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## NBC news host named speaker

by JOHN DOUGHERTY

Staff Writer

The latest rumor ripping across campus, claimed a well-known news anchor would be this years 48th Commencement speaker.

"I heard a rumor it was going to be Tom Brokaw," said senior Chuck Eirish of Poughkeepsie. It was wrong like the other rumors at

President Dennis J. Murray will announce Timothy J. Russert, senior vice president and Washington bureau chief of NBC news, as the Commencement speaker for the class of 1994.

Russert is widely regarded as one of America's most astute political analysts; he is host of "Meet the Press," a Sunday morning news show on NBC.

Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, praised the decision.

"He is well respected because of his skills, and who he is as a per-son," Miringoff said, "Marist should be proud to have him as the speaker.'

Prior to joining NBC, he was Special Counsel and then Chief of Staff to United States Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, from 1977 to 1982.

He also served as Counselor to

New York Governor Mario Cuomo in 1983 and 1984.

Russert has been with "Meet the Press" since December, 1991.

He is also the national political analyst for both "Today" and "NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw.'

Russert is also the anchor of a weekly program on CNBC.

"The Tim Russert Show," examines the role of the media in American society today.

Maringoff attributes Russert's success to his smooth transition from political advisor to journalist.

"From a professional standpoint, Tim Russert is held in high respect in the journalism field, said Miringoff.

"Meet the Press," has been on the air since 1947 and is the longest running show on television.

TV Guide has called "Meet the Press", "a weekend habit for millions of Americans...just like the Sunday morning newspapers.

"For its age and grace, it's the pre-eminent political talk show." Miringoff said Russert reenergized the show when he became host in 1991.

Miringoff said the choice was appropriate for what Marist stands

"Russert is deserving of the

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Tim Russert of "Meet the Press" will be the speaker at the 48th Commencement exercises.

## **GLBSA** seeks tolerant student body

by COLLEEN MURPHY

Staff Writer

Cultural and diversity issues have taken over the campus lately in club, programming and government problems.

One group in particular has had trouble gaining acceptance on campus - the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Association.

The GLBSA has existed at Marist since 1978, as a group, not a club. They have a phone mail box and an E-mail account, but not a charter.

According to Sal Sorbello, a senior member, the group would like to become a recognized member of the council of clubs.

However, the GLBSA would fall into the Social Service Council, which is currently capped to new organizations.

The GLBSA has had problems becoming chartered in the past because Student Government Association regulations require clubs to have names and social security numbers of at least 10 members of the group.

The group has enough members, but because of the likelihood of abuse intolerant people, some

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## Presentation of LT award delayed for Nixon's funeral

by PATRICIA SMITH-POMALES

Staff Writer

The tenth annual Lowell Thomas Award which was to be presented to broadcast journalist Diane Sawyer at the Explorers Club in New York City Wednesday was postphoned because of the death of former President Richard Nixon.

Ed Hynes, director of college relations, said that Sawyer would be attending Nixon's funeral and that the presentation would probably take place in May or June, but the details were very vague.

Sawyer had worked for Nixon in 1974 and 1975 as a member of his transition team, and aided him in writing his memoirs.

Only the second woman to receive the Lowell Thomas Award, Sawyer is the 14th recipient. The first journalist to be honored with the award was Eric Sevareid in 1981. Barbara Walters, host of the broadcast newsprogram 20/20 was the first woman to receive the award.

Marist awards the Lowell Thomas award to an individual who reflects Thomas' career as a journalist, adventurer, explorer and entrepreneur.

Sawyer is currently hosting

ABC's "PrimeTime Live," and appears on "Day One" and "Turning Point."

Throughout her career, Sawyer has interviewed such world leaders as Fidel Castro, Margaret Thatcher and Saddam Hussein. Her reporting includes many "first"

She was granted the first western interview with Hussein, after a decade of silence. When former Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze resigned, she conducted the first interview with him.

Sawyer's meeting with Vladimir A. Kyuchkov established her as the first American TV journalist to interview the KGB head.

Sawyer is also known for her nine years with CBS news. She was the first woman correspondent on "60 Minutes," as well as co-anchor on the CBS show.

She worked as a co-anchor of the CBS program "Morning with Charles Kuralt and Diane Sawyer" and was CBS News' State Department correspondent, She also covered the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in 1984 and 1988, as well as the 1980 Democratic Convention.

The list of the Lowell Thomas Award recipients "looks like a Who's Who from the broadcast journalists' fraternity or sorority," Hynes said.

Past recipients include Walter Cronkite, Howard K. Smith, David Brinkley, Harry Reasoner, and John Chancellor.

Usually, one person is selected as the award winner. But in 1992, for the 100th anniversary of Thomas' birth, Marist honored four person with Lowell Thomas Centennial Awards, Hynes said.

"In 1981, Thomas received an honorary Doctor of Human Letters degree from Marist as a commence-ment speaker," Norman said.

Thomas is known for his use of shortwave radio, movie cameras

## good time had by all at annual Riverfest

#### by ANDREW J. HOLMLUND **Associate Editor**

Many Marist students would agree April is a distinctly wonderful month since it conveys the picturesque features of Mother Nature: sun, flowers, and warm temperatures.

However, the best thing it brought for Marist students for the seventh consecutive year was Riverfest '94.

Last Friday, students who were 21 years and older had the opportunity to celebrate with friends, eat, enjoy the sunshine, and drink alcoholic beverages in what is usually known as a dry campus environment.

Riverfest took place under sunny skies and a brisk breeze in the Hoop lot from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

While the intention of Riverfest is to usher in spring and start the final social process for the graduating class, many seniors spend the day reflecting on their

four years at Marist.

Bill Hassan, a 22-year-old from Glen Rock, N.J., said the one thing he has liked about Marist is its location.

"The site of this school is perfect," Hassan said. '(However,) the sewage wastage treatment plant has to go. If I had smelled that the first time I came to this campus, I would not have gone here.'

One senior said the most memorable and dissatisfying things about the college related to the policies on parties and alcohol.

Chris Gioffre, a 22-year-old from East Brunswick, N.J., said even though he will miss the social aspect of college life, he believes Marist could increase the number of its students if it adjusted its alcohol regulations.

"I spent the best times of my life at the 9-G party house," Gioffre said. "Marist has very strict alcohol policies. I think (the policies) have hurt the enrollment.

President Dennis J. Murray at-

tended the Riverfestival and commented that it progressed each year into a better, more controlled

"I think it's great," Murray said. "There have been times where

'I think it's (Riverfest) great because my capping paper has held me in the computer center for eight hours a day for the last week. parking and security.

- Steve Crane

it has gotten out of hand, but the students have developed a system of good behavior."

Steve Crane, a 21-year-old from Exeter, R.I., said Riverfest could not have come at a better time.

"I think it's great because my capping paper has held me in the computer center for eight hours a day for the last week," Crane said, as he took Barbara Sanchez's and

Jen Poccia's picture.

Crane added that the one thing Marist must do in the very near future is to curtail all senior week expenses.

"Senior week events are far too expensive," Crane said. "Some schools don't charge anything, but at Marist, we have to pay for it ourselves."

Although Sanchez said she admitted she will miss the friendships she made at Marist, the two things she would like to forget concern

"I'm not going to miss the problems I had with parking and security," Sanchez said.

Not every senior had one fond memory about Marist.

Pam Clinton from Somerville, N.J., said the only positivething that she received from Marist was studying abroad for a year.

Clinton, 22, who traveled to Dublin, Ireland, to study at Trinity College for her entire junior year, said the one thing she will not miss about Marist is its

"To do a research project, you have to go through human subjects first," she said. "Then you have to sweat to get it approved."

Bob Lynch, coordinator of student activities, said Riverfest '94 had the perfect elements for everyone who participated.

"It's a festival," he said. "There (was) music, there (was) food being served, there (was) music. Everyone (had) a fun time celebrating."

Riverfest '94 was not just for the seniors.

Some members of the junior class who were 21 years old also had the opportunity to participate in the annual event.

Tony Galvin, 21, of Bedford, N.Y., said he enjoyed his first-ever Riverfest.

"I got to meet President Murray, hang with my friends, and enjoy the beautiful weather," Galvin said. "(Next year,) they have to get a band or something to make it even better."

## When they're bad, they're really "Bad Girls

#### by JUSTIN SEREMET

"Bad Girls" will disappoint guys who go to see this movie in the hope of drooling over their favorite actresses in the buff.

In fact, this film may disappoint anyone going in the hope of seeing a good action movie, period.

Following the box-office success of such westerns as "Unforgiven" and "Tombstone," Hollywood is spitting out these shoot 'em up cowboy (er, in this case, cowgirl) movies with out a care, trying to revive that American love for being in the saddle.

Trying to rekindle that long lost feeling are Madeleine Stowe, Andie MacDowell, Mary Stuart Masterson, and Drew Barrymore, four prostitutes on the run from the law.

Stowe plays Cody Zamora, a woman who is wanted for the murder of a man who was beating

up her prostitute friend Anita (Masterson), and is the selfappointed leader of this motley

After escaping from a hanging sentence with the help of Anita, Eileen (MacDowell), and Lilly (Barrymore), the four decide to use what money they have in savings to move further west to start a saw mill in Oregon.

However, while trying to get the money that they are owed, Cody and the gang stumble upon Cody's old partner, Kid Jarrett (James Russo), who steals their money.

For the rest of the film, the "bad girls" attempt to get their money back while at the same time trying to avoid the law.

It's a silly, cliche-ridden film that might be well-suited for men-haters or girls who have just been dumped that want to see the opposite sex get

It's not even that good of a

"pro-female" film, like a "Thelma & Louise" or "Aliens."

With only two exceptions, the male characters are all sleaze and are just plain annoying.

Robert Loggia even shows up as one of the members of the Kid's gang, his most useless role since Over the Top" and "Gladiator."
The only male characters of any

worth are McCoy (Dermot Mulroney) and William (James Legros), the two "love interests" of the bad girls.

However, these relationships are so sketchy, both are pretty worthless.

The four women, in fact, are the most underdeveloped of all the characters in the film.

Cody is sick of the dirty men she must deal with; Anita vows never to kiss a man after the death of her one true love; and Eileen grew up as a poor farmer's daughter who ended up in prostitution.

For details on Barrymore's shady past, you may want to pick up a book called "Little Girl

Her Lilly, in fact, is the feistiest of these whores of the wild, wild

It is also difficult to understand how the girls become such good shots as the film never explains how they got such good aim.
For serious Stallone fans, the

music of "Bad Girls" may seem vaguely familiar.

That's because the score is by Jerry Goldsmith, the composer of the music for the "Rambo" films.

'Bad Girls' does succeed in showing the female struggles of the time, especially in one scene where Anita tries to close her bank account but cannot because when her husband died, the account died with it.

In that time, women weren't allowed to collect inherited money

from their widows.

Director Jonathan Kaplan also shows the difficulty the girls have trying to shake their past; throughout the film they are constantly called "whores," "wor-thless," and other words unsuitable for print.

In fact, these same adjectives seem to be used a lot lately to describe Ms. Barrymore.

While "Bad Girls" has an empty plot, dull characters, and villains that you'll swear you've seen before, it can be viewed simply to see how society was back then.

That is, if you're into that sort of thing. (Grade: C)

## Warning: prolonged sun exposure has fried aged brains

#### by DANA BUONICONTI

Right now, I'm looking at the back page of the arts section of the last "Boston Sunday Globe," and I'm baffled by what I see.

On this back page is a huge calendar of summer concerts for the 1994 Great Woods Popular Artists Series at Great Woods in Mansfield, Mass.

And what's got me baffled is why this schedule for Great Woods, and for every other outdoor venue it seems, is bloated with classic rockers who are way past a prime many of them never had.

The summer of love? Try the summer of Geritol.

Maybe we should start with the Eagles, who have decided to resurrect their '70s-rock drivel by mounting a tour that will include a 5-night stand at Great Woods in August.

Ticket price for this holy reunion: \$97 for reserved seats.

You'd think they were Pink Floyd and only in it for the money. But I guess the Eagles aren't the only ones.

Meat Loaf, Moody Blues, Steve Miller Band, Traffic, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Foreigner, The Doobie Brothers, and Steely Dan will all be appearing at Great Woods in the coming

Makes you wonder if someone emptied out the old age home for has-been rockers.

For the college youth of America, both artistically and monetarily, the summer concert scene looks like a washout.

