



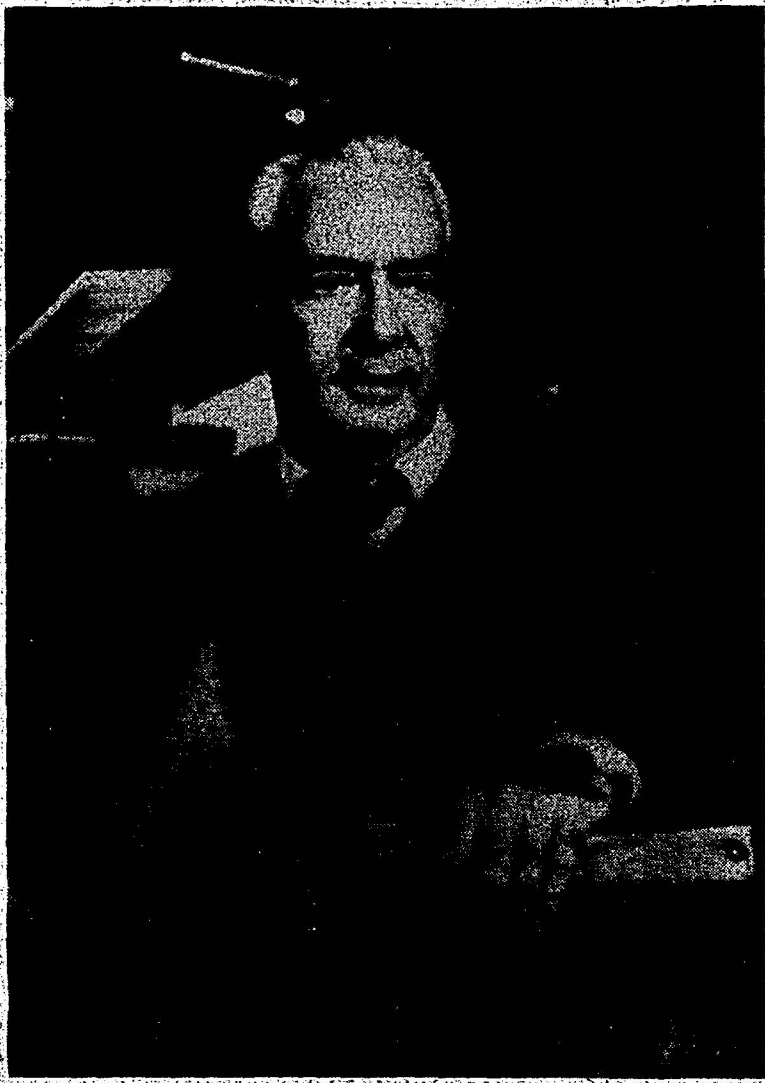
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Howard K. Smith

River Day may mean no Senior Week

By Mary A. Wall

If the senior class does not meet specific River Day guidelines set by the administration, Senior Week will be canceled, individuals participating in the event will be barred from graduation and may be arrested at the event, according to Gerrard Cox, dean of student affairs.

At a meeting Tuesday, college administrators outlined specific guidelines that the senior class would have to meet in order for the college to sanction River Day, according to Terri Manzi, assistant coordinator of college activities.

The guidelines are a combina-

tion of requirements from the housing office, campus security, food services and college activities, Manzi said. Senior Class President Jim Murphy has been given the list and must meet all the requirements or the senior class will face penalties.

The guidelines are as follows:

- the class must obtain a full-day liquor license from the Town of Poughkeepsie.
- liquor must be served in a controlled area whereby the entrances and exits are monitored.
- the class must provide personnel to serve the liquor and to ensure that minors are not served.
- the class must provide students, staff and administrators, who agree not to drink, to oversee the event.
- food must be served all day.
- no kegs or beer bottles will be allowed by the river's edge.
- the traditional early morning wake up must not involve damages to the dorms.
- River Day must have specific opening and closing hours.

Murphy is optimistic about meeting the guidelines. He said he has already applied for a liquor license and submitted a proposal to the administration "to show that it's going to be an outdoor function that's going to be controlled enough where the liquor board is going to permit wine and beer in that area."

Manzi raised concern about the amount of time left in before the event. "There's still the question about time. Can the senior class organize this all before River

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Marist to honor Smith

News caster is 3rd Thomas winner

By William Hare

Howard K. Smith, retired anchorman for ABC News, has been named this year's recipient of Marist's Lowell Thomas Award to be presented at the Helmsley Palace in New York City on April 26.

The award is given to communication leaders who have made significant contribution to the field and have lived up to the high standards of broadcaster Lowell Thomas, according to John Lahey, vice president of college advancement. Past recipients have been Eric Sevareid and Walter Cronkite.

In addition to the Lowell Thomas Award, the Alumni Communication Arts Internship Award will be presented to 1980 graduate David Ng. The award is given to a graduate who has made significant progress in his or her career. Last year's recipient was Allison McCarthy, who works in public relations for WABC television in New York.

Ng, 26, was hired by the New York Post one month after graduation as a general assignment reporter and was later assigned to the police beat. In 1984 Ng was sent to China where he wrote a five-part series for the

Post. He was recently named education editor.

The selection of Smith was made by a committee of seven people, including Sevareid and Lowell Thomas Jr., said Lahey.

Thomas, who died in 1981, gave his last major address as the keynote speaker at Marist's 1981 commencement exercises, when he also received an honorary degree from Marist.

Known mostly for his work at ABC, Smith was also the moderator for two presidential debates: the first Kennedy-Nixon debate in 1960, and the Carter-Reagan debate in 1980.

Numerous awards have been bestowed upon Smith, including a Peabody Award and an Emmy award for the documentary program "The Population Explosion," as well as two DuPont Commentary awards, six Overseas Press Club awards, and 17 honorary doctorates from universities in the U.S.

Born May 12, 1914, in Ferriday, La., Smith graduated from Tulane University, then won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University. He began his career as a newspaperman for the New Orleans Item, then joined the United Press and later the New York Times.



David Ng

In 1941, he joined CBS as a war correspondent and remained with the network for 20 years. Throughout the war he covered four different armies, as well as the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials. In 1946, Edward R. Murrow appointed Smith his successor as CBS's Chief European Correspondent.

Smith joined ABC in 1961 to write, edit and narrate the weekly television program called "News and Comment." For seven years he served as co-anchorman of the "ABC Evening News."

In addition to reporting the

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A visit to maximum security

Editor's note: staff members of The Circle Christine Dempsey, Lou Ann Seelig, and The Circle adviser David McCraw visited Green Haven Correctional Facility to meet with members of The Monthly, Green Haven's news magazine, to exchange ideas about their common interest. Seelig's account follows.

Thirteen iron gates clanked shut behind us on the half-mile walk through echoing cement hallways leading to deep into "the inside," as prison is called by inmates.

A few corrections officers smiled as we passed through checkpoint after checkpoint, but personal warmth does not pervade Green Haven Correctional Facility.

At the end of the half mile of cold concrete is a floor of classrooms resembling Marist East and the college's Green Haven division offices.

When we arrived, the prisoners were busily sweeping the meeting room and arranging the furniture for us. Warren Harry, Green Haven student government president, who was there as a link for the Green Haven students, apologized for not being ready and welcomed us with a broad smile.

Members of the staff came in, introduced themselves with a polite handshake and began asking us about The Circle.

We exchanged copies of our newspapers and began to discuss staff organization.

The Circle, I explained, is made up of students who have a professional interest in journalism. The staff changes every year.

The Monthly, Editor Larry White explained, is a group of men assigned to it as a job. They have no real professional interest in journalism and most are serving life sentences.

He explained that The Monthly is subject to extreme censorship, although not all prison publications are; before the paper is published the prison administration demands to see it and may censor any part.

I realized then that they hadn't asked us there to gain insights on reporting techniques. They just wanted someone to talk to.

After only a few minutes, I forgot I was sitting among convicted murderers and rapists. These

men were among the brightest and most articulate I have met. Although The Monthly is not directly tied to the college, some of the men on the staff are taking courses and earning a degree.

"Put any one of them in a three-piece suit, and you'd never know he was a convict," I thought. But I couldn't shake the uneasy feeling that these men had done something horrible in the past. One of the student-prisoners who was waiting in the Marist office said later: "It's good for people like you to come and get to know us a little. You find out we're just people. We just made one mistake. That's all."

I have to admit, I was very taken by the inmates' eloquence and the tragedy of imprisoned minds. But you don't go to Green Haven for stealing bubble gum and you don't get 25 to life for kicking a dog.

We did learn a lot from each other. If nothing else, I learned that inmates are human beings with feelings and thoughts just like the people on the outside. Their world has become the space behind the enormous stone walls topped with gun turrets, the damp, cement hallways filled with echoing footsteps and rooms closed with iron bars. And, like people everywhere, they are learning to make the best of their situation.

At 11 a.m. the men had to leave us. It was time to count the prisoners, and we, too, had to leave. The men again politely shook our hands, smiled and scampered off to be counted — like elementary school kids to homeroom.

We again trekked the half mile through echoing chambers on our way to the outside. I felt happy to have met the inmates and was even tempted to smile, but we were passed by a man being escorted through the hallway by a corrections officer. Neither was smiling as the inmate slid his shoulder against the wall.

Thirteen electromagnetic gates later, we were out of the prison and could again see the 30-foot stone walls that separated the "inside" from the "outside." I looked at the gun towers, then at the rolling hills surrounding the facility. And I realized that the men we had just shared time with might never see the fields which surround this Green Haven.

Smith

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news, Smith has written three books: "Last Train from Berlin," "The State of Europe" and "Washington D.C." Presently Smith is lecturing and accepting selected television assignments.

Both awards will be presented at a \$40 a plate luncheon hosted by Marist College President Dennis Murray and CBS News Correspondent Charles Osgood.

SAC plans to reorganize

By Jeannine Clegg

The Student Academic Committee may undergo restructuring before the end of the semester, according to 1984-85 SAC president Patrick Hadden.

Hadden said the consideration came after the failure of the committee's major event, "Take a Prof to Lunch" and the CSL's suggestion to make some changes.

Hadden attributed the failure of the organization's major event to "a lack of interest on the part of committee members."

"Tony Phillips (CSL president) came up with the idea that SAC as it is currently structured needs to be examined," Hadden said. Hadden said that the restructuring would involve making the SAC constitution more specific because the current constitution is too broad.

Phillips suggested several ways of restructuring the committee. The SAC needs to find members who have time to meet to be more effective, he said. He noted that many SAC members are involved in other activities and cannot attend SAC meetings. Phillips also said it is necessary for the SAC to be understood by the majority of students on campus by making its work more visible to the students.

Junior Patty Clark, the newly elected president of SAC, agreed with Phillips and noted that gaining student interest may be her biggest problem as president.

