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The Moraga Adobe in ruins. Built by Joaquin Moraga in 1841, it was rehabilitated in 1941 by Mrs. Katherine Irvine, wife of the owner of both the Irvine Ranch in Southern California and the Moraga Rancho here.

CELEBRATION IN MORAGA: NEW YEAR'S EVE, 1855

The next four vignettes describe a dance held at the Moraga Adobe in the year 1854. They are to be found in an as yet unpublished manuscript journal written by a Yankee from Maine who was the Alcalde of the redwood forest in the Oakland hills.

January 1, 1855.

Student Body Mass in those land owners whose domains, over which immense droves of wild cattle roamed, extending over many a league of rich land until the advent of the Americas, who lawlessly despoiled them of large numbers of their cattle, and who introduced many expensive habits among them which they were to ready to adopt, when consequent necessity compelled them to part with large tracts of their lands to the greedy foreigners, and their estates dwindled down to insignificant ranches.

I received an invitation to attend a party at his house on New Year's Eve, 1855. I set out on foot in the evening which was lighted up by a moon approaching the full, that, often breaking forth from masses of dark clouds which had been pouring down a plentiful supply of rain during the day, enabled me to follow a trail that led up the valley (INDIAN, ED.) and over the mountain ridge on the opposite side of which stood Moraga's residence.

It was a fine evening, and I scarcely knew why I was in a mood to enjoy it. It may have been the breaking up of the storm

and the appearance of the clouds and the sky, or it may have been the pleasing anticipation of the novelties I was about to witness and enjoy during the evening, though what they were I had not been informed and could hardly imagine. But whatever may have been the cause, my spirits were buoyant; and my thoughts busy and pleasant.

I arrived at Moraga's at an early hour. His house overlooked a beautiful valley and commanded fine view of the hills beyond.

It was built of adobes, and the walls were several feet thick. A broad piazza extended along the front, affording a pleasant shade in the summer. I entered by a broad doorway a capricious room well finished, and handsomely papered and painted. There was neither stove nor fireplace in it, nor any furniture with the exception of chairs and a small time-piece. In this room the gentlemen were assembled, and this was the hall in which we were to pass the evening.

In a smaller room on the left, I saw two neat-looking beds, one of which was furnished with handsome figured, white muslin curtains. There were also chairs, tables, and a looking glass in the room. This room I observed was occupied by the family, and the lady guests. The only other room I saw was that in which we took supper, and was like the rest, finished in a style of considerable neatness.

TOWNHOUSES DELAYED

The Board of Trustees has voted to delay construction of the proposed Townhouses. The reasons for the decision are: a) Doubt concerning the need for additional on campus housing. b) The high cost of private financing which would be needed in order to have the Townhouses ready for occupancy Sept. 15. c) The availability of low cost federal loans which would allow a completion date near November 15, 1971. d) College of the Holy Names could supply accommodations for forty to eighty students if necessary.

The trustees did vote to apply to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a low interest loan. This loan would result in a later completion date (Nov. 15) at a lower cost than private financing.

There will be an organizational meeting of the Orientation '71 Committee on Thursday, March 25, in Dante 121 at 3:00 p.m. For further information contact Jim Rogers M227 or Will Geselbraht (Benilde).

DUNNE RESIGNS

Carl Dunne, who has been food service director of our cafeteria for the past few years, resigned from this post last Monday. His reason, though altogether unclear, was that he felt that meetings of the school administration, concerning himself, had critical overtones. In other words he felt that people were talking behind his back. But it appears that Mr. Dunne is also tired of student criticism, especially unstable criticism, and he is tired of the static he has received from the resident assistants.

Last Friday, March 12, a resident assistants' meeting took place; Carl Dunne was also at the meeting. The R.A.'s expressed their feelings by informing Mr. Dunne that they were tired of the food situation and of having students on their backs because of the poor quality of the food. The following Monday he failed to appear at school.

Dunne was personally hurt by students' criticism of the food quality. You might say that food to the cook is like paint to the painter. Nobody wants to be criticized of their work, especially their livelihood. Healthy criticism can be accepted, but direct attack is too much to bear.

However Carl Dunne is certainly to blame for many defects of the cafeteria system. For example: his failure to communicate or relate with the rest of the cooks and cafeteria employees; though his knowledge of food service problems was adequate, his lack of authority as an administrator was often noticed. What the cafeteria certainly needs is a good administrator.

