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Dean of Students Ousted

On Monday, January 10, the incumbent officers of the Associated Students of St. Mary's College met in their last executive council to discuss the failure of Bro. Mel Anderson to renew the contract of Mr. Odell Johnson, Dean of Men for St. Mary's College. The meeting was scheduled after Mr. Johnson presented to the Executive Council a copy of a letter which announced his dismissal, the reasons for which were a marked decrease in communication between Mr. Johnson's office and the Brothers living in the Residence Halls.

Excerpts From The Letter

"Last year I personally attempted to foster better communication among the residence hall counselors, your office and staff. In administratively reorganizing the College this summer, I had hoped that improved understanding and cooperation would result."

"Unfortunately, from the best evidence I can glean, it seems that there has been less communication this year rather than more, both with Brother William Beattie and the other adults in the residence halls. After much discussion with Brother William and other adults in the residence halls, I find that their confidence in the management of the halls has deteriorated rather than improved. There is thus some lack of confidence, inadequate communication, staff tension, widespread dissatisfaction with one staff member, as well as difficulties in relations between your office and other offices."

"Because it is necessary to give notice at this time, and because I do not now see how the problems which I have indicated above can be resolved without a new Dean of Students or a complete reorganization of the residence halls and other student services, I must regretfully inform you that your contract as Dean of Students will not be renewed beyond the current year."

In the discussion which took place, it was established that a group of students had interviewed

several of the Brothers, and, to the contrary, none of them complained of this lack of communication, some of them even go as to commend Mr. Johnson for his work. Of the Brothers interviewed only Bro. William Beatty declined to make a statement.

On these grounds, the members of the Council proposed to investigate the affair.

Among the suggestions given to the council were the meeting of the Student Body in a Town Hall Assembly, where Bro. Mel would be requested to make a statement justifying his dismissal of Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Johnson would be given the opportunity to defend his position before the Students and Brother Mel. This suggestion was rejected.

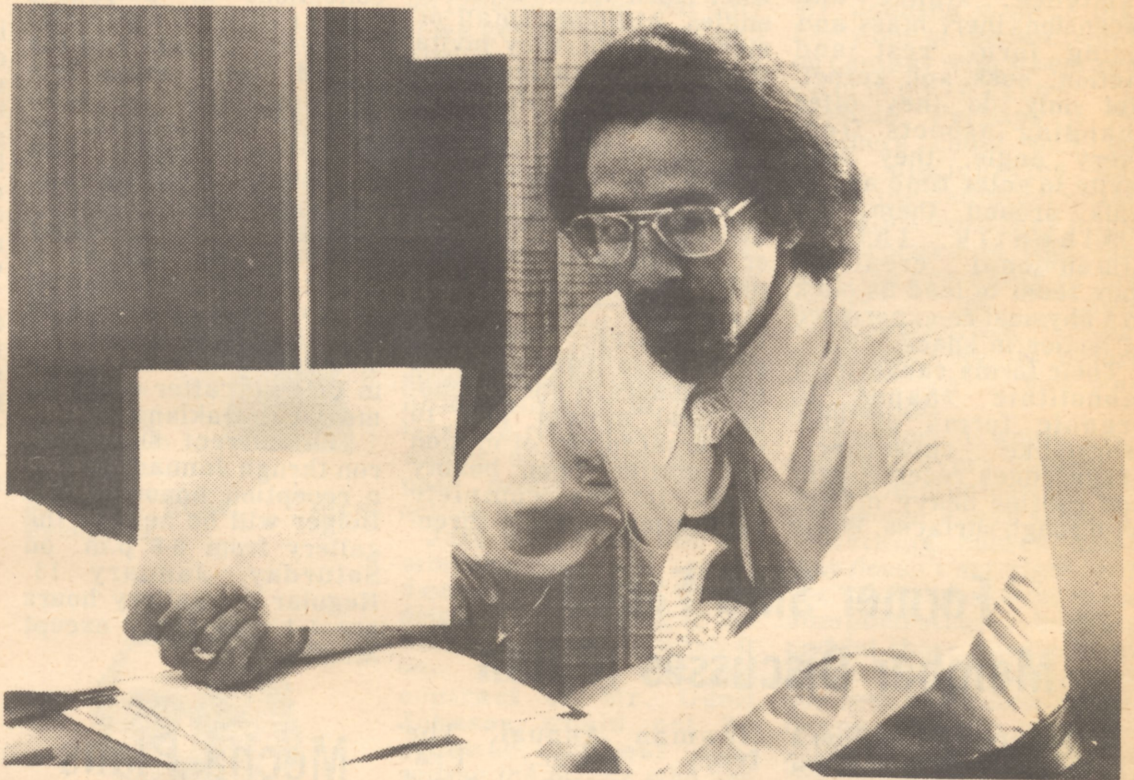
At one point in the meeting it was moved, seconded and elected that a vote of confidence in Mr. Johnson be taken; the vote was subsequently not taken.

