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# GAEEL FOOTBALL CUT

*Trustee's make decision to end football program*

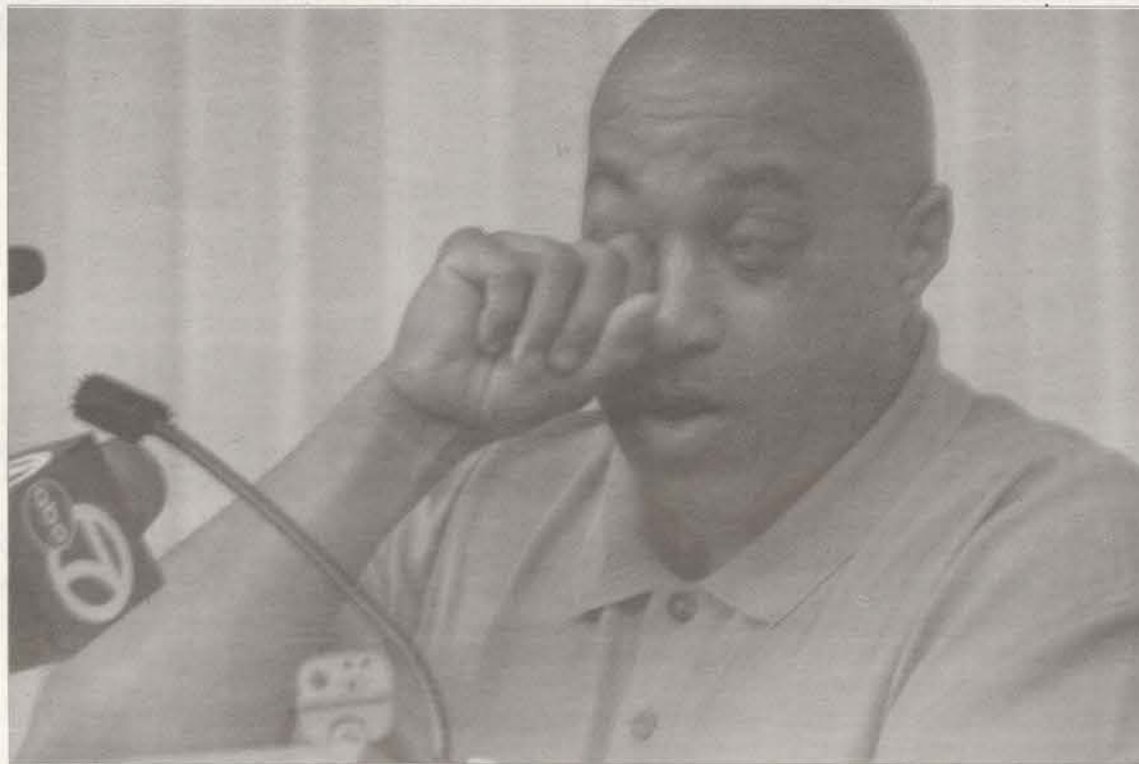
by **Chris Swain**  
Managing Editor

After hearing the recommendations of the Athletic Review Task Force, the college's board of trustees unanimously voted last Wednesday to disband the football program, effective immediately.

"We have made the difficult decision to discontinue our participation in intercollegiate football," said Br. Craig Franz, president of SMC, at a press conference held Wednesday afternoon.

The monetary upkeep the program was deemed "effectively unachievable" by Russell Harrison, the chair of the Task Force and member of the board of regents, saying "only one other college in the WCC continues to field a 1-AA football team; and, the non-conference teams with whom we compete sponsor as many as 60 athletic scholarships, in sharp contrast to the 16 provided by Saint Mary's."

The football budget will be redistributed among the other 14 NCAA athletic programs that SMC participates in, along with



Former head football coach, Vince White, sheds tears during the press conference last week.

club and recreational sports programming, according to the Athletic Review Task Force.

The Task Force was formed to examine the overall athletic programs at SMC and was comprised of current and former athletes, coaches, staff, alumni, regents and trustees.

"[The Task Force] unanimously recommended to the board that, given the college resources, the best way to serve the

athletic needs of the student population is to discontinue the football program," said Nicholas Moore, chairman of the board of trustees.

Factoring in the financial realities of fielding a team, along with the funding for the other programs, the board of trustees decided, "that allocation of our resources in such a way would be wholly inappropriate," said Moore.

The Task Force assessment evaluated the current programs as well as looking towards the future.

"When we went through the Task Force's assessment of looking at not only where we are today, but looking out into the future 10 years, the conclusions became obvious to us that we needed to address it and address that we needed to provide

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*Students struggle with footballs end*

by **Sam Adams**  
Sports Editor

When a school decides to shut down a program, there are going to be plenty of consequences.

With the end of football so quick and final, the school is still feeling the hangover of last Wednesday's press conference.

Although there has always been the argument to cut the team in order to strengthen the other programs, much of the school is upset about the situation; especially the players themselves.

"It really sucks," said senior Travis Menke, who just wrapped up his last year of eligibility this past season on the team. "It breaks up a group of brothers who have fought and bled together for a couple years. We have to watch our friends leave and go their separate ways to play the game we love.

From here, players have to sit and figure out their plan of action. Do they stay to wrap up their St. Mary's education, or transfer for one more chance of glory on the field?

"The majority of players are going to leave," junior linebacker Nathan Kenion told reporters. "But what about the people who

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## SMC dean uncovers dinosaur

*Judd Case finds new species while on Antarctica trip*

by **Jessica Lee**  
Staff Writer

On James Ross Island, Antarctica, Judd Case made the remarkable discovery of a new species of dinosaur.

The Saint Mary's Dean of Science and his Antarctic Peninsula expedition team uncovered the fossil bones of a meat-eater theropod dinosaur on Dec. 12, 2003.

Nicknamed the "Naze" for the time being, the discovery was about 6 feet tall and weighed roughly 300 pounds. A distant relative of Tyrannosaurus rex, it most likely lived 70 million years ago at the end of the period known as the Cretaceous - the last major time period in the "Age of Dinosaurs." The bones that Case and his team found were mostly from the lower legs, ankles and feet. In addition, they found bones from the skull, lower jaw, and numerous teeth. Some of the teeth were still connected to the jaw.

The professor made his discovery on the little tip of a peninsula, called James Ross Island,

that is referred to by the British as "the naze."

At the time that the dinosaur died, this area was underwater and part of a shallow portion of the Weddell Sea. The dinosaur carcass was floating out in the sea a couple miles out before it sank to the bottom. The missing portions of the body that are usually found as fossils, such as the vertebrae, are major clues as to what happened to the dinosaur after its death.

"We can only imagine since we are finding the head, feet and nothing in the middle, that when this dinosaur was floating out in the ocean it is quite likely that giant marine lizards or mosasaurs were taking big bites out of the body and didn't go for the less delectable parts such as the legs and head. Those body parts ended up sinking to the bottom, got covered up and began the process to become a fossil," said Case.

In the James Ross region, only five other dinosaurs have been found. Antarctica has not always been too cold to support reptil-

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## Campus 'enlivenment' plan unveiled

*Student Activities has new plan to improve campus life*

by **Allison Kop**  
Staff Writer

How many nights do students sit in their dorm rooms just begging for something fun to do? How often do students complain about the pitiful nightlife and lack of activities on campus?

