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Marist, Kiev swap three students, prof

by **STACEY MCDONNELL**
Managing Editor

Three Marist students will take classes and one professor will teach at the University of Kiev, beginning next fall, as part of an exchange program set up with the Soviet university.

The agreement, signed on March 26 by Marist President Dennis J. Murray, marks the first time students and professors from both schools will learn and teach at one another's school. Unlike the Marist Abroad Program, there is an actual exchange of personnel.

John Hartsock, assistant professor of communication arts, has been named the first Marist professor to go to Kiev. He will be exchanged for a Soviet journalism instructor, said Casimir Norkeliunas, associate professor of Russian.

Hartsock, who travelled extensively throughout the Eastern Bloc countries, speaks Russian, and his work on the Baltic States appeared in the Christian Science Monitor.

The students going to Kiev will be named at the end of the month, said Norkeliunas, who initiated the talks between the two schools while in Kiev in October.

The participants can be majoring in any academic discipline, but must have a working knowledge of Russian, he said.

Students may stay for one semester or a full academic year. Professors may stay as little as one month.

Vladimir K. Zabigailo, the chairperson of the university's Division of Comparative Law and the director of its International Program, travelled to Marist to sign the agreement.

He, along with Norkeliunas, created the program in which students would not be charged room and board or tuition at the host school.

According to the agreement, Marist students will receive a stipend of 200 rubles per month, and the professors, who must also know Russian, will be paid 705 rubles per month from the university.

Marist will give students from Kiev 10 to 20 hours of campus employment per week, and Marist will pay the professors a stipend of \$800 per month in 1991-92.

The number of participants, the amount of pay, the stipend and the professors' course load will change each year. The new conditions will be set by Feb. 15 annually.

The purpose of the program is to establish "friendly relations and mutual understanding in the spirit of new political thinking."

Marist students annually travel to the Soviet Union with Norkeliunas to tour the countries. During Winter Intersession this year, a group took classes at the university.

The University of Kiev, with 20,000 students was established in 1832, making it the second oldest university in the Soviet Union.

Spring is in the air



Freshman Oman Frame kicks off spring while practicing his skateboarding trick of jumping over this traffic cone during the North End Barbeque last Friday afternoon.

Circle photo/Laura Soricelli

Codes may force closing of preschool

by **KAREN CICERO**
Senior Editor

The Marist Preschool may close this summer if college officials decide not to spend the \$50,000 to \$100,000 needed for the trailer that houses it to meet Town of Poughkeepsie safety standards.

The preschool, which faces the stricter classification of a day care center under Poughkeepsie ordinances, needs a sprinkler system and improvements in the heating system, fire alarms and doors, said Mark Sullivan, executive vice president.

Town building and fire inspectors will make their final evaluations this week, Sullivan said.

With budget constraints and the low number of Marist faculty, staff and administration with children in the facility, college officials are questioning the viability of maintaining the preschool which has been operating for about 15 years.

"At this point, unless cost estimates are reduced, it doesn't look optimistic (for the preschool to remain open)," Sullivan said. "My heart goes out to those who use the school, but we face a tight budget."

Nine of the 19 pupils enrolled in the school are students of Marist employees. Employees pay a mon-

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International business gets new status set for fall

by **RICHARD NASS**
Staff Writer

In the wake of dramatic changes in the European market and the rise of the Asian market, the Division of Management Studies has created a new area of study to prepare students for life after graduation.

An international business concentration, designed to give students an international perspective on the business world, will be offered next fall for business students.

Students within the concentration must take "International Marketing," "International Business" and "Trade Management," along with meeting other department requirements, according to Jack Kelly, chairperson of the management studies division.

"The more we can ingrain in students an international dimension, the more the students will be prepared for the international world," said Kelly, about the concentration which was created with input from many faculty members.

Prema Nakra, the chairperson of the International Business Concentration sub-committee, developed the structure of the concentration.

Marist professors, most of which have had teaching and personal international experience, helped Nakra develop the program, according to Kelly.

Management studies administrators are working with professors in the language and history departments in hopes of creating courses which will broaden students' international flavor, according to Kelly.

Kelly hopes to see more business students studying abroad in the future, especially in Asian countries like Taiwan, China and Japan, which he said he considers the strongest market.

"This concentration will give students a better understanding of the interdependent global business environment, which is definitely needed today," said Kelly, who has received much positive reception from faculty and students.

"Marist College has finally become aware that business students have to recognize the entire world as a market and that's great," said Brian Corbett, a freshman business major. "I hope this concentration will provide students with the skills necessary to compete for the few jobs out in the market."

Corbett, from Ridgewood, N.J., plans to take the three-course concentration because he believes it will give him an extra edge when he goes for a job interview.

"This concentration will help students gain an entry level position with an international firm," said Kelly, who considers the concentration a major step forward for the department.

Charles Kuralt, CBS journalist, named ninth LT Award winner

by **JEFF SIMONSON**
Staff Writer

Charles Kuralt, the anchor for CBS News Sunday Morning and host of the "On the Road" features for the network, has been named as the ninth recipient of the Lowell Thomas Award.

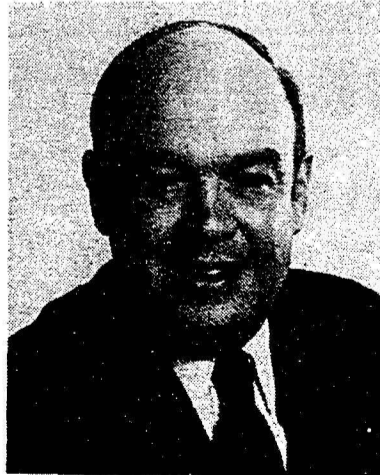
The date and location of the award presentation have not been set said Shaileen Kopec, acting vice president for College Advancement.

The Lowell Thomas award was established in 1983 and is given annually to recognize outstanding individuals in the communications industry whose work reflects the life and work of Lowell Thomas.

Kopec said Thomas's son, Lowell Thomas, Jr., considers Kuralt the journalist who is most like his father. Thomas, Jr. is a key figure in choosing the recipient of the award.

She said Kuralt's work parallels Thomas's in regards to their travels and their humanistic approach to journalism. Kuralt has travelled more than a million miles doing his "On the Road" stories. Thomas travelled more than six million miles during his lifetime.

Kuralt began his career with CBS News in 1957 as a writer. He



Charles Kuralt

became a news correspondent in 1959. In the mid 1960s he began his critically acclaimed and awarded "On the Road" features.

He has been awarded nine Emmy Awards, the Missouri Honor Medal for Lifetime Accomplishment in Journalism, and was named Broadcaster of the Year in 1983 by the International Radio and Television Society.

Kuralt is the author of six books. They include "To the Top of the World," "Dateline: America," "On the Road with Charles Kuralt," "North Carolina Is My Home," and "A Life On the Road."

Kopec said this year's award presentation will be later than usual because most journalists could not commit to a specific date due to the Persian Gulf War.

And unlike other years, the luncheon at which the recipient receives the award, will not be held at the Helmsley Palace, in New York City, she said.

The recipient of the 1991 Communication Arts Alumni Internship Achievement Award has not yet been named, said Kopec.

This year's presentation will probably begin a centennial theme that will continue through next year's ceremony, said Kopec. April 6, 1992 marks the centennial of Thomas's birth.

Thomas is an honorary alumnus of Marist College. He was the keynote speaker at the 1981 commencement exercises where he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Law degree. He died on August 29, 1981, at his home in Pawling, N.Y.

Previous recipients of the award are Eric Sevaried, Walter Cronkite, Howard K. Smith, Douglas Edwards, David Brinkley, Harry Reasoner, John Chancellor and Barbara Walters.

Look around, signs of spring are here at last

I knew it was cold, but not that cold.

It was tolerable while wading across, but it's different when you're totally immersed.

I climbed the three 2 x 4s nailed to the trees and stepped up onto the platform to make my spring debut. We hadn't been to the stream since September, and I was so eager to get to there that I didn't even bother to tie my bathing suit strings.

I took the rope that was hanging in front of me and looked around to make sure my friends were watching. After all, if I was going to swing out and fall 10 feet into the water, someone had better see it.

I took a couple steps back and rushed forward with the rope clenched in my hands. I floated out above the water and let go.

I'm not sure if the pain came from the sheer impact of hitting the water with my back or from the fact that my entire body tried to

shrivel up at once because the water was so cold.

The pain in my head was more acute than the pain you get when you eat ice cream too fast. I was in agony, my friends were in hysterics and my shorts were now downstream.

Yes trendsetters, spring is here and with it comes longer days and shorter skirts. There's a mixture of excitement and pollen in the air that brings a tear to most people's eyes.

As the weather continues to get warmer, the temptation to blow-off classes and delay term papers becomes greater.

It's a little known fact that the temperature and grades are inversely proportional.

So what can you do about it?

Go to the river. Go ahead. It's spring, the year is almost over and deep down you really, really want to. Get a bunch of people and a couple half kegs and find a new spot further down the railroad



Thoughts From The Shower, With Help From The Bed

DAN HULL

tracks.

But be careful, Security has a new 4 x 4 Land Cruiser with infrared, keg-seeking spotlights and four-way telecom radios and super-powered headlights and big, fat tires and a bright yellow, flashing light and lots of other goodies to find you young whipper-snappers.

That's part of why spring is so exciting — running down the railroad tracks with a beer in one hand and someone else's hand in the other away from security.

Spring is my favorite time of the

year, and not just because it's the first time since fall that girls walk around half naked. Well, yes it is.

And guys can get more naked than girls so don't give me any guff about being sexist. Everyone likes spring, even firemen.

You can tell spring is here, too, by just looking around campus.

In fact, look up. Baseballs, footballs, lacrosse balls and frisbees are flying through the air. And it's always fun to see someone get boffed in the back of the head with a frisbee every once in a while.

Skateboarders perform acrobatics while rollerbladers race around knocking books out of people's hands.

Then there are the stereo wars. Two guys compete with who's music can be the loudest until Joe Schmuck turns up every knob on his \$8 billion stereo as high as it can go so all of Marist and the Poughkeepsie area has to listen to the Beastie Boys.

As you wander around campus ducking flying objects, take a

minute to look at the flowers. Not only do they smell good, but there's something about the way they've been planted.

It's a phenomenon that's been becoming more and more popular on college campuses. In an effort to arouse school spirit, which is scarce here, college officials have tried to tap into our unconscious.

The phenomenon is known as — subliminal gardening.

Flowers and shrubberies arranged in the shape of M's can be found almost everywhere. Yellow daffodils have been spray painted red and white. Even the weedkiller is spread out to spell Marist.

But subliminal gardening isn't the most amazing springtime phenomenon. That honor goes to the second semester time warp.

Today is April 11, tomorrow it will be May 11.

So grab the metaphorical rope that's in front you and swing. The water may be cold, but it's refreshing as well.

Dan Hull is The Circle's humor columnist.

Trial drama makes 'Class' enjoyable

by BRIAN McNELIS
Staff Writer

Movies dealing with courtroom cases tend to be very bad or very good; few fall between the two.

The newest one, fortunately, falls into the latter category. The movie is "Class Action," which stars Gene Hackman and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. It is an excellent courtroom drama.

The main reason for the movie's success is the performance of the two leads.

