- Female student raped on campus by fellow student(s)  
- Katie Koestner visits campus to discuss on-campus rapes  
**October:** Senate resolution on sexual assault passed  
**November:**  
- Kate Malone allegedly raped by a fellow SMC student  
- Senate resolution on sexual

# “Sex, Alcohol and You,’ freshman year...

The S.O.S's teach me that stupid drunk girls get raped. Note to self: Don't drink. Cherish your virginity.

Sophomore year at SMC. Liberation arrives. I am no longer trapped under the condemning strictness of the freshman dorms. I deceive myself into thinking that I am a responsible drinker. I discover that I love kissing, and drunken kissing too. But I still have no desire for anything more. By the close of the year, I'm labeled a tease. And sometimes a prude - I'm not phased. Then, a friend brings 'HIM' over. We kiss a few times. I explain why I don't have sex.

Welcome Back Dance. It's another beginning. 'HE' comes over. Shots tear down our throats. I last five minutes at the dance before we slip out and head back to 'HIS' room. I enjoy the kissing. But pretty soon I'm naked. I contemplate sex for a moment, then say, 'Sorry, I can't.' But I don't leave. I just lay there, drunk. Maybe being a prude. Teasing. And so he took initiative. Turned me into the slut most guys expect me to be when I tease. For months after, I waver between trying to remember and trying to forget the details.

I tell my closest friends, but never say 'THAT' word. By Monday, I'm in the dean's office. Through a chain of confidential confessions 'THE INCIDENT' is reported outside my consent. They label it 'SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.' They want to investigate. All they need is 'HIS' name. But the pressure isn't that strong, I keep quiet.

A door opens. I unknowingly join a secret club that was never mentioned in 'S.A.Y.' Women connected through some frightening network come to me, telling their stories about when 'IT' happened to them. They had 'INCIDENTS' that changed them too. It's both strangely comforting and alarmingly scary to have more than five close friends reveal that they know how I feel. That it happened at this Saint Mary's, with my Saint Mary's peers.

A story this short could never reveal what I really went through, or explain what it's like to feel violated in that way. The role of guilt, not regret, is underestimated.

I see the set up for it to happen again, to some other naive girl every weekend, every party. Sometimes I still see myself as that naive person, but I'm still trying to move on. It can take years to recover from one night. I've learned the hard way, and the most heartbreaking part is that it will happen again to one in every four women around me, at this Saint Mary's."

## A year later...

Students concerns about sexual assault leave campus along with cameras

So there was a roundtable discussion held about two weeks ago on the topic of sexual assault. How many people were there? 12. How many of them were students and staff that were selected to be on the panel to lead the discussion? 9. So a whopping total of three students showed up to this debate. Wow, that's weird because just a little over a year ago our school seemed so passionate about sexual assault reform.

If you sense some sarcasm in my opening statement then your senses are on point. The protests last year were as superficial as the roundtable discussion attendance was pathetic.

Moving forward, I am not denying that this school has had some problems with



by Christian Muller

sexual assault. However, let me remind everyone that we are living in reality and this is a problem that exists everywhere. Of course we would like things to be as safe as possible, but it is asking a lot to make a collective group of 2,500 any safer than the students at Saint Mary's already are.

Why do I label the protests last year as superficial? One, if there was a serious problem with sexual assault, cameras, helicopters, and Dan Noyes were not going to get us anywhere in regards to solving the problem. All the media did was create more problems, give our school a deserved bad name, and place certain individuals' names in the unwanted spotlight. If the protests were not

assault vetoed by ASSMC president

**December:** Senate resolution on sexual assault passed; SMC students organize protest against sexual assault

### 2001

**April:** "Take Back the Night" rally on campus

- Controversial flyers run, saying "Obviously rapists are pro-

tected at SMC"

- "Rapist Role Call" [sic] flyers distributed to students, giving the names of alleged rapists

**May:** Hunger strike staged by SMC students in protest to SMC's handling of sexual assault issues

### 2002

**February:** District attorney drops

# Rape: the silent, violent epidemic

Are we taking sexual assault seriously enough?



by Caitlin Hungate

No matter what way you look at sexual assault, it is a very serious and violent crime, most commonly against women. Unfortunately, this is not just an issue that pertains to college students, but rather it is a world-wide issue, even a war of violence and intrusion against women. Nonetheless, for the college student - let's just get this out in the open - sober sex is BETTER than drunken sex. From the National Victim Center, 73% of assailants and 55% of victims had used drugs, alcohol or both before assault. Sounds pretty familiar to the college scene, where many students experiment with alcohol and drugs.

I was fortunate to grow up in a household that talked about intimacy and sex where I learned that sober sex is better than drunken sex. Others have not been so lucky.

If you and your partner, girlfriend/boyfriend, or even one night stand find yourselves in a situation of intoxicated sex, wait. Not only because it will be bet-

ter, but also because of the possible legal ramifications.