Pearl Jam cancelled their summer tour because of continuous hassles with promoters over ticket prices; can't say I blame them.

There's Lollapalooza again, featuring Smashing Pumpkins, Beastie Boys, The Breeders, A Tribe Called Quest, L7, Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds, George Clinton and The P-Funk All Stars, and The Boredoms, but it's hard to get excited about this roster.

True, this Lollapalooza seems more like the first one, with the acts varying a bit more than the last two, but it's the phony fans (unlike myself, the true "alternative" fan), sure to be in flanneled attendance, that make me not even have to think once about whether to go.

So. I guess we're left with a summer of sun, fun, and silence unless some shows with a pulse are scheduled soon.

After all, youth cannot live on classic rock alone, or at least in my case, at all.

Bands such as Soundgarden and Nine Inch Nails (for all of you keeping score, this is the second column in which I've used them as examples) want to play small, indoor venues, virtually guaranteeing shows only in big cities, and making it that much harder to see them.

I'm not sure that I agree with intimacy over a frolic in the open breeze, but that's the band's prerogative.

What concert promoters need to do is to take risks and offer more shows that are geared towards younger audiences.

More young bands + cheap ticket prices + sun = beaucoup dollars; Lollapalooza is proof positive of that equation.

So why aren't there more Lollapalooza-type shows?

Dunno.

I guess promoters think we're eager to spend a fair price of \$97 to see a musical past that is best left forgotten.

#### " quack

#### by JENNIFER GIANDALONE

"D2: The Mighty Ducks" proves that no matter how predictable a movie is, it can still be fun to

Walt Disney Pictures' sequel to the surprise hit starring Emilio Estevez ("Judgement Night") is even better than the original "Mighty Ducks."

Estevez reprises his role as Gordon Bombay, the lawyer turned hockey coach who did what no one thought possible when he turned a team of misfits into champions.

In this movie, Gordon almost fulfills his dream of being a professional hockey player until a knee injury prevents him from getting his big chance.

He is asked by a sports equipment company executive (Michael Tucker, "L.A. Law") to coach the U.S.A. hockey team in the Junior Goodwill Games.

Gordon is also offered a hefty contract to promote sports equipment, which helps him make up his mind.

Gordon gets started by bringing the original championship Ducks back together, with the hope that they will be winners once again.

One problem: the Ducks forgot to practice in the off season, so they are a little rusty.

Joining them are young hockey players from all over the country with a variety of different abilities.

One has amazing puck control, one is an Olympic figure skater, and one has incredible speed but does not know how to stop.

Now, Gordon has to try to get them to all work together as a team, which proves to be quite a

Team U.S.A. heads to Los Angeles for the international competition and is greeted by the press and hundreds of fans; a lot more attention than some of them are us-

ed to. Since the Walt Disney Company is supposed to have children's best interests in mind, a tutor is sent to make sure that training for the games does not interfere with the team's education.

They also meet the team that is favored to win the gold medal in the Games at a press conference, where Gordon does all the talking at the request of his new employers.

This group of teenagers from Iceland, who are extremely big for their age, fit the stereotypes of typical Walt Disney bad guys.

They are coached by an exprofessional hockey player who was banned from the sport in the United States because of his attitude, his inability to play fairly, and his excessive use of violence.

Naturally, the team's uniforms are black, which is the only color they wear off the ice as well.

Gordon also has a confrontation on the ice with the Iceland coach. and does the whole good guy/bad guy thing, which draws a clear line between who we are supposed to root for and root against.

Just as the Ducks are advancing in the competition and working well together, Gordon loses sight of what is important and focuses onon his growing bank account.

Here's where the movie starts to get predictable...but in no way

Team U.S.A. plays the Iceland team and, you guessed it, loses big

Gordon becomes very angry because the company that gave him his contract is the same one that sponsors the team and will pay more if Team U.S.A. wins the gold

He yells at the kids and puts them through an all-night practice right after the game, causing them to sleep right through class the next

The team thinks Gordon will never go back to the way he used to be, the kind of coach that said hockey should be fun.

So, they take it upon themselves to prepare for the medal round.

With a little help from a bunch of street kids on rollerblades, who play hockey at a local playground, Team U.S.A. learns how to play like their opponents from Iceland, rough and unafraid.

Through the team representing their country, these street smart kids fulfill their dreams of being the best.

Team U.S.A. also gets some new uniforms for the final game, becoming the Mighty Ducks once wearing the uniforms of the NHL team.

They also play the medal round in Anaheim on the Ducks' home

I won't tell you how the movie ends, but I know you can easily figure it out.

If you liked the first "Mighty Ducks," you'll love this one, which is even funnier.

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# First Ward meets about origins of river stench

by DONNA BONSIGNORE Staff Writer

Stand on the hill overlooking the McCann parking lot on a warm spring day when the wind's coming off the Hudson and breathe deeply.

Smell the stink. It wafts over the whole South end of campus.

They can smell it in parts of the City of Poughkeepsie, too.

Heated discussion about the stench eminating from the sewage plant made for an interesting session of the First Ward City of Poughkeepsie meeting, Thursday

The First Ward residents, who meet every month at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, had a panel of city officials and sewage plant employees speak about the odor problem that permeates much of the city and Marist College campus. "The odor is terrible. Something must be done immediately to stop it," Paul Sullivan, a representative of the First Ward, said. The problem has . existed for many years and still nothing has been done to alleviate it. Outraged residents raised their complaints and often their voices at Joseph Chiseri, the manager of the City of Poughkeepsie. Many residents questioned the sincerity of the officials' attempts to address the problem. According to Douglas Smith, a manager at the sewage plant run by E.O.S., the odor can be attributed to an obsolete system of treating the sewage.

The present system has been in operation since 1977, and Poughkeepsie is one of the last cities who continue to use it. The sludge is cooked in a liquid format which produces acids and odors.

"Absent the odor, it is an efficient unit which reduces costs," Smith said.

"The plant does spray an odor equalizer which neutralizes the odor. It seems to be working fairly well," he said.

Chiseri identified two stages of problems surrounding the sewage plant. The short-term problem was caused by sulphates which were found in the sewage system. These caused an intensified stench in the month of February, which was then identified and taken care of by plant officials.

The long-term problem, according to Chiseri, involves the plant itself. The system used to dispose of the waste must be replaced.

Dick Maurino, the city engineer, estimates that complete replacement of the system would cost the city roughly \$1 million.

Chiseri offered good news and

bad news to the residents.
"The good news is that the next operator of the plant is going to have to commit to a new odor control system.

"The bad news is I don't see a way the city can make that kind of capital investment this summer."

The company which currently runs the paint is on a contract which comes up for review every five years. This December will mark a fifth year, and requests for proposals, or bids, are being sent to other corporations as well as E.O.S. E.O.S. has controlled the plant for 15 years.

Many residents voiced concerns that if E.O.S. retained control, the problem would not be addressed, as it has not been for the past 15

Chiseri was quick to respond that the blame should not be placed on the company.

'It is the system we chose at one time, not the people running the plant. It has nothing to do with the contractors,"he said.

Maurino, however, said that the city had no particular system in mind to replace the old one.\*\*\*

There is no preferred solution at this time. It is too preliminary at this point," he said.

We must address the problem and address it properly. It should have been replace years ago. It's obsolete," Sullivan said. Alderman Fed Buonaito agreed.

"The most important thing is to get the job done," Buonaito said.

All decisions about who may be running the plant and what system may be chosen have not been made as of yet. No plans will be made before the summer largely due to financial questions.

"One way or another the money has to come from the users. Sewage rates will go up," Chiseri reluctantly said.

Buonaito assured residents that he would keep them informed on a monthly basis of any new progress made on the issue. He also stated that the city had all ready recieved inquiries from contractors about the plant.

The 30 residents who attended the meeting expressed their dissatisfaction with the proposals

As one persistant woman said, "This is the same stuff you've been saying since 1990. What is going to happen in the next seven months to make it better?"

## Marist's poor vaccination record may cost the school thousands

by JOHN DOUGHERTY

Staff Writer

Your instructor or your resident assistant could have measles, mumps, or rubella because they are not held to the same standards as students.

Marist and New York Health Department policy requires all students to show proof of vaccination against measles, mumps, and rubella. Instructors and RAs are not obligated to have proof of vaccination

Marist policy states, "any student taking six or more credits must show proof of vaccination."

Instructors and RAs are not included in this policy, even though students are in contact with them for most of the day and night, if they live on campus.

"Resident directors do not have to be vaccinated," Jim Raimo, director of housing and residential life, said.

The state law leaves some question of whether or not there is any effectiveness at all of getting the vaccination.

If the instructors and RAs are exempt from the law, and they spend just as much time with the students themselves, then that could raise a question about the legitimacy of

"It's kind of a crazy law," Raimo said. "The diseases do not discriminate between the classroom and the dormitory."

The situation became serious when Marist College failed to prove to the NYHD that every student was vaccinated against measles, mumps, and rubella.

Approximately 150-200 students have not proved they have been vaccinated.

The NYHD threatened Marist with a \$2000 fine for each unvaccinated student.

Nurse Jane O'Brien, director of health services, said the problem is not with the unvaccinated students, the problem is with the proof the students must show.

"Many students were vaccinated as young children, they must now show proof," O'Brien said.

Raimo said 100 percent of the resident students have shown proof of vaccination. The 150-200 unvaccinated students are commuters. adult students, and graduate

Even though very few of these students live in college housing,

they are required to be vaccinated if they are taking six or more credits, which many of them are taking.

O'Brien said any unvaccinated students or students who could not show proof of vaccination should come to the Byrne House for vaccinations any time during nurse's

Raimo said the excitement about vaccinations occured when Rutgers University detected a few cases of

measles.
"The outbreak at Rutgers started the panic," Raimo said.

"The law has left some students wondering why Marist allowed students taking six or more credits to attend class, if they have not shown proof of vaccination.

"Since it's a health issue, Marist should give it full priority," Amy DiLullo, a junior from Melrose, Mass., said.

DiLullo said she felt a health issue was more important than a financial issue.

DiLullo was referring to students not being able to attend class if their bills were not paid at the start

## Ledyard not guilty of gross negligence

by MEREDITH KENNEDY Associate Editor

The Student Judiciary Board found the former public relations

director for SGA not guilty of gross negligence on Wednesday, April 20, ending his impeachment. Daryl Ledyard was impeached

on the grounds of gross negligence in performing the duties of his office, by the Student Senate, on March 29 for failing to administer the Committee on Sexual Awareness' survey during Student Body Elections on Feb. 23.

Chief Justice Michele Bafuma said the Judiciary Board voted in agreement to Ledyard's innocence.

The Board felt that due to the lack of evidence the Senate could not prove that he acted in a grossnegligent manner," Bafuma

Ledyard, whose term in office ended on Monday, April 11, said he was glad the trial was over and his name had been cleared.

"I hope to get the news out that I am not guilty, because I think this was a mistake on their half and I feel justice was done," Ledyard

Bafuma said she is concerned because she feels the Senate acted too hasty when they impeached Ledvard.

"I hope the future administrations are more careful in their impeachment process, Bafuma said. 'Next year the impeachment process will have to be reviewed and clarified by the administration."

Joe Salvayon, the former elections commissioner, and Colleen Egan, the parliamentarian, were asked to investigate what had gone wrong with the survey and presented a report of their findings to the Senate on Monday, March

Bafuma said, "The Judiciary Board found the report an excellent tool because it was clear and concise. The Senate must have thrown it to the side."

Jennifer Nocella was present at the Judiciary Board hearing as a representative from the Senate.

'Jen did a terrific job defending the Senate, but there was a lack of evidence," Bafuma said.

Ledyard said he plans to continue as a student activist, but not as a member of SGA.

## nongs,

by TERI L. STEWART Staff Editor

It was 8:30 on Saturday night when two men in their mid-20s, probably not Marist students, strolled casually across campus, each carrying 40-ounce bottles of malt liquor.

They were heading toward the McCann Center for an evening of recreation at the "Combat on the Campus," the Toughman Contest. Inside the gym, banners on the

walls promoted Budweiser and Tattoo Fantasy, and the ring announcer urged the 1,500 spectators to "get rowdy."

In the eastern sky, somewhere over the Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Center, a full moon was rising.

The Toughman Contest was held at Marist for the first time and according to promoter Mark Alongi, it will not be the last.

Tom Diehl, the assistant athletic director said nothing has yet been determined if whether the event would return to Marist next year.