Efforts to keep Mr. Dunne here at Saint Mary's have proven fruitless. And so the quest for a new food service director has begun. C.B. Farley will act as temporary food service director until one is found.

LET IT BE!

Crimes of theft and abuse are rampant at Saint Mary's. Lamps, chairs, and televisions have been stolen from the dormitories. It has even been rumored that beds have disappeared from Aquinas Hall.

Theft from rooms and autos has risen this year. The Dean of Students reported that fifteen students lost tape decks and radios from their cars. Certainly not all activity of this nature is reported.

Our library is incurring losses due to thievery totalling \$15,000 yearly. The book store, which in previous years returned its \$3,000 profit to the college's general fund, is now operating due to theft, at a \$3,700 annual deficit. \$3,400 damage was recently done to our art gallery. The new football field behind the gymnasium had \$3,000 damage done to its new pipe system. \$10,000 worth of utensils have been lifted from the cafeteria.

Where will it end? Students who steal in fact hinder their own interests. Fees must be raised to meet such rising costs as additional security forces and replaced furniture and equipment.

Consider the effects of your actions. Your money pays the bills.

Randy Andrada

STOLEN ITEMS LISTED

Major items stolen or removed from campus are as follows:

- 1.--Television from Mitty lounge cost \$480.
- 2.--Chairs and furniture from Mitty Hall Lounge \$400.
- 3.--Antique padded chair from Dryden Hall estimated value \$500.
- 4.--Miscellaneous furniture from Dante classrooms \$520.
- 5.--New chairs from Oliver Hall \$200.
- 6.--Furniture from Aquinas lounge \$380.

There are many \$50 items or less that have been reported missing or stolen too numerous to mention.

Mischievous damage. Again there are numerous items of \$50 and less. Two very major significant items (1) Damage to security lights and-or street lamps, estimated cost of repair, parts alone, this scholastic year was \$960. (2) The results of the horseplay by the motorcycles and automobile road races in the back of the gym on our new athletic practice fields will present a cost of \$1,120 in labor alone to repair the sprinkler system.

DRAFT LAW

Each week The Collegian offers a Draft Law Column to its readers. The column is written by John M. Striker and Andrew O. Shapiro of the Military and Draft Law Institute, New York City. Striker and Shapiro are the authors of a recent draft law guide.

"Mastering the Draft: a comprehensive guide for solving draft problems," published by Little, Brown and Company.

This column is offered as general advice; for specific questions on the draft, a draft counselor should be consulted.

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"Satisfactory Academic Progress"

Are you making satisfactory academic progress this spring? If not you may be drafted next fall. Continuation of a student's II-S deferment depends upon his "satisfactorily pursuing a fulltime course of instruction." Unsatisfactory progress is a legitimate ground for denying a future II-S.

The draft board must decide whether you made satisfactory progress during this academic year before renewing your II-S for the next academic year. Draft boards follow a dey regulation that purports to lay down an ironclad definition of satisfactory progress: "A student shall be deemed to be 'satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course of instruction' when, during his academic year (i.e., the 12-month period following the beginning of a course of study), he has earned, as a minimum, credits toward his degree which, when added to any credits earned during prior academic years, represents a proportion of the total number required to earn his degree at least equal to the proportion which the number of academic years completed bears to the normal number of years established by the school to obtain such degree."

Mercifully, this legalistic formula concludes with its own built-in illustration: "For example, a student pursuing a four-year course should have earned 25 per cent of the credits required for his baccalaureate degree at the end of his first academic year, 50 per cent at the end of his second academic year, and 75 per cent at the end of his third academic year."

Suppose, however, that you are several credits shy of 50 per cent at the end of your sophomore year. Can you be denied renewal of your II-S for your upcoming junior year?

A negative response was recently handed down by the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (covering Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina). The Court held in *Coleman v. Tolson* that a student might still qualify for a II-S, even though, technically, he has not made satisfactory progress.

Coleman, himself, failed to earn 50 per cent of his credits by the end of his second academic year in a four-year program. He was just seven credit hours short of being a full-fledged junior.