Both Mastrantonio and Hackman are excellent. Hackman, one of Hollywood's hardest working actors, can always be depended upon to give a good performance. He does not disappoint in this new film and brings utter conviction and feeling to his role.

He plays Jedediah Tucker Ward, a fiercely dedicated lawyer who is prosecuting a car company for a faulty design which led to his client's severe injuries. Opposing him on the defense is his daughter, Ellanore Smith Ward (Mastrantonio).

Like Hackman, Mastrantonio is excellent in her role. She is very convincing and makes you feel for her character as a dedicated lawyer who believes her side is right.

Although Class Action is a courtroom drama, the main focus of the film is not on the trial. Instead, the film focuses on the relationship between Hackman and Mastrantonio, its development and changes.

At first, Hackman and Mastrantonio hate each other. She is angry at him for past indiscretions involving his wife, and he can not understand why she will not leave the past behind her.

But as the movie progresses, a bond grows between the two, and eventually they learn to respect each other.

The plot of "Class Action" is also handled very well and, unlike some courtroom dramas, is not hard to follow. It deals with a man who wants to sue a car company because he was badly injured in an automobile accident, and he feels it wasn't his fault. He is represented by Hackman. The car company is represented by Mastrantonio.

The plot then moves swiftly on taking some very clever and unexpected turns which keep the viewer engrossed as Hackman and Mastrantonio try to outsmart each other. There is some predictability in "Class Action," but it does not deter from its overall enjoyment. The performance of the two leads manage to overcome any rough spots.

Up to Date

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

• "Catch the Wave", a business opportunity seminar about Nuskin products will be at 7 p.m. in CC248.

• Are you having trouble sleeping? Do you want a bed time story read to you? Then send a "Tuck In" — to your roommate, your friend, or your significant other. The pledge class of Alpha Kappa Psi will be selling them in the Campus Center today and tomorrow from 12-5 p.m.

• Marist by the Moonlight, the spring semi-formal, will be on April 15 at the Ramada Inn at 8p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased in the Gallery Lounge in the Campus Center. Free van transportation will be provided to and from the Ramada.

• "The Todd Hobin Trio" a musical trio will perform tonight in the Faculty Dining Room at 9:30 p.m. Admission is free.

• "Pinocchio" will be performed tonight in the Theater at 8 p.m. This performance is open to the public. Admission is free.

• Howie Mandel of "St. Elsewhere" fame will be performing at the Civic Center at 8 p.m. For ticket information please call 454-9800.

Friday

• "The Canterbury Jam" will be held today from 12-5 p.m. at Canterbury. All students are invited to join the food, fun, and bands! Check the schedule for van service back and forth to Canterbury. Hope to see you there!

• The Greek Council will be Ice Carving today at 2:30 p.m. in the Champagnat Mall. Come watch the artists at work!

• Tonight's performance of "Pinocchio" will be at 8 p.m. in the Theater. It is restricted to current Marist students only. Admission is free.

Saturday

• The Foreign Film program presents "El Cochito", directed by Marco Ferrari. This film is a grating satire of Spanish bourgeoisie. It will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in Donnelly 243.

MAKING THE GRADE

• Student entries are sought for the 10th New York - International art competition, sponsored by International Art Horizons. The competition is open to all students and to emerging as well as established artists working in various art fields. Applicants will submit slides along with their applications by April 12 to International Art Horizons, Dept. RASU, P.O. Box 1533, Ridgewood, N.J. 07450. For information, call 201-487-7277.

• The Long Island Advertising Club is now accepting entries from Long Island students for four academic scholarships worth \$7,000 that will be awarded in June. The awards will be granted as one \$3,000, one \$2,000 and two \$1,000 scholarships. The applicant must be a Long Island resident with an official college transcript, a personal letter, two letters of recommendation and up to five work samples. Deadline for entries is April 29, 1991. For application and information, call 516-351-0800.

• Summer internships for the Sate Assembly of New York are now available. All applicants must have excellent academic records, and must complete their junior year by June 1991. They must be matriculated as college seniors or graduate students in September 1991. All majors may apply for the internship and the \$3,000 stipend. Applications are due March 15.

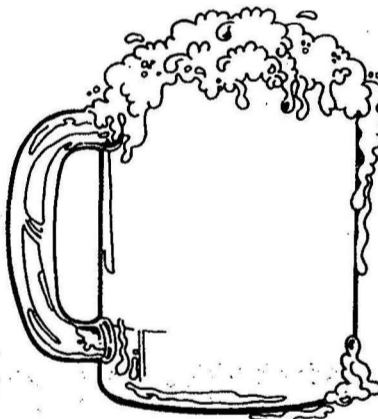
By Margo Barrett

MCCTA to do "vows"

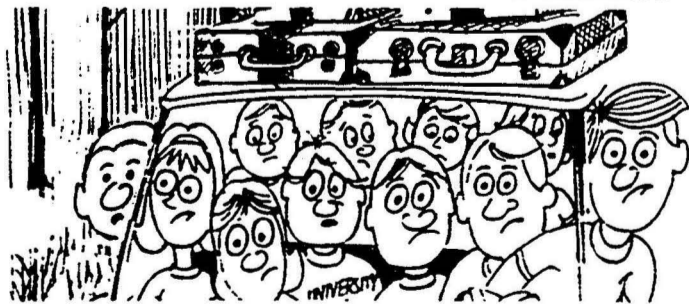
On April 16, Marist College Council on Theatre Arts will present a special project performance of "Vows," an original stage-play written by Senior Terrence Wing and directed by Senior Jim Joseph.

"Vows" is a story of love and mysticism, and tragedy. Cast members include Marc Liepus, Nedjed Dorsanville, Dave Laffin, Nina Onuora, Sheila McLoughlin, Chris Galpin, Sterling Royston, Matt Giaquinto and Christen Hurley.

"Vows" will be performed in the Theatre at 8 p.m. in a one-night-only performance. For group and seat reservations please contact Victoria Pratt at 575-4215. Admission is free and seats are limited.



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- The N.Y. Mets vs. Montreal at Shea Stadium, Friday night at 7:30; Saturday and Sunday afternoon

Latvian VP speaks about Baltic turmoil



Dainis Ivans, the vice president of Latvia told an audience last Tuesday in the Fireside Lounge that Gorbachev is neither the answer to the problems of Latvia, nor to the problems of the entire Soviet Union.

by CHRIS SHEA
Staff Writer

As American involvement turns away from the Middle East, a small Baltic republic battling for its independence — and ultimately its culture — needs immediate attention, said Dainis Ivans, vice president of Latvia, in a speech given last week in the Fireside Lounge.

Ivans, a journalist before instrumenting a grass-roots, peaceful revolution against the Soviet Union in 1986, spoke of the reasons why Latvia has moved towards independence.

"Latvians want to escape a totalitarian regime and integrate with the civilized world," said Ivans.

Latvia was an independent country from 1920 until the Soviet occupation during World War II.

Speaking of the recent political events such as the establishment of the Latvian Popular Front (LPF) of which Ivans is vice president, he said that the revolution "didn't establish a new state. We re-established a state that was occupied by the Soviet Union for over 40 years."

Ivans is visiting the United States to learn more about the American educational system and also to raise the awareness of the turbulent situation in Latvia.

Ivans detailed how the revolution began as an ecological move-

ment and then escalated when Latvians realized they had to act in

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order to protect their culture.

"We are willing to die to save our culture and tradition. The world exists only because there are different cultures," he said.

"We have a 4,000-year-old culture, language and traditions," Ivans said. "The only way to save these things was independence."

According to Ivans, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is neither the answer to the Latvia question, nor to the problems facing the Soviet Union as a whole.

"Gorbachev is a renovator — not a democrat. Western people don't understand that. He wants to reform the Communist system to save it. He does not know how to solve the problem of national relations. He does not know how to solve problems in a political system," he said.

Ivans, who knows Gorbachev personally, said the problems fac-

ing the Soviet Union cannot be solved with force.

Boris Yeltsin, president of the Soviet republic of Russia, is the only chance for democracy in the Soviet Union.

"He is more progressive than Gorbachev and that is why more people support him than Gorbachev," Ivans said.

Latvia is more than capable of sustaining itself if it were to become an independent nation, Ivans said.

The Latvian Parliament already has established economic ties with several of the other Soviet republics. The country, on its own, produces 90 percent of their food needs, and 70 percent of their industrial needs, Ivans said.

Key factors in the economic development of Latvia are the three seaports which used to serve as the import/export point of 60 percent of all Soviet trade, said Ivans.

When the Soviet Union was in control of these ports, they did not pay to use them, he said.

"We have ideas," Ivans said. "We already have established over 7,000 private farms. Our agricultural situation is better than that of the Soviet Union's."

Plans are in the works for Latvia's joining the Baltic Common Market in 1992 and perhaps the Scandinavian Market later on, the vice president added.

Stars (and stripes) to shine at fashion show

by PETER M. O'KEEFE
Staff Writer

When American troops set off for the sands of Saudi Arabia nine months ago, Carol Belote, like millions of Americans, wanted to show her support.

But Belote, a senior fashion design major from Morristown, N.J., hasn't demonstrated her patriotism through wreaths, flags or ribbons, but through something she knows best — designing clothes.

Her garments, featuring a patriotic look, will be part of the annual Marist Silver Needle Fashion Show this spring.

"I usually receive inspiration for designing from friends and events," Belote said. "In this case it was the war that inspired me."

Belote will be one of about 30 students showing their designs at the fashion show on April 25, at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center. The show will begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for non-students.

The war hit home for Belote whose close friend, Patrick McGinley, is stationed in the

Persian Gulf. McGinley's sister, Ilene, is a senior business administration major at Marist.

Belote said she decided to apply her artistic talents to her feelings about the war. Out of some 50 sketches, two were chosen to be modeled during the show.

Both are short jumpers or empiers dresses, and combine the colors red, white and blue with gold marine buttons. She said her outfits send out a patriotic message while keeping in step with fashion standards.

This is the first year all senior fashion design majors will have garments in the show, which is usually geared exclusively toward juniors. Seniors will be participating in the International Program.

Introduced this year by Carmen Porcelli, the director of the fashion program, the International offers seniors the opportunity to work with a designer from the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

"This is the first time we have had the entire department involved with the show," Porcelli said. "It is very exciting."

Porcelli was able to interest one of the

world's foremost designers to participate in this portion of the show.

Emanuel Ungaro, who is based in Paris, was flown dozens of sketches from each of the 12 seniors participating in the program. Of these, he picked one or two sketches from each student on which he would like them to concentrate.

The students then made the sketches into actual outfits to be exhibited in the show. In order to keep Ungaro abreast of the progress of the garments, models were video taped wearing the designs. The tape was then sent to Paris enabling him to request any adjustments he deemed necessary.

Ungaro's response to the tape was a big surprise for one senior. Jenn Shoter, of Seaford, N.Y., was informed that her garment had won praise from the designer and was chosen for the Emanuel Ungaro award.

Porcelli said his students are the first American students to ever work with a foreign designer at this level.

Porcelli added such success has not come without a good deal of hard work.

"I am here from 8 a.m. until sometimes 10 p.m.," Porcelli said. "And my students are here even longer."

Recently the Marist fashion program has been highlighted in Elle magazine and newspapers like Women's Wear Daily and the Poughkeepsie Journal.

