

Hunting season is over

For some seniors, the job hunt is over as they already have jobs lined up for after graduation. — page 3

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Employment rate at 89% for '90 grads

by J.W. STEWART
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Eighty-nine percent of Marist's Class of 1990 have succeeded in finding a job, according to the 1990 Outcomes Report released by the Career Development and Field Experience Office.

The annual report, compiled through the use of questionnaires and telephone interviews from October 1990 to September 1991, shows 41 percent of the 89 percent with jobs are working in a field related to their major. Twenty-three percent of those employed said they are in a field somewhat related to their major.

Thirty-six percent of the graduates with jobs are working in a field unrelated to their undergraduate major, the report said.

The report also states 12 percent of the Class of 1990 went on to graduate school and six percent remain unemployed.

Deidre Sepp, director of Career

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Development and Field Experience Office, said she is a bit surprised at the 1990 figures because they are so close to the 1989 numbers.

The Class of 1989 sent 86 percent of its population into the work force with 49 percent saying they were directly related to their field and 20 percent saying they were somewhat related.

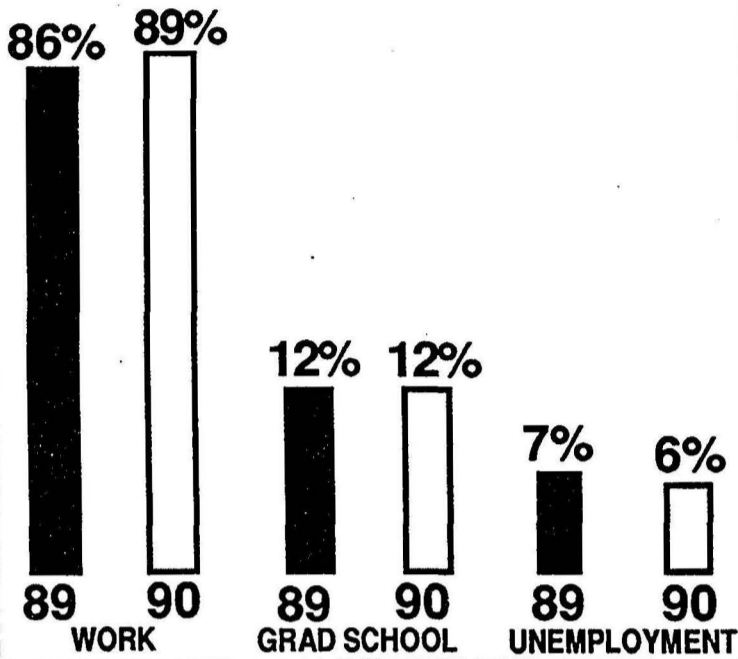
Twelve percent of the Class of 1989 attended graduate school and seven percent are still without a job.

Sepp said she is pleased with the recent findings.

"I'm happy, sure I am," she said. "I'd like to see some more students in graduate studies but everyone involved has to be responsible for their own future."

Of the 104 graduate students surveyed for the 1990 report, 91

Classes of 1989 and 1990 - Where they are*



The percentages add up to more than 100 percent because some graduates reported they were working while also attending graduate school.
* Survey done by the Career Development and Field Experience Office from Oct. 1990 through Sept. 1991.

percent have found employment, and only 68 percent say the jobs relate to their field. This is in contrast to the 79 percent of 1989 graduate students who said they were working in their major.

Sepp said she relates this to the change in the labor market which began to affect Marist graduates in 1990.

"The economy is going to affect all graduating students, not just Marist students," she pointed out. "Three to six months waiting for a job is now six to nine months waiting. We're going to see a change in students working outside their majors."

Students who end up working outside of their major are often unhappy and the Career Development and Field Experience Office has statistics to illustrate that.

Of the 25 percent of the Class of 1990 who ended up working outside their major, eight percent said they were happy while 17 percent said they were looking for a change — more than a two-to-one ratio. Preliminary information on the

Class of 1991 is currently being gathered by the Career Development and Field Experience Office. Sepp said her office should have more complete information on the whereabouts of last year's seniors by early spring.

The information her office does have shows students employed by such organizations as NBC, the U.S. Army, the Town of Hyde Park, IBM, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Marist College.

Students that chose to attend graduate school have stayed as close as Marist and SUNY New Paltz or have traveled as far away as Georgetown University and Indiana University.

In order to avoid the problems encountered by some members of the Class of 1990, Sepp suggests that those students pending graduation stop over to the Career Development Office.

"If a college senior is not putting in eight to ten hours a week in job search-related activity, they're not helping themselves," said the third-year director.

Brokaw declines

Search continues for graduation speaker

by MEGAN MCDONNELL
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While Marist seniors search for the ultimate vacation spot for spring break, the college will continue its search for what many students see as a key component of the graduation ceremony — a commencement speaker.

The college has already made at least one contact, according to Shaileen Kopec, vice president for College Advancement.

"I have received an answer, and we're moving ahead," said Kopec. That answer came from Tom Brokaw, NBC anchorman and news correspondent, whose daughter's college graduation falls on May 16, the same day as Marist's, according to Maureen Tosner, vice president of the senior class.

"The commencement committee said we'd have a good chance with Brokaw because Marist had a connection," she said.

Brokaw attended the Lowell Thomas award ceremony sponsored by Marist last June in New York City.

Alex Haley, author of "Roots," also under consideration for this year's commencement speaker and honorary-degree recipient, died of a heart attack Monday at age 70.

However, Kopec said that as of Monday, the college had not contacted Haley, who delivered a speech and held a round-table discussion with students and faculty in the Campus Center last spring.

According to Kopec, one of the most important factors in the annual search for a commencement speaker is looking for someone who is familiar with Marist and has a connection to the college.

However, the credibility of the individual is foremost, she added.

"He or she must have exemplified some dimension of the college's mission, whether it be in the area of academic excellence, service to others or commitment to higher human values," said Kopec.

She also said that although students would like to have someone prominent, that is not the sole criteria in deciding on a speaker.

"We have to look at the list to see whose achievements would merit an honorary degree, which is the highest honor given by the college," said Kopec.

Senior Class President Jennifer Chandler, in conjunction with members of the senior class, compiled the list of potential speakers the class wanted, and brought it to the commencement committee early last fall.

The committee, composed of Chandler, Donna Berger, executive assistant to the vice president of academic affairs; Ed O'Keefe, professor of psychology; and Deborah DiCaprio, assistant dean for student services and programs, then narrowed the list down to about three or four realistic names, and brought them to the advancement office.

However, the college did not send a letter to the first candidate until January, said Chandler.

According to Kopec, the search process is continuing. "This is not unusual in terms of timing," she said. "Sometimes it's better when the notice is shorter, because it is often difficult for someone to know his or her schedule so far in advance."

Kopec also said that waiting until later in the academic year may decrease the chances that a speaker will cancel the commitment.

According to Berger, the committee likes to see the process roll as early as fall, but the momentum usually doesn't get going until spring.

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Marist, local colleges fight threat of AIDS

by JENNIFER CHANDLER
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One hundred and forty-three people in Dutchess County have Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, AIDS; 22 of those 143 are between the ages of 20 and 29, according to a study done by AIDS-Related Community Services (ARCS).

Jane O'Brien, director of Marist's Health Services, said there is a good chance Marist has students on campus who are infected with the HIV-virus — which causes AIDS — because, nationally, one in 200 college students is infected with the HIV-virus.

At a time when AIDS is so prevalent in society, Marist, Bard and Vassar Colleges are making increased efforts to educate students about the incurable disease that affects the body's immune system and the brain.

AIDS is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus, HIV. It is transmitted only by the exchange of certain body fluids — specifically, blood, semen, vaginal secretions and, in some cases, breast milk.

Local colleges, including Marist,

do not offer AIDS-testing on campus because of the lack of confidentiality a small college allows. "Someone's HIV-status is so critical that I'm not comfortable with having to address that problem," said O'Brien. "If a student

"We have around 1,000 students and it would be almost impossible to keep testing anonymous and confidential," said Skiba.

According to O'Brien, if students want to be tested they can go to the Dutchess County Health

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You can't get acquired immune deficiency syndrome, AIDS, from sitting on a toilet seat.

However, you can get it from having unprotected sex, anal sex, vaginal sex, pregnancy, oral sex and intravenous drug use.

AIDS is a disease that is the end result of becoming infected with Human Immune Deficiency virus, HIV. AIDS breaks down the body's immune system and thereby makes a per-

son with AIDS vulnerable to a variety of life-threatening illnesses called opportunistic infections.

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Department, located in the Poughkeepsie main mall, which does free and confidential testing.

Although the testing can be done anonymously, New York State Law requires written consent and pre-and post-test counseling.

Prolonged fatigue * Fever * Extreme weight loss * Diarrhea * Swollen glands * Mouth and skin infections * Mental disturbances.

HIV is not very contagious through normal, daily and casual contact with an infected person. However, it is contagious through sexual activities or drug-abuse.

For more information on AIDS, please call AIDS-Related Community Services at 993-0607, Information Line of United Way at 473-1500 or U.S. Public Health Service Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS.

are HIV-infected is to have an HIV antibody test; ordinary blood tests do not test for HIV antibodies, according to an ARCS pamphlet.

According to O'Brien, even if an individual's tests come back negative, they should be tested

again in six months because it can sometimes take as long as three years to produce a detectable level of HIV-antibodies; people usually produce the antibodies three to six months after being infected with HIV, said the pamphlet.

All three colleges offer a variety of AIDS programs for students.

Marist's Health Services and the medical program will work together by going into student-dorms and talking about HIV, said O'Brien who is also a member of the Dutchess County Aids Task Force.

In the past, Health Services has done AIDS programs in Fireside, but there has never been a large turnout, said O'Brien.

"If we show up on the residence floors and students can come out in their robes or whatever and be comfortable, maybe we can get more students to listen to the facts," said O'Brien.

One such program was held yesterday at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall. Another will be held on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in 44B, Canterbury Garden Apartments.

Marist's College Activities Office has planned two AIDS-related

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Connery tries, but fails, in 'Medicine Man'

By BRIAN MCNELIS

Sean Connery is a great actor, it's a shame the same can't be said of his ability to choose what movies to appear in. His latest, "Medicine Man," is just such an example of that.

Connery has a long and fabled history in Hollywood. He has never been afraid to try different roles, some of these have been successful while others have not. This latest role will have to rank as one of his more unsuccessful attempts.

In "Medicine Man" Connery plays a scientist who has turned his back on society, he lives and works deep in the South American jungle with a primitive tribe of natives. The film starts with a female scientist, played by Lorraine Bracco, going to join Connery in the jungle because he has asked for a research assistant.

It turns out that Connery has discovered

the cure for cancer, the tribe he lives with has never experienced a case of cancer, by



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studying them the secret was revealed. The only hitch is that he has one working serum, which he gets from a rare flower, and he cannot reproduce it. The film details his search for the missing link, the reason why the first serum worked and his other attempts did not.

Connery is mediocre in the lead at best. The real downfall of the film though is the casting of Lorraine Bracco as his assistant. She walks through the movie with a hideous Bronx accent that becomes a running joke in the film. The real joke, however, is her performance.

Her acting is lacking in just about everything. The only thing she is good at is proving just how good an actor Connery is. Her performance was so annoying and unconvincing that after a while I wished her character would be killed off, unfortunately that never happened.

The plot itself is very slow in developing and even when it gets going it is boring. From the previews you get the idea that this would be an exciting and action packed movie. I have news for you, it's neither. In fact if I had two words to describe this film they would be "stay away."