The deficit was not Coleman's fault. Instead, it resulted from a school policy of requiring certain freshman to pursue three semesters, rather than the normal two, before qualifying as sophomores. Consistent with this administrative policy, Coleman was a student in good standing in the eyes of the school. The school so informed Coleman's draft board, stating that he would fulfill all his necessary credits within the two years left before receiving his degree.

But the school's affirmation did not satisfy the draft board. Following the definition of satisfactory progress to the letter, the board reclassified Coleman I-A at the start of his third academic year and ordered him to report for induction. Finally, when Coleman's case reached court, the Fourth Circuit ordered the draft board to classify him II-S.

"Whether a student is 'satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course of instruction,'" the Court declared, "is a question of fact. In resolving that question the source of information and evidence is obviously the college administration. So long as a college certifies that a registrant is expected to graduate on time, and it appears reasonably probably that he can do so, he should be entitled to retain his II-S classification. When a college cannot certify that the registrant is expected to graduate on time, certainly a local board would have a basis in fact for terminating the deferment."

This judicial interpretation of satisfactory progress is both loose and reasonable. It is loose because it departs from the strict letter of the regulations which Coleman's board blindly followed. The court's departure is reasonable, however, because it looks toward the ultimate goal of graduation rather than the ups and downs of annual achievement.

The Fourth Circuit by no means mandated that a draft board's determination of satisfactory progress must always be controlled by the school's certification. Quite to the contrary, the Court was careful to point out: "Even where the college certifies that the registrant is expected to graduate on time, in a given case a local board may nevertheless conclude otherwise, e.g., where the registrant is not passing the assigned work and has fallen further behind, there may be a basis in fact for discontinuing deferment."

The precedent set by the Fourth Circuit may help many of you in the next few academic years. Remember, even if the II-S deferment is abolished on June 30, those of you who were enrolled in college on or before April 22, 1970 will continue to remain eligible for the II-S under the rules that presently prevail. Therefore, the interpretation of current rules remains relevant for the future.

SEARCH COMMITTEE SELECTS CRITERIA FOR SCREENING NEW ACADEMIC VICE-PRESIDENT

The Search Committee for candidates for the office of Academic Vice President held its third meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 1971, in the President's Dining Room. Present were: Brother Mel Anderson, Mr. Joseph Blell, Brother Robert Smith, Dr. William Taucher, Brother Cassian Frye, Dr. Philip Leitner, Dr. Benjamin Frankel, Dr. Bryon Bryant, Mr. Oscar Perez (Collegian, guest), Mr. Leo Oakes (Secretary). Absent: Dr. John Correia, Dr. Owen Carroll, Brother Ronald Isetti.

Four documents were distributed to open the meeting: Minutes of the meeting of March 1, 1971; a list of candidates formally submitted to the secretary as of March 9th; an advertisement of the position availability dated March 8th, for the information of prospective candidates; and a proposal on procedure from Dr. Leitner, dated March 8th.

Dr. Frankel moved and Dr. Taucher seconded the approval of the minutes of the March 1, 1971 meeting; approved unanimously.

The list of candidates as of March 9th was reviewed briefly, and several additional candidates were nominated. It was decided that since few of the candidates had actually been contacted and their interest was therefore unknown, the list should not be made public at this time.

STAGE 1.

Search Committee

The Search Committee as presently constituted will have primary responsibility for the collection of a list of names of possible candidates.

All other members of the College community are earnestly requested to assist in this search by submitting names.

No selection or screening of candidates will be carried out during this stage of the process.

While members of the Search Committee and others in the College community are encouraged to suggest criteria and qualifications relative to the position in question, no specific set of criteria are to be adopted.

STAGE 2

Preliminary

Screening Committee

The Preliminary Screening Committee will have as its function the selection of a small group (perhaps 3-5) of highly qualified and willing candidates from the larger list presented by the Search Committee.

It would seem wise to keep the Preliminary Screening Committee relatively small in size and at the same time to ensure wide participation.

a-Four faculty members to be chosen by the Academic Council

b-Four students to be chosen by the Student Executive Council

c-Two others members to be chosen by Brother Mel Anderson from among

the student body, faculty or administration

d--The Brother President should preside as Chairman

The criteria to be applied in this screening process should emerge from a consideration of the qualities of the candidates in relation to the needs of the College. Criteria suggested in Stage 1 should be seriously considered, along with such other criteria as may be developed in the course of the committee's deliberations.

