



No one would argue that each graduating class is faced with obstacles such as confusion, uncertainty, and fear of life beyond college however, what is unique to the class of 1991 is concern way beyond those normal apprehensions. It's almost impossible for any of us to overlook the national and international problems that we are posed with. These problems will only make the transition from St. Francis College environment to the real world a more difficult task.

At the time of writing this letter the United States is engaged in WAR with Iraq, a war that will not seem to end quickly, but rather linger over the news for weeks. This war, although possibly justified, will bring death to several Americans and destruction to land and innocent people. Closer to home is the feeling that if the war doesn't end shortly, will a draft be re-activated, and as newly graduating college students will we be asked to go and defend our country. A year ago my fellow classmates and I, growing up in the 80's, familiar with U2, recycling, and O'Keefes; who even knew who Saddam Hussein was, but today we find it hard to conceive what the meaning of war really is. Besides war, recession is another problem we as college students face. Unemployment is at its highest rate in years, layoffs and hiring freezes are common policies for companies. As college graduates the career world looks bleak and dim, and the desire to remain in college one more year seems inviting, but in all reality we must face the real world and pursue our goals with diligence and determination.

Like all others who have been confused, we will conform to the times. St. Francis College has prepared us well for the unpredictable situations ahead that we will face. And to think that after one semester I almost left St. Francis because I wanted to better prepare myself for what the future had planned for me. At St. Francis I received a strong, fortified and well balanced education that has prepared me to tackle the hardest obstacles. As Student Body President I've watched many obstacles hinder students and organizations. Even without money or support St. Francis students have triumphed. This was almost the year without the yearbook, yes funds were that scarce, but with the determination which St. Francis College students have acquired VICTORY is achieved.

As my last of four great years at St. Francis comes to an end I feel sorrow to leave an institution that has brought me such good times and a bountiful education; but I also feel joy to have successfully completed an important segment of my life to only move forward and use what I have learned. These four years at St. Francis have been extremely enjoyable because of the enduring love and support of my family, advice and direction of the qualified faculty, and the friendships and brotherhood of close friends. I thank you all.

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