It is surprising that this movie is as poor as it is considering it was directed by John McTiernan. McTiernan has had a string of big budget action blockbusters. These films have included "Predator", "Die Hard", and Connery's own "The Hunt for Red October." I guess he was bound to stumble eventually, he has done so in "Medicine Man."

The cinematography in "Medicine Man" is very good. There are some breath taking shots of the South American rain forests. The film also makes some telling comments about the devastating rate of deforestation that is destroying the world's rain forests which the planet needs to survive. Those are probably the only two positive things I can say about the film.

I'll give high marks to Connery for at least trying but even die-hard fans should avoid this one. As for Miss Bracco, the less said the better.

The rise of Japan: Myth or miracle

by TED HOLMLUND
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With talk of trade wars and Japan-bashing dominating election-year rhetoric, many people are wondering if the rise of Japan is a myth or a miracle.

Dr. Donald Calista, the director of the Graduate Center for Public Policy and Administration and management studies faculty at Marist said they believe the Japanese have moved ahead of the United States as an economic power recently because there has been different cultural, political and economic practices.

"The Japanese have a very high opinion of themselves as workers, thinkers and performers," said Calista.

Today, the Japanese have 10 of the largest banks in the world — 13 Japanese banks are larger than the

top U.S. bank which is 16th in the world.

"They are driven to be the best at what they do," Calista said. "It drives individuals towards cohesion."

In the U.S. culture, the nation's well being is determined by the individual, rather than the whole, Calista said.

Calista has traveled to Japan three times with his last trip occurring during the 1989-90 academic year, and he has been invited to go to Japan next summer.

Dr. Prema Nakra, an assistant professor of marketing, said she believes the Japanese sacrifice a lot of personal time for the sake of the company because they have longer working hours.

Dr. John Kelly, the chairperson of the Management Studies Division, said the Japanese government provides subsidies to certain in-

dustries, but our government does not.

"We should have a five to 10-year national plan, like Japan does," Kelly said.

Calista said the reason why the Japanese economy has benefited over the years is because they had the same government "running the show" for 30 years.

Calista also said even if America wanted to have a long term economic policy, the structure of government would not allow this because it encourages division.

According to some management studies faculty, there are fundamental differences today between Japanese and American economic practices.

Kelly said the American workers do not get involved in management decisions like the Japanese, our government does not guard against imports and is not as aggressive as

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Heart, hormones, homicide: 'Final Analysis' has it all

by MARC LIEPIS

As most of us know, tomorrow is Valentine's Day...or Black Friday as some have called it (myself, of course, not included). It is a day for the heart. In honor of that, we have a movie about heart, head, hormonal, and homicidal conflict.

The film is "Final Analysis," directed by Phil Joanou (who made U2's "Rattle and Hum," "State Of Grace," and the must-see teen film, "Three O'Clock High") and written by Wesley Strick (who penned Scorsese's unforgettable "Cape Fear," "True Believer" — another must-see, and is currently working on the eagerly awaited "Batman Returns").

Thrillers are the hardest kinds of films to review. The more I tell you, the less effective the movie is. Surprise is everything to the thriller's success. So, you're going to have to trust me on this one despite the minimal info.

"Final Analysis" is about a psychiatrist, Dr. Isaac Barr (Richard Gere), whose attractive patient, Diana (played by Uma, or is it Umaaah, Thurman), urges him to meet with her sister, Heather (Kim Basinger doing some of her best work to date).

Gere's Dr. Barr must've seen "The Prince of Tides" and figured, "Hey, Streisand and Nolte's doctor-patient (or sibling of patient) relationship was pretty cool, so why not?" Either that or he just got a good look at Basinger. My money's on number two.

Needless to say, with Basinger and Gere alone together...you get the picture. But in case you don't — Hot! Steamy! Sweaty! (I really need to get out more). Bottom line: this is not a movie to see with Ma and Pa.

The problem is that Heather is married to an obsessive, possessive Greek gangster-type, Jimmy Evans (played with scary edginess by Eric

Roberts, Julia's brother. She clearly got the looks, but he got most of the talent).

The movie's pace is relatively slow and easy for the first half, but when Jimmy winds up face down in a jacuzzi, the film kicks into high gear, becoming a feverish Hitchcock-style thriller.

The key to enjoying this movie is sticking with it through the first half because it does tend to drag a bit with only Roberts' character for suspense (a job he is certainly up to). The head games that fill up the second half are well worth waiting for.

Surprising plot twists and Joanou's stylish look to the finale make "Final Analysis" come alive. Again, great performances by Gere, Basinger, and Thurman — two women who may never have to



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endure another blonde joke after this film. I wish I could tell you why, but that is for you to find out on your own.

The tight supporting cast consists of Gere's sleazy lawyer friend (a/k/a comic relief), Mike O'Keefe (Paul Guilfoye), who shines during the murder trial. Relax, I'm not giving anything away — it's a thriller, you know somebody has to buy it! Keith David is also enjoyable as the San Francisco detective who just knows there's something fishy going on.

My final analysis of "Final Analysis" is that it is a movie for folks who want to (1) see a bunch

of extremely good-looking actors, or (2) see an old-style "Hitchcockian" thriller, spiced up with 1990s sensuality, or (3) all of the above.

And now, the moment you've all been waiting for: the unveiling of the gimmick. In keeping with the title of this column, this extensive staff of one has come up with the gimmick — popcorn.

Clip this for your records, although it is subject to change if I get bored with it.

On the top of the cinematic scale, similar to "four stars" is the "BUSHEL-SIZED BUCKET O'CORN," meaning that you should rush out to the Galleria, take out another student loan and see this movie at all costs. Next, the "MEDIUM-SIZED BUCKET O'CORN," comparable to "three stars," meaning that you should go to a bargain matinee, or to the Roosevelt in Hyde Park for their student discount.

On the lower side of the totem pole, we have the "SMALL-SIZED BAG O'CORN," meaning that hey, we're college students and can't see everything on the big screen...so wait for the video. Meanwhile, on the bottom of the barrel ("Freejack" — sorry, I had a flashback) is the "UNPOPPED KERNEL," meaning that you should avoid this movie like a disease and that maybe a trip to the dentist would be more pleasurable.

This week, "Final Analysis" gets a coveted "MEDIUM-SIZED BUCKET O'CORN." Do check it out.

CUTAWAY (a slick new section for afterthoughts) — One final note to all you hepcats out there who haven't heard of half the movies on the critics' ten-best list...Upstate Films in Rhinebeck is the cure for your ills.

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For a lucky few, job hunt is over

by DONNA SICLARI
Staff Writer

Megan Flanagan knows the recession will not affect her and she is not looking for a job after graduation — anymore.

Flanagan, an accounting major from Queens, N.Y., sent out her resumes, went on job interviews and accepted an offer with one of the big six accounting firms, Ernst and Young in White Plains, last semester.

"Of course it is a great feeling," she said. "I don't have that added pressure to find a job. While everyone else is preparing for interviews, I can focus on my classes and my future plans."

While many Marist seniors are beginning their journey of job hunting — printing resumes, scanning classifieds, preparing for interviews and worrying how the recession will affect them — some, like Flanagan, are without these pressures, having secured jobs for themselves after graduation.

Accurate numbers of seniors with jobs lined up are difficult to find since many do not report them to the Office of Career Development and Field Experience, according to the director, Deidre Sepp.

However, 15 percent of seniors have some type of job or graduate school planned months before their graduation, Sepp said.

She said on the average it takes a person six to nine months to find a job and students who have jobs already probably have them because of a combination of intuition, hard work and some luck.

"It is never easy," Sepp said. "Finding a job is a time consum-

ing process. It takes a lot of time and energy. It can be weary on your emotions."

Most seniors who currently have secured jobs are in the accounting, computer science or banking fields and used the Office of Career Development's on-campus recruiting program, since many of these firms have early hiring practices.

Cathy Mahland, an accounting major from Queens, N.Y., received offers from three of the big six accounting firms — two of these were because of on-campus recruiting.

"Career Development definitely helped me to get a foot in the door," she said. "But, the rest was left up to me."

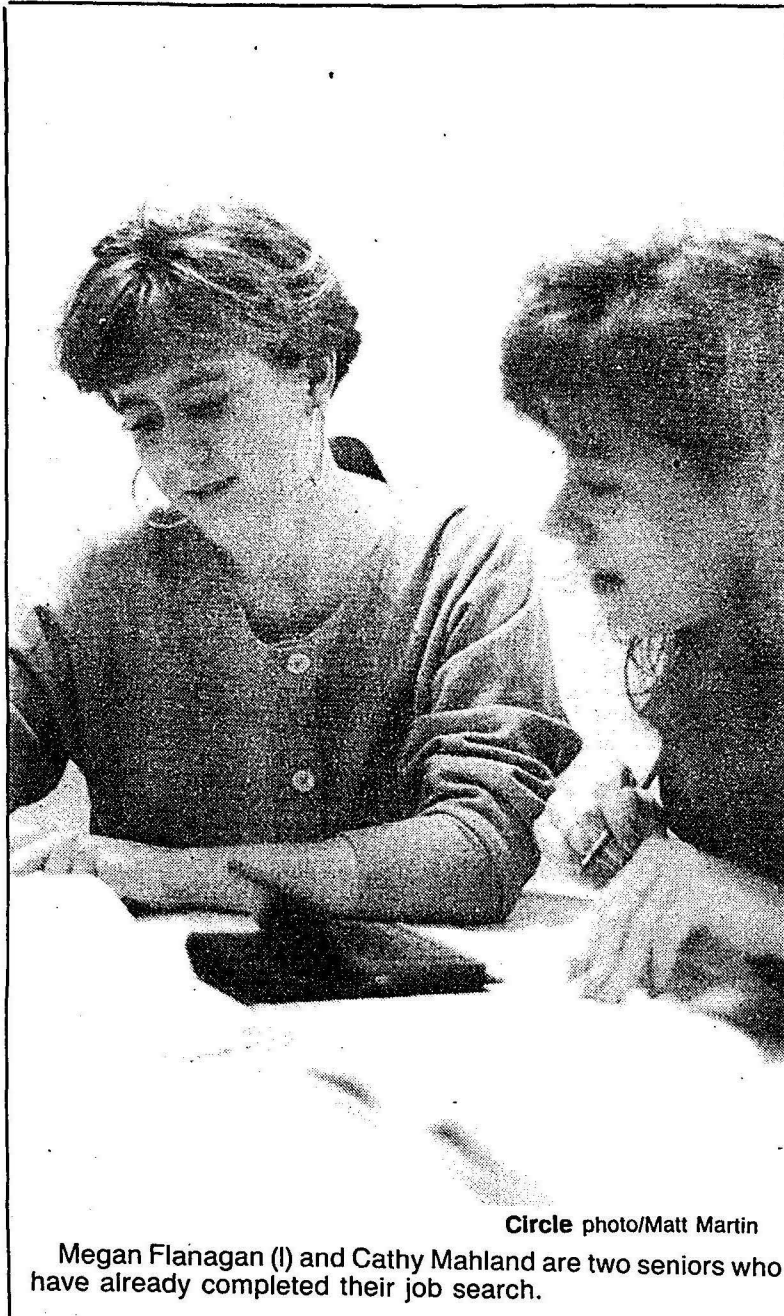
Mahland decided to work for Coopers and Lybrand in New York City — her first choice.

"I'm very happy because I got what I wanted," she said. "I'll be in the city and closer to home. I guess maybe I am lucky."