The Office of Student Activities proposed a new campus "enlivenment" plan at the last student senate meeting.

The new proposal is directed at improving the quality of student life and entertainment on campus with new and improved programs and events.

"Everyone says we need more things to do on campus," said, Jim Sciuto, coordinator of student activities, "and we're hoping to get things moving in the right direction."

A few of the proposed events in the new plan include Monday Night Football on the big screen in Dryden Hall, with food and alcohol provided. Weekly music nights with hired musicians, pre-game athletic socials with free food and giveaways, and free

dance lessons and cooking workshops are also planned.

Much of the plan involves giving Cassin Student Union a livelier atmosphere and turning it into a place where people actually like to hang out.

"We want to build it up to be a place where students want to go and be a part of," said Sciuto.

According to the proposal, the school will offer free monthly workshops on a variety of students' interests, including travel, cooking, dancing, and wine tasting. Other fun events include outdoor movie showings in the redwood grove, an "SMC Trading Spaces" where dorm rooms would be redecorated and transformed by a team of students and staff (much like the hit TV show), and an SMC Battle of the Bands, with the winner opening at Gaelstock.

The plan also includes an assessment and evaluation strategy to make sure students are enjoying and attending the new events.

To help facilitate the changes, Program Board would be separated

into two tiers, one for planning large events like Gaelstock and Oasis, and the other for putting on weekly events like Coffee Nights and Karaoke. The proposal calls for three paid student positions to be added to the board as incentive to keep good leaders involved with the program.

Student Senate will be expected to help eliminate student apathy by becoming more involved with the clubs and sports on campus.

"Enlivenment" will need campus-wide support to actually become successful, Sciuto said. That means students, as well as staff need to be involved in the process of making campus life at Saint Mary's more entertaining.

"Students have to invest their time and talent in it," he said, "and the college also needs to make it a priority."

A noon music series in the Ferroggiaro quad is scheduled to begin this spring, but no date has been set for the other plans. Some changes could be seen as early as this year, Sciuto said.

# What's Happening

## ASSMC Executive Team Election

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!** Show your care about the future of SMC and cast your vote outside ASSMC Tuesday, March 9, and Wednesday, March 10.

## "Everything you don't want to talk about in the API community"

Come hear and join this discussion on how the Asian Pacific American community is affected by health, sex and dating. The talk will be in Delphine, Monday, March 15, from 6-7:30pm.

## St. Patrick's Day BBQ

Sporting your green, head to Ferroggiaro Quad Wednesday, March 17 from 11am-2pm for a BBQ lunch. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Shallow, Sinead Healy (from Petar's), Irish dancers and SMC's own "Bagpipe" Steve Norton. Questions? Call x4146.

## Asian Cultural Night

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month culminates with Asian Cultural Night Tuesday, March 30, at 5:30pm in the Soda Center. With the theme "Bridging the Past and Present," the 7th annual event of students and faculty members is coming together. Admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for staff and \$10 for guests. RSVP at x4349.

## 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, in semi-formal attire, as your favorite celebrity. 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 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.

## 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.

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

2/28 <b>Incident:</b> Vandalism and Medical assistance <b>Synopsis:</b> Vandalism and Medical assistance required in Augustine Hall. Student referred to Code of Conduct, Health/Wellness Center and Business office.	4:20 a.m. <b>Synopsis:</b> Minor vehicle accident at Guerri East lot.	2/29 <b>Incident:</b> Medical Assistance. <b>Synopsis:</b> Medical assistance in Justin Hall. Student referred to code of conduct and Health/Wellness center.	3:00 a.m.
2/28 <b>Incident:</b> Alcohol Consumption and Littering <b>Synopsis:</b> Alcohol consumption and littering in Phillippi parking lot. Student referred to Code of Conduct	11:35 p.m.	2/29 <b>Incident:</b> Stolen/Recovered Vehicle. <b>Synopsis:</b> Stolen vehicle in Justin/Mitty parking lot. Vehicle was recovered, and student was referred to code of conduct.	6:00 a.m.
2/28 <b>Incident:</b> Hit and Run Accident <b>Synopsis:</b> Hit and run non-injury accident. Referred to student code of conduct.	9:49 p.m.	3/1 <b>Incident:</b> Possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. <b>Synopsis:</b> Case referred to Student Code of Conduct.	3:30 p.m.
2/29 <b>Incident:</b> Minor vehicle accident	1:05 a.m.	3/2 <b>Incident:</b> Disturbance of peace <b>Synopsis:</b> Aqua-Jitty commons referred to student conduct.	6:46 p.m.

# Education cutbacks part of governor's plan

## Schwarzenegger plans to cut aid that impacts public & private schools

by Chris Mateo  
News Editor

With the arrival of California's proposed budget, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed cutting the amount of individual Cal Grant awards in half for those students attending the state's private colleges and universities.

Previous actions related to the budget included the rejection of approximately 3,000 high school seniors who were fully eligible to attend the University of California. Such actions allowed private colleges to be a relief in the educational system. However, a cut in the Cal Grant would affect many students that rely on this free financial aid. Saint Mary's

College is no exception.

The California Student Aid Commission, defines the Cal Grant as, "a state-funded educational opportunity grant program to assist students in paying for a college education." The grants are available at all UC and CSU campuses, private colleges, community colleges and most vocational schools in California.

According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "The governor's plan would cut \$4,200 in tuition aid from Cal Grants awarded to qualified students attending private schools. Instead, they would get the same \$5,482 that is given to qualified students in public universities...The plan no longer would recognize the fact that tu-

# DINOSAUR: new species found

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ian life. In prehistoric days, Antarctica was part of the massive super continent and had climate very similar to that of Northern California.

The discovery was accidental, though nevertheless remarkable. Originally tracking animal migration routes on a National Science Foundation grant, Case and his team were looking for the remains of early marsupials that are the ancestors of Australian kangaroos and koalas. However, between the Antarctic islands are shallow water channels that were frozen solid and roughly four feet thick. This made it impossible for them to reach their initial destination of Vega Island, an island located next to the larger James Ross.

The crew determined that to walk by foot over the ice would have been extremely long, difficult and dangerous with all the heavy equipment.

So instead, they decided to do their work on James Ross. "This discovery was purely serendipity," said Case. As for Judd Case's future plans, he hopes to return to Antarctica to complete what he initially went there to do.

A March 2005 expedition is tentatively planned. "We aren't yet sure if it is possible because it is difficult to predict the weather, and the success of the trip will depend heavily on the weather conditions. It's kind of hard to find anything when the ground is buried in snow."



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"One Size Does Not Fit All"

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March 25 6p-9p  
Movie, Food, and Discussion - Location TBA

"Women Who Empower in Unconventional Ways"  
Multicultural Panel - Date TBA

Healthy Snack Nights in Residence Halls March 15



Look for information stations with healthy snacks and our famous fortune cookies.

