**Letter to the Editor**

**In response to “Jesus Pizza: What a Hypocrisy”, April edition.**

Yes, I agree that San Marin’s freshman closed-campus policy contains irregularities. But don’t attack Jesus Pizza.

The weekly luncheon event, hosted by All Saints Lutheran Church and frequented most often by San Marin freshman, has only positive themes and off-campus policies, it should not be compared with local businesses.

In regards to sending students into “a possibly uncomfortable situation in a place of worship,” All Saints makes every effort to make this a nondiscriminatory event. The church, of which I am a member, is one of the more highly affected, paying some of the highest prices in the event it ever attended in United States. This, compounded by hirelly terrain and high summoners hall in Novato, which do not have the influence to attract more. The Fellowship Hall is in fact never used for worship services, and many non-denominational groups, including Boy Scouts and Alcoholics Anonymous, rent it out every week.

The event is far from a “business operation.” As previously stated, the Church considers it as an opportunity. For $2.00, students receive a slice of pizza, some salad, and unlimited soda. That cost pays only for the cost of their food; neither the church nor the people who serve the lunch make money. Similarly to San Marin, the Church is a non-profit organization, hardly a “business.” And similarly to all non-profit organizations, there is little money available to “help the school monetarily.” You should rarely be compared with local businesses in terms of profit and school aid?

Lastly, even the name “Jesus Pizza” was not created by the church. The Church refers to it simply as “Pizza Lunch.” As before stated, All Saints does not pursue any agendas during the event. The name was created by San Marin students, isn’t that insane?

Please reconsider next time you decide to attack a non-profit organization’s hospitality events.

Thank you,

Sarah Davis

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**Question Man:** What movie best describes you and why?

Compiled by Denise Nilan

**Letter to the Editor**

**Feeling the Draft**

In the 1860’s, the United States began drafting male citizens into the Union army to help defeat the Confederates, and New York City was engulfed in chaos for several days as rioters took to the street. One hundred years later, draft dodging was one of the more dangerous options taken to protest U.S. involvement in the war in Vietnam. Today, with the situation in Iraq quickly worsening, government officials are seriously considering the reinstatement of the draft in order to reestablish the all-volunteer army after more than a year of service in Iraq. It would be a major political blunder for the Bush administration to even discuss the draft. If this country were to reestablish the draft, we would find ourselves as divided as ever, and in deep internal conflict. Even if the government must consider U.S. soldiers overseas and their desire to return home.

The primary argument against the reinstatement is that it is simply not necessary. The United States has 432,000 troops deployed internationally, of which only about 137,000 are currently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. By drafting those troops, the U.S. would be able to relieve the troops while maintaining a similarly sized force. It may, however, be necessary to maintain large numbers of troops in those areas, and pulling them out may not be an option. If this is the case, a draft may be necessary.

Also, a question that has long remained dormant must again be raised. Should, in the hypothetical draft, women be drafted? During Vietnam, this question would have been even more complicated, but women have made significant steps towards equality since then. It would be unfair for women not to be drafted, but they shouldn’t be granted the same rights as men without having to pay the same price men do. Even

The increased mileage doesn’t pay for itself, as many believe. 60 don’t drive in neutral down hills. This method, commonly used to conserve gas, is relatively ineffective and dangerous.

However, if one follow all of these steps, chances are you are still going to be badly burned by gas prices, and it will only get worse with the onset of the summer travel season. For those paying for their own gas, you face a long summer.

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By Eric Eschwe

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**Student Elections: Behind the Scenes**

by Stephen Orell

Student government officers really elected? Well, according to StellaClark, head of the leadership class, there haven’t been student elections “since [she’s] been here.” The reason for this, she says, is that there were not enough announcements concerning the elections, and so “only the leadership class ended up voting; it wasn’t taken seriously.” The students were supposed to vote in the English classes, but students reportedly did not take the elections seriously. This problem is beginning to be remedied, and this year there are posters up all over the school to announce the candidates for each government office. The Leadership class recently held a freshman and sophomore assembly in which the candidates sat in a panel facing the students. The participants were then asked questions that helped the voters to better understand the people up for the position. Clark was also able to borrow actual voting booths outside the gym, to cast the ballots. Clark is also pushing for the social science and health teachers to approve a proposed student Senate with 45 seats. The Senate would also be run by the ASB vice president, soon-to-be senior Alex Newberry, and each Senator will be expected to attend all monthly meetings. “If the student misses more than one meeting, they will be kicked off the Senate and be kicked off the Senate and their place,” says Clark, “and we need kids who want to take this seriously. And plus, the meetings are only once a month.”