The purpose of SAC is to represent the student body in all academic decisions of the college. SAC members act as student representatives at department and divisional faculty meetings. But the representatives usually have not attended department or divisional meetings. According to Hadden, it is the responsibility of SAC members to find out when departments meetings are scheduled. However, not all the members of SAC are aware of this responsibility, according to Clark.

Hadden said that because of the organization's academic orientation, students are not interested in it. He said he did not have a solution to the problem of no student interest in the committee.

Dr. John Scileppi, chairman of the Academic Affairs committee, suggested several ways the SAC could become a more effective group: by working more closely with mentors and college clubs related to academic disciplines, realizing its own power in making recommendations to the AAC and by surveying students through written questionnaires concerning academic issues.

SAC meetings are open to any student. However, meeting times have been publicized only four times during the past year. Hadden said the publicity was not helpful because only one new member was gained by the publicity, he said. And although meetings are open to any student, minutes from past meetings were not immediately available upon request because Hadden said he keeps meeting minutes at his home.

No SAC meetings have been held since February.

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Ryan strives to bridge the student-CSL gap

Suzanne Ryan, the newly elected Council of Student Leaders president, says she will create programs and speak out to fight a lack of student interest in CSL.

Ryan, a sophomore political science major from Oyster Bay, won the position over opponent Christopher Clements, 593-347, in student government elections earlier this month.

The other newly elected CSL members are Christopher DeSautelle, College Union Board president; Brian Wicenski, Inter-House Council president; Patricia Clark, Student Academic Committee president; Harry Carleton, Commuter Union president; and Janet Groom, Adult Student Union president.

"Students have been very difficult with the council," said cur-

rent CSL president Tony Phillips. According to Phillips, many club presidents and students refuse to interact with the council.

One program Ryan is considering "as part of the fight against the lack of campus participation" is a senate to provide student representation for the new council, she said.

Previous student governments have included senates, Ryan said. "A student senate would provide

a complete representation of the classes," she said.

Other plans Ryan is considering include monthly forums with college administrators much like MCTV's recent "Meet the President," a CSL lecture series "so students are more aware of issues on and off campus," and changing the CSL meeting times from the current 8 a.m. to lunch or dinner hours, Ryan said.

Ryan said she will also use her voice as a tool to get things done. "When something has to be said,

I'm not afraid to speak up, and my vice president, John Brellesky, will take that role too," said Ryan.

She also said she doesn't feel too young for the job. "Many people have questioned my age and that I'm only a sophomore but I know I'm experienced and can combat existing problems," said Ryan.

"I talk," said Ryan, "I listen and then I take that extra step to help."

Letters and calls still requested to protest proposed aid cuts

By Janet McLoughlin

Leaders of college student groups are urging more letter writing and phone calls within the next two weeks to Washington representatives to help vote down the 1986 budget for federal student aid.

As it stands, the House of Representatives and Senate republicans reached a compromise that would impose a \$370 million cut in student aid. The Guaranteed Student Loans would be cut by \$200 million and the remaining \$170 million would be cut from other federal aid programs, according to Ken Powers, assistant director of financial aid.

In addition, the two groups agreed on a \$60,000 adjusted gross income limit with an \$8,000 cost of attendance limit on federal aid of grants and loans, according to Tom Schatz, legislative assistant to Rep. Hamilton Fish Jr. (R-Millbrook). The original proposal was a \$4,000 limit on federal aid on a family income ceiling of \$32,500, Schatz said.

Powers explained that the original proposal of \$32,500 income ceiling would have affected at least 40 to 50 percent of the

students and that the banking industry was looking to pull out of the loan program if this restriction was placed.

With the new income limit, families that exceed an income of \$60,000 or more will not be eligible for a Guaranteed Student Loan regardless of family size or number enrolled in a post-secondary education.

Powers said that an \$8,000 limit on the federal aid programs is restricting for students who attend higher-priced schools and it also discriminates against private schools.

The limit on federal aid programs will also restrict the chances of a student from a low or moderate-income family to attend a higher-priced school.

Schatz said that Rep. Fish and members of the Senate and Congress opted to have a Needs Test that would show a student's eligibility for aid instead of the income level limit or the \$8,000 cap on federal aid.

When asked if there was any chance for the 1986 budget to change for the benefit of students, Schatz said: "It can only get better."

Seminar stresses self-protection

By Denise Wilsey

Marist students should take responsibility for their own safety on campus by using both common sense safety measures and by supporting the student government's proposals to upgrade Marist security, according to Detective Tom Mauro, who spoke at a seminar for Marist students last week.

Mauro, of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police, and Jean Cravens, director of the Crime Victims Counseling Service at St. Francis Hospital, addressed about 35 students in the Fireside Lounge on the topic of assault.

The housing office and counseling center sponsored the seminar with the help of SAVE — a group of students against violence who have formed a committee to help educate students about violent crime on campus.

SAVE was formed after two assaults on campus. The first assault occurred on March 19 outside Campus Center as a student was leaving the Pub. In the other incident, on March 25, a second woman was assaulted in the basement of Champanat Hall.

Neither woman was seriously injured. No arrests have been made.

The Council of Students Leaders has proposed steps to the administration to upgrade security as a result not only of the recent assaults, but also of a growing concern about the issue of safety on campus. Proposals include an assessment of all dormitory locks and an increase of lighting on campus.

At the seminar, Mauro gave safety tips for avoiding assaults. According to Mauro, a student should not walk alone at night, especially in scantily lit areas. If it is necessary to walk unescorted, students should hold their keys securely in the palms of their hands with the tips extending between the middle fingers as a defense tactic, Mauro said. Mauro added that a student should stare directly at any suspicious person and hold the key in view.

Mauro said he could not advise a student to, if assaulted, either fight or flee, as that is an individual decision. According to Mauro, a student should do something unpredictable, such as fake a fainting spell or scream. Mauro stressed the importance of immediately reporting any assault to officials.

Mauro said students must continue to raise a concern about security on campus and initiate changes before something else happens. Mauro suggested that SAVE help to set up a service to escort students on campus.

Cravens spoke about the programs available to assist crime victims emotionally, financially and legally. Cravens said that 24-hour service is available through the hospital emergency phone.

Roberta Amato, director of the counseling center, said more seminars are to be planned for the future. "I was very pleased with the seminar and I think there is a real concern being generated among the students. We would like to keep this up and hopefully address other topics like room security," Amato said.

Vacancies necessitate further elections

By Ginny Waite

Although class elections were held April 1 to 3, elections will be held again on Monday and Tuesday for four unfilled positions, according to Council of Student Leaders President Anthony Phillips.

The four unfilled positions are class of '86 vice president, secretary and treasurer and class of '88 treasurer. There will be a forum tonight for the class of '86 in room CC-248a and for the class of '88 in room CC-248.

Phillips said petitions for the class of '86 vice-president will not be accepted since there were two candidates running for the office in the first race. The candidates, Michael Murphy and John McGuiness, received the same number of votes in the original race. Both candidates will be speaking at the forum tonight.

Dan Biglin, who ran unopposed for class of '86 treasurer, resigned last week. Biglin said he resigned so he could apply for the treasurer position on the CUB.

Re-elected class of '86 President Michael Mueller, a Communication Arts major from Kings Park, said he ran for class president again because he would like to keep the unity going that he established this year among the class.

Mueller said that with the increased campus housing for next year, security should be improved. He also said his first goal is to find someone to give free self-defense lessons.

River Day will be another big concern for the class of '86, according to Mueller. Mueller said he wants to start as early as November on a proposal which would promote a safe and respon-

sible day. "I want to get the class involved on this early so that it will be a fun day for all," said Mueller.

Events and fundraisers that Mueller said he is considering include a class of '86 calendar and garage sales before each break for students to get rid of things that they never have space for. Mueller said he would like to get the class interested in a time capsule and possibly working towards creation of a senior garden.

Gina Coniglio, a fashion merchandising major from Paramus, N.J., will be the new class of '87 president. Serving the class with Coniglio will be vice-president Theresa Ruotolo, a computer science major from Fort Edward; secretary Doris David, a computer science major from Plainview; and treasurer Thomas Hanrahan, a finance major from the Bronx.

Coniglio said her biggest goal for next year will be to have a directory of the junior class printed. "Everyone is going to be so spread out over campus and also in the Poughkeepsie area. I

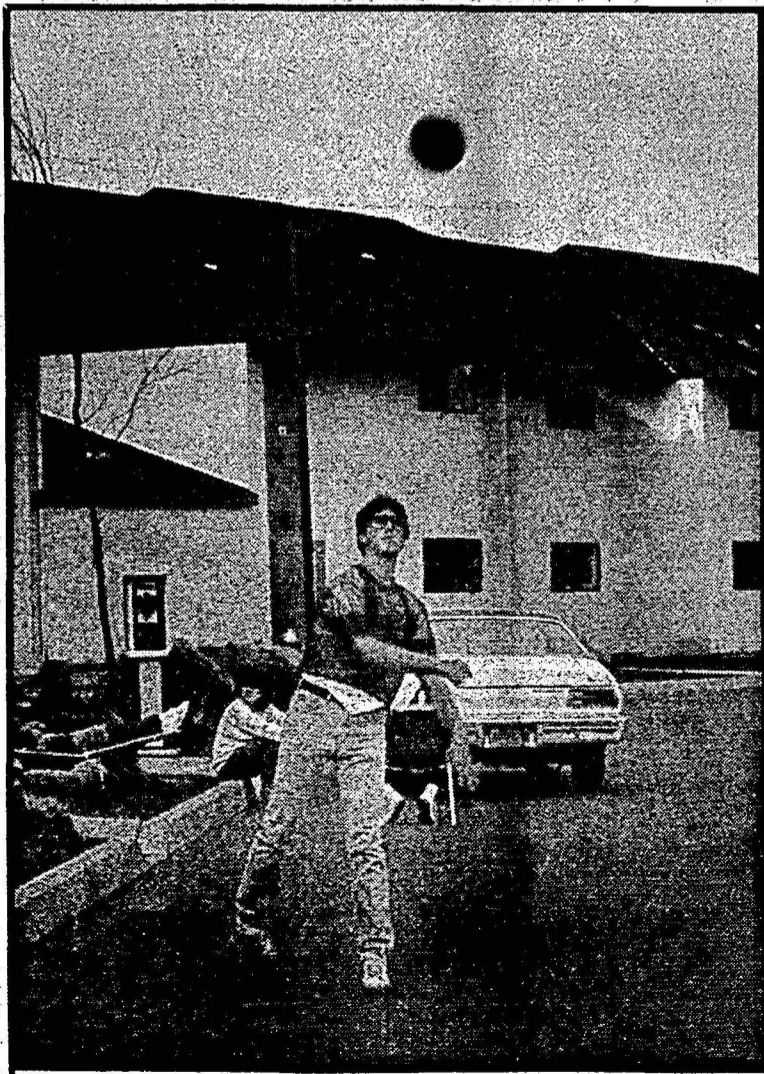
think the directory is needed to give the class unity," said Coniglio.

