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# THE CIRCLE



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## Two students hit near intersection

Two accidents; no one hurt badly

by Chris Landry

Two Marist students escaped serious injury in separate incidents last week when they were hit by cars while walking near the busy intersection at the North Entrance of campus.

Patricia Casey, a junior resident assistant in Champagnat Hall, was struck at about 9 p.m. last Wednesday as she tried to cross the North Entrance, according to Joseph Leary, director of safety and security. Casey and her friend Tara Mason, a junior, were walking from a class at Marist East before the accident.

The owner of the car, Will Beam, a student who resides at the Canterbury Garden Apartments, swerved onto the median after the accident but was not injured. No charges were filed, Leary said.

Casey was helped into the Lowell Thomas Communications Center and then taken to Saint Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie where she was treated and released, Leary said.

In the other accident, Dave Scalzo, a senior, 31 Conklin Street,

Poughkeepsie, said he was hit last Thursday after he ran into a car traveling north on Route 9. Scalzo said he was trying to cross the road in front of Skinner's.

Scalzo said the accident, which occurred at 4:10 p.m., was his fault. He said he was not cautious of the northbound traffic.

Scalzo said he received a bruised arm after he was knocked to the ground. The driver of the car, who could not be identified at press time, pulled over, but Scalzo ran from the scene because he was late for a class, he said.

Security was not informed of Scalzo's accident.

The two accidents mark the second and third time this semester that a student has been hit by a car near this intersection.

But Leary said the area is not in danger of becoming a serious student safety concern.

"It's no more of a problem than crossing the street anywhere else," Leary said. "Anytime there is a lot of pedestrians and cars there is a potential danger."

Leary said the real problem is convincing drivers to be cautious and to yield to pedestrians.

## Animal rights protest



Members of Students Active For Animal Rights, a new group on campus, protested the sale of fur and leather garments at the Poughkeepsie Galleria on Saturday. From left, sophomore Matt Murphy, sophomore Amy Burr and sophomore Cathy Casey. See the story on page 3. Circle photo/Nathan J. Robinson

## Deep freeze leaves chilly apartments

by Steven Murray

Sporadic heat in some Canterbury Garden Apartments has left students cold and maintenance men wondering what they can do to remedy the situation.

Residents in apartments 40D and 40C of the Canterbury complex say their heat has come and gone since it was turned on in October. Although Canterbury's maintenance staff has tried several different means of solving the problem, the exact cause is not known.

There are four apartments on the top floor of the 40 section of the complex, three of which are occupied by Marist students.

Sally Estes, a junior communication arts major who lives in 40D with three other students, said the average temperature in her apartment is about 60 degrees.

Estes said the temperature has got so low in her apartment and her friend's apartment next door that their deodorant and shampoo have frozen. Because the heat comes and goes sporadically, Estes says she heats her apartment with the oven.

"We get heat in here now by opening the oven and putting it up to 400," said Estes. "Leave it on for a couple of hours and your apartment gets pretty warm."

All residents of Estes' apartment

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# Family positions set life's conditions

by Ann Timmons

First-born children can easily be picked out in a crowd.

Middle-borns have the fewest pictures in the family photo album.

Last-born children are usually best known as the class clown.

"Your position (birth order) in your family has an affect on your personality, your relationships, and even your occupational choices, according to Dr. Kevin Leman, the Tuscon psychologist, author of "The Birth Order Book: Why You Are the Way You Are".

Leman said birth order has a powerful influence on the kind of person you will be, the kind of person you will marry, the type of occupation you choose — even the type of parent you will be.

There are three main birth order positions, Leman wrote: the eldest (and along with them the "only-borns"), the second (or middle-born) children, the last-borns (babies or youngest).

### First-borns

According to Leman, first-borns get a lot of attention, a lot of glory and a lot of pressure.

A few of the distinguishing characteristics of a first-born are: perfectionist, reliable, conscientious, list maker, well-organized, critical, serious, scholarly.

Only children have an even more heightened sense of what it means to be first-born. Place the word "super" in front of the adjectives used to describe the first-borns, and there you have the only children or as Leman calls them "super-first-borns".

The Who's Who books are full of the names of first-borns, because they are known achievers. More than half of the United States presidents have been first-born, and out of the 23 astronauts sent into outer space, 21 were first-borns or only children.

Leman said first-borns are more motivated to achieve than younger siblings, therefore they end up in "high achievement" professions such as science, medicine or law. A greater number of first-borns are found among accountants, bookkeepers, executive secretaries, engineers, and people whose jobs involve computers.

First-borns crave jobs with precision, concentration and mental discipline. First-borns love structure. Newspaper and magazine reporters tend to be first-born.

Leman says he can almost always pick the

first-borns out of a crowd based entirely on physical appearances. "These are the folks who look as if they've just stepped off the cover of Glamour magazine or out of an ad for the Wall Street Journal. They are easy to spot. Every hair is in place and they are color-coordinated from head to toe."

### Middle-borns

The middle child is born too late — and too soon. It's too late for them to get the special privileges and treatment of being the oldest. But it's too soon for them to get the relaxed discipline (interpreted as "getting away with murder") usually experienced by the babies in the family, Leman wrote.

The middle children include the second-borns and any child born between siblings. They are best characterized as having the fewest photos in the family album — as if the camera suddenly broke when they were born.

The characteristics of the middle child include: mediator, avoids conflict, independent, extremely loyal to the peer group, owning lots of hand-me-downs, a team player, misunderstood, rebellious and mysterious.

The squeezed-out middle-borns go outside the family to create another "family" were

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## Personalities can be formed by birth order

by Ann Timmons

Although he is well beyond his toddler years, Donald Anderson's older brother still introduces him as "my baby brother."

The youngest of three, the Marist English professor said he is unable to escape references to his birth order position, which has both its advantages and disadvantages.

"In a way I'm connected with them (his brothers) and became somewhat of an appendage, and other times I disliked always being compared with them," he said.

As an educator and a last-born, Anderson said he is somewhat of a salesman who sells ideas and concepts.

"As a teacher, you are viewed in an authoritative position, yet as a youngest

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# Merry Christmas from The Circle

# Heat

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and the neighboring apartment say they have complained to the college and Canterbury's management, but despite the efforts of the maintenance staff, the problem remains.

Canterbury's maintenance staff has visited both apartments a number of times and placed plastic over the windows and a seal at the bottom of the door to contain heat, but the apartments are still usually cold, Estes.

Maureen Louney, a communication arts major who lives next to Estes in apartment 40C, says the maintenance men are not at fault.

"It's not the maintenance men," she said. "They've come whenever we've put in reports and they've tried everything, but it's just not working."

Although none of the Canterbury staff could be reached for comment, college officials who have discussed heating problems with the staff said the suspected cause is either air in the heating pipes or tampering with the heating gauge. The heat control mechanism for those apartments is openly exposed in an area of the complex's laundry room.

Jim Raimo, assistant director of housing for Marist, said he is aware of the "ongoing problem" in those particular apartments and that he visited Estes' apartment to investigate the problem.

Raimo said he gave them a thermometer to gauge the temperature but said they would have to rely on the the complex's maintenance staff to solve the problem.

Raimo pointed out that Marist does not handle the maintenance problems at Canterbury and that, as a rent payer, the most it can do is apply pressure on the Canterbury staff.

Marist spends approximately \$80,000 a month to rent 137 apartments at Canterbury. Raimo said that heating complaints from Canterbury have been about average so far this year and only a bit higher than the complaints registered by on-campus residents.

The college tries to make student problems top issues with Canterbury's management, but at times it does not work out that way, Raimo said.

"The priorities for them and what we'd like to see get done are not always the same," Raimo said. "It's gotten much better, but I'd like to see more done."

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# After Class

## Entertainment

### The Nutcracker

The Nutcracker ballet is coming to the Bardavon Opera House this weekend. The Wilkes-Barre Ballet Theatre will present Tchaikovsky classic on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the Bardavon Box Office at (914) 473-2072 or at any Ticketmaster outlet.

### One Act Plays

Entries for the playwriting contest in memory of John P. Anderson, must be submitted to Room 264 in the Campus Center or students should fill out an application of intent to submit. For more information, see G.A. Cox.

### BYOM

Bring your own music for a sing-along at the Bardavon Opera House on December 19. That's when Handel's "Messiah" will turn into "Sing It Yourself Messiah." With the help of Bach-Handel Festival Orchestra and the Camerata Chorale, the audience will participate in the performance. Tickets for the 8 p.m. event are available by calling the Bardavon Box Office at (914) 473-2072 or at any Ticketmaster outlet.

### Andy Williams

Singer Andy Williams will perform at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center on Friday, December 15. Tickets cost \$23.50 and are available at the box office or by calling 454-3388.

## To Your Health

### Discussion Group

Women students are invited to attend a discussion group on women's issues every Friday at 4 p.m. in the Byrne House. For more information contact, Stephanie Michnoricz at ex. 726.

### Making the Grade

#### Career Day

New Jersey residents can get a jump on the job market if they attend the career day to be held on Jan. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. More than 100 companies will participate in the event which is designed to provide jobs for New Jersey residents. Go to the Career Development Office for further information.

#### Poetry Contest

Attention all poets, start writing. The deadline for the American Poetry Association Contest, with a \$1,000 grand prize, is December 31. For more information, call (408) 429-1122.

#### Scholarships

The Coors Brewing Company is awarding scholarships to 100 sons and daughters of American veterans. Applicants must have at least a 3.00 GPA. Call 1-800-49COORS for more information.

## Internships

Marist students majoring in business or communication arts have an opportunity to work and study in London this summer, thanks to a program sponsored by the Fashion Institute of Technology and the State University of New York. Cost for tuition, housing and meals for the six-week program is \$2,977. Airfare is not included. For more information, call Dr. Arthur Winters at (212) 760-7705.

## Getting Involved

### Donations

The Graduate Psychology Association is collecting winter clothes during finals week. Please drop off donations to Donnelly 105.

### Volunteers

Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) is looking for volunteers to serve full-time for one year with local, non-profit sponsoring organizations. For more information, contact your ACTION State Program Office or call toll-free: 1-800-424-8867.

## Attention

Want your activity listed in After Class? Send pertinent information through campus mail to The Circle, c/o "After Class." All information must be received by Monday at 11 a.m. to get your activity listed in that Thursday's paper.

# Family

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they can feel special, Leman said. Therefore, they seek strong ties with friends and groups in order to fulfill the need to belong.

Of the three birth orders, middle children seem to succeed best in marriages because they are used to compromise and mediation, Leman said.

"Middle children are tenacious adults, because they are used to life being unfair. Their expectations are lower; consequently they are more accepting in a relationship."

The middle child is most directly influenced by the sibling directly above them. Leman said the middle children either uses the older sibling as a role model who they must compete with, or typically shoots off in an entirely different direction, making a stake in their individuality.

"You must always look at the entire family, to understand the plight of the middle child," Leman wrote.

#### Last-borns

The youngest children are the last to learn that there is no Santa Claus, the last to learn to tie their shoes, and the last to leave home.

The youngest child is best described as: manipulative, charming, blames others, shows off, people-person, temperamental, spoiled, good salesperson, precocious, engaging and social.

Leman said the youngest children are most often found in professions that require the ability to be "onstage" and perform. They enjoy the limelight and develop clowning into a fine art. Last-borns tend to move toward

vocations that are people-oriented, like car salesmen.

"You can bet that the zany weather man on the six o'clock news is the baby of the family," Leman wrote. "He's a performer and a showman who can make a drizzle seem funny."