STAGE 3

Final Evaluation

The candidates selected by the Preliminary Screening Committee should each be invited to visit the College for further consideration by all elements of the campus community.

The procedure might involve setting up a public calendar of appointments, so that meetings with formal and informal groups could be facilitated. All interested individuals and committees should have ample opportunity to interview and evaluate the candidates.

In order that the Brother President have full access to the greatest range of advice, evaluations of the candidates from whatever source should be made available to him in written form.

STAGE 4. Selection

Brother Mel Anderson will make the selection of the Academic Vice President from among those candidates presented by the Preliminary Screening Committee.

Discussion followed on various details of the proposal: the size of the screening committee; whether the final evaluation process should be spelled out in more detail; how members of the screening committee should be selected--by appointment or vote, and by whom. It was agreed that the Search Committee should continue to search for candidates for at least the next two weeks, during which time the preliminary screening committee should be selected, if the proposal is approved.

Finally, Dr. Frankel moved that Dr. Leitner's proposal be voted on by the Search Committee at its next meeting, Tuesday, March 16th at 12:00 noon, in order to give other members of the College community time to study the proposal and comment if they wish. This motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the minutes of this meeting, including the proposal, should be distributed to faculty and others, and printed in the Collegian this week.

ADMISSION GPA'S UP

Last week's issue of the Saint Mary's Collegian featured an interview with Mr. Peter Mohorko, Dean of Admissions at Saint Mary's. Mr. Mohorko distributed to the Collegian a profile of the scores attained by entering freshmen on their Scholastic Aptitude Tests. He also furnished a summary of the high school grade point averages merited by our freshmen.

This information was to be published in our last issue, which was to have contained eight pages. Insurmountable difficulties encountered by our printer, however, prohibited the circulation of an eight page edition. We submit at this time Mr. Mohorko's findings.

The report notes that the

mean SAT score garnered by our present freshmen class (including "special admissions") was 1019. The average verbal score was 503, the normal math figure 516.

Women students achieved slightly higher verbal scores (512 to 500) but trailed their male counterparts in mathematic attainment (522 to 501).

These figures are quite similar to those attained by classes of '72 and '73. The mean score for the present junior class was 1032. Our sophomores averaged 1022.

The report revealed that fifty-one percent of our freshmen had high school grade point averages between 3.0 and 4.0. Thirty-six percent of these had averages between 3.0 and 3.25. An additional forty-two percent had averages between 2.5 and 2.99. This is a marked improvement.

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MRS. SPRINGER QUESTIONS; BR. MEL ANSWERS

Brother Mel Anderson,
FSC
President
Saint Mary's College

Dear Brother Mel,

This letter is addressed to the question of women at Saint Mary's College--their accommodations, their numbers, and status.

Accommodations

Since numbers are not possible without accommodations, I would make the following suggestions in that are:

Dormitory Space: Odell Johnson tells me that greater numbers of women students might be admitted for next year if some were housed on dormitory floors reserved to women only. This temporary solution seems to me strongly preferable to restricting admissions until new construction can take place.

Lounge: There is an immediate need to set up a lounge for women day students, faculty, and staff. Sister Therese Lackie pointed out to me that she had arranged for this temporarily, in a room released by the infirmary. When I went there, hoping to rest and grade papers between day classes and night meetings, the nurse in charge said that faculty members were not admissible because they "have their own lounge." I

found the objectionable on two grounds: 1) The faculty lounge referred to must be Dante third floor, which is shared by men and women, has no place to lie down or nap, the windowless air conditioning makes it relatively unpleasant for rest in any case, and there is no nearby washroom; 2) I see no reason to segregate women faculty and staff from women students, so long as the facilities are kept quiet enough for actual rest (TV, radio, and juke boxes should be kept to the student recreational rooms).

What is needed is a sizeable, pleasant room with sofas, tables, lounge chairs with footstools, and several curtained alcoves with day beds or cots, preferably in the vicinity of a women's washroom. Could a second floor Dante classroom be converted to this use until some better space is available in a new building?

(I might add--we are for equal rights!--that men faculty members are seriously in need of a similar facility. I know several who have taken the uncomfortable choice of napping on the floor of their offices when involved in a 12-hour day on campus.)

