



THE CIRCLE

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Reagan Cuts Aid

by Evelyn Greco

Beware students, there may not be a semester for you next September. The reason for this will not be the usual "lack of a cum," but a lack of funds. According to Karen Atkin, Director of Financial Aid, there will be many reductions in the aid students receive, if the Reagan Proposal goes through. Also, it will be much harder to obtain a Guaranteed Student Loan, the money that 95% of the students depend upon.

If the Proposal is voted in, it will affect three phases of student aid: 1) National Direct Student Loans (NDSL), 2) Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL), 3) Pell Grants (formerly BEOG). Atkin explained that new federal money directed for NDSL usage would be reduced and that would cut aid to the student by 25%. When dealing with the Guaranteed Student Loans, Atkin stated that undergraduates might be faced with paying their interest on their loans now and possibly not being able to get a loan at all because of stiffer requirements. One positive note though: the borrowing amount on the GSL's has been raised from \$7500 to \$12,500 along with the interest rate from 7% to 9%.

Another type of aid that would be in trouble, according to Atkin, is the Pell Grants. The Reagan Proposal would once again put the income cap limit of \$25,000 on the program. This means that parents and students who make \$25,000 or more would not be able to receive any of this aid, even if you have eight children in the family attending college. Also, one's eligibility index would become too high and cause less and possibly no aid.

It is not too late to stop this proposal from being passed through Congress, says Karen. If the students are concerned enough about being able to have an education, then they should write their congressman before June 30. The Reagan Proposal is not too far from reality, explained Atkin, as the Jan. 1 cut in social security benefits to students has shown.

For further information on types of aid or just on how to fill out your F.A.F. form, Atkin is available for "on the spot" questions or by appointment.

Facing Fire Facts

By Veronica Shea

A \$100 reward has been offered to anyone providing information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who recently set a small fire on the first floor of Leo Hall.

The fire was discovered at approximately 3:30 A.M. on Saturday, February 21 in the trash can on the first floor in Leo. According to Geoff Seeger, Resident Director of Leo Hall, three similar fires have been found in the same location, and another in the trash can on the third floor, since the beginning of the spring semester. "We feel that they were all set," explains Seeger, "the reason being that in all cases, we found a way in which it was set, such as matches laying around the trash can."

Seeger explains that it is very difficult to find the person responsible for the fires. "At the hour they've been happening, there are few people

WMCR Marathon: A SUCCESS

By Monica Finnigan

In a small room of Donnelly Hall, four Marist students sacrificed their usual weekend plans and instead gave of themselves for a worthy cause. WMCR, the college radio station, sponsored their first marathon for the American Heart Association.

Bill Palmeri, Doug Haight, Ed Powers and Chris Barnes, all whom are members of the WMCR staff, set out to conduct a marathon in order to raise money for the station. "We didn't have a large allocation of money so we asked The American Heart Association to sponsor us and they agreed" explains Palmeri. Pledges were made from various members of the Marist community and the proceeds were split 50/50. WMCR's portion of the profit will be used to build up the station's record catalogue.

The marathon ran for a total of 72 hours, with each disc jockey airing six, three hour shows. The four spent their entire weekend eating, drinking and sleeping at the station and as Haight commented, "For the station, rest has no bounds. We're sponsoring this for both the humanistic part and to illustrate the power that WMCR can have." At first WMCR was a bit hesitant concerning the idea of the marathon. "We took a chance and were amazed at how well it went, everyone was very cooperative," says Palmeri.

In order to occupy the long enduring hours, "Call That Cut," open request lines and live hours were conducted. "These formats create listening participation, people get to hear their names on the air which is something



L to R - Chris Barnes, Doug Haight, Ed Powers and Bill Palmeri.

Photo by Mike Chung

unusual," Palmeri remarks. "We had a large amount of requests and the listening participation was great" reported Haight. Station identifications were aired from various faculty members endorsing the program as well as from Jim Carroll of "The Jim Carroll Band" which performed at the Good Times Cafe in Poughkeepsie on Friday night.

When asked if they would consider doing it again, the four replied, "definitely, everything was positive." Palmeri also explains the possibility of doing it again for another club, "I was

unaware of the financial status of the Marist hockey club, it would have been good to raise money for them through a marathon."

The total profit from the marathon was approximately \$600, and when asked if collecting the pledged money would be difficult, Palmeri optimistically replied, "It shouldn't be too tough because the people who pledged are all faculty or friends."

Even though it was a long tiring experience, the enthusiasm and efforts of the four and WMCR should be commended.

Powers Resigns from IHC

By Tom Hassett

Ed Powers has resigned from his position as president of the Interhouse Council. He has also chosen to resign the council of Student Leaders and House Council of Gregory House as well.

Powers at the beginning of this semester replaced Matt Chandler for the position. Powers says, "I want to put all my efforts into WMCR because

it is something that I enjoy," in explaining his resignation. Powers is presently the business manager of the college radio station and is running for general manager of the station for next semester.

Powers had been a member of the Inter House Council before accepting the position as president. "I went to the meetings and saw nothing getting done. I saw the council as just a pacifier for students. Because they are not utilizing the student government and the house council to its full extent," says Powers.

Plans that Powers had in mind to carry out while he was president include a newsletter in the Circle stating the promises that Frank Scott, the new dining services manager, made for improving the quality of food in the cafeteria. As well, plans are in effect for a field day in the spring co-sponsored by C.U.B. and a more active food committee.