According to Porcelli it is this type of exposure and work that has enabled Marist to draw some of the top people in the fashion field to its show each spring. This year's guests include representatives from Vogue magazine, Sachs Fifth Avenue department store and Liz Claiborne.

Looking toward the day of the show, Belote admitted to feeling as though she were on pins and needles.

"It's very exciting and very hectic but when it is all over you do go through a period of withdrawal," she said.

Student government elections: many positions are uncontested

by TRICIA RIZZUTO
Staff Writer

Today and tomorrow are the last two days for students to vote for Student Government officers for the 1991-92 school year.

Elections are usually held during the week of April 1, according to Steve Sansola, assistant dean of activities and housing.

Because of Spring Break and Easter recess, the elections had to be held a week later, when a five-day work schedule was resumed, according to Kevin Desmond, president of the Council of Student Leaders.

The elections are for officers of the CSL, the College Union Board, Resident Student Council, the Student Academic Committee, the Commuter Union and class officers.

There will also be elections for individual club officers for the 1991-92 academic school year held this week.

Due to a poor turnout of candidates for the offices available, many current officers, especially class officers, are running for re-election unopposed, according to Desmond.

The ten candidates running unopposed include all of the senior and junior class officers, said Desmond.

No one is running for the position of secretary for the class of 1993.

Someone will be appointed by the elected president of the class of 1993 to fill this position.

The president of CSL will appoint people to any CSL position not filled in the elections. The position of Financial Board Chairperson is not an elected position and will also be appointed by the CSL president.

Besides unopposed candidates, eligibility was also a problem in this year's elections.

Bob Lynch, coordinator of student activities, said after he checked the eligibility of the candidates, he discovered one person didn't meet the requirements.

Lynch said all of the candidates were informed about the requirements of eligibility at informational meetings about running for office. Desmond said the ineligible candidate was running for a position in CSL, but could not release the student's name.

To run for a CSL position, a

candidate needs a 2.5 grade point average, and for any other office the requirement is a 2.0.

Desmond said he thinks it is depressing to see students are not getting involved with Student Government.

"It's obviously not a priority and I think people will regret it," said Desmond.

Desmond said popularity does and will play a big part in all student elections.

He said Student Government is in a good position right now with the school, and the administration listens to requests made by the organization.

"The college has been very receptive to us, but right now what we need are people to put in the time and effort," he said.

Speeches were held Tuesday night in Campus Center so students could listen to the candidates in hopes of choosing one who would best suit the needs of the students.

This year, ballots are being used instead of voting machines in order to defray costs, according to Desmond.

Voting tables have been set up in the North End, Campus Center and Donnelly Hall.

Where's 'Hudson Heights?' Campus soap debut delayed

by SHEILA McLOUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Is "Hudson Heights" history? Is it on hiatus? Or has it been hexed?

Scheduling problems, filming on location and the tediousness of editing have delayed the debut of the 45-minute student-run soap opera.

At press time, the Marist College Television (MCTV) production, which was supposed to air in March, is tentatively scheduled for this month.

Russ Caputo, the show's director, said conflicts in filming schedules present the most problem. Caputo, a junior, said it's difficult to get the 20-member cast and crew together at the same time.

And the sheer number of hours it takes to film — it can take up to two hours to get a one-minute scene right on camera — has also delayed the show's debut, Caputo said.

Also postponing the soap's first episode are the problems associated with filming on location.

"When filming on location, we got exterior forces that get in the way," he said, referring to noise and weather.

Location shots force the crew to consider the following: Is it day or night? Is there too much glare for the camera? Are uninvolved students accidentally getting into scenes or making too much noise?

"It's been a learning experience to say the least," Caputo said.

In fact, Matt Corcoran, producer of "Hudson Heights," said the soap will not be filmed on location next semester.

He said he hopes to build a set in Champagnat Hall. Most of the indoor filming, Corcoran said, now takes place in a small room in Leo Hall, making it difficult to film.

Corcoran, a junior, said with the delay, he's worried people aren't taking the show seriously.

"It's just so much work," he said.

Freshman Sarah Taney, who plays Jackie on the soap, said the first episode contained about 40 scenes which have to be edited.

"I hope it actually gets on the air because a lot of people have been working hard," Taney said.

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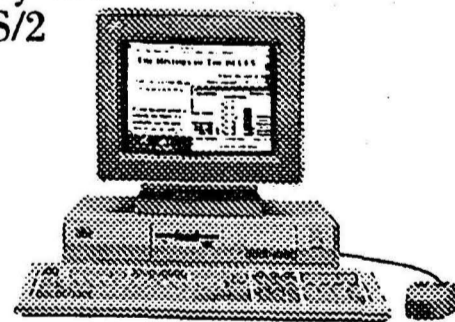
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Debate team wins national championship

by **LYNAIRE BRUST**
Staff Writer

Jim Springston, Marist debate coach, celebrated when two of his teams won national championships in March — the second time in three years for Marist.

Then the past came back to haunt him.

Two years ago, members of the novice and junior varsity teams shaved Springston's head when they won the Pi Kappa Delta National Debate Tournament and a bet with their coach.

Since then there has been a running bet that if any team won the nationals, they would again take a razor to Springston, who never expected anyone to have the opportunity.

"There are so many schools that have never won one, that I never thought they would have the opportunity to collect," he said.

On March 23, however, both the novice and the junior varsity teams won and Springston faced the razor Monday afternoon.

The novice team of Frank Irizarry, a sophomore from Queens, N.Y., and Pam Clinton, a freshman from Somerville, N.Y., won their debate fraternity nationals.

And the junior varsity team of Greg Maxim, a sophomore from Clinton, Conn. and Mary Ellen Rozecki, a sophomore from



Circle photo/Lynaire Brust

Freshman debater Pam Clinton takes the razor to coach Jim Springston's head Monday, after both the junior varsity and novice debate teams won the national championships.

Phoenixville, Pa. won their competition.

The varsity team came in second in their tournament.

The debate team, as a whole, finished fifth in the nation, putting them in the top 10 for the fourth year in a row, according to Springston.

The Marist debating program has been ranked number one in the East 24 months in a row.

At the time Marist was winning at the national level, the novice team of Michele Bafuma, a freshman from Southington, Conn., and James Hocking, a freshman from Danbury, Conn., was hosting and winning the New York State Championships.

"We had a shot at three national and one state championship that day," Springston said. "This is the best year we ever had."

After tough punishments, false fire alarms decreasing

by **JEFF SIMONSON**
Staff Writer

Four months after two freshmen were dismissed from Marist, housing officials are citing the harsh punishment as a reason for a decrease in false alarms and Leo residents have mixed opinions about the punishment.

Michael McCrory and Martin Murphy were dismissed from college last semester after it was discovered they pulled two false-fire alarms on November 16. The two had just returned home from the bar Sidetracked on Parker Avenue. The students will be allowed to reapply to Marist in September if they desire.

Since the incident, no false alarms have been pulled. Leo resident-assistants Jason Millard and Christine Dooley both say that the decrease in false alarms is due to the harsh punishment given.

Millard said it was unfortunate the students had to be thrown out, but they had to be "made examples of" to prevent further false alarms.

Neither security nor the Fairview Fire Department provided any actual records of how many alarms are pulled each semester.

While some think the punishment was harsh, others believe it was not harsh enough.

Richard Dormeyer, deputy chief at Fairview Fire Department, said since the crime is a criminal offense, he would have liked the

students to have been handed over to proper authorities.

Dooley said the students were lucky to receive the punishment that they did because the offense is a criminal offense.

The pulling of the alarms was not done maliciously but the crime was, "a lot more serious than people tend to think," Dooley said.

Dormeyer also said the increased punishments contributed to fewer false-fire alarms being pulled at Marist.

Dormeyer said the problem with false alarms is that the fire department is short-handed to begin with, so if a real fire occurs, there may not be enough people available to fight it.

Thomas McLain, assistant director of security, said that the punishment was fair because of the seriousness of the crime. He said the danger with false alarms is that it makes people complacent so when there is a real fire it could place people in a serious threat.

Some students who lived in Leo with McCrory and Murphy said the punishment was unfair.

Ed Kannar, a freshman from the Bronx, said the students could have been given a more lenient punishment such as being thrown out of Leo and put in a different dorm.

Millard said this was not the case. The students were given a chance to turn themselves in, but refused the chance and thus lost the possibility of a lesser punishment.

Economy prompts new admissions strategies

by **MARJI FENROW**
Staff Writer

Marist's admissions staff is scrambling to fill next year's freshman class amidst a recession and fewer high school graduates.

To ward off a decrease in enrollment, the college is accepting students earlier and stepping up recruitment, said Harry Wood, vice president of enrollment.

Nationwide, colleges and universities are struggling to keep the number of students constant, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported. Faced with the prospects of rising tuition and dwindling financial aid, fewer students may be able to afford college, but, for those who can, admission to even the top schools may be easier.

Marist has accepted about 15 percent more students than at this time last year, drawing the extra acceptances from students who would have been put on the waiting list in year's past, said Wood.

As of April 3, 3,062 high school seniors were offered admission compared to 2,653 at the same time last year. Wood said Marist is shooting for a 30 percent acceptance rate, but the final tally won't be available until May 1, the last day students can decide to come to Marist.

But even with the increasing number of acceptances, Michelle Erickson, director of admissions, said the college hasn't lowered its standards.

"At this point, the (admissions) pool looks similar," she said, noting that students' SAT scores and academic records are similar to those of previous years.

And to accelerate student interest in Marist, Erickson said the admissions staff is recruiting more.

Six admissions interns were hired this year, two more than last year, she said.

"We've expanded the geographic area (we recruit in) and are visiting more high schools and college fairs," said Erickson.

She also said Marist faculty participated in eight regional receptions for guidance counselors in the Northeast.

The faculty has also been calling both accepted and perspective students.

"Marist faculty has dug right in," said Wood. "They have been very helpful and have made a great impression on the young people."

Erickson said the high school students are getting more mail from Marist — the college has upped the number of brochures and letters it sends.

"We're trying hard to reach more people and make it easier for them to learn about us," she said.

While The Chronicle of Higher Education reported public colleges are becoming more popular to students because tuition is traditionally lower than private schools, Erickson said she is confident the college's tuition won't hinder the acceptance rate.

But Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's impending budget cuts, which threaten to slash financial aid and government subsidies to private colleges, could make a college education harder to afford.

"They (parents) are looking at the cost, but they are also looking at the quality," said Erickson.

Erickson said she feels the cuts in the state budget will cause public colleges to lay off teachers which would make private colleges more appealing.

"People will pay for better services, personal attention and small classes," she said.

But Ann Davis, assistant professor of economics, said parents are finding it increasingly difficult to send their kids to college, since the recession results in lower incomes or lost jobs.

"The value of parents' assets has gone down, their credit got tighter, and loans are less available," she said about the sources that parents once used to pay for their children's education.

Phi Sigma Kappa chartered by CSL

by **BRETT RIOLO**
Staff Writer

Marist College has another fraternity.

The Council of Student Leaders chartered Phi Sigma Kappa, thereby bringing the number of existing fraternities at Marist to five.

The current members of Phi Sigma Kappa, who now form the founding fathers of this chapter, have been working toward the chartering of the fraternity since April 1990.

