

**Brother
Craig Franz
F.S.C., Ph.D.**

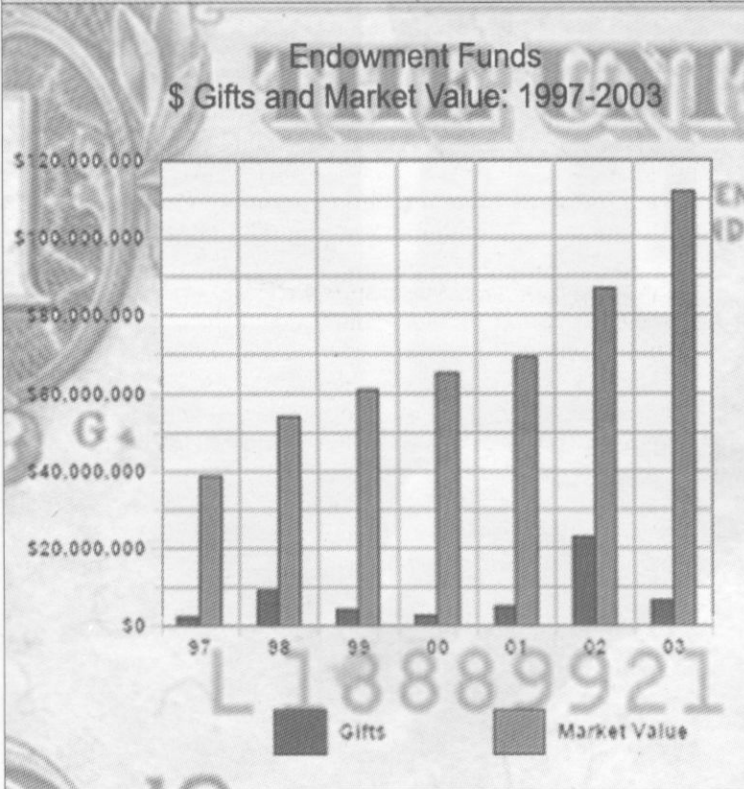
**President of
Saint Mary's
College of
California
1997-2004**

Let us Remember...

1997-2004

By the numbers

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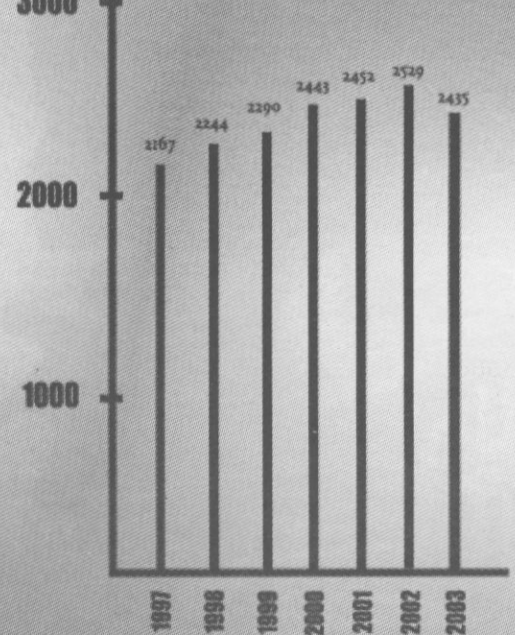


Saint Mary's Building Construction and Renovation 1997-2004

- 1997**
Majorie Ageno Hall and Michael Ageno Hall completed
Chapel arcade renovated for Collegiate Seminar and Campus Ministry
- 1999**
Cassin Student Union completed
Ageno East and West Townhouses completed
Bookstore and Delphine Multicultural Lounge completed
- 2000**
Sichel Hall renovated (science labs created as general use classrooms and office space)
J.C. Gatehouse Hall completed
- 2001**
Oliver Hall and Dryden Hall updated
- 2002**
Benilde Hall demolished due to earthquake safety
Becket and More Halls renovated
- 2003**
Syufy Performing Arts Center completed

Source: 2004 WASC report

Traditional Undergraduate Enrollment 1997-2003



Haskins offers views on departure

Full impact of Franz's resignation hasn't hit yet for ASSMC President

by Chris Mateo
Editor-in-Chief

With the departure of Brother Craig Franz, students have given many mixed views. Jeff Haskins, Associated Students president, had many things to discuss in the resignation of the only president of Saint Mary's College he has worked with.