There are many factors that go into the decision of having the event again, including the timing of the event. Diehl also said the event was not

anything different than what he had expected. "I think the people who came enjoyed it and the people who participated in the event itself, enjoyed it," Diehl said.

tattoos,

In the background were shouts and hoots from the crowd as they watched in excitement the fight in the ring.

The crowd seemed to get even the night. more excited with the appearance of a ring card girl.

tions out of the event.

The fight continued and the an- ed a beer-guzzling fan. nouncer yelled at the crowd to get rowdy and yell. He also urged on the fighters in the ring to fight Tina, a ring card girl, took her protougher.

Then the most exciting match of

A 300-pound Hawaiian looking man jumped into the ring with a

"Your round three ring card girl is Tina. She is a secretary in

bods all part of Toughman "Kill that m-

At the begining of round three,

"Your round-three ring card girl is Tina," screeched the all-famous ring announcer.

made until you all sit down and stop acting like a bunch of jerks.'

The unanimous decision was made - the white guy won and the

"It allows the average everyday guy to get in the ring and mix it up," Alongi said.

"The event will provide a safe environment for students and adults 18 years and older to compete.'

"Oh saliva, he's spewing spooge," said the announcer.

And the winner of the Toughman/Toughwoman competition is..... Who cares.

Eight days before the "Combat on the Campus," the reporter interviewed Mark Alongi, a promoter of the Toughman-/Toughwoman Contest.

As the reporter asked a question about the effects the event would have on the community, suddenly the sound of water went rushing and flushing through the phone. The reporter asked, "Are you doing what I think you're doing?"

Alongi replied, "Sure, that's what cordless phones were made

#### search of a soul mate, and a tattoo for the other side of her ass," the announcer said. 209-pound white guy who walked Her name was Melissa and she

strolled around the outskirts of the ring with a large card in her hands promoting Fulton Street Cafe.

Decked in a Budweiser thong bathing suit, she waved to the crowd to cheer her on.

The lucky winner of a contest held at Foley's Square in New Paltz walked slowly in her 3-inch high heel shoes.

According to Tom Diehl, the event was supposed to be a community activity. "It will be beneficial for the

enjoy it," Diehl said. Diehl also said they would be getting a lot of community rela-

community, and the students will

The intensity of the crowd grew with every kick, bear hug and missed punch.

The noise of the crowd prohibited the fans from hearing the names of the two contestants. As time wore down in each

round, the crowd became rowdier

and rowdier. Each punch got harder and harder, with the crowd urging the

fighters on. The pounds on the bleachers, the chants of "go, go, go," and finally the bell.

"She is a secretary in search of a soulmate and a tattoo for the other side of her ass.'

to match the Anheuser-Busch tat-

When the referee, a black belt in karate, pulled the fighters apart at the end of the bout, he threw one across the ring.

The crowd jumped to its feet as the trainers, managers, and promoters all flew into the ring.

decision for the fight will not be

That would be for the left cheek too on her right cheek.

Suddenly there was a scuffle.

The announcer yelled, "The

## Seniors plan to move on to master's degrees

by KEVIN O'NEILL

Staff Writer

As many seniors are frantically searching for jobs, others are putting the real world, "the twlight zone" on hold and are attending graduate or law school.

Many thought that graduate school would get them the job they really wanted.

"With my B.A. in psychology I would only get a burn out type of job," said Trisha Mocker, a psychology major from East Quogue, Long Island who will be attending William and Mary college in Virginia. "Since I want to go into counseling, I'll need a masters."

"I'll get more of an education," said Robert Smith, a biology major from Anasonia, Conn., who plans on attending the University of New Haven. "I eventually want to work for the FBI and without the graduate school experience, I won't know how to get in touch with people from my field."

"It better be worth it," Smith added. "I won't know though until I've tried."

Other graduating seniors will be attending law school.

"I'm either going to Americian, University of Florida or my dream school Georgetown," said Matthew Fowler, a communication/public relations organizational major from Newburgh, N.Y. "A bachelors degree now is like a high school diploma forty years ago. Everyone has one, it's a neccesity."

"I've wanted to be a lawyer for a long time," said Gabe Hidalgo, a political science/pre-law major from Jackson Heights, N.Y. "I'm going to the University of Dayton in Ohio and by getting a law degree their, I will raise my earning potential."

"I've heard from those seniors who went to graduate school last year and they said the experience has made them more mature," said Michelle Bafuma, a criminal justice major from Southington, Conn. "Personally, I'm going to Indiana State University for a masters in

criminology.

"If I like the field, I'm going to go on for a Ph.D," Bafuma added. "I feel that once one has hit the work force, it's hard for them to go back to school after being away from college for a while."

Still, other graduating seniors were going to continue an education so they could teach.

"I'm deciding between the University of New Hampshire or the University of Massachusetts at Amherst right now," said Mari-Anne Carpenter, a psychology special education major from Boonville, N.Y. "I want to get my masters and a permanent teaching certificate so I can start either teaching preschool or another area."

"I want to get my masters in english," said Mike Gordon, an english major from Attleboro, Mass. "I'm debating between the University of New Hampshire, Bridgewater State or Rhode Island College for my degree. The cost will be outweighted by what I ob-

tain."

Others, will be attending alternative programs to further their education.

"For one year, I'll be attending West Virginia University," said Bill Hanscam, a communications major from Hackettown, N.J.

### **Opportunities**

This year's college graduates and those in the future in the Mid-Hudson Valley will most likely find work in the service sector of the economy rather than the manufacturing sector, the vice president of finance at Fishkill National Bank told members of the Marist College Business and Finance Club on Wednesday, April 20.

Gerard Dahowski, who is also a member of the Marist Board of Trustees, said that, especially in the wake of IBM's downsizing, the jobs that will be more readily available for college graduates will be in the areas of health, government and financial institutions. Since the 19th century, the Mid-Hudson Valley has been an industrial manufacturing center. But that will change drastically in the 21st century, Dahowski said.

The banking executive also cited the education field, including institutions of higher education such as Marist and Vassar, as being among the potentially big employers in the next few decades.

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# Marist holds lecture to discuss current violence in Poughkeepsie

by RON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

According to recent nationwide polls, more Americans are worried about crime in the U.S. than the economy or health care.

"In a perfect world, we would not need community policing; the community would police itself," said Sheila Newman, mayor of the city of Poughkeepsie.

Nevertheless, this is not a perfect world and one need only look at the figures to prove such.

According to Detective Andrew Kutchma, a spokesman for the city of Poughkeepsie Police Force, 1,204 cases of petty larceny, 172 robberies, 434 burglaries, and 128 car thefts occurred last year in Poughkeepsie alone.

Perhaps, this is why approximately 250 people attended a lecture on crime and community policing as given by Raymond Kelly, a former New York City Police Commissioner. For, as Kelly said in his speech, people have become frustrated.

"If there was one word to sum up Americans feeling of crime in general, it is frustration," Kelly said.

Kelly said that Americans have become frustrated by both the government and the police forces' inefficient handling of criminals.

Kelly noted that there were three key factors necessary to the reduction of crime. These included early drug They include early drug prevention training with children, meaningful handgun control, and community policing.\*\*\* Kelly said that an overwhelming increase in out of wedlock births created a large numbers of young individuals on the street.

These young individuals would have to receive positive and effective messages at an extremely early age, especially messages which deter substance abuse.

Kelly said that they have to make drugs less appealing to young people.

However, Newman offered a countering viewpoint in which she said that the messages Kelly spoke of would more than likely have little effect on most children.

"I don't think it's meaningful to young children, other than to scare them," she said.

Newman also said she believed handgun control to be a nice concept, but not a very realisticone.

"I think, at first look, meaningful handgun control seems plausible. But when you look at it, you begin to say who is getting controlled, and what's really being accomplished," Newman added.

mplished," Newman added.
"I think the most effective form

of handgun control is to have handguns in the hands of the police and no one else."

Yet, Newman did agree with the concept of community policing and its importance to crime-fighting in general.

In fact, she approved of it so much, she helped the Common Council to adopt a strategic action plan for community policing back in late January of this year.

Newman and Kelly describe community policing as a means

through which community leaders and police officers develop strategies for countering crime problems. Community policing also requires the police to be more visible within the communities being protected.

"The police can't do it alone," Kelly added, "The police don't have all the answers."

"This way the police get better information, and the community gets better protection," Newman said.

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#### Senior's summary

#### by ANDREW J. HOLMLUND

Associate Editor

Here were some of the words members of the senior class used to summarize their years at Marist College during Riverfest '94 last

"Short" — Sal Gugliara
"Great" — Mike Gordon
"A farce" — John Sacchetti

"A definite experience" — Candace Fricke

'Arduous'' — Joe Salvayon 'The best'' — Lisa Schuster "Adejudication" — Matt

"Change" — Nella Licari
"Amazing" — Jeff Schanz "Independence" — Eugene

'Learning experience'' - Mike

"Intoxicating" — Jason

## Riverfest reflections by the graduating Class

by ANDREW J. HOLMLUND

Associate Editor

As the Spring 1994 semester is about to conclude, members of the graduating class are preparing to say their final goodbyes before they part their separate ways into the real world.

Riverfest started the beginning of the end last Friday as the drinking and eating extravaganza was the first of many events that lie ahead for this year's senior class.

However, when Marist College's 48th graduating class departs for its final time next month, they can walk away proudly.

For the first time ever in Marist's history, the Class of 1994 was the recipient of the Class of the Year

Award for the second consecutive time in four years.

No other class has ever received the award more than once.

Class President Jeff Schanz said the time put into Riverfest conveys how diligently the class officers work to make it a rewarding year for all graduating students.

'The officers and I have met with Bob (Lynch) and Steve (Sansola) regularly," Schanz said. "We have put in a lot of work in the past month. That just goes to show how much time this class puts effort into other events.'

Like the Class of 1994, Riverfest made its own history as commemorative hard plastic mugs were used for the first time, instead of the usual plastic cups that would create litter on the grounds of the

Former Student Body President Kent Rinehart, who attended Riverfest, said he was pleased with the overall performance of his administration this year.

"Everyone in the administration did what was best," Rinehart said. "I don't think anyone had any ulterior motives."

President Dennis J. Murray said he considers the seniors as a a special contingent of students.

"They are a super group of men and women," Murray said.

Murray said he also hopes the graduating class will stay involved with Marist because he wants to welcome them as members of the College's alumni.

## **AKPsi** honors senior Russell

by JENNIFER FORDE

Staff Writer

Scott Russell, a senior from Schenectady, NY, has been awarded the Golden Key Scholarship Award for academic achievement as a member of Alpha Kappa Psi.

The award is given annually to the graduating senior in the fraternity who achieves the highest grade point average. The award is nationally sponsored and honors a senior from each chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi.

"It was definitely a great honor to win," Russell said. "But it really came as a shock to me."

What came as a shock to Russell was no surprise to his friends and fraternity members.

"His dedication is second to none and he always put his best foot forward," said former Alpha Kappa Psi president, Sean Carroll. "As vice president of human resources, he always had great ideas about how to get people involved."

President, Scott Sullens, said he is happy for Russell and said he feels he deserves the award.

"I'm really happy for him. He has been very active and dedicated; he's really made the most of his college career," Sullens said.

With the amount of extracurricular activities Russell has been involved in, it would seem that he had little time left to devote to academics. However, his gpa of 3.24 suggests otherwise.

"The thing is, Scott really doesn't study a lot, but he maximizes his study time because he knows how to study," said Carroll.

"It's just a matter of doing the work," Russell said. "But using a little common sense helps a lot,

Apart from his studies, Russell's friends said there is not a more deserving person to receive the

"Scott is always there for you, to help you out," agrees Carroll. 'He'll always put his time aside to help others."

With his degree in Business Administration and experience working as an intern with Merrill Lynch, Russell said he hopes to return to the capital district and become a financial consultant. His friends said they don't doubt his ability to succeed.

Michelle Buebendorf, a senior, said Russell is a reliable friend and will succeed in whatever he does.

"Scott really took on a lot this vear, with an internship and his campus job at the student accounts office and has done very well," said Buebendorf.

"I believe that Scott will be very successful in whatever he chooses to do," said Sullens.

Russell will be presented with the award, which consists of a certificate and a golden key, at the fraternity's Demit Ceremony in which graduating seniors become fraternity alumni.

time or another. The challenge is changing it so everyone will notice it again," she said.

Struggling to express herself, she finally blurted, "It's the coolest."