No definite plans for fundraisers have been made, according to Coniglio. "I'd like to have a mixer or two and as many other fundraisers as possible," Coniglio said.

Roger Ardanowski, a psychology major from Tarrytown, will be the class of '88 president for next year. Peter Prucnel, an accounting major from Norwood, N.J., will serve as vice-president and Susan Trach, a French major from Hunter, will be the class secretary.

Ardanowski said he will be working all year towards class unity. Activities he said he plans to have are a car wash, an Oktoberfest mixer, a raffle, and several class trips to possible sporting events, concerts, and to cities such as Boston and Philadelphia.

"I want to see the class get involved. I'd like to see monthly meetings and produce a monthly newsletter. I'm looking forward to getting started," Ardanowski said.



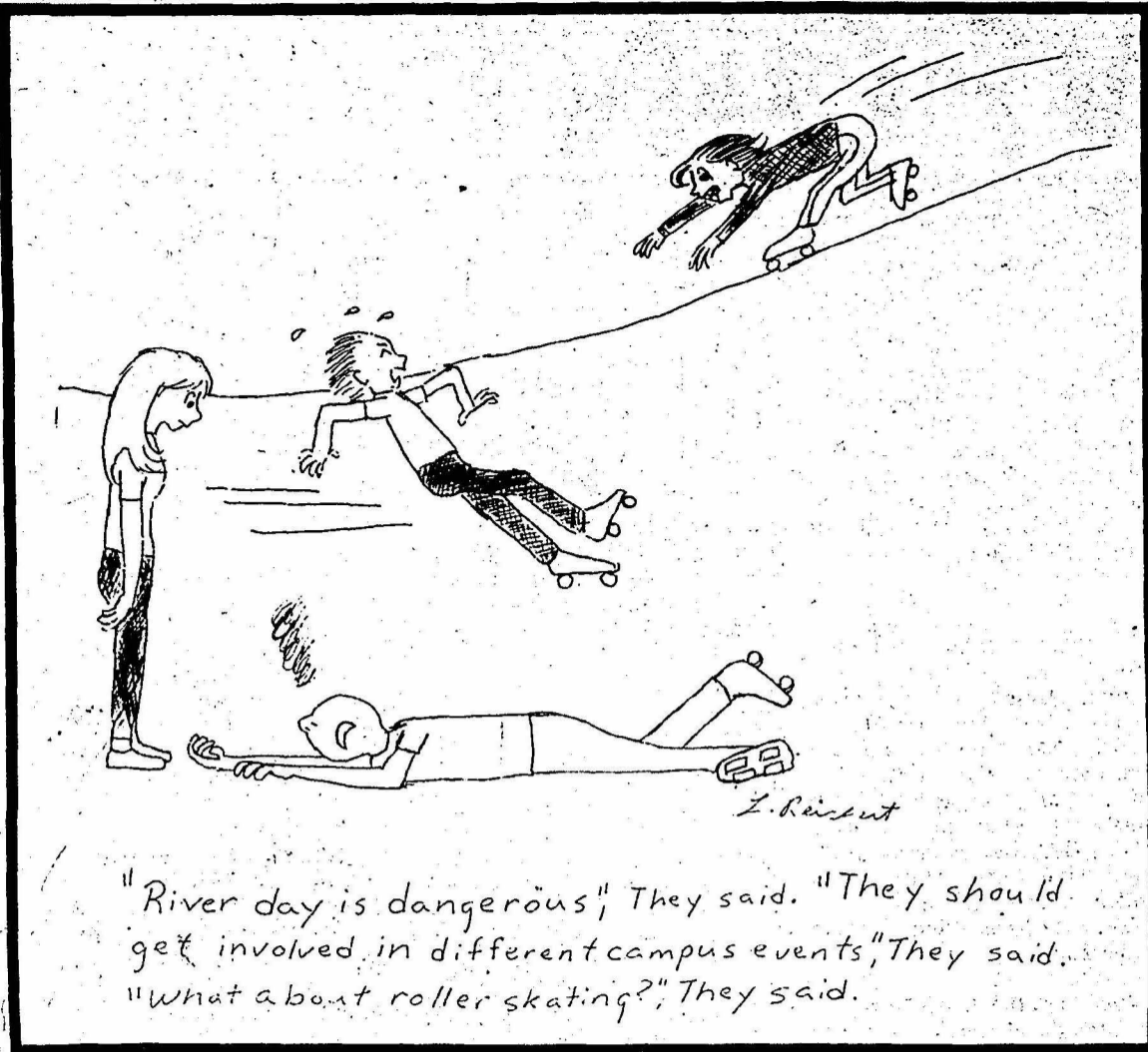
Spring fever

Senior Craig Harrigan puts his spring fever to constructive use. Meanwhile, his friends... (see photo pg. 9) (photo by Maureen Ryan)

Election results

The following is a list of officers chosen in the recent class elections.

	Class of 1986	
President		Michael Mueller
	Class of 1987	
President		Gina Coniglio
Vice President		Theresa Ruotolo
Secretary		Doris David
Treasurer		Thomas Hanrahan
	Class of 1988	
President		Roger Ardanowski
Vice President		Peter Prucnel
Secretary		Susan Trach



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Fight cuts

Dear Editor,
As a child, my parents impressed upon me the importance of striving toward academic excellence throughout my formal education to defray the cost of college tuition. Surpassing my fellow students academically seemed the only way to attain the financial assistance I needed to attend the college of my choice, Marist College. In addition to working two jobs throughout the summer, a full-time job over my Christmas and spring recess, Marist College awarded me a scholarship for excellence in high school and I received a Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) which enabled me to finally meet the cost of college tuition. I must state here, I understand this is a loan which I will repay.

Of the 3,000 undergraduate students at Marist, approximately 2300 of them will be affected by President Ronald Reagan's proposed reductions in student financial assistance. The total aid cuts at Marist alone will be nearly \$3,920,000 including Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), GSL, and federal awards.

These figures represent an accurate picture for most schools where up to 75% of the students will be affected. A large part of this statistic are my peers - personal friends at Marist and at other colleges or universities.

As I understand President Reagan's proposed reductions, my struggle to better my education seems futile. After finally fit-

ting together the last pieces toward my college tuition, the anxiety, the frustration, the rage and the helplessness are upon me again thanks to President Reagan's reductions. Now, the goals I strive to reach appear unattainable. His proposed reductions cloud my future and the futures of those thousands of students struggling with me.

Seeing those around me suffer because they cannot continue an education arouses anger, and oftentimes, despair. Students should be permitted to attend the college of their choice. Furthermore, state colleges cannot be forced to accommodate the volume of students forced to leave private colleges. My purpose is to alert the public as to how many students, friends, colleagues, brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters, etc., will be affected. Either directly or indirectly, you or someone you know will undoubtedly be adversely affected. To fight this (if you have not already done so), please write to your congressman and/or Senators Alfonse D'Amato and Daniel P. Moynihan in Washington and request they turn down Reagan's proposals.

In this age of domestic and foreign competition, ambition and perseverance should be rewarded because, in turn, the incentive for young Americans to excel, is a stronger, safer, and more learned United States benefitting from the educated masses of tomorrow.

James L. McKenna

Marist's hand in apartheid

The debate over American business interests in South Africa has become heated. On one side, supporters of these interests claim that without American money the country's blacks would suffer more than they do now. On the other, opposers feel that American investment is there for the interests of whites only, and that profits are coming from the sweat of an oppressed people. Good moral judgment must support the latter opinion.

Marist, if it is to truly live out what it calls (perhaps hypocritically) its Judeo-Christian Heritage, must take a serious look at what role it is playing in supporting apartheid.

IBM, a company from which Marist has received millions of dollars in grants and equipment, has extensive interests in South Africa. It is the leading U.S. supplier of computers to the country, controlling more than one-third of the market there. The United States government outlawed the sale of computers to South African military and police in 1978, but IBM officials admit they have no control over where their equipment may end up.

"We would not bid any business where we believe that our products are going to be used to abridge human rights. However, we do not see how IBM or any other computer manufacturer can guarantee that they will not be. The facts of the matter are that we do not know and cannot control the actions of our customers," said IBM Chairman Frank Cary.

While at first glance this statement may make IBM seem supportive of the human rights movement in South Africa, it is essentially a contradiction. Cary first says the company would do no business with anyone violating human rights; he then goes on to admit the corporation has no control over whether or not IBM's computers serve to support the racist regime there.

And support it the company does. South Africa's Interior Department has used IBM computers to prepare "racial identity cards," documents used to brand blacks as non-citizens and keep them on the fringes of white society.

The South African Defense Department, responsible for the deaths of thousands of blacks, has used IBM computers for a variety of purposes. The list can go on and on.

If the Marist administration really

believes in its so-called Judeo-Christian heritage, a phrase it uses as one of its biggest sales pitches, it should declare the money it has received from the company ill-gotten gain, and call for IBM's divestment from South Africa.

This, however is far from likely. President Dennis Murray said at a recent news conference that Marist's relationship with IBM would not change in any way, indicating how sadly dependent on the company the college has become.

Murray also said at the conference that he felt divestment was not the way to go. He said we should persuade our elected officials to do something about human rights in South Africa. He is right, but only partially. President Ronald Reagan has a policy of constructive engagement in South Africa, but it has done nothing to further the cause of human rights. Obviously, U.S. political statements are not enough. If human rights are to become a reality in South Africa, another course of action must be taken. American businesses must stop supporting oppression.

Some argue that American divestment from South Africa would hurt the blacks much more than the government. If this is so, why did the South African government make supporting divestment a crime punishable by imprisonment or death?

IBM proudly claims that 50 percent of its South African employees are black, but that is no great shakes in a country whose population is only 20 percent white. The company announces with pride that it adheres to the Sullivan Principles, a set of guidelines that ensures blacks equality in the workplace. This is mere tokenism. Those same blacks still go home to segregated villages and must send their children to segregated schools.

How can Marist condemn something as minor as cohabitation when it ignores Christian ethical norms of human rights and distributive justice? How can it justify such a close relationship with IBM while at the same time it so proudly proclaims a firm base in Christianity?

The answer is simple: it cannot. It seems that Marist's Judeo-Christian heritage is nothing but a facade, behind which lies just another secular college desperately trying to gain a name for itself.

Teaching

To the editor,

On March 28, my name was brought up in *The Circle* editorial asking the C.S.L. why I was asked to resign my position as Senior Class Treasurer since I had just taken office this semester. The letter I received from the C.S.L. President charged me with "repeatable incidents this academic year wherein established procedures have not been followed."

In the follow up story the following week, the C.S.L. admitted they were wrong in asking me to resign and admitted "there was a good chance the facts weren't straight." C.S.L. President Tony Phillips told *The Circle* that there was an "oversight" that I had just taken office this

semester and my situation would be handled "by not pursuing the matter any further." I think a public apology is more in line.