There is a common debate between regret vs. rape. If a young college girl regrets that she had sex with some guy the night before, it is not rape unless she said no and he still forced himself on her.

And guys, for that matter, when a girl says no, she means no. Calling a sexual encounter sexual assault or rape is a very serious matter, so know the difference between regret and rape. But if it actually is rape, do something about it instead of talking about it.

As heard in the sexual assault round table discussion, there is a perception from some men that society favors the victim, most commonly the female. Although this statement is valid, the opposite is more true. Women are im-

mediately asked, "What were you wearing?" and other derogatory questions that have nothing to do with the crime.

Lonnie Bristow, MD and president of American Medical Association has said, "This crime is shrouded in silence, caused by unfair social myths and biases that incriminate victims rather than offenders."

These myths push victims into the shadows, afraid to step forward and seek help from their physicians."

As much as the thought process of men needs to be realized and adjusted for sexual assault, so does the thought process of women.

When women are working against each other by not encouraging their friends or family members to report this crime, the cycle of sexual assault and the cycle of violence will not change. In any case, sexual assault is a violent crime, with many victims needing mental care as well as medical attention. Take it seriously.

only **2%** of sexual assault reports are **FALSE**

**80%** of sexual assaults on college campuses involve **ALCOHOL**

**43%** of college-aged men admitted to using coercive behavior to have **SEX**

superficial then we would have seen the same number of students still concerned about sexual assault this year at the roundtable discussion. However, when the media and hype went away, the "protesters" went away. Two, half the students didn't even know what was going on. Most of them had been at the school for less than a semester and knew nothing about the former cases or individuals involved. They were riled up by word of mouth by a

couple of older students who got a sign, marched out to the front of campus and got to be on the news. They knew nothing more than what they were told from a one-sided source.

Last years' protests and media attention were unnecessary and unwanted by the overwhelming majority of the school. Sexual assault is a very real problem in its every form and it is something that should be taken very seri-

ously. Nevertheless, the way that the protesters expressed their ideas was so transparently without evidence, passion, or warrant. Once again we see a reoccurring theme: people love to complain and they love attention. If you disagree then why did only three people show up to the roundtable discussion this year, when there was barely standing room at last years equivalent meeting?



A tent is set up at the Hunger Strike in Spring 2001



Dan Noyes prepares for an interview with Br. Craig Franz

charges in Nov. 2000 rape case - Criminal charges dropped by CC county against Alonzo Rojas in the alleged rape of Kate Malone due to lack of evidence

**September:** Jason Katz speaks

**November:** - KGO reports on rape allegations at SMC

- Campus meeting about broadcast and sexual assault issues

formed

**December:** - Students stage demonstration in support of SMC administration

- Brother Jack Curran, Vice President of Student Affairs, resigns

### 2003

**Spring:** Sexual assault task force formed to review sexual

assault policies

**Fall:** -Sexual assault response team and sexual assault hotline implemented

- Four sexual assaults reported in Fall 2003, all through the sexual assault hotline

# Students, staff discuss sex issues

Panel discusses the problem and contemplate a solution



Milad Sarkis  
Student

Mike Zoll  
Student Affairs

Bill Foley  
Public Safety

Elsie-Rita Wanton  
Student

Sharon Sobotta  
Women's Resource Ctr.

Mary Spellman  
Student Development

Adam Melville  
Student

Ana Montanez  
Student

Brian Stanley  
In-Residence Director

## Alcohol, campus events and sexual assault

BF: "Some recent studies of sexual assault, say that 80% of sexual assaults involve alcohol."

AMo: "I don't think that school events of any kind encourage sexual assault, I would think that sexual assaults would rise with larger events because of the use of alcohol."

MZ: "I think environment influences behavior. If you have a dance that has an inappropriate environment it could effect behavior and that goes from positive to negative."

AMe: "The environment we're in is non-stop. There is a constant flow of alcohol. No matter what, we are in college, we're 18-22, and that's always going to be there, prevailing...I think there's a mentality, not that [sexual assault] is ok, but that it's kind of just brushed off."

MSP: "I don't think most people go into an event with alcohol with the mentality of 'sexual assaults are ok,' it's just that the risks are higher, so if you choose to engage in an activity where alcohol is present, both as a man and a woman, your risk of being involved in an incident involving sexual assault is increased."

SS: "Sometimes when I hear people speak about dances, they'll refer to the outfits that students are wearing. We need

to make sure that our students understand that if someone chooses to wear something that's provocative or what some people might label as sexy, that doesn't mean that this would be an environment where sexual assault is an ok thing."