# Senate: removals and elections

The judicial tribunal removed five senators from their offices last week. The judicial tribunal met on Wednesday to review six senators who violated the attendance policy laid out in the ASSMC constitution. All six senators missed at least three senate events. Only Christina Salazar was found to have reasonable excuses for her absences. Adam Melville and Nick Egede were removed from the senior class while Brad Scoffern, Ian Tongol, and Andrew Reese were removed from the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes respectively.

compiled by Irene Guzman & Andrea Camarena

Vice presidential candidates	 <p><b>Jessica Porras '05</b> I want to work on campus wide communication so students are aware of what is happening on campus. The current posting policy is not effective in letting students know about campus events. I hope to help with the implementation of the plan for campus enlightenment. This plan includes developing a new club and media review process to create a greater accountability on the parts of senate and clubs/media.</p> <p><b>VP Student Affairs</b></p>	 <p><b>Jerrad Fanucchi '05</b> "I think our clubs and media define what SMC is for students. At the heart of my campaign I want to enliven this campus. It's the events we choose as a campus to promote and have that make us who we are."</p> <p><b>VP Student Affairs</b></p>
	 <p><b>Ian Tongol '06</b> I believe I can bring to the office a people person who truly understands the students of Saint Mary's College. I'm an approachable outgoing individual who is open to everyone's ideas.</p>	 <p><b>John Zabala '06</b> "My focus would be in helping define the new role of the senate. A lot of change has happened this year at Saint Mary's, some bad some good. These changes have left a lot of room of potential for growth. Senate is now in a period of potential for growth and I really want to take on ensuring that we become the body that truly represents SMC's growing diversity."</p> <p><b>VP Administration</b></p>
	 <p><b>Jennifer Merlo '05</b> "I want to see change on our campus continue. I had a great time working as VP for Finance this year and would love the opportunity to do it again. I know how to do the job and know what needs to be changed."</p> <p><b>VP Finance</b></p>	

The presidential candidates	 <p><b>Erik Johnson '05</b> <b>Campaign Slogan?</b> Students First <b>What can you bring into the ASB Presidency?</b> I want to end the alcohol matrix as it currently is. I want to bring back the social life and to improve the services for commuter students. <b>Greatest challenge for SMC right now?</b> Serving our students and clubs.</p>	 <p><b>Jeff Haskins '05</b> <b>Campaign Slogan:</b> Enlivenment only happens when we (students, faculty, staff) all buy into it. <b>What can you bring into the ASB Presidency?</b> Positive change. I am aggressive and passionate about this position. To get to where we need to be, we need to hear student ideas. <b>Greatest challenge for SMC right now:</b> We are always afraid of change. That perspective is starting to change. As a school we need to take action and work as a unified group to make things happen and this campus will come alive.</p>	 <p><b>Angel Vasquez '05</b> <b>Campaign Slogan:</b> I don't need a slogan. <b>What can you bring into the ASB Presidency?</b> Definitely, I'm the average student. I don't see myself as a leader. Leaders don't choose themselves. I'm the common guy, and I want to listen to what everyone has to say. <b>Greatest challenge for SMC right now:</b> School spirit. It's really been lost over the years. It's why apathy's so big right now. The college reminds me of a high school. It's very cliquey. I want to get the college environment back.</p>
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# Beyond the Bubble

National and world news bites

Tony Vala-Haynes

- The Bush-Cheney campaign received criticism for using images from the World Trade Center wreckage in their advertisements. Families of victims from September 11, 2001 want Bush to pull the adds out of his campaign.
  - The Commander of U.S. coalition forces in Iraq declared Wednesday that after the U.S. hands power over to the Iraqis, there will most likely be more violence. However, he doesn't believe there is a threat of a civil war.
  - California and Hawaii currently have the most expensive gas in the nation. The average cost for one gallon of regular in California: \$2.18; Hawaii: \$2.10.
  - A sea lion with a bullet in its head, found more than a month ago 60 miles from the Pacific Ocean in Los Banos, was released back into the ocean on Wednesday.
  - Snowboarder Eric Lemarque, 34, lost in the Sierras for nearly a week, lost both of his feet due to frostbite. Lemarque, a former Olympic Hockey player vowed to ride again once he is fully recovered.
  - ORAN, Missouri—A teacher resigned after duct-taping her student to his desk for misbehaving in detention. The parents of Tommy Brindley, 14, claim their son nearly suffocated as the teacher put tape over his mouth. He managed to break free after struggling for 15 minutes.
  - In an interview Thursday, Steven Spielberg refused to comment on Mel Gibson's new film "The Passion of Christ" and whether or not he felt it was anti-Semitic. He said he has yet to see it and commented, "When I do see the film the first person who will hear from me will be Mel Gibson and no one else."
  - Mel Gibson defended his new film on Jay Leno, saying, "For a year, it's been nothing but nasty editorials and name calling." He recognized the movie's strict R-rating and said, "The Bible is R-rated. I mean, look at that book...That's a hot book."
- (Sources: Cnn.com, Msnbc.com, The San Francisco Chronicle)

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# College offers free transportation

by James Lee  
Staff Writer

Together, Mike Zoll, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, and Tony Ancelj, ASSMC president, have constructed a program for SMC students to get rides from the County Connection Bus System at no cost. With the contracts finalized, the new program, dubbed Gael Ride, is projected to start on March 24, 2004.

"I take the bus now and then because I live near the bus line, and I see it on the campus all the time, so I asked the bus drivers if they saw a lot of SMC students on the buses, and they said they do once in a while," said Zoll. Zoll presented the idea to Ancelj, who supported the effort. "It's just one more service we can provide to the students," said Zoll.

Another service that Zoll and Ancelj collaborated on, Safe Rides, is anticipated to start this

Wednesday through the Yellow Cab Company running out of Walnut Creek. Ancelj will send out a campus-wide email informing students when the program officially begins.

"I think it's a great idea to have free bus rides, especially people who want to go to the BART station and Walnut Creek on the weekends. I think that commuter students will benefit most," said Ed Parcerro, '05.

"As a student without a car, I think it's great that we will be able to ride the buses for free, but I would like the schedule to be more accessible to us because I never know when the buses run," said Novico Macallister, '07.

Also, the bus runs to the BART stations. So for going to a ball game or a concert, or to those who need a way to get around, Gael and Safe Ride could be the answer to transportation needs.

# SNAPSHOT



Civil War actors gave cannon and gun demonstrations on the intramural field this past Saturday.

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# It's Hip to be Square

**brent mills**

Huey Lewis: Savior and lord of all that is Rock and Roll. I often wonder how this man could have penned such a worthy song for our generation. Well, maybe not for our generation. But the point is this song tells it like it is.

Let's face it folks, people who imitate Bluto and the other unsavory members of the Animal House cast are only denying what they know in their hearts to be true: the only sure way to arrive at the kingdom of cool is by walking the path of the nerd. I know you must be saying to yourself, "Whatever dude, I don't see Stephen Hawking pulling any chicks with that physics gobbeldy gook." Man, it's not all about pulling chicks. Rest assured though, if ol' Steve wasn't so caught up in his brainy pursuits he could easily pull a Miss November, September, or any other woman for that matter. Nerds are important to our society and I think it's imperative that we all know the basic compositional aspects of the nerd to better understand ourselves. Here is a list of six characteristics that nerds today frequently possess.