"From my personal experience, Brother Craig has always been tremendously supportive and encouraging," said Haskins. "Like many other students, I first met him swimming in the morning. We've known each other even before I became president. I think when I was elected president, he was very excited for this opportunity to move our personal relationship into more of this professional relationship. In either case, I've always been able to go to him whenever I needed to talk about a certain issue."

Like others in the SMC community, Haskins admitted to not fully realizing Franz's departure until after he's gone. "On the personal level, I'm going to miss having him around," said Haskins. "Professionally, I think it's going to be hard to know what my role is going to be like because I haven't had to work with any other president than Brother Craig. And so that probably won't even hit me until we as a college have decided on a new president. There will probably be aspects that I won't appreciate until that moment: There are parts of me that are definitely saddened by having him go."

Haskins' optimism led him to understand what type of president Saint Mary's needed. "With change comes some very exciting possibilities for where the future of Saint Mary's is going to go, and we as a college are at a point where we can go forward or we can go backwards. If we stay where we are, then it's moving backwards. So the new president has to have a big, clear vision because it is getting ex-

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tremely competitive with colleges. We need to make some changes and aggressively move forward, or else we're going to fall back when you compare us to other higher institutions."

Before addressing his fellow students' reactions, Haskins reiterated that amidst all the questions of why, no one should question Franz's dedication to SMC. "I admire Brother Craig for the amount of time and energy he puts into Saint Mary's. His whole life has been dedicated to the students of this college. Whether we agree or disagree with every decision that he has made doesn't matter. What every student recognizes, or at least should recognize, is the effort and the amount of service he's given to this institution. So when Brother Craig resigns people will recognize that effort."

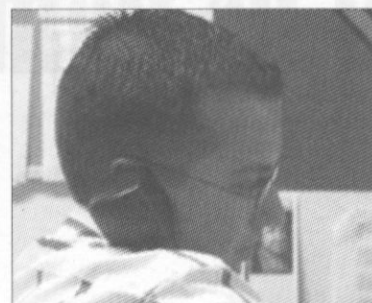
The president of the ASSMC went on to cover other reactions. "I've heard various things from students. Why did he step down? He was a nice guy, we're going to miss him. We're going to miss him around campus. We're going to miss swimming with him in the morning. [Students'] families new each other, and was one aspect that some were saddened by."

On the other hand, Haskins understood the mixed feelings from students - more specifically, student leaders. "There were mixed reactions regarding the involved students who understood the governance and policies and politics that go around Saint Mary's" said Haskins. "Some were happy that he was leaving, they were just dissatisfied with the direction of Saint Mary's. In some ways, students were saying that they were waiting for this day, and they were happy that this resignation came. Some student leaders were more

excited over the fact of a new leader coming in rather than Brother Craig stepping down."

Haskins finally briefly went over the process of finding a new president. "The invitation to the presidency went out to all Christian Brothers in the United States as well as the Toronto area. The interviewing process will be held on November 29 and 30. All of the constituencies will have the opportunity to meet with the candidates. Students specifically will be able to meet with them on November 29, I believe, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and November 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m." The location will be announced.

The students' interaction is of utmost importance, according to Haskins. "We're looking for the best possible president," said Haskins. As the student representative on the presidential search committee, Haskins listed his concerns for the new president. "I would like the new president to address the needs, issues, challenges of students. Also, I would like to know how they would ensure that a student's voice would be heard and that their needs are met in the decisions made and policies created. I would also like to pinpoint their specific visions for Saint Mary's. We say we're this, but some students point out that we're not, so I'd like to ask 'what is your vision?' and to respond to the statement that we're not who we say we are."