Some other employed seniors got their jobs because of contacts they made through internships or previous summer work.

Nancy Petrucci, a business personnel major from Verona, N.J., got a job with the company where she's been working summers and winter breaks, ever since her first year of college.

Petrucci, who will be working for North East Equipment in Cedar Grove, N.J., as an office manager, said: "I always wanted a position in management, so in essence I got what I wanted. I know the type of work I'll be doing. The money and benefits are good and it is close to my home. I'll probably want to stay there for awhile."



Circle photo/Matt Martin
Megan Flanagan (l) and Cathy Mahland are two seniors who have already completed their job search.

Despite their feelings of security, classes and school work are still important to these seniors. "Sure I have a job but I'm still a student," Flanagan said.

"I would not blow off classes because education means a lot to me," Petrucci said. "For personal goals, I need to finish with the same energy that I started with."

'Meet Market' to go on despite controversy

by AMY CROSBY
Staff Writer

Tau Kappa Epsilon's annual Meet Market has changed its name to the Meet Marist Market because of regulations mandated by the Council of Student Leaders on Jan. 23.

The Meet Marist Market, a TKE fund-raising auction where students bid for dates with participants, ran into problems this fall when TKE proposed the event to the College Activities Office, said TKE President Ed Ryan.

According to Matt Thomson, student body president, a number of people had gone to Bob Lynch, director of college activities, with complaints about the Market, saying it degraded women and promoted date rape.

Individuals who were concerned about the Market were Sister

Eileen, director of campus ministry, Patti Houmiel, residence director of Leo Hall and Audrey Rodrigue, mentor of Sheahan Hall.

The activities office asked TKE to make the event less degrading, but TKE did not want to change the event, said Thomson.

TKE's are also required to circulate date-rape literature and all dates are required to take place on campus.

Thomson said he spoke with TKE and the individuals who complained about the Market, and held around four meetings before both sides could come to an agreement on stipulations.

Under CSL's stipulations, TKE is required to have sign-up sheets

publicly available to all students so anyone can volunteer, and qualifications for the Market must not be biased. The contestants must also give their written consent to participate and have their biography read at the market.

TKE's are also required to circulate date-rape literature and all dates are required to take place on campus at the CSL/College Union Board T.G.I.F. Comedy Club Night, co-sponsored by TKE and the CSL Foxfest committee, said Thomson.

Participants are not required to go on the dates after the auction if they choose not to, said Thomson.

In the past, dates have been unsupervised, but the fraternity would provide date-chaperones if asked.

TKE changed the Market because it is their biggest fundraiser, said Ryan.

According to Ryan, the event is basically the same — a date auction — only now it has a new name and a few rules to follow.

Halloran said she was concerned with the auctioning and selling of individuals as "meat," because even when it's done in fun, there is an underlying tone of humiliation and degradation.

Although Halloran said she has never attended a TKE Meet Market, she didn't like the fact that only certain women participated in the event or that they were "heckled" when they came out to be auctioned. TKE said the event was open to all students.

Ryan said people don't seem to realize the event was not just men buying women; both men and women were auctioned and bought.

The Market will be held on Feb. 18 in the cafeteria.

Proposal for student nat'l service gets mixed reviews

by JENNA RACELA
Staff Writer

Students have mixed reactions towards Democratic candidate, Gov. Bill Clinton's plan to combine the pay back of student loans with national or public service.

Clinton's plan would allow students to borrow money for college and then repay it either as a proportion of their income at a time, or by working for two or three years as teachers, police officers, child-care workers, or in other public-sector fields, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Christine McCormick, fears Clinton's proposal will place an additional administrative load on the part of colleges and universities.

"Who is going to track that the students have worked those two to

three years?" McCormick asked. "Are the agencies themselves going to have to do the monitoring, or are we going to have to send someone from financial aid to check up on it?"

"If the jobs are available then it's a good idea...if the jobs aren't there, then you don't have the income to pay the loan off."

"I think Clinton's proposal is a good idea because it takes the pressure off of paying student loans directly out of college. Not everyone has jobs by the time they graduate, so this is a good option," said Denise Burley, a junior from West Warwick, R.I.

supplies a means to accommodate one's aspirations in a beneficial manner to both the individual and the institution (public service) he or she serves," said Joseph Santulli, a senior from Poughkeepsie.

Other students seemed to see problems with Clinton's proposal.

"My concern is: are these people that are going to be put into these jobs, such as teaching or being a police officer, going to be qualified enough to do them?" said Christine Deitz, a junior from Chicopee, Mass.

Mike Watral, a senior from Babylon, N.Y., has mixed feelings about the proposal.

"If the jobs are available it's a good idea," Watral said. "If the jobs aren't there, then you don't have the income to pay the loan off and it will be the same situation as it was before Clinton's proposal."

Clinton's campaign officials said that defaults on loans would be reduced by using the Internal

"I think it's a good because it Revenue Service (IRS) or "some new collection agency", according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The IRS is already involved, according to McCormick, in that they withhold tax refunds on defaulted loans.

There is a six month grace period before payment on a student loan is required, according to McCormick.

If payment isn't received after six months, the person is put on delinquency for six months. If payment still is not received by the lender, usually a bank, after delinquency, the person is put on default, McCormick added.

In a default, a person's wages can be garnished, the matter can be settled through the IRS, and the person's credit rating can be attacked, according to McCormick.

Disks replace paper in new budget process

by CAREY ALLABAND
Staff Writer

The Financial Board will experiment with a program on Monday that will allow clubs to submit their budgets on diskettes instead of paper.

This program will have a trial-run at Grievance Night to see if it will be used in the future. Clubs re-submit their budget-requests on Grievance Night to receive more money for planned activities.

The diskettes are part of a lotus program designed to make the budget process more efficient.

Steve Sansola, assistant dean for student affairs, said the program uses current and existing technology which will reduce the amount of paperwork.

John A. Federico, financial board chair, came up with the idea for the program and Antonella Licari, executive secretary for CSL, did the computer programming.

The program will make the budget process easier as clubs will be required to submit their budget on one diskette; reducing the amount of time and paper it takes to complete a budget.

"Even though paper can be recycled, there is no sense using it if there is a more efficient means," said Federico.

In the past, clubs having filled out their budget-request forms, were required to make six additional copies for the Financial Board, to be used in the budget-review process.

The program will allow clubs to eliminate paper copies and all information on diskettes will be projected on a TV screen for review by the Board.

The program will also do budget-computations, which is a time-consuming process.

If the program is successful, the only extra cost will be the purchase of diskettes for each club, said Sansola.

When the reviewing process is done, each club will have its own disk and the budget's acceptance or rejection of proposed events and any additional comments, said Federico.

Last semester, it took the Board, which is made up of five student-groups, 12 hours to do the spring budget for the 37 clubs that submitted budgets, according to Federico.

Matt Corcoran, club president for MCTV, said the program is a definite improvement over the current process and will save time for both the clubs and the Board.

The program is being tested on Grievance Night, rather than in the spring when budgets are due for all clubs, to iron out any problems before using the program on a larger number of clubs, said Federico.

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There are some New York scholarships that serve almost like Clinton's proposal, according to McCormick.

The scholarships that participate in this plan are the Empire State Challenger Scholarship, which involves teaching, and the Regents Professional Opportunity Scholarship, involving health fields, law, accounting, architecture, social work, and engineering.

A new "direct loan" proposal is going through congress that would make the colleges and universities serve as banks, cutting the banks out of the procedure, according to McCormick.

McCormick says she thinks it's a good idea because "students would be more apt to pay back their alumnus", but it will still require a lot of administration on the part of the colleges and universities.

Marist officials spark awareness on fire prevention

by CHRISTINE URGOLA
Staff Writer

Everyone on campus must be responsible for improving fire safety said Jim Raimo, director of housing and residential life.

Fire safety at Marist College has become a big concern this year, said Raimo.

Most students know the fire safety regulations; however, Raimo said continuous education on the matter is very important.

Tom McLain, assistant director of safety and security, said new students were informed at floor meetings in the beginning of the year what they could and could not have in their dorm rooms.

Hot pots, microwaves, toasters, coffee makers and similar portable appliances are forbidden in the rooms, according to the student handbook.

In addition, the handbook also states the use of extension cords or multiple plug outlets, except those used for a computer are not allowed and that failure to obey with these rules can result in a written warning and a \$25 fine.

Tampering with fire equipment

such as smoke detectors, fire alarms, and extinguishers usually results in probation and a \$150 fine, according to the handbook.

McLain said unannounced fire inspections will take place campus wide including inspections of Canterbury Garden Apartments, an off-campus housing unit rented by Marist.

The inspections will be conducted by security, the housing office, and the Fairview Fire Department periodically throughout the semester, said McLain.

Students must comply to the inspections or be written up and fined; illegal possessions found will be confiscated and proper actions taken, added McLain.

Sophomore Matt Martin, a resident assistant in Champagnat Hall from Somers, Conn., said the biggest problem is overloading of extension cords in the dorms.

"Things have gotten out of hand," said Martin.

The buildings are old and overuse of extension cords can cause fires inside the walls, according to McLain.

Martin said that students do not think about fire safety and take the warnings lightly.



Freshmen Rimma Aranouch (l) and Julee Held enjoy popcorn in a Champagnat lounge, without creating a fire hazard.
Circle photo/Matt Martin

There is a microwave in each dorm lounge which serve to accommodate students and discourage them from their use of any illegal appliances, said McLain.

Educational programs in fire safety are also provided for the students, added McLain.

One program that Champagnat has is the appointment of student fire marshalls on each wing, whose responsibilities include making sure everyone is out of their rooms

Andrea Kirichok, a freshman fire marshall from Tolland, Conn., said that it is up to the college to inform students thoroughly about fire safety.

At a floor meeting held the first week of school, Kirichok said students were told what they could and could not have in their dorm rooms; then watched a video on how fast a fire could spread through a dorm room.

Meg Stave, a resident director for Champagnat, said a second program this semester has been planned.

A video on fire safety will be shown to students who are encouraged to attend and ask questions because students are not aware of the bad fires hot pots and extension cords have caused at other schools, said Stave.

"That's why we do this and have rules," Stave added.

No spring break for PCB'd New Paltz

by ERIN MEHER
Staff Writer

SUNY New Paltz students enjoyed a longer winter break this year — and they are paying for it by sacrificing their spring break.

"I'm actually losing money that week. That's when I usually work," said Chris Pelela, a sophomore from Walden, N.Y.

Classes resumed two weeks later than usual this semester because of the dangerous release of PCBs on campus after the explosion of a transformer in one dormitory led to a chain reaction in five other buildings.

Some students had planned to take a vacation during spring break, while others would have used the time to make some extra money.

To make up for lost time, students are required to attend classes during the week that was designated to be their spring break.

Junior Erin Strathmann from Scotia, N.Y., will have to postpone her trip to New Orleans another year because of the transformer fire.

"I'm not only mad about that," Strathmann said, "Classes are

overcrowded, teachers are speeding up work and we can't get to the equipment we need because we have to go to different buildings."

Other students who did not have anything planned for that week will not be effected by the lost time.

Lisa Patterson, a junior from Ballston Lake, N.Y., said, "I don't really mind. I'd rather get school over with instead of having to stay longer in May."

Disappointed students are not the only noticeable changes on campus at SUNY New Paltz.

The Coykendall Science Building is surrounded by the yellow "DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE" tape and large black barrels of which Flax does not know whether they are "good stuff or the bad stuff."

Flax's science classes are now in another building and her three-hour labs will have to be extended to make up for lost time.