After four years of service to my school and three years as Class President, I deserve better than this. I think that putting my name up for impeachment made your case in trying to impeach two other class officers all the less credible.

The fact remains that I should have never received a letter asking for my resignation.

It wasn't just an "OVERSIGHT," it was A BIG MISTAKE.

Sincerely,
Roger Romano
Treasurer, Senior Class

Research abroad

Dear Editor,

The United States Information Agency (USIA) and Institute of International Education (IIE) today announced that the official opening of the 1986-87 competition for grants for graduate study or research abroad in academic fields and for professional training in the creative and performing arts is scheduled for May 1, 1985. It is expected that approximately 700 awards to over 70 countries will be available for the 1986-87 academic year.

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States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. They are provided under the terms of the

Application forms and further information for students currently enrolled in Marist College may be obtained from the Fulbright Program Adviser Maurice Bibeau, who is located in Fontaine 202. The Deadline for filing applications on this campus is Sept. 16, 1985.

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VIEWPOINT

Curmudgeon's Manifesto

Partying with the poor

By Carl MacGowan

Every time I go home, I make it a point to see my friends in the slums. As far as I'm concerned, they throw the best parties anywhere.

After seven weeks or whatever of eating food with more grease than the underside of a Buick, having to choose between turkey stuffed with onions or stuffing with a side order of liver, examining silverware to avoid forks covered with leftovers, sitting at tables with paper placemats used for political campaigning, wondering if the chair I am about to sit on will either be covered with cold tomato sauce or else tip to the back left when I attempt to recline after choking down a potato and having to cut rubberized main courses with a plastic knife, I find a meal with the inner-city slickers is the perfect way to relax.

You see, these friends of mine are welfare recipients, and everybody knows that the unemployed and disadvantaged have it all over us middle class folks.

Yes, indeed, a good time is had by all. Food is "catered," as they put it, by the United States Government: surplus grain grown by farmers who are now out of business, surplus cheese, surplus wine and hors d'oeuvres. The last

two aren't really surplus; they were scrounged up by Chico, who hangs out behind the local embassies until the leftover goodies are dumped in the trash.

And it's amazing what you can buy with food stamps nowadays. They invariably have at least 12 steaks on the grill, a couple of pizzas, impeccably prepared salads and the greatest quantity and variety of drinks this side of Nakasone's Liquors. All this for just 20 or so people.

The apartment where our little Easter bash was held was immaculate. Don't let the exterior tenement facade fool you, for inside of these seemingly humble dwellings are veritable Taj Mahals. Cathedral ceilings offset smartly by Victorian furniture and Art Deco wall patterns; gold-plated bathroom fixtures, you name it. Closets full of the latest Parisian fashions and Brooks Brothers suits.

When I ask the people how they can afford all this with what seems to be a pittance for a monthly stipend, they always answer in more or less the same way: "It's a growth industry," Harlequin Sampson (not his real name) once said. "Only we don't want it to grow too much. Or else everyone will want a cut. And there's only so much room at the top."

Or, as Paxton Peruvius put it, "If everyone was rich, who'd be poor?"

The host, an ex-junkie named Tobias Saroyan, pointed out: "The Feds assume an acceptable unemployment rate of 7 percent — about where it is now. By not taking jobs, we're serving our country."

There's a game played between these welfare junkies and what we figure must be "normal" life. By day, they wear their Sunday worst and complain about the way the cops and the politicians mess with their lives. At night, however, they're getting down while us middle-classers are snug in the thought that we've got it made while the bums in the South Bronx are going to bed hungry. They deserve it, we think.

But our worst fears are for real: There's something fundamentally haywire about a country that preaches free enterprise and pulling yourself up by your bootstrap, yet dishes out billions of dollars worth of food and hard-earned tax dollars to people who sit in the sun in the dead of winter even as suburbanites struggle to meet the mortgage payments. Sickening, ain't it?

It's them who've got it made! I figured that one out when my car broke down in Harlem a while back and an '83 Cadillac pulls up with an offer of help. The driver

pays for a complete tune-up and a new battery. Keep Florida. I'll spend my breaks in society's hellholes and I'll never look back.

Oh, one more friend of mine I'd like to introduce to you. You've heard of welfare mothers? Marla Jackson is the welfare mother superior. Twenty-six kids by the same husband since she was 14 years old. Her children she calls her "investments."

"It's easy," she says. "I crank 'em out and the government just hands me a check for each one. My husband is on disability, I pick up the food stamps — that's quite a pile of money. The thing I tell people is to spend it wisely. IRA's, stocks, bonds, there are all sorts of loopholes to take advantage of."

"Right now, I can foresee an upward trend in the market, despite the Ohio bank crisis, because of the good news from Japan concerning the opening up of their domestic market to American goods. This will result in a stimulated economy and continued low inflation."

"Personally, I am very excited about the possibility of purchasing CBS stock. There is great potential there."

I asked her if she was going in with Ted Turner on the CBS deal. "No," she replied. "I'm competing against Mr. Turner."

Column One

A real Lemmon

By John Bakke

Maybe it's just me, but somehow I just can't get as excited as all the other seniors seem to be about the selection of Commodore Grace Murray Hopper as this year's Commencement speaker.

"Did you hear? Did you hear?" I was asked repeatedly, and of course the first time I hadn't heard, so I was told: "Commodore Hopper is going to be at graduation!"

Linda, who was obviously getting a great deal of pleasure from being able to break the news to someone, watched my face in seeming anticipation of some sort of jubilant transfiguration. None was forthcoming.

"Commodore Hopper, John," she said, still waiting for the inevitable recognition that would send me dancing across the hallway. "The Commodore Hopper. At our graduation. Couldn't you just die?"

"If I was hit by a truck, yes," I said, feeling a bit foolish. Who was this Hopper? Why hadn't I heard of the name? Why was Linda so excited? I decided to fake it.

"Oh, you mean Commodore Hopper," I said in what I imagined to be a very convincing manner. "Yes, yes. Of course. The guy who took Lionel Richie's place, right?"

"Oh, honestly, John," she said. "You're always joking around."

"Am I? Am I? Why didn't I know about this Hopper person? Some investigation was in order, and here are the findings."

Commodore Hopper (not, as I

discovered, a member of the "Commodores") is, in her early 80s, the oldest active officer in the Navy. Hopper, it seems, was the creator of *not only* the Cobol computer language, but the first practical computer compiler as well. Suddenly, the magnitude of Marist's virtual coup in getting Hopper became apparent.

Perhaps it was Emily Burdis, Marist's director of public information, who best expressed the campus-wide euphoria. "We are very pleased to get a woman speaker with a computer science background," intoned Burdis in the page-three Circle article that broke the big news.

"Very pleased," indeed. Emily has a way with understatement. "Commodore Hopper's computer background ties in nicely with our computer science program," continued Burdis, barely controlling herself (or so we might well imagine).

Well, it certainly does. Who better to tie in with our computer science program than Hopper? And more importantly, who better to reflect our strong humanities-based liberal arts tradition than a woman who for years has developed coding for machines?

Who indeed? The college administration, though, in its finite wisdom, has anticipated just such a short-sighted objection.

If you remember, Marist first approached Jane Pauley, NBC newscaster and more importantly the wife of someone who would have been a good speaker (Garry Trudeau), and Diane Sawyer of CBS, apparently because someone gets the two women confused. We're lucky we didn't end up with Connie Chung.

These two fine members of the news media, sadly, were otherwise busy — most likely lunching with neighbors. This opened the way for what is now known in the inner administrative circles as the "Hopper bid."

The offer was accepted at once

by Hopper's nurse, who herself fits in with our computer science program by virtue of being a whiz at both "Ms. Pac-Man" and "Donkey Kong." She currently is in training on "Donkey Kong Jr." and expects to be proficient enough by May 18 to fill in for Hopper if necessary.

Just when I thought I understood everything (I was home preparing "Marist loves Hopper and the U.S. Navy" buttons for the graduation ceremony), I got a call from the man identified as the next preferred candidate.

"Bakke? This is Jack Lemmon. What's the story with Marist's commencement? I thought I was in the running, and now I hear they've got this Hopper woman."

"That's Commodore Hop —" "I know, I know. Commodore Grace Murray Hopper. Believe me, I know the name. Every time I get some interest in a decent speaking engagement at a little college, Hopper comes along and aces me out."

"Well gee, Jack ... but she ties in well with our computer science program."

"But I was great in 'Missing,' and what about 'Mass Appeal'?" he said, almost pleading.

"Yes, yes, I thought you were great in that, but there's a problem with your matching up with one of our programs of study. You see, there is no drama department. Have you any idea how many times we've had to turn Laurence Olivier down? Finally, he just stopped asking."

"Olivier, my foot. I was in the original 'Odd Couple,' for crying out loud."

"Jack, believe me. If there were anything I could do ..."

"Yeah, sure. Well, thanks anyway," he said, and hung up as I thought that it might be only for the lack of a zoology department that Marist hasn't engaged an organ grinder and his monkey for the occasion.

VIETNAM — TEN YEARS LATER

Nearly ten years ago, on April 30, 1975, the city of Saigon fell, marking the official end of the Vietnam War. It marked the end to a tumultuous period in the history of this country.

But for some, the war and its effects still linger in 1985 — ten years later.

On April 25, the Viewpoint page of The Circle will recognize the ten-year anniversary of the end of an era by dedicating the entire page to the subject.

The Circle welcomes submissions from anyone who was directly or indirectly involved in the war.

Essays should be typed, double-spaced, 500-700 words. Send to Pete Colaizzo, c/o The Circle, by April 22.

Sound barrier

A treasure named Billy Bragg

By Kenneth F. Parker Jr.

The late '70s saw rise to a style of music called minimalism. Those who first pioneered the style did so in reaction to the high technology and super-recordings of that time.

Artists such as Laurie Anderson, Philip Glass and The Ramones created music that used as little instrumentation and technology as possible, choosing instead to challenge the listener to use personal interpretation and imagination in place of studio gimmickry.

While today many of those who first experimented with minimalism have given in to some added instrumentation in the hope of reaching a wider audience (without much success), an Englishman named Billy Bragg has arrived with simply his voice and electric guitar to show that minimalism is alive and well and that, in some cases, less is more.

At first listen, Bragg may appear to be a pseudo-folkie. Yet his

approach and technique are rooted in rock 'n' roll, with lyrics that represent the human experience. His lyrics deal not with the outside world and how it influences people but rather with how people mentally and emotionally make sense of the day-to-day world. Through a blend of philosophy, humor and storytelling, Bragg sends out lyrical statements that are as sharp and biting as the electric guitar riffs that fly around everywhere and back up his singing.

Consider this passage from "A New England," a tale of unreturned love: "I saw two shooting stars last night so I wished on them, but they were only satellites. Is it wrong to wish on space hardware? I wish you cared."