"Last-borns carry the curse of not being taken seriously — first by their families, then by the world," he wrote.

The youngest live in the potent shadow of those who were born before. Their early achievements (tying shoes, telling time, etc.) were often greeted with polite yawns or boredom, since it is no longer the first time these great feats have been witnessed, according to Leman. Babies of the family know and understand that their knowledge and ability will carry far less weight than that of their older siblings.

So the youngest learns to get laughs, admiration, scoldings — anything to get attention, he said.

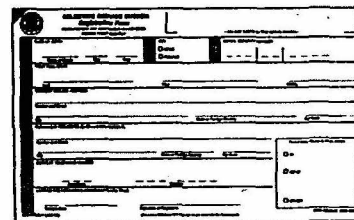
Last-borns are used to being coddled, cuddled and spoiled one minute put down and made fun of the next.

"It's no wonder, last-borns feel on top of the world Monday, and at the bottom of the pile on Tuesday," Leman said.

Leman points out that there are exceptions.

"Birth order isn't a simplistic 1-2-3 system that says all first-borns are equally one way, all second children are another, and last-borns are the same," Leman said.

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# New alcohol law to target minors

by Maureen Kramer and Kevin Weilgand

When students usher in the new year next month those under the age of 21 might be wise to think twice before they even touch a glass of champagne, never mind drink one.

A new state alcohol law to go into effect on Jan. 1 will make possession, as well as consumption, of alcohol by minors illegal. Police are able to confiscate alcohol if the underage person intends to consume it, according to Joseph Leary, Marist's director of safety and security.

Underage possession will become a violation and will result in either a fine or an appearance in court, said Leary.

Each offense will carry fines from \$50 to \$250. In addition, minors under 16 in violation of the law must appear in family court.

Because Marist's policy does not permit the possession of alcohol on campus by students under the age of twenty-one, as outlined in the Marist handbook, students off campus will be most affected by the change, Leary said.

"The new law won't affect on-campus students who sneak alcohol into their dorms," Leary said. "In regard to off-campus parties, the police have another tool to enforce the policy."

The state's drinking laws have come under criticism because minors have consumed alcohol despite the law.

This has forced state officials to take stricter measures to deal with the problem.

"The drinking problem has been a concern for sometime," Leary said. "This new law is one of the results of that concern. I have a feeling that this is just the beginning," said Leary.

Marist students said the new law may curb the underage drinking problem, but will also violate certain privacy rights.

"Now minors will not even be able to have a drink while they are under the supervision of their parents, like on the holidays or at a wedding," said John Passmore, 21, of New York City.

# The changing face of the North End



Circle photo/Lynaire Brust

Dirt flies and the ground shakes as construction gets underway for The Dyson Center between the Lowell Thomas Communications Center and the Townhouses.

# Student, area activists protest for animal rights

by Nathan J. Robinson

Ten Marist students braved freezing temperatures and gusty winds outside the Poughkeepsie Galleria last Saturday, to protest the sale of fur at several stores in the mall.

The students, members of Marist's Students Active for Animal Rights group, and about 30 members of the Animal Rights Advocates of the Hudson Valley demonstrated in front of the three main entrances to the mall.

Animals are killed needlessly because of fashion, said Cathy Casey, president of the Marist group. "If people want to wear fur because they like the way it looks, they can buy imitation fur and no animals will be harmed," she said.

Amy Burr, vice-president of the group, held a sign bearing the words "Honk Against Fur."

"The 'honk' sign is the best one," said Casey, a sophomore criminal justice major. "One car honks and then other cars notice us and begin to honk also."

Most of the responses the protestors received were positive, said Matt Murphy, a sophomore communication arts major.

"One woman actually told me that I'd be going to heaven because of this protest," said Murphy.

"I don't know if we've changed anyone's opinion about buying fur, but I think we have raised awareness today," said Casey.

There were some negative reactions to the protestors also. An older woman yelled from her car, "I've got a mink at home," and various men yelled obscenities.

# Billing errors frustrate alumna

by Stacey McDonnell

After months of confusion and a series of billing errors, a 1989 Marist graduate is questioning the college's billing procedures.

Ellen Ballou, from Lake Placid, N.Y., says she was incorrectly billed in October for room damages which occurred when she stayed on campus during Senior Week last semester.

When she inquired about the fine after receiving the first bill in June, Ballou said she was told by the Office of Housing and Residence Life not to pay the \$16 room damage fine because her account showed a balance of \$75 and the fine would be deducted from that.

But the \$75 in Ballou's account — the spring room reservation deposit — was returned to her in January because she withdrew from college housing to take an internship in Schenectady, N.Y. As of June, however, that amount still remained in her account.

Although she owed the college \$16, she was incorrectly billed a second time, according to Housing personnel. In October, she received a bill for \$32.

According to Robin Will, secretary of the Housing Office, the damage fine was posted twice to her account — once by Nancy Walsh, a resident director, and once by Will.

More than the accounting error left Ballou frustrated, however.

In a letter to Anthony Campilli, vice president for business affairs, on October 13, Ballou said an employee of the Office of Student Accounts told her that the college sometimes adjusts accounts so that auditors do not find discrepancies in the records.

Campilli said the office will manually adjust accounts if it realizes an error has been made.

"I'm not complaining about the amount," said Ballou. "My qualm is that if they (the Office of Student Accounts) are going to adjust ac-

counts, they better know what they are doing."

The matter was resolved in October, said Steve Sansola, director of housing and residence life. Ballou paid the \$16 fine in the first week of November.

Ballou, however, said it was not only this incident that made her question the practices, but the way her account was handled throughout her four years of college.

She said she paid her bills in installments through a company. The company, however, did not forward her payments and, therefore, the college never received them, she said.

She would not be eligible to register for classes for the following semester if her bills were not being paid, she said.

# Winning the battle against too much stress

by Jennifer Becker

With finals upon us and papers due, Marist students are increasingly aware of stress and the effects it has on their performance.

"Worrying is the negative national pastime," says Dr. Robert J. Kriegel, a best selling author who often writes about the effects of stress on one's performance. Worrying clouds thinking, overwhelms, and reduces energy levels, Kriegel said.

College students are big on worrying and that makes them big on stress, Kriegel said. The Nuprin Pain Report documented that more people in the 18-24 age group are likely to suffer from stress than any other.

According to Barbara Fries, a counselor from Marist's Personal Development office, students have to deal with a variety of stressful situations. These can range from academics to finances, relationships, roommate problems and family matters.

Fries says stress is not all bad. "You need a certain degree of stress to keep you motivated," Fries said.

However, too much stress can overwhelm an individual, which can result in the loss of motivation

and the ability to do anything.

"Learning to manage stress work for you can help you concentrate better and think more clearly under pressure, have more energy, be more creative and make college more enjoyable," Kriegel said.

Kriegel says many are irrational when under pressure. The cure is to shift to rational thinking, Kriegel says.

**"Concentrate your energy on what you can change, rather than dwelling on things you can't."**

"Ask yourself, 'What is the worst thing that could possibly happen?'" Kriegel says. This should help put things into perspective.

Kriegel says most of what people worry about is out of their control. "The more we worry about these things, the worse everything gets," he says.

Changing the worry to anticipa-

tion will help. "Concentrate your energy on what you can change, rather than dwelling on things you can't," says Kriegel. This will increase confidence and better prepare individuals for whatever situation arises.

Further suggestions for alleviating stress include: anticipating prior to a pressure situation, making a worry list and changing it to an anticipation list (if...then), and concentrate your energy.

Fries also recommends airing problems before they grow into something larger. If you face each problem as it arrives, it helps to keep them from building.

Fries, and the other counselors available on campus, give stress workshops throughout the academic year. The counseling center is also available to help students on a regular basis or in any times of crisis. Fries stresses that the services are free and that confidentiality is a priority.

The workshops test how much stress each individual is under and they also assist in alleviating the pressures.

"We teach progressive relaxation also," Fries says. These are exercises in tightening and relaxing muscles. The students are taught

what a relaxed state is and how to achieve it on their own.

"It takes a lot of practice and a lot of work but it does help," Fries says. It must be incorporated into the individuals life in order to reduce the stress.

According to Barbara Wallraff's article published in In View Magazine, among the most troubling new sources of stress on campus is the drive to be perfect.

**Women are especially prone to stress at college.**

Freshman are often overwhelmed by all they have to do, while seniors are worried about graduation and the future. Sophomores and juniors are thinking of their purpose and their identity, according to Fries.

A survey done by the Higher Educational Research Institute at UCLA, said that more than 21 percent of 308,007 freshman surveyed admitted they were overwhelmed.

This number is increasing each year.

Wallraff says that women are especially prone to stress at college. Pressures include the move away from home, financial worries, leaving friends, the need for privacy, and personal relationships.

Stress is defined as the reaction caused by the sympathetic nervous system coming into play and activating hormone secretions which mobilizes the body for the "fight or flight" response.

This would be helpful in fighting an animal, but it is not so effective in daily situations, Fries said.

A person under stress can experience a variety of physical and emotional responses, the most common being headaches, nausea, hives, insomnia, and ulcers.

According to Wallraff, peace of mind can only be obtained by letting things go. Exercise can help, she said.

"Just talking can help to alleviate stress," she says. Wallraff also suggests breathing exercises, meditation and counseling services.

# Tibetan life told in campus show

## Photo exhibit opens in Lowell Thomas

by Molly Ward

Two women smile at the camera in ragged clothing as they churn yak's milk into butter. An aging soldier, dressed in uniform stands stoic and expressionless. A young policewoman, with only a floppy hat and dangling earring to indicate her occupation, peers into the camera with a creased brow.

The photographic exhibit of Lowell Thomas' 1949 trip to Tibet opened on Sunday, coinciding with the presentation of the Nobel Peace Prize to the exiled political and spiritual leader of Tibet, the Dalai Lama.

The photographs reveal a culture that is now almost extinct. Just one year after Lowell Thomas Jr. took them, the country was invaded by

the Chinese, who tortured and murdered many Tibetans.

"They are important, because they were probably the last photographs taken before the Chinese invasion in 1950," said James Kullander, the assistant director of public relations.

Emily Burdis, curator of the Lowell Thomas collection, which fills about 800 cardboard boxes, found 320 photographic negatives of the trip in October "in a shoebox labeled Africa or something," she said.

Although prints of the trip already existed, they were in poor condition, Kullander said. "But as soon as we saw the negatives, we knew we had something special," he said.

Out of the 320 photographs, 31

were chosen to display. The decision was based on the picture's historical significance and aesthetic quality, said Kullander.

Thomas and his son were two of fewer than ten Americans ever to be allowed into Tibet by the Dalai Lama, who hoped that the journalist would relate the danger Tibet was in from China to the rest of the world.

The exhibit only scratches the surface of Marist's collection of Lowell Thomas' life, said Marc vanderHeyden, the academic vice president.