"I am totally taking myself out of student government for this semester" says Powers. However, he expressed that he would serve as a consultant to the Council because he doesn't want to see the plans and progress that have been made dropped.

Powers is putting all his efforts into WMCR for a variety of reasons. "Students are not aware that the radio station is here for them" says Powers. He sites little administrative co-operation for the unpopular status of WMCR in the past. Powers feels, "More emphasis should be made in overall betterment of the college not just in one area such as basketball." He added, "the college is a communications and business oriented college but little emphasis is put on it."

Tony Giannone, a member of the Inter House Council from Champagnat, will replace Powers as president for the remainder of the semester.

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Readers Write

All letters must be typed triple space with a 60 space margin, and submitted to the Circle office no later than 6 p.m. Monday. Short letters are preferred. We reserve the right to edit all letters. Letters must be signed, but names may be withheld upon request. Letters will be published depending upon availability of space.

Touchy Subject

Dear Editor,

This past Saturday afternoon I listened to a Marist athlete being interviewed on a local radio station. She was asked to do the interview because of her accomplishments in her athletic field in her four years here. She was asked about her family, her reasons for coming to Marist, and her career goals among other topics. It was a very good interview.

When the interviewer asked her though, about her relationship with her coach and the conflicts the two of them have had, she refused to comment on this "touchy subject" because she felt that as a representative of this college that it would not be proper to bring up the personal problems between a player and a coach on the air. I commend her on that decision.

The interviewer then switched to a telephone interview with this player's coach and asked her to comment on the

same touchy subject. She did, making statements such as "I am very disappointed in her," and stated reasons why she believed the player did some of the things she did and why she thought the player was in the wrong in certain instances. I do not commend her on her decision.

When the interviewer was done talking with the coach she switched back to the player and asked her if she now had any additional comments to make, and she said, "No. That's it."

I would like to congratulate this player, not for all she has accomplished at Marist, but for having acted in such a mature and responsible manner during that interview. I just wish that the coach could have acted in as professional a manner as the player did. After all, she is the professional.

Sincerely,
Maureen Kenney

Why No Exceptions?

At the end of this week, when some students will be lounging in their comfortable homes, and others will be on their way to the sunny beaches of Florida, the Marist College crew team will be gearing up for a grueling workout in West Virginia. Plans for the trip have gone relatively smooth, with one major exception.

The resident members of the team are required to find alternate means of lodging on Friday night because the Housing Office will not permit them to remain on campus without charge. It seems unfair that a team which has so aptly represented Marist in the past should be denied a simple request to remain on campus until 5:30 a.m. Saturday.

Some members have the option to

stay at the homes of their off-campus teammates, but feel that they might be imposing. Their only other alternative is to sleep on the floor of the boathouse, a prospect which does not sound too inviting to a person who is about to embark upon a week-long workout.

It is reasonable to expect that the administration is eager to begin its vacation as well. However the small matter of a few hours in a comfortable bed without so much as the request for a meal appears to be a rather petty issue. Such injustice is contrary to the competitive level Marist is now trying to achieve. If a teams' members are spending \$50.00 each for a trip that will, in essence benefit the school and its reputation why can't the school show its appreciation for such support?

Empty Pockets

Each year a significant number of upperclassmen do not return to Marist. Some find that college was not what they were seeking. Others transfer to another college, decide to work, or take time off to pursue other interests. Beyond these personal reasons, there is one more factor that is quickly rising to predominate: money.

Lack of financial resources has always seemed to be one of the foremost problems concerning the college student. They work summer jobs and during the academic year to save for their tuition. Parents often contribute towards their child's education, but the burden most often rests upon the student. Finally, as a hopeful but last resort, is financial aid.

For those lucky enough to receive government, private, or college financial aid, it is often the determination of whether or not he will attend college. With loans rates increasing and inflation diminishing the award one may have received freshman year, even the aid ascertained becomes more expensive. Reagan proposes to cut government and state aid and make loans more difficult to obtain - while the cost of college continues to increase.

Student support is needed to block the president's action. Letters to our congressman are the first stage in making our voices heard. Financially speaking - will your plans be changed next year?

Grow Up

No one likes to have a bad reputation. According to the Fairview Fire Department, in their eyes Marist students are far from "peachy keen." This is nothing to boast about.

Within the atmosphere of "fun" often times fire alarms are "accidentally" pulled. We do not live in the city where firemen are on call - at the station 24 hours a day. Often times alarms pull the men literally out of their beds. This is not only unfair - it's selfish.

Recently, two fires were set in Leo. Why? What sort of person sees delight in setting fire to a garbage pail, smoking out the building, and making good, faithful men have to extinguish something that should never have been set in the first place? Obviously, a sick mind. It is not funny, nor fun, nor needed. Please stop it now before Marist's reputation is ruined. Also, grow up - this is college!