One of the most satisfying qualities about Billy Bragg, 22, is that he does not attempt to tackle issues that are beyond his reach. He'll tell you his stance on an issue by relating it to a personal experience. And in that techni-

que, he will succeed in making his audience aware of the issues more keenly than those who take "the whole world is damned" approach.

Many of the characters in his songs are in that time of their lives in which they try to make sense of the world that they have just been thrown into. His concerns reveal not those of teenagers (coming of age) or of adults (zzzz) but those who are have grown-up and found that life is not the joyride they thought it was. His characters do not want to be children anymore nor do they want to be filed under "adult."

Despite Bragg's charm, several things stand in the way of his achieving even a moderate-sized following in the United States. First is a major label recording contract. Bragg's two albums, "Life's A Riot With Spy vs. Spy" and "Brewing Up with Billy Bragg," can be found in the import bins of some record shops in the area, including Record City and Cardinal Puff at Vassar, but

the average fan is not likely to run into either of the two recordings at, say, K-Mart.

Also working against him is a British accent so thick that if it were a disease he would be quarantined.

A third problem for him is exposure. Currently, Bragg can seem to penetrate only the college radio market. Also, except for a very small review in the Village Voice, the rock press as a whole has not picked up on him. Let's hope Bragg does not get lost in the shuffle of hype given to America's new garage bands (which is "the next big thing").

But Bragg seems the kind of artist who will not compromise his style for fame and fortune. He appears to view what he does as a creative expression, and if people like it, then all the better. You can't call that bragging.

OF NOTE: Bragg's second album, "Brewing Up..." is available from CD-Presents Ltd., 1230 Grand Ave. Suite 531, San Francisco, CA, 94133.

Reel impressions

'Desperately Seeking Susan'

By Beverly Morlang

When I first heard of "Desperately Seeking Susan," my first, heartfelt reaction was, "Blechh." My second reaction was a reasoned explanation to my friends who were going to see the movie of why I intensely dislike Madonna (after all, the gall of anyone who would name herself after the mother of Christ).

But then the reviews came out praising the film as a bright, funny and unique comedy. I could wait no longer. I had to find out for myself, and maybe I've been too hard on this Madonna person. I'm still not sure whether I have,

as far as Madonna is concerned, but I know now that first impressions should be heeded.

"Desperately Seeking Susan" is a confused comedy of errors involving two women: Rosanna Arquette as Roberta, a frustrated, bored housewife, and Madonna as a half-baked weirdo who runs afoul of the mob. Arquette is cute as the wife. Madonna is really quite believable as the weirdo (not surprising judging from her videos).

But the real criminal here is the plot, which is so screwed up and principally unfunny that the audience is left to ponder upon what it has just seen. And even worse,

why they paid \$4 to see it.

The plot begins with Roberta reading the personals column from the paper. An ad titled "Desperately Seeking Susan" (ah, yes, the title) catches her eye. She decides to vicariously live through the lives of Susan and her boyfriend, Jim, two people she doesn't even know.

She even goes so far as to follow Susan around and buy her weird jacket, which Susan has traded in for an even weirder pair of boots. The jacket is the turning point because Roberta is mistaken for Susan by everyone, including the mob. Roberta doesn't help matters when she foolishly allows

herself to be hit on the head, jarring her memory right out.

The plot seemed so familiar, and then it hit me; it came right out of an episode of "Gilligan's Island." What a novel idea.

Of course, Roberta's amnesia is cured by another whack on the head, but by then it's too late — the mob doesn't care. Neither, for that matter, did I. The film's hokey, soap-opera sentimentality, besides being unfunny, also made the storyline completely unbelievable.

Unfortunately, "Desperately Seeking Susan" left me desperately seeking an exit.

Ye Olde Happenings

T F S S M T W

Thursday, April 18	Friday, April 19	Saturday April 20	Sunday, April 21	Monday, April 22	Tuesday, April 23	Wednesday, April 24
9:30 a.m. "The Wizard of Oz" Theatre	9:30 a.m. Josten's representative in Donnelly until 2:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m. Crew vs. Skidmore & Tufts - Away	11:15 a.m. Mass - Chapel	12:00 noon Mass: Chapel	8:00 a.m. Handicap Awareness Day begins	9:00 a.m. Career Day begins Sponsored by Criminal Justice Club Campus Center
12:00 noon Mass: Chapel	3:00 p.m. Community Unity Barbecue: "This one's for you" featuring the band "Touch" sponsored by the Student League McCann Fields. No admission charge	1:00 p.m. Lacrosse vs. Stevens Institute - Away	2:00 p.m. Dinner: Sigma Phi Epsilon - Pub	3:30 p.m. Men's tennis vs. Quinnipiac - Away	8:30 a.m. Meeting: CSL Candlelight	12:00 noon Mass: Chapel
12:30 p.m. "The Wizard of Oz" Theatre	5:00 p.m. MCTV - Men's tennis vs. Drew Channel 8	6:15 p.m. Mass: Chapel	7 & 9:30 p.m. Film: "The Big Chill" CC249 Admission \$1 with Marist I.D.	5:00 p.m. Evening prayer: Chapel	12:00 noon Mass: Chapel	
3:30 p.m. Lacrosse vs. Skidmore Away	7:30 p.m. Film: "The Big Chill" CC249 - Admission \$1 with Marist I.D.	9:00 p.m. Cultural dinner dance: sponsored by BSU Dining Room	7:00 p.m. The Alternate Byrne Residence	7:00 p.m. MCTV: Men's tennis vs. Siena - Channel 8	1:00 p.m. Meeting: Social Work Fireside	
5:00 p.m. Social Work Recognition Pub	7:30 p.m. "Invitation au Voyage" D 245 No admission charge	All Day Admissions Open House Campus Center	7:30 p.m. Film: "Paisan" D245 - No admission charge	7:30 p.m. Film: "Paisan" D245 - No admission charge	5:15 p.m. Meeting: Inter-House Council - Candlelight	
5:00 p.m. MCCTA Board meeting Candlelight	Men's Tennis: ECAC Metro at FDU		7:30 p.m. Meeting: Circle K CC248	7:30 p.m. Lecture: Creative writing in technical fields: sponsored by the Literary society Fireside	8:00 p.m. Review Session: Intro to Pascal Learning Center	
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer: Chapel	Track: Rutgers relays		8:00 p.m. Meeting: Champagnat House Council CC269	8:00 p.m. Board Meeting: BSU - CC270	9:30 p.m. Meeting: Black Student Union CC248A	
6:00 p.m. Computer Organization Review Session Learning Center			All Day Admissions Open House Campus Center	8:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Rehearsal New Dining Room	9:30 p.m. Meeting: MCTV - CC248	
7:30 p.m. Film: "Invitation au Voyage" No admission charge				9:30 p.m. Pub Night	9:30 p.m. Meeting: Communication Arts Society CC269	
9:30 p.m. Sophomore Party: Sponsored by Champagnat House Council Dining Room				9:45 p.m. Meeting: Student League Chairs CC270		
9:30 p.m. Student Academic Committee CC269						

Marist mentor program eases freshman woes

By Michael Scott Mueller

With less than three weeks left in the semester, college officials project that fewer than 12% of the freshman class will not return to Marist College as sophomores.

The high freshman retention rate, college officials said, is due in part to the freshman mentor program, which is completing its sixth year.

The Marist freshman retention rate has increased from 65% in 1977-78 to its current level of 87.72%, an increase of 22.72%. Retention rates of similar size schools were unavailable for comparison.

"There is no doubt the mentor program has had a positive effect on freshman students," said Peter Amato, one of five resident mentors. "The figures prove that a freshman is in need of many support services during the crucial first year."

Amato said that mentors are

not only concerned with academic guidance. They are also available, he said, for social and personal guidance.

"Freshman can see their mentor for any reason," Amato said, "whether it directly or indirectly relates to their life at the college."

Freshmen interviewed cited several reasons why the mentor program made a difference in their freshman year.

"Having a mentor clarifies a lot of things freshman don't understand," said Jeff Nicosia of Bellmore. A great deal of information, Nicosia said, ranging from academics to housing points, is available from the mentors. "A mentor kills rumors," he said.

"I would have been in a difficult situation now," said Don Reardon of Hanover, Mass., "if a mentor weren't available for me."

Reardon explained that the fact that mentors live in the dorms is a

great asset to the students. "I probably wouldn't have seen Amato if he had an office somewhere else."

After meeting with the mentor, Reardon said he "woke up" to a lot of things. "Amato will show you specific things that will happen to you if your academics slide," Reardon said. "He really shows a genuine interest in his students and I think that inspires people."

Both freshmen agreed that the counseling a mentor provides is necessary for adjustment into the college lifestyle.

"Everyone is in the same boat when you come here," said Nicosia. "By putting freshman into their own dorms and offering help if they need it shows the school cares if the students survive."

Before the mentor program was initiated, freshmen were randomly placed throughout the dorms. In 1978, Leo Hall became the first freshman dorm, housing 289

freshman. Four part-time mentors were hired as part of the program. The remainder of the class, another 408 freshmen, were randomly housed and were not part of the program.

According to the Rev. Richard LaMorte, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, "The key to the program was the personal relationship established between the mentor and student in his or her area."

The mentors are also responsible for committing academically weak students (below 1.7 g.p.a.)

to contracts and intervening before a student's situation becomes grave.

Specific norms in the freshman residence halls concerning noise, alcohol, room conditions and discipline are seen as another deterrent to attrition.

By the fall of 1980, Sheahan Hall was converted into a freshman residence, and Marian Hall became the third in 1983.

In addition to the five resident mentors, a commuter and off-campus mentor are also available for the increasing student body.

SUNY students unite: Fight new drinking age

By Gina Franciscovich

A group of students at SUNY New Paltz is continuing the fight against the proposed bill to raise the drinking age to 21 in New York State.

SASU, the Student Association of the State University, has taken on its own most effective means, persistent petitioning and lobbying efforts, to fight the proposed change of the state's legal drinking age.

SASU helped defeat the proposed bill last year through its efforts, according to elected delegate Chris Sterling, a freshman at SUNY New Paltz.

Governor Mario Cuomo has given top priority to raising the drinking age. The issue remains at a 50-50 chance of passing, ac-

ording to sources at Senator Frank Padavan's office.

Sterling recalled a "lobbyday" where members of SASU met with assemblymen in favor of the change and tried to convince the assemblymen of their point of view. SASU is arranging another lobbyday to be held in Albany this Tuesday. Buses will transport students from state universities who wish to rally against the proposed bill.

Assemblymen Stephen Saland and Glenn Warren are among the state representatives who voted in favor of raising the drinking age when it came before the Assembly last year.

Saland and Warren base much of their support of the bill on the corresponding decrease in accidents when the drinking age was raised from 18 to 19 in New York State.