Numbers

This is the period of the year when admissions begin, and faculty hiring is

taking place. I would urge you and the other members of the administration to set a top priority on an increase in numbers of women students and women faculty.

At present about 10 per cent of the student body are women, and I warmly support your plan to increase this number with all reasonable speed to equal their proportion in the general population. Special consideration must be given to increasing the number of minority women students at once. The few we have at present report themselves most uncomfortable as a result of their singularity in the student body.

The hiring of women faculty members began at Saint Mary's as long as eight years ago, yet at present they still number less than 10 per cent of a faculty of more than 100. None are tenured, none are of senior rank, none hold faculty office or administrative responsibility. After this length of time, how can such statistics be viewed as other than discrimination or, at best, indifference? Plenty of qualified women are currently seeking teaching positions, and Saint Mary's College is able to compete for good candidates favorably in terms of salary scale and

working conditions. Yet the History department has the only commendable record in hiring women, and it follows from this that most other departments have no women faculty at all. I would ask you, as president, to consider writing a position paper on this question, urging all department chairmen to give urgent attention to the hiring of women faculty.

My primary concern in this letter is not "women's liberation". Rather, I am interested in the central purpose of Saint Mary's College, which is education. To admit any women at all is a major commitment educationally, from which other commitments must follow unless we wish to distort the truth for our students. To allow the proportion of women students and faculty to remain small is to present to the college community a false picture of the location of intelligence and teaching capacity. We are at present offering our students, faculty, and the outside community a direct, highly visual, impression that only one woman out of five has the requisite intelligence and capacity for college study or college teaching.

The results of such a false impression wash off on the women already

among us. Such results may include the occasional remarks of men students that "the women are not serious--simply here to get that gold ring." (I doubt the registrar's grade records bear this out.) They may also include a seeming lack of seriousness in the autumn faculty elections, wherein four women faculty members were nominated, but not one actually elected to faculty office.

Lest my firm proposals become lost among my conjectures, let me conclude by repeating them:

1. An immediate plan to provide dormitory space and lounge facilities for women adequate to:

2. A speedy increase in the number of women appointed to the faculty, and women student admissions without reserve or restriction, until their numbers on our campus approach their proportion in the general population.

Legislation is pending at the federal and state levels which will enforce equity on this question. I hope that Saint Mary's College will undertake appropriate moral leadership and action well in advance of such enforcement.

With best wishes and high hopes for the new year.

Sincerely,
Mary Doyle Springer
Assistant Professor of English

REPLY

Mrs. Norman Springer
Saint Mary's College

Dear Mary,

I am very pleased to learn that you are for equal rights and thus propose a lounge for men faculty as well as for

WANTED:

Social Committee
Chairman

Candidate must have fertile mind and possess efficient organizing abilities to assume the task of setting up a social calendar for next year and authorizing all student social events, i.e. films, dances, conferences, etc.

Male or Female
Publicity Chairman

Candidate must have clever notions on how to most effectively utilize all and any communicational channels, i.e. bullitins,

women. Bravo for a well-tempered and fair-minded advocate.

Present plans: Pete Mohorko tells us that the estimated need for bed space over the existing availability is between 82 and 106. The variation due to highs and lows of drop-out expectancy.

Brother Jerome, chairman of the campus planning and development

KSMC, Collegian, etc., in order to publicize all activities on campus. Male or Female

Intramural Manager-

Candidate need have no brains, but must be able to distinguish between a bat and ball. Will most likely be employed by Athletic Department. Male desired.

Contact Will Geselbracht (Benilde 30), or John Neudecker (Aquinas 18), by either leaving a note at ASSMC box at switchboard or at Post Office, Box NO. 1.

committee, is this week traveling to Chico State College to investigate a particular type of residence hall which would be suitable for SMC. His committee is also looking into the possibility of temporary housing along the lines of portable temporary units (mobile homes) now in use at Stanford University. We are hoping that the housing could be available for September and for women. With such a possibility, the chances for admitting women ad lib, are quite good.

As for lounge space, I agree that something is needed. We have other very pressing space needs as well, and I will speak to our logistic experts as to the wisdom and possibility of using a classroom in Dante Hall as temporary women's lounging quarters.

I know that plans for De La Salle's lowest floor renovation call for some kind of women's lounge and locker-shower room facility. Faculty and administration office needs are in demand and the need for lounges will be kept in mind.