BS: "The luau, Oasis, whatever didn't cause sexual assault. Nothing causes sexual assault. People make choices... Good solid well-meaning reasonable people come bombed to the dance on Saturday and they just aren't themselves. I think that's when people get in trouble, you know sexual assault, physical assaults. I do think that alcohol is a part of it. But I do think that students have some responsibility."

SS: "The other thing that I sometimes hear from students is, 'well what happens when both people are drinking?' At the same time that alcohol is something we have to be cautious about, we can't allow ourselves to use alcohol as an excuse to legitimize sexually assaulting somebody or not respecting them."

MSP: "In particular, [alcohol] is a very popular social lubricant for college-age students. So when you put alcohol in the mix and you do things like you put yourself out in a way you wouldn't necessarily do sober. You dance on the table. You wear clothing that's different. You send messages out about who you are that may not be who you are in

reality. And you may do things because it's a social lubricant. The same thing is what gets really confusing when sex and intimacy become involved."

## Residence Halls

BS: "My experience here, I've rarely ever heard of a situation like that where there weren't friends nearby and these things don't just happen suddenly. Normally what's going on is there may be a young woman who's drinking with her girlfriends down in the townhouses. Her girlfriends are watching her do cup after cup of mysterious, red alcoholic beverage and no one says 'Hey girl, maybe we need to stop, maybe we need to go home.' And folks watch as she goes off with this other guy and you know that doesn't work. So I think part of the defense is what are your friends doing and who your friends are. I think that goes along with the concept about how you have healthy friendships with people."

BS: "Be your brother's keeper. What that means to me is that if you see your friend getting ready to do something stupid, do what you need to do to stop him. There is no excuse for someone to do something stupid while their friends watch and say 'ah dude, that sucks for you.' That doesn't make any sense, that's not community."

MSa: "Most of your time is spent in the residence halls, so in that aspect, it may happen there because you are there more often than you are at any other place. I definitely feel the residence halls are very safe especially for residents who are in that situation because they have other people that are there to kind of watch you and you watch other people's backs."

## Campus Safety

BF: "From a standpoint of statistics, a recent study shows that college students in general are thirty percent safer than the same age group of people who aren't in college. So that says something about the community we live in and the community that we try and foster."

MSP: "Somehow I think dating in college is one of the most difficult things because of the pressure of being in a dorm room that is your space it's all in one and you're usually sitting on a bed. It puts lots of messages in your head about what's appropriate."

SS: "83% of all victims of sexual assault are under the age of 25. And what percentage of residence hall students would be under 25?"

MSP: "100% of them."

SS: "Perfect. Well, in that respect, plus the other statistic that we threw out there earlier 90%

are committed by acquaintances. With those two factors coming in, you're going to be acquaintances with everyone who lives in the residence halls."

## Community

MSP: "Sometimes there's a fear of saying 'Well, I know that Susie really likes John and they've really liked each other for a really long time and it looks like they're going to hook up and that's a good thing.' And you're afraid to interfere with that. Well, if they really like each other, when they're sober, they'll still get together. I'd rather save them from a horrible thing that could happen. And I think that sense of community responsibility and friend responsibility is key to addressing these issues."

BS: "I mean, what the heck's twelve hours?"

MSP: "Right, and it will be better sober anyways."

AM: "There has to be more of a change of culture among our age group in general in colleges. So changing the mentality of not just taking care of your friends but even if you're going to a party, to take care of a total stranger that may be completely intoxicated. And I think that's something that here, being that it's a small campus, it's something that we could definitely work on and make it possible."

## "I never thought the problem was bad..."

I had heard about sexual assault cases at colleges and universities, but that's natural, it is college, right?

It happens on the news as well, some pervert babysitter or family member sexually abuses a child, it makes a splash for a few days then disappears. It's how the screwed up system works, right?

I knew feminists were interested in getting rights for women, but women already have their rights, and still they're portrayed as angry all the time.

I had it all wrong; I didn't really know anything about sexual assault, abuse or women reclaiming their identities.

See, if you hadn't figured it out, I'm male and I thought none of this had anything to do with me. Yes, I cared that women were being abused, mistreated, walked on, but I was socialized to think that that was nothing but natural.

Men are better than women, always have been and always will be, right?

I had it all wrong until one day I looked into my longtime girlfriend's face and saw more pain than I'd ever seen from anybody before when she shared with me that she was abused as a child.

In that moment my heart skipped a beat, as a flurry of emotions rushed through me. Now I began to realize that the problem, the issue, was no longer 'out there', but that it affected me.

It affected me as a boyfriend, because the woman I loved couldn't trust me.

It changed me forever to be able to put a face to a statistic that was now very real, a face I loved.

I thought this didn't happen to people I knew, but I was wrong, I wondered if this happened to any of my other friends, but now my naiveness was gone, I knew it did.

But, I'm a man, I don't have to think about these things if I don't want to, or so I thought.