"I see nothing but positive aspects coming out of the approval," said Todd Anderson, Sigma Phi Epsilon's representative on the Greek Council. "It is another activity for people to get involved with on campus."

Phi Sigma Kappa has such prominent members as Frank Gifford and Don Knotts. Although originally formed in Epsilon 1873 at the University of Massachusetts, the fraternity merged with Phi Sigma Epsilon in 1985 creating the biggest merger ever in the fraternity world.

Students Hollywood-bound for summer

by **KOURTNEY KLOSEN**
Staff Writer

Marist students will explore career opportunities on the West Coast in design and production of film, television and other visual media, while taking the three-credit summer course, "Designed and Produced in Hollywood."

The special topics communication arts course includes a seven-day excursion to California, from July 8-15, in which students will tour media production companies, visit theme parks and meet with design and production professionals.

Anna Marie Brooks, a visiting assistant professor to Marist, will teach the class of 10 assisted by Michael L. Mayer, a fellow Carnegie-Mellon University graduate and production designer for the television show "L.A. Law."

Mayer's credits include a Clio, advertising's highest award, for his

production design work on the IBM "Charlie Chaplin" series.

As a production designer, his responsibilities include set design and overseeing all visual elements of a piece.

Mayer also designed commercials for Pepsi, Kodak, McDonald's, Michelob, Kraft, Nabisco and many other advertisers, as well as work on scenery for Disneyland.

Besides the set of "L.A. Law," the class will visit Disneyland, Universal Studios, and the special effects department of "Star Trek — The Next Generation."

Plans to visit the taping of a situation comedy, a game show, a soap opera, a music video, a movie and a commercial will be finalized by May 1.

Brooks said the television comedy they visit will probably feature a child star, as that type of series must start shooting earlier to abide by education laws.

Most other series, including "L.A. Law," will be shooting the

following week, but Brooks said Mayer promises the class will observe production work.

Evening seminars are tentatively scheduled with Bob Haynes, vice president of production of Universal Studios; Katherine Rielly, production coordinator of "A Year in a Life;" Virginia Hildreth, production designer of "WIOU;" Nan Rose Buchmann, costume designer for "Nightmare on Elm Street;" Clare Graham, production designer for Disneyland; John Schaffner, production designer for "Star Search;" and Joe Stewart, production designer for David Copperfield.

The seminars will allow students to make contacts and ask questions they are not able to ask during the day, Brooks said.

Brooks said she and Mayer established this course to open the door for Marist students on the West Coast, "where the bulk of the opportunities are," to allow them to make contacts, check out their competition, and hopefully, set up internships.

Plus, the students will be exposed to a different culture, Brooks adds.

"They are more than just geographical miles away, they are philosophical miles away," Brooks said. "(It's) a great way to get a dose of realism that could not be taught in a class."

Course requirements include reading articles on the different facets of the business, a daily journal, a resume and an outline of a production plan the student would like to accomplish.

The cost includes \$724 for the course and about \$800 for air fare and hotel, plus any additional money for food, tour admissions and souvenirs."

"Price it as though you were spending six weeks in Poughkeepsie," Brooks said. "And it's really quite reasonable." Brooks said the course is filled.

"Some students are visiting the First National Bank of Mom and Dad," she said. "Assuming the financial deal floats, I'll have 10."

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Getting down to business

In keeping with current business trends, the decision to make international business a concentration within the Division of Management Studies is an important one. While it will open the door for Marist students to better understanding of international business, trade and marketing, the move shows that Marist is slowly expanding its courses.

That's a good sign, for two reasons. On one hand, it means students have a wider selection of course offerings, which undoubtedly increase their satisfaction with the college and its academics. Additionally, it means faculty and administrators are bringing the broader focus of the international world into the classroom.

Perhaps in the near future, the Marist Abroad Program will send more business students to study abroad. That step would

not only benefit the students, but the international business program both at Marist and any host school abroad.

Jack Kelly, chairperson of the Division of Management Studies, said he would like to see that happen for business students in Taiwan, China or Japan, the three countries he considers strongest in international business.

To that end, administrators in management studies are working with language and history professors to help broaden the scope of study for international business students.

Success with this new concentration will be important for the business majors at Marist, as well as for the college. With a struggling national economy, businesses are turning to international trade and marketing, and Marist academics will be turning with them.

Speaking of...

When you take a look at the list of big names which have come to Marist in the past few months, it's pretty impressive.

Just last Tuesday, the Vice President of Latvia spoke in the Fireside Lounge. A week before that, Pulitzer Prize winner Alex Haley spoke in the Theatre after spending the day speaking with administrators, faculty and students. Just before Easter, Joel Benenson, the Albany Bureau Chief of The Daily News paid a visit to campus, as did Elizabeth Tamposi, assistant secretary for Consular Affairs in Washington, who spoke at a luncheon in the Lowell Thomas Communications Professor Vladimir K. Zabigailo, the chairperson of the University of Kiev's Division of Comparative Law and director of the university's International Department came to sign the agreement for and discuss the student and professor exchange between the two schools. There was even comedian Joe Piscopo to entertain two sold-out audiences. Those are just a few of the more recent ones.

The people who asked them to come to campus, and who secured their speeches and shows, deserve a lot of credit. Their efforts gave the Marist community a chance to hear views and opinions of respected individuals in literature, the media, politics, international relations, education and entertainment.

These people should be thanked:

— Marist College Trustee and alumnus Peter Hanley, for bringing Alex Haley to speak about his life and his work, and en-

couraging students and faculty to "find the good and praise it," on April 2.

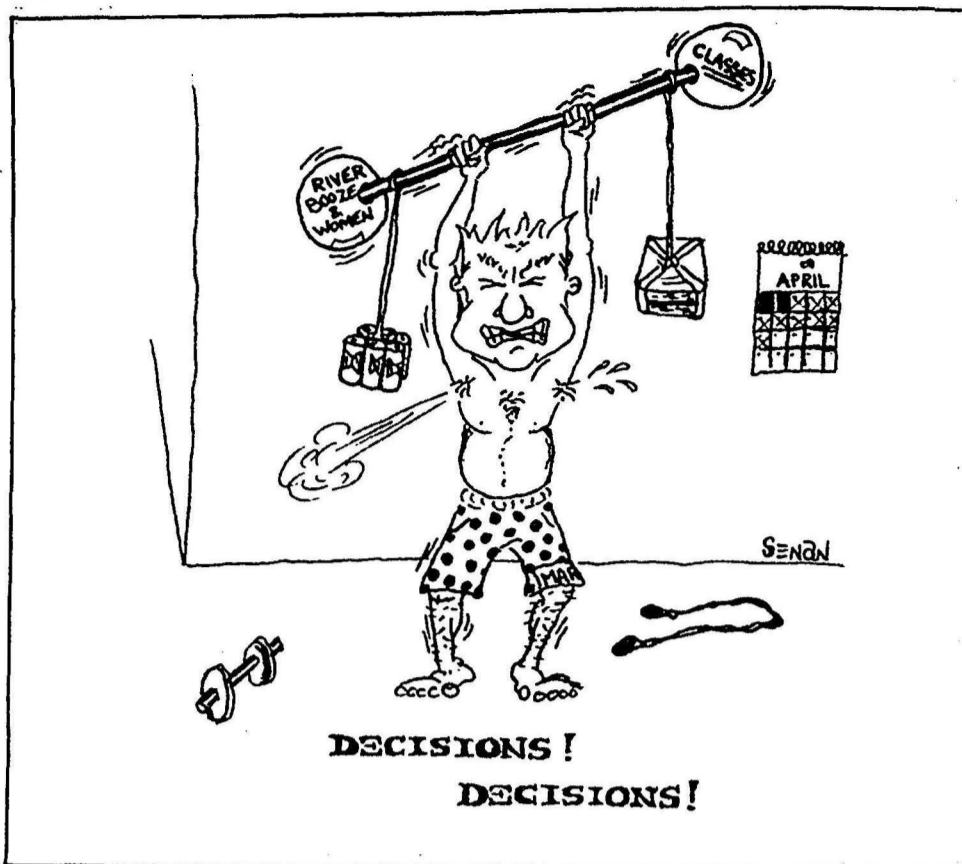
— Casimir Norkeliunas, professor of Russian, for inviting Vladimir K. Zabigailo, of the University of Kiev, to talk about Perestroika and the politics in the Baltic states last Tuesday.

— John Hartsock, assistant professor of journalism, for his ties with the Latvian-American community locally, which enabled him to bring the Latvian Vice President, Dainis Ivans, to the Fireside Lounge last Tuesday.

— Senior Kevin St. Onge, for bringing Elizabeth Tamposi here from Washington, D.C., in connection with the Omichron Rho chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society.

— Lee Miringoff and Barbara Carvalho, directors of the Marist Institute of Public Opinion, for their efforts in organizing the roundtable discussion on "Reporting the Presidential Campaign of 1992," which brought to campus six panelists, including Bonnie Angelo of Time magazine and Michael Oreskes of The New York Times. In recent weeks, MIPO has sponsored Joel Benenson of the Daily News and Kathleen Frankovic, director of CBS News Polling.

— To Seniors Tom Kalamant and Jean Krokus of the College Union Board, and Bob Lynch, Steve Sansola, and Frank Doldo of the College Activities Office for bringing comedian Joe Piscopo to the Marist College Theatre March 23.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Condoms save lives

Editor:

I am responding to sophomore Michael Coughlin's letter "No to Condoms," printed March 28 in The Circle.

Mr. Coughlin states that sex before marriage is "wrong," and that "sexual abstinence before marriage is the right way to go." These are his beliefs, and I admire his strength of conviction.

I believe equally strongly, however, that not everyone on campus agrees with his viewpoint. Many students at Marist are sexually active. Presenting a simplistic, just-say-no approach will not be effective.

"(W)here would AIDS and other STD's be today if people waited to have sex until they got married and then stayed faithful to one another?" Mr. Coughlin asks. AIDS can be spread through non-sexual means such as blood transfusions. So can herpes and a host of other diseases.

These diseases are, of course, transmissible through sex and not everyone has the courage (or the desire) to say "no" to sex.

I propose that condoms be made available on campus, both through Health Services and through resident assistants and that the distribution program be accompanied by extensive efforts to educate people about safe sexual practices.

Making condoms available to Marist students won't send them the wrong message; it will send the right one. It will tell them that we don't want to see them infected with STD's or AIDS.

If Mr. Coughlin wishes to begin a program at Marist which counsels abstinence, he is welcome to. But I urge him to reconsider the condom availability issue. AIDS kills people and that's not an issue; it's a fact.

Finally, I wish to address Mr. Coughlin's statement, "...we should teach (students) abstinence before marriage because in the next five to ten years these kids will become the parents of tomorrow."

If condoms are not made available now, it could be a lot sooner than that.

Mark Contois, sophomore

Runners thanked

Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who participated in last Friday's five kilometer run for C.O.A.C.H. (Coming Out Against Cancer With Hope). More than 40 people took part in the race and \$168 was raised for the American Cancer Society.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped make the race possible, especially Sean McKenna, Joseph Jones and Chris Gleeson who arrived several hours before the race to help set up. I would especially like to thank Bob Lynch for his constant support and advice. Without him, the race would have never happened. I would also like to thank John Campbell, Jim Joseph and the entire WMCR staff for promoting the race and providing the music. My thanks are also extended to Michael Furey-Romano, Jeff

Matuza and Kevin Cahill who were the course marshalls.