Finally the Executive Council voted to send as emissaries to Brother Mel, former ASSMC President Joseph Blell, and incoming President Michael Kelly with a petition on behalf of the Association that Brother Mel make a statement justifying his action. Signatures for this petition have been solicited from door to door, and a copy is included in this issue of the Collegian.

This reporter was unable to interview either Brother Mel or Mr. Johnson before this article was submitted, but further attempts have been made, and, if the issue is still open next week, the results of these interviews will be published in the next Collegian.

Little Sister Program set

Every returning woman student is encouraged to become a buddy to an incoming little sister. To initiate our new buddy-system we are planning a party this fall. We hope to have as many representatives from various departments as possible. Ideally we would like to match buddies according to common high-school home locality, and-or departmental preference.



Odell Johnson, Dean of Students, released last week by Brother Mel.

Brother Albert Delivers Address at Alioto Inauguration

Last Saturday, Brother Albert Rahill appeared as a guest speaker at the second inauguration of Mayor Joseph Alioto. The inauguration was held in the rotunda of the City Hall in front of a sizable crowd. Brother Albert was president of Saint Mary's College in the thirties, when Mayor Alioto was a student here. The other speaker was Eric Hoffer, whose size and earthiness was quite the antithesis of Brother's quiet, scholarly approach.



Brother Albert with Mayor Joseph Alioto of San Francisco.

It was expected by most that Brother Albert's speech would be one of those folksy old reminiscences so popular and predictable. Although he set his audience at ease with a few anecdotes, he pleased all with a speech that celebrated the renaissance man aspect of the mayor of San Francisco. He lauded the efforts of the mayor to make San Francisco a more beautiful and creative city, an object of pride for all its citizens. He said of the mayor, "He has been tireless in his search for solutions to the problems of crime, law enforcement, unemployment, housing, health, minority tensions, education and transportation..."

Brother Albert struck a classical note in saying that the motto of the mayor and the inhabitants of San Francisco must surely be those of Pericles to the Athenians, "We do not imitate--we are a model for others". Again, he reiterated that the citizens of San Francisco respect their Mayor, "...not looking with a critical stare. They are

German Sculptor Currently Exhibiting in Art Gallery

Peter Boiger, a German-born sculptor now making his home in Oakland, is currently exhibiting in a one-man show in the Saint Mary's College Art Gallery on the Moraga campus.

His work has been described as quintessences of sculptural existence; stance and ascension, inert mass and rising form, rest and motion, husk and kernel. Not only do they offer changing aspects from every angle, they also invite to enter time and to walk around them. As eminently three-dimensional creations they seem to lead us back to a physical re-experience of bodies in space.