After parting ways with her, I didn't think too much about it. Every now and again I wondered how she was doing or saw something in the paper about some case or even heard about it at Saint Mary's, but it wasn't anybody I knew, and life went on.

Then it happened again. In a conversation with a female friend, she revealed that she too was abused as a child. Again, my heart sank, emotions boiled, and now it had set in. This reality, this unfathomable injustice is now my problem too.

It's my problem because women I know, women I love, have been victims, and are being victimized. One in four women is the statistic. Think about that, think about four women you care about. Think one of them could have been abused or assaulted. It's not a happy thought and it can't be tolerated.

It's my problem because it forces women to have their guard up all the time, questioning, doubting my trust as a guy because 80% of women who are raped know their attackers. This lack of trust leaves little room for intimacy and labels me as a 'potential rapist,' a label I'd rather not have.

It's my problem and I'm a man."

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# SF Gay Marriages: Protesters and Politics

Two writers set out to gather opinions from those commenting on both sides of the issue

## Support at City Hall

by Brent Mills

I was expecting cops in riot gear, frenzied protesters and general chaos as I walked up to City Hall in San Francisco. When I arrived at the building there were definitely no cops in sight and only a handful of people standing outside the building, one with a sign.

Jeremy Dominguez, 24, the dude standing in front with the hand-assembled sign reading: "Bush is promoting hate" wasn't wearing rainbow pants and didn't have a lisp...sorry. In fact he was there with his wife.

"That Bush wants to put discrimination in the constitution is disgusting," he said. "This whole thing isn't just a gay and lesbian issue, it affects everyone." I wanted to slap the guy. I mean, come on! He's got his wife there and he's telling me that this marriage stuff affects him too? Pshhh...

Up steps his wife Michelle Dominguez, 25. She starts talking about how a while back it was illegal to marry her husband in some parts of the country because she's African-American and he's Mexican. "Rosa Parks had to sit down at some point," she said. "Where would I be if she didn't do that?"

What? This might be about something greater than just allowing homosexuals the right to marry? Hmm...

I started talking to Connie Yildirim, 36, who was standing with the Dominguezs outside City Hall. "It's about being a family, not the benefits," she said. "I don't like being treated like a second-class citizen just because I'm a lesbian."

I asked her what she thought of this whole civil union business. "I don't care what it's called," she said. "I just want it to mean the same thing as it does with a man and a woman."

I think this whole separate but equal business doesn't work so well either. The Supreme Court struck it down in regard to race with Brown vs. The Board of Education because it was deemed unconstitutional. It's looking to me like that civil unions might be something or the same sort, separate can never be equal. And that's all Yildirim said she wanted: To be treated the same as everyone else.

I'm having a hard time trying to find a reason for denying her that right.

by Tony Vala-Haynes

## 'The law is clear'

Originally the purpose of this article was to bring forward the perspective of San Francisco inhabitants who strongly oppose the gay marriage movement in their city. However, because I was unable to find anyone in opposition to gay marriage willing to comment, I can only include outside sources who oppose gay marriage.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer demanded a ruling on same-sex marriage from the Supreme Court Friday. He commented, "The law is clear. Individuals and government entities that object to statutes may work to change them through legislative and initiative process." Lockyer also requested that San Francisco stop marrying same-sex couples until the Supreme court gives its ruling.

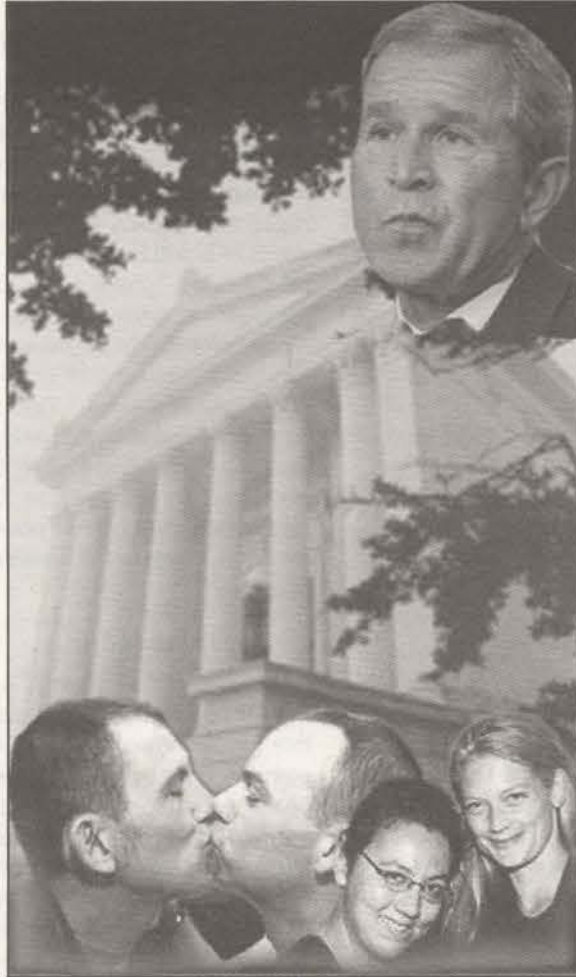
Richard McCord of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "Marriage is such a foundational social institution, instituted by God, and by its nature the union of a man and a woman."