On Thursday, six pieces of MacKay's work will be modeled.

They include a skin-colored dress with sequined fish on it and a matching bubble-blowing hat, a jacket, a necklace, another hat and a bag.

her junior year work, which was mostly with accessories. "All of my pieces get their inspiration from the ocean," she

They are designed to show off

scene, Glover said.

"I also DJ on the side at parties and help do promotion for a club in New Paltz," he added. "As far as the music goes," Glover said, "I try and stay away from the hardcore rap by playing bands like A Tribe Called Quest and Brand Nu-

Nelson Torres' Friday night show offers listeners a chance to, as he puts it, "get into a groove before going out."

Torres, a freshman, who plays new urban, hip-hop, house, and latin music, started DJing at his high school radio station.

this semester, but I had an internship at Syracuse last summer DJing, and their station is huge and really popular," he said.

"Most of all, I try and bring a positive message to my show, telling people to hang in there and keep trying," Torres said.

"We'd like to get WMCR played in the caf," Ebanks said, "and have lots of people listen to certain shows rather than a few people listening all the time.

"Next semester, we're opening DJ spots to anybody who is interested," he added.

#### WMCR to diversify itself with urban music "I just started DJing at WMCR

#### by DANA BUONICONTI

Staff Writer

"Keep on skankin' to the beat," she says, in between a juggling act of playing CDs, answering the phone, flipping dials, and bopping around the WMCR studio.

The "she" in question is MaryBeth Moscarello, better known to radio listeners as M2, one of the "urban" DJs on WMCR.

Moscarello's show, which is devoted predominantly to ska music, is an attempt by WMCR to spice up their programming.

"Our goal at WMCR is to get as many people as possible to listen to 'us;" Desmond Ebanks, program director said. "One of the ways to reach this goal is through musical diversity, and that's why we have the urban shows."

Currently, there are five shows on WMCR that feature "urban" music; a mixture of R&B, hip-hop, rap, reggae, classics, house music,

For Moscarello, a freshman, be-

ing a DJ gives her a chance to expose people to ska, a kind of spedup reggae, and, not coincidentally, her favorite music.

"There wasn't a ska show on WMCR when I came here, so I asked Desmond to let me do one, and lately it's been really popular with requests," she said.

Chris Gesue, a sophomore DJ known as G-Money, plays modern R&B, hip-hop, and soul music such as Jodeci, Boyz II Men, and SWV.

"This is my second semester doing the show and people seem to really like making dedications and hearing their name over the radio, Gesue said.

"I do a mellow kind of show, kind of like Slow Jams on MTV, and it expresses all different kinds of romantic and self-interpreted moods," he said.

Danny Glover, a sophomore, plays hip-hop, reggae, and R&B classics on his show to try and expose people to new music.

"For me, DJing is more than a hobby; it's a way to give information to people about the hip-hop

## Fashion major shows designs for the future

#### by CYLINDA RICKERT Staff Writer

One of the hats the junior fashion major designed was a giant, colorful fish that sheplanned to rig so bubbles blew out of the mouth.

"Fashion to me is being able to push the limits by using my creativity to try to make something that will enhance someone's appearance," Kim MacKay, the designer said.

MacKay is one of the designers who will be featured in Marist College's eighth annual Silver Needle Fashion Show and Awards on Thursday, April 28 at the IBM Mid-Hudson Valley Conference

Despite the wildness of her designs, MacKay is realistic about her future and abilities.

"I know I'm not going to go out in the industry and become a designer," she said. "You have to start at the bottom and work your way up.

"I love millinery (hat making), but I also love jewelry. And I also love dressmaking or being able to fit the perfect suit. I love it all, but unfortunately one of these days I'm going to have to pick something."

MacKay has a wide range of clothes herself, everything from her treasured gray suit with the perfect fit to blue jeans she reconstructs herself.

She also has sophisticated clothes that scream New York City and the character to carry them off.

come a long way. "I remember when I started college the director of the program with a blank look on my face," MacKay said. "He gave me one night to learn

everything I could about 12 different designers."

known as New Hampshire. "I live in Danbury, N.H., in a town with 823 people, 10,000 cows

"I worked in a mall an hour away. I'd see something there that I thought was cool and I'd wear it. Everyone would pick on me, and in about a month, everyone would

to travel out of the country several times in high school.

"I was never meant to be in a small town," she said. "New Hampshire is a beautiful, beautiful place, but unfortunately, it just doesn't have fashion in it."

Hampshire does not have fashion, it does have one thing that started her on the road to fashion design: her mother.

Even with 16 years of sewing experience, MacKay still sees every project, and fashion in general, as

"Everything's been done at one

## Joel and Brinkley split causes mixed reaction

by JEANINNE AVILES

Staff Writer

One of the most unusual marriages in the public spotlight has come to an all too ususal end, as ed relationships do.

The nine year marriage between singer-songwriter Billy Joel, 44, and supermodel Christie Brinkley, 40, is over.

It was recently announced through a joint statement to Mitchell Fink, a People Magazine columnist, that Joel and Brinkley will soon be getting a divorce. Joel and Brinkley have an 8-year-old daughter named Alexa Ray.

"I was shocked to hear they broke up ... I couldn't believe it. They seemed to be this big 'lovey dovey' couple, and then they broke up," said Maggie Goudy, a sophomore from Syracuse, N.Y.

It's unfortunate, but everything happens for a reason," said Rob Farrier, mechanical services dispatcher.

Some students did not even know that they couple had broken

"Did they really break up? I think they were a cool couple and they should have stayed together," sophomore Michelle Bourque said.

"They broke up? They made such a good couple. They weren't the right height for each other, but they made a good couple, said Erin Early, a sophomore from New York City.

Other students did not concern themselves with what has happened between the two stars.

"I really don't care ... Does this mean he won't sing the songs that he wrote about her in concert now too," said Jesssica Nagle, a political science major.

Nagle is referring to the rumor that during concerts Joel does not play the certain songs that he wrote for his first wife.

"I don't care. It's just another one of those celebrity couples breaking up," said Cyndee Brown, a criminal justice major.

"I don't care as long as he plays

the concert I have tickets to ... Considering her roots, she has Celebrities break up all the time. It's none of my business and it's none of anybody else's either," said Elizabeth Shamaly.

asked me who some famous designer was and I looked at him

The director considered MacKay to be so far behind because she came from "that state," commonly

and a bunch of deer," she said. "But I always dressed different than anyone else did in high school.

be wearing it."

MacKay said she was also lucky

Even if MacKay said New

"I was in fourth grade, and we had to write letters to our moms, and I wrote 'I love my mom because she taught me how to sew.'
I've been sewing since I was four," she said.

a challenge.

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## Grow up

Everyone is welcome regardless of race, color or religion. That goes for every club and organization on campus.

Or does it?

Apparently, an article in the April 14 issue about student reaction to cultural diversity made many people upset.

It is about time something got reaction.

The students interviewed in this article were from different cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds. The opinions expressed were of apathy, anger and concern. The article was not meant in any way to separate or to point the finger at any particular organization.

Culture is a wonderful thing. Believing in your roots and backgrounds are very important and can be enlightening. However, segregating yourself from

other groups because of religion, race or sex is detrimental.

Above everything, we are all human. If we want to join an organization we should be allowed based on the principle that we all have something to contribute regardless of our race or religion. This campus has a tendency to harbor, encourage if you will, cliques. Groups which tend to have similar backgrounds or interests stick together.

This is not a bad idea. But be open to other cliques. Go out and see what each group has to offer. Don't shut yourself off from other groups because you don't think you are one of them. Just because you may not dress the same or have the same ethnic or religious beliefs doesn't mean you cannot open your mind to new ideas.

As for the people already secure in their cliques, don't push others away. Let different people into your group. Everyone needs people. Don't be afraid to open your doors to others.

There are groups and organizations, including cultural ones, on this campus which have many positive contributions to make to this institution.

Stop complaining. Give up the attitude of apathy and self-segregation.

Go out and join.

## What a weekend

This past weekend was a banner one for the Marist College community. On Friday, there was the alcohol-filled Riverfest. On Saturday, there was Sunfest with drug confiscations and all. A lot of "festing" going on for our so-called dry campus.

Joining the festivities, was the sexist, tacky, Toughman competition which

took place Friday and Saturday nights.

What's the big deal? Good, clean, wholesome beatings are very entertaining. Don't forget the thong-clad, tattoo-bearing, bimbos prancing around for drooling, male chauvinist. How's that for amusing?

Apparently, the ring card girls were the highlight of the evenings.

How can an institution which claims to pride itself on a "good" reputation and social standing in the community allow a flesh-fest to take place on her hallowed grounds? How can a college which doesn't allow condoms to be sold on campus sponsor an event like Toughman? All that sex being promoted and no one prepared? Unbelievable. Marist also frowns upon alcohol consumption. Yet they can condone this type of event.

How's that for hypocritical? The Marist administration does it again. The competition was apparently filled with lots of sexual innuendos with an

abundant amount of alcohol consumed.

Did the male spectators actually think they could score with Tina, the ring

card girl with the tattooed ass? But protection was unavailable for these hopeful fools. They certainly could

not get condoms from outlets on campus.

Sex and alcohol-two things not found on Marist campus. Maybe this is a sign of what lies ahead for this institution. Could there be hope that next year Toughman will come again to McCann? Here's an idea. Next year, invite the board of trustees to Toughman II.

Marist administration should set aside the best seats in the house and supply a plethora of condoms and alcohol to be used at the board's discretion.

The trustees may be so impressed with the hospitality, they may decide to up the funding for the Marist community.

Yet another way for Marist administration to bring in the dough. Just a suggestion.



## He Said, She Said

Well, we are down to only two weeks left in the year. So much has happened on this campus that I thought it might be interesting to do a "Year-in- Review."

Women's Swim Team: Congrats on winning Metro Championships.

 Bob Lynch: Great job on programming this year.

- Tim O'Brien and staff: Thank you for a job well done.

Joe Binotto and staff: The cafeteria is looking and tasting good. - Matt Gillis: The only expectation I have

is that you do your best. Upper Champagnat staff: Thank you

for a great year. - The Circle and staff: You are not untouchable, SGA was right and I hope you

recognize that. - President Murray: Thank you for Vision '94 and all your hopes for Marist and its community.

- Izett Buchanan: I have no idea what he is doing on this list.

Ismay Force: Thank you and I wish you all the best.

- Tim Lawton: How 'bout those erections?

- Pizzagalli Construction: Watch those water and gas lines. Hockey Team: Thank you for those en-

joyable Friday nights. - Lynn Magee: Thank you for "Take Back the Night."

Childrens Theatre: A job well done. Townhouse I-3: I wish you all the best for a successful future.

WMCR: I hope you get the equipment you deserve.

MCTV: Congrats on the presidential debate. You are proving to be a valuable asset to this community.

Congrats to all students who made Dean's List Thank you to all the clubs for your

community service here on campus and in Thank you to the Housing and Residential Life Office for all the programming this

Congrats to all the seniors for a job well done. Go move mountains.

Thank you to all of you who make Marist to live, to learn Scott Sullens is one of The Circle's

political columnists.

Rumors. Oh how they fly at Marist. And yes, even I participate and allow myself to get sucked-in by them - sometimes.

This past week the rumors have run rampant. And this time I admit I was sucked-in without even giving it a second thought.

If I get a phone-mail message from a RD though, I just assume it's true.

When will I learn not to make assumptions? I'm supposed to be a journalist. I'm supposed to question everything. So much for that.

Great I thought. Al Sharpton is coming to Marist.

How did they finagle that? Doesn't matter. If someone says he's coming than it must

But why would Al Sharpton come to Marist? Doesn't matter. If someone says he's coming than it must be true.

What a great story I'm thinking. What a way to shake-up the Marist community. People will be outraged I thought. And they

Talking to people about it, not one Marist student - or one white Marist student I should say - I spoke with was thrilled.

Some students were mad because it would be a distraction from Earth Day.

Others kept using words like "incite" fearing a "mass protest" would develop and proceed across campus.

Good luck inciting anything at Marist, I thought. But maybe, via Al Sharpton it could

be done. I was just happy I'd have something to

write about next week. I was remarkably impressed that Sharp-

ton would venture all the way out to Poughkeepsie to address the issues of cultural diversity and respect at Marist. Could this be the wake-up call necessary

to finally get the ball moving for the BSU and Latino Clubs? No. Wrong. Too good to be true.