The Ice Age

Greetings From Alaska:
(Excuse us, we mean 9th Floor Girl's Wing)

Again for what seems like an "ice age" our rooms are freezing. We have not had any heat for most of the semester, and we are sick and tired of being passed from office to office and receiving no help. We are happy to see that Marist is in the process of expanding and becoming known, but we feel that present problems should be solved before advancing to other things. For the amount of money we are paying to go here, we feel it is very unfair that we should be deprived of something as basic as heat. We cannot study, sleep or just relax in our rooms due to the excessive coldness. We were

told there was nothing that could be done and in a sense we shouldn't complain since we chose to live in the rooms! We feel we were lucky to get a room with the amount of people that were taken in last semester. We just wanted to let you know that we feel it is very unfair and we are literally "sick" (colds, flu, etc...) over it. We certainly know where we won't be living next year and we hope that anyone that moves into these rooms is prepared to wear ten extra layers of clothes along with a few extra blankets to keep warm. We know there is an energy crisis, but we feel that having no heat is taking matters a bit too far. Thanks!
9th Floor Girls

Meaningful Marathon

Dear Listeners,

When I arrived at this fine establishment a little over two and a half years ago, I expected to go through some pretty wild and interesting experiences. But, I would trade in every single one (well, except one) to go through another like I had this weekend. As you all know, from noon February 27, through noon March 2, WMCR held its first annual radio marathon to raise money for the Heart Association and Marist College Radio.

Well if you haven't heard by now, I would like to tell you it was a total success thanks to a countless number of people. Unfortunately, there is only so much space so I will thank as many as I can.

First of all I would like to thank Ed Powers, Chris Branes, and Doug Haight for all their time, understanding, and dedication, WPDH for news, weather, and public ser-

vice announcements, security for their patience and late night engineering, all at the Good Times Cafe, Frank Scott and friends from the food service, for endless cups of coffee and deli snacks, all of the administration for making marathon ID's, **The Circle** for the best advertising and coverage on campus (besides MCR-ha ha!), also we cannot forget our No. 1 listeners Ooh Baby (Jeanette), Elaine, Sharon, Carla, and Diane, Diana the girls of Champagnat 5th an understanding bunch of listeners in Gregory, Benoit, Leo, Sheehan, and Champagnat, and finally every person who took the time to bring us some food or beverage, sign a pledge sheet, or dial our extension.

Nothing but love and thanks,
Bill Palmeri
GM-WMCR
P.S. Thanks, most importantly to the staff of WMCR.

Locking Up Money

Dear Friends,

On a recent trip to the Marist Security office, I asked the question that most highly

intelligent yet unorganized students ask, "How much does it cost to replace a room
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Time Out For the Lord

By Mark R. Wegg

On December 2 four Catholic missionary women—three of whom were sisters, one a lay volunteer—were murdered in El Salvador, a small Central American country. Evidence points to a political motive for these brutal slayings as these women's lives were in jeopardy because they worked with the poor and lived their whole lives for Jesus Christ by caring for the rights for the oppressed. To serve those of need in many third world nations is considered subversive, community activity. In fact, to preach the Gospel of Jesus—charity, fraternity and sorority, conversion to God and love for fellow humans—is so contrary to the selfish, tyrannical governments that anyone who preaches Christ as the one who has come to the poor of this earth is immediately marked an enemy of the State.

Presently the U.S. government proports documentation that a Communist plot is underway to overthrow the present government of El Salvador. Whether that documentation be true or falsified, I do not know. Personally, I suspect it to be partially true. But I have also seen firsthand the living conditions of the poor in El Salvador and Nicaragua. They are abhorrent—which might be the primary cause and instigation for such a plot.

Several years ago before any uprisings began, I visited El Salvador to do some work with parish communities especially connected with the charismatic renewal. It was a beautiful journey, though a difficult one, of being led by the Spirit of God. In El Salvador though I had many life-enhancing encounters with these people of a completely different culture, I often cried at the human suffering and misery I beheld. A very small percentage of the population owned 90-95% of the wealth, I was told. I saw thousand upon thousands of acres of lush, cultivated coffee trees while thousands upon thousands of persons lived on the fringes of this terrain. One Sunday, while I was going through the countryside with a group of Church freinds—veering up the side of a small mountain which showed a volcanic crater, I saw groves and groves of homeless people whose living spaces consisted of the shoulders of the dirt, mud via on which we rode as we ascended the slopes of the mountain.

The other side of the shoulder was met with a barb-wired fence which enclosed countless acres of coffee trees with near-ripe beans as far as the eye could see. These poor El Salvadorians lived on a space not wider than 10 feet in width. Some of their "habitations" were made out of the garbage remnants of the rich: cardboard, plastics, and flattened tin cans which were constructed in such a way to make "walls" for huts. It appeared that these huts, which were no more than 10 ft. x 10 ft., served as a dwelling for whole families which could comprise a dozen or more members. I saw children dirty, brusied, naked and diseased with bellies like basketballs, frolicking in the mud—near the barb-wired fence of these plantations—from which they were most emphatically excluded and in which guards stood with automatic gunnery to check any trespasser's approach onto the property—less the poor steal a few beans. Many of the rich people apparently went to church on Sunday and most assuredly recieved the blessing of the priest—probably to assuage their consciences. One thing they may not have received—the blessing of God.

The situation in El Salvador and such similar countries remind me of the parable which Jesus told about the rich man and the poor man. The rich man put himself out of the love of God by his lifelong hardness of heart to recognize his selfishness against the poor for whom he would not give even crumbs. (Luke 16:19-31)

The situation in El Salvador also reminds me that anyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ, the way, the truth and the life—is also called to be Christ to others especially to the sick, the abandoned, the homeless, the imprisoned, the suffering, and the poor (Matthew 25:31-46). Perhaps in El Salvador there will be more American martyrs for the Lord Jesus—martyrs who may find themselves unprotected and unsupported even by their own government and people who have been blessed with freedom. The Church in the first few centuries after Christ was built on the blood of such martyrs. So the Church of the future (and a new civilization I believe) will be built on the blood of those 4 martyrs and others, whose vallant, humble acts of love mingle with the ashes of the poor and will bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus even in this present age.