Jan Herreman, a member of a non-denominational evangelical church on her way to see the premiere of Mel Gibson's new film, "The Passion of the Christ," says, "I don't want my grandchildren growing up thinking that two men or two women is a normal marriage."

David Huizinga, a pastor, claims, "If we allow this, then marriage is in danger in our country." He added, "I think marriage would be a joke in this country. It would further the breakdown of our society and our schools."

Boston's Roman Catholic Archdiocese urged people to oppose gay marriage, saying, "The social cost of the breakdown of family life has already been enormous. Marriage and the family are threatened as never before in America."

Richard Thompson Ford, a professor at Stanford Law School wrote an article regarding the legal issues present with the gay marriage movement in San Francisco, currently being referred to as an act of civil disobedience. "There are some circumstances in which cities can defy state or federal law, but unfortunately for the city, none of them justify San Francisco's decision to license same-sex marriage."



Graphic by Amy Beth Kelly

## Women, Capitalism, and Dating

Katie Kimball

Capitalism - every liberal's favorite scapegoat, and now the reason why many of us can hope to be unmarried into our mid-thirties. Am I really desperate enough to blame my status of perpetual spinster-hood on The System? Yes I am. And this time, I have a theory. I think that in many ways, capitalism is killing my chances of finding a mate.

Times have changed. In the fifties, kids got married in their teens and twenties and settled down to raise kids. Dad worked, mom managed the household and made sure dinner was ready when dad got home. In this culture of war, college was a foreign idea to most women and many men. As a woman, by your thirtieth birthday you could expect to have a bunch of kids, a house in the suburbs, and lots of PTA meetings to attend. Don't get me wrong, I'm really happy things aren't the same. Thanks to women's liberation, I'm not limited to being a mother, a secretary, or a teacher. I have a multitude of opportunities available to me, that may or may not include motherhood, even under the burden of patriarchy. Like every person my age I know, I was expected to go to college, get an education, and find a career.

I have a plan. I'm spending my four years here at SMC, likely to be followed by internships and grad school at any institution that will accept the huge loan I'm going to have to take out. I will have to start working as soon as I graduate to establish some sort of financial independence and pay the horrendous rent I will no doubt be charged to live remotely near where I work. I'll also have to pay taxes, and I'd like to travel. I think most students are in the same boat. I should be able to settle down around age 30 or so.

I ask you, how the hell is anybody supposed to settle down and find a mate when we have careers to start? It is inevitable that most of us will have to work for "The Man" at some point, idealistic though we may be. As much as I hate the idea, with the career path I'm taking, I'm destined to wear high heels to work (and no, I'm not stripping). When am I ever going to have time for finding the father of my children? And seeing as how I probably won't even be financially stable enough for a family until I'm 35, my biological clock will probably be past its prime. Looks like I might have to just pay a visit to a sperm bank and invest in some day care around age 25. Trying to find a mate is no longer a priority for many of us. Sure, it's on our minds, but nobody really has to get married anymore - many young adults couldn't even pencil a wedding into their packed day planners if they wanted to. As women, we are capable of finding financial and personal security without marriage - in fact, it's a necessity for us.

Will the institution of marriage ever die? Of course not. Call me a pessimist, but when I'm 25, I'll blame my lack of marriage proposals on the evils of capitalist society.

# Human rights and human unity

Despite our political differences, our similarities should unite us

by Caitlin Hungate

Staff Writer

As the possibility of legal gay marriages continues to flourish in San Francisco, the debate of same-sex marriage arises. No matter what each individual believes about homosexuality and other controversial topics such as abortion, gun control, etc., one important issue I think people tend to forget is that we are all human. People have disagreed in the past and will continue to disagree on political matters, religious matters, and life in general. However, we must not forget that we are still human and should be treated with respect.

Although I have my own opinion about same-sex marriage, abortion, etc. the question I pose to everyone in the world, not just our own Saint Mary's community, is what harm is being done to you if someone wants to marry someone they love who happens to be of the same sex?

What harm is it to you, if someone decides to have an abortion, even though you may be opposed to it? The message I am sending, is not just love for humanity, but tolerance for differences. We are all different, we all come from very different backgrounds, but we are still the same in that we are human.

A human rights scholar, Jack Donnelly, defines what human rights are in *Universal Human Rights Second Edition*, "Human rights are equal rights: one either is or is not a human being, and therefore has the same human rights as everyone else (or none at all)."