The fire began in Bliss Hall, a dormitory, where an electrical surge caused the transformer, an energy converter, to overheat, triggering the same to happen in six of the college's buildings.

Abroad student in Russia adjusts to different lifestyle

by JIM TRUPIANO
Staff Writer

Lisa Vogt said that she never thought she would see people being killed in the street, but while visiting the two republics of Georgia and Russia, she found herself in the middle of a major revolution.

Vogt said officials had issued a warning for Americans not to be in Tbilisi, capital of Georgia, but she went anyway.

"There were men with guns and people laying on their stomachs in the street handcuffed," said Vogt.

Vogt, a political science major from Staten Island, N.Y., said she always knew she wanted to study abroad, but it was not until she took classes with Casimir Norkeliunas, professor of Russian, and saw a show on '20/20' that she realized she wanted to go to Russia.

Vogt, a junior, arrived in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Sept. 3, a few days after the coup had ended and is studying there this semester as well.

The first things she saw were tanks in the street and officers with guns everywhere.

Vogt said that the students in Russia are different than the students at Marist because they work harder and don't party.

Last semester, Vogt took 25 hours of language, six hours of political science and six hours of history each week, earning two A's and three B's.

Vogt said, in an interview with The Circle done recently when returned to the United States during her winter intersession, that she would be taking 25 hours of language, six hours of literature and six hours of art history this semester.

Vogt described her living conditions as terrible because the co-ed international dorm that she is living in has no heat, no hot water and bugs everywhere.

Vogt said she has a hard time keeping up with American news while in Russia, and said that the only two updates she's had are Magic Johnson's acquiring AIDS and the death of Robert Maxwell.

However, Vogt said she has had pleasurable experiences when dealing with the people of Russia, describing them as "nice and generous."

"Before I left, Norkeliunas told me when you make a Russian friend you have a friend for life," said Vogt. "He was right."

She said that you would think that a country that has so little would not be so generous.

Vogt said she misses the conveniences which she feels are taken for granted in America.

For instance, she said that it's nice to be able to walk into a store and get whatever you want instead of waiting on a line for an hour for a loaf of bread.

This past December, the week before Vogt came home for Christmas break, she said, the only things she ate were a loaf of bread and a can of soup.

Vogt, who returned to her studies in Russia last month, said that she loves spending this semester in Russia and if someone told her that she had to live in Russia for the rest of her life, she could do it easily.

"I love the Soviet Union," said Vogt, "but I also love knowing that I can go home."

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Japan in selling its products.

"They protect their own internal markets," Kelly said. "They're reluctant to get imports from the U.S., and are aggressive in sending out their exports to the U.S."

Nakra said the Americans do not understand the Japanese market as well as Japan understands the American market.

"They (Japanese) make sure to act from the feedback they got from the U.S. public," Nakra said. "We don't adapt to the product needs of the Japanese."

According to Nakra, this is shown by the fact that the U.S. makes big cars and attempts to sell them to the Japanese who have smaller roadways and narrow garages.



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Wanted: WMCR recognition, professionalism

by S.J. RICHARD
Staff Writer

The management staff at Marist College Radio said last Thursday that station professionalism and popularity on campus are the goals for this semester.

Colleen Murphy, WMCR secretary and public-service announcer, was one of eight management-staff members who spoke about the changes at a meeting of 50 people who are interested in working at the station.

A random poll of on-campus students revealed that very few listen to the radio regularly.

"I only listen sometimes," said Matt Martin, a sophomore from Somers, Conn., "but I try to avoid it. I'm not into that New Age stuff."

One of the most frequent complaints the station receives is about its alternative music format, said

Kraig De Matteis, program director.

"WMCR is a station for people who are tired of listening to the same 12 songs on the radio," said De Matteis, a junior from Belle Harbor, N.Y.

According to Aaron Ward, news director, most people think that the station is composed of social outcasts.

"People think that we are freaks due to the format," said Ward, a junior from Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

However, the station is not strictly alternative music. WMCR airs several specialty shows from jazz blues to heavy metal to classic rock.

Jim O'Toole, sales director, said that before last spring break, the station could only be reached through a cable hook-up.

He also said that there were only about 50 listeners.

"I went around to people's rooms begging them to let me hook them up for free," said O'Toole, a junior in his third year with WMCR.

"No one was listening," said Rob Baldwin, assistant program director, productions manager and heavy metal music director. "We became rebels without a clue and went on the air."

The station, which switched from the cable hook-up to 88.1 FM and then to 90.1 FM last year, has experienced technical problems that has hindered its performance, according to station management.

"When Marist talks about having state-of-the-art communications equipment, it sure doesn't mean the radio station," said Ward.

The board — a panel that controls the sound levels for the turntables, the microphones, and the

compact-disc player — is 15 years old, said De Matteis.

However, the station purchased a new CD player, reel-to-reel recorder, and telephone interface system with this semester's \$1300 budget from the activities office, said De Matteis.

The new equipment should give WMCR a better sound, said Baldwin.

The sound caused several problems last semester, particularly on channel 6 during game 6 of the 1991 World Series.

WMCR's signal interfered with the CBS signal, so that the radio could be heard over the commentators.

This prompted the frequency change from 88.1 to 90.1 FM.

"The problems last semester were a combination of lack of time on the management's part, abuse of the equipment, and greed," said junior Mike Siciliano, member of

the sports staff.

Four CD's and a number of posters and records were missing after last semester, said Murphy.

"Nobody took their job seriously," said Schroeder, a junior from Dix Hills, N.Y. "They did their jobs, but did them half-heartedly."

The solution to these problems is more management intervention and more listener feedback, said Baldwin.

Dave Triner, sophomore from Livingston, N.J., said that professionalism ultimately depends on the individual.

"I'm as professional a DJ as a sophomore can be," he said.

However, some were not pleased by the management's opinions.

A fourth-semester veteran of WMCR said that management was cliquish, while another said he doubts the management can "pull this off."

Cupid's arrow hits Marist students; tickled pink or green with envy?

by KERRY NOONAN
Staff Writer

Unfortunately, Cupid has not worked hard enough to make this Valentine's day a cherished day for lovers...at least not at Marist.

While Feb. 14 is supposed to be a day full of red roses, pink hearts, and romantic dinners, some students said they believe it's just no day of magic if not shared with anyone.

"If you do have a boyfriend, you like it," said sophomore Denise Mauro of Farmingdale, N.Y., "but if you don't, you keep a low profile."

Some refuse to go near colors such as red and white on Valentine's Day.

Leeann Levi, a senior from Milford, Conn., said she is going to wear black.

"It's a morbid holiday if you don't have anybody," she said.

There are also students who have the "sort of" — but not quite — committed hearts.

"It's definitely overrated and a waste of money, but I still break down and buy a gift for my girlfriend," said George Delegianis, a freshman from Rockville Centre, N.Y. "I'm giving in to peer pressure I guess."

Cindy Donaldson, a senior from Danbury, Conn., also said that the holiday is overrated, but she likes it.

"People make a big fuss over it, but it's also romantic," she said.

However, Cupid's efforts didn't totally go without reward, getting one student right through the heart.

"I think Valentine's day is a fun and special day," said Tommy Cronin, a senior from Woodlawn, N.Y. "It's almost a day to reflect on the relationship you're in which can spark some good memories."

Part-time jobs for full-time students

by JOSEPH T. GRAY
Staff Writer

During the recent economic recession which has hit the country so hard students are able to find part time jobs in the Poughkeepsie area, but many find work/study or campus employment more suited to their needs.

With national unemployment figures hovering around 7.1 percent, Marist College students are able to escape the financial crunch which many Americans are experiencing.

Margaret Osswald, of the State Department of Labor office, located on Academy Street in the city of Poughkeepsie, says that the figure of 7 percent unemployment is a negative number and should

not be looked at by itself.

"Seven percent unemployment means that there is 93 percent employment. And many of these jobs are part time," Osswald said.

Nancy Moody, of Marist's Career Development and Field Experience Office agrees that there are part time jobs to be found.

"On the average, I see about 8 to ten students a day around this time of the year. It's hard for me to tell which ones do find the job that I send them out to because they seldom let me know the result of the interview," said Moody. "If they don't come back, I figure they got the job."

Moody said that the most difficult thing about the jobs which she finds is they are not what she calls "professional quality" job, and most of the jobs are not within

walking distance of campus.

Some of the most frequent openings are for baby sitting, handy man, retail sales, and clerical work.

"I get lots of requests from people needing part time workers. But I'm not helping as many students as I would like. Clerical work is the position most requested by students, but the time element plays an important factor. Many jobs conflict with class schedules," Moody said.

Moody said that it is around this time of the year that many students have their time managed so that they may fit a job into their schedules.

Many students solve the problem of the schedule conflict and travel by participating in the work/study program through the Financial Aid Office or finding a job in some

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This survey is being conducted on college campuses throughout the U.S. to learn about the meaning of love and relationships in the lives of America's young adults today. We hope you will take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and mail it back to Dr. Egon Mayer, Dept. of Sociology, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY 11212.

- Are you romantically inclined with a "special someone" at present?
 - a. YES
 - b. NO
- If "NO" — have you BEEN SO INVOLVED IN THE PAST YEAR?
 - a. YES
 - b. NO
- If "NO" GO TO Q. 21
- PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO YOUR MOST RECENT OR CURRENT RELATIONSHIP. CHECK THE MOST APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.
- How long have you known the person you are involved with?
 - a. Less than a week
 - b. 1 week - 3 months
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A MEETING OF THE STUDENT SENATE

10 reasons to read this

by MARK MARBLE

In honor of David Letterman's tenth anniversary, and because there really isn't too much to write about that hasn't been covered, I've decided to do my column in a series of top ten lists.

Please bear with me, I have no idea how this will turn out.

TOP TEN 'Can't Miss' Bestselling books of 1992:

10. "How to pick up babes the Mike Tyson Way."
9. "Knowing your limits" by Saddam Hussein.
8. "One Man's Guide to Monogamy" by Bill Clinton.
7. "Nobody's Fool: The autobiography of Dan Quayle."
6. "The Jeffrey Dahmer Cookbook."
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4. "How to make Quick and Easy Decisions" by Mario Cuomo.
3. "The Joys of Recession" by George Bush.
2. "How to pick up babes the William Kennedy Smith Way."
1. "Yes, that is my Third Leg, and I am Happy to See You" by Clarence Thomas.

TOP TEN potential Bush/Quayle campaign slogans:

10. Desert Storm! Desert Storm! Desert Storm!
 9. George Bush: The Recession President
 8. Dan Quayle: He hasn't screwed up yet
 7. America Last
 6. What me worry?
 5. Stay the Course: The only thing you have to lose is your job
 4. Bush-n-Quayle in '92: We'll get those Japs
 3. George Bush: The Unemployment President
 2. Read my Lips — 'No new taxes' (hey, it worked before)
 1. Jobs? Jobs? Who needs jobs?
- TOP TEN Job Titles on David Duke's Resume:
10. Assistant Head Coach, Chicago Blitz (USFL)
 9. Junior Fuher, Joseph Goebbels Elementary School
 8. Representative, Louisiana State Legislature
 7. Fashion consultant, Sheet-wearers of America
 6. Advisor, Cross-burners Council
 5. Dance Teacher, Goose-steppers club
 4. Talent Scout, Cincinnati Caucasians little league baseball club
 3. Public Relations consultant, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder
 2. Grand Wizard, Ku Klux Klan
 1. Peer counselor, National Skinhead Society
- Mark Marble is the political columnist for The Circle.