I would like to thank Security for their help and the American Cancer Society for their support.

In addition, I hope to see everyone Saturday, April 20, for the adjustable hoop Slam Dunk Contest and outdoor concert, which will further support the fight against cancer.

Finally, I would like to thank my high school track coach who's fight with cancer served as my motivation. Thanks coach, I'll miss you.

Mike Coakley
Coordinator of C.O.A.C.H.

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Without Catholic schools, education suffers

by **Bro. JOSEPH L.R. BELANGER, fms**

The L.A. police have nothing on Karen Cicero when it comes to brutalizing minorities (Catholic high school graduates are only 29 percent of the Marist College undergraduate population).

Her article (Feb. 28, p.3) would have us believe Catholic schools are predominantly sadistic and sex-haunted. Facetiousness: B; justice: F; research: F. Would Ms. Cicero be preparing her dossier for job-hunting in a media world which is heavily anti-Catholic?

If Catholic schools are that bad, why do their inner-city schools nationally enroll over 40 percent non-Catholics? Who else gives hope to the poor? These schools are to the inner-city what the Church is to Latin America: the best hope for human rights.

If Catholic school are so bad, why did New Jersey raid dozens of their teachers in 1986 to replace public school teachers who had flunked a competency exam in the subject they were teaching? And these terrible Catholic school teachers were hired, mind you, uncertified!

Unions raised a hullabaloo about hiring the uncertified ("no teacher education courses") under an alternative one-year supervised internship for certification (NY Times, Aug. 31, 1986). No doubt, the New Jersey public schools were jealous of the sadism and sex-phobia in the Catholic schools.

Anybody writing about education in America today knows that the hottest topic is the Brookings Institution report of June 1990, *Politics, Markets, and America's Schools* by John E. Chubb and Terry M. Moe. This report has been commented on in every major newspaper, magazine, and news medium in the country.

Anything beyond snack-bar research would have told Ms. Cicero that. The book's basic thesis is as follows. All major studies of the past ten years on pre-college public education in the United States have ascertained its disastrous situation (most notably *A Nation at Risk*, by the National Commission on Excellence in Education, 1983). Chubb and Moe maintain that more money is not the solution. Private schools outperform public schools on the average, while spend-

ing less. The answer to quality education is choice, a free market: let the students pick their own school. So long as the public schools in the United States have a monopoly on education, they will never improve; competition alone forces improvement.

The Chubb and Moe report is being attacked as furiously as previous reports doing justice to private schools (especially *High School Achievement: Public, Catholic, and Private Schools Compared*, by James S. Coleman, Thomas Hoffer and Sally Kilgore and *Public and Private High Schools: The Impact of Communities* by Coleman and Hoffer. These studies give very high grades to private schools, as do Chubb and Moe.

Seven states, sincerely concerned about their future, have already implemented the Brookings Institution report by allowing a free choice of public schools (NY Times, F27 '91, B11: 1-4). The Delaware General Assembly is currently debating tuition vouchers applicable to all schools, including denominational. (Ibid.)

The big bugbear, of course, is what know-nothing Americans call the "separation of Church and State." This is the rallying cry

for the Harvard Education Review, New York Times, AFT, UFT, ACLU and other secular fortresses. Students be damned! Yet, Global Studies show that other equally valid and vibrant democracies subsidize education for all their citizens, without any so-called infringement of the separation of Church and State. France is as democratic and secular as the USA, yet it pays all Catholic school salaries and 90 percent of physical plant and construction costs.

Predominantly Protestant countries like Holland, Scotland, and Canada heavily even totally subsidize all education: public, private Catholic, Jewish, etc. There are some State controls, of course, but the schools have a choice to be subsidized or not.

Quality education is the only guarantee of a country's development. It is not a matter of politics or religion. It is a matter of survival in today's global world. And a market economy is the only road to quality, in education, as in manufacturing. U.S. legislation has been anti-education and anti-family long enough. It is time to change.

Brother Joseph Belanger, fms, is a Marist brother and professor of French.

Closing Preschool only teaches hypocrisy

by **MARGUERITE HEFFERON**

In 1985 I had two job offers: one offered \$33,000; the other offered \$17,000. I took the \$17,000 job.

I am the mother of two young boys, and young mothers sometimes make odd choices. We sometimes have to make difficult choices. My choice in 1985 was between a higher salaried job with better benefits, or a job that offered flexible hours and had a daycare facility for my then 3 year old. I turned down the \$33,000 job. In rejecting the higher paying job, I was choosing the daycare option and flexible hours that would allow me to parent and have a career.

That's how important daycare is, not only for me, but for literally millions of parents, most of whom do not have the choice of whether or not they will work after they have children. Economic necessity dictates that they will work. This is a fact many young people do not realize. The myth of choosing whether or not you will work after you bear children is often precisely that: a myth. And for those people who do not have the choice, the choice becomes an almost impossible one because society has conspired for years to keep separate the worlds of family life and life outside the home — professional life.

Historically, academia has been sensitive to issues of sociological

importance such as the problem of daycare; the business world is usually accused of being "the bad guys." So it is appalling to hear that President Murray is planning to close the Marist Preschool while industry is scrambling to put daycare

they felt it was a substandard operation. The facility itself was allowed to get run-down, and the supplies and activities for the children were severely limited by budgetary concerns. Although this is clearly not the case now because

Dutchess Community College won't even take our children; their daycare facility is a service designed only for their employees. How ironic that a local community college has a daycare facility especially for the needs of their community, while Marist is looking to close their Preschool because the powers that be apparently don't think it is important enough to find a way to keep it open.

When prospective candidates come here for job interviews, one of their questions is often "What about daycare?" And this question does not only come from the young women, but from the men, too.

We are not asking for free daycare or even for reduced rate daycare. We are simply asking that, in the spirit of academia, the college take an interest in maintaining a facility for our children here on campus.

What is most sinister about the decision to close the Preschool is the message it gives to the students here on campus, a message many of them may not understand until they, themselves, have children. The message is this: You cannot be a mother of young children and have a career because society does not support it. If you choose to have children, stay at home where you belong and raise them; if you choose a career, then get on your business suit, farm out your children, and stop whining. Society is often unwilling to bridge the

chasm between what it perceives as these mutually exclusive worlds, and it belittles and resents those who attempt their own bridges.

I fear this is what we are teaching our students. Here at Marist we are training young women to be professionals in the work force, but in closing the Preschool, the administration is not acknowledging that many of these trained professionals will be child-bearers.

In closing the Preschool we are asking our students if, as career women, they will dare to have the unconscionable handicap of being mothers? And at what cost will our students choose careers and motherhood, because they certainly will get little support from employers and perhaps even less from a society that still insists on the exclusive division between the two worlds of "the mother" vs. "the professional."

In closing its Preschool, Marist is not offering a viable model to this new generation of students and the concerns they will face. Nor is it addressing a significant concern of both existing faculty and staff and future faculty and staff. With its decision to eliminate the Preschool, Marist College will be thoughtlessly marching forward into the Dark Ages.

Marguerite Hefferon is an assistant professor of English.

"When perspective candidates come here for job interviews, one of their questions is often 'What about daycare?'"

facilities in place for their employers. And what is particularly distressing is the apparent lack of a substantial reason for Marist Preschool's closing.

First, the Preschool is not a financial burden on the college, as the directors clearly brought in more tuition money this year than the Preschool was budgeted for.

Another of the administration's concerns is that the Preschool accommodates more non-Marist than Marist children. But, I ask you, is that a reason to close the Preschool, because in any given year the facility only services 5 to 10 employees? Must we have more than 10 people retire per year to make retirement a viable employee benefit? Unfortunately, there is a reason why the Preschool was underenrolled in the past: numerous faculty and staff refused to use the Preschool because

of the diligence and business acumen of its current directors, the Preschool has suffered from an integrity problem because of the administration's unwillingness to lend it enough financial support to make it credible.

All colleges that I know of offer daycare for their employees, often at a reduced rate or even free. Vassar College offers a preschool program for their employees at the rate of approximately \$3,200 per year. The Marist Preschool charges approximately the same tuition. However, if the Marist employees had to use the Vassar facility, it would cost us \$5,100 per academic year for one child's tuition at the Vassar preschool; \$5,100 is about one-quarter of the after taxes salary of a starting professor here at Marist, about what a bank would allot for that employee's mortgage payments for one year.

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A minor correction

Editor:

Please permit me to correct an article quoting me which appeared in your March 26, 1991 issue regarding the organization of an "African (sic) Studies minor program."

First of all, the program of studies which I and other Marist faculty members are hoping to introduce as a minor is more accurately designated as an "African-American Studies," rather than "African Studies." While Africa is, of course, a critical concept in such studies, our proposed focus is more on issues here in the USA than on the continent of Africa itself. The program would thus be similar to what other colleges and universities refer to as a "Black Studies" program. While it is true that some institutions have combined the two ("African Studies" and "African-American Studies") and such a combination has not been

ruled out in principle, it is far too ambitious an undertaking for Marist at the present time.

Secondly, the article tends to give the impression that I was disturbed by the "delay" in the implementation of the program. This is only partially true. Like other academicians, I often wish that my own projects would move faster through the the academic bureaucracy; however, I am neither disturbed nor surprised by the delay associated with our present efforts. I believe that I convey the feeling of my interested colleagues when I suggest that a delay accompanied by enthusiastic support would, in the long run, be more advantageous than immediacy with lukewarm support.

S.M. Khatib, associate professor of communication

Condomania: what's the answer?

by **JANET DeSIMONE**

The selling of prophylactics (primarily condoms) on campus seems to be of great concern recently.

By no means do I claim to know what's best for the average college student, as does the average administrator. They are older, wiser and much more apt in understanding my peers than I am — a mere fellow student who has been at Marist four years now.

It's suddenly becoming clearer, Marist could never sell condoms on campus. It's just not possible. It would cause too many problems.

The first problem would be Sabotage. Imagine, if at the spring barbecue, some students bought every box of condoms at the bookstore and proceeded to cover all the hot dogs in sight. Parents would then bite into the protected weiners and think that Seiler's food is horrible (something we've known all along) and refuse to sent their

child to a college capable of poisoning their little darling. Marist would lose a lot of potential revenue. You know what this would mean; Donnelly would never be completed.

Then of course, there's the problem of students using them to jam fire alarms or trade them like baseball cards. I'll give you a glow-in-the-dark one for two lubricated ones. Plus, who even knows if condoms are recyclable? (There's a disgusting thought!)

If Marist sold condoms, we'd be condoning and encouraging the act of intercourse between students.

An example, two virginal students, Suzie and Chip, (names have been changed due to certain privacy laws) have been dating for one year and have never even considered the thought of getting physically intimate because both feel they're not ready yet. One day they journey to the bookstore to buy some apple juice and a box of fig newtons. While on line, they

notice a sign advertising condoms. "Maybe we should buy some," says Suzie.

"Well, we really don't have a need for them right now, but since MARIST is selling them, maybe it's time we did it!" responds Chip. "Yes, it must be OK. Marist must want us to do it," agrees Suzie.

Wow, Marist does have a point. Look at all the horrible things that can occur if we were to make condoms available on campus.