(The Spanish Club and Campus Ministry are jointly sponsoring a Lecture on El Salvador and Latin American situation on March 30, Monday, 8:00 p.m. in the Theater. This is an opportunity for us to hear a missionary firsthand. And I hope you can make it.)

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Happy Birthday Sprawls!
Good Luck, Mike.

Bonnie

Rockpile

by Diane Loiacono

Last Thursday night about thirty or forty people were treated to some fine entertainment at the Fireside Lounge by members of the Marist community.

The show began with an acoustic guitar set by Judy Norman. Her choice of songs ranged from Jim Croce to the Police. Following Judy was a newly formed campus band. Bill Nolan, Adam Puglia, and George Daly had only decided the previous night to play at the Coffee House. Their act was mainly hard-rock covers which were convincingly executed. Puglia, who has had experience touring with bar bands, took lead vocals. The next spot was filled by Mike Iantosca who displayed his talent as a pianist.

The final act was one that is very familiar to Marist. Originally named

"Ransom," their name has recently been changed to C-249, in reference to the Campus Center room where much of their rehearsing takes place. C-249 is a combination of students, alumni and faculty. Music professor Dave Heckendorn does much of the writing, plays keyboards, sax and sings most to the tunes. Marist graduate, Joe Santacroce a.k.a. "Uncle Joe," is the guitarist along with junior, Mike Moore. George Daly takes care of the drumming and demonstrated his skill in a stirring solo. C-249's repertoire extends from fast-paced pounding guitar riffs in "Graffiti" to Billy Joe-style pop tunes.

All the acts were received enthusiastically and hopefully more students will be discovered at the Coffee Houses sponsored by the Inter-House Council.

Fire Facts Cont...

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under psychiatric observation in an institution. If and when this student returns to Marist, "we are 90% sure he will not be residing in a campus facility," says Bob Kaminski, Resident Director of Champagnat Hall.

Because of the frequency of false alarms and small fires on the Marist campus, both Kaminski and Seeger fear apathy among residents. "Students think an alarm is a joke and there's no reason to leave," notes Kaminski.

"There's too much of an attitude that nothing can burn in these buildings," believes Seeger, "but in 9 of 10 cases, smoke will kill, not fire. The smoke from one of the Leo trash

can fires reached the sixth floor," adds Seeger, "There is a gross lack of awareness as to how serious it could get."

In Decker's 30 member department, only 4 or 5 are willing to respond to a call from Marist. "The rest are getting disgusted with it," he explains, "holding back for a progress report from myself or an assistant." Depending on the time of day, and the traffic situation, Fairview can respond to a call in two or three minutes.

Marist is not charged for the Fairview service; it is supported by the taxpayers. But, as Chief Decker asks, "Do you remember the story of the boy who cried, 'Wolf'?"

Inquiring Photographer

How do you feel about Marist College Security?



Donna O'Shaughnessy (Soph): "They're fools, because they didn't hire me."



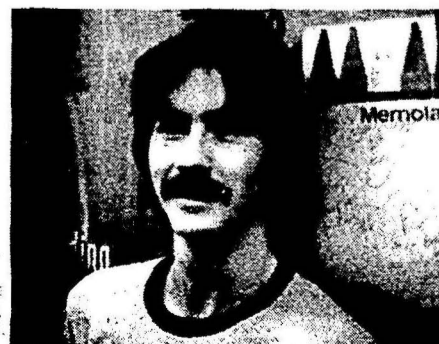
Susan Vasallo (Soph): "I do my job."



Meg Wright (Freshman): As proved by last weekends incident, security should be a little tighter.



David Riley (Soph): Tow Joe Waters, and stick Willie Clare at the helm.



Mark Fingar (Junior): "Given the situation, they're doing the best they can."



Billy Palmeri (Junior): "What security?"

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3:00 p.m. MOZAIK meeting - Fireside Lge.
8:00 p.m. Special Academic Prog. - Candellight
7:00 p.m. Fly Fishing & Fly Tying - CC249

FRIDAY, March 6

7:00 p.m. Residence Halls Close for Spring Recess

SATURDAY, March 7

8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Swim Meet - McCann POOL CLOSED
8:00 p.m. Poughkeepsie Civic Ballet - Theater "Evening of Contemporary & Classical Dance"

SATURDAY, March 7 - SATURDAY, March 14 SPRING RECESS

SUNDAY, March 15

12:00 Noon Residence Halls reopen

NOTES

Program: American Red Cross First Aid Certification Course and Advanced Certification Course sponsored by Marist Health Services. **NO CHARGE FOR THE COURSE** (2.50 for the textbook) Starting March 4, (Wednesday) and every Wednesday through May 3, '81 at 7:00 p.m. in Campus Center Room 248

Will Leo beat Champagnat or will Oakwood take it all? Will the commuters place or win? Who will be the winner of the first annual field day sponsored by Inter-house council? There will be tugs of war, volleyball, softball, an obstacle course and fun for all. Commuters-contact Joe Smith to participate and Residents-see your R.A.'s. Details in the next edition of the Circle...