Their forms range from monolithic shapes to organic forms of vertebrae-like appearance. Sharp edges receive light and confine heavy matter with rough surfaces. While

the relation to the ground is limited to few solutions, there are ever new and surprising variations on the top area. Some of them hover, seemingly weightless, on their plexiglass bases, others are inert but endowed with a multiplicity of aspects, revealing themselves only when seen from different angles. Although small or medium sized, they invite the imagination to recreate them in monumental size, outlined against the sea or the sky.

With that observation we have entered upon the question of their meaning or significance. Although pure forms, they act as signals for our imagination. They are related to fundamental experiences of our psychophysical system and to universal forces of motion and matter. Their beauty rests in the complete realization of their three-

dimensional materiality, their significance is identical with their existence. Each new creation is a complete statement of the form-giving elements of nature and mind turned into definite, yet hitherto unknown, shapes.

Boiger has work in collections in Germany, Austria, England, Malaysia, Canada and the United States. Since 1965 he has had one-man exhibits in galleries in Berkeley, Reno, San Francisco, Oakland, and Ontario, Canada.

Boiger came to Berkeley in 1964. His life as a sculptor was interrupted by two years of service as an arts and crafts instructor in an army camp in Virginia, after which he moved to Oakland.

The current show will run through January 28 and a reception honoring Mr. Boiger will be held in the gallery from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, January 15. Regular art gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. daily except Mondays.

Former SMC Faculty Member Discusses Milton

A lecture on Milton's "Lycidas" was presented by poet Harry Weber on Wednesday, January 5, at 8 p.m. in Dryden Hall on the Saint Mary's College campus.

Weber's appearance was sponsored by the Saint Mary's College Lecture Series.

Weber, who taught at Saint Mary's from 1963 to 1965, is currently a member of the University of Kansas faculty. A number of his poems and translations of poetry have appeared in such publications as The

Newman Annual, The Ivory tower, Prospectives and Arion. His critical approach to poetry is regarded as original by most authorities and his critical essays on Augustine, Lucretius and the early poems of Virgil have been published.

Weber also served previously as editor of such literary magazines as The Minnesota Piper and the Minnesota Review. He is described as a Latinist whose interests range from classical lyric to medieval Latin literature.

Mecha Plans Program

It may interest the St. Mary's College Community to know, that at this time the M.E.Ch.A. Chapter here on campus is preparing what may be the most entertaining and Educational production of the year. With the approval of the administration, Mrs. Barbara Mellick from Laney College has been contracted to teach a course in Chicano Teatro and Playwriting. The class is meeting everyday for three or more hours, to prepare some very interesting plays that are being written and acted out by the students.

At the same time under the direction of two students, Miss Laura Hall and Miss Leticia Cervantes, who are donating their time, a ballet Folklorico is being organized in the evenings and on weekdays, with practice for two or three hours. The students in the ballet are learning traditional dances from the different provinces in Mexico. All this is in preparation for January 26, on which at 8:00 p.m. the Teatro Experimental and the Ballet Folklorico Estudiantil will perform in Dryden Theater for the benefit of the college community. All are invited to attend this event. It should prove to be a very entertaining evening for all.

MUNDO DURAN

Beethoven Presentation

"Beethoven's Piano Sonata, Opus 111" was the topic of the lecture-concert and question and answer period to be presented by Paul Hersh at 8 p.m. Tuesday, January 11, in Dryden Hall on the Moraga campus. Hersh is a lecturer in music at State University of New York at Binghamton.

Hersh is recognized as a lecturer in music and as an outstanding pianist and violist, having been with the Lenox Quartet for the past ten years. He has been widely acclaimed by music critics from Coast to Coast. A West Coast newspaper music critic wrote of him in 1966: "When Hersh learned, at the tender age of 20, of an impending viola opening in the Lenox String Quartet, he fiddled furiously in practice right up to his successful audition, which ultimately made him what

appears to be the only concert pianist in the country playing in a first-line string quartet."