Al Sharpton isn't coming on Saturday. It was just a rumor.

What does this mean for the BSU and Latino Clubs that it was all a lie? And if it was started by the BSU or Latino

Clubs are they hurting their own cause? Is this the only way left to get attention? I hope not.

Caroline Jonah is one of The Circle's political columnists.

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# BSU delegate demands fair representation in SPC

The following letter is a response to many of the recent articles, and editorials in The Circle, and events that have happened on campus.

As a student on this campus, this past week has proven to be a try-

Recent racial tensions on this campus were given new fire by the editorial written by Jon P. DeRise, a freshman student.

In his article, Jon seemed to personify the type of ignorance and lack of intelligence that often plagues' this campus.

In his opening paragraph, "One of the reasons I chose Marist was because it looked to me like I would not have to put up with such non-sense as multiculturalism and diversity.", he insulted the entire Marist community.

He insulted people of color because we do not believe our culture and our diversity to be non-sense.

He either insults or exposes Marist College, for somehow giving him the impression that he would not have to deal with our cultures here.

I also believe he insults those students on the campus who are appreciative of diversity and multiculturalism, when he implies that our culture does not belong here, and that our history is not "regular history", and that we are not African-Americans, Italian-Americans.

German-Americans.

If he considers himself to be just 'American" that is his prerogative. He has no business telling us

what we are. Furthermore, I find Mr. DeRise to be cowardly and irresponsible.

His editorial was one of the primary reasons for this past Sunday's Unity Rally Part II.

After upsetting, insulting, and humiliating so many students on this campus, he could not even stop to speak with us.

I personally approached him in the cafeteria during the rally and he acted as if he wanted to sick his dog on me. He did not even want to take a fact sheet.

At first, I gave him credit for expressing his opinion, now I dismiss him as a racist.

I hope, rather I know, he does not represent the views of all the white students on this campus.

As for Mr. DeRise, in the future know that every action has consequences, if you are unwilling to accept the consequences and responsibilities of an action, be advised not to take it.

On the front page of The Circle, there were several things that were upsetting to myself, as well as to many members of the minority community.

The impression that Kristina Wells and some interviewed students gave was that the Black Student Union and El Arco Iris Latino are separatist groups.

They seem to be claiming that because we meet on a weekly basis to discuss our issues, listen to lectures, let out steam, and plan programming, we are segregating

They want to say that because we love ourselves and our beautiful cultures and we want to expose white students to that beauty, something is wrong with us.

I take harsh personal offense in particular to Laci Beckett's statements that "Cultural groups on sity" and "The cultural groups segregate themselves from the campus life, they don't promote diver-Ms. Beckett, all we do is pro-

this campus do not promote diver-

mote diversity on this campus.

If it were not for the programming we do, our Salarengues, our BSU Parties, our Comedians, our Cultural Dinner Dances, many students may not even know what diversity is.

Ms. Beckett you are a young black woman on this campus.

You are not a member of the BSU. You do not attend BSU or El Arco Iris Latino events.

You my dear, are segregating yourself from us.

Again, I obviously am highly offended by the implication that the Urban Programming Council's Lyricist Lounge did not promote diversity.

I felt like crying when I saw all those different races and faces crowded in with standing room only, into CC349.

That night we all shared, we all appreciated, and enjoyed an Urban Culture, and you my dear, were not

Ms. Beckett's and other student's statements are direct evidence that Marist needs a definition of terms and a distinction between segregation, and cultural

White students should not be intimidated or assume it's segregation when a group of black and Latino students are together.

That is an ignorant point of view and Marist College needs to educate vou.

This past Sunday, April 17, students gathered to rally against

the cap on the number of clubs, organizations, and Greek Organizations in particular. Racism on this campus was also

an issue, and a radio show devoted to that topic became a voice box for the rally.

During this Unity Rally, students signed a petition and loudly expressed their opposition to the club

We stated that it needs to be lifted so that women's groups, Gay Lesbian groups, Black and Latino Fraternities and Sororities, and other yet unrecognized groups could be formed and recognized.

It became painfully obvious to this writer, that it is not our representatives who can remove this cap.

Even though it was supposedly put in place by them.

They tried to tell us all the intricate details of why students should be forced to suffer, while they pondered the possibilities of expanding SGA.

Many of our suggestions were met responses such as "let me talk to Steve" and "let's see what Bob

I am beginning to think that it is not our representatives who want this cap, but people like Bob Lynch and Steve Sansola who would be forced to do more work if the caps are lifted.

To my student government representatives, I speak for many people when I say, prove that you are not just pawns in the game and lift this ridiculous cap.

Your constituents do not want it. so you must vote against it.

A confrontation between Lynn Russo and Michael LaCugna turned ugly after Student Programming Council President Lynn

Russo's apparent favoritism in appointing was publicly exposed.

Ms. Russo was all choked up and Mr. LaCugna was furious, but what else could have been expected after her obvious bumbling.

In light of two rallies and a personal discussion with myself all directed at the lack of her committee's diversity in programming, how can Ms. Russo justify continuing to appoint her friends over qualified applicants of color?

Mr. LaCugna's qualifications far exceed that of the freshman she appointed, and no explanation was given as to why she appointed him.

The fact of the matter is she chose her friend.

Student Government is plagued with favoritism on all levels, even in the face of controversy.

How many students even knew that there were open positions in the SPC?

Hardly any. Why is it obvious. So that Ms. Russo can continue to appoint her friends and ignore the needs for diversity in programming on this campus.

There should be someone besides Lynn and possibly all of SGA that reviews these appointments.

The purpose for this article is to let the Marist community on this campus know what is going on.

To let every one know that SGA is a two man show and that we are All suffering because of that.

When President Murray himself says there should be no caps on activities and organizations, it becomes obvious that administrators below him are the ones instituting these unfair policies.

Sign the petition. Lose the apathy. Give Marist back to the students.

Desmond Ebanks, sophomore

Black female athletes have been overlooked at Marist College for a very long time. The athletic department has succeeded in recruiting several white female athletes. However, the word recruit has no significance or relation to black female athletes.

The athletic department has made no effort in trying to successfully recruit black female athletes. They neglect and fail to realize that there are black female athletes who have good grades and athletic ability.

To blame the athletic department directly would be wrong. In reality it is the coaches who do the recruiting and make the decisions on who gets what amount of money if any money at all. The way it works is that the coach each team is given a certain amount of scholarship money to work with. The he/she recommends who should receive the scholarship to Financial Aid, who have the final say. But of course, history shows that no recommendations have been turned down yet.

To bring this to a personal stand point for a moment, I was a member of the Track and Field team here during my freshman year, 1992-1993. And to be honest, I feel that most of the coaches here at Marist do not give a hoot about the insufficient number of black

female athletes here. Of course, this may not be true of all coaches, but I certainly received that impression from my former coach. Phil

While on his team last year, I realized several things. To start, he only recruits with his main interest being cross country runners, hoping that they will be exceptional enough to perform well during Indoor and Outdoor Track. The fact that he does not broaden his horizon when looking for recruits is shown with his outstanding performance during Cross Country season in comparison to his slump during Indoor and Outdoor seasons. I also realized that he does not really pay you any attention as an athlete if you are just a walk-on. What I was looking for as an athletes at Marist College, Phil Kelly was no capable of giving me. He did not care if I practiced or not because I was not receiving scholarship money from the athletic department.

The experience I just described helped to bring to my attention that there is a problem at Marist concerning black anything in order to look bad. I feel that if the coaches are willing to go out and convince white female athletes to attend Marist, why can't they do the same for black female athletes.

My attack on the coaches here is well deserved and certainly long overdue. The coaches need to wake up and look for the black female talent out there. You can count all the black female team members on one hand. And consequently not one has an athletic scholarship from Marist. This is the problem that if we allow to continue, will just get harder and harder to

This article is reprinted from the Black Student Union Newsletter; written by Karen Legree

## **Final Letter** to Editor due on April 29 at 5 P.M.

## Runner responds to article

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Marist women's and men's Track & Field and Cross Country

This is in response to a recent article that appeared in the Black Student Union newsletter regarding the lack of black female athletes.

I understand and can sympathize with your point of view, to an extent.

It is true that all coaches are allotted a certain amount of scholarship money to recruit persons that will benefit their programs.

The true fact of the matter in this instance is that Marist has a strong Cross Country program yet a weaker Track program merely because the latter has been in existence as a varsity program for only three years.

Also, recruiting primarily track runners here would be like buying a VCR and not possessing a televiion set.

We simply do not have a track. As a walk-on, I found it difficult to gain attention at once; however, this should be used as motivation for achievement.

This can only be achieved through hard work and dedication. Phil Kelly is not solely responsible for his athletes' success.

More often than not, it comes from within. As the saying goes, you have to be in it to win it.

However when attendance at practice is minimal this is quite impossible. Phil is here to coach us, to train

us, and to help in whatever he can. He is not a babysitter. He cannot force you to come to

practice; you must come of your own free will. Please do not let this article discourage anyone interested in

coming out for the team in the future. I am sure you have seen twentytwo women working hard everyday out in Donnelly parking lot with

Phil at their side. There is always room for more dedicated athletes here at Marist regardless of color, race, or ethnicity.

> Patsy Schneider, junior Marist College women's and men's Track and Cross-**Country Teams**

## Director says they were mocking media

I would like to respond to Dana Buoniconti's article in the April 14 issue of The Circle criticizing the manner in which two WMCR DJ's treated the suicide of Kurt Cobain.

Although many mourned the loss of the Nirvana frontman, Dana seemed to take the nature of the show too seriously.

Yes, people did identify with Cobain, but he was not the spokesperson of our generation, nor the christ figure Dana made him out to

Cobain was just a victim of the industry. Live fast, die young. Rock -n- Roll.

Being at the right place at the right

They did not pave the way for other grunge bands.

Before Nevermind was recorded, the Seattle scene had been discovered and major record labels were scrambling to get a piece of the action.

If it wasn't Cobain, it would have been someone else.

Dana's statement about Nirvana bringing about the acceptance of alternative music is inaccurate.

Alternative music has been penetrating the mainstream since the mid-80's.

Once known as the "darlings of The secret of Nirvana's success? college radio," U2 and REM

became so popular on the alternative scene that they had no other place to go than Top 40.

As for college radio, it was created for students so that we have an outlet to hear music and programs that would not normally be found on the dial.

In saying this, I am not justifying Gabe Demma and Jami Fregosi's show.

I feel that they were not laughing at Cobain and the problems he faced during his last days, but mocking the way media and his fans put him on a pedestal, and the way a 'great person''fell.

Aimee LaMarch Music Director, WMCR

## Letter to **Editor page** continued on page 8

**Final Circle** issue of the year -May 5.

After being at this institution for six years, I now have come to accept that some members of the Class of '97, are not interested in knowing all the facts before writing to the school's newspaper.

In the April 21 issue of The Circle, an editorial written by Kenneth Urben, of Sheahan Hall; definitely brings the definition of the words moronic and ignorant to an entirely new dimension.

How could Urben, possibly draw conclusions or come to a bottom line when he obviously has no facts, has only been at this college for nine months and has definitely taken no initiative to utilize his parents \$17,000 to its full capacity.

The "school" has made it very clear that the "cap" is in place not because of financial restrictions, but because of management structure within SGA and the need to weed out those clubs, who are not taking care of their responsibility.

I question Urben's ability to make the decision that black and Latino's are not excluded from greek life.

If these students feel this way he should accept that.

Those students of color, who don't even make up the number "10", who have decided to be black or Latino and join 'predominately white' greek organizations, did with me.

Most black and Latinos at Marist College do not feel that they have a choice in the greek organizations that currently exist.

Urben, continues by stating that "the quote also fails to mention that not only can't minority clubs exist, but the cap also affects any other possible candidates for new

Maybe the quote didn't address that issue, but the fact sheet at the April 17 rally did.

However, Urben was occupied playing the role of bodyguard for Jon DeRise, therefore he wouldn't know this.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, founded in 1913 at Howard University by 22 women dedicated to academic excellence, public service and christian values is seeking a charter from Marist College, and nothing more.

The organization is and will remain predominately black, due to the fact that very few women of eurocentric, Asian, and Latina origin choose to pledge an organization whose foundation, legacy and rituals are afrocentric.

We presently consist of 870 chapters and have 270,000 members.

The purpose and the formation of any and all black "greek" lettered organizations was an issue of exclusion.