- 1) Impaired Vision - If your eyes - through chance or a stray punch from a classmate - aren't working the way God intended them to and you need glasses or contact lenses, you're on your way.
- 2) An Overly Skinny or Obese Build - There is no 'normal' weight for the nerd as the nerd is not 'normal'. This said, the nerd usually sits at either end of the weight spectrum: orca or bone.
- 3) Listens To Music That No One Else Likes - While their more 'popular' peers are enjoying the latest Eminem or Linkin Park single, the nerd can be found alone with headphones on enjoying some Rush or other music that tends to alienate the normal listener upon hearing it.
- 4) Friends? What? - The nerd is often a solitary creature, keeping much to him or herself. However, there is the occasional nerd-pack. In these packs nerds feel secure in their joint insecurities and often gather for Dungeons and Dragons tournaments. These tournaments are essential in determining the social standing of each pack member, with the winner of the most games being crowned the head nerd.
- 5) OC is OK By Me - No, no, NOT the TV show. If you've ever been told to stop obsessing over your homework by the teacher or have taken up building a castle out of used toothpicks for sheer fun, the Obsessive Compulsive gift might be yours.
- 6) Severe Phobia Of Physical Activities - The nerd's brainpower is used much more effectively reading and writing than the obviously unnatural attempts at sports that the nerd's body type already strictly prohibit.

Now that you're aware of the composition of your average nerd, treat them with care and try to lessen the severity of their beatings. One day you may find yourself working for the guy you beat up without a thought to the future (possibly me). And that's just not a good time.

# OPINION

## Collegian View

We love to talk about tradition at Saint Mary's.

Our Catholic, Lasallian, and liberal arts traditions are the big three SMC promote, but as students few of our traditions are as grand or idealistic.

Some of our nobler student traditions include painting the SMC as freshmen and walking to the cross, while other more modern traditions include Thursday nights at Petar's, joyriding in campus golf carts and waking up at 8 a.m. to jumpstart belligerency on SMC Day Off, Gael Stock, May Days, whatever...

Some of these might sound foreign or be met with disapproval, so before you call to yell at us for

[not] endorsing drinking, forgetting some tradition or telling us how it was back in the heyday, there is need to mention one other tradition all Gaels share:

We hate the Broncos.

Why and how did this hatred accumulate?

One reason and one alone:

Football.

Since the discontinuation of football at Santa Clara in 1993 and our fate to mediocrity, the rivalry for all extensive reasons seems to have vanished. So has SMC's passion for athletic rivalries in general.

Do we just not care anymore?

It's a sad sight to have let the years of dominance slip away, the



The end of an era, it was a hell of a run. Go Gaels.

excellence, the traditions of old be washed away. But that is what we did, now we have to deal with what we have created: a school with no football, a warm weather

attitude towards athletics and no sense of tradition, past, present, or future. Good luck to those who seek more than mediocrity beyond SMC.

# Community Views

Dear Editor,

It's about time the Saint Mary's administration yanked the football team. There were undoubtedly benefits that came from the program, but the costs far outweighed them. Having to send an enormous amount of players across the country to play one game a week with no hope of ever achieving a bowl game or any type of playoff was ludicrous. The financial obligations were simply too great. I certainly hope that now, the other sports at Saint Mary's will thrive, thanks to added funding. They have deserved an added financial push for a long time. I will look forward to witnessing the domination that will occur in the West Coast Conference by Gaels teams and the coaches that have waited for years for this announcement to arrive. Go Gaels!

Josh Farley '03

Dear Editor,

The article "Human Rights and Human Unity" brought up a very good point, which I'd like to address. It said that we are "human and should be treated with respect." I agree, as does Catholic social thought. We should treat humans who are enslaved in a homicidal mother's womb with respect: we shouldn't allow them to be murdered. Does this act of murder harm me? Not directly, but crimes like this, sin like this,

poison not just individuals' morals but also society's. "Structures of sin" abound, causing every person to come a little closer to moral bankruptcy. Same-sex marriage is another example. It is not a matter of being tolerant; homosexual men and women should and already do have the same rights as the rest of us: they can marry members of the opposite sex. Look to biology: it doesn't work any other way. Why when a man loves a man must we try to call it marriage? Why not 'friendship'? How can we be tolerant of something Nature is intolerant of? We should pray for those tempted by the sin of homosexual activity, but we shouldn't degrade the sanctity of marriage to make them feel good.

Christopher Buckels, '04

Dear Editor,

The editorial in the last issue of *The Collegian* gives me the chance to let the community know that the people in Computer and Technology Services genuinely regret ANY interruptions to service on the student Residential network. Let me explain the recent events. Some students took computers home with them over the break after Jan Term, and some new students arrived on campus with computers. A number of those machines were infected with the "MyDoom" computer virus. That virus, in attempting to spread itself from the infected

computers causes so much traffic on the network that it slows down to the point where it can take 6 or 7 minutes to log on. Those who don't keep trying that long, and most of us don't, will give up thinking the network is down even though it really isn't. That was the situation on Feb. 11 and 12. The network administrators worked hard to isolate the infected computers and took other measures to maintain the functioning of the network, and some of those measures have the effect of restricting some network services (e.g. instant messaging). Again, the unavailability of some of these services can make the network seem as if it is not functioning. By Friday afternoon, the network speed was returned to the normal range. However the increased traffic caused by the virus caused a piece of Network equipment to overload over the weekend, and that also made the network seem down to those who tried to log on (interestingly, anyone who logged on Friday and stayed logged on had no trouble). The device remained operational, but it was so overloaded that the time it would take to log on would be way beyond a normal person's tolerance. We have alarm systems on all the network servers, which alert us when they go down. Because the servers never actually ceased functioning, C&TS staff were never alerted. Had the alarms gone off, we would have been paged and immediately taken steps to restore service. Students can help us maintain service in several

ways: by immediately calling the ResNet Help Line (x4669) when you have trouble logging on to the network, so that we know of the problem quickly. If the Help Line is shut down (late night, Sundays, etc.) let your RA's know, so they can inform someone in Residence Life (they will have phone numbers which can reach C&TS staff). Install and maintain anti-virus software on your computer, and scan it regularly for viruses. We can usually keep them from coming in over our network, because we have a full time administrator who looks for them and blocks them almost as soon as they are circulating. But when you connect to outside networks (Yahoo, Hotmail, etc.) your computer is much more vulnerable, and then you can physically bring the virus onto our system around our electronic protection systems. That is what has caused the latest rounds of disruption.

You can discover the current status of the network by calling the ResNet Help Line at any time. We are working to create a better information system to let us know when the networks are technically functioning but students are having trouble logging on. And we will try to put our more timely information in the future. We are actively working to improve service.

Sincerely,

Ed Biglin  
Computer & Technology Services

**GAEL POLL**

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SMC students were polled on their opinion of voting.

Do you feel voting is important?



Antonette Bolla '06

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# Cliques, Pressure, and Popularity at SMC

At a small school like SMC, do high school-esque stereotypes still prevail?

Where are all the cool kids?

by Irene Guzman

Jock. Class treasurer. Goth. Nerd. Band geek. When I was in high school, you were one or the other. Each group had their own designated tables in the cafeteria or special cluster of lockers in the quad. If you were to walk down a hallway, you would see the various herds and cliques.

Now to Saint Mary's College. I hear an awful lot about how we are just an extension of high school. How we have the same cliques and groups of "popular" people that everyone wants to know and be a part of.