They are also inalienable rights: one cannot stop being human, no matter how badly one behaves or how barbarously one is treated. And they are universal rights in the sense that today we consider all members of the species *Homo sapien* 'human beings,' and thus holders of human rights."



Basic human rights should not be denied to anyone because of the color of their skin, their religious preference, their sexuality, their gender, or their belief in pro-life or pro-choice politics. These issues instead bring out the worst in people; they separate people into individuals instead of uniting the world.

11%

of students have seen the film.

"I have seen it. I did like it. It was something educational and (after seeing it) I'm never going to sin again."



Jim Owen '06

92%

of students who have seen the film liked it.

"No, I haven't seen it, but I'm planning to see it because of the controversy."



Hallie Larson '06

**Players of the Week**

**paul marigney**

In basketball, Paul Marigney is gearing up for tournament play. He had a good game in the loss to Loyola Marymount, scoring 14 points with six rebounds. But in a must-win against Pepperdine, Marigney took off. Marigney scored 40 points, leading the Gaels to a 104-95 victory and a first round bye in the WCC tournament.

**Jennifer Eaton**

In Softball, senior Jennifer Eaton was named the Pacific Coast Softball Conference Pitcher of the Week last Thursday. She earned her award with a solid performance against Humboldt State, pitching relief in both ends of a double header and getting the win in each. Eaton is the first player to receive a PCSC award since Saint Mary's joined the conference last season.

-Sam Adams, Sports Editor

**Score Card**

**Women's basketball (15-13)**

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	25	31	56
Pepperdine	27	30	57

T. Jackson - 14 points, 7 rebounds

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	18	37	55
LMU	35	22	57

T. Jackson - 18 points, 7 rebounds

**Men's basketball (19-11)**

	1	2	Final
LMU	42	35	77
Saint Mary's	34	42	76

E.J. Rowland - 17 points, 5 assists, 2 steals

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	55	49	104
Pepperdine	40	55	95

P. Marigney - 40 points

**Tennis**

Women: Santa Clara def SMC (6-1)  
SMC def. Sonoma State 5-2  
Men: Santa Clara v. SMC

**Softball (5-8)**

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	7	6	3
UC Davis	0	4	2

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	0	-	-
UC Davis	4	-	-

**Baseball (3-12)**

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	2	10	0
UOP	3	6	0

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	1	4	0
UOP	2	6	1

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	0	3	1
UOP	2	7	2

# SPORTS

## Gaels march towards WCC tournament

### Gaels' season may depend on tournament outcome

by Michael Chin  
Staff Writer

With a 19-11 record, the Gaels are finally looking to be an NCAA tournament contender. Under the tutelage of coach Randy Bennett, this year's squad looks primed to make a run to the WCC tournament finals. After a victory against Pepperdine, the Gaels enter the tournament with a #2 seeding. Points will come from a number of areas including all-conference nominee forward Daniel Kickert. For the Gaels, he has been the constant producer inside as well as assisting with his stifling defense. On the outside look to senior guard/forward Tyler Herr to really make an impact from the three-point arc. If the Gaels need clutch points look no further than guard Paul Marigney. After returning from a season ending knee injury last year, Marigney has come thundering back to lead the Gaels in points (15.1 avg. pts./game). The team leader of this team for the tournament, however, will be senior forward Chase Poole. After a solid outing versus Loyola on Thursday, he will look to make the NCAA tournament for the first time in his career.

**GONZAGA**

Where do you start with these guys? A good place would be All-American and John Wooden nominee Blake Stepp. He is the catalyst for the Zags, leading them in assists and steals while also being one of the top three scorers. Inside, they are just as tough with senior Cory Violette

and Naismith award nominee Ronny Turiaf leading the way. Adding to this mix of star-studded talent and disciplined play are bench players Erroll Knight and freshman Adam Morrison. A stifling zone defense, combined with lights out three-point shooting and bashers down low make this team very imposing. All and all, the Bulldogs are the clear favorite to win the WCC tournament and a possible contender for the national championship of college basketball this season.

**SANTA CLARA**

This year's Broncos just aren't the same as before. Suffering through a sub-par year, the SCU boys look to the home court advantage to guide them to the tournament final. Giving them some help will be junior guard Kyle Bailey. After suffering a season ending knee injury his junior season, Bailey has come back to the lead the Broncos in points and assists. His veteran leadership will be needed if the Broncos want to have any type of shot at an NCAA tournament bid.

**SAN DIEGO**

This year's Toreros are a far cry from last year's tournament bound team. After winning the WCC tournament last year, Coach Brad Hollinsworth has been unable to find a replacement for last year's senior leadership. In general, it has been a bleak year for the Toreros as they have gone 1-13 in conference action and will more than likely be a non-factor in the tournament.