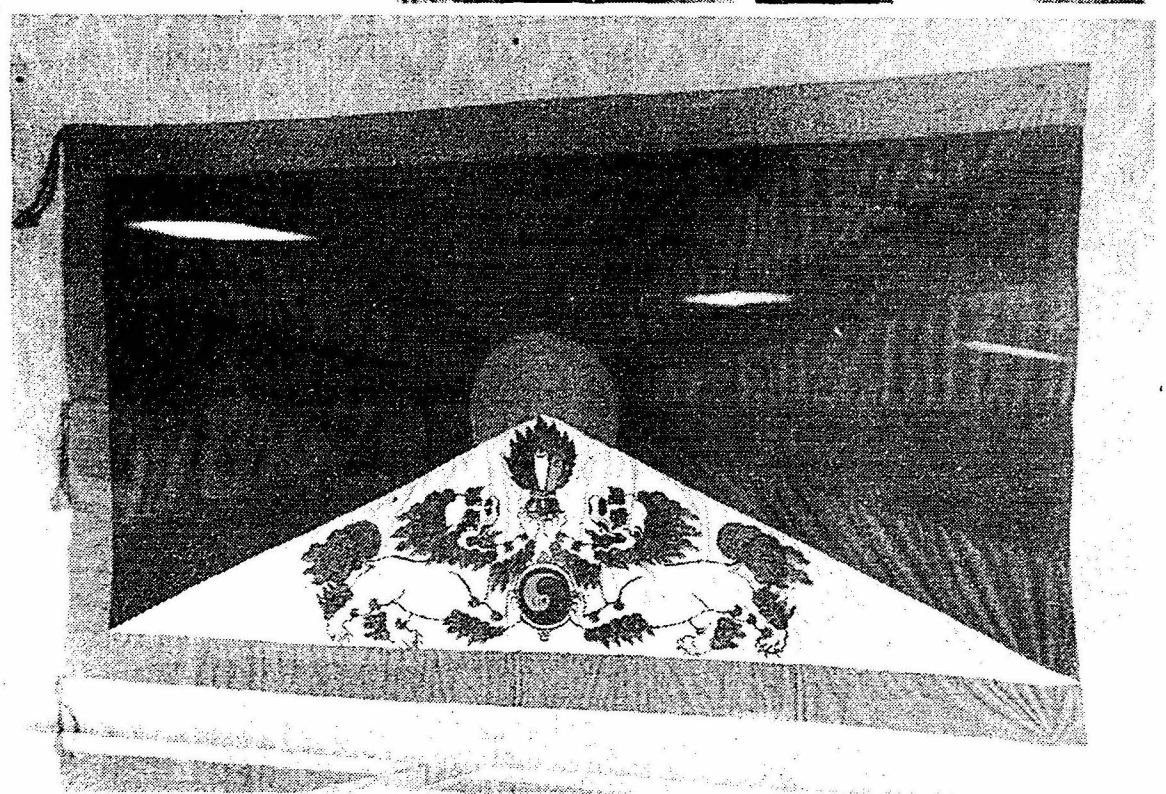
"This exhibit demonstrates a bit of the treasures Marist has that the students and staff are not even aware of," he said.



"Out of This World Revisited: Rare Photographs of Lowell Thomas' 1949 Epic Journey to Tibet" opened Sunday in the Lowell Thomas Communications Center. Below left, a Tibetan Buddhist monk, Goman Tenzin, from Tibet House in New York, appears as a representative of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual and political leader, who received the Nobel Peace Prize that same day. Below right, the Tibetan flag is part of the collection. Right, Edward Gargan, a former Beijing bureau chief for The New York Times, speaks to Lee Miringoff, the director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion. Gargan spoke of the twentieth century conflict between Tibet and China. China invaded Tibet in 1950, only months after Thomas' visit, forcing the Dalai Lama into exile in India.



Circle photos by Lynaire Brust



# Twenty years later, a look back on Vietnam

by Debra McGrath

They started out cheerful. They ended up physically and emotionally scarred.

"The army isn't all that bad, actually it isn't... The only thing is on the weekends you get a little homesick," Jack writes from basic training in Fort Jackson South Carolina on February 12, 1968.

Within a few months he would be in Vietnam, on the front line, manning a machine gun for Delta Company's first platoon. He was 19.

He was a spunky red-headed kid from Brooklyn. He used to hang out with his friends in the park. Now he found himself in the middle of a jungle waiting to kill or be killed.

His friends went too. They wrote letters to each other and to those that stayed home.

I had read the letters they wrote to my parents before, but, until recently, I never realized how young they were or how much they endured.

He maintained a sense of humor at the height of the conflict.

"I'm sorry I haven't written in a while but

I got a little "banged up" in an ambush, and was in the hospital for a while. (Same, Same, you're right) (smile) No big thing. My man

**'Instead of parades for their homecoming, there were jeers from a nation that tried to sweep the incident under the rug...'**

"Charles" wasn't in the Christmas spirit and decided to "lock ass" with me. One thing he forgot about was it takes a lot to kill an Irishman especially one from Brooklyn. (Right!)"

"Charles", the Vietnam conflict, didn't kill Jack with bullets or bayonets. Charlie deadened his senses, confused his values and turned his own country against him. More painful than a bayonet, Vietnam's blow hit.

We're removed from this time, even though we are the children of the Vietnam

era. Men died there while we were being born.

Instead of parades for their homecoming, there were jeers from a nation that tried to sweep the incident under the rug and didn't teach their children what went on there. Nobody explained why their fathers, their uncles and their parent's friends died.

Although this was the war we were closest to chronologically, it became the war we were furthest from.

Marist College gives us a chance to learn about the war. They offer classes that explain what happened. We are lucky to be learning in the classroom and not the field.

We feel sad when we think about Vietnam, but the sadness goes away. It is a different story for those who lived through it. Vietnam is with them every moment of every day, eating away at them.

They have memories of friends being blown away, and of killing the enemy in hand to hand combat. It's all there and it doesn't take much to bring it all back. Letters from the field reveal the chaos.

"I'm sorry about the stationary, but I've

been in the field for the last nine days and like they don't even give us time to get our stuff together. Things were pretty wild over here for a while there but, like they're starting to cool off a little. "My man Charles" was really raising some hell, even got two of my "partners," but like the next day I got me three gooks with my machine gun. That's the third medal I got so far. They don't really mean anything to me, but like it looks real good on your service record."

This is war. It may turn your stomach and make you feel sick. But it may make you see that finals are not the end of the world.

We're young, for the first time we feel real pressure. Deadlines, tests, what to do after graduation, how to prepare, these are our daily problems. The people who fought in Vietnam were the same age as we are now. Their problems were more severe.

We are preparing for life, they didn't have that option. Their lives were interrupted and permanently altered.

Our country is at peace. We attend college. We can prepare ourselves for our future.

During your holiday vacation think about the people who never had the same chance. Let their experience strengthen your determination to make your life the best it can be.

# Jolly Holidays

## Holidays abroad marked with memories

by Claudine Carpenter

Last Christmas, Donna Jeannette, a senior from Mineola, N.Y., spent three hours standing in a slow-moving line in front of a phone booth that was labeled "America."

Jeannette and three other Marist students were in a train station in Rome, Italy, along with about 100 other American students who were all attempting to call the U.S. to wish their families a "Merry Christmas."

Christmas Eve was also different for Jeannette.

At midnight Mass the night before, Jeannette, wearing a pair of old jeans, sat in a pew at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, listening to the pope's Latin words.

"If my mom had seen me in

those old jeans, she would have cried," Jeannette said, "It was the only pair of clean pants I had."

Jeannette was one of 30 students who took part in the Marist Abroad Program last year. Most of them stayed overseas during the holidays and agreed that although it was rough at times, the opportunity to travel and meet new people was a valuable experience.

Jeannette, who spent her Christmas vacation traveling for five weeks, said she did not want to go home to New York for the holidays.

"It would've been too hard to come back after being home with my family," she said.

Being away from home did not bother Amy Schilling, who spent Christmas in London with her boyfriend who flew in from New

York to see her.

"I didn't miss not being home for Christmas," said Schilling, a senior from Sugar Loaf, N.Y., who studied at Dublin City University in Ireland.

Schilling said that although she was a little short on money during her first Christmas away from home, she and her boyfriend ate at a nice restaurant because they wanted to have a special dinner.

This year, 20 students went abroad according to Cicely Perrotte, program coordinator for the Marist Abroad Program.

"You wonder what brings them (the students) in to ask about the program," Perrotte said. "Some are sure they want to go away, others are just testing the water," she said.

Michael Cornette, a senior from

Staten Island, N.Y., remembered the day he left his family and girlfriend to study at City University in London.

"I was nervous and at the same time curious," Cornette said. "I never really gave it thought, I just did it," he said.

Cornette flew home for Christmas to see his family and friends, but he spent Thanksgiving in his "Champagnat-like dorm". He and 10 other Americans cooked a turkey dinner and invited their English friends to celebrate the American holiday.

Most of the students agreed that meeting new people was the most memorable of their experiences overseas.

"The best thing in England is the people," said Cornette, who spent most of his spare time with four

English students and one from Italy. "You know that they're true friends and you never have to worry about them hurting you," Cornette said.

All of the students agreed it was a bit rough being in another country, basically alone during the holidays, but they all said they had a lot of fun.

"It was great exploring a new city during the Christmas season," said Schilling.

At this time, the Marist Abroad Program is wrapping up their applications for next year. According to Elizabeth Jaycox, the Marist Abroad secretary, they put out 50 applications but they cannot predict how many they will get back.

## City's youth enjoy some holiday cheer

by Julie Cullinane

Children jumped up and down begging Toothpick-the-clown to use his magic to make a snake, dog or giraffe out of red, green and pink balloons.

Toothpick was much obliged and continued to pump them up, while the children waited in heated anticipation for Santa's arrival to the Fireside Lounge Friday afternoon.

Curious as to whether or not Santa was coming, kindergarten and first graders from the Samuel F.B. Morse school in Poughkeepsie milled about from one activity to another, as they eyed a sleigh, lit up with Christmas lights.

"Is that Santa's real sleigh?" whispered one little girl. "Is Santa coming?" asked another child.

Forgetting about Santa Claus for a while, the children gathered around the stage to listen to the Men's Barber Shop sing "White Christmas", and when it was their turn to sing "Jingle Bells", "Rudolph-the-Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty-the-Snowman," the words were belted out.

Then, Christmas stories were read to small groups of children in different corners of the room.

In the middle of one story a child piped up and told the storyteller he really wanted Nintendo. It didn't take much to encourage the rest of the crowd to join in.

"I want a pig," said another boy.

When Santa finally arrived, everyone gathered close to the stage while senior Mike Tella blasted more Christmas tunes in the background.

"Have you all been good boys and girls?" said Santa as he sat in his sleigh.