Because of the color of my ancestors skin, they were not allowed to join "greek" lettered organizations whose membership consisted of white people.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is responsible for over 40 national public service organizations and activities, and setting highacademic standards for their membership.

Urben asks "why can't someone with a 2.5 or a 2.0 contribute just as much to a sorority?"

To answer his question I'll give him two points.

1. This is not "a sorority," this is Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

2. In order for someone to contribute effectively to any "greek" chapter, they have to remain in college.

A person with a C- (2.0) would have a hard time doing this, because their time would be spent 'making the grade."

For some strange reason that doesn't seem to be an issue with some Marist College "greeks."

8900

B. Afena Cobham, '92

## Sorority facts Groups gather for Earth Day gala

I am writing this letter to inform the campus about the upcoming Earth Day Celebration

It will be held on April 30 of this year from noon to 5 p.m. It will be held in the Champagnat

Mall near Marian and Adrian Halls and is sponsored by Students Encouraging Global Awareness (SEGA) and the Student Programming Council (SPC):

SEGA has brought in several local environmental groups and clothing and jewelry vendors.

\*Groups such as Scenic Hudson, Protect, Inc., The Nature Conservancy and The Coalition for Native Rights and Survival will be tabling information on such topics as James Bay, The Hudson River and human rights.

SEGA members will also be tabling information from such groups as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, The Environmental Defense Fund and Save America's Forests

SEGA will also be selling orange juice and lemonade, and SEGA and the Student Life Council will be providing vegetarian food and the reusable mugs to cut down on

SPC has brought in Signs of Life and other bands, and Marist's own Sally Mudball will round off the

SPC will also be sponsoring a dunking booth and other funoriented activities.

SPC will also be holding two large scale events on Friday and Sunday, the nights before and after Earth Day

Also present will be campus groups such as Amnesty International, Tau Epsilon Phi, the Black Student Union, Reading and Writing Interactions, the Sailing Club, Circle K, the Class of 1995 and the Political Science Club:

I would just like to encourage everyone to come on down and enjoy the music, the food, and the day, and learn a little about our common heritage, our mother earth in the process

Leading up to Earth Day, SEGA has already sponsored a lecture by Scenic Hudson on "The Changing Face of the Hudson River" and has Central Hudson Gas and Electric speaking on "Conversation on College Campuses.'

This will be held on Wednesday, April 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Donnelly

SEGA is also sponsoring 'Planet-E,' a rave, to support SEGA and Animal Rights.

This will be held on Tuesday, April 26, from 9 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the small dining room.

The donation will be three dollars.

Hope to see you all there.

Linda Passaro and Aaron Astorino, SEGA

## Student for unification

Editor:

I am utterly shocked about previous articles written by my fellow college students about cultural diversity.

To think, that people so bright and young could be so narrow minded.

I feel that everyone on this college campus should recognize and appreciate not only their cultures but other people's cultures.

College is supposed to be a learning experience.

Cultural experience, as well as the usual classroom experience, should be a part of Marist College campus life.

Cultural groups on this campus could never be considered a form of segregation.

Cultural groups are beneficial because they bring forth awareness, education, and entertainment to

With the recent rallies by The Black Student Union and El Arco Iris Latino here at Marist, students are realizing that no person, race, or group likes to be overlooked and disrespected.

As a Marist community, the students, administrators, and faculty must be unified and determined to bring about change for the better.

Shevone Tasha Adams, freshman

## Thank you for your letter

**Editor:** 

Dear Robbin, Thank you for your very courageous and important article in The Circle.

I was greatly touched by your honesty and disclosure about the violent crime committed against you while at college.

I particularly agreed with your statements about the media and how they send a message to men that women enjoy being dominated and coerced into having sex.

Myself, and many women, have been in potentially dangerous situations at one time or another, but by chance, were fortunate enough to escape unharmed.

In today's world, there is less and less chance of escaping danger.

While we cannot blame the media for the violence and moral decline of American values, studies have shown that people are affected by visual communications:

movies, television, and videos.

As women, all we can do is continue to speak out and let "the powers that be" know how offensive these messages are to all of us:

We also need to stop making excuses for criminals and blaming victims.

Women should be able to jog wherever they like, wear the clothes they want, or go on a blind date. without the consequences and fear of being raped or killed.

Thank you again for coming forward to shed light on how young women are being assaulted and then conditioned to stay quiet

As we have learned from past injustices in the world, silence is our own worst enemy.

Janet Lawler AV/TV Operations Manager, Media Center

## VP of clubs looking for assistant

Editor:

I am looking for an assistant for vice-president of clubs.

This position is open to anyone who is ambitious, determined, enthusiastic, and dependable.

Applications can be picked up at dent for clubs.

the Student Government Association office starting Thursday, April

All applications are due Tuesday, May 2 at 4 p.m.

Nicholas Capuano, vice presi-

## In defense of the SPC

I would like to express some viewpoints regarding several incidents that have happened on campus.

In particular, the rallies that were held by the Black Student Union and El Arco Iris Latino clubs.

At the first rally I understood what they were saying and agreed with them on some points and disagreed with others.

I realized that they had chosen rallies in order to get their message across.

However there are other methods.

To my knowledge, very little effort has been made on their part to use the proper channels.

In fact, at the time of this writing only one individual has approached the Student Programming Council with their ideas.

Everyone else is using the rallies to try and force changes in programming.

At the rally on April 17, things began to get out of hand.

Certain individuals were personally attacked and brought to tears by accusations that were made by people who did not know all of the information

First, I would like to defend the Student Programming Council

Being a high profile organization that deals with what the students want on a regular basis makes it a very appealing scapegoat for problems that occur.

The major frustration appears to be the current appointments to its board.

Some people believe that these decisions were made based on the candidates' color of skin.

As an officer on the the SPC board, I can say that based on the applications and knowledge of the majority of people involved, the best candidates for each position were chosen, and if it were to be done again today, the results would be the same.

Next is the Programming Awareness Committee (PAC).

The purpose of the PAC is to advise the SPC board about what types of programming students want so that SPC may become even more diverse than it already is.

The committee will consist of six people who are selected from applications received from clubs and organizations on campus and from the student body.

The committee will then be required to hold an open forum every. two weeks where any student can come and voice their programming

Some people have said that the PAC is just an attempt to appease the minority students on campus and "shut them up."

With the current mentality, everything SPC does will be viewed in this light, and if SPC does nothing, we will also be criticized for that.

Let me say that this is an honest attempt to better SPC and its programming.

I'm happy to say that some individuals who were involved with the rallies have applied for the committee and I would like to thank them for doing so.

However, there are others who have had the committee explained to them and then conveniently forgotten about its existence once they got out into the public to try and further their cause.

My suggestion is that if anyone has any ideas to go talk to the PAC once it is formed or talk to any member of the SPC board.

Believe it or not, the board is very receptive to people who have serious ideas and are willing to work with them and follow through on their ideas.

On a final note, I would like to point out one thing that is being ignored.

That is the cause of the tension on campus that is prompting most of the actions that are occurring.

Yes, tension exists on this campus, however it is groups such as the BSU and El Arco Iris Latino that intensify this tension to an extreme degree.

If it is true that people in these groups want everyone to get along and be friends with one another, then why are they segregating themselves in these groups?

To me, it looks like they don't

want to get along. Do they actually want to be separate?

Do they believe they should be granted more rights because they are different?

I think they should be given the same chance as everyone else.

In the future, I beg you to consider what you do, because if you don't, this campus is going to be torn apart.

I know this will happen because I know that there is a growing interest on this campus to form a White Student Union in response to everything that has been going

I don't want to see this happen,

Anthony P. Bayer, junior

## What constitutes diversity?

Sunday, April 17, 1994, I was asked by phone if I would be willing to participate in a school poll.

I accepted and was told that my vas oblained from the Stu dent Government Association as Literary Arts Society president.

I was then asked how many active members I had in my club.

I responded that I had fifteen. Then the person asked, out of those fifteen, how many were peo-

ple of diversity? I answered that we had people of many nationalities.

The person stopped me there, saying that they meant black, Latino, or Asian students.

I told them none were, and before I could ask who was conducting this poll and why, they thanked me for my time and hung

Now there are a few reasons why this poll bothers me.

First and foremost, who was this mystery caller, and what other clubs were polled?

Was this a Circle poll, or an independent attempt at gathering information?

Secondly, why were only blacks, Latino, and Asians considered people of diversity?

Aren't Italians, Gaelics, Cana-

dians, Russians, Poles, Hebrews, alis, lu few, considered diverse? According to Webster's New World Dictionary of the American

Language, diversity means 1. difference of 2. variety. I would like to assume that from this definition we all fit the descrip-

tion of diverse people. Last but not least, what is this

poll supposed to measure? It seems as if it is to gauge how many blacks, Latinos, and Asians

are involved in clubs. To take these results and parallel them to any club to determine

diversity would be a mistake. Marist clubs are open to the whole campus.

It is up to the students to participate.

I may be overreacting, but I am offended by the poll, the lack of professionalism in the way it was conducted, and what it could mean to life on campus.

> Brian James Elias, president, Literary Arts Society

...continued from page 1 would prefer to remain anonymous.

Now, Sorbello said, it has 15 names and can get upwards of 50 people to lend their names to the cause of getting chartered.

"We have a lot of support from the RD's and mentors, but not so much from administrators," he

Currently the GLBSA functions

through a faculty and staff support group called "Out of the Margins". This group centers on sexual preference and racial and all cultural diversity issues.

"Out of the Margins is our 'parent group'," Sorbello said, 'Everything we do is with and through them."

A Pluralistic Carnival is planned by "Out of the Margins for the Fall Fall 1994 semester. It will be hosted by the GLBSA as a social council for minority organizations.

The carnival is a type of activity the GLBSA would like to host as their own club event.

"We want to be visible. We want to provide education for people who don't understand our lifestyle," Sorbello said, "It's time people realize that they can't make fun of gay people anymore."

Currently the group has a mailbox in the Byrne House with the counseling center. Some members said this is not the image they want to present to interested

"It seems like we've been pushed to the Byrne House so that we can be cured through counseling, as if we have mental disorders, Sorbello said.

The GLBSA is now working on perfecting its by-laws for SGA. This is not the first time the group has attempted to become a chartered club. Three years ago two members had a club constitution and by-laws that were held up by administrators, according to

Sorbello.

Coordinator of Student Activities, Bob Lynch, said the group has not approached him about a charter this year.

Vice President for Clubs, Nick Capuano, said the cap on the Social Service Council is not likely to be removed this year.

"The best we can do right now is to put them on a waiting list once all of their paperwork is approved," he said, "I'm willing to work with them."

.continued from page 1 honor, recognized and connected with the audience," he said, "He is very gracious.

According to Miringoff, Russert was a good choice because he is witty and knowledgeable.

'You don't want someone who is going to lecture," Miringoff said. Russert is a graduate of John Carrol University and has a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

He previously gave commencement speeches at Canisius College. Trocaire College, the State University of New York at Buffalo and Albany Law School.

Russert negotiated and arranged for a televised private mass and greeting from Pope John Paul II, a first for American television.

He also produced the prime time news specials "A Day in the Life of President Bush," and "A Day in the Life of President Clinton, in 1990 and 1993

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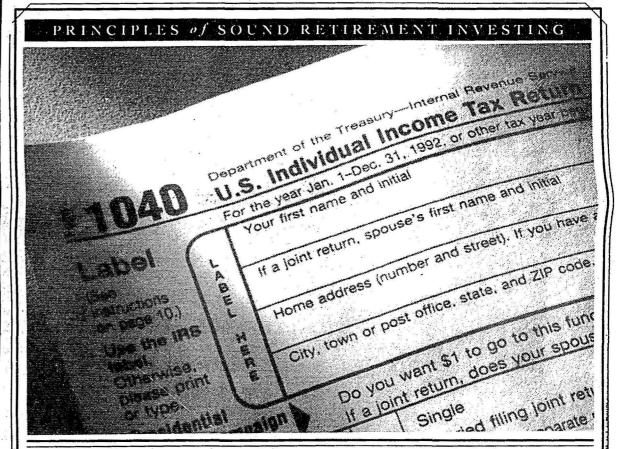
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## Liberty program

by PETE TARTGALIA Staff Writer

Every sunday, from 1-4pm, in Lowell Thomas 211 at risk youth from around the area get the chance to explore the universe in a space ship without having to leave the building.