**PEPPERDINE**

Once again this year the Waves will contend for the WCC championship. Led by former NBA coach Paul Westphal, the boys from Malibu look to steal another tournament bid. If they do in fact make the NCAA tournament, much of it will be due to the play of junior forward Glen McGowen, who has been the major force inside the paint. Outside the Waves are lead by guards Alex Acker and Terrance Johnson. After suffering only two losses in conference play, both coming at the hands of the Zags, Pepperdine has a good possibility of making it to the conference finals.

**USF**

With a probable fourth seed in line for the Dons, USF will be a possible threat to the hierarchy of the tournament. Leading the way for the Dons will be guard Dommanic Ingerson. Originally enrolled at Michigan, Ingerson transferred to USF and has averaged 8.4 points this season. On the inside the Don's have relied heavily on junior forward James Bayless. With a long-standing tradition of basketball excellence dating back to the 1970's, the Dons are almost always in contention for the tournament title.

**PORTLAND**

Most likely sitting at the 7th seed this year in the tournament, the Pilots hope to surprise a few

people and move deep into the tournament. That, however, will be a daunting task considering they have only won five games in conference and have not seen the final in the last five years. If they do make a splash though, much of it will be at the hands of guard Eugene Jeter who leads the Pilots in points, averaging just under 17pts. per game for the season.

**LOYOLA MARYMOUNT**

Danger! Upset a possibility. With their recent sweep of the Gaels this season, the Lions may be a major stumbling block should SMC face them in the tournament. After insuring their first above .500 season in seven years, the Lions hope to be the sleeper in this year's tourney. Leading the way for them will be guard Charles Brown. Brown, as the point guard, is the man who sets everything in motion while also a catalyst on offense, leading the Lions in assists per game. In the paint look for seniors Keith Kincaide and Sherman Gay to guide the way for the LMU. With some luck one could see the Lions in the tournament final.

**WCC**  
Tournament

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**First round:**  
**March 5th**  
@ Santa Clara  
Time - TBA

## Lindsey Lopez - Love and Basketball

### One athlete found both on Saint Mary's campus

by Allison Kop  
Staff Writer

Lindsay Lopez is one lucky girl. Not only is the senior shooting guard from Antioch, CA a vital part of the SMC women's basketball team, helping her team to defeat arch-rival Santa Clara last week with a career-high seven rebounds and four points in her last home game, but she was also recently engaged to her boyfriend of three years, fifth-year senior and SMC offensive lineman, Nick Wisely. With the WCC tournament looming next week, Lindsay and the rest of the Lady Gaels hope to continue their winning ways and possibly earn a birth in the NCAA tournament. I chatted with Lindsay about love and basketball (her favorite movie, I might add) and found out some entertaining facts about this dedicated student-athlete.



Courtesy of SMC Gaels.com

**Dream job?**

A professional basketball player. It would be nice to play a game for your job.

**Favorite Restaurant?**

China Moon and Kinder's in Pleasant Hill. People think Bianca's is good, but Kinder's is the best deli in the Bay Area. They have the best BBQ sauce.

**Best Date?**

For our six-month anniversary we went to a Giant's game and Nick got us matching jerseys. We had great tickets right on the third base line and Barry Bonds hit two home runs. We had so much fun; it was a great night.

**If you could go on a date with any famous person, you would choose:**

Nick Lachey. Nick and I love watching Newlyweds together.

**Dream Car?**

A Ferrari.

**Current Car?**

A Toyota Corolla. It's a little more economical for right now.

**Best game as a Gael?**

Senior night. I started and in the end of the game everyone started chanting my name. There

were 1,100 people there so it was a really good sendoff.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Let's see, in 10 years I'll be 32. Hopefully we'll have our own home and have two nice cars. We should have a kid by then, hopefully a boy.

**How many little bundles of joy do you want?**

Nick wants two, but I want five because I want to be able to field my own team. I hope we have boys and not girls because Nick is a pretty big guy and I'd rather have big boys than big girls. Then they might have to play post.

**Favorite thing to do with Nick?**

We love going to the movies when we have money. Sometimes we even cheat and see two at the same time.

# WCC Tournament is focus after losses

Women's mission: tournament win

by Allison Kop  
Staff Writer

The WCC Tournament- the last chance for teams to show their stuff and prove they deserve a chance to vie for the national championship in the NCAA tournament. But even for teams who don't make it all the way to the Big Dance, a good showing in this end of the season competition can salvage a mediocre year and build a team's confidence heading into the long off-season.

The Lady Gaels will enter this year's tournament as the probable #5 seed, following two heartbreaking losses on the road this week. In both games the Gaels had the chance to pull out the victory, but the shots just wouldn't drop in the final seconds as Saint Mary's lost to Pepperdine 57-56 on Thursday and to Loyola Marymount 57-55 on Saturday. The Gaels were hampered by the loss of freshman sensation Serena Benavente, who tore her ACL in a game last week, but were sparked offensively by senior forward Triola Jackson, who scored 14 points against the WCC-leading Lions of LMU.