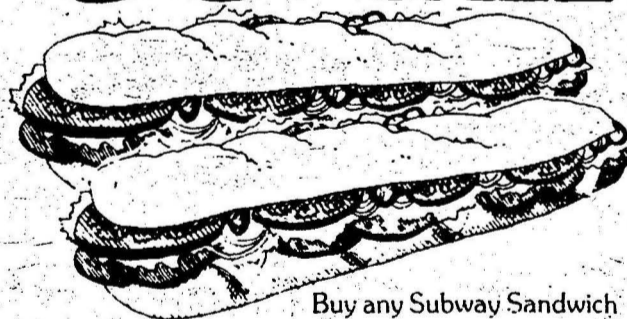
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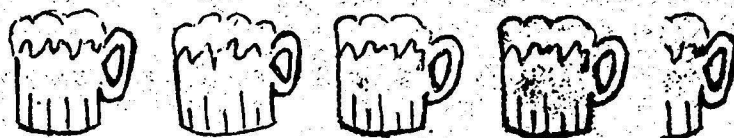
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This Week's Place To Be



by Greg Sydor

Every piece of really great literature has inherent within it a sort of motivating force; the philosophy of its author. This column is no exception. Perhaps the words of Mark Twain can give these humble paragraphs the metaphysical backbone so necessary when conveying the essentials of life itself. Throughout the years, his words have given hope to those mature enough to practice what he preached. At last, in 1981, it is safe to say that Twain's ideas and the "motivating force" behind this article, can be expressed in his following words, "Never let your studies interfere with your education." And so, with these words on my lips and their spirit in my heart, I renewed my search for the perfect Poughkeepsie pub.

No easy task (it would have been easier to get Nietzsche on an Easter egg hunt), I began my adventure with an enthusiasm that can only be described as tenacious. Seriously, what could be more fun than looking for the best Potown has to offer in night time entertainment? (I know, I could think of a thousand other things

too, but who can afford the Bahamas this time of year?) Scouring the streets, I found a place as dear to my heart as it is to my bed. So boys and girls, without further ado, I introduce to you "Skinners."

Being an upperclassman, let me just take this one short paragraph to pay tribute to the greatest of institutions. You seniors know what I'm talking about. A place that gave us more than just a hangover, it gave us tradition. It is with a heavy heart that I say "farewell" to "Frank's;" for those memories (foggy as they are) will remain as dear to our hearts as the bygone days of quarter drafts.

Empirically speaking, "Skinners" is the best thing to hit Potown since Hudson cruised the river. Folks, this place has just about everything, and what it doesn't have you won't miss. From soup to shots and Drambuie to 'Droids, "Skinners" provides everything for a (day or night) out on the town.

For those of you who didn't get enough the night before, "Skinners" opens Monday thru Sunday at 11 a.m. and begins serving some sensational

lunches soon after. For Popeye fans there's a Skinnerburger (c'mon, take a chance), and for those of you with only modest daring-do, the bacon/cheeseburger is the best thing east of the cafeteria. The price, a coed conscious \$1.95. Club sandwiches are a mellow \$2.50 and once you've tried them you can't help but go back for more (particularly if you live on campus). The menu goes on to include soup de jour, chef's salads and fries; all of which are reasonable in price, delicious and fresh, something we college kids rarely see away from home.

Bar prices are average for the area, but the atmosphere is always conducive towards a good time. Bud is \$1.00 a bottle, pitchers are \$3.00 (Michelob is \$3.50), mixed drinks are \$1.25 and the rest of the prices (with the obvious exception of top shelf and two liquor drinks) are the same.

There is no jukebox, but the sound-system is fantastic. The tunes are always good; no mellow stuff here. The only drawback is having a table under one of the speakers late at night, it's like trying to talk under a 747. Also, when "Skinners" is crowded (and it's almost always crowded) it can

be an ordeal getting to the bar, so your best bet is to get your drinks from a waitress. This bar is always alive and the decor is not only attractive, it has a philosophy all its own. For all of the electronic game addicts, this is one of the best bars in town. "Space Invaders," "Asteroids" and "Rip-Off" are a few of the games that will eat your quarters as fast as you can get them. The food, the tunes, the games and the people all help to put "Skinners" in a class by itself (at least as far as Potown pubs are concerned).

To get to "Skinners," hang a right when you get to the Chapel, walk across the field, cross Rt. 9 and take a left. If you can't find it after that, do yourself a favor and step in front of a bus.

Although I will always think of "Skinners" as a sort of surrogate "Frank's," my money (at least until May) will be with owner Ed Beck. Considering the competition, I would give "Skinners" 4½ mug. It could have been a 5 if it had only had chili dogs. Open from 11 until 4 a.m., Monday thru Sunday, (473-4725) "Skinners" is this week's "Place To Be."

Dancercise Going Strong

by Mary Alice Russo

Dancercise, started last semester by Ann Marie Calonita and Lauren Devlin, is now meeting four nights a week with a membership of about fifty students.

This semester five dollar dues were collected. According to Judy DiScipio, financial manager, "the five dollars averages out to about twelve cents a class which is great. The money is used for expenses such as records. Once the Bi-Laws are written hopefully we will get a budget."