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PRESIDENTS OF SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

- 1863
Rev. John Harrington
1863-1868
- Rev. Peter Grey
1868-1879
- Justin McMahon, FSC
1879-1891
- Bettelin McMahon
1891-1892
- Cianan Griffin, FSC
1892-1894
- Yvasian Michael Dorgan, FSC
1894-1895
- Erminold Walter O'Donnell, FSC
1895-1900
- Walter O'Malley, FSC
1900-1902
- Erminold Walter O'Donnell, FSC
1902-1904
- Zenonian Brannan, FSC
1904-1910
- Vellesian Mallon, FSC
1910-1911
- Florinus Peter Doyle, FSC
1911-1914
- Fabrician Pellerin, FSC
1914-1917
- Vellesian Mallon, FSC
1917-1922
- Gregory Mallon, FSC
1922-1923
- Vantasian Sharkey, FSC
1923-1927
- Gregory Mallon, FSC
1927-1930
- Lewis Treacy, FSC
1930-1932
- Z. Leo Meehan, FSC
1932-1935
- Jasper Fitzsimmons, FSC
1935-1941
- U. Albert Rahill, FSC
1941-1950
- Austin Crowley, FSC
1950-1956
- Thomas Levl, FSC
1956-1962
- S. Albert Plotz, FSC
1962-1969
- T. Michael Quinn, FSC
1969-1997
- Mel Anderson, FSC
1997-2004
- Craig J. Franz, FSC

The Inauguration of Brother Craig Franz

September 20, 1997

Excerpts from Brother Craig's installation speech that day:

In the unique life of educational institutions, college installations are special moments which celebrate both *continuity* and *change*. The *continuity* which we affirm today is the clear mission of this College as a Catholic, Lasallian, Liberal Arts institution of higher education. Enunciated in our Mission Statement, embodied in our actions, and energized through our personal dedication, Saint Mary's College on this occasion re-dedicates itself to these three foundations. The *change* which we will see in the years ahead involves the appropriate extension and enhancement of our pedagogic offerings to a demographically changing, ethnically diverse, and technologically literate constituency. Successful private colleges and universities must create both a "weltanschauung" and an ethic which fosters a service-oriented focus to a continually changing educational landscape.

Saint Mary's College as a Catholic Institution

As a community of faithful, we are bound together, pursuing truth and knowledge in the wondrous universe which God has created. We link ourselves to the rich intellectual tradition of the Church, and in doing so we pledge ourselves to our fundamental responsibility to pursue scholarly research....

As a community of learners, we welcome and appreciate the presence of different faiths and the intellectual contributions which are fostered by dialogue among women and men with distinct theologies. ...

Clearly, one of the tests of a Catholic institution is the degree to which the espoused values are incorporated into the lifetime actions of its graduates. To this end, our report card is noteworthy.

Saint Mary's College as a Lasallian Institution

Proudly based on the work of Saint John Baptiste de la Salle, the Christian Brothers and their lay colleagues collaborate in an exciting mission of dedicated service through education. We see this work as one of the most important

and necessary services in the Church. ...

The College works vigorously to serve the broader community—especially the underrepresented minorities, challenged individuals, and those to whom education is not so easily accessible.

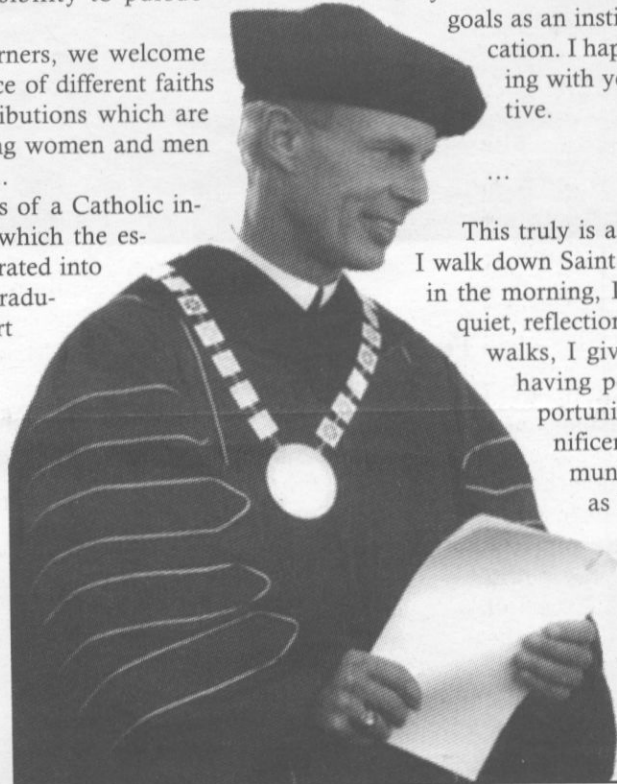
Saint Mary's College as a Liberal Arts Institution

A balanced curriculum enables people to understand the depth and breadth of intellectual thought and to appreciate processes by which solutions can be approached differently. The diverse perspectives uniquely afforded by a liberal arts tradition provides essential components for authentic lives "in response to the truths [our students] discover."