So who are these people? Not the jocks, that's for sure. Athletes on this campus don't have the ability to throw major parties (not after the loss of football), and don't even have enough free time to hang out with their own friends.

Student government? Not likely. How many people at Saint Mary's know who their class officers are? Exactly. The band kids? We don't even have a band at Saint Mary's, unless you count the Sports Band, which plays sparingly at basketball games. And do people even know who they are?

My point is that in college, people don't care about who is popular and who is not. There are too many people, even at tiny Saint Mary's, for anyone to personally know, and honestly, who cares?

My friends are the people I live with, the people I play with, and the people I make time to see on a frequent basis. Though I recognize a lot of people when I pass by them at Saga or in the café, it doesn't mean that we are best buddies if we exchange a greeting.

I think that people who gripe about the cliques and posses at Saint Mary's need to look at themselves and their group of friends and see who is being "selective" in the first place.

Personal experience has told me that no one is "too cool". Everyone has his or her own group of friends that provide all the support and good times that he or she needs in their college experience. Does it matter if you're a jock or a class senator? I don't think so. Accept yourself for who you are and what you have to offer, and if others can't see it, then that's their problem.

by Josh Krehbiel

They just "clique" into place

It's almost taken for granted on this campus that we are all individuals now, that we can all be friends now. Yet they still exist, what we hated about high school: cliques.



Graphic by Amy Kelly

At least it's simpler now. You never have to see the cliques anymore, unless you frequent Dante Quad, where "they" stand in stiletto heels and baseball caps, smoking cigarettes and talking about all the people they know and you don't. Or in Oliver Hall, sitting together, taking up the entire table so you couldn't join them if you wanted to. Or you might see them in your lounge, giving you a glance as you come in to study, and then quickly turning away.

The cliques form easily and quickly. At the beginning of freshman year, those used to the old system from high school will divide themselves off, connecting with a few in the hall and giving no attention to anyone else. So divided each residence hall becomes, just because of randomly determined rooming arrangements. People will talk about their roommates or their suitemates as if they are the only friends that person has. If you don't live near someone, you're not worth talking to. Proximity slices everyone into little cliques, those from Mitty, those from Augustine, the Assumptionites. These cliques even last beyond the first year, as those on

the hill hardly ever get to know their new roomies, preferring the company of those they met freshman year instead.

How horrible is this? Not all that horrible, really, except to the transfer or the off-campus freshman, many of whom hate this campus because they never meet anyone, never make any friends. No, it's fine that those in Assumption never get to know the people in Justin, that there is no sense of community in the Agenos, that stiletto heels keep clicking away in the hearts of transfer students. After all, we went to high school, we're used to it by now.

## Facing the Issues

caitlin hungate

Sexual assault. Recruits. Scandal. Football. Currently, these words and allegations are poignant for the University of Colorado football program. Seven women have accused football players and football recruits of sexual assault since 1997, all under head coach Gary Barnett. Most notable is the case of Katie Hnida, a former kicker for Colorado who claims she was assaulted in 2000 by a teammate.

A problem raised is the recruiting process. What is the true purpose in a recruiting visit? For each individual, the meaning and importance of being recruited to different schools varies. One of the main purposes is to observe and experience the college life for a brief 24 to 48 hour visit.

With the popularity of recruiting visits, it is quite shocking to read the NCAA regulations regarding them. Detering from clear regulations, the NCAA is actually very loose in its terminology about what a college may or may not do in the recruiting process. The simple line that colleges may "provide entertainment at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and not excessive in nature" is not enough guidance and stipulation for collegiate sports, because "normal student life" includes excessive alcohol consumption.

One of the most disturbing statements made has been by another football coach, Bobby Bowden, the head coach at Florida State University. He was quoted by the Associated Press saying, "I did not understand how a young lady can say she was abused, or whatever it was, two years later. At the time, why don't you go report it? It seems like you ought to report it right (away). So it makes me say, 'Well, did it really happen like that?'"

This is one of the most shocking comments I have ever heard about sexual assault, however this statement is probably a very common thought among both men and women. The issue that Bowden and many others clearly do not understand is that every reaction to being sexually assaulted is different, and shock and trauma affect everyone differently. Furthermore, it cannot be forgotten that the unfortunate reality is that not every victim is provided with the resources to seek guidance and help after an assault.

Take the Saint Mary's community as an example. It was not until this fall that a sexual assault hotline was made available to students. Even though the four reported incidents of sexual assault in the fall may seem like a high number, in reality there have always been cases of sexual assault on our campus. When the resources are made available, people will use them.

Perhaps if the University of Colorado had a confidential hotline such as ours, maybe the cases would not have been reported years later. Hopefully our confidential hotline will provide as a model to serve and protect their students. If we are made aware of the situation at Colorado, we can prevent it from happening on our campus.

## 'Poll'-arity: the importance of voting

### 18-24 year olds shirk from doing their civic duty

by Jenna Fox

Staff Writer

"I need ballot in Chinese, please," said the man in front of me at the Santa Clara County voting office. "Mandarin or Cantonese?" asked the woman behind the desk. I shifted from my left foot to my right foot; I was getting impatient. I should have sent in my request for an absentee ballot weeks ago, but I had been too busy, and hadn't wanted to bother. But for some reason I was standing in that office last weekend, holding a request for an emergency ballot, waiting my turn to make decisions about the American govern-

ment. All of a sudden I broke into a cold sweat; who am I to make these decisions, I thought? What if I make the wrong decision, and my single ignorant vote changes the lives of thousands, perhaps millions of people for the worse? And can my vote do anything, anyway?

Ok, so I have a tendency towards apocalyptic thinking, but the fact is that four years ago, 537 votes could have changed the lives of all Americans, and a few Iraqis as well. 537 votes! A quarter of the student body at St. Mary's could have literally changed the world. We all know what is now presidential history, and I'm sure I'm not alone in my fear that his-

tory will repeat itself.

Too many people, young people especially, suffer from "what-can-I-do-I'm-only-one-person"-itis. According to the US Census Bureau, half of 18-24 year-olds nationwide are registered to vote, and only 36 percent of 18-24 year olds actually go to the polls. Compare this to the 78 percent of 75 year olds and older that vote. Sorry Grandma, but it's my world! What will you care who's president when you're six feet under? ("What six feet under? I'm being cremated!" my Grandma would say). Sure, I don't know much about politics, but if my politics major roommate isn't

going to vote, I suppose I ought to. Someone needs to save the country, and if my suffragist ancestors (thank God I didn't say forefathers) have trusted me with this privilege, I'm going to trust them to trust me. (Again with the apocalypse?) So why was I standing in that line last Sunday, when I had been "too busy" to lick an envelope to request an absentee ballot, and nearly too afraid of my own ignorance to vote? Several schmaltzy songs express my feelings best: "I believe that children are our future," "It's my life, and it's now or never," "I'm just a girl in the world, that's all that you'll let me be," and "Oh, say can you see."

Antonette Bolla '06

62% of students have never voted.

"No, because politics, like humanity, is a lost cause."



David Granberg '05

60% of students have registered to vote in the next election.



"Yes, because everyone should know where the Moraga Public Library is."

Jessie Heying '05

But really, people should vote."