The classes are held in the dance room at the McCann Center and are open to the entire Marist Community. Classes run Sunday 7-8:30, Monday 9:15-10:30, Tuesday 9:15-10:30, and Thursday 8-9:30. The majority of the class right now is female, but newcomers are always welcome. The

latest members to the class are: Bill Remrick, Marvin Sims, and Tony Cardone. When Remrick was asked how he felt about the class he replied, "I think it is great. And for all of the guys out there who think it is easy they should try it. Especially Jim Williamson, he could stand to loose a few pounds."

Each 90 minute class is divided into forty-five minutes of exercising and forty minutes of dance. The girls are given five minutes in between to take a breather.

The routine of the exercise section, run by Calonita, consists of sixty exercises and are basically the same every week. According to Calonita, "The girls asked us to concentrate on a certain few areas and some have even contributed an exercise they feel is especially helpful." The majority of the exercises were taken from magazines

and various spa programs.

Devlin, who runs the dance section, makes up the dances herself. The steps used are taken from routines she has seen others perform. Four complete routines will be learned by the end of the semester. Right now they are working on dance number two.

This semester two new ideas were added to the club. The first is the idea of an Executive Board. The board consists of eighteen members who were chosen from the enthusiasm they showed last semester. The members represent the various on and off campus housing facilities. Their job is to assist in the running of the club. Devlin explains, "they are really very

helpful because there are so many members to keep in touch with."

The second idea concerns having Bi-monthly meetings with all of the members. These meetings serve as a way to get ideas from everyone and even any of the gripes they have.

The latest acquisition by the members are tee-shirts and shorts which have the dancercise emblem on them.

Plans for the future include the placing of mats in the dance room (thanks to the help of Dick Quinn) and a trip to see the Broadway show "Dancin'." The bus trip will be in early April. Also scheduled is a beauty demonstration, given by Mary Kaye Cosmetics, on March 22 in the Fireside Lounge.

The Sound of C-249

By Dawn-Marie Sturtevant
Staff writer

Graffiti. To most of us that word conjures up an image of subway walls with obscene language. To David Heckendorn, a music teacher at Marist, the word "Graffiti" means a song.

David Heckendorn, with a B.A. and M.A. in music composition from New York University, is now in his second year of teaching here at Marist. His classes include Theory Composition, 20th Century music, a survey course which covers all styles of music from that time period.

But Heckendorn is more than a teacher; he is a performer and a composer. Heckendorn was the leader of a jazz group which performed in the Metropolitan area. The group played many of his original compositions. Presently, Heckendorn is involved with a group that consists of Marist students. The members of this group are: George Daly, Chris Novak, Joe Santacroce, and Mike Moore.

The group has a very unique name: C-249. "When we first started playing together, that was the only room we could get to practice in." Many of the songs they perform are Heckendorn originals, including the song "Graffiti." "I was practicing by the river with my sax and I got the idea for the song from a rock with graffiti on it," he says.

C-249 appears to have a promising future. Last summer the group went into a recording studio to produce a tape. They sent the tape to some top recording companies. The tape was sent back to them with a request to

hear more. So, during the mid-term break they'll go back to the studio to record five new songs written by Heckendorn.

Aside from composing music for the group, Heckendorn is in the process of composing a musical. He hopes the musical will be produced here at Marist. "When I was composing the musical, I tried to keep in mind the resources on campus," says Heckendorn.

"There is more talent here than I expected from a liberal arts college, where music is not a major," Heckendorn states. "To me, college should be a way to find oneself." He feels, "Music is a way to learn who you are." He enjoys teaching musicians and non-musicians. He feels the core music courses are important because it helps the non-musicians to "see that the world is not just made of computers."

For the future, Heckendorn hopes he will be able to expand his talents on the campus. Already he has organized a pep band and a group that performed for last semester's production of "Cabaret." He hopes to work with music and dance. Upcoming in the spring will be a concert performed by his Theory and Composition class. "The concert will contain original material in all styles of music, composed by the students," says Heckendorn.

Heckendorn feels he was hired "to develop music that was right for Marist and to tap resources of the students." Apparently, he has succeeded.

Letters Cont...

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key?" My answer was one dollar for the key and fourteen fifty to replace the lock. Well, at least the price hadn't changed since freshman year, two years ago.

I was charged freshman year also, although I never really lost my key. I'm the Sultan of Procrastinations. Why, sometimes I don't go to the bathroom for days just to get some color in my skin. Anyhow, it was the end of the year. I was about to go home for the summer when I remembered that I forgot to hand in my room key. I figured I'd mail it to them when I got home. Well, I never did, and subsequently was charged the fifteen fifty.

Times passes. Sophomore year I lived off campus. This year I returned to the very room I called home freshman

year, C-517. Being the shrewd man that I am, I lost that big "Star Wars" key they supplied me with. Sick over the prospect of paying another fifteen fifty, I looked at my key chain once more. I found my key from freshman year still there. "Vat the hell," I thought. I thought. I put it in the lock and that baby cracked open like the bindings on a brand new twenty-five dollar textbook. In other words they charged me for a new lock and never replaced the old one. Now I'm asked to pay it again. That's thirty-one dollars for two keys, a real bargain. Let me ask again, louder this time, "Where the hell is my bucks, pal?" If "a penny saved is a penny earned" then fifteen fifty taken is fifteen fifty stolen.

Chow,
Michael Jude Jannuzzi

Open Your Eyes

Dear Members of Champagnat:

Our mutual concern for the safety of the students of your building and your possessions was very amply brought out in this past weeks Circle.