The above comments were made after Hersh took Beethoven's 33 Variations on A Waltz of A. Diabelli, Opus 120, and built an ambitious piano recital around it and which was acclaimed a 45-minute long piano masterpiece.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1940, Hersh has played both the piano and the viola since he was six years of age. He graduated from Horace Mann school, New York, in 1958 and attended Yale from 1958-61. He has studied piano with Edward Steuermann and Leonard Shure and viola with William Primrose.

The lecture-concert was sponsored by the Saint Mary's College Lecture Series.

Day Students

Question: What do you think about the job our Day Student Senators have done so far this year? What do you think about their questionnaire?

All persons interviewed identified themselves as day students.

Steve Peters, Senior: "I don't think they've been doing much. In fact, I missed the questionnaire because I stayed overnight here (and wasn't at the gate where they were handed out). Maybe I was an exception, missing it that way. I think there's been a lack of communication between the day students and their reps. The day students don't want to act as a group--all they want to know about are the College doings--they don't want an association of their own. If we only had a bulletin board--not like what we've got here--but one headed "Day Students--College Activities"--with notices of things going on posted. I saw a great idea at UCLA. They have a calendar with one-foot square boxes per day that anyone can tack up activity notices on. That's a beautiful idea."

Bob Teutal, Sophomore: "The whole thing is kind of vague. Is there a community?"

Mike Brinks, Senior: "Things look pretty good. I haven't met any of the senators, but I think they're doing a good job. I missed the questionnaire they handed out, but I have no complaints."

Randy DeGuzman, Senior: "I remember that questionnaire. I didn't take it. The only senator I know is Jerry Donnelly. I've heard a lot of talk, but haven't seen much action done. The one thing I did hear about was the mass in the homes plan."

Mary Tarail, Junior: "I don't know. I haven't been very involved here; I just come to go to classes. It seems difficult to get people together, and it's easy for me not to get involved. I didn't get a copy of the questionnaire. I do wish I knew more about what was going on around here, but I just come to do my work."

Dennis Mastrantonio, Freshman: "I think the idea of using questionnaires is good, but I don't know how the one they took will come out. I think polls are the easiest--no, the only--way they can communicate with us. Those questions were kind of vague. If they (they day student senators) asked us about specific things that were being discussed in student government, that would really help us. About day students, if they want to get involved, they will. Things like notices of events are posted, and there are a lot of teachers here that will help you if you ask."

Phoebe Leigh, Senior: "I don't know about the day student senators. They were appointed, but somehow we were given the idea that we elected them. The questionnaire was all right, but it was too short. Also, a lot of us are unhappy about DeLaSalle Lounge. It's too big and gets chilly and rains on us. Some of us science majors would like to have a lounge near Galileo Hall. But about the senators, I don't know who they are. The food in the Brickpile is awful and too expensive, as well as the tables being dirty--and I had to wait twenty minutes for a hot dog once. The notice posting is bad! Holy Names and Davis have better ways of getting news to the nonresidents."

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Out With The Old

The new Associated Students' officers which were elected the second week of last December are:

President - Mike Kelly

Vice-President - Andy Bone

Secretary - Tom Gemma

Treasurer - Dennis O'Rourke

Reps at-large: Rene Wilzynski, Pat Rodriguez, Brian Neville.

There will be a run-off election in February between Myron Pembroke and Paul Rodriguez.

In my opinion, there are several outstanding problems to which the new officers must address themselves this semester. The first, of course, is money. In the first place, there is a large bill (circa 10,000 dollars) which will be due as soon as the 1970-71 Gael yearbook is out. This must be taken from this coming semester's allocations. This in turn will mean that some organization's won't get the money that they may have been expecting.

This brings us to our second problem: How much should the student body subsidize an organization and, which organizations would they subsidize at all. As I understand it, there is a plan afoot to minimize the student body tax as much as possible and only subsidize certain organizations such as KSMC and the Collegian, and those only in part. This would place the burden of making financial ends meet on the organization - to see who can swim or drown if need be - and not make all the students pay from what only a few benefit.