My apologies to the president and administration for mocking your policies. By no means should condoms be sold on this campus.

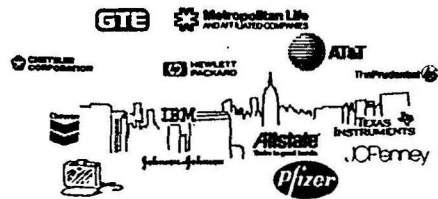
Of course it's more important to save the reputation of Seiler's and prevent lawsuits than it is to help prolong the life of a human being.

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Janet DeSimone is a senior majoring in English.

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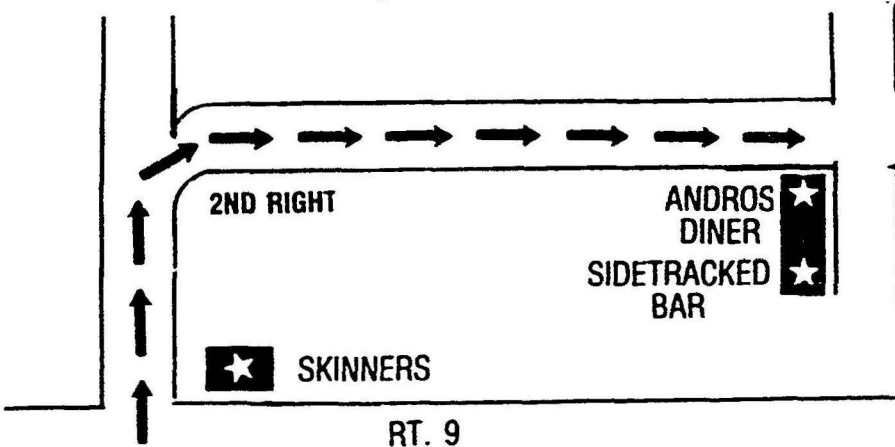
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Prof promotes police work to local high school seniors

by PETER M. O'KEEFE
Staff Writer

John Dougherty, assistant professor of criminal justice, doesn't mind giving kids straight talk about the police department — in fact he loves it. Dougherty, class of '69 and a former captain with the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, has spoken with local high school seniors who may be looking for a career in police work.

"I love police work because it is very gratifying," Dougherty said, "I'd tell any student to look into it."

Dougherty, who participated in the program sponsored by the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce, said the focus is to reach the uncommon student — the one who will probably not attend college.

The students attending his lectures, made up of males and females, are generally from lower income families and currently working part time.

His message is simple: "You may not be applying to college today, but in a few years you may change your mind and criminal justice is an exciting major."

And, he said, the police department will subsidize an employee's entire college tuition, in fact, he received two masters degrees during his 20 years of service. In addition, one's salary increases as he or she furthers his or her education.

Dougherty said the feedback from the students has been quite positive. "Most of the kids were intrigued by the excitement of the job," he said. "They asked questions like: how many times have you been shot?"

After reading the student evaluations, Dougherty said he was surprised to find early retirement as an aspect of the job that interested them.

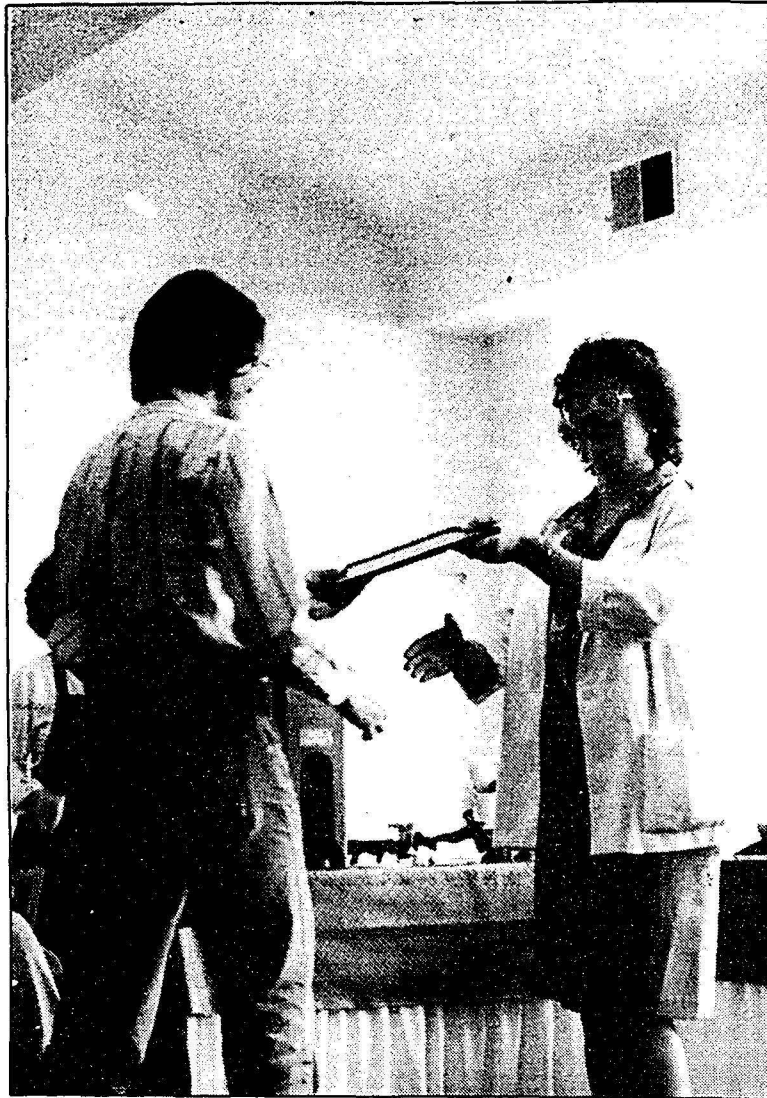
When asked how the recent criticism police departments have received affects his promotion of police work, Dougherty suggested that things go in cycles.

"Things get so bad that the public demands a change, and this makes better police departments," he said.

Dougherty said he believed only good can come from the video taped beating of Rodney King by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department because the incident outraged the public and will force departments nationwide to reassess their hiring and training techniques.

But will any of the students who participate in the program actually become Dougherty's students at Marist?

"I guess you can return to the scene of the crime," said Dougherty, that 20 years ago he never thought he would be back at Marist.



Diane Perreira, director of the Office of Special Services, presents an 'awareness recognition' award to adjunct professor of English, Tom Goldpaugh.

Office honors individuals, volunteers

The Office of Special Services last Wednesday honored 15 individuals and several community volunteers for their contributions to students with disabilities.

At the reception in the Faculty Dining Room, computer center staff unveiled a vocal screen reader for blind, visually impaired and dyslexic students. The device will enable students to use computers efficiently, since it can pronounce letters as they are typed, as well as read individual words or complete sentences aloud.

"We're thrilled to have this," said Diane Perreira, director of the Office of Special Services. "And for our dyslexic students this is a miracle" Perreira said there are about 40 to 50 students at Marist who have some sort of reading difficulty.

After the unveiling, Perreira presented the 'awareness recognition' awards to Christa Baumgartner, Joanne Colucci, Eric Dunkel, Carl Gerberich, Tom Goldpaugh, Richard Goldstone, John McGinty, Desmond Murray, Audrey Rodrigue, Marge Sadowski, Gopalan Sampath, James Sherwin, Vincent Toscano, Christina Vertullo, and Mary Zampko.

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thly fee of \$350 — \$25 less than the community is charged.

The college is also exploring other options, including IBM's campaign to help non-profit organizations finance preschools and an arrangement with St. Francis Hospital which provides a preschool for children of its employees.

But the parents of the 3- to 5-year-old students aren't the only ones who would suffer from the shutdown of the preschool, said Donna Bibeau, its temporary director.

Psychology professors often use the preschool to observe children, and Marist students in the education program work with the kids as part of their "Preschool Practicum" course, she said.

The move comes at a bad time because Marist and Vassar College are phasing out their cooperative education program which gave Marist students the opportunity to work at the Vassar preschool.

Elizabeth Nolan, coordinator of teacher education, said the closing of the preschool would be a great loss to parents and students.

"Given the national need for child care, it seems to me that a college ought to be reflecting the highest ideals (in terms of child care)," Nolan said.

RIVALRY

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fan and my favorite team is the Yankees."

"Being a devoted fan is a full time job," said David Tighe, 20, an avid Mets fan from Edison, N.J. "It's weak when people jump on the bandwagon as soon as a team starts winning because there are people who are loyal to teams even through losing streaks."

Sometimes, it is hard for housemates wanting to watch two games at the same time. One solution, according to Tighe, is a compromise.

"We only have one television in our apartment," he said. "So, if I want to watch a Mets game at the same time my housemate wants to watch the Yankees game, we either flip a coin or switch back and forth on an inning-to-inning basis."

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The roots of Roots

Roots author affirms importance of family

by STEVEN SCHMITT
Staff Writer

Find the good and praise it. This is the message on Alex Haley's stationary and the idea he brought to Marist last week. Haley, the author of *Roots* and collaborator on the *Autobiography of Malcolm X*, stressed the importance of family in his 70-minute speech to more than 350 students and community members. After receiving a standing ovation before he said a word, Haley gave the audience in the Campus Center Theater insight into what sparked *Roots*.

"You should send someone to visit the oldest person in the family. Often there is a common bond between grandchildren and grandparents. They perceive a common enemy — parents."

"It began when I was 6 years old," Haley said. "After my grandfather died, my grandmother wrote letters to her five sisters, and they all came to visit. The house was alive with laughter, and they began to talk about their girlhood."

Haley listened to the stories they told on the front porch as he gained interest in his family and genealogy. "It's the genealogical bug," he said. "You look for anything that might help you track your family. With *Roots*, it was nine years of research, three years of writing — the book just went wild."

Haley also stressed the value of family, especially grandparents.

"In today's world, we have a tendency to get wrapped up in computers," Haley said. "They make it so easy to forget how we got here — the people who made it possible."

"You should send someone to visit the oldest person in the family," he continued. "Often, there is a common bond between grandchildren and grandparents. They perceive a common enemy — parents."

He also spoke of his involvement with Malcolm X who asked him to write his autobiography after Haley had done a piece on the political activist for *Playboy* magazine.

"We met for two years, twice a week, always in the evening until about 1:30 or 2 a.m.," Haley said. "After a year, I had his life material. After it was completed, he told me he would not live long enough to see it in print."

On Feb. 21, 1965, a few days before the book's debut, Malcolm X was assassinated.

But, Haley still finds the good to praise — especially the dramatic change in race relations.

"Our forefathers could have never fantasized this meeting tonight," Haley said. "How marvelous that these things are made possible."



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Alex Haley commanded the attention of a full house in the Theatre a week ago Tuesday.