Saint Mary's College as an Agent of Change

To be student-centered, necessary shifts must help to reorient institutional goals from providing instruction, to producing learning; from offering courses and programs, to creating powerful learning environments; from improving the quality of instruction, to improving the quality of learning; from achieving access for diverse students, to achieving success for diverse students; from transferring knowledge from faculty, to eliciting student discovery and the construction of knowledge. The degree to which we make such changes and the degree to which we become capable of delivering a variety of characteristically high quality learning environments to an increasingly diverse constituency will mark how well we achieve our goals as an institution of higher education. I happily anticipate working with you toward this objective.

This truly is a marvelous place. As I walk down Saint Mary's canyon early in the morning, I find it is a time for quiet, reflection and prayer. On such walks, I give thanks to God for having permitted me the opportunity to serve this magnificent Saint Mary's community as President. And, as I step across the early morning grass, with the dew still on it, I truly believe this college is more touched by wonder and possibilities than any other I have ever known.



A letter from Brother Craig to the students...

Dear Students,

In six short weeks I will leave Saint Mary's, having served for seven years as its President. I will leave behind many wonderful friendships, and countless fond memories of cherished times of fellowship with many of you. Since I won't be able to personally thank each of you, I appreciate this opportunity, extended by the Collegian, to share a farewell message to the student community.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for simply being here and, through your individual presence, making this campus such a distinctive place. You add to the rich texture of Saint Mary's by your daily involvement in academic, athletic, social and cultural pursuits. Your curious minds and loving hearts impact your fellow students, as well as the dedicated faculty and the loyal staff who are here to instruct, serve and support you.

I've been amazed by your engagement in classrooms; your participation in campus cultural events; your willingness to ably represent Saint Mary's in competitive athletic and academic endeavors; your leadership and active participation in diverse campus clubs and organizations; and your tireless devotion to Catholic social justice.

I urge you to continue to contribute to this community through your many unique, God-given gifts: the theatrical and musical offerings that mesmerize our emotions, volunteer service in one of our many Lasallian or Pastoral Ministries; serving as a residence hall advisor; offering academic support to a fellow student; simply comforting a friend going through challenging times. I trust you will also reach out to my successor so that he, too, grasps your special character.