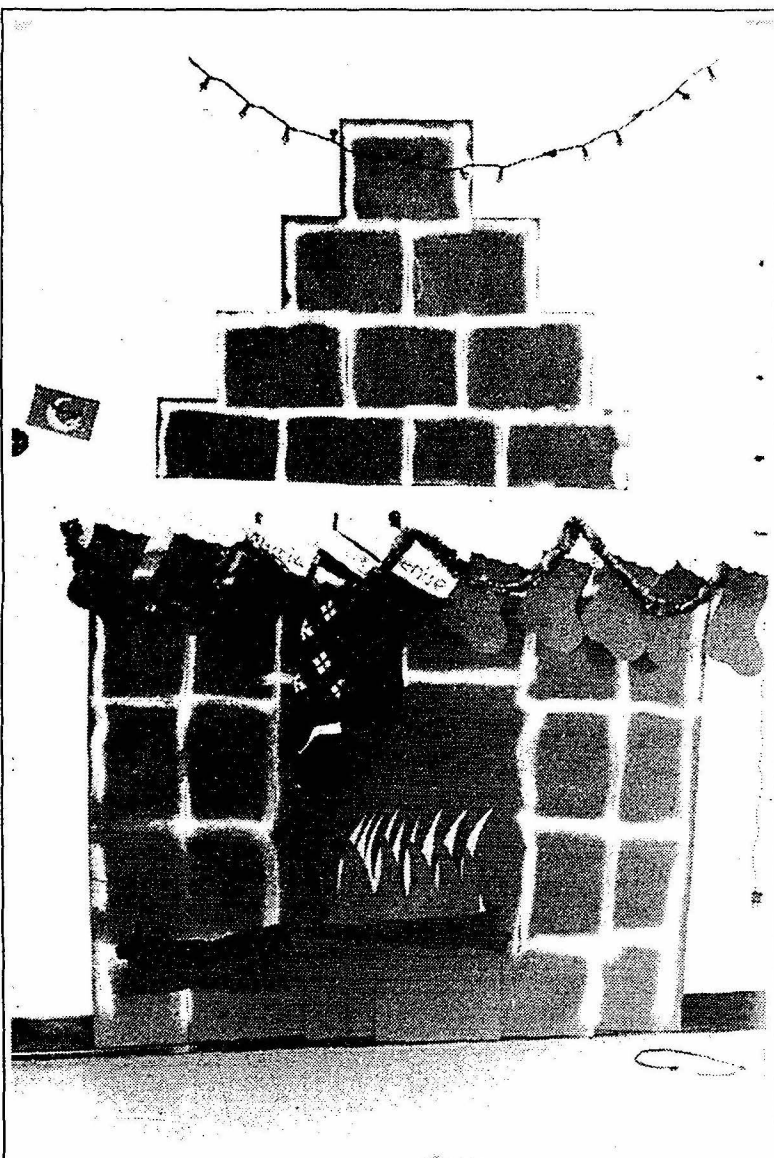
"Yes!" the children screamed.

One little boy giggled and covered his mouth, "I don't think that is the real Santa Claus," he said. "He's probably just a helper."

But whether it was the real Santa Claus or not, no one complained after climbing on the lap of that jolly man in the red suit who was handing out presents.

The party, originally organized by the Commuter Union, was the result of a combined effort of the Psychology Club, the Computer Society, Campus Ministry and the Men's Barber Shop choral group.

"We realized community service was sparking up this semester so we decided to join the trend," said Mike Molloy, president of the Commuter Union.



Circle photo/Lynaire Brust

This fireplace is part of the decorations that won townhouse C7 the Christmas decorating contest sponsored by Housing/Residence Life.

## Cheap holiday ideas help empty pockets

by AnnMarie Caputo

'Tis the season to be giving, except for poor Marist students, struggling to make it through one more week of eating macaroni and cheese, saving their last \$5 for beer night.

"It's a Marist Christmas!" said Lisa Vogt, a freshman psychology major from Staten Island, N.Y., about charging Marist apparel at the bookstore as gifts for the whole family.

The holiday season is a tough one for Marist students trying to survive the demands put upon them during the last few weeks of the semester, in addition to coming up with gift ideas for friends and family.

To begin the search for acceptable holiday gifts, students must learn of what's hot and what's not in Christmas gifts. The trick is to think of cheap gift ideas to guide them successfully through this holiday season.

Richard Platt, a Wappingers Falls resident and general manager of G.Fox in the Poughkeepsie Galleria said, "The hottest merchandise trend this holiday season seems to be the 'Rocking Flowers,' the flowers that dance to music."

According to Elaine Cederbaum, owner of Cedar Luggage, located in the Poughkeepsie Plaza Mall, golf items are selling more than usual due to the growth of the sport.

Other hot Christmas gift items include totes items, particularly the

totes toasts, electronic items — including the updated lava lamps and funky phones, video tapes and nintendo game cartridges. Pre-wrapped cosmetic packages for men and women, hair and clothing accessories and costume jewelry, are also big this year, said local merchants.

"With the new decade, the climate is different for gift giving," said Carmine Porcelli, an Ulster Park resident and director of Marist's fashion department for three years. "Now people are giving more unique, more special gifts."

Porcelli suggests giving books as gifts. In addition to being affordable, they are suitable for both men and women.

"Watches are fashionable and versatile," said Jacqueline Sayegh, a marketing communications associate at Boluva Corporation and former Marist fashion student from Brooklyn, NY. "But you can't go wrong with accessories and costume jewelry, they're useful and affordable."

"Buy a Christmas stocking, write the persons name on it and fill it with little gifts," said Lucy Gentile, a senior from Paramus, NJ. "For an even more affordable idea, buy some decorative tins and fill them with home baked cookies."

Secret santa is always a favorite with groups of friends, house mates and dorm mates. Each person picks a name out of a hat and buys a gift for that person. It is affordable and everyone receives something.

## A few verses about old holiday favorites

'Tis the season to be jolly,  
Mistletoe, eggnog and holly,  
So let's take time to remember,  
The tales we tell each December.  
Hark! The Herald, Angels sing,  
He's ready to jump, doesn't feel  
like a king,

Yes, times do get tough, and full  
of strife,  
But, gosh, Mr. Stewart "It's A  
Wonderful Life!"

He wants a new gun, a Red  
Rider, in fact,  
But first to convince Mom,  
somehow, with tact,  
Now in the Christmas story was  
there ever a doubt,

No Ralphie boy, "you'll shoot  
your eye out."  
Away in the manger, a new baby  
does live,

But what does he do, he's got  
nothing to give,  
Well there's always your music  
instead of a toy,

So "Now I play for you," said  
the Little Drummer Boy.



Ed McGarry

It's  
a  
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known  
fact  
that ...

A boy to be born to a virgin,  
named Mary,

While Joseph did wonder, being  
tired and weary,  
Then down came Gabriel, who  
said to behold,

The "Greatest Story Ever  
Told."

Then there was that ghost of  
Christmas future, present and past,  
Who tried to show a man that his  
greediness couldn't last,

Finally Scrooge realized, and  
before it was done,

Merry Christmas to all, and  
"God Bless Us, Everyone."

Don't forget the reindeer who  
was called lots of names,

And couldn't play in all those  
reindeer games,

But then came a Christmas when  
it was foggy at night,

And Rudolph's red nose became  
the guiding light.

The Grinch tried to steal  
Christmas, one dreadful year,

He took all of the presents, but  
failed with the cheer,

Because the true meaning of  
Christmas, they all knew,

Everyone from Whoville, even  
Cindy Lou Who.

Then the true spirit of  
Christmas, did the Grinch realize,

And his heart proceeded to  
grow, three times it's size.

Now, he's Mr. Heat Miser, with  
Mr. Cold,

Santa is sick, they were both  
told,

So she got him healthy, did Mrs.  
S, the boss,

And we didn't have to see, the  
"Year Without A Santa Claus."

Now there is one question, I'd  
like to know,

'Cause not knowing the answer  
bothers me so.

So please tell me the answer,  
then I won't have to squawk,

What was the show where the  
animals talk?

Well I hope you've enjoyed this  
poem of the season,

For not liking these shows would  
surely be treason.

But you better not cry, and you  
better not pout,

And take time to remember,  
what Christmas is all about.

My best wishes to you, may your  
holiday be right,

"Merry Christmas to all, and to  
all a good night!"

Ed McGarry is The Circle's  
entertainment columnist.

## Students speak

They are satisfied with the academics, and they like their classmates; they are disappointed with the Library and hate the food.

Students told the administration what they think about 83 college functions, and the results, while not too surprising, are still noteworthy.

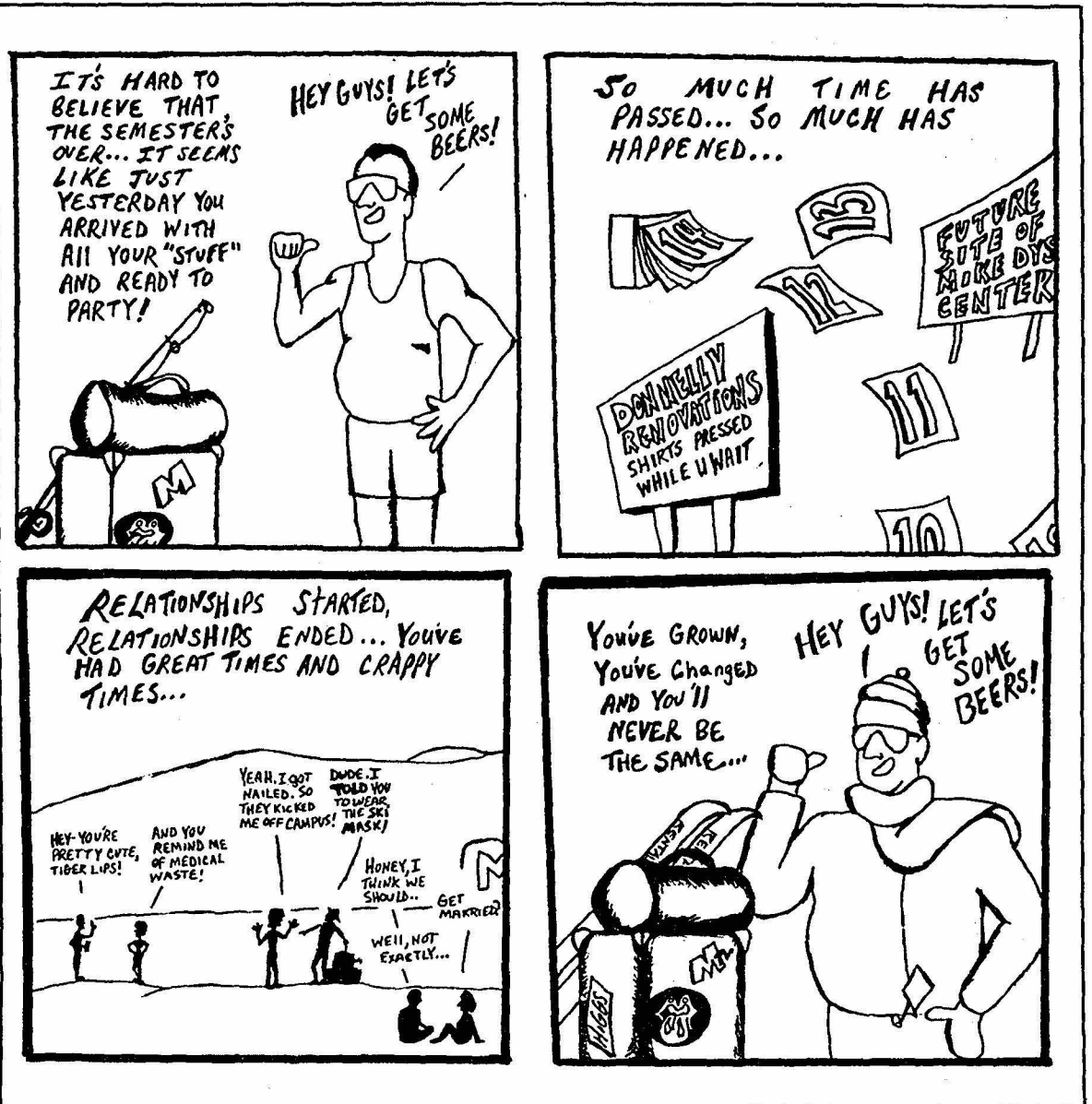
Last semester's registration survey, the results of which were published last week, was the first time the administration conducted such a comprehensive experiment to measure student opinion. Prior to this survey, which Executive Vice President Mark Sullivan says will be conducted annually, the course evaluations were the only tabulated student opinions of the college's performance.

The survey was successful in isolating the few areas most in need of improvement: the Library and the food service. Negative reactions to some categories caused department meetings to work on solutions. It will be important to monitor these proceedings in the coming months to determine the effectiveness of the survey.

Apart from the formality of students telling the administration many of the things it knew all along, the results told Marist students something about themselves. They are overwhelmingly satisfied with the college's academics, and they think highly of themselves inside and outside the classroom. They're generally satisfied with the social life of the school.