## Players of the Week

**Jordan Simo**

In baseball, they always say when you're on a losing streak, you need a stopper to turn things around. Riding an eight game losing streak and beaten by Cal 9-2 the day before, Jordan Simo took the hill with an impressive performance. Simo went the distance, giving up one run, seven hits, a walk, and striking out three.

**Evynn Van Burger**

Despite a disappointing early exit in the WCC tournament, Evynn Van Burger did not disappoint. In the 87-81 double overtime loss to San Diego, Van Burger put up a career high 24 points, along with four rebounds, a block and two steals. The Gaels were able to push San Diego all the way to double overtime, but were unable to sustain the momentum when San Diego jumped out to a quick six point lead.

-Sam Adams, Sports Editor

## Score Card

### Women's basketball (15-14)

#### WCC Tournament

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	23	40	81
San Diego	30	33	87

M. Mertle - 15 points  
E. Van Bruger - 24 points

### Men's basketball (18-11)

#### WCC Tournament

	1	2	Final
Pepperdine (3)	33	41	74
Saint Mary's (2)	45	45	79

## Tennis

### Women (2-8)

Davidson def. SMC 6-1  
Pacific def. SMC 5-2

### Men (4-5)

SMC def. Augustana college 6-1  
SMC def. UC Davis 5-2  
SMC vs. UOP

## Softball (5-10)

No games scheduled this week

## Baseball (4-14)

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	11	9	2
UC Davis	13	12	4

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	2	11	2
CAL	9	10	1

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	2	8	1
CAL	1	7	2

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	5	5	1
CAL	11	21	4

# SPORTS

## Gaels tennis shakes off injuries to win

Gaels' season may have turned around after two game winning streak

by Irene Guzman

Staff Writer

After a dismal and rainy start to the tennis season, the Gaels have seen improvement in their play along with the weather.

The latest victory for Saint Mary's came against UC Davis on Saturday. The Gaels beat the Aggies, sweeping the three doubles matches and taking four of the six singles matches.

Senior Rafael Lopez played an entertaining match at the #1 singles spot, with well-played rallies and eventually taking his opponent 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (7-4).

Adam Fauvre, Andre Sion and Vincent LeBorgne took their matches with straight set victories, with Fauvre only giving up two games in the whole match.

J.J. Whitlinger and LeBorgne teamed up to play doubles, along with Martin Marechal and Dino Paul Ferrari, and won their matches with ease.

The Gaels have been hit hard with injuries this year, which explains why Marechal did not play singles against Davis.

"It's nice to get a few wins under our belt because we've had a lot of injuries again this year," said junior Whitlinger.

"Andre and I both have bad backs and Martin has a bad elbow. This year has been frustrating to lose all these matches because if we would have been healthy I have no doubt that we would be 6-3 or 7-2."

Even with all of the injuries, the Gaels have played well. With a lot of depth, the team gives head coach Michael Wayman a lot of options, and offers good competition within the squad.

Saint Mary's faced University of the Pacific in Stockton on Sunday. The Tigers were ranked earlier in the season but also face some of the injuries that the Gaels have, as well as having lost one of their players to the Davis Cup play in Iceland, said Whitlinger.

The momentum is with Saint Mary's right now. The back-to-back wins give the team the confidence they need and the players motivate themselves.

"Rafael has really grinded out some tough matches, using his senior leadership," said Whitlinger, "and Fauvre and Andre are playing really well, too."

This week, Saint Mary's will play two WCC opponents, Gonzaga and University of San Francisco. Both matches will be

here at the Korth Tennis Complex, with play starting at noon against Gonzaga and 3 p.m. against USF.

The Gaels are looking ahead to a tough schedule, often playing two matches in the same week with little rest.

They are in the middle of an

eight game home stand at the Korth Tennis Complex, and besides playing the usual West Coast Conference matches, will play against the likes of the Air Force Academy, Sacramento State, Nevada, and UC San Diego.



Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

Junior J.J. Whitlinger is finally playing free and easy after getting healthy.

## Football's end; Program meets it's demise

### REACTIONS

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had one year of eligibility left? It's a cold situation."

Lucas Lucero is on that same situation

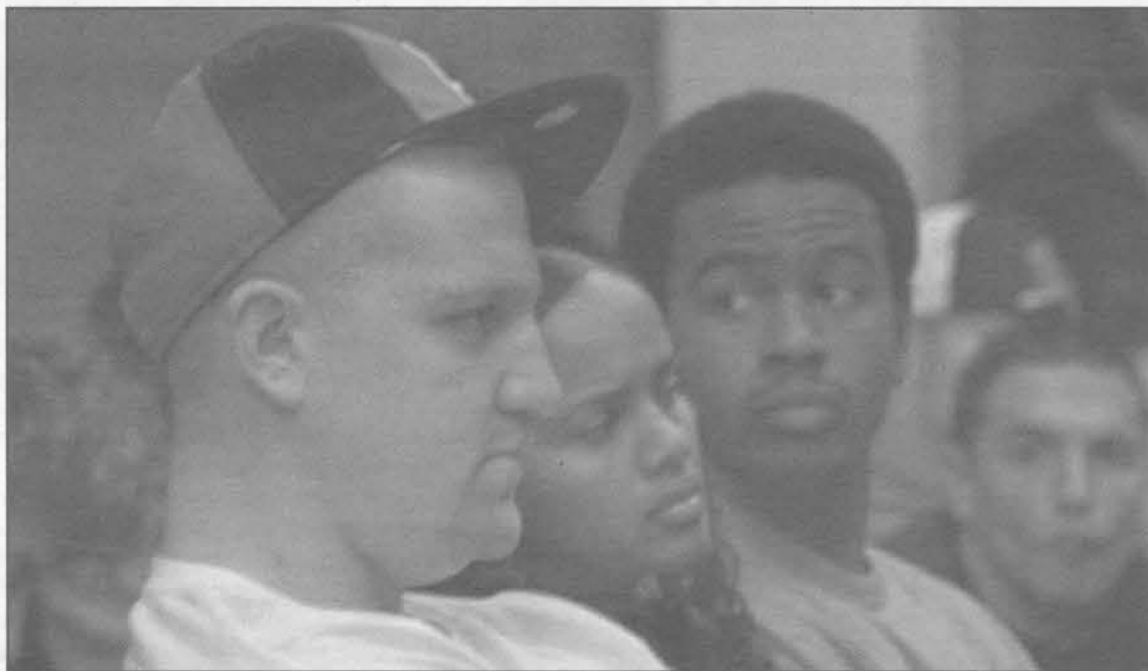
"Am I supposed to change everything, change my friends and go some place and try and fit in ... for one year," senior defensive lineman Lucas Lucero told reporters. "It's a horrible feeling knowing you didn't leave the sport, it left you; to know that people gave up on you."

Some student athletes, even though their sports could prosper from the cut, still feel the pain for football players.

"We are going to lose a lot of diversity," said junior soccer player Sarah Burgess. "These boys work so hard and the school is taking away one of the most important things in their lives. As a student-athlete I can't say I know exactly how they feel, but I know I would be devastated."

Junior Ryan Giudi, who played football for his first two years at St. Mary's, can't believe the timing of the announcement.