The Liberty Partnerships Program, which is a state funded program that works with students in grades 5-12 who are considered to be at risk of dropping out of school, is utilizing the technology of Marist College to develop a multimedia educational program for students in the partnerships program

Marist College is the host institution for the grant given by the NY State Department of Education, said program director Robert

The Liberty Partnerships Program, which has 225 students involved, draws at risk students through guidance counselor referrals, from the Poughkeepsie and Kingston area school districts. Right now we have about nine students working with the multimedia side of the program,

"Liberty Partnerships provides after school counseling, tutoring recreation and other support services to the 225 students in three separate schools in Poughkeepsie and Kingston," said Wright.

The multimedia portion of the partnerships program has been developing for almost a year, said director of the multimedia program, Joe N. Stokes.

"The kids are working on developing a full motion video of a space exploration mission in which they develop using the latest technology including, virtual reality, computer graphics design and audio and video equipment", said

Computer graphics teacher, Ron Greene, said he believes the program has very positive advantages for the kids.

"The response from the students has been very positive; I think they will be able to use these much needed skills in such a technological world," he said.

For Marist junior Kristine Lopez, from Rockland County N.Y, the multimedia program is a chance to work hands on with kids and an opportunity to learn about

soap stars

"It was hard to plan around

computer graphics and multimedia

equipment.
"This is a really good program; these kids are learning about computer programs and equipment that graduating seniors don't have the knowledge of," she said.

Lopez said some of the kids are a bit apprehensive at first because the programs and equipment are so advanced, but they seem to have a lot of fun working with the all of the equipment.

Stokes said the multimedia project runs through the school year and culminates with an awards ceremony for the kids on the last

"We invite the parents and the kids show their 10 minute programs in which they have worked probably about four months to prepare," Stokes said. "Then when their done we present the kids with awards that state the achievement of their space mission.'

According to Stokes the Liberty Partnerships program, which has been going on at Marist for a about four years, has provided the young students the opportunity to see college institutions, use computer and multimedia equipment, and the opportunity to be part of a program

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Admission for the fundraiser will

which prepares them for the future.

Wright said the achievement of the program speaks for itself in most ways.

'Ninety-nine percent of our students continue on in school and in the last two years no students

have dropped out of the Liberty Program. We were also asked by

the state to service the Kingston area due to our success with kids in this area," he said.



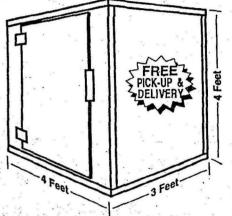
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by CHRIS BERINATO Staff Writer

For some graduating seniors, their immediate field of dreams lies just outside their back door.

On Saturday, some members of the senior class will march to their first test of strength and endurance, armed only with pine tar, cowhide, and maybe some Skoal Bandit, they will slug it out against some of the best in their league at North

But these are not your everyday fellow softball players.

The cast of the ABC daily soap opera "One Life to Live" will don

gloves and caps to take on members of the Class of 1994 in a softball match-up this Saturday at

However, the only scorecard you will need at this soap opera will be the scoreboard because all romance will be off the field.

Antonella Licari, a senior and one of the organizers of the event, said the idea evolved from an internship she had at the show last semester.

The idea came up last year, but it was delayed due to situations beyond anyone's control.

Wortham Krimmier, who plays Reverend Andrew Carpenter, was contacted but was unable due to his wife's pregnancy.

## Women's power

#### in management

"Challenges for Women in Management: Strategies for Personal and Professional Empower ment," a symposium presented by the Management Studies Division, will be held tomorrow, Friday,

The symposium, starting at 9 a.m. in LT 125, will feature two hour-long panels:

The internal empowerment panel will focus on life expectations, differences between male and female management, how to develop one's personal skills, dealing with rejection of feelings of failure, how to find one's niche, and personal values.

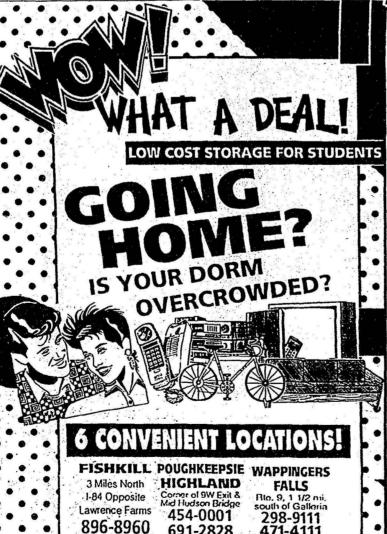
The external empowerment panel will address what to look for in a company for women, how to avoid becoming a token, office politics, mentoring (how to get one and how to be one), and dealing with subtle discrimination.

More information can be obtained from Donna Richardson at

be \$4 for students showing ID, \$6 that," Licari said. This semester's event was for the general public. scheduled ahead of time. Money will benefit two causes. handled the details with the cast Part of the proceeds will go to and crew in advance. the Jennifer Dressel Theatre "I'll work out the Marist end, Scholarship fund.

you work out the cast," she said to Dressell, a 1991 graduate, was a Krimmier. one-time president of Marist Col-Another factor was Robert S. lege Council on Theater Arts who Woods and Marist College Presi-

passed away last May. dent Dennis Murray went to Long A memorial scholarship was Beach State College together durdeveloped by her friends to keep ing their undergraduate years, acher memory alive. cording to Licari.



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# Laxmen lose, 21-7; record now at 5-6

by TERI L. STEWART

Staff Writer

The men's lacrosse team lost two games last week, including a 21-7 setback to Stonybrook College Sunday. The defeat drops Marist's record

Head Coach Tom Diehl said he expected Stonybrook to be a difficult

me.
"They were a stronger and deeper team," he said.

A key to the Marist loss was the mistakes made by the defense, Diehl

'We overreacted to the offensive players' movements," Diehl said. "It caused us to get out of position."

Diehl added that the defensive mistakes allowed Stonybrook to have easy shots on goal.

'Nine time out of ten they scored a goal," he said.

Despite losing 22-9 Saturday to Lehigh, a top 20 team, Diehl said the squad cut down on its mistakes it was making earlier in the week. However, it was not enough as the Red Foxes were overpowered by

the stronger squad. Diehl said Lehigh moved the ball well and was a disciplined team.

"They look for weaknesses and deficiencies or something they can take advantage of," Diehl said. "Every time you adjust, they adjust." Despite the defeat, there were some positive signs for Marist.

Freshman Greg Schneider was the leading scorer in the game.

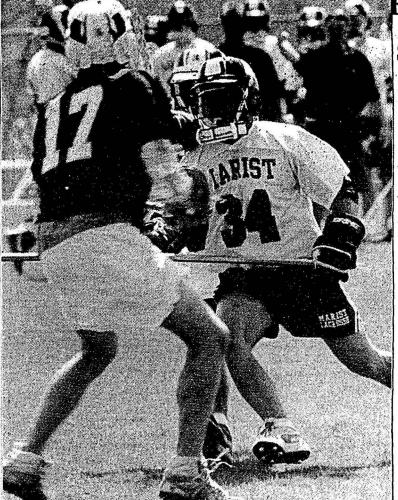
Schneider led the Red Foxes with three goals. The freshman currently has 15 goals this year.

Diehl said the squad has the capability to be a diversified offense with players who can score given the right opportunity.

'Our offense is set that anyone will score if they're in the right place at the right time," he said. \*\* Senior captain Doug Closinski added two goals and four assists for the Red Foxes.

Sophomore goalie Craig Grevelding had 20 saves on the day. "Craig played a good game," Diehl said. "He didn't make as many saves, but a lot of that should be credited to Lehigh's offensive ability.

Diehl said the team played a better game fundamentally. The Red Foxes host Hartford University on Saturday and travel to Holy Cross University on Sunday.



Senior captain Ray Mahoskey looks to dodge defensemen in Sunday's game. The Red Foxes fell to Lehigh 22-9.

Circle photo/Matt Martin

## Runners break school marks at Columbia

by GREG BIBB Staff Writer

The men's and women's track team visited Manhattan this past weekend for the Columbia University Invitational and ran away with many school records.

In women's action, Marist set five outdoor school records.

Patsy Schneider, who set a new school mark in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, led the the Red

Schneider was joined by Clayon Huggins, Carolyn Mercury and Alison Murray in the school record

Huggins set a new mark in the 100-meter dash, while Mercury established a new record in the 100-meter hurdles.

Murray set an outdoor school record in the 400-meter dash.

Murray, Schneider and Huggins had more one more record to break. Joined by Dawn Doty, the group set a new outdoor school mark in the 4X100 relay.

. In men's action, Dave Swift and Marty Feeney both broke the outdoor school record in the 1500-meter run.

## Hurlers sweep Siena as Hudson wins 11th

by ANDREW HOLMLUND

Staff Writer

The softball team won its fourth game in a row and six out of its last eight by soundly defeating the Siena Saints, 10-0 and 8-7, in nonconference play in Loudonville, N.Y., on Sunday afternoon.

Marist (20-11 overall, 9-1 in the Northeast Conference) was once again led by freshman Michelle Hudson in the first game.

Hudson, a 5-foot-3-inch pitcher, improved her record to 11-3 by pitching a one-hitter and recording 15 strikeouts in six scoreless innings.

Co-Head Coach Jonnah O'Donnell said she thought Hudson threw a solid game but was not phased by her outing.

"I was pleased," O'Donnell said. "Michelle doesn't surprise me with anything anymore.'

Sophomore first baseman Laurie Sleight, catcher Angela Degatano and junior third baseman Melissa Fanelli were the offensive sparks for the Red Foxes.

Sleight and Fanelli both went 2-3 with 3 RBI's, while Degatano went 3-4 with a single, two doubles and a triple.

Intramurals

began its playoff action April 25. Eight teams from both leagues played. Semi-final action took place on April 27. Results were not

available at press time. The finals will be played on May The top eight seeds are as follows: A Few Good Men, Flex, NPG, Big Country, The Bobbits, Linc's Legends, Grafton Park and

Syracuse. Softball action is well underway. Seek and Destroy is leading Division I play with a 3-0 record. Jacks is in first place in Division II with a 4-0 mark.

M,M,&M is atop Division III with a 4-0 record. Cappa Fats lead Division IV with a 3-1 mark.

In volleyball action, Murphy's Law won the Thursday league playoffs. Tuesday league playoffs were held on April 26. Results were

not available at press time. The winner of each league will compete for the intramural title

In the nightcap, Marist was paced by senior outfielder Janine O'Connor, who went 2-3 with 2 RBI's, while Sleight and Fanelli each collected triples.

Freshman pitcher Robin Stohrer earned her seventh win of the season in four innings work. Senior right-hander Tricia Southworth pitched the final three innings to secure the victory.

O'Donnell said team put together stellar performances in both games.

"I was pleased. The kids did well," she said. "In the second game, Siena hit the ball well, but we fought back and did what we had to do to win."

The Red Foxes also swept Wagner College, 9-2 and 5-2, last Saturday in New York.

Marist earned the second win without the services of its center fielder Patty Ackermann.

Ackermann injured her left ankle in the fifth inning in the first game when she slid into second

Currently, Ackermann is listed as day-to-day and was unable to travel for last Tuesday's game at Seton Hall

## Red Foxes

by JIM DERIVAN Staff Writer

The men's tennis team will be looking to turn around its mediocre performance at last weekend's Northeast Conference Championships when it travels to Hofstra

The Red Foxes took a 3-1 conference record into the NEC Championships and came away with a tie in a third-place finish with Robert Morris College.

Monmouth College took the Championships with 24 total

Head coach Ken Harrison said he believed Marist could have come away with the title.

"The team didn't feel they could win," Harrison said. "(However,) I thought they had a chance."

The Red Foxes (5-5 overall) were led by junior Martin Byrne, who knocked off the number-one seed in the A singles bracket, Sanjaya Wijemanne of Mount St. Mary's in the semifinals, 6-2, 6-4.

Byrne was then stopped by second-seed Ricardo Langre of Monmouth, 6-2, 6-4.

Sophomore Heath Pramberger said his teammate's loss was a surprise.

'Martin could have won," Pramberger said. "If he played this McGovern's bracket.

guy 10 times, Martin would have beaten him eight out of 10 times."

"I was disappointed that Martin didn't win in the finals," Harrison

Senior Brian LaSusa came up one win short to making it into the finals in the B singles bracket.

LaSusa lost to Genuan Gunawarchana of Mount St. Mary's, 6-1, 7-6 (6-4.)

Harrison said he had higher hopes for the senior.