A far more serious consideration beyond those immediate financial problems, relates to the structure and responsibilities of the present system. First of all, do we need two Councils, Executive and Dorm? One would think that with all these representatives that a great amount of business and problems are being taken care of. However this does not seem to be the case. How could a mismanagement of the students' funds happen this year if the Council members and their officers had demanded a little more rigorous and precise reporting on the part of the Treasurer?

Another problem whose solution has seen more than its share of procrastination is the one concerning a graduated meal plan. As it is, everyone who lives on campus must pay for every meal which is served in the cafeteria. There are different plans where a student could pay for only a part of those meals, say 14 per week instead of 20. Of course there are ramifications to this scheme, but when will the students even get to hear of these alternatives?

These are just some of the more blatant inadequacies that I have noticed during my year of office. There are many smaller ones. I would therefore encourage students to come to Council meetings, whether Ex-Council or Dorm, and help make changes. If you figure that these problems are already costing you money, a little time on your part shouldn't hurt.

by Will Wyn Geselbracht

Johnsonians Unite

PETITION

IN RESPONSE to recent news concerning the release of Mr. ODELL JOHNSON as Dean of Students, We the undersigned students of St. Mary's College wish to make it clear THAT:

a) we feel Mr. Odell Johnson has fulfilled his position admirably and that the students of St. Mary's have benefited from his presence.

b) we the students resent the release of Mr. Johnson without consulting the student body or their representatives.

c) we feel that the release of Mr. Johnson at this time is not in the better interest of St. Mary's College as a whole and especially detrimental to the students in particular.

LET IT BE KNOWN that we the students of St. Mary's College feel it to be in our greater interest and to the advantage of the college as a whole to formally request of Br. Mel Anderson the following:

a) That Mr. Odell Johnson's contract be renewed (as of June 1) under the present terms of the current contract.

b) That a formal response to the above request be made public by your office no longer than two weeks after receipt of this request.

c) That a statement of college policy concerning hiring and firing, and REVIEW of administrative personnel be made public at the same time.



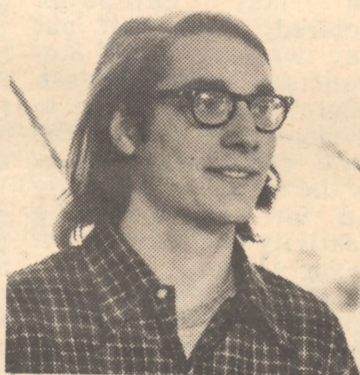
Mike Kelly, ASSMC President



Andy Bone, Vice-President



Tom Gemma, Secretary



Dennis O'Rourke, Treasurer

Women's Notes

All are invited to join in making caramel-apples, this Friday the 11th at 11:30 in De La Salle Lounge. The gooie-goodies should be available for a post-lunch munchie session. Of course, any donation of over a nickel will be most welcome.

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Any one interested in running for Women's Club Coordinator please leave your name in Sister's office or contact Jayne Crow.

In With The New

by Mike Kelly

Now that the campaigning is over and all the votes have been cast and counted, the time has arrived for all students of this campus to become involved in the working machinery of the student government. Together we do possess power, but only if we get off our asses and display it.

We cannot afford to close our eyes to the faults which surround us here. We have done that for far too long. As a unit we must work towards acquiring voting representation on the trustees, student voice in administrative policy making, and towards making the power structure of this expensive little institution of higher learning responsive to the wishes and needs of the poor peons who go to school here.

Just last week the administration once again demonstrated their distaste for listening to the wishes of students when it was announced that the contract of Mr. Odell Johnson would not be renewed, without consulting the people who are directly affected by Mr. Johnson's policies, the students. It is time we asked Brother Mel and the rest of his squad to start acting responsibly.