Dr. Pollock has already

sent out a memo to all department heads to be on the lookout for qualified women to fill needs in department openings.

As for minority women students, I believe Pete Mohorko is well aware of the necessity for increasing the ratio of minority women. In addition to your statement of the present minority women being uncomfortable, I have also heard that they are not too pleased with the seeming fact that the men are not nearly as serious about study as they are, and thus make noise, demand at-

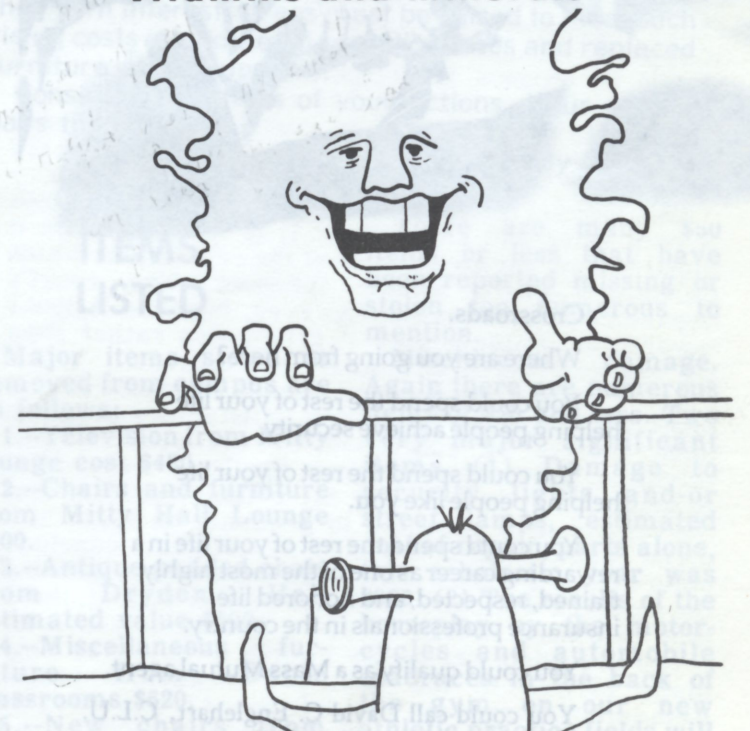
tention, and are hard to send on their way.

I agree with your thesis that good education requires the addition of more women, both students and faculty. I hope that by the time our present freshman class reaches commencement, the presence of women on campus will closely approximate the percentage common to the rest of mankind.

Sincerely,

Brother Mel Anderson,
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President

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Assistant Coach Pat Warren (left) and Head Coach Floyd Baker plan strategy for this weekend's USF games.

BONECRUSHERS LOOK TO MONTEREY AFTER BEATING BATS, 8-3

The Gael ruggers will put their nine game winning streak and national ranking on the line this weekend when they join rugby powers from all over the country in the Monterey Rugby Tournament. The tournament, which starts Saturday, should provide the speedy Gaels with the all competition they care to handle in one weekend.

Last week the Gaels downed the BATS (Bay Touring Side) 8-3 in a hard fought battle. John (Gambi) Giambastiani booted a 35 yard penalty kick to get the Gaels going

but it was Jim Datrice and Jerry Murphy who provided the excitement. Datrice broke up a BATS drive and scooted down the sideline for 80 yards then lateraled to Murphy and "Big Jer" took it in for the Gaels only try. Gambi added the conversion and the Gaels led 8-0. The BATS got three points back on a try, but a scoreless second half left the Gaels the victors.

The win pushed the Gaels season record to 11-1. The Galloping Gaels have scored 62 tries to 7 for their opponents.



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RUMBLES FROM MORAGA'S SLEEPING GIANT

It has become apparent this year, that the giant who was sleeping in the Moraga hills has begun to stir. The Gaels produced a 5-4 record in football last fall as opposed to a 1-7 finish last year. Two big wins over rivals USF and Loyola at their homecomings highlighted the season. Only six players will graduated this year and with recruiting and freshman and sophomore starts, the outlook for next year is very bright.