With elections over and the results announced, we are now closing the books and closer to the summer months. When all of us come back next year, we hope to have a strong new leadership-based program running, which will help to unify the school and give students who are not necessarily in the Leadership class a chance to influence the important decisions around school.
**Summers of Sequels**

by Diana Roden and Kelly Leon

With the onslaught of summer movies soon to come, we can offer a little advice: stick to your favorites. Several sequels are opening, and if you enjoyed the original films, you can now see these stories continued. Here are our top three of the season:

- **Spider-Man 2**
  - August 13
  - Featuring Tobey Maguire as Peter Parker, the beloved superhero, and Alfred Molina as the villainous Dr. Otto Octavius, Spider-Man 2 is a must-see for fans of the franchise. The movie incorporates suspense and action, with plenty of special effects to keep audiences engaged.

- **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**
  - August 4 (prequel)
  - Harry Potter and his friends face new challenges as they compete in the Triwizard Tournament. This movie is a perfect choice for fans of the Harry Potter series, with its vibrant visuals and engaging story.

- **Shrek**
  - August 20 (prequel)
  - This classic animated film follows the adventures of Shrek and Fiona, who set out to break the curse that has turned Fiona into an ogre. With humor and heart, Shrek is a timeless tale that continues to delight audiences of all ages.

**Academy: Not A Class For Slackers**

by Paige Lehman

Located just above the Student Center in the Academy building, Academy can seem worlds away from the routine of high school. However, Academy is a community that values hard work and dedication. The school is known for its rigorous academic programs and emphasis on character development.

**Show Choir Sings and Dances Its Way into Second**

by Alex Randall

Even wonder what a weekend full of singing, dancing, and midnight road runs would be like? Well, you can just ask any member of San Marin’s show choir, who will be going to Redding Days this year. Senior Brianna Kider received a second-place award for a solo performance, and tech team Steve Neem and Erica Rivera won a scholarship for their work.

**Siete de Mayo**

This year marked a new tradition for San Marin: the celebration of “siete” de Mayo. Everyone familiar with the Spanish language knows that “siete” is not a word. It’s really the melding of the Spanish words for five and seven, “cinco” and “siete.” Since the celébration was held at American holiday of Cinco de Mayo fell on a Wednesday this year, the Foreign Language department (headed by co-chairs Sra. Pelka and Sra. Walwyn) decided to hold the celebration on Friday. It was quite a success.

“Cinco de Mayo... celebration be without music? The mariachi group, Los Caporales, who has played at San Marin’s Cinco de Mayo celebration since 2000, serenaded an attentive audience. As lunch progressed, students...”
1. Ashley Louis Vaughn:
- Bench dedicated to her in the front office
- Former San Marin student
- Accomplished swimmer
- Struck and killed while walking along train tracks with her friends in 2000

2. Paul Ferreboeuf
- Head of English Department
- Boys Varsity Basketball coach for 17 years
- Brought first Varsity Basketball Championship to San Marin
- Died in car crash in 2000

3. Scott Alan Deeming
- Class of 1993
- Played football
- Died in a boating accident while scuba diving
- Raced at Sears Point and after his death, his number, 900, was retired

4. Albert J. Berti, Jr.
- San Marin’s girls’ basketball and soccer coach
- Started computer program at San Marin
- Killed in car crash in 1988 on the Petaluma bridge

5. David A. McInerney
- Class of ‘90
- Died serving as part of the Navy’s Underwater Construction team in 1992

6. Ginger Williams
- Class of ’77
- Died in car crash in her senior year

7. Gary Gates:
- Gates Softball Field
- Community-oriented and supported many school programs
- Husband of Mrs. Gates, music teacher
- Beloved girls softball coach
- Cancer took his life

8. Hank Moroski
- San Marin’s first principal
- Cal Poly Graduate
- Four-year starter on Cal Poly Basketball team
- Helped start San Marin in 1967 and served as principal until the late 80’s
- Currently lives in Novato with his wife JoAnn and has 5 children and 7 grandchildren.