Don't just vote for change, be a part of it

Friday Feb. 14, 1992 is a big day for the students of Marist College. A campus-wide student referendum which if ratified by two-thirds of the students voting, would create a new student government with a new constitution.

Many feel, and it is the editorial stance of The Circle as well, that the new constitution should be supported fully by the student body. The restructuring creates a new government modeled, in part, on the United States Constitution and features three separate branches of government with a strong system of checks and balances.

It will increase student representation and reduce the bureaucratic haggling that is currently needed to get anything accomplished. The end result: improved efficiency in student government and a clearer voice for the student body in its own self-governance.

Sadly, however, as evidenced by only a 30 percent turnout in last year's campus election, many students will chose not to use this voice.

Matthew Thomson, student body president, says in a letter to The Circle this week that there's "no excuse" for students not to vote. "Apathy," Thomson says, "has no place here."

This is true because the proposal being voted on tomorrow not only depends on students getting involved by voting, it depends on students getting involved by participating — not just tomorrow either.

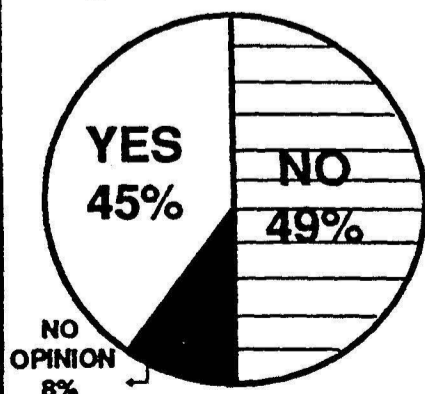
The new constitution, if ratified, will more than double the number of governmental positions students can hold. These positions will have more well-defined roles so students understand exactly what their responsibilities are.

Now it's just a question of finding students who want those responsibilities.

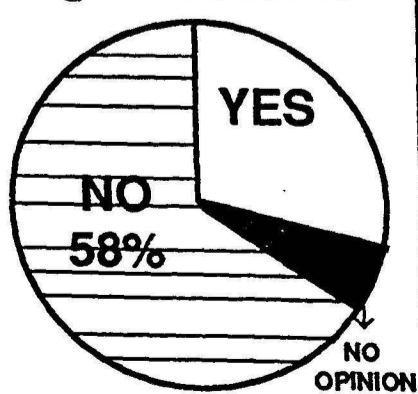
There's a lot of good, practical reasons why a Marist student should want to get involved in student government or other activities. It's great experience. It improves time-management and interpersonal skills. And it looks great on a resume.

But, going beyond pragmatics, there's another reason why students should become involved in their community. Students should participate because it is important to them. Students should vote responsibly or seek office because ingrained in their consciousness should be a fundamental horror at the thought of putting one's own personal destiny in the hands of others and then apathetically turning away.

QUESTION 1



QUESTION 2



In an informal survey conducted Feb. 6-9 by Linda Dickerson's "Public Opinion Class," 270 students were asked 1) "Are you planning to vote on the student referendum Feb. 14?" These same students were also asked "Do you feel you have enough information to cast an informed vote?"

LETTERS

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President urges students to vote

Editor:

As Marist College prepares for the student referendum tomorrow, I would like to express a few personal thoughts which you may take at face value.

First, every Marist student should vote; one way or the other. There is really no excuse for students who do not exercise this right. The changes are not exclusionary; they affect everyone.

Apathy has absolutely no place here. Although its affects are seen in the masses, apathy starts with the individual. As I see it, one of the reasons we are pursuing higher education is to broaden our horizons in preparation for our eventual place in society. Am I being over-dramatic? Not really.

In my four years here, I have seen apathetic students try to put a damper on campus events. I would strongly recommend that those students re-examine their own priorities. These are vital years of development and bad habits are hard to kick. The real world is much less patient.

A few months back, at the beginning of my administration, I mentioned in a student

government newsletter that I would not be comfortable expecting something in return from the student body until my board learned responsibility. Since then, they have been a quiet service and, probably unknown to the majority of students, have sacrificed a great deal of their own time to protect and look after your own interests. They are not looking for pats on the back — only a little respect for the work they feel is for the betterment of the school.

Yes, I feel that they have learned to be responsible, and so I call on every student to play the clincher role in this relationship. Vote tomorrow! Not because I am asking you, but because you see where I am coming from and have been waiting for the chance to make a difference. The potential of the individual should never be underestimated. Is there such a thing as hope if it is wasted?

If you don't yet understand the referendum, call me personally at extension 2206. I will help.

Matthew Thomson,
student body president

Student praises efforts

Editor:

I would like to commend the student government for their concept of a new constitution. I think it is a change that is needed greatly at Marist.

I think it will give many other individuals a chance to get involved and voice their opinion.

Marist has so many different organizations and groups that it is impossible for a few individuals to run them all efficiently. The most important issue now is that all Marist students take time out to vote. A great change is being proposed, so let's not let it slip away.

Elizabeth Stanley, junior

Priority for new registration process outlined

by JOHN C. KELLY

Registration for next fall's courses will be done under a different process which will provide a priority system for the selection of courses.

This priority system will do away with the alphabetical splitting of each class for registration on different days, and the lottery system. It will also do away with the creation of zero maximums on course enrollments which required all students to pursue an over-ride card to register for those courses.

The system will also protect seats in a course for students majoring in the field, and will permit a student to remain in the same section of a year long course, e.g., Writing I and II.

Students may turn in their course registration (request) form any time during the registration period. At the end of that time the Registrar's Office will process all the forms one at a time in a "batch" mode and students will be accepted into courses according to the priorities determined by each

Division Chair.

Students who do not receive their requested course(s) will have to go through a second registration period which will be the same process as the current "Add/Drop" procedure.

An understanding of the priority system should result in a better selection of course sections such that a student's requests are all accepted by the system.

A poor selection of courses, according to one's priorities, will result in not being accepted into one's requested courses and having to go through the "Add/Drop" process and selecting courses at that point on a space available basis.

The priority system will scan the registrations and first accept students into the same sections of year-long courses if so designated by the Division Chair. Note that the priority is given to the section number and not to the professor or time slot. Students who attempt to change sections in a year-long course will lose their priority to that course.

The second priority is to majors wherein certain majors would get first acceptance into

a course, with other designated majors being accepted second, and still other majors receiving a third level of priority.

For example, a course in Production Management would give first acceptance to business majors, second priority to CIS and Accounting majors, and third acceptance to all other majors.

The final priority is to designated students, e.g. Adult Education students may get priority to evening sections.

Within each of the above priorities students are listed by the number of credits they have earned in previous semesters. If two or more students are equal in priority in any priority, the computer will randomly scramble their ID numbers to determine their priority for a course.

In order for the computer to scan for the priority system, each course and section had to be assigned a unique call number which must be listed on the registration (request) form in addition to the Course number and section.

It is extremely important that these numbers be correct on the opscan form. Er-

rors on the form will result in a loss of priority. Thus, it is very important to double check the entries on the registration forms.

The Academic Administration believes this priority system to be the fairest method of determining who gets priority into courses.

If students realistically select their courses with a view to their position in their priorities schema outlined above, registration should be a one-time, drop-off process.

Selecting courses and sections for which one would have a low priority could result in a second registration step in a "Add/Drop" line where "closed" courses will no longer be available for selection.

Please remember, not all students can have their course between 10a.m. and 2p.m., with no Friday courses.

A number of people have worked hard on this new system over the past few years. I urge you to give it a chance and I believe you will find it to be a fair and easy way to register for courses.

John C. Kelly is the Chairman of Division of Management Studies at Marist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ATMs on campus are worthless

Editor:

One of the most frustrating things here at Marist College is the ATM machines located in Donnelly and at The Bank of New York. Personally, I am sick and tired of not being able to gain access to my own money.

The fact is, neither the Bank of New York nor the Mid Hudson Savings Bank have done anything to make bank transactions easy for the students living on the campus. Each weekend, rain or shine, these machines are out of order leaving students stranded without money.

I have made verbal complaints to both banks and have received unsatisfactory answers from them. I

seriously do not believe that the reason why I can't get money from the machine every weekend is because my bank closes the computer down to balance out its accounts and therefore, the ATM machine cannot get access to my money (MHSB).

I also find it hard to swallow that the bank is working on it but there is nothing they can do right now (B of NY).

I want action. I worked hard for that money and I want to be able to get it when ever I want it - weekend or not. I deserve better service than that and so do the other students here at the college.

If it is a known fact that these machines break down on the

weekend, then both banks should do something about it. Either hire someone to check on the machines several times on the weekend or improve the quality of the ATMs so this kind of thing doesn't happen.

I am urging that other students on campus voice or write their complaints to both of the banks. By doing nothing, we are just as guilty as the banks. We deserve better service from these banks and their machines but it looks like the only way we are going to get it is to fight for it.

Barbara Sanchez, sophomore

"Prisoners should stare at three grey walls and iron bars, not HBO."

Editor:

I would like to respond to a letter to the editor that appeared in the Jan. 30, 1992 issue of The Circle. The letter title "Prisoner speaks out," was written by Mr. Wilson Briggs, who is currently serving time in the Shawangunk correctional facility.

It seems that Mr. Briggs is very interested in what life is like on a college campus and would like to have an opportunity to "experience the rewards of university life."

As a reader, I got the impression that Mr. Briggs was very sincere in his statements and although it seems to me that Mr. Briggs may be ready to be partially reintroduced into society, it would be an unacceptable risk to offer an "educational release" program to prisoners.

More times than not, ill-intentioned individuals would take advantage of such a program and put too many people in danger. As a result, Mr. Briggs must also pay the price to avoid this risk, since he did do something against society's standards.

I feel very luck that I am able to pursue a college education and I have worked hard to be able to get here. Although Mr. Briggs and I may have had different opportunities in our lives, I firmly believe everyone has a sense of what is right and what is wrong.

If Mr. Briggs is so concerned about what college life is about, he should have considered that before he committed his crime.

I am also willing to bet that many students at Marist have made numerous sacrifices to come to Marist to get their college education. What has Mr. Briggs done to get his education? He broke the law and was sent to prison.

We not only pay for our education, but for his as well. Furthermore, when he is not in class, he has the option of a wide variety of recreational activities like lifting weights or watching cable tv.

He wonders why people have a negative image of prisoners? We pay for our food, he gets his free. We pay for our books, he gets his

free. In fact, I bet the only thing Mr. Briggs doesn't have in prison is the freedom to leave.

Yes, giving up freedom is a big price to pay, however, when someone breaks the law in a serious manner, one should be punished accordingly.

Prisoners should stare at three grey walls and iron bars, not at HBO. These men and women betrayed society when they were part of it, yet, they expect the normal benefits that are not rights but privileges.

I am not saying that prisoners should be treated in any inhumane manner, but I see nothing wrong with hard labor and making them pay for their crimes. Should we rehabilitate prisoners? Yes!

Should we give them college educations and all the conveniences of life? No way!

If people are not willing to put anything into society, then they should not reap even the simple benefits that the rest of us earn by the sweat of our brow.

Michael A. Dauerer

Hey, did ya hear the one about...

by AMY ELLEN BEDFORD

There appears to be a little confusion as to how I write this column.

The inspiration can range from ridiculous antics on the part of my housemates (a definite plethora of material, I don't even have to make stuff up) to a last-ditch effort to find something funny about Monday morning (the time at which the story is due each week).

Procrastination usually gets the better of me and I have often times wanted to write about the humorous side of Diet Coke and oatmeal in the morning. Being that there is no humorous side to breakfast, you guys have been spared.