"I thought Brian LaSusa could have won it, but he had no commitment," Harrison said.

'Brian could have won," Pramberger said. "If it weren't for his shoulder injury, he would have gotten more practice and might have won it all."

Marist had another player make it to the semifinals.

Junior Marc Nussbaum fell short in C Singles competition, losing 6-1, 6-3 to the number-four seed, Neil Goldsby of Monmouth, the eventual winner in the finals.

After winning 6-3, 6-3 in the quarterfinals, junior Kevin McGovern also lost in the semifinals.

McGovern was defeated by the number-one seed, Andy Winfield of Monmouth; 6-0, 6-1.

Harrison said he was not surpriswith the outcome in

"In the the singles, what happened should have happened," Harrison said.

NEC's

In doubles, the team of Pramberger and senior Chris Ilardi handily defeat their opponents from Wagner, 6-1, 6-1.

Pramberger and Ilardi lost to a doubles tandem from Mount St. Mary's, 6-1, 6-3.

Pramberger said he believes the semifinals match could have had a different outcome.

"We could have beaten them." he said. "They just played really good, and we came out a little

Harrison said he was not satisfied with his team's overall performance in the NEC

tournament. "I would have liked it if we finished in sole possession of third place or second place," Harrison said. "We could have done it if we

Harrison said he felt his players lost their concentration to focus on

played up to our potential.'

"A couple of players didn't have tennis as a priority," said Harrison. 'Tennis wasn't as high of a priority as it was in the past.

The Red Foxes played Central Connecticut yesterday at the Dutchess Racquet Club. Results were unavailable at press time.

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## Hitters fall, 4 after three-run 9th

by TED HOLMLUND

Sports Editor

After eight full innings, junior Jeff Goodin was locked in a 1-1 pitcher's duel with Mike Scheindler of

Once one of the pitchers blinked, it seemed clear the outcome of the game would be decided.

Unfortunately for the Red Foxes, Goodin flinched first as C.W. Post scored three runs in the top of the ninth inning in route to a 4-1 victory at McCann Field on Tuesday.

With one out in the ninth, Goodin gave up back-to-back triples to Jamie Apicella and Dom Fanelli, followed by a double by Paul Tinelli. Suddenly the score was 3-1.

Stan Porzio ended the scoring spurt with an RBI single.

Sophomore Mick Foster led the bottom of the ninth with a single, but sophomores Chris D'Autorio, Eric Santos and Rob Sayegh were mowed down in order to stop the

The defeat drops Marist to 8-23 (4-11 in the Northeast Conference). The Red Foxes hosted New York Tech yesterday. Results were not available at press time.

The hard-luck Goodin gave up only two earned runs in 8 1/3 innings of work. With the loss, the junior's record falls to 1-5.

This latest setback was another example of the inconsistency the Red Foxes have been exhibiting. Marist has a 4-4 record in its last eight games.

The offense sputtered against C.W. Post, managing a meager four hits. D'Autorio scored Marist's lone run in the fifth inning.

Head coach Art Smith was not in any hurry to credit Scheindler's pitching performance as the reason for the squad's offensive drought.

"He didn't have any breaking stuff," the third-year coach said. "We just didn't hit."

Earlier last week, the Red Foxes had been playing good baseball, scoring victories over Fairfield and sweeping a doubleheader over Manhattan.

However, whatever momentum Marist had established has now been stopped after losing four of its last five, including dropping two of three to NEC foe Rider this weekend.

The Red Foxes were drubbed by

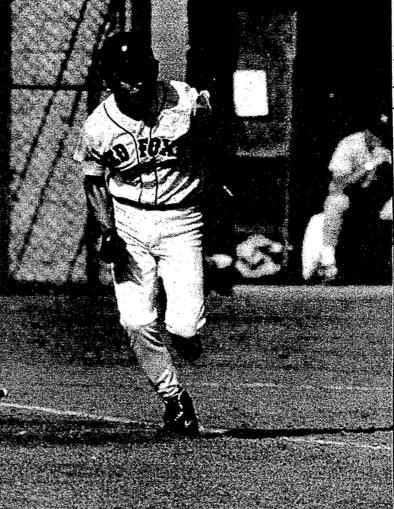
the Brones, 7-3, Sunday.

Marist trailed 3-0 early in the game and were never able to come back as the Broncs scored at least one run in the first six innings to clinch the victory.

Sophomore right-hander Dennis Butfiloski (1-1) picked up the loss, allowing four runs, two earned, in three innings.

Freshman George Santiago was the main offensive threat for Marist, going 2-4 with an RBI and a scored run. Sophomore Mark Barron, who was leading the team with a .360 batting average going into the C.W. Post game, also went

The Red Foxes split its doubleheader against the Broncs Saturday, losing the first game, 14-4, and winning the second, 4-1.



Junior Todd Horgan heads toward first base in a recent game. Marist lost to C.W. Post, 4-1, on Tuesday.

Circle photo/Matt Martin

In the opener, John Long pitched the complete game, allowing only two earned runs over seven innings to lead Rider to the win.

Goodin, on the other hand, was shellacked, giving up six earned runs in 1 1/3 innings of work.

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Freshman Chris Webb pitched the final two innings and picked up the save.

The Red Foxes travel to Pace Friday before facing NEC rival Fairleigh Dickinson in a three-game weekend series.

## charges

Conference scoring title, was the NEC Player of the Year and was also given the Haggerty Award as the outstanding player in the

metropolitan area two weeks ago. Similar circumstances have occurred before with potential draft picks, but it is unclear whether the criminal proceedings will have an effect on Buchanan's draft status.

"It's hard to say at this point," said Doris. "It certainly doesn't have a positive effect."

Sedale Threatt of the Los Angeles Lakers was a projected high first-round draft pick in 1992 until criminal charges made him a

The Lakers, then with picks to spare, took a chance on him.

Time will tell whether or not Buchanan will have a similar

Crew teams row solidly at President Cup

> by GERARD CARNEY Staff Writer

On a beautiful day for racing this past Saturday, the crew team captured the Herbert Haight Point

Trophy in the President's Cup

Regatta. Named in honor of the President of the Mid-Hudson Schoolboy Rowing Association, the trophy is awarded to the President's Cup

overall team champion. Led by senior captain Pete Tartaglia and senior Owen McGovern, the Red Foxes, the host team, finished the day with a total of 17 points, edging out a victory over Army, who had 15 points.

The women's novice eight surprised many with its:49 second win in the third race of the day.

"I was extremely happy with our performance," said Michelle Lamere, a freshman from Long Island, N.Y. "I felt that we are starting to row together well."

The men's varsity eight also put together a solid effort finishing second with a time of 7:40.1. Army finished first with a time of 7:31.1.

Despite the second-place finish, Tartaglia said he felt the team put together a solid performance.

We rowed a good race right to the end," the senior said. "Army was just the better crew on this

Originally being considered as a tune up for the Dad Vail Regatta, the President's Cup Regatta has over the last few years developed into something more meaningful.

According to Sports Information Director Dan Sullivan, the event has a long history with the school.

"The Presidents Cup is one of the oldest regatta's in the East, dating all the way back to 1963,' Sullivan said.

Named in honor of former College President Linus Foy, in 1964, then Director of Athletics Dr. Howard Goldman established the third Saturday in April as the permanent date for the race.

This coming weekend Marist will look to duplicate its performance when the team travels to Wes Point to race in the Patriot League meet. In this race, the Red Foxes will face Fordham and Bucknell, two crew powerhouses.

The following weekend Marist will face a tougher test as the New York State Invitationals begin.

## Buchanan

by MATT MARTIN Staff Editor

Senior basketball player Izett Buchanan, 21, from Goshen, N.Y., was arraigned of felony charges Monday in the Town of Poughkeepsie court.

Judge Ira Pergament found enough evidence to charge Buchanan and Calvin Cooper, Jr., 23, of Poughkeepsie, with grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property, both felonies, stemming from their April 14

The two allegedly pried open a locker at the AllSport health club in Poughkeepsie on April 7 and stole two credit cards, a watch and \$14, according to police.

Police said the two used the

cards to buy merchandise at seven Poughkeepsie Galleria stores, charging over \$1,000 in clothing, sneakers, jewelry and stereo equipment.

Pergament set a May 9 court appearance date for Buchanan who also faces a misdemeanor conspiracy charge.

If convicted, the two could face a sentence of up to four years in

No plea was entered as of Monday since Senior Assistant District Attorney Wayne Witherwax, who is prosecuting the case, is on vacation until Monday May 2

Buchanan is free on his own recognizance until the trial date. From here, Buchanan could possibly plea bargain or enter into a grand jury arraignment of felony.

charges in county court, where the

process would start over again, according to the office of the district

'Nothing is set in stone at this point," said a DA source. "We're just waiting to see what the defense prepares." Buchanan, a criminal justice major, is under advisement not to comment on his present situation and has retained legal counsel for his upcoming trial.

We're hoping that he isn't guilty at this point," said Marist's Athletic Director Gene Doris. "We're waiting like everyone else."

Marist has yet to take any disciplinary action against Buchanan.

The draft -

Buchanan was being evaluated by NBA Scouts throughout his impressive season.

The senior won the Northeast opportunity.

## Combat

"Combat on Campus" took place on April 22 and 23 right here on the bucolic campus of Marist College, off the plush banks of the Hudson.

Huh? Since when did Marist College become a war zone?

Since, the James J. McCann Recreation Center was the battlefield as men and women in the local area competed in an amateur kickboxing competition. This is the first time the competition, now in its third year in the Hudson Valley, has been held at Marist.

Why did Marist agree to host this

event? Let's find out.

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It surely does not seem to fit the Judeo-Christian image the College tries so hard to portray.

A kickboxing competition titled "Combat on Campus" tells quite a different story about a college that calls its construction project

In last week's issue of The Circle, Tom Diehl, assistant to the director of athletics, said the tion, and it would also serve the community's interest. A conservative estimate says less

than 50 Marist students attended the event on Saturday night. Students were not exactly flock-

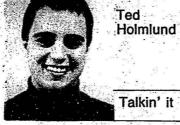
ing to see this lively event. If community interest was defined solely by economics, the "Combat on Campus" contest could

have been effective. According to Mark Alongi, a promoter for the event with Ron Spence Productions, the event was going to pump \$60,000 to the local

Great. However, an event that promotes violence does not serve Marist's community interests. The Mid-Hudson Civic Center or another local arena could have held this event.

Assistant English Professor Tom Goldpaugh said in last week's Circle that Marist would lose some of its integrity as an institution of higher learning, if it promoted this competition.

"It seems very unusual that at a



our academic image, we would allow ourselves to be associated with something that ultimately condones violence, drinking and motive destructive actions,'

Goldpaugh said. Marist lost a public relations battle by hosting the "Combat on Campus." If Marist was being consistent with its prior images, this competition would never have been held here.

What's next? Vince McMahon and the World Wrestling Federation? Or maybe the American Gladiators?

Crew wins

While the "Combat on Camstudents would enjoy the competitime that we're so concerned about pus" may be hurting Marist's im-

age, the school can take pride in its crew team.

The squad won the President Cup's Regatta and the Herbert Haight Trophy last weekend.

This victory is even more special for the squad because this is one of the most prestigious regattas in the Northeast. The President's Cup Regatta has been a meet since 1963.

So don't be surprised if the President's Cup champions are shown in admission's books rowing over the beautiful Hudson River one sunny morning.

This team, which does not get as much recognition as other sports on this campus, deserves its moment in the sun.

Tennis volleys

The men's tennis team's thirdplace finish in the Northeast Conference Championships was a disappointment to Head Coach Ken Harrison.

Even though the Red Foxes had four players go to the semifinals in singles competition, Harrison still believed the team could have performed better.

Harrison, the second-year coach of the men's and women's tennis teams, has helped turn the two programs around.

Although the men's program is a little further behind, it is heading in the right direction under Harrison's tutelage.

Knicks vs. Nets The upcoming local battle bet-

ween the Knicks and Nets in the NBA playoffs has many interesting story lines. The second-seeded Knicks, who

have been inconsistent all year, know this could be their last year to have a legitimate chance at capturing the NBA title.

The Nets, on the other hand, are looking to establish some identity and make inroads into the Knicks' fan base in the New York metropolitan area.

It will also be interesting to see if the stingy Knick defense can contain All-Star point guard Kenny Anderson and fellow All-Star forward Derek Coleman.

Ted Holmlund is The Circle's Sports Editor.

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