We're just a happy-go-lucky bunch, aren't we? Not entirely. The survey dodged some of the most inflammatory issues facing Marist students, particularly the drinking policy. Moreover, the generally positive approval ratings must not let us grow complacent about improving academics.

But college administrators, in this good-faith effort, have been reasonably attentive to student concerns, and the student body has demonstrated cooperation in return.



## Letters to The Circle

### Drinking policy

Editor:

I'd like to offer a perspective on Marist which I think many of the freshmen share.

First, there is no doubt that the policies here are too strict. The alcohol policy that the school enforces on the students is detrimental to the college experience. Sure, the legal age for consumption of alcohol is 21, but the administration should change the current rule to a closed-door policy.

Since the college can't completely abolish drinking, they should work with the students to come to some sort of fair policy. College is a learning institution, but at the same time students should be allowed to have a certain degree of fun.

If you take away from one of these factors, the whole college experience is for naught.

Thomas Torrillo

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## Remembering the politics that shaped the 1980s

'Tis the season for holiday shopping, late night study sessions, eggnog, New Year's resolutions and large credit card bills.

'Tis also the season for harried political columnists who have used up a decade's worth of ideas to don their historian caps and give us the definitive version of what it all meant.

'Tis not for me to break with tradition.

Of course, most columnists go for a serious look. I, however, am going to finally let go of the one-liners that have been building up for 10 years. Besides, 'tis the season to be jolly.

If the '70s are remembered as the "me" decade, then the '80s will have to go down in history as the "my" decade, as in my 3 BMWs, my \$14 million painting and my leveraged buyout.

In fact, the unbridled greed of the decade may have been best summed up by inside trader Ivan Boesky who read "Whoever dies with the most money, wins."

Of course, Boesky got his. He's serving a three-year sentence at Lompoc Federal Country Club... I mean, Prison.

But the decade was not quite so kind to some others, especially John Treen. You may not remember his name, but in 1988, Treen ran for the Louisiana Legislature against a man named David Duke.

To make a long story short, Treen's opponent was a former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. Treen had the backing of former President Reagan, President Bush and the Republican National Party. He STILL lost the election.

Oh well, maybe next election Treen can get Richard Nixon's support.

Of course, the big political winner in America in the 1980s was none other than Ronald Reagan. Of course, Nancy's astrologer knew it all along.

On the international scene,



Paul O'Sullivan

### Thinking between the lines

though, Reagan's success pales in comparison to that of Mikhail Gorbachev's, whose ascension to the leadership of the Soviet Union disproved forever the theory that the Politburo selects its leaders by holding a Lerch look-alike contest.

Dan Quayle proved once and for all that anyone can be vice president, no matter what his handicap.

Golf — I'm talking about golf.

In the 1980s we said goodbye to some old friends: Ayatollah Khomeini, Ferdinand Marcos, Yuri Andropov, Constantin Chernenko.

Gee the Washington D.C. Hallmark store must be fresh out of sympathy cards.

Religion was all the rage in the 1980s; it seemed you just weren't anyone if you didn't have a ministry in those days.

One of the best preachers of the decade was Oral Roberts who told his followers that God said He would take Oral from the earth unless he raised millions of dollars for his ministry.

Instead of raising the money, Oral should have found himself a new parish. Where I go to confes-

sion 10 Hail Mary's is usually the max that I have to do. If someone told me I had to raise millions of dollars for my religion, I'd convert.

Of course, no mention of religion in the '80s would be complete without dropping the names of Jim Bakker and Jimmy Swagert, two men whose literal interpretations of the Bible led them to love their neighbor just a little too much.

Nobody ever gave Lyndon LaRouche any credit, so in the '80s he decided to skim some off the top of a few Visa bills. That's one way to get around the campaign financing laws, I guess.

In fact, the '80s will probably go down in history as the decade of the scandal. Gary Hart, Jim Wright, Barney Frank, Ed Meese, Lyn Nofziger, Oliver North, Mario Biaggi, Douglas Ginsburg, John Tower, Wade Boggs, Steve Garvey, Richard Secord, John Poindexter... maybe I should list the people who weren't involved in scandals; after all, the cartoon is four frames this week, so I have a limited amount of space.

But in all seriousness, the '80s should be remembered less for the scandals that took place and more for the great hope that opened up when the Berlin Wall came down.

In the 1990s there is much work to be done.

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## Telling the future with a cloudy crystal ball

'Twas the week before finals and all were confused, coffee and papers kept us amused.

Bah, humbug is the battle cry here. It's the final Christmas break of my college career.

Papers and exams just keep mounting. It's getting so big I can't keep counting.

Enough of this gibberish, stop the rhyme; let's get to the facts while I still have time.

Refusing to believe that this semester is over, I have found myself confronted with a mound of delicious work to bite into.

I find this very disheartening as I was under the impression that all seniors were exempt from finals and the rigors of strenuous study.

The other day I took a walk down into the bowels of the underworld and retrieved the trusty, old crystal ball for my end of the year

clearance sale and predictions for the upcoming decade:

By the time the University of Miami wins the national championship, on January 2, a new decade will indeed be well under way.

My beloved Dallas Cowboys regain control of the moniker, "America's Team."

Jimmy Johnson starts bald and starts wearing a fedora, eerily reminiscent of his predecessor Tom Landry.

Fans become incensed at his audacity, but soften when he wins five Super Bowls.

Marist goes through a major growth spurt as well. With its name ever larger on the European scene, expanding into Uganda and China to boot, they assemble one of the biggest, most intimidating lineups in the history of the game.

The only problem though, is that



A day in the life

Wes Zahnke

none of them can speak English, which results in the hiring of 15 separate translators, one of which has a nasty habit of pulling his shoe off during the game and beating an official over the head.

A subsequent NCAA probe finds that the shoe was actually giving money and other illegal inducements to players. The shoe is given the death penalty and is hung

in effigy on campus soon after.

The Dyson Center is completed in the winter of 1997, just in time to see Marist East turned into a Crazy Al's Deep River Discount.

Dyson engineers are baffled by the strange black liquid that holds steady at ankle level for months. It's found to be oil, which changes things dramatically on the campus.

President Murray sees the potential here, and sets his sights for the big boys, Sunoco and Exxon. He goes on a power trip and is mysteriously shot one night while alone in his office drooling over budget reports and profit sheets.

The Circle runs an on going series of, "Who shot D.M. surveys," on the front page. It's the biggest thing to hit the campus since Rik Smits.

Incidentally, Rik becomes the most intimidating center in the

NBA, with the exception of Kareem, who is back on the comeback trail.

President Murray lives and vows to regain control of the Marist Empire he built up. He gets in a bitter power struggle with Rudy Bougarel, who has become the interim president.

Giving up hope for the NBA, the seven footer from Paris has entered the political arena with the slogan, "What the hell, vote Bougarel."

So as we leave the eighties and head into the unknown, unpredictable 90's, just remember this: It's not whether you win or lose, it's what you drink after the game that counts.

Wes Zahnke is The Circle's humor columnist.

## Ireland's future at stake as Europe comes together

Just imagine — ignoring the laws of nature for a minute — that we could drag this little island some 5,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean to the east coast of the United States and connect the two countries via bridges to Cape Cod and Long Island.

After all, lots of Americans have family connections in Ireland, the Irish are always talking about friends and relatives in the states, and New York City and Boston have two of the largest Irish populations.

Sure, instead of a summer house in Hyannisport or the Hamprons, people could drive out to the lakes of Killarney or the Ring of Kerry. Then the benefits of Ireland's rich landscape, the taste of a well-pulled pint of Guinness and the hospitality of country folk would be conveniently close by.

Yeah...everyone would...nah...forget it. Donald Trump would probably end up building some development extravaganza in County Derry, the IRA would hijack the Trump Shuttle and Margaret Thatcher would have a serious fit.

The European Community wouldn't be too happy, either. Ireland regains the presidency of the EC 12 for six months in January 1990 for the fourth time since it became a member. It comes at a crucial time on the road to 1992, and Ireland's Taoiseach (president), Charles Haughey, has his work cut out for him.

The state of affairs in Europe is at its climax now. The next six months may prove to be the most exiting months Europe has ever seen. There are more changes and reformations occurring than anyone ever expected — in the West as well as the East. It seems everything is unravelling at once. Ironically, the only "barriers" that seem to stand strong are the ones that still exist in Northern Ireland.

Last week 21 people were hurt when a 500-pound bomb in a van blasted shops and offices in the center of Lisburn. Before that, a 49-year-old man in Derriagh was shot through the glass door of his home and killed while his wife and daughter were in the house.

There have also been 155 "punishment" shootings — like blasting kneecaps — in the North so far this year, carried out by loyalists and republicans for "anti-social behaviour." These are only a few of the many violent acts in the North recently.

For a country as small as Ireland, the taking on of the EC presidency will be a great strain — financially and politically. The in-



Dateline: Dublin

Ilse Martin

terests of certain governments, England especially, are threatening to frustrate and possibly delay the single market plan.

Also, the challenge of molding a longer-term response to the happenings in Eastern Europe lies ahead. They will be tests of Ireland's strength and leadership abilities.

In addition, Ireland's presidency agenda calls for advancement towards the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), proposals to liberalize air transport, freedom of movement within the Community's 12 member countries, and the EC response to events in the Middle East, South Africa and Central America as well. The country's neutrality may prove beneficial here.

Meanwhile, Ireland is grappling with problems within her own borders. The government is discussing and planning a much-needed environmental protection agency. It is long overdue. While the landscape of the country in the west and south is somewhat well cultivated and preserved, major cities are having pollution problems.

Coal-burning, petrol fumes and industrial waste in Dublin has created a smog so noxious and unsafe over the past month, the government has warned people against excessive outdoor activity. But the colder it gets, the more coal is burned in residential areas. The government desperately needs a policy to help this problem.

The government is also looking to improve the country's transportation system. They have asked the Community for funds to revamp the Dublin-Belfast railway lines, which have been bombed a number of times over the past few years. Also on the agenda are plans to help lower unemployment, as well as emigration. Collectively, they are enormous tasks.

Let's hope that Ireland is strong enough to carry out her duties as EC President, without neglecting the needs of the country itself. If her strength holds, she can rest easy for awhile.

Ilse Martin is The Circle's overseas correspondent.

## A few surprises in store for the world of music in the '90s

'Tis the last season of the eighties.

I know this because MTV has been running an "Eighties Retrospect" thing for the past three months. I know this because Life magazine has us looking back at the decade that was, but isn't yet finished. I know this because books have already been written about the eighties. We've got about two weeks left, but for all intents and purposes the eighties are over.

Big deal. Trying to come up with a few cogent observations concerning the role of pop music in the eighties is like trying to teach your dog to walk backwards. Sure it can be done, but what's the point?

Besides, every rock magazine has already done a retrospective and we sure don't need another one. But no one seems to be addressing a more difficult and highly speculative issue — the role of rock music in the nineties.

I have seen the future of popular music. Not that I'm a modern-day Nostradamus, or even a poor man's Jeanne Dixon, but I've been meditating for several months waiting for these visions to appear. I spent a week in a psychiatric ward after one particularly gruesome vision of a Tammy Fay Bakker operetta, but I'm okay now.

Let's talk about trends. What will continue, and what will die out? Two of the eighties trendiest styles, rap and "light" metal, will enjoy increased popularity in the early nineties but die a slow death by 1994. There is one major reason for this: there are simply too many rappers and aluminum rockers out there.

