



St. Mary's College of Maryland
at Historic St. Mary's City

St. Mary's County Delegates to Face the (Student) Press on Heels of the Recent Contentious Legislative Session

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(St. Mary's City, MD) April 16, 2003 – The most recent Maryland state legislative session was marked by paralyzing fiscal constraints and hostile debates over slot machines. Representatives had to make difficult votes on raising funds through taxes and fees on businesses and corporations while making deep budget cuts to popular health care and social programs.

Want to find out what was cut and why? Want to see if any “pet projects” are still alive? Come to the town hall meeting at St. Mary's College of Maryland on Tuesday, April 22nd, at 7:30 p.m.

A student version of “Meet the Press” will take place with delegates from the St. Mary's County state legislature. Editors and writers of the college paper, *The Point News*, will question Senator Roy Dyson and delegates John Wood, Anthony O'Donnell, and John Bohanan for the first forty-five minutes of the forum. A public debate open to the participation of the student body and community members will follow. The presentation will take place in Cole Cinema One in the Campus Center and is free and open to the public.

The meeting, moderated by Zach Messitte, director of the Center for the Study of Democracy, will focus on current concerns of the 2003 General Assembly in Annapolis. It is hosted by the Center for the Study of Democracy and *The Point News*.

With roots going back to 1840, St. Mary's College of Maryland is the state's only public honors college, offering the academic excellence of private education with the openness and affordability of public education. St. Mary's students have gained recognition as among the finest students in Maryland higher education.

SMCM is consistently ranked one of the best public liberal arts colleges in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Princeton Review*. *The Washington Post* called St. Mary's College of Maryland “a place to get an Ivy League education at a public school price.”

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Founded in 1840 as Maryland's “monument school” commemorating the state's first capital, St. Mary's College of Maryland provides a high-caliber liberal arts education typically associated with prestigious private colleges while maintaining the affordability and accessibility of a public college.

- 1823 men and women
- Designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992.
- Consistently ranked among the top public liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Princeton Review*, and the *Fiske Guide*.
- Selective admissions – SAT average of 1235
- Highly qualified regular, full-time faculty -- more than 94% with Ph.D.
- Opportunities for independent student research through the senior thesis, the St. Mary's Project
- Waterfront campus along the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland
- National 2002 Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association Co-ed Champions