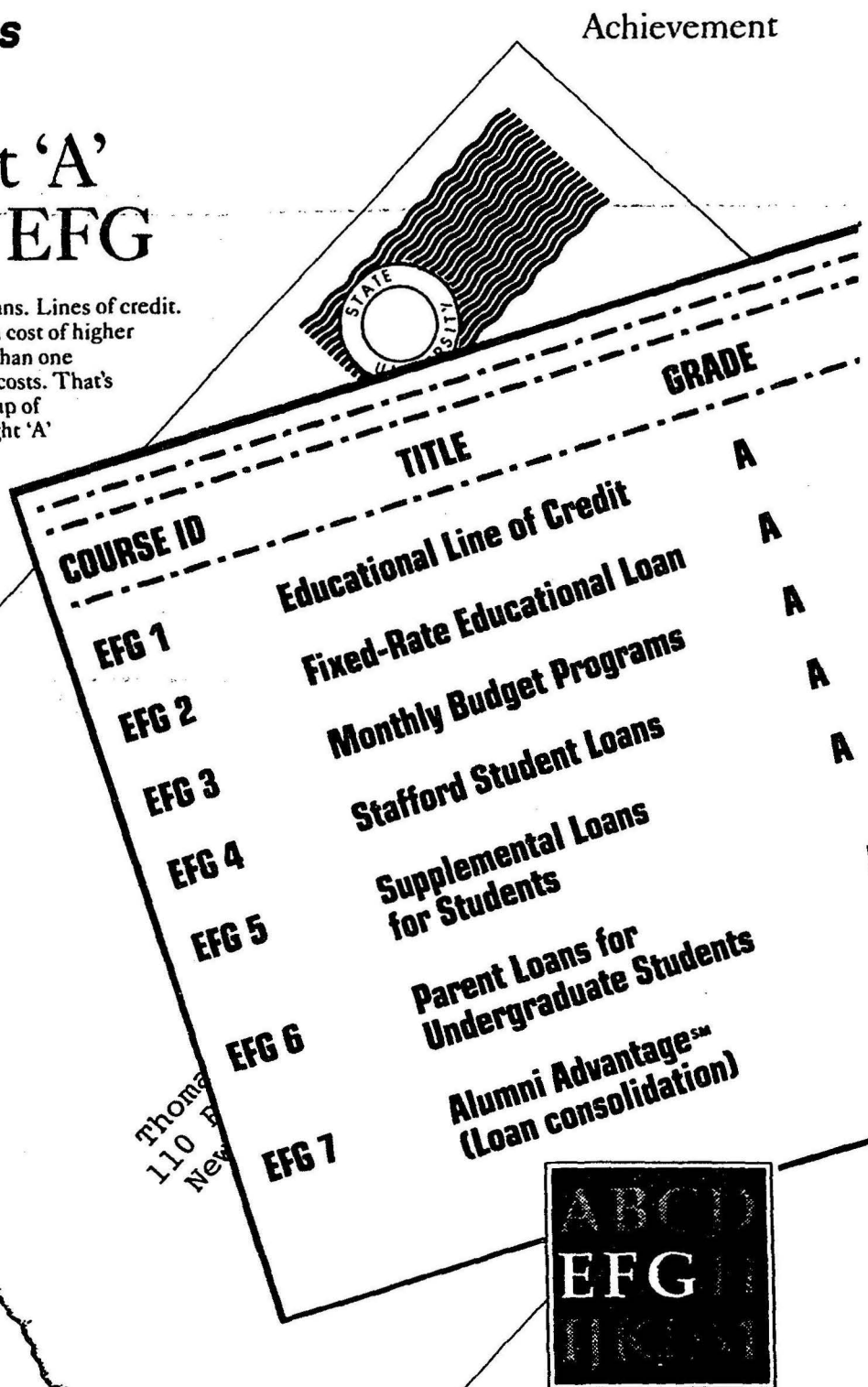
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Roofers cause mainframe shutdown

by DAN HULL
News Editor

Workers atop Donnelly Hall prompted the shut down of the mainframe computer system Sunday, after they turned off the Computer Center's air conditioning unit Saturday night without telling anyone, said Carl Gerberich, vice president for Information Systems.

Temperatures in the center's machine room, which houses the 3090 mainframe system, reached 122 degrees Fahrenheit at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, said Wendy Duncan, associate director for Information Systems.

The extreme heat could have damaged the equipment.

The mainframe computer is equipped with a cooling device, which prevented damage to the inside components, said Gerberich.

"They (the workers) needed to lift (the air conditioning unit) up to take out the old roof, and it was too hot to touch," Duncan said.

Computer Center staff closed the Donnelly room at 5:30 p.m. Students using the P.C.s were sent to the Lowell Thomas Communication Center lab which was open until 11 p.m., Duncan said.

Although no permanent damage has been detected, Duncan said problems may still exist.

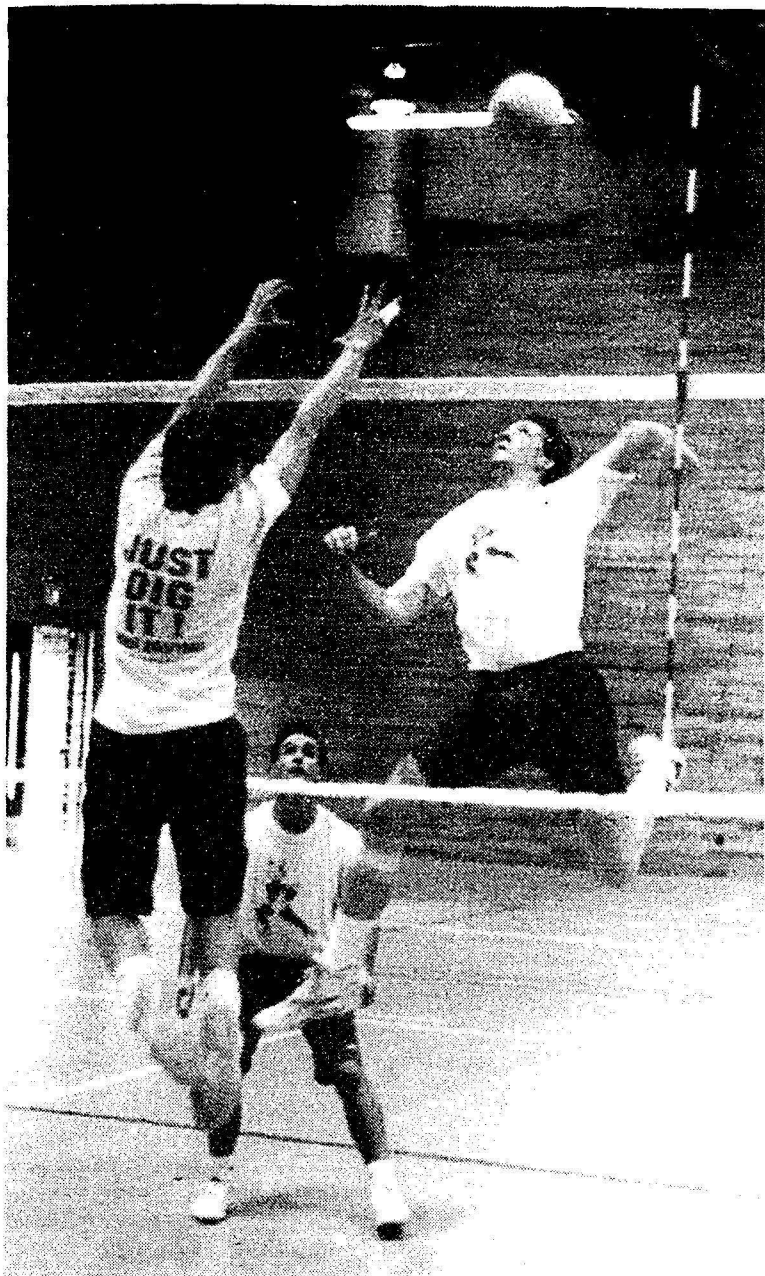
"There is a potential for some problems because not all the hardware and software has been tapped into yet, but there is no damage that we have determined as of yet," Duncan said.

After discovering the unit had been turned off, the mainframe was shut down to help cool the computer center more quickly, Duncan said.

She said the air conditioning was turned on at about 10:30 a.m. and the mainframe was brought back up at 12:30 p.m. and checked for damage when the room temperature was about 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

She said the system was shut down again Sunday night while the roofers worked near the unit which chills the computer components.

The system was up and running 7 a.m. Monday, Duncan said.



Circle photo/Matt Martin

The men's volleyball club works out in preparation for its trip to the Club National Championships next week in Colorado.

V-ball to compete in nationals

by TED HOLMLUND
Staff Writer

The men's volleyball club will compete in the club national championships April 19 and 20 at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Competing schools will be divided into two categories, Division I and II, said Marist player-coach Tom Hanna. Competing with Marist in the Division II bracket will be the University of Kansas, Southern Methodist University and the University of Massachusetts. The host school, Colorado College, will also be in the Division II bracket.

The Red Foxes' first round opponent is unknown, said Hanna. The pairings will be announced next week.

Hanna said he is happy with the way the tournament has been organized.

"I like the format," the senior and club founder said. "It guarantees us six matches."

Although Hanna is excited about the tournament, he said the team must work hard to improve.

"We can only worry about what happens on our side of the net," he said. "Anything can happen if we are prepared to play on the national level. This is a great opportunity for the program."

Senior Terry Hosmer is also excited about the chance to play on the national level.

"This is a great opportunity for our players that have been with the program for four years," he said. "It gives them a chance to perform on the national level and it gives the younger guys a chance to gain some exposure."

The Red Foxes, who are financing the club themselves, will only be sending eight players to the tournament. Brian Corbett and Mark

Balkevich will be unable to make the trip due to prior commitments.

Hanna said the team will miss the services of Balkevich.

"His absence limits some of the effectiveness in the plays we run," he said. "We are going to have to work real hard with only eight players to make up for loss of the two players not coming with us."

Hanna also said the altitude in Colorado could have some sort of effect on the team.

"With the altitude being 7,000 feet, it will be tough," he said. "We will have to go through extra conditioning to adjust to the climate."

Although Hosmer is anxious to play in the championships, he is worried about one thing.

"It is a great way to end our careers," he said. "But we are going to miss River Day!"

Volleyball loses to Pratt in home finale

by TED HOLMLUND
Staff Writer

In its final home match of the season, the men's volleyball club was defeated 3-2 by Pratt Institute.

Marist now has an overall record of 7-17.

After taking an early lead, the Red Foxes were unable to hold on, losing 15-8, 10-15, 15-3, 15-17, 15-17.

Sophomore Mark Balkevich led the Red Fox attack by slamming down 22 kills in the match. Senior setter Anthony Azarra distributed 62 assists while player-coach Tom Hanna chipped in with 17 kills. Pat Brundage, a senior, balanced the charge with 11 kills and five blocks.

After several lead changes in the fourth game, Marist grabbed a 14-6 when Hanna took himself out of the game with the team's last substitution. Needing just one point to win, the Red Foxes could not hold on.

In the fifth game, the Red Foxes bounced back from a 6-1 deficit to a 9-8 lead before losing the match.

"I felt confident that we could get one point before they get 10," said Hanna. "But, when it came to crunch time, I made some errors that hurt us. I didn't put out the effort needed. We should have taken care of them."

Despite the disappointing loss, Hanna was very pleased with the play of Balkevich.

"Balkevich had an incredible match," Hanna said. "He took control of the match and kept us in it. He made a great effort to keep us in it. Unfortunately, we couldn't hold on."

The match marked the last home appearance for seniors Hanna, Azarra, Brundage, Terry Hosmer, and Kevin St. Onge. Hanna, Azarra, Brundage and Hosmer have been with the program since Hanna started the program four years ago.

