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Thomas center reopens, but repairs continue

by Mike Grayeb

Marist is working to correct drainage problems around the Lowell Thomas Communications Center after flooding in the basement forced the building's evacuation and emergency closing last Friday.

The latest flooding problem in the center's basement came as a result of rainwater accumulating around and flowing into an electrical pipe outside the center.

The pipe is one of at least three sources of basement flooding since the building's opening last January.

In addition, an underground flow of water running from Fulton Street (near Marist East) to the Benoit parking lot is causing more problems than was anticipated when the building was constructed.

Anthony Tarantino, director of physical plant, estimated the cleanup charges of last week's flood at $1,000 — including labor and materials. The building was reopened on Monday.

Currently, the Greenspan Construction Company is digging a 2-foot deep trench around the back of the building, which is intended to stream the rain water toward sewers in the Benoit parking lot. In addition, the company is digging a 15-foot deep dry well in the ground between the building and Route 9, which will also help channel the water toward the sewers, according to Tarantino, who declined to speculate on costs of the current construction work.

Last Friday, Marist officials evacuated and closed the center at 9 a.m. after security officials found three inches of water on the basement floor and a constant stream of water flowing over the top of an electrical panel, according to the report filed by security personnel.

By 8:45 a.m., Tarantino and Vice President for Academic Affairs Marc vanderHeyden arrived at the scene and "decided to evacuate due to the possibility of explosion," the report read.

Tarantino said workers from Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp., the company that supplies the electrical power to the building, concurred that evacuating and closing the building would be wise.

Tarantino said the water entered the basement through an electrical pipe that runs from above the ground outside the building down to the basement. "The water built up alongside the pipe, got into the pipe and followed the pipe down to the disconnect switch in the basement," he said.

Although the pipe through which the water entered was only a little more than one inch above the ground outside the building, Tarentino said the height was not necessarily a construction error. The pipe was installed according to the architect's specifications, he said.

Tarentino said he had the electrical firm that originally wired the building raise the pipe an additional eight inches to prevent a similar occurence in the future.

Once the building was evacuated

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With new optimism, Cox returns to post after hospitalization

by Rick Hankey

Gerard Cox, vice president and dean for student affairs, leaned back in his desk chair and recalled a comforting moment from his stay at Westchester County Hospital last spring.

"I was prepared for the O.R. and ready to be wheeled in when I was approached by a recent Marist graduate," Cox said. "It was all very vague to me at the time, since drugs had taken effect, but I can remember him repeatedly asking me, 'Dean Cox, what are you doing here?' "

Cox, who had been hospitalized for open heart surgery and on a leave of absence from his post at Marist from late March through the middle of June, said the episode typified how Marist has become an integral part of his life in the last 20 years.

"No matter where you go, the college is with you," said Cox. "It was a very tense and intense period for me but I never felt alone."

The operation and time off have proved beneficial, said Cox, who said he now feels better than he has for a very long time.

"I guess I just didn't realize how bad I felt since I was used to being that way," said Cox. "It's incredible how much better I feel now."

During his leave of absence, Cox's involvement with Marist was very limited.

Cox said that he is currently keeping the same kind of schedule that he kept prior to his leave of absence.

He also commented on how smoothly the Student Affairs Office was run in his absence.

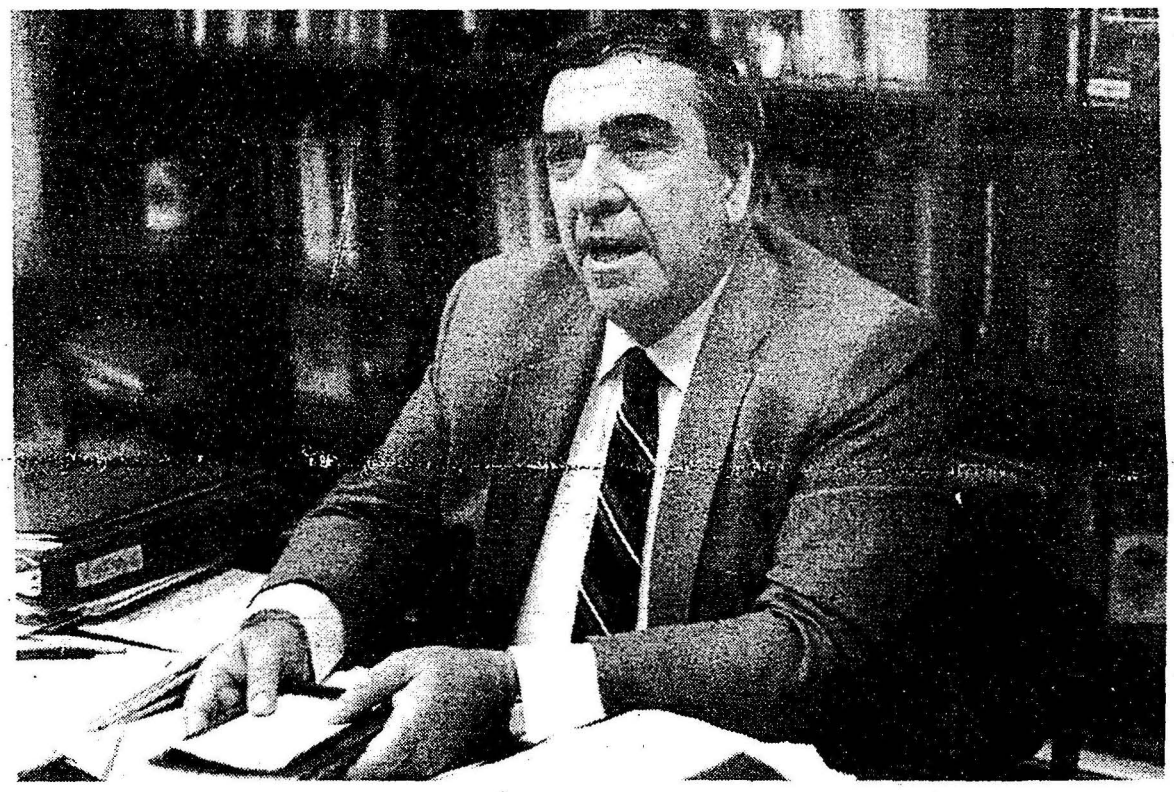
"A lot of credit has to go to the people who took over — Deborah Bell and Peter Amato," said Cox. "Things were really in good shape when I got back."