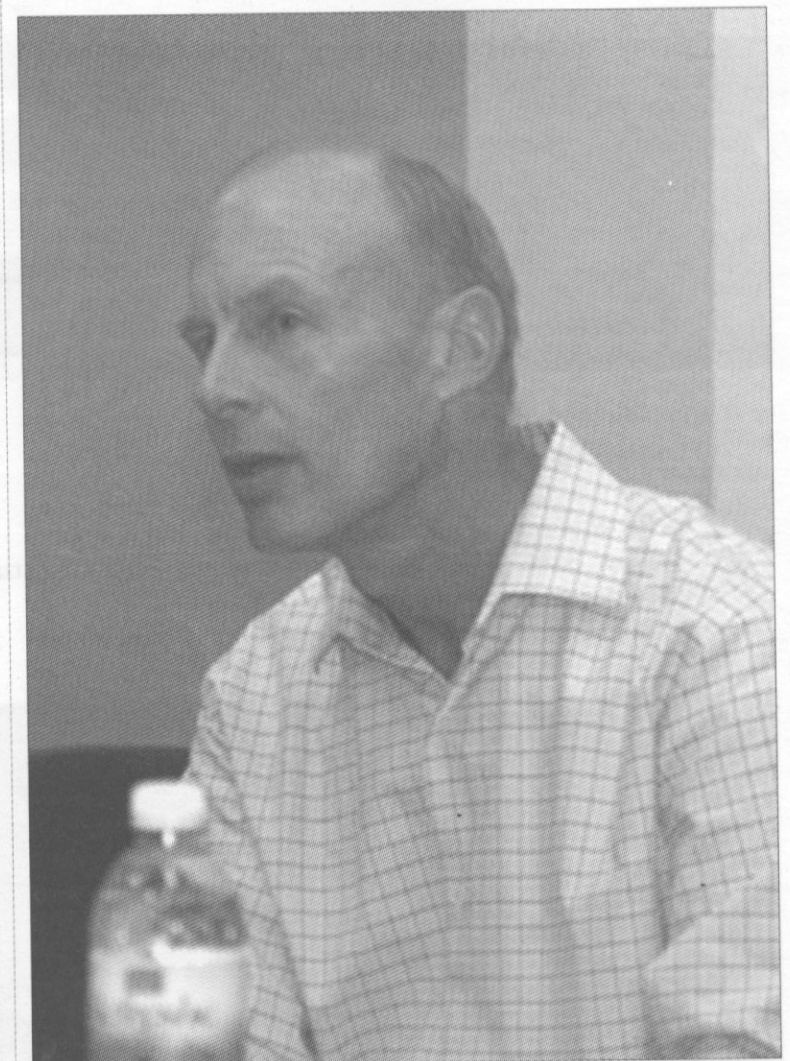
I also encourage you to break bread occasionally with someone you barely know; to respect individual differences; to reconcile broken relationships so that friendships can endure; to welcome those around you so that this community better resembles the diverse world in which you will live for a lifetime; to encourage your teachers who aspire to help you daily; to affirm the best in each other while overlooking faults; and to share your spirit with others.

As you contemplate your Thanksgiving holiday – a time to relax with family and friends – know that I give thanks for your presence in my life.

Live Jesus in your hearts, forever.

Brother Craig

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The full text of Brother Craig's speech can be found at www.stmarys-ca.edu; Photo courtesy of the Office of the President

Collegian View

Naturally as president of Saint Mary's College the image and quotes of Brother Craig Franz have graced the pages of the Collegian many times. This, however, will be the last.

As it is the last issue of the Collegian this semester, we decided to dedicate a four-page special section to memorialize the seven years of Brother Craig's presidency.

Piecing together those past seven years has been a difficult task. Many of us at the Collegian have only been on campus for two to three years. But while events prior to 2001 are not personally etched into our memories, their repercussions still have relevance today.

The past seven years have been some of the most turbulent in the college's recent history. The college experienced some of its best moments, evidenced in the construction of several new facilities for students to enjoy, the rise in enrollment, the increase in campus diversity, and the success of sports teams such as the 2001 women's basketball team and the

2004 women's volleyball team.

However, the college has also experienced several new lows. As Brother Craig came onto campus, student sentiment was that the administration did not care about the students. Twice in the past four years the campus has been mired in accusations of mishandling sexual assault issues, and this August it was announced that the \$112 million "J.C. Gatehouse" donation that had been one of the hallmarks of Franz's presidency would not be forthcoming.

And of course, as college president, Brother Craig has been at the center of it all. At times he has been despised by students, and at others loved.

It will take the college awhile to recover from the lost pledge money, and the image of the college, damaged from the sexual assault issues and the loss of football, will take time to restore. But it would be foolish to argue that the college has accomplished nothing since 1997.

We at the Collegian, therefore, would like to express our heart-

felt thanks to Brother Craig for his service as the president of Saint Mary's College.

We would like to thank him for taking the time to get to know students for who they are individually, whether it was early in the morning at the swimming pool or in casual passing around campus.

We would like to thank him for his constant efforts to improve student resources. He worked to bring technological improvements to the campus so that students would have all resources available to them. And while grand plans of new buildings and renovations have been derailed by the pledge loss, we can recognize that these plans were driven by Brother Craig's constant desire to make improvements.

Brother Craig has been, at seven years, Saint Mary's fifth-longest serving president. The Collegian thanks him for all he has done for the college throughout this time. We hope that he will look back fondly on his time here at Saint Mary's. Finally, we wish him the best in whatever God calls him to next.