In an attempt to approach this situation collectively, I would suggest that if you see a stranger, call campus security or residence staff. Secondly, a security desk will be set up at the rear (loading dock) door. Also, the carport door and side door to Leo/Sheahan will be locked at

7 p.m. These measures will only be helpful if the residents do not prop open these doors and if all guests are signed in, so that the desk person can be accountable. Please, after 7 p.m. enter Champagnat from the Main entrance or the rear loading dock.

The safety and security of our dorms, our persons, and our possessions depend on all the eyes, ears and persons who live here.

Sincerely,
Rev. Richard A. LaMorte

Ski Team in Championships - Travel To Michigan



Peter Jackson riding the slopes and qualifying the team to National Championships.

Photo by Linda Panaio

By Joan "Schatzie" Gasparovic

The first-year Marist ski team will be competing in the National Collegiate Ski Association National Championships in Marquette, Michigan, this week, March 5 thru 9. Originally scheduled for Lake Placid, the competition was moved out to Michigan because of the poor ski conditions here in the East. The Marist team qualified for the meet by placing first in the Northeastern Collegiate Ski Conference, a subdivision of the NCSA.

Marist will be furnishing an alpine as well as a nordic team for the five day event. The alpine team will consist of Michael Haggerty, John Levy, Peter Jackson, Rich Kline, and Bill Fitzgerald. Kline, Fitzgerald, and Jon Urban will be representing the nordic team. Since they will be racing in both alpine and nordic events, Kline and Fitzgerald will be eligible for the Skimeister award, a presentation made for the best combined results from the two categories of competition.

Racer Levy commented, "My goal for the Nationals is to finish in the top twenty--there will be top racers from all over the nation at this meet. More importantly though, the team should look to finish in the top ten."

The first two days of the competition will afford the various teams the opportunity to ski the mountain and check out the snow conditions at Cliffs Ridge Ski Area, the site of the alpine competition. On Saturday, the men's giant slalom will take place. Sunday, March 8, will be the date for the men's slalom and the 15 kilometer nordic race. A second nordic race, a 3 by 5 kilometer relay, will be held on Monday.

Overall, the Marist ski team is confident. Acting-coach Haggerty feels that "we are at a disadvantage since we haven't been able to practice in the past two weeks. However, we're optimistic that we'll do well." The Marist ski team is off to its first nation-wide competition. Hopefully, the national championships will become an annual event for the ski racers. Good luck, guys!

Sports Preview: Lacrosse on the Rise

By Connie Roher

It is with a combination of dedication and a necessity to look good on the field that brings out 30 men day after day to practice the sport of lacrosse.

The head coach this season is first year man Ted Peterson, a former assistant coach at Albany State who feels that the Marist lacrosse team should not be taken for granted. "The intensity these guys show at the practices proves they mean business. Our sticks are as good as any team we will be seeing, and if the freshman players come along as I expect them to do, it will be a very interesting season."

Marist, which ended last season with a 3-7 mark (3 losses were in O.T) will be competing in the Knickerbocker conference; Division III. The teams opposition will basically be the same schools that our basketball team saw in their Big Apple Conference games and the schedule, while not a long one is a very challenging one for the squad.

Returning for the Red Foxes at mid-field will be First Team All-Conference player Dan Costello, and juniors Bill Ciraulo and Peter Bell. Added to this list of midfielders this year are Charlie Downey, Bob Burmeister and John Lennon, who was hurt most of last season.

The Marist attack will be led by Second Team All-Conference player Lou

Corsetti, along with Larry O'Neil, Steve Cahil, Roger Coleman and freshman Ted Loughin. In the always important net for the Red Foxes will be another Second Team All-Conference player, Tim Anderson.

"The guys were really taught their fundamentals last year, and that's so important in this kind of a physical game," commented coach Peterson. "We are very, very competitive and it's an emotional group of guys that know what it takes to play this game. I was surprised that so many of them had some previous experience with the sport, as that makes things so much easier on us all."

With the season opening on April 1st against Kean State in New Jersey, coach Peterson will not only have to worry which men to play on the field, but on which field those men will play. As of now, Leonidoff Field, will be the home field for Marist, but if the ground crews can't get it ready by then, alternative sites will have to be ready.

Since February 1st when the team had to practice indoors at 5:30 in the morning to the cold-rainy days of March and April, each team member has come to their practices knowing that only 23 of them will dress for away games. This sacrifice by members only enriches the teams desire to prove that they will be competitive and challenging in the upcoming season.

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Divers Victorious in Met Conf. Championships

The 1980-81 competitive season witnessed a major step in the direction of molding a collegiate Diving Squad capable of representing Marist in the Collegiate Division I Diving level. This year's Squad, comprised entirely of freshman recruits under the direction of Coach Tom Albright, established Marist as the School to beat among the Diving Programs of the Metropolitan Conference Schools.

Freshmen Steve Maniaci, Jeff Welch, Mike Hayden, and Rich Berger combined their efforts to produce a dual Meet record of 16 wins and 2 losses in the Diving events of the Collegiate Swimming Meets. Crowning their efforts in the recently completed Metropolitan Collegiate Swimming and Diving Championships, conducted here at Marist, they contributed 67 points to Marist's total of 147 Team points, outscoring Division I rival Iona College, as well as all other Diving competitors in the process.