"I just think it was such horrible timing," said Giudi. "Its one thing to drop your program and let the players and coaches know in November, so they have time to contact other schools if they want to continue their collegiate football careers; but to do it out of nowhere in March is absurd."



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### FOOTBALL

quality opportunities for our 14 other intercollegiate sports," said Clapp at the press conference. Saint Mary's has had a long tradition of playing football and the somewhat sudden dismal came as a surprise, especially to first year head coach, Vince White.

"A one year stint; I never pictured it, never would have done it, and never would have accepted it. Yes, I am surprised, I feel betrayed," said White.

The announcement came to White shortly before his team received word of their fate.

"Br. Craig, Russ, and Carl spoke to our team, and I think they feel betrayed, misled, hurt."

"I have a list in my office of over thirty guys who are looking for someplace else to go because they came here to play football and get a great education that is what I promised them," said White.

White said the hardest part of the news was telling the new recruits that there wasn't going to be a team for them to play for anymore.

"Our staff did a great job in a short period of time assembling 14 very fine football players, to the point where I got an email from Carl Clapp saying in the modern era does not think we

have recruited a fine of class as this class we recruited," said White.

"The toughest thing is calling these kids that just signed. I went into their homes and promised them a great education and to play top notch football, and to have to call those kids last night and let them know there might not be a program here, it was the hardest thing I have ever done in 19 years of coaching, when you have moms crying, you have dads threatening with litigation, saying to me that I knew... no board of trustees had to stand up there and take that, no task force had to sit there and take that, that's the human side of it, that's the real story," said White.

# The BREAKDOWN The BREAKDOWN The BREAKDOWN

The data the task force used in their review of Saint Mary's Athletics

<b>Gael Football</b>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,211,263

Breakdown of Saint Mary's operating expenses compared to the average of its WCC competitors in 2003

<b>Men's Basketball</b>	
SMC	\$101,408
WCC (Avg.)	\$154,034
Difference	-\$52,626
<b>Women's Basketball</b>	
SMC	\$95,235
WCC (Avg.)	\$133,467
Difference	-\$38,232
<b>Men's Tennis</b>	
SMC	\$14,810
WCC (Avg.)	\$37,092
Difference	-\$22,282
<b>Women's Tennis</b>	
SMC	\$12,308
WCC (Avg.)	\$30,857
Difference	-\$18,549
<b>Men's Soccer</b>	
SMC	\$54,597
WCC (Avg.)	\$82,936
Difference	-\$28,339
<b>Women's Soccer</b>	
SMC	\$52,955
WCC (Avg.)	\$71,391
Difference	-\$18,396

**West Coast Conference Championships 1983-2003**

<b>Pepperdine</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Portland</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Gonzaga</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Loyola Marymount</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>7</b>

## REACTION IN NUMBERS

The athletic department's offices are buzzing with phone calls from football programs across the nation ready to pick up the left overs of this abandoned operation. Many student athletes are prepping to move on to alternative institutions to continue their collegiate athletic careers. Many decisions are not yet final, but the projected number of transfers are about to dwindle Saint Mary's already slim population of

### BLACK, MALE STUDENTS

#### Current Freshman Class:

24 Black, males  
9 football players  
9 plan to leave

#### Current Sophomore Class:

16 Black, males  
11 football players  
7 plan to leave

#### Current Junior Class:

11 Black, males  
4 football players  
3 plan to leave

Black, male freshmen who play intercollegiate sports

### WCC Commissioner's Cup 2002-2003

The recipient of the Commissioners Cup is based on a point system reflecting the place finish of each team in conference play.

	men's all-sports	women's all-sports	the cup
Pepperdine	34	44.5	78.5
Santa Clara	30	39.5	69.5
San Diego	33	33	66
Portland	26	28.5	54.5
San Francisco	31	21	52
LMU	24	25	49
Gonzaga	21.5	22.5	44
Saint Mary's	15.5	16	31.5

## St. Mary's Mistake

Sam Adams

I attended a funeral last Wednesday – it was the death of Saint Mary's football.

Last week the school had a press conference to announce that the football program has been "discontinued," citing the financial burden of fielding a competitive team.

I looked around and saw people from the athletic trailer with tears in their eyes and frowns on their faces. Coach Vincent White broke down in the middle of the conference trying to answer a question.

At the same time, Br. Craig Franz is smiling on Channel Two and talking about how it was a difficult decision.

Each speaker spoke on how the decision was made with heavy hearts – when the decision was more like heavy handed.

The administration has handled this decision in the worst possible manner. They have eliminated one of the most distinguished athletic programs in the school, without any say from the athletic department.

Coach White said it best – he felt misled, betrayed. He also said the hardest thing he has done in 19 years of coaching was calling the 16 kids he recruited to tell them there wouldn't be football.

"And no task force or board of trustees had to do that," said White. "That's the real side."

The one thing the school has done well is honoring all their contracts and scholarships – but that's the least they could do.

They said that to be fair, as soon as they knew their decision, they would announce it – yet the timing couldn't be worse. It comes a week after 6 a.m. workouts, at a time when players can't transfer, and too late for coaches to find coaching opportunities.

Let's review. They want to strengthen the athletic department, but they haven't decided where they will allocate the resources.

They reviewed every possible scenario – but they wouldn't tell us what they were and why they weren't feasible. Included in the "unfeasible" scenarios was offering no scholarships – like Lehigh, a team that beat us 35-7 this past season.

They also said that the 16 scholarships we currently have aren't enough to compete with the rest of the conference – even though a year ago, when the team was 6-6, and four of those losses came by three points or less.

The information from the task force came 10 days earlier. So in 10 days, they made a decision that has affected over 100 lives, and hardly any in a positive way.

I have always been proud of the institutions I've attended – from St. Dominic's, De La Salle, and SMC; until now. This is a direct contradiction to the LaSallian spirit Saint Mary's supposedly teaches.

I am a business major and understand that if the football program had to be cut, it had to be cut. But the lack of professionalism and consideration for student athletes is not only callous, but downright embarrassing. But "the man" got his way. We must now weigh whether the financial savings is worth the unfavorable light shed upon our institution.



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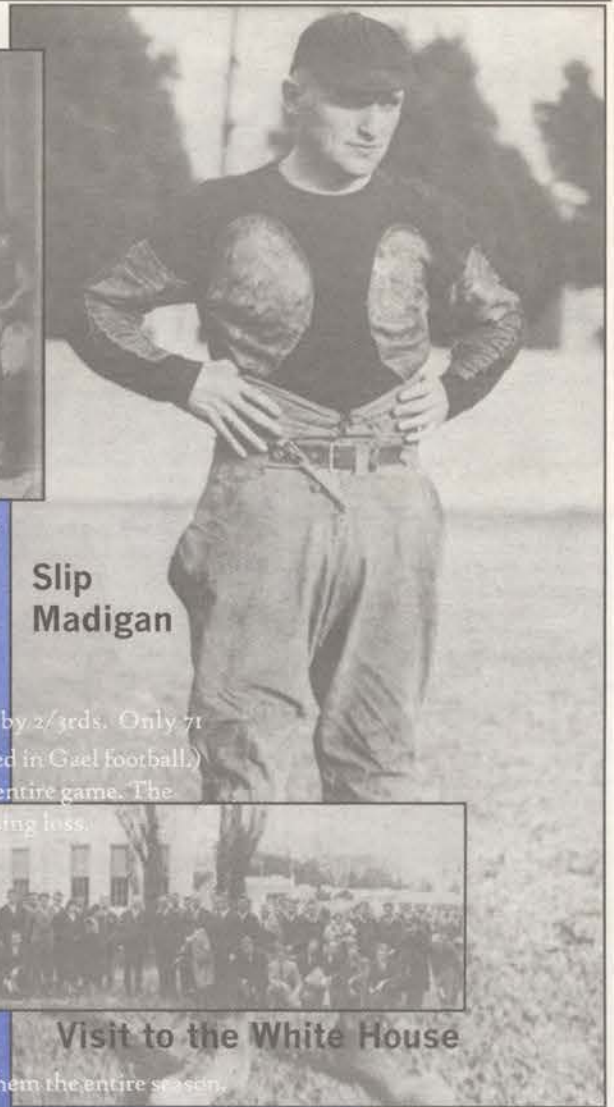
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# Gael Football