9. John R. “Jack” Keohane
- 41 years old
- Class of 1978
- Described as, “Having a Cheshire-cat smile and a constant Irish twinkle in his eyes.”
- Victim of 9/11
- Escaped towers but died because of falling debris

10. Paul K. Sloan
- Born 7/30/75
- Class of 1993
- Outstanding student and an athlete (football) at Brown University
- Was working for an investment firm when plane hit the second tower on 9/11

11. Jerry Mead:
- Mead Field
- Head of sports boosters in 1976
- Changed location of home games from Novato to San Marin
- Raised money for snack shack and bleachers

12. Vernon “Lefty” Gomez
- Nov 26, 1908 in Rodeo, CA
- Hall of Fame pitcher for New York Yankees
- Overall 189-102 record and a 3.34 ERA
- Feb. 17, 1989 of congestive heart failure
What’s going to happen to the Journalism class?

By Kristen D’Angelo

After the scandal surrounding the Journalism class last year, students are pondering whether or not there will be a recurrence. With the budget cuts taking place last spring, it was decided by the district that electives such as drama and journalism would be cut unless they had a certain number of applicants. Interest in the journalism class had been declining, and it was inevitable that it would be put on the chopping block. Yet, the students who bring you the Pony Express every month decided that they would have the last say, and spent their whole summer attending board meetings.
**SPORTS**

**Girls’ Soccer Kickin’ It**
By Holly Long

The varsity girls’ soccer team finished the season in third place this year, and both Varsity and Frosh/Soph teams beat hometown rival Novato. Varsity, with a record of 10-2-2, has also made MCAL this year.

The Mustangs dominated Novato with a 2-0 shut-out: the first goal was scored by junior Nicole Needham from a cross by senior Katherine Niehoff, and senior Gina Zuconi scored the second.

Another impressive win was against previously undefeated Drake, in a 2-1 victory. The Mustangs scored from a penalty kick by junior Jackie Torvestad and senior Brian Stein.

“Not only are we winning, but we have a great group of girls and the season’s been a lot of fun!” says junior Lindsay Walsh.

Girls’ Softball Brings the Heat
By Shannon Silva & Ben Calla

Once again the San Marin Varsity girls’ softball team has been successful in MCALs. The season’s end is approaching, and the girls are looking to seal the MCAL title and storm their way through NCS.

With senior captains Katie Distefano and Jennie Gay leading the way, the Mustangs continue to be a serious threat in the league.

Freshman Kyra Toquinto, sophomore Jenise Bartee, and junior Kimi Williams all hold their heads high as they continue their winning tradition which has captured the ‘stangs two consecutive NCS titles.

The most influential player in San Marin’s successful history has been Jennie Gay. After four long, productive years, the skilled captain Gay hit the first home run ever in Gary Gates Field. Her hit sailed out into right field towards the scoreboard, and as she rounded third her teammates waited at home to congrate her. Jennie’s accomplishment will be remembered with a plaque near where the ball landed.

Despite the departure of Gay, San Marin hopes to continue their success in years to come.

**Golf Team Up to Par**
By Eric Steers

As the spring sports season finishes, so does a successful year for the San Marin Varsity boys’ golf team. With an 8-6 record, the Varsity squad ended its season with an NCS appearance.

Seniors Kyle Manzoni and Brian Carter proved to be consistent low-scorers for the team, who earned Eagle and Redhs Carten took on the roles of inspirational leaders. On V. squad, Pat Graham, Aaron Bue, Jeff Yen, Kevin Potroff, and Will Warren carried the team throughout the year.

The 2004 season was one of great success for the Mustangs, and despite the loss of many seniors, the San Marin squad looks forward to another great season next year.

**San Marin Boys Stay Hot**
By Eric Elsberg

The Mustangs have just completed another excellent regular season and managed to be ranked 15th in the entire Bay Area. The team played extremely well, with excellent pitching by senior Colin Dietz and junior Brian Gre, supplemented by excellent offensive power from Aaron Bartter, Joey Ratto and Chris Dittman.