One of the favorite words found floating

around the administration building these days is communication. One of the key reasons for Mr. Johnson's non-renewal was that there supposedly existed a lack of communication between himself and the adult residence halls staff. Yet, Mr. Johnson is more than likely one of the few people on campus with whom real communication is possible. Perhaps if the Brothers could pull out their dictionaries and check the definition of this well worn word they might be surprised to find that they too are guilty of this crime of non-communication. Communication by its nature means a two-way proposition.

Therefore I would urge each and every student to start communicating with the people above them. If something comes down that doesn't set right with you take a stroll over to the administration building and let those people know about it. Lets start using our feet and voices to get things done. Go over and shake the ivy tower a little: those people are not Gods --- you pay them to be here. Lets remind them of that.

So, I welcome you to work with myself and my fellow officers to get something done. There has been enough rhetoric-it's time for action. Peace.

Commentary Delivered on Open House

by Chris Sales

If one would have been brave enough or foolish enough (depending on how you look at it) to have sat for any great length of time in the Brickpile last Sunday, one would have been regaled by the sight of hoards of well fed prospective SMCers. One would have also seen troupes of girl guides a la United Nations, who have never been seen in dresses before or since. Most significantly one would have been able to go without starving on a Sunday afternoon, even having missed Brunch, because the Brickpile was actually open. In short, Nirvana one day a year in honor of that search for academic excellence and dollar bills, some of which looked like hundred's to me.

If any of you saw the list that the tour guides were given which mapped out the sights of our beautiful campus, you would have undoubtedly wondered what some of the high ranking nasties had in

mind. They somehow missed Augustine, (soon to be vacated, but the new students will have to go somewhere nonetheless), Saint Jo's, Mitty and Justin, as well as some of the more colorful and antiquated sights. You might say that our campus never looked better than it did last Sunday, but alas it was for being gazed upon in all the wrong places. Brownies in white gloves and a couple of clean rooms in Aquinas do not a campus make. Bad or good this campus is more representative in terms of the 2nd floor Augustine or the Becket Kids than as characterized by a dozen dressed up cheerleaders. It is in grave doubt whether or not the school benefitted by its plastic presentations on last Sunday. It may have reassured a few parents, but it lost a lot of gifted young individuals come September. This is neither a convent or a country club, contrary to popular belief.

So if administration is to

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Gaels Now 1-2 Due To Pepperdine Loss

Saint Mary's Gaels had no trouble taming Loyola University's Lions last Thursday 82-79, but were wiped out by the Pepperdine Waves Saturday night 102-81.

The two game road trip gave the Gaels a 1-2 WCAC record and an overall 6-7 season record.

Beating Coach Dick Baker's Lion squad was quite a feat as Loyola has averaged 104.5 points in their two previous home games. Pacing the Lion attack were junior center 6-8 Steve Smith boasting an 18.7 average and senior guard Duane Williamson hitting at 15.8 points.

With the Loyola win under their belts the Gaels took on Pepperdine Coach Cary Colson's Averitt and Co. Waves Saturday night at Santa Monica High School. Although William "Bird" Averitt sophomore guard did not start for the Waves, he hit for 32 points of the Waves 102-81 victory. Teammate junior guard Reggie Harris collected 26 points for the night.

Saint Mary's continues to have its rebounding and defense problems. Against

Pepperdine they just couldn't get anything cooking scoreboard-wise. Gael guard Earl Brown tallied 23 points in the basketballers losing cause. Herman Brown, back in the Gael lineup after a two game absence due to an injury hit for 18 points and Nate Carroll picked up 13 points.

Leading 47-33 going into the second half Pepperdine really jumped out in front and with 13:00 showing on the clock, the

Waves held a 65-41 lead. With 1:26 left in the basketball contest Colson's cagers had a safe 29 point-advantage 102-73. At the sound of the buzzer Pepperdine emerged victorious.

While the Gael varsity didn't have such a good night against Pepperdine, the Gael Frosh under Coach Frank LaPorte were riding high on their 80-78 squeaker over the Pepperdine Frosh in a double overtime battle, earlier in the evening.