The Gael basketball team went 10-16 for the season improving on a 3-22 mark last year. With the loss of stars Sam Hill and Chris Dayak, the varsity will hope to make it up with three high scorers from the freshman team, Maurice Harper, Nate Carrol and Greg Will. Hopefully transfers Duane Dillard and Earl Brown will help the outstanding Brown brothers, Herm and Roy. We'll have 15 home games next year and UOP will be out of the league. The frosh had a 20-5 record this year.

Already the baseball team has won 7 games this season against Stanford and a double-header against Stanislaus last Tuesday. Last year the varsity won only 11 games all season. The Gaels host USF Friday at 2:30.

Now let's look at the rugby squad. The Gaels have been invited the past three years to Trans Continental Tours. The ruggers will perform this weekend down in Monterey in the 13th Annual Top International Rugby Tournament.

Everyone connected with the Athletic department should be commended for outstanding work. Meanwhile, people will watch the giant pick up his sword and go to battle.

I know better than to look back, over what was.

Because then I realize what could have been.

--Mike Pilkington

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'MINOR' SPORTS MAY FACE HARD TIMES

Inevitably, it would seem, Saint Mary's College faces yet another crisis in athletics. The budgetary conflicts between participant and spectator-oriented sports threatens to flare up under the leadership of Mr. Donald McKillip, Director of Athletics. Certain sports, which have existed on this campus before the "renaissance" of intercollegiate football, are now threatened with extinction by an athletic director who has failed to understand or comprehend the nature of student needs, and the depth of student commitment.

Last year when Mike Cimino was removed from his position as Athletic Director, student athletes breathed a sigh of relief. Never a strong administrator of the College's athletic program, Cimino had imposed a policy of "benign neglect" on participant sports. The arrival of Don McKillip was hoped to be an advance for student participation. Just the opposite occurred.

Throughout the summer rumors generated that the new Athletic Director, freshly arrived from the Rocky Mountains, wanted to limit Rugby, crew, soccer, and other "foreign" sports. The basic misunderstanding of the nature of this College's students and their athletic needs seems to have led McKillip to this position. Nevertheless, pressure by students, coaches, and some alumni upon the College's administration led to a temporary reversal of the original decision.

Once again, Mr. McKillip is recommending that the sports of soccer and crew be eliminated from the College's budget beginning with the 1971-72 year. Soccer, the most widely-played sport in the world, has not enjoyed a winning season recently and perhaps McKillip is attempting to remove the stigma of losing from his administration. Nevertheless the curtailment of a soccer program would effectively inhibit the Asian, African, and Latin American students of this campus from participating in a sport which is familiar to them. In his recommendation, McKillip has failed to recognize the needs of a significant portion of the student population.

Likewise rowing may seem "alien" to the tall Midwesterner who commands his domain from the Slip Madigan Memorial Gymnasium.

The sport of rowing is the oldest intercollegiate sport in this country, with a tradition that predates the existence of any college football or basketball league. After several long years of training talent, securing support, and promoting participation, the Saint Mary's Crew has begun to establish respect for itself among schools literally twenty times its size. Crew is one of only two sports on this campus that successfully competes against athletic teams of national caliber. Opponents include the University of Southern California, Stanford, the University of California, the University of Oregon, and Oregon State University. Only the Rugby side has a comparable list of distinguished opponents.

Coming at a time when the Crew is just opening its most promising season, the McKillip decision seems cruel indeed.

Yet the issue is not as simple as the personality of Don McKillip nor the exact amount of financial support from the Board of Trustees. The complex issue is the question of what type of athletic program this College will operate. Will the College indulge its limited resources in promoting sports that are geared to producing large, fee-paying crowds (as McKillip suggested to one coach last summer)? Or will the College support an athletic program that is essentially participant-oriented?

As a liberal arts college, Saint Mary's claims for itself the ability to develop its students as "whole" men and women. Participation in sports is clearly an adjunct of that development; one which no administrator can deny. But the commercialization of athletic talent for the sake of ticket-paying crowds is clearly antithetical to this argument. The renewed emphasis on spectator sports at Saint Mary's is viewed with concern and alarm by those student-athletes (and the student must come first, athletics second) whose outlet for participation is threatened by McKillip's recommendation.

The students of this College need a balanced program of athletics: both participant and spectator. But the McKillip decision will threaten the beginnings of a balanced approach to individual development. The leadership of the Associated Students must direct its attention toward resolving this conflict.

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