Cox's leadership and strong spirit were missed during his absence, according to Amato, the assistant dean of students.

"The whole department missed him, but it's great to see him return looking so terrific," said Amato. "He looks healthy, is in great spirit and isn't smoking anymore."

Cox shared this optimistic overview with Amato and said that although the entire situation came very unexpectedly he can look at it as a learning experience.

"It all may end up in a play some day," Cox said.



Vice President Gerard Cox is back on the job after a leave of absence for heart surgery.
(Photo by Tom Rossini)

NCAA appeal date extended

Marist officials have informally asked the NCAA Committee on Infractions to reconsider the penalties it imposed on the college — thereby obtaining an extension of tomorrow's deadline to officially appeal the decision.

According to NCAA regulations, Marist has 15 days after receiving the decision, handed down Sept. 10, to officially announce to the NCAA of plans to appeal. However, the college has telephoned the Committee on Infractions and asked for reconsideration, which extends the deadline, according to Brian Colleary, athletic director.

In terms of officially appealing the decision to the NCAA, Colleary said Marist is still assessing the situation and awaiting the outcome of the committee's reconsideration. If the committee decides not to change the penalties, the college will have the option of appealing to the NCAA — above the Committee on Infractions.

WMCR awaits transmitter, could be broadcasting soon

by Matt Croke

Campus radio station WMCR could be broadcasting "over the air" to the campus and the surrounding area within six to eight weeks, according to Station Manager Derek Simon.

The station, currently heard only through the campus cable system, will begin FM broadcasting as soon as an "exciter" — a low-watt transmitter — arrives at the college and is installed, said Simon.

The exciter, which is about as large as a stereo receiver, will cost nearly $6,000 after it is attatched to a new broadcast antenna which will be placed on the roof of Champagnat Hall, he said.

Funds to cover the costs of the exciter have been obtained from the 1987 budgets of WMCR and the Council of Student Leaders.

Simon placed the purchase order for the exciter last Thursday, he said. He expects the equipment will arrive within six weeks.

Once the exciter is installed, WMCR will be broadcasting at low power — below 10 watts — to avoid regulation by the Federal Communications Commission, he said.

Broadcasting above 10 watts without an FCC license is illegal. And obtaining an FCC license could take years and cost tens of thousands of dollars, according to Paul Delcolle, one of the station's two faculty advisors.

WMCR, also known as "New Rock 92," will continue to broadcast from 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. on weekdays, and from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. on weekends, said Simon.

"Few college radio stations broadcast 24 hours a day. Besides, we need those off hours to maintain the equipment," he said.

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Freshman Tara Parker at work at radio station WMCR, which will soon be broadcasting over the air.
(Photo by Tom Rossini)

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Editor's note: Page Two will list the details of on- and off-campus events, such as lectures, meetings and concerts. Send information to Michael Kinane, c/o The Circle, Box 859, or call 471-6051 after 5 p.m.

Workshops

Roommate Issues: A workshop to discuss the relationships between roommates titled "Within Limits/ Roommate Issues" will be at 7 p.m. today in the Stone Lounge in Leo Hall.

Entertainment

Foreign Films: Two foreign films will be shown this week in Donnelly 245. Thursday and Friday night "Les Parapluies de Cherbourg" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. "La Folie des Granduers" will be shown on Saturday and Sunday 7:30 p.m.

Musicians: The College Union Board is sponsoring a show by musicians Kim and Reggie Harris at 9:30 p.m. today in the River Room. Admission is $1.

Lippizan Stallions: Tonight is the final night to see the Royal Lippizan Stallions in a performance at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center. The trained horses take the stage at 8 p.m. For more information call the Civic Center at 473-2072.