Gael Ruggers Come From Behind to Beat Chico

It took the St. Mary's 1st. XV sixty minutes of an eighty minute game to realize that they were, in fact, playing in a real live Rugby game. The final twenty minutes, however, were all the Gaels needed to come from ten points behind and score the necessary points to beat Chico State by a score of 16-10.

The game was a bit of an experiment for Coach Pat Vincent to test some of his new and inexperienced

players. Some of these rookies turned in outstanding performances, others made it quite evident that their assets don't quite cancel out their liabilities.

Two bright spots among the newer members of the team were Sean Devine, whose play in the forward pack brought praise from referee Paul Andre, and Mike Fanucchi, who scored one of the two St. Mary's tries.

Br. Albert

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gazing with a confidence that will endure". He commented upon the actions of a group of prominent citizens who in the last campaign declared, "We must put the welfare of San Francisco above partisan debate", then went on to develop the theme of the city's optimistic feelings for the future of their city and for the continuing creativity and foresight of Mayor Alioto.

He ended his speech with this thought from Dante, "And thence we issued out again to see the stars...to run over better waters, the little vessel of my genius now hoists her sails...". Well said, Brother Albert.

Open House

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be fair about the whole thing, then what we saw last Sunday we must see every Sunday, every day. Let's see the Brickpile open every Sunday (all day), and let's dress up all the female population to looklike airline stewardesses, and all the male to look like insurance executives, the best of all, let's have the faculty always look that wide awake all the time; then maybe the semblance and the reality will not be at such odds.

Track Enthusiasts Take Note! Team Forming

Think spring sport...think track! Whether the athlete be involved in shot putting, pole vaulting, distance running, jumping over hurdles, high jumping, or sprinting, the competition is in a one-to-one ratio, man against man, pitting strength against agility.

First year Track Coach Joe Cornelius recently announced that Saint Mary's official track practice workouts will begin January 17, and urges all interested track and field men to get out and start conditioning themselves by running and working out with weights.

Athletes are needed in all phases of track, ac-

cording to Cornelius. Thus far there have not been any sprinters or middle distance men that have shown any interest in coming out this season.

This season Coach Cornelius does not intend to put too much emphasis on winning. "Rather, we're interested in mass participation and individual and group development," said the track mentor.

There will be five relay type meets, three of which are the Hayward Relays, Sacramento "Woody Wilson" Relays and the Sonoma Relays. These relays will pit colleges of Saint Mary's caliber. The season will conclude with the WCAC finals in Reno, Nevada.

Among Coach Cornelius' assistants will be Roy Caldwell of Merritt College who will concentrate on the 440. Campolindo High Coach Hill will work out with the distance runners. There is a possibility in the offering that an Orinda resident and a 1972 Olympic participant will be available to coach those interested in javelin, shot putting and throwing the discus.

Cornelius is stressing a fun-type track program this year. In his words, "Track is the only sport today which encompasses ones natural ability. Through track one can develop his potential to the peak."

It is very important for the athlete interested in track and field to come out and start getting into shape as soon as possible. Otherwise he will be cheating himself when the season starts. After January 17 practice will be every day.

"Civilisation" films on the large screen and with the fidelity of their original film form. In addition, it will offer institutions a means of strengthening relations with their local communities by sponsoring the second showing for the general public. College presidents, rather than art, history or humanities departments, have been asked to sponsor the program, in order to emphasize its availability to the whole student body.

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Gaels Meet Dons Sat.

This Saturday the St. Mary's Gaels Basketball team will meet the U.S.F. Dons at U.S.F. The game which will start at 8 p.m. will hopefully see the St.

Rugby News

The rugby team will have a game here on Saturday the 15 against the University of Oregon. The game will be played in front of the school on the football field and will start at 1:30. For all future games consult the various posters around campus.

Volleyball Fans

Br. Martin claims his volley-ball team will take on and defeat any on-comers without difficulty. If you are interested in accepting his challenge-leave your name in Sister's office.

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