Rap as a musical style is severely limited and the lack of



In your ear

Kieran Fagan

diversity among rappers is going to be its downfall. As for light metal (same as regular metal but half the calories), it will suffocate on its own mediocrity and will never be able to recover from the breakup of Bon Jovi in early 1993. Wishful thinking... or eery prophecy? I guess we'll see.

Considered by many to be the Band of the Eighties, U2 will continue their search for the musical roots they never had. This began with 1988's "Rattle and Hum," where they played the role of Motown wannabes. Not satisfied with this derivative success, Bono and the boys will go on to try the big band sound, Gregorian chants, Tibetan pipe music, and an all-kazoo orchestra. But their only chart-topper in 1991 will be a collaboration with Zamfir, the master of the pan flute. By the mid-nineties they'll go back to the originality they were once known for.

Folk rock is going to be big (again) and bands not known for their quieter moods will be junking their electric guitars for acoustic ones. Guns 'n' Roses started this with their studio tracks on their "Lies" album and soon found themselves playing on records with Peter, Paul and Mary. This will end in bitter court battles over Axl Rose's insistence on kicking Peter out of the band and calling it "Axl, Paul, Mary 'n'

Roses.

Other notables in the folk world will include Indigo Girls, Wendy Wall, Washington Squares, and New Bohemians (they just might give Edie Brickell the boot). What we won't see is the sixties nostalgia that polluted the eighties. The folk revival isn't going to be a revival at all, but a new era in popular music. While the sounds might hark back to the earlier folk era, the music is going to have a thoroughly nineties sensibility (whatever THAT means), not to mention slicker production.

As 1989 churns slowly to a halt, popular music is experiencing a period of change. The amount of diversity in music today bodes well for the nineties. When we turn on the radio we'll be hearing more than just Madonna and Young MC. Barriers will be broken down and people will be exposed to more types of music than ever before. Hard rock, synthesized beats, reggae, rockabilly, punk, funk, rap and hip-hop — they'll all find their place.

I have seen the future of popular music. I just can't wait to hear it.

END NOTES: As I write this, my ears are still ringing from the Alarm concert at the Chance Sunday night. I was too tired to enjoy it to its fullest, but it was still a fantastic show. They're going to be at the Ritz in NYC tonight. Do see them if you get the opportunity, you won't be disappointed. They even played Neil Young's "Rockin' in the Free World." Talk about unexpected...

Kieran Fagan is The Circle's music columnist

## Letters

### Drunken driving

Editor:

Students of Marist College, you have plans for your life; goals to reach; a brilliant future.

So did Linda Lancaster, a doctoral candidate at the University of Maine at Orono. On February 18, 1989, the drunken driver of a pickup truck struck her down as she and a classmate walked along a sidewalk in the campus communi-

ty. Linda died three hours later.

All her goals and plans for the future were wiped out in one senseless moment of drunken violence — a violence our legislatures have yet to recognize as murder — and our courts of law waiver over justice for the victim.

You have plans for your life, but take a moment as you walk across campus to ponder your chances of becoming the random victim of a drunken driver. We all carry the same risk, as did Linda. But with your help we can and must keep

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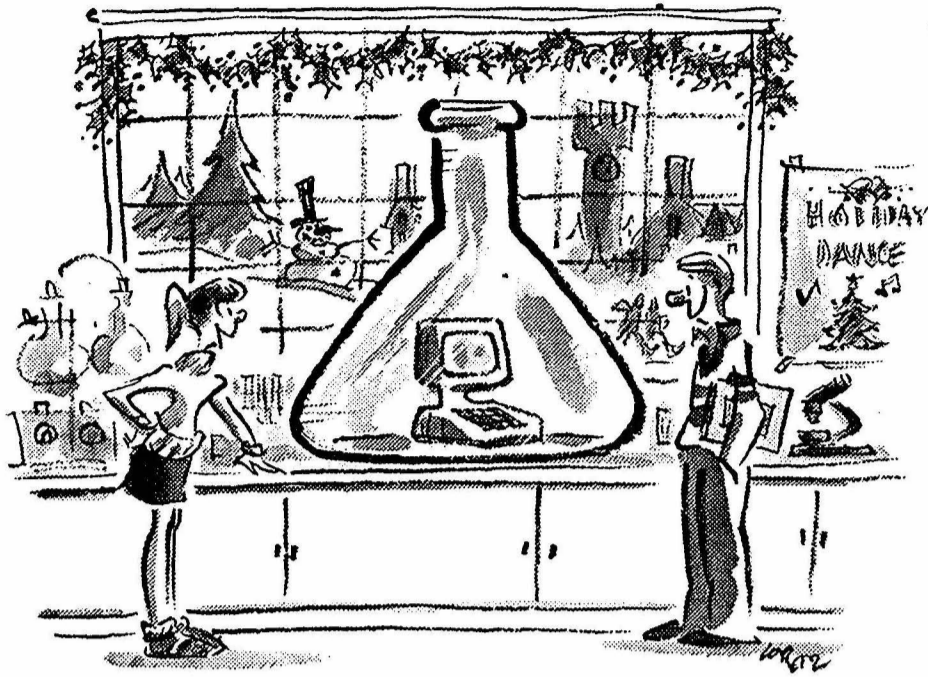
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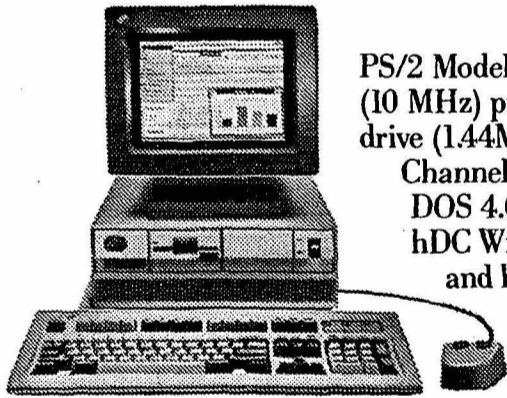
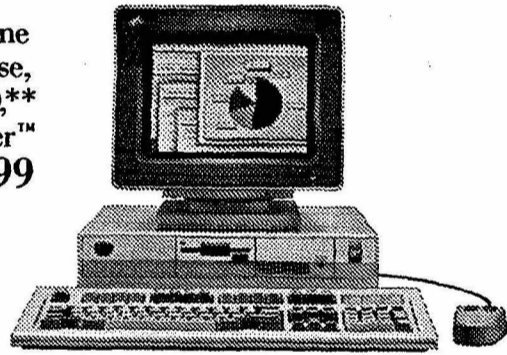
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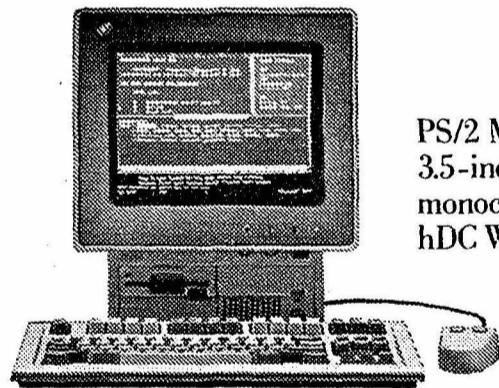


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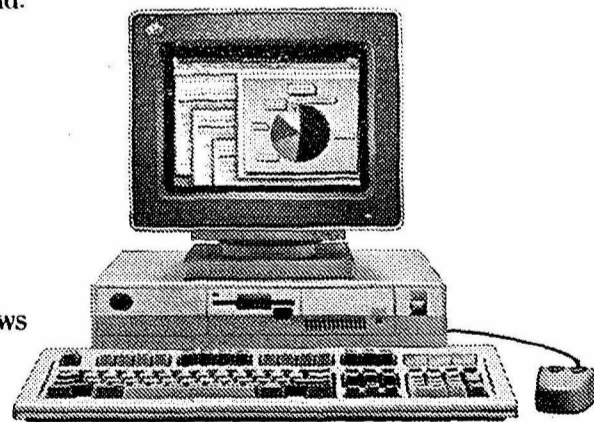


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## Briefs

### Post Office reviewed as students complain

by Kelly Woods

Changes made in the campus post office schedule in September have resulted in student complaints and demands for explanations from college officials, who say issue lies in a shortage of staff members.

The changes made in the beginning of the fall semester included a decrease in working hours, cutting 30 minutes, and adding a 45 minute lunch break.

Student complaints prompted Kevin Desmond, president of student government, to send a letter of inquiry to Postal Director Raymond Lane, his immediate supervisor, Carl Gerberich and Gerard Cox, dean of student affairs.

The letter asked why there was a decrease in hours when the volume of work has increased. In the past, the post office hours were from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but are now 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., plus the lunch break.

Although Cox has been the only one to respond to the letter, Lane said he has also written a response but has not yet typed it up and sent it to the president of the student government.

Gerberich, vice president of the information center and supervisor of the post office, said he has not yet responded because he did not have a concrete answer to the problem.

Gerberich said he has been re-evaluating the current situation and said the main problem is that the post office is short on full-time employees.

"We have started looking for more full-time staff members and project that the post office will be open all day before spring break," said Gerberich. "But I can't make any promises."

The post office staff currently comprises of three part-time employees, a manager, a supervisor and a driver. Approximately 16 part-time students workers put in an average of 8 to 10 hours a week.

One full-time office staff member said she works from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and needs a lunch break.

"I hear students complain, but every other college has a lunch hour and on some days we need that time to catch up on work because we get so much mail," said the four-year staff member.

Desmond said he is going to make available customer complaint forms, like those in federal post offices, for students and various offices around campus.

### A lifting Iron Curtain to open for students

by Ed McGarry

The Soviet Union and the rest of Eastern Europe is currently in a period of radical change, with "Glasnost" and "Perestroika" being the key words of the day. In March, about 60 Marist College students and faculty members will be able to experience these historic changes firsthand.

Marist is offering a 10-day trip to the Soviet Union over Spring Break, March 9-18. This is the sixth time students and faculty will go behind the Iron Curtain.

The trip, which will be escorted by Dr. Casimir Norkeliunas, professor of Russian Studies is open to all Marist students and faculty and is required for Russian majors. Russian majors must make at least one trip to the Soviet Union before graduation.

The "Study Abroad Experience," said Norkeliunas, allows students to view various aspects of Soviet culture and society while earning three credits in either art, business, economics or history.

Marist professors John Kelly, Robert Grossman and Virginia Marquardt will join the trip. Each will teach a course in their given field.

According to Norkeliunas, special accommodations have been made for the courses in order to enhance the learning experience. The dual business and economics course entitled, "Perestroika - An Economic and Business Perspective," to be taught by Kelly and Grossman.

"There will be a visit to a Soviet factory that is now under new management that will allow students to see the changes that Perestroika has brought," Norkeliunas said.

The course will also include a meeting in Moscow with Soviet representatives involved in industrial and economic planning. The students will be briefed on what is currently happening with the economy, and what the future may hold, Norkeliunas said.

Other topics will include employee training, admissions practices for universities and graduate placement.

These special arrangements are not limited to the business/economics course, however.

The art course entitled "Soviet and Russian Art" includes extra tour time in three different museums, including the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad.

The tourist agency gave permission to Marquardt to lecture in one of the museums itself. Permission may also be granted to lecture in Kremlin cathedrals, said Norkeliunas.

"None of this would have been allowed just two years ago," said Norkeliunas.

The tour also includes two performances of music and/or dance at one of Leningrad's leading theaters, a visit to Lithuania and sightseeing in such historic places as the Red Square, Gorky Park, the Lenin Mausoleum and the Novodevichy Monastery.