Representatives of SASU base their opposition to the bill on some very conflicting statistics. Sterling claims that of the 19 and 20-year-olds who drive, over 99 percent have never been involved in an alcohol related automobile accident.

Sterling also claimed that by raising the legal age to 21, the government will not necessarily be saving lives.

"If kids already used to the privilege of drinking are suddenly banned from bars, they will just drink in their cars," Sterling said.

President Reagan's proposal to adopt a nationwide drinking age of 21 is supported by the federal government's threat to reduce federal highway funds. Sterling calls this threat "federal blackmail."

Panicking about that resume? Time hasn't run out — yet.

By Barbara Ruby

Graduating seniors who haven't started job hunting or haven't found the job they want still have time to get a good resume together, according to Ray Wells, director of the Career Development Center at Marist.

The first step in resume writing is not to sit down at the typewriter but to do a self-evaluation. Wells said. A student should look at his assets — skills, knowledge, experience, extra-curricular activities — to decide what he wants and what he has to offer. By concentrating on interests and skills one can develop goals and objectives, he said.

There are two basic formats for resumes: chronological, which emphasizes work experience and education; and functional, which emphasizes skills, according to Wells. College students tend to use the chronological approach, unless they are looking for a special job which requires special skills. The chronological resume is also the most widely accepted resume to employers, Wells said.

Although he can tell students what to put in a resume, Wells said he helps students most with expression.

"It's what you have to say and how you say it," he said. "That's the most crucial thing."

"The resume is a marketing tool," he said. "Present yourself as someone they want to hire. Aim at their needs, what they're looking for."

Although many large companies have already hired the personnel they will need for the next year, Wells said it's not too late for graduating seniors to start job hunting. It may be unrealistic, he said, for a student to get the job he really wants by graduation, but there are still openings in smaller and medium size companies.

"Don't make assumptions on who's hiring and when to apply," Wells said. "Research the company. They fill needs as they come up. But it depends on how industrious a student is to get the job now. You have to make it happen, not wait for it to happen," he said.

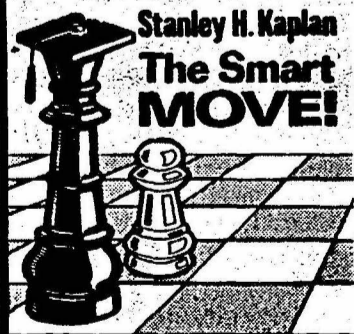
Wells encourages students to research companies and career information in the library before interviewing. Students can look at job opportunity handbooks and directories in the Career Development Center, as well as set up an interview with Wells to explore resume writing and job hunting techniques.

The resume is an important tool in job hunting but students shouldn't take it too seriously, Wells said.

"Students tend to over-

emphasize the resume without looking at what really goes into getting the job," he said. "The resume is to get you that interview. This is your calling card," he said.

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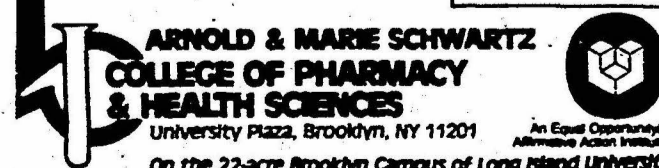
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New sounds ride the airwaves of Marist radio station

By Tom McKenna

Tune into Marist College radio WMCR and you'll really get an earful. Through a new music format, new albums and the help of faculty members the station has a "new sound."

The station's new format is an "intelligent mix" of old and new music that can't be heard on professional stations, said Steve Lackey, WMCR's music director.

Lackey, a junior, said the format is simple. The DJs must play 15 songs during a three-hour show, which is five songs per hour.

"We're striving for a consistency in sound," Lackey said. "Before, when you turned on WMCR you wouldn't know what to expect. The jocks just played their favorite tunes. Now, we've got tighter programming."

The programming has been boosted because for the first time in its history, WMCR is receiving albums from major record companies through a record service.

The station receives albums from such record labels as Columbia, Warner Brothers, MCA, Atlantic and A&M, Lackey said. "We're getting a lot of new music, and we're also bolstering our older album library," he added.

Bill Smith, general manager of WMCR, said the station is receiving a lot of support from its members, particularly freshmen.

Program Director Ed Flynn, said the station is 100 percent better this year because of the new format. He also said more people are listening to the station, and talking about it.

Flynn said the station has become more noticeable because of its non-commercial format

and through promotions, which were mostly by word of mouth. "We're trying to build a reputation for ourselves," he said. "We want the same respect The Circle receives."

The news department, run by Gary Davis, a junior, has also changed for the better, Smith said, with the biggest change being added consistency. Every news program follows a certain format, which includes reporting more campus news than before, he said.

According to the management staff interviewed, the changes being made in WMCR could not have been done without the help of certain faculty members.

Dr. Robert Sadowski, chairman of the division of arts and letters, said he decided the station needed to become more visible and asked division faculty members Raphael Mark and Paul

Del Colle to become involved.

Del Colle said he and Mark gave the management staff advice about structure and organization, and said they tried to make themselves available to help with particular problems.

This semester, Del Colle said he is trying something new by allowing the management staff to receive credit, under an independent studies title, for work done for the station. He stressed however, that this is just an experiment.

Del Colle described his commitment to the station. "We don't want to be seen as someone who just says no. We want to show that someone does care," he said.

WMCR still has its problems, however, with the biggest ones being equipment trouble and lack of space.

Flynn said the station no longer broadcasts 24 hours a day, because the old equipment in the

station could not take the constant wear and tear. WMCR now broadcasts from 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Lack of space is also a problem, said Flynn. "We need not only office space, but more space for a production studio," he said. "We have to have everything in one place. We can't keep running over to the media center everytime we need some production done. That creates problems for everyone."

Currently, WMCR does all of its production of commercials and station promotions in the Beirne Media Center, and has to compete for time in the studios.

Smith said though, the changes and the progress in the radio station outweigh the problems. The station has not yet reached its peak, he said. "We're just beginning, but if we keep going in the same direction we could be there in two or three years."

Spring is in the air, and in the mind, too

By Tom McKenna

Soon, the springtime, with its warm temperatures, clear skies, budding leaves and singing birds will give rise to an incurable feeling inside every human. It's called "spring fever."

While the symptoms vary, most spring fever sufferers report an increase in physical energy, an unexplainable optimism, apathy and an unwillingness to be inside.

According to experts, spring fever's causes range from just a mental reaction to the nicer weather, to a chemical change in the brain.

Dr. John Scileppi, an associate professor of psychology at Marist said people clearly change as the spring approaches.

Scileppi said the change is more a physical one than mental. Scileppi said chemicals inside the brain, called endorphines, cause the upbeat feelings inside people.

He said the chemical, which is similar to morphine, is secreted by the brain when we feel good. "When we feel good," Scileppi said, "it makes us feel better."

In the spring, the warmer weather and longer days tend to make the average person happier and more upbeat. This is when the chemicals go to work and make us feel better than we really are, he said.

Generally, the spring weather tends to make both students and the instructors more cheerful, and less likely to want to be inside doing schoolwork. Roberta Amato, the director of the counseling services, said that overall, students are happier during the spring.

She said during the winter the students usually have a bleak outlook. When the nicer weather

approaches, the students become more cheerful and, gradually, the winter "blahs" disappear.

Of course, students are not the only ones who follow this sort of trend, according to Amato. "Most of us tend to feel optimistic when the good weather approaches," she said.

However, springtime is not always a good time of year for everyone. Scileppi said the suicide rate tends to rise during this time of year.

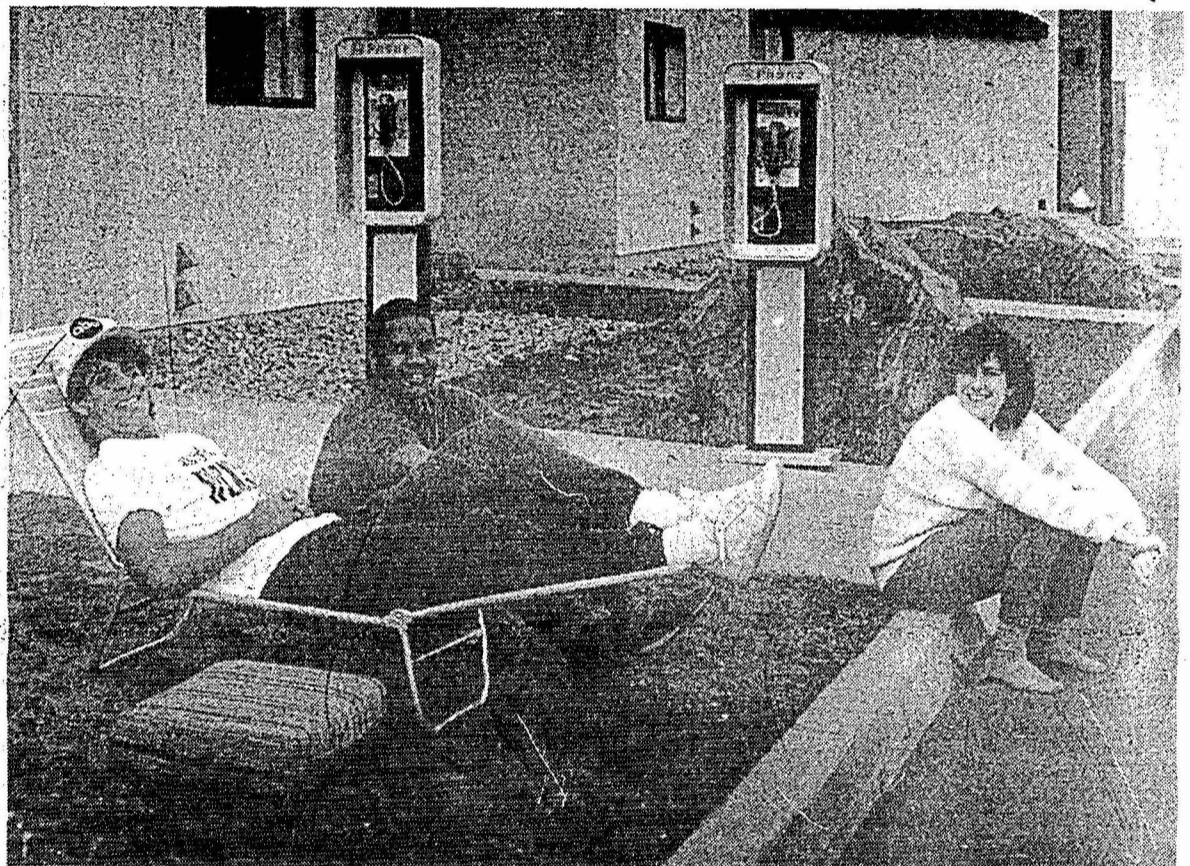
According to Scileppi, a significant number of people associate depression with the bad weather, such as the snow and rain of winter. As nicer weather approaches, our mood doesn't go away and we tend to feel left out. "Everyone else seems happy, and you're not," he said. This situation may lead a person with a serious emotional problem to commit suicide, Scileppi added.