The Mustangs managed an excellent 17-7-1 overall record and an 8-6 MCAL record. One superb game was the 9-2 rout of Terra Linda, where Nic Baunagh struck out three in the final two innings and Eric Benson hit a two-run double. The team was also victorious in the prestigious Jim Douzone tournament.

Head coach Mark Whitham had nothing but positive comments about his team and their success this year. “It’s a good group of guys who always come to play and give 100 percent at every practice.” That hard work certainly paid off for the Mustangs this year.

**San Marin Girls’ Stay Hot Too!**
By Eric Elsberg

The San Marin girls’ lacrosse team ended a successful season with a record of 7-5 and finished in an impressive fourth place in MCALs. Since it was only their second year, the placement is quite an achievement for this young team. Half of the players were new to the sport, but quickly excelled.

Standout sophomore Julene Knaap and Paige Thelen exhibited skills usually seen in much more experienced players. Defense was held together by junior goalie Kim Pullin, while senior Karli Jayne lead the offense with numerous goals. As for next year, the girls are enthusiastic and determined to improve their game even more.

“I plan on going to lacrosse camp this summer. Hopefully we can win MCALs next year,” says junior Lisa Neal. With such strong returning players on the team, the Mustangs are definitely within reach.

**Stay on Track, San Marin**
**Moves On**
By Clay Potter

Yet another season has passed for the San Marin track and field team. Through the season, the teams managed to overcome many obstacles, including injured players and poor track conditions, to end their seasons with reasonable success.

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The Mustangs have been a lot of fun!” says senior Karli Jayne.

**Field Teams Fall, Warren Soars**
By Alex Randall

Well, that’s all, tennis fans. The season’s over, and the top four teams are moving on to the MCAL playoffs. Unfortunately, the San Marin Boys Varsity tennis team went into a slump during the season, “Our level of play has increased, but unfortunately our results have been inconsistent.” The season had a promising start with two wins, but the team went into a slump that accounted for three losses and a tie. This streak ended with a 3-1 victory against Novato.

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**Emergency Condoms? Can prevent pregnancy up to 3 days after unprotected sex.**

**Caps Off to the Swim Team**
By Alex Randall

At the 2004 swimming season approached an end, both the boys’ and girls’ teams finished 5th overall in MCALs. Although the girls’ team only emerged victorious in 4 of 9 meets, they had many strong individual swimmers. Juniors Sarah Cochrane and Kayla Scott-Breider raced in many in the 200 IM and 100 Fly, and the 100 Breast and 500 Free, respectively. Both swimmers also contributed to the well-built 200 IM relay along with Myra Perez and sophomore Leilani Gilpin.

The boys’ team had a satisfactory season, winning 5 of 9 meets. Sophomore Chris Moghbel and freshman Doug Williams lead the team with their numerous wins and contribution to the relay. Recently, the Mustangs sent five swimmers to MCAL Finals and two swimmers to NCS. Junior Meg Crowley and sophomore Doug Williams – representatives of the team at the NCS meet in Walnut Creek. Crowley qualified in her 100 Breast and Williams in his 200 IM and 100 Breast.

This season we wish to thank all those who have made the San Marin swim team what it is today. Without the support of our senior teammates for our results have been inconsistent.” The season had a promising start with two wins, but the team went into a slump that accounted for three losses and a tie. This streak ended with a 3-1 victory against Novato.

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If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.

If you farted consistently for 6 years and 9 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atomic bomb.

The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

The flea can jump 350 times its body length. For a human, that would be equivalent to jumping the length of a football field.

The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds.

Some lions mate over 50 times a day.

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.

A cat’s urine glows under a black light.

It takes about 20 seconds for a red blood cell to circle the whole body.

Ten tons of space dust falls on the Earth every day.

There are more than 1,000 chemicals in a cup of coffee.

On average, a 4-year-old child asks 437 questions a day.

The cockroach has a high resistance to radiation and is the creature most likely to survive a nuclear war.

The Guinness Book of World Records holds the record for being the book most stolen from public libraries.

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

A pack-a-day smoker will lose approximately 2 teeth every 10 yrs.