Norkeliunas said while there is a busy schedule, students and faculty will have time to sightsee on their own.

While things have certainly loosened up since 1969, when Norkeliunas said it was "dangerous to go to the Soviet Union," the criminal code has not changed and everyone is required to be in the hotel by 2 a.m.

The tour will be received in Leningrad by the United States Counselor General for a luncheon reception, at his request, said Norkeliunas.

Norkeliunas said that 58 people have already signed up for the trip costing \$1,500. While the tour has always been popular, Norkeliunas said the expected number of people going on this trip will be the highest yet.

## Personality

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child, I think I am more sensitive to the abuses of authority," he said.

When questioned on the subject, some faculty, staff and students on campus gave some surprising answers to the question of birth order.

Marist president, Dennis J. Murray, fits the first-born description of being a born leader and over-achiever. But, Murray, the oldest of three children, doesn't attribute his success to being the first-born child, even though the first born has more attention and nurturing.

"As the first one in my family to go to college, I had a little pressure and a lot of support," Murray said. "I was the first one to break that barrier, and that was very important."

Murray quipped, "Although, I did suggest to my father that we have a primogeniture (a large sum of money inherited by the first-born)."

Cafeteria moms and real life sisters, Marge Sadowski and Mary Zampko, are the two youngest of nine children.

"My younger sister, Mary, and I were spoiled because we got to do a lot of things the older kids couldn't do," Sadowski said.

"Growing up as the last-born, I think you learn a lot about sharing and caring," said Zampko, who considers herself very sociable.

Father Benedict D'Allesandro, also a last-born (the youngest of three brothers), said being the youngest can be misunderstood — it's not all fun and games.

"I think it was somewhat difficult to live up to the standards they set," he said. "There was a lot of comparison between us, especially at school."

He said his last-born, people-oriented personality is an asset to his vocation. "I'm extremely charming," he jokingly said.

Circle Editor Bill Johnson said

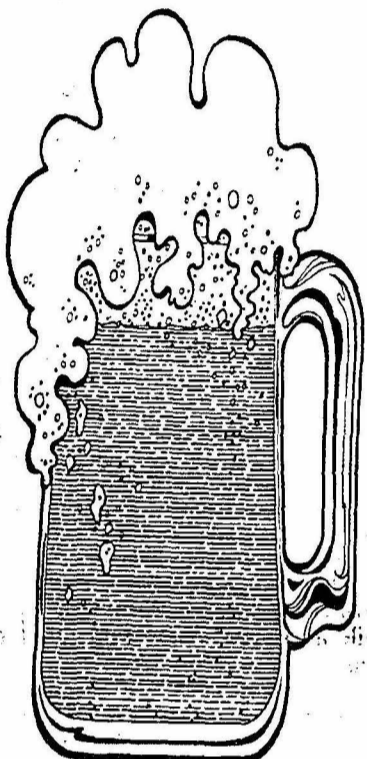
he fits the first-born mold, admitting to being a perfectionist and interested in pursuing a career in broadcast or print journalism. (Remember that first-borns are often found in these jobs because they crave discipline, precision and structure.)

"I want everything to be just right at all times," he said.

Sophomore Class Vice President Jennifer Chandler is also a first-born — a born leader.

Chandler, from Fairfield, Conn., is the oldest of three children. She said she possesses some of the typical characteristics of the first-born. "I'm somewhat serious, but I also like to have a good time," she said.

"I had a hard time growing up because there was a lot of responsibility placed on me to be a role model to my younger siblings," Chandler said. "I am the one who broke my parents in — who were very new at it."



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## Raquetball splits with RPI, Friars

With the largest team that Marist has fielded yet, the raquetball team split a weekend match in Albany.

In its match against Providence College, the Friars won all but one of the women's pairings — going on to win the match 12-7. The Red Foxes came back, however, against RPI — sweeping the women's pairings to defeat the Engineers 12-5.

Against Providence, although the Friars took four of the seven men's singles matches, Marist swept the men's doubles to come away with a 6-4 win for the men's team.

Sean Graham (winning by scores of 11-3 and 11-4), Artie Mochi (11-8, 11-2) and John Mckee (11-8, 11-4) each took their respective best-of-three singles matches.

In the sweeping the men's doubles matches, Graham and Eric Funk teamed up to down Claude Hasopian and Chris Vames 11-7, 11-1. Mochi and Greg Povolney crushed the Friars' Adam Yourell and George Mechi 11-1, 11-3 and Mckee and Joe Feraldi took a close 11-10, 11-8 match from Matt Curtin and Pete Schiller.

The women, however, did not have the same fate as the men against Providence.

Ann Prentiss was the only Red Fox to win — taking her best-of-three match to the third game before winning 11-3, 5-11, 11-4. Three singles and two doubles victories combined with three forfeits by the Red Foxes gave the Friars an 8-1 win in the women's pairings and the 12-7 win overall.

Against RPI, however, the Red Foxes remained in control most of the way after taking control from the start.

The Red Foxes and the Engineers were tied 4-4 following the men's singles but Marist lost just one match the rest of the afternoon enroute to the 12-5 victory.

Prentiss, Jen Teracino and Maria Bove each won their singles matches — Prentiss and Teracino then teamed up for a doubles win.

Graham and Funk took their doubles match after each picked up a win in the singles bracket as did Mochi and Povolney.

## Hockey

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these six weeks do to us," he said. "(When the team returns) they will have none of the momentum and they will probably lose a lot of timing — we'll have to see."

Marist's only loss came in the first game of the season — a 7-4 decision to Wagner College. City of Poughkeepsie police were called in between the second and third periods because of an incident involving three fans at the Civic Center.

Fearing that more arrests would have to be made, police cleared the stands between periods — Marist was leading 4-2 after two periods but gave up five unanswered goals in front of the empty stands.

The Red Foxes will have two days of practice after the break before traveling to face the Setters. Walsh said that the team will have to do all it can in January to stay in shape.

"We've had problems with the layoffs before," he said. "It's up to ourselves — we have to motivate ourselves over the break."

"We have to come out pumped up and have no weak spots." Hradek said that Pace's break will affect his team as well.

"Something like this never helps," he said. "Hockey is a game of continuity and it hurts when everyone has to have this layoff."

Mattice said he is trying to look at the break in an optimistic light, though.

"The way I see it, we've just finished one season," he said. "We've got a whole other season to go."

## Lady cagers looking for crowd support

by Rob Colbert

Cast in the shadows of the Marist men's basketball team, the Lady Red Foxes often find themselves playing in front of empty bleachers.

This is the familiar cry of those who are involved in the women's program at Marist. Though they are predicted to win their division this year, few fans will venture down to the McCann Center to watch the Lady Foxes play their home games.

Unlike the more prestigious men's program the women's program finds it more difficult to draw the large audiences, partially because the women's program has a smaller budget — of which little can be spent on publicity.

Pam Bowden, an assistant coach for the Lady Foxes, says that she feels that a large audience could not only help the team's chances of winning, but that it would also mean a lot to the girls who work so hard during the season.

At two separate contests recently, the men's game drew a crowd of 2,000 while the women's drew about 250.

Many critics of women's basketball claim that the sport isn't as exciting as men's hoop — they feel that the sport is slower, less competitive and key on the idea that many women cannot dunk.

Daniel Galarneau, a junior forward from Troy, N.Y., said that the men's games are much more publicized and hyped up — partially through the media.

She said she believes that the presence of a pep-band, cheerleaders and the support of the Red Fox Club all contribute to the tremendous crowds at the games.

Galarneau added that because the men have been more successful and profitable for the school, the athletic department is willing to allocate funds to their budget.

Galarneau, however doesn't agree that the sport is less competitive or exciting — asserting that there is an equal balance of talent compared to the men and an equally competitive spirit among the women.

## Lady cagers sign recruits

by Chris Shea

It is difficult for Marist women's basketball coach Ken Babineau to look ahead to next year.

With the possibility of a conference title looming for a couple of months, most would prefer to concentrate on the present rather than the future.

However the Lady Red Foxes will be losing several key players to graduation following this season and Babineau needs to replace those spots.

Marist has already signed two recruits who will be eligible to play in the 1990-91 season: Janice Awad from Canada and Cindy Carroll from Pennsylvania.

Awad, a 5-foot-6-inch point guard from Waterloo, Ontario, is a quick athlete with tough defense, according to Babineau.

quick, explosive player."

Awad averaged 15 points, 10 assists and 3.5 rebounds per game last year. She has been the team captain for the Waterloo Collegiate Institute for the past two years and the team's most valuable player for the past four years.

While in high school, Awad earned all-league honors in volleyball and was second in the province of Ontario in the javelin. While at Marist, Awad said she plans to major in either communication arts or education.

Carroll, a 5-foot-10-inch guard from Media, Penn., averaged 11.5 points and seven rebounds a game for her Archbishop Prendergast High School team.

Carroll collected all-league and all-county honors last season in basketball and also competed for the school's cross-country team.

## Basketball

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The championship game started off much like the first-round game against Vermont.

Marist was ahead 25-23 with 5:02 left to play in the first half before they started to get rolling.

Over the next five minutes, though, the Red Foxes outscored Columbia 17-6 to take a 42-29 lead at the midway point.

In the second half, the Lions never got within 10 points of the lead.

Again, the defense and the bench production were keys to victory for the Red Foxes.

"We got great production off the bench — they helped to set the tone," Magarity said. "And again, I think it was the defense that won the game for us."

"They do some real nice things with what they have," said Columbia coach Wally Halas. "The press was outstanding and their bench is so strong. The bench is really their biggest strength."

The Marist reserves contributed 46 points against the Lions. The bench also pulled down 22 of the team's 43 rebounds as Marist out rebounded the Lions 43-38.

Sharpenter pulled down six rebounds to go along with his 14 points.

"Ted is really starting to come into his own," Magarity said. "He is getting the minutes and doing a great job."

Forward Tom Fitzsimons also earned Magarity's praise.

"Tommy did a solid job for us,"

he said. "Along with Henderson and Sharpenter, the three of them played well underneath. They all played real big."

Junior Steve Paterno tallied 14 points, seven rebounds and dished out four assists. Although he scored only six points, Gaut handed out seven assists, hauled down four rebounds and collected three steals enroute to the victory.

Paterno credits the Red Fox offense for the well balanced scoring.

"The motion offense we use creates a lot of different shots for different people — everyone has the chance to score," he said.

Although he said that he never felt comfortable, Magarity was happy with the win.

"We came ready to play," he said. "The tempo was in our favor and we did some really good things — the effort was tremendous."

Gaut and Celestine were named to the all-tournament team from Marist, joining Eric Speaker and Dane Holmes from Columbia and Kevin Roberson from Vermont.

Paterno was voted the tournament's most valuable player.

"I accept this for everyone," he said. "This was just a great team performance for us."

The Red Foxes played Fairfield last night at the McCann Center but results were not available at press time.



Circle photo/Lynaire Brust

Marist guard Andy Lake takes the ball to the basket during Saturday's championship game of the Pepsi-Marist Classic against Columbia. Lake finished the night with 18 points as Marist won the game 82-62.

## Briefs

### Mermen set season records

It is the one thing that has become almost routine for the Marist men's swim team — winning.

In last Saturday's meet against the State University of New York, College at Stony Brook, the Red Foxes came away with a 154-88 victory — highlighted by record-setting performances.

The win was the 20th consecutive dual-meet win for the Red Foxes — ironically, Marist's last loss was to Stony Brook Dec. 12, 1987.