Of course, the majority of people aren't thinking of suicide and depression during the spring. In the case of students, many are just thinking about blowing off that afternoon class to go outside and toss a Frisbee or softball around.

Still, four out of five instructors interviewed said that attendance is not the main problem during spring. The biggest problem is the students' attitude.

Stephen Bentley, the upperclassman mentor, said the students have trouble concentrating on work when the weather is nice. "The students don't want to be stuck in a class, or in a room doing schoolwork when the weather is nice," he said.

Scileppi said that academics usually go down during the spring, but Bentley said the academic



Seniors Mark Giufre, Kelly Stith and junior Barbara Fischer are unable to do more than relax in the sun. (photo by Maureen Ryan).

performance of the student depends on his performance the previous semester.

"The pattern generally is if you did poorly during the fall semester, you do well in the spring," said Bentley.

Students are not the only ones who suffer from the onslaught of nice weather. "We're (Faculty) not immune from these feelings during spring," Scileppi said. "Sometimes, we would rather be outside enjoying the nice weather, too."

Students don't have to suffer as badly during the spring, however. Bentley suggested that the student

plan out his/her schedule, keeping in mind that there will be warm weather during the spring.

He said that students should take their heavier course load in the fall, and leave the lighter studies, such as electives and CORE requirements to the spring semester. "Think about it ahead of time," Bentley said. "It does pay off."

Incident reports inside and outside the dorms increase in the spring, according to Director of Housing Robert Heywood. He said that with the coming of spring and the nice weather, students tend to be more active.

"It's more likely that a window will get broken, or there will be some other sort of damage to the buildings," Heywood said. "There are long winters up here, and when the weather improves, people tend to have higher energy levels," he said.

On a final note, Scileppi offered some common sense advice for everyone suffering from spring fever. "Our physical feeling works hand in hand with our mental feeling," he said. "If we want to feel good, we should try to keep a more joyful mood," he concluded with a smile.

Student League, others honored at CSL dinner

By Julia E. Murray

Though some may call it beginner's luck, Student League seems to be off to a running start in its first year. In recognition of the work they have done this year, the Council of Student Leaders named the Student League "Club of the Year" during the CSL Awards Dinner Sunday.

The Communication Arts Society was also recognized at the dinner, winning the title "Service Club of the Year." They sponsored lectures and activities for

students of various majors, as well as becoming involved in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters membership drive within the Poughkeepsie community. They also began working with the Dutchess Manor Home for the elderly, trying to bring some cheer to its occupants.

The title "Class of the Year" went to the Class of 1987, who were responsible for the Video Mixer, the "Release Anxiety Day" car smash and trying to establish a "study day" between the end of classes and the

beginning of exams.

A special recognition award went to Campus Ministry for their contribution to the college through such programs as Miss-a-Meal and Central America Week.

"They have contributed greatly to the overall community spirit of the college," said Anthony Phillips, President of CSL.

A special recognition award was also given to Terri Manzi, Assistant Coordinator of College Activities, in appreciation for her work in the Marist community.

Gerard Cox, Dean of Student

Affairs, and Betty Yeaglin, Director of Activities, were given "Outstanding Contribution" awards at the dinner.

In addition to individual clubs being recognized, each club president was also honored, as well as all the members of CSL. The college gave each member of CSL a small clock with his or her name engraved on it, in appreciation of their work for the students.

CSL honored not only clubs, but also individual students at the dinner. The 35 students chosen to be placed in "Who's Who Among

Students in American Universities and Colleges" were also recognized for their achievement.

Student League sponsored a variety of events this year, including the Homecoming Parade and bonfire and the recent Easter egg hunt. They are also sponsoring the Community Unity Barbecue which is being held tomorrow for the entire Marist community.

Money for events such as the barbecue has been raised through a series of fundraisers, including the Cruise Mixer and Family Feud.



SPORTS



Lax team, at 7-3, travels to Skidmore today

By Michael Robert Murphy

The Marist lacrosse team sports a 7-3 overall record and is 2-2 in the Knickerbocker Conference as it enters today's contest at Skidmore College.

The Red Foxes won two of their three games last week. The highlight came when junior attackman Tom Daly set a single-game school points record and tied the Marist single-game goal record in the team's 12-6 victory over Fairleigh Dickinson University Saturday afternoon.

The West Babylon native had seven goals to tie the Marist single-game goal record set by Lou Corsetti. Daly's two assists gave him the single-game record.

Daly said that he was happy about the records, but that he has more important things in mind. "It feels great, but personal

records just come along with team play," said Daly. "More importantly I just want us to keep winning this season."

Marist Head Coach Mike Malet said that he was pleased with Daly's as well as the rest of the squad's performance up to this point in the season. "Tom is just one of the many veterans who have mixed with the newcomers for a good solid team," said Malet. "And our play so far this season proves it. Last season we were 5-6. This year we are already 7-3. The improvement is quite obvious."

In the FDU game, the Red Foxes were leading 6-4 going into the second period when Daly received a pass from midfielder Todd Jesaitis and scored. That started Marist's goal rush giving the team a six-goal victory and a conference win.

In other games last week, Marist dropped a heartbreaker to conference rival Montclair State, 15-11, last Thursday at Leonidoff Field.

Going into the final period the Red Foxes were leading 10-7. But Montclair exploded for eight goals while the Foxes could only manage one, giving the visitors the four point winning advantage.

"In the fourth we were both physically tired and mentally fatigued," said Malet. "Our inexperienced began to show causing us to make fundamental mistakes that we normally would not make. Up until last Saturday's game against FDU we played ten lacrosse games in 19 days. That's a lot of lacrosse."

Leading Marist in scoring were sophomore midfielder Dan Ar-

nold with four goals, junior midfielder John Young, sophomore midfielder Steve Wolfe and Daly all with two goals.

"Montclair gave us a lot of trouble clearing the ball in the fourth period causing us to make errors that they capitalized on," said Young.

The Montclair game gave Marist its second loss in the conference, dimming the Foxes hopes for the conference title. "There is still an outside shot for us at the conference title," said Malet. "We came into this season with the goal of improving our record in both the conference and overall. We have already done that. Now we just want to take one game at a time and try to win each."

Malet also said that the remainder of the season will be a

test for the Red Foxes: "We have six games left on tap and each of them are against formidable opponents. We are going to have to play our best ball yet."

In Marist's third game last week it defeated Manhattanville 12-4 in a non-conference matchup on April 9.

After two periods the Red Foxes were leading 5-3, but erupted for five goals in the third period securing the victory as the Foxes outshot Manhattanville 51-22.

Junior midfielder Mike Master-son, sophomore attackman Tim Dunn, Wolfe and Daly each had two goals in the winning effort.

After today's game against Skidmore, the Red Foxes have seven more games slated, with the next home contest Saturday, April 27, against Dowling.



Marist men's varsity lightweight eight casts off toward another strong race.

Crew wins two in Philly

By Mary A. Wall

Marist women's crew took two first-place finishes against Villanova University as the men rowed against Villanova and Drexel College last weekend in Philadelphia.

The women's varsity four and women's novice eight boats took first-place honors against Villanova. The four boat took the race by two boat lengths, the eight won its race by three. Dreckle had no women's entries.

The women's varsity eight placed second in its race. Head Coach Larry Davis said, "I don't think that Villanova out rowed us, it's just that we really didn't row very well ourselves. We sort of beat ourselves in that race."

The men's varsity eight placed second losing to Drexel. According to Davis, the Marist boat had trouble in the beginning of the race, but ended with a fantastic sprint and was able to pass two other boats to take second.

The men's varsity four placed third beating Villanova, and men's novice eight placed fourth losing to Villanova and Drexel's A and B boats.

Davis said the crew showed tremendous progress since its last race. "We have the toughest racing schedule we've had in a number of years," he said. "We're racing schools that tend to have a lot more water time than we have, and we're competitive with them."

Benefit hoop tourney: a McCann success

By Dan Pietrafesa

The hoop season may be over, but Dutchess County had a final chance to see the four Marist seniors — Steve Eggink, Ted Taylor, Gil Padilla and Bruce Johnson — from the ECAC Metro Conference-regular season champion Marist men's basketball team at the McCann Center this past weekend in the Adam Lawlor Fund Raising Basketball Tournament.

Adam Lawlor is a seventeen year old Roosevelt High School student who lost part of both legs in an automobile accident last February.

Former Marist star Tim Hoolihan, a close friend of the Lawlors, came up with the idea of starting the tournament. He then contacted Mark Sinon who has organized tournaments of this nature before. They in turn contacted Marist star and Hoolihan's close friend Steve Eggink, who arranged for the tournament to be played at the McCann Center.

The tournament was a success as more than sixteen hundred dollars was raised to help pay Lawlor's medical expenses.

Eggink, Hoolihan and Sinon, the three organizers of the tourney, hope to make this an annual event.

"This year was a good starter," said Hoolihan. "Next year, we

will play for another good cause, possibly cancer research."

The tournament consisted of four teams: Chic's Tavern, which included the four Marist seniors on the men's basketball team, Marist senior Chris Metcalfe and Hoolihan, a former Marist player; the Newburgh City Champs the past three seasons, Fucicello's Trucking; Scianna's, a team consisting of former college stars from the Southern Dutchess area who won the I.B.M. Championship last Thursday; and Anaconda-Kaye Sports, a team which included former Siena star Dan Terwilliger, last year's Continental Basketball Association's Most Valuable Player Ralph McPherson and his teammate from the Albany Patroons, Bruce Kuczynski.

"I had a real good time," said one-time New Jersey Net and Philadelphia 76er Bruce Kuczynski. "Ralph and I came down because it was for such a good cause."

Chic's Tavern fell victim to Anaconda-Kaye Sports 105-77 in the Championship game in front of 400 fans.

The big men up front, McPherson at 6-9 (33 points) and the 6-11 Kuczynski (34 points), proved to be too much for Chic's Tavern as their team built up a 56-31 halftime lead.

Tournament M.V.P. Kuczynski

and McPherson put on a good exhibition in Anaconda-Kaye's two tournament games with crisp passing and numerous slam dunks. Kuczynski was even hitting 20-foot jumpers, something most 6'11" men don't do.

"My jumper is finally coming back," said Kuczynski who had numerous injuries last year.

The second half saw Chic's Tavern cut the deficit to 60-50 as this game began to take the form of the Loyola game in the ECAC Metro Conference Tournament last month, but the big men for Anaconda took over again with the help of Roosevelt High School senior Erin Griffin (12 points).

Eggink led Chic's Tavern with 22 points while Bruce Johnson and Ted Taylor contributed 18 and 15 points respectively.