Friday night at Skinner's (as opposed to the Library), I believe the silliness of the weekend got the better of us all, as I realized people were auditioning for column space.

"Listen to this joke," someone said to me. "If it's really funny, do you think I'll make it in next week's issue?"

Of course it would.

I try to write about anything funny on the minds of Marist students (there's a joke in that statement somewhere). The only problem is that for the life of me I can't remember the joke.

Now, if the audition had been coupled with a little soft-shoe choreography and a kick line, perhaps it would have been more memorable.

The comments I receive about

this column range from "Hey, Aim, when are you going into rehab?" (to that I say, you were at a bar when you asked, so speak for yourself).



Why are we the only ones laughing?

Another one goes, "Nice try, but that really wasn't funny." Alright, that last one was a tamer version of "constructive criticism" but you get the idea.

To make a long story even longer, I am sure that my sometimes senseless diatribes have failed to address certain important topics.

Tell me what I miss.

I cringe for the day when I fall flat on my face in the middle of the bar because I know somehow, someday, it will be printed in the paper.

Open auditions will continue to be held. The line for the women's bathroom in Skinner's is long enough for me to hear a verbatim recitation of "War and Peace."

I'll be waiting.

Amy Ellen Bedford is the humor columnist for The Circle.

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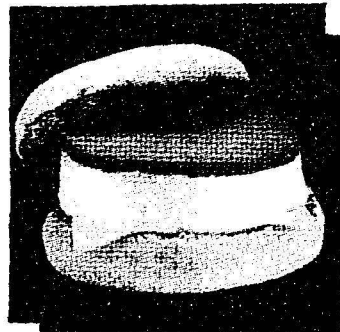
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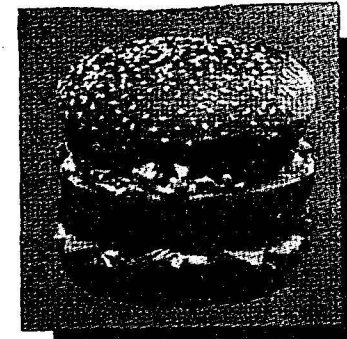

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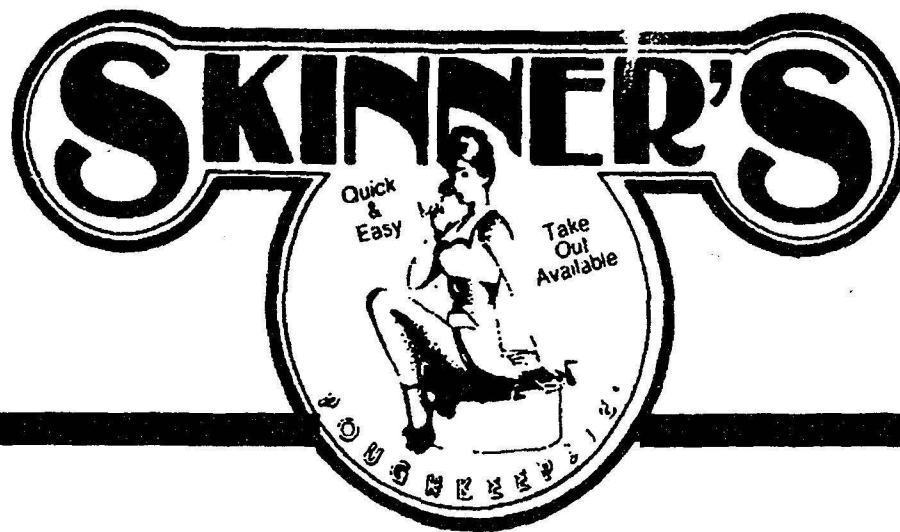
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AIDS

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events for this semester, according to Bob Lynch, director of college activities.

Last Monday night, Jennifer Nicols, whose brother, Henri, has AIDS, spoke in the Marist Theatre. College activities will also sponsor an AIDS table on Earth Day, April 25, with a representative from the medical field sitting at the table to answer students' questions.

Lynch said he believes these programs are important because they inform students that AIDS affects everyone, said Lynch.

"It's not just one type of person that gets AIDS," said Lynch. "It's your family, your friends, your co-workers; it's society."

Bard is also doing its part to educate its students by offering a class on STD's, providing an active AIDS committee and teaching an STD workshop during freshmen orientation, said Skiba.

Bard's AIDS committee was established in 1989 and sponsors

poster contests, brings lecturers on campus and gets students involved in the fight against AIDS, said Skiba.

The committee is made up of students, teachers, members from the health service and a member of the counseling department, said Skiba.

In the future, Bard's Counseling Service would like to set up group counseling for anyone who is either HIV-positive, or has a family member or friend who is HIV-positive.

Vassar College offers a variety of AIDS-programming on campus such as panel discussions, lectures, AIDS-education workshops, AIDS-information tables in the main hall giving out free condoms and, this semester, plans to have a Black and White Ball which will serve as an AIDS-benefit, said

Irena Balawajder, director of Vassar's Health Services.

The college also has two committees on campus, the AIDS Education Committee and Choice.

The AEC, active for four years at Vassar and composed of students, faculty and administration, schedules AIDS-related lectures, panel-discussions, art shows and has had alumni speak about the HIV-virus in the college's main building, said Balawajder.

Choice, composed of students, is a peer education group, which meets once a week and is available by phone to talk to students about AIDS. The group organized free condoms for freshmen and is planning right now for Valentine's Day with Condom-grams being sent to students.

Health Services will also be running an AIDS-education workshop in the dorms.

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other campus employment. Cathy Galleher, of the Financial Aid Office, says that there are more than 340 students participating in work/study and more that 640 students on the campus employment payroll.

The work/study program is that it is part of a financial aid package. Students must apply for positions at the beginning of the year.

Patty Farrell, a freshman communications arts major from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., works in the Marist College Office of Safety and Security under the work/study program.

"Work/study helps me get the spending money that I can't get from my parents," said Farrell. "The hours are good because they fit around my schedule."

Students who do not qualify for work/study jobs can turn to Moody and the Career Development Office.

Melisa Lamb, a freshman psychology major from Staten Island, N.Y. said she found her baby sitting job with the help of Moody and the the Marist office.

"The hours are good, three afternoons a week," Lamb said. "This job also helps work toward my major, which is Special Education."

Lamb said that she didn't participate in the work/study Program or look for other part time work until now because she needed time to adjust from high school to college.

Moody said that there are many students who feel the same way. She says she thinks most students have learned to manage their time by this part of the school year and they are ready for work.

Moody said that students who plan on looking for summer jobs should start now.

BUDGETS

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The budget process begin with the clubs submitting their budget-request the semester prior to when they want the money. Clubs attend Grievance Night when they don't agree with the monies they are allocated in their budgets by the Board.

The requests are first reviewed and allotted money by the Board and then go to the Council of Student Leaders (CSL) for final approval.

The amount of money given to clubs is determined by the amount of money the club is asking for and how financially-feasible the request is, said Sansola.

The money comes from the student activity-fee which recently went up to \$75.

COMMENCEMENT

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She also said that the college has not had a speaker lined up this early since she came here in 1987.

"It's natural for the students to be anxious for an answer," said Berger. "Whenever you're not directly involved in the doing, you're antsy about what the outcome will be."

She said that although this year's process is not slow-moving, it is moving more slowly than the committee would like it to be.

"Our job is to see that everything is in line," said Berger. "If the wheels aren't turning, we try to turn them a little faster."

Although sending out two letters at once might speed up the process, it would not be fair to the speaker,

she said.

According to Berger, the committee met right after last year's commencement to see what went right and what went wrong, and it has been meeting bi-weekly ever since.

"The process is moving ahead," said Kopec. "We're all eager to come to closure on this, but it's not something that gets accomplished immediately."

After the committee gives a name to the advancement office, it is sent to President Dennis J. Murray and his cabinet for approval.

"We've never not had a speaker/honorary-degree recipient," said Kopec, "and that's what's important."

According to Kopec, the college will notify the students as soon as a speaker is found, which could be as late as April.

"We have to find a speaker who will communicate well and meaningfully to the students," she said.

Last year's commencement speaker was Peter G.W. Keen, executive director of the International Center for Information Technologies, while Fred Friendly, educator and journalist, addressed the class of 1990.

Chandler said when the first contact declined, the committee chose another name from the original list.

"This person will be just as good," she said.

Security Briefs

A court case involving a Marist student charged with criminal trespass in the second degree has been adjourned until next month, according to Town of Poughkeepsie court records.

Douglas Carroll, 19, from Brooklyn, N.Y., who was arrested on Jan. 10 at 5 a.m. for allegedly entering a Garden Apartment without permission of its occupants, will appear in town court on March 3, at 9 a.m.

Carroll, who has twice been granted permission of an adjournment, will be represented by Patrick Moore, a partner with a Poughkeepsie law firm.

Neither Carroll nor Moore was able to be reached for comment prior to press time.

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ONE MILE FROM CAMPUS

Wives survive season's ups and downs

Support important for Mrs. Magarity

by **MIKE O'FARRELL**
Sports Editor

Growing up with four sisters and a single mother, Rita Magarity was never really interested in sports.

"I was more interested in being a majorette or a kick dancer," the Pittsburgh, Pa. native said. "We weren't a sports oriented family."

Times have changed.

Now, sports are an integral part of her life. As the wife of men's basketball Head Coach Dave Magarity, she can't be any closer to the action.

"I enjoy going to the games. In fact, I used to have nails before the FDU game," she said referring to the Red Foxes recent last-second loss. "That was such an exciting game to watch."

The Magaritys met while in college. Both attended St. Francis (Pa.) and their paths crossed when he was an assistant coach and she worked in the athletic office.

When Magarity was named head coach, she was his secretary and the rest as they say, is history.

Describing what it takes to be a coach's wife, Mrs. Magarity displayed a poem.

The first two stanzas read: I'm a coach's wife I'm proud to say. I'm by his side come what may. It's a life of sharing many things; Scouting, recruiting, losses, wins."

"That describes it perfectly," she said. "There is more to his job than just games. He is away on recruiting trips and scouting trips — he has a hectic schedule."

Mrs. Magarity, who usually attends every home game, said there is only one instance when she is bothered by hecklers.

"I try and control myself at the games," she said. "But, there is always someone with something bad to say."

"It doesn't usually bother me, but it does when the kids are with me," she said.

The Magaritys have three children: Maureen 10, Katie 8 and David Jr., 6. Mrs. Magarity said she gets upset when the

fans don't give the players enough support.

"Some people have created high expectations based on a couple of successful years and they don't give these kids enough credit for their hard work," she said. "I get upset over that."

The coach said his wife is a negative person — drawing a laugh from his wife.

"I'm negative because I see how hard he works and people don't understand a lot of things," she said. "They only see the games and they sometimes base judgment solely on the result."

Mrs. Magarity, who keeps busy by teaching Spanish part-time at the junior high level as well as working toward her master's degree at Marist and serving on the PTA at her children's school, said finding time for a family vacation or a sit-down dinner is not always easy.

"Sundays are normally our family dinner day, the kids look forward to it," she said. "Traditional holidays are also difficult for us, but the kids understand. They are used to the hectic schedule."

As a coach's wife, Mrs. Magarity said she has learned to be independent.

"A coach's wife can do anything," she said. "Besides, I either do it myself or I pay double."

That is especially true now. Before the start of last season, Magarity was cleaning gutters when he fell off a ladder and required a sling for his arm and stitches for his chin.