THE PRESIDENCY OF BROTHER CRAIG FRANZ

Year by year

- Brother Craig installed as 27th president of Saint Mary's College
- BA in Legal Studies, MFA Creative Writing, and Ed.D. programs started
- Chapel Plaza constructed
- 7% technology reallocation catapulted technology backbone
- Educational Policies Board established
- SMC opens two campuses: Fairfield and Sacramento

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- International student's program and semester abroad campuses started
- L.E.A.P. Program initiated
- Faculty Workload Reallocation approved by Board
- Chapel phase 2 completed
- E-mail made available to campus
- Spirit of Saint Mary's capital campaign begins

- Cassin Student Union opens
- Agno East and West Townhouses open
- C.I.L.S.A. created
- Cotrell softball field opens
- Faculty Handbook written
- Women's Resource Center founded

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- Freshmen Cohort initiated
- JC Gatehouse Hall opens
- Campus Budget Committee established
- Ex Corde Ecclesiae agreement signed with Bishop

- Becket and More Hall refurbished
- Blackboard used for curricular enhancement
- Academic Freedom Policy established
- Rheem Campus purchased
- Campus mourns September 11 victims
- District Assembly held on Campus

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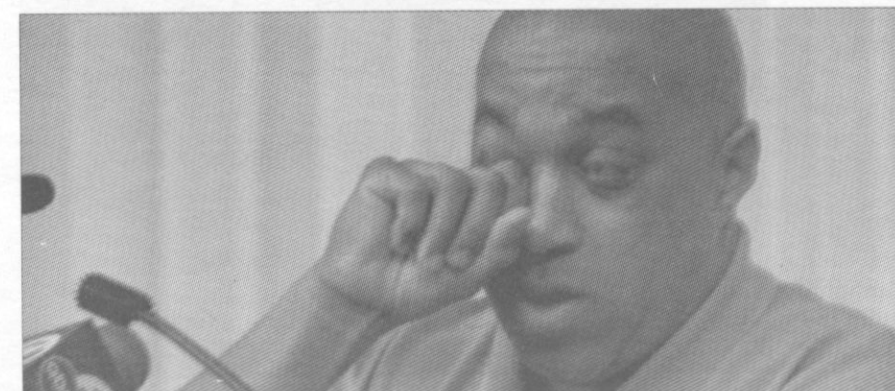
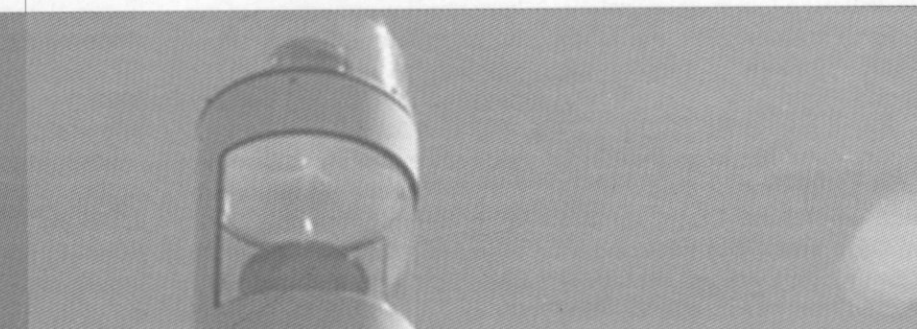


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- Benilde Hall razed
- Saint Mary's celebrates 75 years in Moraga
- Living wage issues discussed and resolved
- KGO report on sexual assaults
- Students register for classes on GaelXpress for the first time
- John S. Cummins Catholic Institute created

- Blue light phones installed on campus
- John S. Cummins Catholic Institute started
- Provost model initiated
- New SMC By-Laws approved, allows non-Christian
- Brother to be president
- Board of Trustees grows from 18 to 25 members

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- Intercollegiate football discontinued
- Brother Craig and Nicholas Moore announces that College was the victim of a scam and that funds pledged by Colbrant will not materialize.
- Academic Honor Code initiated
- Brother Craig announces his resignation, effective January 1, 2005
- WASC committee reviews college and submits report