In the consolation game, Scianna's used a second half surge to defeat Fucicello's Trucking 99-84.

Jeff Holman, a graduate of M.I.T., led Scianna's with 32 points including some impressive slam dunks for the 6'5" guard.

Sid Monroe and John Borden each had 21 points for Fucicello's Trucking.

Friday night's contests turned out to be high scoring affairs as both Chic's Tavern and Anaconda-Kaye Sports squeezed out close victories in front of 300

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Marist hoopsters sign two

By John Cannon

Two high school players from quality schools have signed National Letters of Intent to attend Marist College and accept basketball scholarships next year.

Bob Francis of Cambridge Ringe and Latin in Cambridge, Mass., and Reggie McNeil of Dunbar High School in Baltimore, Md., will join the Red Fox program next semester.

Francis is a 6-foot-7, 205-pound forward from Dorchester, Mass. He averaged 10 points, 10 rebounds and 4 blocked shots per game last season. His impressive statistics enabled him to be ranked within the top 25 players in Massachusetts, both junior and senior years. Ringe and Latin is the high school in which Georgetown All-America Patrick Ewing attended. Francis intends to major in communication arts.

McNeil, a 6-3 guard, led Dunbar to two national high school championships in his four years. He averaged 10 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists this past season. He plans to major in either computer science or communication arts.

With last fall's early signing of Tim Beckwith from Phoebus High School in Virginia, Marist still has four scholarships to offer for next

season. Head Coach Matt Furjanic said that he plans to sign two more players before the May 15 cutoff date, and leave two scholarships available for next season.

Furjanic said that the signings of Francis and McNeil were top priorities in building a contending team next season. "They are two great athletes who will have an immediate impact next year," said Furjanic. "We feel these men will represent Marist both on and off the court."

Assistant Coach Jim Todd agreed. "We are getting two good student athletes from successful programs," Todd said. "Dunbar was the number one high school team in the country, and Cambridge was in the top 25."

Furjanic and Todd said they are looking to sign one or two players sometime this week, but would not disclose who they were. However, one likely choice is Joe Paterno, a New Jersey forward who is one of the most highly rated players in the New York Metropolitan area. Paterno has said his choice is down to Marist, Fordham and the University of Massachusetts.

Another possible recruit is Greg Poindexter from Gompers High School in the Bronx. According to an article in the Daily News, Poindexter has picked Marist as his top choice to attend school.

Thursday Morning Quarterback

The lost pastime

By Ian O'Connor

It's in the early days of spring when you hear the sound. A sharp crack echoes in the brisk air, soon to be followed by a piercing cry that sends chills down the spines of all ballplayers, past and present. It's the sound of bat meeting ball. It's the cry of the batsman being stung by the tools of his trade.

If you happen to be walking on the campus of this Poughkeepsie school and hear that painful noise, it can be one of many things. It can be the meeting of two lacrosse sticks fighting for a loose ball. Or, with the new club on the scene, it can be the result of a collision that is commonplace in the game of rugby. But, if you are at all familiar with Marist athletics, you know it isn't the beautiful sound of our national pastime being resurrected for another season. Baseball is simply not offered here.

To me, the absence of baseball at this college is almost sinful. The game is still America's number one game, having fought off stiff challenges from its two major rivals, football and basketball. The game is

played in literally every corner of the nation, by people representing all groups imaginable. Despite this fact, it remains the pride of the middle class. And this is primarily a middle class college.

Baseball would seem to fit in quite nicely at Marist. Here, we have a school very concerned with improving its image in the world of collegiate athletics, mainly through the rising Division One men's basketball program. Certainly the absence of hardball detracts from this image, as a great majority of colleges with well-rounded programs do offer the sport. And we are situated in a metropolitan area known for producing standout ballplayers. There are plenty of high school stars walking around on this campus.

So why is this traditional college freezing out this traditional game which so many Americans follow with a religious fervor? Well, according to interim athletic director Dr. Howard "Doc" Goldman, the main reasons involve the lack of space and the absence of initiative and timing on the part of the students.

First, the problem with space. Goldman maintains that there

currently isn't enough room on campus for an adequate playing facility. The new field behind the bank is being readied and will have baseball diamonds, but they will be used for intramural softball and the like. The field is considered to be too narrow to accommodate a college team.

But, outside of what the campus has to offer, there is another option. A Marist team could use a local park as its home turf, at least on a temporary basis. That seems to be a viable alternative, one that Goldman cites as a very real possibility. And that's where the A.D. says student initiative has to take over.

"We've had meetings in the past to try and start baseball and 35 or 40 guys would come," he said recently. "But when the first practice is called only the pitcher and catcher would show up. There has to be that initiative and driving force. If the students wanted baseball badly enough they'd have it. There's no hockey rink on campus but we have a successful club team."

Goldman says he's seen ap-

proximately eight separate attempts to start baseball at Marist during his tenure at the school, with the most recent failure coming about two years ago. While the lack of student motivation has been a main problem area, the McCann head also points to bad timing on the part of student organizers as another major drawback.

"In March we'd have students come and ask about the possibility of a team, but there never was any buildup or preparation," he said. "People always want to start in the spring. But the time to work on starting baseball is in the winter. That's the time to get things going."

Another obstacle that can be added to the list are the seasonal problems, the unpredictable weather of March and April. A full season of 20 to 30 games would have to be played in these two months, which usually aren't very pleasant in the Poughkeepsie area. Lacrosse, on the other hand, is a sport with a lighter schedule and is played in

almost any weather. In this instance it's a matter of convenience, or rather, inconvenience.

So these, in summary, are the main reasons why baseball does not exist at Marist College. I feel that although Goldman raises valid points, this school just has to do more to try and implement the sport. Every college comparable to ours that has a baseball team faces all the same problems I've just mentioned. Yes, the interested students have to play a major role (and survive the "red tape" of starting a club here). But the college should also do its part by providing ample facilities and establishing a fall baseball season if the spring weather is just too harsh.

Marist does offer sports such as lacrosse and crew that many similar colleges do not. But a great part of American culture is missing here. And that just shouldn't be.

One day, this campus will hear that painful yet beautiful sound of bat meeting ball in the brisk spring (or autumn) air. And that day will never come too soon.

Tennis team defeated by Drew University

By John Clements

The tennis team was defeated at home by Drew University on Saturday, 7-2. This week the team faces New Patz away and Siena at home, before traveling to Farleigh Dickinson University on Saturday for the men's ECAC Metro tournament.

The match against Drew featured an exciting doubles third set tiebreaker won by the Marist team of George Lovell and Ron

Young, 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (10-8). Lovell and Young came back after trailing 2-5 in the third set. "We got our confidence back and started playing well," said Young.

Marist coach Gerry Breen said he feels the Drew squad was superior, but was satisfied with the team's effort. The remaining part of the season Marist faces relatively easy teams with most of the matches away, said Breen. There should be some close matches coming up so the team

should be able to improve on its 2-4 record, according to Breen.

College competition consists of six singles and two doubles matches and are the best of three sets. The NCAA uses no-advantage scoring for match play. If a game is tied at three points all, the player receiving serve has a choice to where they want to receive the serve, and whoever wins the point also wins the game. Breen says the no-ad is a good idea, because it forces the player to key on the big points.

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Hoops

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fans.

Both games were close until Chic's Tavern and Anaconda-Kaye Sports broke their games wide open in the final ten minutes.

In the first game, Anaconda-Kaye Sports defeated Fueicello's Trucking 106-94.

Anaconda-Kaye Sports had difficulty stopping the super outside shooting of Fueicello's Trucking, but prevailed in the end due to its superior inside game.

Kuczenski finished with a game high 39 points while McPherson contributed 31 points.

John Borden was the Fueicello high scorer with 28 points while Troy Mackey chipped in 24.

In the nightcap, Chic's Tavern defeated Scianna's 101-94.

Eggink led Chic's Tavern with 28 points while Taylor and Johnson scored 20 and 19 respectively.

Billy Daniels, a graduate of North Carolina A&T, was the game high scorer with 29 points.

The following is the All-Tournament Team: Ralph McPherson — Anaconda-Kaye Sports, 32 ppg. Steve Eggink — Chic's Tavern, 25 ppg. Bruce Johnson — Chic's Tavern, 18.5 ppg. Jeff Holman — Scianna's, 32 points Saturday John Borden — Fueicello's Trucking, 24.5 ppg. Tournament M.V.P. — Bruce Kuczenski — Anaconda-Kaye Sports, 36.5 ppg.

Tournament Notes: Most students on campus did not know of the tournament due to the lack of publicity on campus. As a result, there were very few students in attendance.

Mentor

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exam, they have to take the "orals." This full day test includes an interview, an oral test of general and specific knowledge, writing assignments, negotiating exercises and an "in-box" exercise that simulates office work, Patterson said.

Patterson passed this section on his third try. He was one of the 150 people selected annually from more than 18,000 applicants.

He said he felt his educational background helped him enter the foreign service. Patterson received his BS from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in May 1981.

He said his mentor experience at Marist also helped him reach his goal.

"It helped me develop interpersonal skills, allowed me to remain in a work environment... and exposed me to issues of management and bureaucracy," he explained. Patterson started working at Marist in August 1982.

While Patterson admits that his parents are worried about the possible danger of his career, he says he feels that their patience throughout his education also helped him enter the foreign service.

"They know it's important to me, and have been supportive," he said.

Although he says he finds separation from loved ones difficult, his job potentially dangerous and the government bureaucracy complex, Patterson says he gets a lot out of his career. Extensive travel and education are free. Work and colleges are interesting to him. "And," he added, "This gives me the opportunity to serve my country."

Patterson, who speaks French, German and Mandarin Chinese, recommends that anyone who wants to enter the foreign service "reads widely." He also suggests that they "keep up on current events," study economics and history, and "get to know America."

River

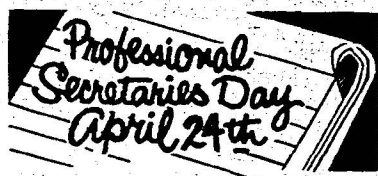
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Day? There may not be enough time," said Manzi.

Murphy said he is worried that some seniors will go ahead with an unsanctioned River Day before he has a chance to get solidify his plans. "Seniors still have the privilege of calling the day," he said.

According to Cox, Murphy originally wanted the college to take full responsibility for River Day and let the senior class maintain control over the events for that day.

But Cox refused. "Things have changed, it's not the same ball game anymore. Not only has the tradition of River Day changed, but the college is different, the society we're living in is different and so are the New York state laws," said Cox.



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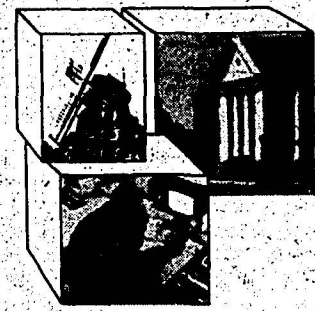
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