A few weeks ago, Magarity pulled a muscle in his back moving a piece of furniture for his wife.

"It sounds like I'm a whip-cracker," she said with a smile. "But, I just try and have him help me when he is around the house."

Living in Dutchess County has been a positive experience because it is a real community environment, said the coach's wife.

"I love Poughkeepsie, I feel close to people here," she said. "I know who is there no matter what happens — those are the people I will always remember. They are the people that understand everything and aren't just your friend when the team is winning."

Mrs. Babineau adjusts to hoop life

by **J.W. STEWART**
Staff Writer

While her husband paces up and down the sidelines of the McCann Center, Melanie Babineau sits quietly in the stands behind the women's basketball bench.

While he frantically waves his arms in an attempt to gain the attention of his players, she glances from one end of the court to the other, surveying the action.

And as he pumps his fist and exchanges high-fives with his team, she claps and leans over to talk to one of the player's parents.

When the game is over, she says goodbye to those sitting around her, gathers up her things, speaks briefly with her husband and looks to see where her 11-year-old daughter is. She then proceeds upstairs to her husband's office to wait for him.

Her husband, of course, is Ken Babineau, head coach of the Red Foxes. And for Melanie Babineau, game night at McCann or anywhere else is something she has become used to in her 17-year marriage.

"He's always been a coach," she said. "He's away more here than he was in high school. Our lives have always revolved around sports."

Sports has been the focus of their life, it seems, ever since they first met back in the early 1970s.

She was an undergraduate at Ithaca College and he was finishing his graduate studies there as a physiology lab instructor. They met through mutual friends and were married in August 1974, three months before she graduated.

Today, she teaches sixth and seventh grade physical education and seventh grade health at Rhinebeck Middle School. When she is not in class, she is running the school's intramural program, refereeing CYO basketball games, or rooting on the Red Foxes. Not bad for someone who grew up disliking basketball.

"I'm five-feet tall," she said with a laugh. "It was not something I was good at. I was

a cheerleader, instead."

She also fulfills the role of mother and wife, which can be a full-time job in itself. After the women's last home game, she switched from cheering in the stands to calmly answering her husband's anxious questions.

"Where's Brooke?" he asked, referring to their only child.

"Downstairs playing basketball."

"Where's J.J.'s (Assistant Coach Jeanine Radice's) radio?"

"I brought it up with me. It's in your office."

The day after the women won their first game after suffering through an 0-12 start, Melanie Babineau wanted to do something special for him. So, she sent a bouquet of flowers to her husband and the rest of the team with a card that read:

Congratulations! We knew you could do it — Melanie and Brooke

She, too, knows of the rigors of coaching. The former stand-out gymnast, field hockey player and swimmer has coached gymnastics, track and swimming at some point in her life.

"I understand the pressures of coaching. I have a little bit of insight as to what it is like," the 38-year-old said.

Her understanding is what her husband appreciates the most.

"She gives me a lot of leeway," he said. "She accepts the fact that I won't be in the best of moods. Most people would be upset that I spend a lot of time on the road."

While she has become accustomed to her lifestyle, it does not stop her of dreaming of a change.

"We came here with the thought of being here two or three years," she said. "We've been here 17. I like it here, but if we want to move, we should do it before Brooke hits high school."

For now though, Melanie Babineau is happy where she is — teaching middle school and being surrounded by a sport she never thought she'd be around.

"It's kind of nice to see there's a purpose to what I do at school," she said. "Girls do grow up."

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Cagers fall again, try again tonight

by MIKE O'FARRELL
Sports Editor

When the men's basketball team takes the floor for tonight's game against Mount St. Mary's, it will be trying to halt a five-game losing streak — including three straight road losses.

Tuesday night's 88-87 overtime loss to Fairleigh Dickinson was also the Red Foxes' fourth straight Northeast Conference loss, dropping Marist to 7-15 overall and 5-6 in conference play.

The Red Foxes are currently in sixth place in the Northeast Conference — a half-game ahead of Long Island University who is in seventh place. Fairleigh Dickinson is second in the NEC.

All five of Marist's remaining games are against conference opponents. And only two of those games are at the McCann Center.

After tonight's game, Marist will get a well-deserved week off before returning to the McCann Center next Thursday to host St. Francis (NY).

Two nights ago, the Red Foxes dropped their second one-point loss of the season to Fairleigh Dickinson.

January 30, Marist could not hold a nine point lead in the waning minutes and fell to the Knights, 70-69.

Trailing by four points at the half, 36-32, the Red Foxes rallied to take a seven-point lead, 58-51 midway through the second half.

With four minutes remaining, a three-pointer by FDU's Brad McClain tied the game at 65-65.

Marist tied the game at the buzzer on a layup by Izett Buchanan, who finished the game with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

In the overtime period, it was McClain — who is known for having big games against the Red Foxes — who led the Knights with five points.

The Red Foxes almost sent the game into double overtime as Dexter Dunbar buried a jump shot at the buzzer. Dunbar's jumper, however, was taken just inside the three-point arc and was only a two-point basket.

Andy Lake again led the Red Fox offensive attack. The junior tallied 22 points. Dunbar added 15 points for Dave Magarity's club and Tom Fitzsimons chipped in with 14.

McClain led the Knights with 23 points. Wendell Brereton, who scored the winning hoop in the first meeting of the two teams, added 19 points — 13 in the second half.

The loss was the third straight for the Foxes on their grueling road trip. Last Saturday, Marist capped off the Western Pennsylvania leg of the trip with a four-point loss to league leader Robert Morris, 73-69.

Despite playing the top two conference teams (FDU and Robert Morris) tough, Marist could not take advantage of the league's last place team.

Marist started off the road-swing with a 102-94 loss to St. Francis (Pa.) last Thursday.

Trailing the entire game, Marist cut the Red Flash lead to four, 98-94 in the final minute, but could not get any closer.



Rowdy Marist hockey fans celebrate an exciting moment recently at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center.

Circle photo/Jeanette Marvin

Fans provide rowdy atmosphere

by JEANETTE MARVIN
Staff Writer

Cliff Delaney gazes intently across the ice at the opposing team.

As the crowd around him bobs up and down screaming insults and encouragement, Delaney's eyes are caught momentarily by one of the other team's player — number seven.

"There's still an opening on the chess club," he bellows — winning approval from his peers in the bleachers.

Delaney, a sophomore, is one of the many hockey fans who crowd the stands of the Mid-Hudson Civic whenever Marist has a home game.

But Delaney, like many others, comes not only to watch the game, but to be a part of the action.

"It's the only sport where you can scream and act like a jerk and not get your butt kicked," said the

Bridgewater, N.J. resident.

Four freshmen have made it a tradition to make banners for the team.

Kathy O'Hearn, Heather Sheedy, Kelly Haug and Chasity Nadge made banners for the first game of the year but haven't been able to stop.

"We just started making banners for Brad Kamp (a freshman goalie) and the team for the first game and then we got really into it," said Nadge, of Cortland, N.Y.

Nadge remembers a banner from a game early in the season. It said "Only God makes more saves than Kamp and Rodia."

Nadge said the banners help psyche the players up for the game.

Is the Marist crowd too rowdy? "The game is a little bit rowdy, so the crowd has to be a little bit rowdy," said junior Louis Burko. "It's a hockey game — the ruder the better," Delaney said.

Peter Dayger, of Wappingers Falls, said the Marist crowd is not really that bad.

"There are a few too many four letter words," he said, "but they are all right."

Nadge said the games can get spirited but it is for the benefit of the club.

"It gets a lot of attention for a club sport because of the crowd," she said.

Shannon Roper said the games also have therapeutic value.

"It's a way to get out all of your frustration," said the sophomore from Southington, Conn.

But as loud or as rowdy as the crowd thinks it is, concessionaire Lou Gallo said that the students are "fairly well behaved."

They act like normal college students," the Hyde Park resident said. "No problem."

Athletes of the Week

Chris Prauda

Prauda broke the school record in the 100-yard backstroke in Marist's 131-100 victory over USMMA, which clinched the Metropolitan Conference dual meet title for the Red Foxes. Prauda swam the race in 53.6 seconds, breaking his old mark of 54.99. The senior also won the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle.

Charlene Fields

Fields averaged 25 points on 54 percent shooting in leading the women's basketball team to a 3-0 record for the week. The junior guard also eclipsed the

school record for points in a game with 37 in a 74-40 romp of Lehigh. In a win over St. Francis (Pa.), the Northeast Conference scoring leader tallied 29 points, seven assists, four rebounds and four steals.

Jennifer McCauley

McCauley led Marist to a fifth place finish at the Metropolitan Conference Championships with her victories in the one and three-meter diving events. The freshman's performance earned her the Anna B. Stetz Award, which signifies the Conference's Female Diver of the Year.

Mermen win; gear for MCSC championships

by ANDREW HOLMLUND
Staff Writer

One down, one to go.

The men's swimming team finished off the regular season in high gear by defeating the United States Merchant Marine Academy 131-100 last Thursday at the McCann Center.

With the victory, Marist clinched the Metropolitan Conference dual meet title. Next weekend, the Red Foxes will take part in the conference individual championships.

Once again, it was the Red Foxes' early jump that helped pave the way as three of the first four swimmers took first place.

The team of Chris Prauda, Ron Gagne, Brink Hartman and Tom Bubel took top honors in the 400 medley relay while Rob Allison won the 1,000-yard freestyle.

Hartman and Prauda each took first place in two events.

Hartman was tops in the 200 individual medley and the 200-yard backstroke while Prauda finished first in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events.

Head Coach Larry VanWagner had high praise for Prauda after the meet.

"Chris had an excellent outing," he said. "It was a good way for him and the other three seniors on the team to end their home career."

The coach also commented on what the seniors have contributed to the program.

"Prior to the meet, we commended our four seniors on the fine accomplishments they have done while at Marist," VanWagner said.

"It felt very weird to know that this was going to be my last meet," said Hartman. "Everything has gone well during my four years here. We have had a lot of success."

Co-captain Tom Cleary, who finished third in the 1,000-yard freestyle, said the four years have been rewarding.

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Of Butler's long-range three, her coach said, "It wasn't pretty, but it went in."

The try accounted for her only points of the night.

Marist spent the night living on the outside shot, connecting on 8 of 14 behind the three-point arc. Fields and freshman Mary Lightner hit three apiece.

One game after setting the all-time scoring record for most points in a game with 37, Fields poured in 29. Lightner added 12 and Carroll pitched in 10.

Babineau said he was smiling ear-to-ear after the Pennsylvania road trip was over.

"Our intent going out there was to gain a split. To win two makes me ecstatic," he said.

The Red Foxes, who have won three in a row and six out of their last seven, are in Maryland tonight facing second-place Mt. St. Mary's.

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Lady Foxes win on Pa. road trip

by J.W. STEWART
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team is above the .500 mark in the Northeast Conference for the first time this season thanks to a sweep on a grueling Pennsylvania road trip.

The Red Foxes pushed their NEC record to 5-4 with victories over St. Francis (Pa.) last Thursday and Robert Morris last Saturday. Their overall mark stands at 6-13.

Saturday afternoon at the Sewall Center in Coraopolis, Pa., Marist edged Robert Morris 57-54. Marist received balanced scoring from three of its starters and controlled the inside game while gaining sole possession of fourth place in the NEC.

Kris Collins led all Marist players with 14 points, while freshman Lori Keys contributed 12 and Charlene Fields tacked on 11. Collins also ripped down nine rebounds and Keys hauled in seven.