Sunday, Marist will take to the road to do battle with Albany. April 19, the Red Foxes will compete in the club national championships at the United States Air Force Academy.

Sports Schedule

Men's Tennis
vs. NYU (H)
Friday at 3:30 pm

Men's Lacrosse
vs. Dowling (H)
Saturday at 2:00 pm

Men's Tennis
vs. St. Peter's (A)
Saturday
at 12:30 pm

Crew vs.
Villanova (A)
Saturday
at 8:00 am

Men's Volleyball
vs. Albany (A)
Sunday at noon

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Laxmen crush USMMA

by **MIKE O'FARRELL**
Sports Editor

Tom Diehl knew his lacrosse team had the tendency to give up a lot of goals.

He also knew his team was capable of scoring a lot of goals. Saturday, the Red Foxes opened the flood gates and downed the United States Merchant Marine Academy 25-6.

The win increases the Red Foxes' record to 2-7.

"It was nice to score that many," Diehl said.

Diehl credited the Red Foxes' fast start as a key to the game. "We came out and did what we needed to do," he said. "We were able to get ahead early and that was important."

At the end of the first quarter, Marist was ahead 7-1.

In the second quarter, the Red Foxes began to play a bit different, taking a 12-3 lead into halftime, said Diehl.

"We began to deviate away from our plan," he said. "But we were able to communicate and straighten things out through solid play."

Marist shutout USMMA in the third quarter, taking a 17-3 lead into the final period before scoring eight goals in the final period.

"I was glad to see that we were consistent," said Diehl. "We never really let up offensively and that was nice to see."

Because key players are suffering from some nagging injuries, Diehl altered his strategy.

"We started our number two guys against their number ones because our number ones were a bit beat up," he said. "The other kids stepped up and began to take over."

Offensively, four Red Foxes tallied four goals apiece. Junior attack Chris Feldman led the charge with four goals and four assists while Chris Retcho, also a junior, notched four goals and three assists.

Freshman attack John O'Brien also scored four goals and three assists. Diehl also got four goals from junior attack Scott Zalucky. Brett Clifford, a freshman, chipped in with three goals and one assist.

Brian Banigan, a junior attack, notched two goals while sophomore Jim Kresge, junior Jason Beatrice, sophomore Tom Fasolo and senior captain Brian Hanifin each scored one goal apiece. Sophomore Andy Ross passed out two assists.

Hanifin, who has been one of the leading players early on, was given a chance to rest for much of the USMMA game. Diehl said that he was one of the players suffering from injuries. "Brian was banged up and the trainer asked me if we could rest him and we could," he said.

Despite the 2-7 mark, Diehl said that his team is improving with every game.

"Some of the concepts we have installed were new to them," the first-year coach said. "But now, they are starting to come together and learn the new concepts."

Although the Red Foxes put 25 goals on the board against USMMA, Diehl said he has been pleasantly surprised with the offensive effort of his team.

"I am surprised with the way we move the ball around on offense," he said. "We have also done a wonderful job on face-offs."

Yesterday, Marist played host to Quinnipiac College. Results were not available at press time. In the midst of a six game homestand, the Red Foxes will host Dowling College on Saturday and Siena College on Tuesday before returning to the road for three straight games.

Spring Forward



Circle photo/Matt Martin

About 50 people participated in a five kilometer run for C.O.A.C.H. (Coming Out Against Cancer with Hope) on campus Friday to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The event, organized by Senior Mike Coakley, raised \$168 to be divided between the Dutchess, Orange and Rockland Counties chapters.

Participants donated at least \$3 to run, walk, skate or whatever along the course. Donations were also accepted from non-participants.

Coakley is raising the money in honor of his high school track coach who recently died of cancer.

"I felt I wanted to do something to help out," Coakley said.

Coakley is also planning a Slam Dunk Contest with an adjustable basketball hoop and an outdoor concert, both on April 20.

Shown above are Sophomores Noel Feehan and Jen Von Suskil, who were the first women to cross the finish line.

Runners Eugene Mesmer, Marty Feeney, Brian Ordway and Jason Vianese tied for first place for the men.

Tennis raises record to 3-2

by **KENT RINEHART**
Staff Writer

Although the scores of the last three matches were the same, the men's tennis team came away with two victories and one loss.

Before losing to Fairleigh Dickinson University 9-0 on Monday, the Red Foxes thrashed Western Connecticut State University and Wagner College by the same count last week.

April 2, Marist rolled over WCSU. All the matches were straight set wins.

Jim Cagney's debut at number one singles was a success. The senior won easily 6-3, 6-2. Stan Phelps, playing number two, dominated his opponent 6-2, 6-0.

"Jim's first match at number one singles was excellent. He was very strong," said Jackrel.

Also winning singles matches for

the Red Foxes were Chris Trieste, John Favazzo, Jeff Barker, and John Cleary.

"Jeff Barker, who is our only freshman, is having a pretty good season," said Jackrel. "He is our future and I want to get him alot of playing time."

Two days later, Marist rolled over Wagner. The Red Foxes dominated the Seahawks by winning 108 games while conceding only 16. All nine matches were straight set victories.

Leading the way for Marist by winning 6-0, 6-0, were the doubles teams. Cagney and Favazzo and Barker and Cleary teamed up for straight set wins.

"The doubles team of Cagney and Favazzo only lost one match all last year and they are already 4-0 this year," Jackrel said. "They are playing very well."

Other winners for Marist were

Barker (number five singles), Cleary (number six singles) and the doubles tandem of Phelps and Trieste.

"After coming off a good win against Western Connecticut, we were raring to go. Everybody played really well," said Jackrel.

After two big wins, the Red Foxes had the tables turned on them by FDU last Monday.

The Red Foxes just could not stay with the more experienced FDU.

Number four Trieste had the closest match of the day losing 7-5, 6-3.

"We played them in the fall and lost 6-3 and we thought we would keep it close. They are just too good," said Trieste.

"We hoped to win at least two or three matches, but they were too strong," added sophomore Favazzo.

Rivalries begin to heat up

by **JOHN COLANGELO**
Staff Writer

Four days into the baseball season, the taunting has already begun.

The tension may result from the unwritten rule that prohibits New York Mets fans from rooting for the New York Yankees.

"You'd have a better chance of seeing God than you would at getting me to watch a Yankee game," said Tim Neville, 20, an avid Mets

devotee who lives off campus with Yankee fan Matt Giaquinto, 21 of Bloomfield, N.J.

Sometimes, relationships between housemates can be put to the test.

"My roommate and I have lived together since freshman year," said Jeff Janota, a 21-year old junior from Aberdeen, N.J. "Every spring we are at each other's throat because he is a Mets

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As Spring fever hits, it's time to 'play ball'

It's finally here. After a long, cold winter, baseball is upon us. Without any further delay, I will bestow upon you my predictions for the 1991 campaign.

Based upon my baseball picks in the past — i.e. "Winning the first game of the World Series is the worst thing that could have happened to the Reds." — these may not be big money winners. However, do not be surprised by some of the forecasts. These were not done in haste — I used keen insight. The results will either show I am a competent fan or, in fact, I know absolutely nothing. Let's hope it is the former. Here we go:

American League East

The Boston Red Sox will somehow find a way to win this division. I don't know exactly how, but they will. Immediately, you can count out the Brewers, Tigers, Yankees, Orioles and Indians. That leaves the Red Sox and the Toronto Blue Jays. The Blue Jays made household changes over the off-season. Although they acquired Joe Carter, Roberto Alomar, Ken Dayley and Devon White, gone from last year's squad are George Bell, Tony Fernandez, Fred McGriff, Bud Black, Junior Felix and Luis Sojo. Despite having the strongest staff in the division — and possibly the league — the

chemistry is not there. Boston, with help from newcomers Jack Clark, Danny Darwin and Matt Young will then find a way to win this division. The offense is potent, it always has been. However, after Roger Clemens, the pitching is poor. Clemens will be the mainstay again as he will find a way to carry his team to its fourth divisional crown in the last six seasons.

American League West

Despite what you think, the Oakland Athletics will not win the division. The Kansas City Royals or California Angels — both top contenders — won't win it either. You can also forget about the Texas Rangers, the Chicago White Sox and the Minnesota Twins. That leaves — you guessed it — the Seattle Mariners. The Mariners have the best starting rotation in the American League. Plus, they have Mike Schooler coming out of the bullpen. Combine this pitching staff with Ken Griffey, Jr. and one of the deepest benches in baseball and you've got a winner in Seattle. The A's will challenge, but Seattle will win out. The Royals, who dipped heavily into the free agent pool last year, will fall short, despite having one of the brightest stars in the game — Brian McRae.

Seattle will beat Boston in the hunt for the pennant and move on



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to the Fall Classic. Griffey, Jr. will capture Most Valuable Player honors. Mariner staff ace Erik Hanson will win the Cy Young Award and Seattle manager Jim Lefebvre will be named the manager of the year. It will be a Seattle sweep of the post-season awards as pitcher Rich DeLucia will win Rookie of the Year.

National League East

The Chicago Cubs will prevail in what could be the most exciting division in baseball. Needing some pitching help, the Cubbies went out and signed starter Danny Jackson and reliever Dave Smith. Offensively, the Cubs signed free agent outfielder George Bell, who should thrive by getting away from Toronto. With Ryne Sandberg, Andre Dawson, Mark Grace, Shawn Dunston, Damon Berryhill and rookie phenom Gary Scott, the Cubs will hold off the Mets and the Pirates for the crown. Newcomers

Hubie Brooks and Vince Coleman will help the Mets, but they will be unable to hold on down the stretch. With the continuing trade talks surrounding Bobby Bonilla, the Pirates' chemistry will be affected and they won't be a threat. If you are looking for a sleeper in this division, take the Expos.

National League West

I don't care what people say about the World Champion Cincinnati Reds, they are going nowhere. The Reds did nothing to help themselves in the quest to repeat as champions. Although they probably won't win the division, the San Francisco Giants went out and signed free agents Dave Righetti, Bud Black and Willie McGee.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, who acquired Brett Butler, Darryl Strawberry, Kevin Gross, Gary Carter and Bob Ojeda, will win the West in a runaway. Butler, Strawberry and Kal Daniels combine to form the best outfield in baseball while Eddie Murray will hold together the infield. Gross and Ojeda will join Tim Belcher, Ramon Martinez and possibly Orel Hershiser to form a solid starting staff. Despite being a poor defensive team, the Dodgers will again be the champs of the National League West.

When the Dodgers meet the Cubs, Chicago will prevail and move on to beat the Mariners in the World Series.

Unlike the American League, the post-season awards in the senior circuit will be mixed up a bit. National League newcomer Fred McGriff will become a valuable asset to the Padres as he captures the Most Valuable Player award. Leading the way for the Dodgers will be Cy Young Award winner Ramon Martinez while Rookie of the Year Gary Scott will anchor third base for the Cubs. The Padres won't be as bad as you think — trust me. That is why I'm picking Greg Riddoch to win the Manager of the Year.

Some other things you can count on: Twins' Manager Tom Kelly will be the first field general to be fired. The American League will win the All-Star game. Wade Boggs will bat over .330. Nolan Ryan will continue to amaze people. Roger Clemens will throw his first no-hitter. There will be a new "highest paid player in baseball" before the season is over. You will hear more about Jose Canseco's 1-900 number then you will about his hitting achievements.

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