Despite the recent losses, hopes are high for Saint Mary's. The year has been a big turnaround from their last place finish in conference one year ago. Head coach Michelle Jacoby will most likely look to Jackson to lead the Gaels into the tournament. Jackson, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, followed by sophomore Evynn Van Burger and freshman Monica

Mertle will all be vital contributors for the Gaels as they try to prove the critics wrong and advance beyond the first round.

The biggest threat to the Gaels' success is #1 seed LMU. The Lions, coached by Julie Wilhoit, have won 13 straight going into the tournament and hope to continue their winning ways. Another tough foe for SMC will be #2 seed Gonzaga and their sophomore star Shannon Mathews, who scored 16 points in the Zags victory over San Diego. Pepperdine enters the tournament as the #3 seed and is the only team in the WCC to have beaten LMU this year, while Portland enters as the #4 seed. Action is set to kick off March 4<sup>th</sup> at Santa Clara University.

## WCC

Tournament

First round:

Thursday,  
**March  
4th**

@ Santa Clara

Time - TBA

# Football team in trouble?

Administration pulls the plug on new conference announcement with little explanation

by Caitlin Bligh  
Staff Writer

Last week, six teams announced their inclusion in the Great West Football Conference, a new I-AA football conference for I-AA Independent teams. Saint Mary's was supposed to be the seventh, but they have mysteriously cancelled their press conference and aren't saying much about it.

"Our trustees have asked us not to make the formal announcement at this time pending some information they received from our athletic task force," said Rich Davi, Sports Information Director.

The Saint Mary's football team is currently not affiliated with any conference. The school's name and logo appear on the Great West website, but nothing has been confirmed.

Mark Orr, Associate Athletic Director for Business and Fi-

nance at SMC, said that there will be no press conference and nothing is to be announced yet.

The failure of the athletic department to declare themselves as a new addition to the Great West Conference and the hushed demeanor of those involved, raises some questions.

The most obvious being, will our football team ultimately join the Great West Conference?

"I don't know," said Davi. "I can't speculate."

While SMC keeps quiet about their possible affiliation, the Great West Conference is scheduled to start play in the fall of 2004.

The six other teams currently involved are Cal Poly, UC Davis, North Dakota State University, University of Northern Colorado, South Dakota State University and Southern Utah University.



Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

Gael Force comes out strong to basketball games, why not more sports?

# Gael Force - Is It really fair?

caitlin hungate

After the men's basketball game vs. Gonzaga, I realized how powerful and strong the Gael Force section can be. Yet I have seen that only at basketball and football games have there been Gael Force sections. Even for the women's basketball games, there is not a blocked out "Gael-Force" section. It is understandable to have a Gael Force section blocked out for basketball and football games because of the limited number of seats. My issue (and why I have not yet joined Gael Force) is the fact that Gael Force may officially support other sports, but in reality does not.

Why is there not a Gael Force section at the rest of the Division I sports? Oh, that's right, there is not a prime location for these sports to have a Gael Force section. Why not encourage and advertise and maybe even have half-time or intermission games? At basketball games, they have the flinging chickens into a laundry basket; at football games it is this throw/kick/punt competition across the field. Do we see these at any other sports?

"I think Gael Force is alright, but I don't want to pay \$10 for a fan club and not get any support for other sports," junior and starting lacrosse goalkeeper, Katie Augustine said. "It is not fair that they only support basketball and football; there are other sports on campus that play just as competitively and would really love it if fans came to their games. If Gael force would advertise fan sections for other sports, it may bring fans and they might realize they like the sport."

Gael Force promotes student involvement in athletic competition going while trying to develop a greater sense of community (that we all know is such a repeated phrase here). Why wouldn't we want that at other sports? There are a lot of talented athletes here at Saint Mary's that frequently go unnoticed because of lack of fan and school support. Just take two prime examples, both women's rowing and women's lacrosse. Most people still think they are club sports, but guess what, they are Division I. Women's rowing is also a member of the West Coast Conference, competing against teams such as Gonzaga and Portland. They even compete against Stanford. Now look at women's lacrosse. Besides competing with teams within California (Berkeley and Stanford) they also compete against many east coast teams. They are scheduled to play Lehigh (as we know Football lost to Lehigh 35-7), Wagner, George Washington, Ohio University, and Hofstra. For those unfamiliar with lacrosse, as many here are, Hofstra and Ohio University are comparable to let's say a Georgia Tech or N.C. State in men's basketball. They may not always be ranked, but still have a very good team.

Do you think these two teams as well as other Division I sports should have a Gael Force section? Just because there may not be a prime location doesn't mean there shouldn't be a spot. Demand is a weak argument, because have other sports really been given a chance?



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