The Red Foxes led 21-18 at the break after a poor shooting half by both teams.

Marist shot only 36 percent (8 for 22) and the Colonials did not fare much better — 33 percent on 10 of 30 field goal attempts.

Marist survived a late-game surge by Robert Morris and needed some free throws by Cindy Carroll and Keys in the waning minutes to ice the victory.

Despite the Colonials 3-6 NEC record, Head Coach Ken Babineau said he was not surprised the game was so close, especially since Robert Morris had just upset NEC front-runner Fairleigh Dickinson in its last game.

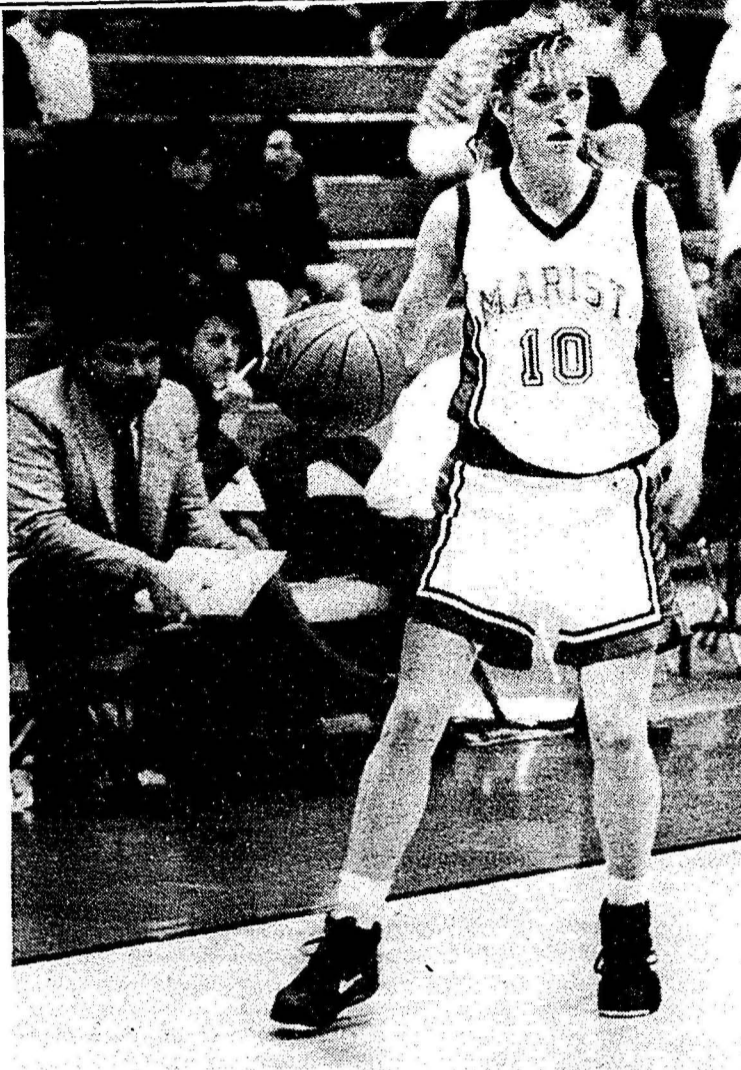
"We expected it to be a tough game," he said. "I picked them to come in second this year. Even with two starters out, they still have enough talent to put a scare into you."

Two nights before, in Loretto, Marist dumped St. Francis (Pa.) by the count of 70-63.

After opening the game on a 9-0 run, the Foxes found themselves in a battle with the Red Flash for the rest of the half.

The only reason the Red Foxes were tied 37-37 with St. Francis at the half was Claudia Butler's half-court heave as the buzzer sounded.

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Circle photo/Matt Martin

Charlene Fields looks to make a move as assistant coaches Kevin Sherman and Jeanine Radice look on.

Red Foxes win again, streak hits 5

by TED HOLMLUND
Staff Writer

The men's hockey club had Pace University begging for mercy.

Literally. On Saturday, the Red Foxes defeated Pace 12-0, after only two periods, by the mercy rule. The mercy rule comes into effect when a team is leading by two or more goals after the end of either the first or second periods.

The team had many key contributors that were instrumental in the victory.

Junior Scott Brown led the Marist attack with four goals, notching the hat trick.

Junior Doug Wasowski scored three goals, also tallying the hat trick, and sophomore John Lloyd chipped in with a goal and three assists to balance the Red Foxes charge.

Head Coach Bob Mattice said he was pleased with the team's performance.

"The guys played well on Saturday," he said. "We basically went out and controlled Pace."

Assistant Coach Kevin Walsh said the team played hard throughout the game.

"We played a complete game and kept our intensity level up," he said. "That's the kind of play we need to take us the rest of the way."

On Friday, Marist scored an impressive 12-2 victory over Western Connecticut State.

Despite the large margin of victory, Mattice said he was not happy with the team's play.

"We looked terrible," he said. "It does matter how you win the game. It's not just the end that matters, but the means that you use to get to that end."

Lloyd led the Red Fox charge with three goals, collecting the hat trick.

Junior Tom Schleif, freshmen Scott Jacques and Brown added a goal apiece to secure the victory for Marist.

Mattice also said he was pleased with the crowd's overall attendance to the games.

"It's great to see the support we're getting," he said. "It's nice to see the student turnout."

With their fifth consecutive victory, the Red Foxes move to 7-1-2.

On Saturday, Marist will host neighboring New Paltz before travelling Sunday to tangle with rival Siena.

Women's sports teams tops in GPA study

by CARLA ANGELINI
Staff Writer

Women's sports teams scored in the top half of a preliminary study of team grade point averages compiled by the athletic department for the Fall 1991 semester.

Sixteen sports teams were ranked. Club sports were not included.

Of the 16 teams compiled, the top seven teams were women's and the next nine were men's teams.

Women's volleyball topped the scale with a 2.9 while men's lacrosse is at the bottom end with a 2.2. Women's softball was the second highest.

Women's basketball was sixth on the list with a GPA of 2.67 while the men's basketball team was fifth of the nine men's team with a 2.43.

The compilation is done in order to monitor the athletes and let the coaches know how the players are doing, said Director of Athletics Gene Doris.

The GPAs were tallied from a master list of rosters in September and therefore are not exact because

some student-athletes are no longer on their teams.

The athletic department is calculating the official results.

Although the results are unofficial, the average individual GPA of all 16 teams is 2.56, and the range — which is 2.2 to 2.9 — will probably remain as is, said Doris.

The goal is for the athletes to be indistinguishable from the general student body "so that sports are truly an extracurricular activity," said Faculty Athletic Academic Advisor John Ritschdorff.

The college-wide average for Fall 1990 — 1991 was not available — which includes athletes, was 2.65 according to Katie Aguirre of the Institutional Research Office.

Also supporting the athlete's averages, the college-wide average for women is also higher than that of men.

The overall average for women was 2.73 and the men's was 2.55.

Men's soccer Head Coach Howard Goldman said he was not unhappy with his team's GPA

which was in the same range as the men's basketball team.

"It's not terrible for all the time and energy they put in," said Goldman. "But, there is always room to improve — in anything."

Besides those names that no longer belong on the team roster, the athletic department staff said some of the lower GPAs can be accountable to the large number of freshmen on the teams.

"The adjustment from high school to can be very difficult and has effects on the GPA," said Doris.

Supporting Doris' point, statistics show the overall freshmen GPA to be a 2.54 according to the Institutional Research Office.

Statistics back both the freshmen factor and higher GPAs on the average for women.

Freshmen females had a GPA of 2.63 while males had a 2.44. Senior females were at a 2.83 and senior males had a 2.65.

Junior females had an average of 2.81 while junior males averaged

2.64. Sophomore females averaged 2.66 compared with 2.45 for sophomore males.

Head Football Coach Rick Parody declined to comment on his team's GPA because he said he feels people will be biased about the entire team.

Parody also added that there are two academic All-Americans on the squad and he doesn't want to "tarnish them."

Doris said he has tried to make the GPAs competitive between teams.

The athletic department gives out academic awards at the sports banquet each year, he said.

"The purpose is to show athletes that it's something we pay attention to," said Ritschdorff. "We want them to succeed academically and let them know we acknowledge academic achievements."

Doris agreed. "They are student athletes, there should be some type of recognition for those who are performing academically as well as athletically," he said.

Tyson, Magic and Blair, the week that was

Wow — what a week.

For a sports fan, there won't be another week like this past one in some time.

The week was filled with triumph and tragedy. There were tears of sadness and tears of joy.

The last seven days found the top sports stories of 1992 and 1991 competing for headlines.

In the end, the winner, er, loser, was Mike Tyson.

Convicted of one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct, the former heavyweight champion faces a possible 60 years in jail for an attack on a beauty pageant contestant last July.

Tyson, 25, is of course going to appeal the decision. Sentencing is scheduled for March 6.

This really should not come as a surprise, especially those that follow boxing.

Tyson has always led a troubled life. However, he was being led in the right direction by his late trainer, the legendary Cus

D'Amato, who was Tyson's legal guardian.

The fighter then became involved with Don King. With that merger, what was already bad became worse.

What lies ahead for Tyson is anyone's guess. One thing is certain though, he should not be allowed to fight again.

If Tyson is allowed to fight again, boxing will reach a new low — although it is hard to imagine the sport going any lower.

Why would anyone let a convicted felon fight again? Money, of course. Somehow, somewhere, sometime, someone will raise enough money to get the former champ back in the ring. If and when that does happen, boxing will lose any credibility it still has.

It's almost Oscar time and here is a sleeper nomination for you. National Basketball Association Commissioner David Stern for his one act script entitled, "Magic — The Last Hurrah."



MIKE O'FARRELL

Thursday Morning Quarterback

Magic Johnson, the top sports story of 1991, made his last appearance as an NBA basketball player during the All-Star game last Sunday and Stern could not have written a better script.

For the first time in my life, I actually believe "the fix" might have been on.

Superstars who have an impact such as Magic — i.e. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Julius Erving — have been given a swan song tour of the NBA arenas with ceremonies and gifts from each team.

Due to the nature of Magic's situation, there was no such tour. Instead, Stern decided to hold Johnson's going away party at the All-Star game.

First of all, Stern created an extra spot for Magic, the game's premier ambassador who retired last year after contracting the HIV virus.

Secondly, after all the hype, Johnson starts the game and scores 25 points — including three straight treys in the final three minutes.

Third, in All-Star play, the West has only beaten the East four times in the last 13 seasons.

And finally, Magic — not Clyde Drexler who never seems to get the recognition he deserves — walks away with the MVP award.

After the game, Magic was still following the script.

When asked about long-time rival and Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird, who missed the game due to injury, Johnson said the two would settle the score "on the blacktop behind Bird's house."

All the lines were read and all the scenes were acted out. Heck, East Coach Phil Jackson even said his team conceded once they fell behind because this was Magic's show.

Don't get me wrong, Magic Johnson has done an incredible amount of good for basketball, but aren't we going to see this show in syndication when it is shown this summer in Barcelona?

Major kudos go out to United States Olympian Bonnie Blair.

Blair, a speed skater, has tallied the only gold medal — or any kind for that matter — for the U.S. team in Albertville as of Wednesday.

Wouldn't it be something if the Blair was joined by in the medal category by the U.S. hockey team?

Goalie Ray LeBlanc is doing his best Jim Craig imitation in leading the Americans to two early victories.

Mike O'Farrell, The Circle's sports editor, is the self-proclaimed president of the Amy Bedford Fan Club — not.