Marking over a century of history and glory

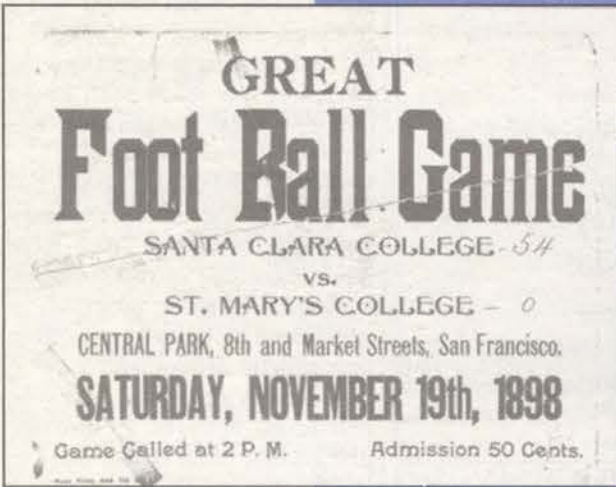


The Gaels 1921



Slip Madigan

1892: The first football program begins at Saint Mary's  
 1899: Saint Mary's bans football, finding it too brutal. Instead the school pushes for Rugby, "A more civilized endeavor."  
 1915: Football returns to Saint Mary's.  
 1917: Russell T. "Babe" Wilson coaches the team to an 8-1-1 winning



1920: World War I reduces the student body at Saint Mary's by 2/3rds. Only 71 students enroll at the college (In 2003, 87 male students participated in Gael football.) Cal beats SMC 127-0, only allowing the Gaels to gain 16 yards the entire game. The college cancels the rest of it's football season after the embarrassing loss.

1921: Brother Gregory, SMC president, hires 25 year-old Slip Madigan as head coach for football, basketball, and baseball. The cocky Madigan came to Saint Mary's from Portland Oregon with only the experience of a high school football coach.



Visit to the White House

1929: Madigan's team only allows one touchdown to slip past them the entire season.

1930: The college population booms to 700 and by November, the Gaels defeat the unbearable Fordham Rams, breaking their 2-year winning streak.

1939: Madigan leads the Gaels to a win over Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl (20-13).



The Little Big Game

1946: SMC loses to Oklahoma A7M 13-33 in the Sugar Bowl while under the leadership of Coach Jimmy Phelan.

1947: Phelan leads the team to victory over Georgia Tech in the Oil Bowl (41-19).



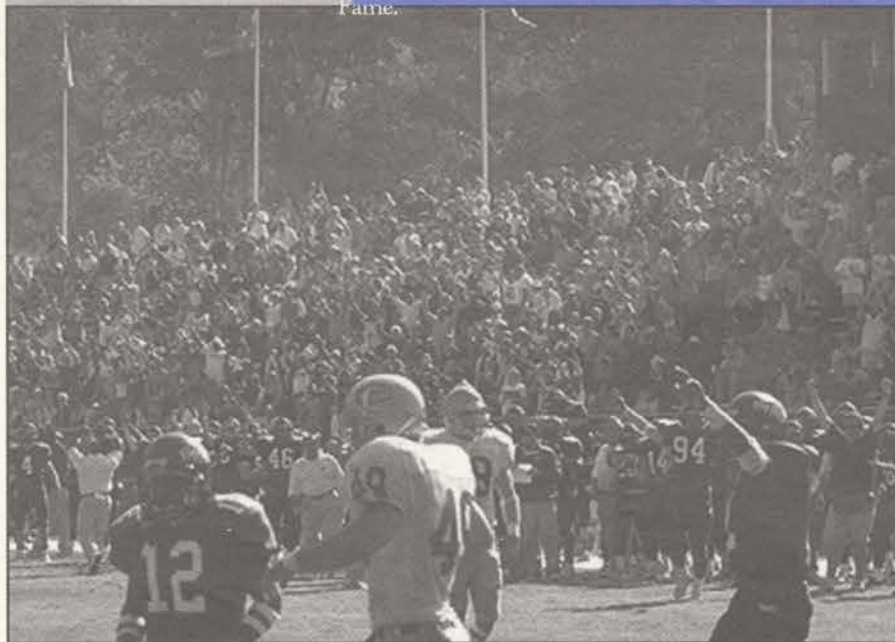
The Five Horsemen

1951: Saint Mary's cancels its Gael football program again.

1967: Gael football returns as a club sports.

1971: Saint Mary's continues football as a varsity sport.

1979: Herman Wedemeyer is inducted into the National College Hall of Fame.

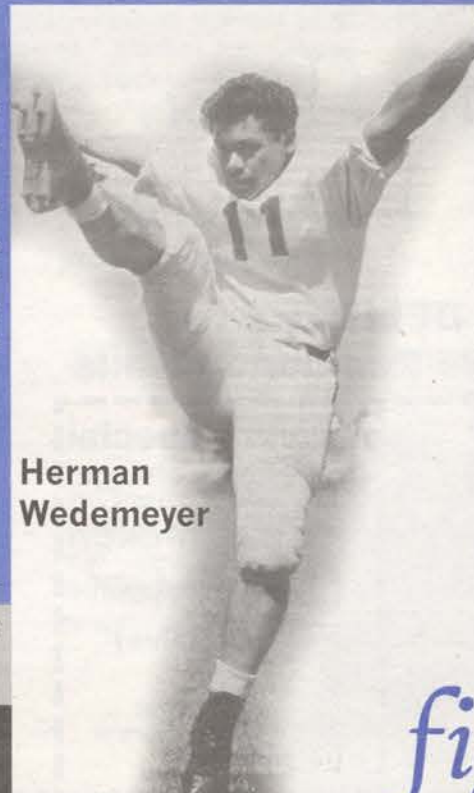


1988: The Gaels run to an undefeated 10-0 season.

2001: The return of the SMC Gael Force rouses student spirit and encourages student attendance as Tim Landis leads the team to an above .500 season.

2003: Weston Borba plays in the Shrine Game and is only the second Gael to ever garner the honor.

2004: Saint Mary's discontinues its team for a third time.



Herman Wedemeyer

"The fighting human heart is made to win."

-Slip Madigan



(Sources: They Did It Every Time, Contra Costa Times)