In that meet, Stony Brook topped Marist by nearly 30 points.

After beating Stony Brook this year by close to 70 points, the Red Foxes' record is improved to 5-0.

With a winning time of 2-minutes, 0.88 seconds, Joe Bubel shaved 0.3 seconds off his own school record in the 200-yard individual medley.

Bubel, who came near his record in the 50-yard split twice before during the season, finally broke his previous record of 2:01.10.

Bubel wasn't the only member of the Red Foxes setting records at the meet — Todd Prentice high-lighted the meet with his diving.

Prentice set a personal record in the three-meter diving event — capturing first place with a total of 292.15 points.

The Red Foxes will aim at their 21st in a row Jan. 20 when it meets Division II power Southern Connecticut University. The meet will mark the first meeting between the two schools.

### Ski team named

After struggling through weeks of snow-less weather, the Marist ski team is now ready to hit the slopes.

Following weeks of practice on dry land, the team members were named this past week following tryouts at Windham.

Eric Gardner, Hank Klien, Michael Martin, Brian Goldsborough, George Adams, Dave Meyer, Shawn Nightengale were named to the men's team with Pat Scagnamiglio as the men's alternate.

Named to the women's team were Michelle Gedutis, Amy McCane, Courtney Black, Kasha Mitchell, Diane Rossito, Laura Gallup and Kristen Devine with Laura Cooney named as the alternate.

The ski team will be racing this winter against eight other teams at Magic, Haystack, Killington, Stowe and Maple Mountains in Vermont. The team's first race is Dec. 20.

The choosing of the team itself was a tough job, according to Amy McCane, the secretary of the ski team.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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To Feature Editor Ann Timmons:

Goodbye, Ann, and good luck

We'll miss you!

## Icemen extend winning streak

by Jay Reynolds

The only thing that can stop the Marist hockey team right now is the winter break.

In its game Saturday night, the Red Foxes used a strong performance in the third period to down Pace University 7-3.

The win over the Setters gives Marist its seventh straight win and raises its record to 7-1.

"They played a hell of a game," said Marist coach Bob Mattice. "Everything about this team is really starting to gel."

Ironically, the Red Foxes' next game is after the winter intercession at Pace.

Pace took an early lead in Saturday's game, scoring two goals in the first six minutes. Marist, though, came back on goals by Brendan McDonald and Ed Sherako.

The second period ended with the Red Foxes in front 3-2, but four goals by Marist in the third period

put the game out of reach.

"The first two periods went well," said Pace coach Emil Hradek. "They got a couple of breaks in the third period — but that's how hockey is."

The Red Foxes missed on a break late in the second period as Scott Doyle couldn't convert on a penalty shot with 16 seconds left. The score would have put Marist in front 4-2.

Doyle answered, however, with 2:22 gone in the third period — scoring in front of the net off a pass from Steve Mueller — giving Marist a 4-2 lead.

The Setters answered right back, though.

Just 28 seconds later, Rick Adler brought Pace back to within a goal, scoring on a shot from the left of the net.

Marist defenseman Kevin Walsh said Adler's goal gave the Red Foxes more incentive to win.

"That goal got us more fired up," he said. "They should never



Marist's Steve Mueller prepares to take a shot in Saturday's game at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center. The Red Foxes downed Pace 7-3.

have scored it. It was just a breakdown in the defense — actually it was my fault."

Marist then added goals by Doyle, center Scott Kendall and defenseman Mike Lutolf to seal the win.

Mattice said that because of the position Marist was in going into the third period, the Red Foxes

could not take it easy.

"We really spotted them two goals at the beginning," he said. "In all the games we've played so far, (Marist) has dominated going into the third period. In this one, though, it was a game for two."

"We've had a lot of third-period letdowns and I was a little concerned going into the third — we

Circle photo/Nathan Robinson

couldn't afford a letdown," he said.

Momentum has been the key recently for the Red Foxes and with six weeks until the next game, the game at Pace will be different from last weekend's, Mattice said.

"It will be interesting to see what

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## Cagers take weekend tourney

by Mike O'Farrell

Many people may be surprised that the Red Foxes have jumped out to a 5-1 start.

However, head coach Dave Magarity is not. "This team has exceeded a lot of expectations, but not mine," he said after the winning the championship game of the Pepsi-Marist Classic over Columbia.

The Marist men's basketball team defeated the University of Vermont in the first round last Friday to move into the championship game as the fourth Pepsi-Marist Classic made its return to the McCann Center.

Without a strong inside game or a dominating post player like former Marist standouts Rik Smits or Miro Pecarski, this year's squad relies on its quickness, defensive pressure and great intensity and togetherness to win games.

"Quickness is an edge this year," Magarity said. "Our defense has won ballgames for us and the bench production has been outstanding."

Against Vermont, the Red Foxes used relentless defensive pressure to pull away in the first half before winning 81-58.

Against Columbia, two reserve players led the team in scoring — Andy Lake hit for 18 and Ted Sharpenter contributed 14 points — as Marist defeated the Lions 82-62 to come away with the championship.

Marist scored 163 points in the two games — 80 of those were scored by the reserves.

Against Vermont, the Red Foxes led the Catamounts 17-16 with 8:25 left to play in the first half.

However, the Foxes outscored Vermont 28-11 in the rest of the half to open up a 45-27 lead at the break. Marist never allowed the Catamounts to come within 15 points the rest of the way.

The press of Marist was a key in forcing Vermont to commit 20 turnovers.

"They didn't execute real well," Magarity said. "We were able to capitalize on the turnovers for some easy hoops."

Leading the surge for Marist was Reggie Gaut (16 points), Curtis Celestine (14) and Steve Paterno (11).

Celestine's play was important early in the game as he took the ball strong to the hoop — scoring 10 points in the first half.

"Curtis really helped us early on," Magarity said. "His work in the paint was very effective."

For only the second time this season, Marist outrebounded its opponents. Marist held a 47-38 rebounding edge over the Catamounts.

Celestine pulled down seven rebounds — five offensive. Junior college transfer Rod Henderson hauled in seven rebounds and Tom Fitzsimons added six.

Although Magarity was happy with the performance against Vermont, he said there was room for improvement.

"We can't get over anxious," Magarity said. "There were times when we committed dumb fouls. We need to get beyond that."

Columbia earned its way to the finals after a 69-68 overtime win against Howard University.

Freshman guard Mike Jelinsky hit the second of two free throws in the overtime period to give Lions the win and earn a shot at the title against the Red Foxes.

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## Lack of 'O' for Marist leads to Columbia victory

by Chris Shea

A second half offensive breakdown was the key to the game last Friday as Columbia University defeated the Marist women's basketball team 91-80.

The Lady Red Foxes were outscored 51-38 in the second half — shooting just 38 percent from the field.

"I'm disappointed we lost," said coach Ken Babineau. "Our transition defense was not as good as it needed to be. But I also think it was just a matter of running into a hot-shooting team."

Going into the game Marist faced some serious size mismatches.

"Their front line was all over 6 feet, so we were facing some big players," Babineau said. "The problem got even tougher when our starting center (Ruth Halley) got into early foul trouble so we had to go to a smaller lineup."

Danielle Galarneau led the team in scoring with 16 points. Kim Smith Bey added 14 points, and freshman Charlene Fields contributed 10 points off the bench.

Smith-Bey also pulled down a game high 13 rebounds as the Lady Red Foxes barely outrebounded Columbia 37-36.

"Kim (Smith-Bey) played a super game," Babineau said. "She has been working hard, and the results have been impressive."

The Lady Red Foxes, after trailing by 13, had cut the lead to four points with 2:30 left to play.

However a 3-point shot by Columbia, following a missed Marist free-throw iced the game.

The loss knocks the Lady Red Foxes below .500 to a record of 2-3.

Marist's next game is on the road Dec. 28th against Siena. The Lady Saints recently pulled off an upset in defeating Syracuse University by more than 20 points.

## Sneaking a look at some of Santa's mail

'Tis the season for giving and receiving...

Many people are not aware of this, but the sports department at *The Circle* has some good contacts at the North Pole.

After the seemingly endless discussions with the "jolly one" himself — no, not Wes Zahnke — *The Circle* has persuaded Santa to fax a few of the lists he has received to Poughkeepsie:

Jimmy Jones' letter fell just short of begging — and all he asked for was a winning season for the Dallas Cowboys.

As if baseball and football weren't enough, Bo Jackson has asked for a deadly 3-point shot so he can try the NBA.

Gordie Howe is evidently a little jealous of Wayne Gretzky. Howe has asked for a bottle of "Super Geritol" so he can return to hockey and reclaim the NHL point record.

Gretzky, meanwhile, has wished for a "Wayne knows..." commercial with Bo Jackson and Wayne Newton as two of the celebrities.

There was a strange letter sent to

the North Pole postmarked Cincinnati. It reads: "Dear Santa, my name is Pete Rose. I've been a baaaad boy. If I could have one more shot in baseball, I'd bet I would stay clean."

George Forman's letter asked Santa to give him a fight against Mike Tyson. Come on George — there are some things even elves can't handle.

Mike Tyson's list, on the other hand, has asked for Cindy Brady's book for curing lisps. The champ has also inquired as to whether or not Santa could help him find a good wife.

Robin Givens has asked for George Forman to become single again.

Jean Yawkey and the Boston Red Sox have only one wish on their list: "...could we please have a World Series Championship — our 1918 banner in shipping to fade."

Darryl Strawberry apparently has been sending the same form letter every year: "Dear Santa, I would like to go to sunny California and play baseball in Los Angeles with my good friend, Eric



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Davis. Oh yeah, we'd like to make more money there, too."

Another strange letter appeared with a postmark from Sydney, Australia: "Santa, mate, I miss having my face all over American in television commercials. I haven't had that much fun since I was replaced by a pink bunny playing a drum. I only wish I could have my 'Energizer' gig back — I would never say 'OYE!' again. Sincerely, Jocko.

"P.S. If 'Energizer' doesn't want me, I'll settle for the WWF, mate."

Chicago Bears' coach Mike Ditka has asked for just one more endorsement — anything — he

needs to pay off this month's American Express bill and Dristan, Chunky Soup and McDonald's said they could not advance him the money.

William "The Refrigerator" Perry has asked that someone put him back in the backfield so that he is recognized again. "I'm tired of having to gain weight just to get noticed," he said in his letter.

Staying in the state, Santa has received a letter signed by the entire faculty, staff and students of the University of Illinois. The letter merely asked for one — just one — victory over Michigan in any sport.

George Steinbrenner has asked for just one thing this year — a manager that will last an entire season.

Donald Trump is apparently adopting Steinbrenner's game. He has asked Santa for a couple of professional franchises. "I know the elves don't have much money, so just send the bills to me. Only get me good teams, though."

Michael Jordan, once again, has asked Santa to bring some offensive support to the Windy City.

Although he led the majors with doubles last season, Wade Boggs apparently wants another batting title. "...please, Santa, I don't ask for much. Last year the only thing I asked for was for that woman to get out of my life..."

Meanwhile, Margo Adams is apparently over the Boggs thing. "I want a new sports car, some nice new clothes, a new Persian rug for my penthouse, a year's supply of Perrier (until I ask you again next year)..."

Closer to home, men's basketball coach Dave Magarity has sent a thank-you letter for already granting his wishes — the victories over George Mason and Drexel.

Women's coach Ken Babineau apparently believes his squad can win some games, so all he asked Santa for was some fans.

Editor's note: Santa has informed *The Circle* that all of the wishes listed here are under consideration — except the World Series Championship for the Red Sox. "I'm not God," he said.

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