Earning special recognition, however, was **Freshman Steve Maniaci**. Having won 16 out of 18 dual meet events throughout the Season, Steve went on to capture the **Gold**

Medal in the one meter diving event at the Conference Championships, establishing a **new conference record** of 357.98 points. He then narrowly missed another **Gold Medal** in the three meter event, settling instead for the **Silver for second place**. Steve also earned the distinction of becoming the first Marist Diver to qualify for the National Division II Championships, to be conducted at Youngstown, Ohio, on March 18 to 24. **Plus Two Team Records** in both events.

At present, the 1981-82 squad appears ready to take the next step in the building Program of Coach Albright, as four highly talented Freshman recruits join the ranks. Two women of National calibre will expand the Program in the Female direction. Joining them will be incoming Freshman Chris Depew, whose High School credentials place him on a par with Maniaci. Depew is a local talent, having developed his diving as part of the Marist A.A.U. Diving Program. He joins Freshman standout Jeff Welch as the second diver to come out of the Marist A.A.U. farm system.



Women's basketball coach Sue Deer and graduating seniors Patty Powers, Eileen Carey, Pam Green, Helen Salmon along with assistant coach Linda Anderson honoring the girls for their years at Marist.

Photo by Mike Chung

Steve Maniacia Breaks League Records

by Tim Breuer
Staff Writer

Last Thursday through Saturday 12 schools all entered the McCann Center for the Metro Conference Championships. After it was all over on Saturday, Adelphi emerged as the overall victor with Marist placing seventh. Other schools involved in the event were Manhattan (second place), William Patterson (third place); and C.C.N.Y. (fourth place).

In the championships many conference records were broken. Marist's own Steve Maniacia broke the league record for the one meter dive and in an incredible performance, Pablo Valdoun of C.C.N.Y. broke four records and was voted Outstanding Swimmer of the meet.

Steve Cronin, Captain of Marist's swim team commented on the team's

performance, "I'm very happy with the team's performance," stated Cronin, "We're a very small team and seventh place was quite an achievement." "We really swam well, Rob Vialez did a tremendous job and Steve Manacia was incredible."

Cronin also commented on his own performance. "I did o.k., I did a lot better than I thought I would," said Cronin. Cronin took seventh, eighth, and ninth place respectively in the 100 and 200 yard butterfly and in the 200 yard freestyle. Rob Vialez took fifth place in the 1650 yard freestyle and a respectable sixth place in the 500 yard freestyle.

Captain Steve Cronin also commented on the overall championships by stating that they were very well run. Cronin went on to thank Tim Sullivan for his help in the meet.

Marist Crew Auction Night

by Barry Lewis
Sports Editor

It's time once again for the annual Marist College Crew Auction Night. On the weekend of March 20th (our first one back), the Marist crew team will be auctioning off prizes that you can cherish and use. Last years prizes in-

cluded box seats at a Yankee game, beer, posters, T-shirts and oars just to name a few. The fund raiser is for the Crews Spring Training finances and for any information concerning donations you can call Andy Mein at Ext. 305. Many were turned back last year, so keep your eyes and ears open for the time and place.

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Freshman diver Steve Maniaci who won a Gold and Silver medal, established a new conference record and two team records during the Meets this past weekend.

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this Bud's for you!

A Closer Look

By Barry Lewis

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Have you ever tried to reserve a racquetball court. I mean walk into the McCann Center, go up to the reservations desk and see what happens, because each time is different, and it's really kind of funny in it's own cynical way.

Last Friday afternoon at 12:00 (the time designated for walk-ins to make reservations), I tried to get a court for myself and a young lady for Saturday afternoon. The gentleman behind the desk said there were no courts, and I replied "fine, how about in the morning or evening?" "No" he answered, "the racquetball courts are closed today because of the High School basketball tournaments and the swimming and diving championships."

While this doesn't happen often, the few times have now added up and many angry, hostile students are wondering if it wouldn't be easier to use the facilities in the Center if we didn't go here at all. No one is doubting the reasoning for closing down the courts last Saturday (over-crowded locker rooms, problems of security, courts needed for half-time meetings), but what is annoying to the Marist students is the fact that this is our school, so why can't we use our facilities? This also happened to be the last weekend before mid-term break, and a chance to relax our minds never hurt anyone, right Mr. President?

"We do have a problem of not enough courts and too small a locker room, but this isn't really the pro-

blem," commented Dick Quinn, building manager and Assistant Athletic Director. "When people call on the reservation phone with problems, they're not talking to the right person. If people have complaints, I wish they would just let me know. We have policies here, but it doesn't mean that things can't be changed. We basically have to generate \$125,000 worth of income per year to run the Center, and we sometimes have to open the building as a Community College Center with the community in mind."

"I don't want it to sound like we are closing our doors to the students, as we have made accommodations specially for them. We have the center open 10-11:00 at night just for the students. During the basketball

season we would take 2-3 hours a day and give that to the team so they could practice. We have geared ourselves to an athletic program and even some of the professors got mad. One came to me and wanted to know why the gym floor was closed just because of a practice. I told him that he wouldn't want someone playing ping-pong in the corner during one of his lectures."

So now that the basketball season is over, and the gym floor is free for our use, tournaments are held in the Center. While the tournaments are a good way of gaining financial support and outside attention, it also hurts those of us inside.

Next week, the pay-phone call for reservations.

"Can We Play Here Too?"