"The Big Chill": CUB is sponsoring the film "The Big Chill" on Friday and Sunday nights. The Friday showing is at 7:30 p.m. The showings on Sunday will be at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Admission for these shows is $1. A special presentation of the film sponsored by the Housing Office will be held outside on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Disco: The Office of Student Affairs is sponsoring "Dance, Dance, Dance" in the River Room tomorrow at 9 p.m. Admission is free.

Welcome Back: The Black Student Union is hosting a "Welcome Back Party" tomorrow at 9 p.m.in the Fireside Lounge.

Magician: Magician Bob Garner will perform Saturday night in the Stone Lounge. The performance, sponsored by CUB, begins at 9:30 p.m. Admission is $1.

Circus: The Zoppe Circus Europa will be performing at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie on Saturday at 8 p.m. For more information call 473-2072.

Orchestra of Vienna: On Tuesday, the Ponkuenstler Orchestra of Vienna will perform at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House. The performance begins at 8 p.m. For more information call 473-2072.

Heavy Metal: Grim Reaper, Halloween and Armored Saint will perform on a triple-bill concert next Thursday night at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information call the Civic Center at 454-5800.

Peter, Paul and Mary: On Thursday, Oct. 8, Peter, Paul and Mary will be in concert at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center. For ticket information, call the Civic Center.

Sports

Cross Country: The men's and women's cross country teams will travel to King's College on Saturday for a 9 a.m. meet.

Football: The Red Foxes travel to St. John's University Saturday to play the Redmen at 1 p.m.

Soccer: The Marist soccer team will host the St. John's Redmen Saturday at Leonidoff Field at 1:30 p.m.

Tennis: On Monday, the women's tennis team will be at Western Connecticut to play a 4 p.m. match. The men's tennis team will be in Albany for the ECAC Open Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Volleyball: The Marist volleyball team will host Siena today at 7 p.m. in McCann Center.

North not our hero, say Marist students

by Ken Foye

As he told his side of the Iran-contra story to Congress this summer, Oliver North was hailed as a hero by many people across the nation.

But members of the Marist community interviewed last week saw the key figure in the Iran-contra case unfavorably.

Lt. Col. North, a former National Security Council aide, received national attention in July when he testified before the Congressional committee handling the Iran-contra case.

North oversaw an operation begun in 1984 involving the trading of arms to Iran for money and hostages being held in the Middle East. The money from the arms deal was to be used to aid anti-government forces in Nicaragua.

Juniors Alice Chahbazian of Oyster Bay, N.Y., and Mercinth Brown of Queens, N.Y., agreed that the media influenced the public's opinion of North.

"It's easy to fool the American people," said Brown, a political science major. "I didn't appreciate him (North). I wouldn't want him to be a role model for my children."

"It's kind of ridiculous that people think he's a hero," said Chahbazian.

North has admitted to shredding documents concerning the Iran-contra case and to misleading Congress when he was questioned about the case last year.

Others interviewed felt that North was not a hero, but was only following the orders of his superiors.

Vernon Vavrina, professor of political science, said that there must be a distinction between North's goals and his means of achieving those goals.

"A lot of people that support him are no friends of communism, are aware of the liberties lost in a totalitarian state, and they don't want to see that near our shores (in Nicaragua)," said Vavrina.

But Vavrina added that North's methods in trying to aid the contras were wrong, and that North should not have acted without Congress' approval.

Lowell

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and the power disconnected, maintenance workers, two mechanics, a plumber and an electrician worked for approximately eight hours to clean up the flood.

In addition, Tarantino said he had maintenance personnel pumping out the 20-foot deep manhole in the Benoit parking lot on Friday in an effort to clean out the water and dirt that had gathered in it.

"That's why you saw a lot of water in the Benoit parking lot," he said. "We had to get (the water) out of that manhole faster than it was going in."

Water levels in the parking lot rose as high as three feet by Friday night, as residents attempted to push their flooded cars out of the area.

Initially, the land surrounding the building was sloping toward the center, causing water to collect and enter at the foundation. The problem was corrected by adding additional soil and regrading the area so the soil to higher levels, Tarantino said.

"Now we are finding the volume of water is greater than we anticipated and we have to find additional sources to dispose of it," he said.

IBM COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM

IBM will be on campus Monday, September 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Donnelly Hall. IBM will be accepting applications at that time for supplemental work at either the East Fishkill or Poughkeepsie site, and will be discussing these opportunities. The positions are in Manufacturing and Materials Distribution areas, and pay $6.125 per hour.

These positions will be open from September, 1987 to May, 1988. The hours of work are flexible, and an effort will be made to accommodate academic schedules. We are looking for people who are available 4 hours per day, 5 days per week.

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Gov. Mario Cuomo during his Poughkeepsie visit last week.
(Photo by Tom Rossini)

Governor takes time out to address local issues

by Maureen McGuinness

Governor Mario Cuomo last week extended his planned two-hour visit to Poughkeepsie to four hours after he found himself involved in an impromteu question-and-answer period with local residents.

Cuomo, who came to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, which was ratified by New York in Poughkeepsie, addressed the concerns of some of the more than 200 people who gathered outside the YMCA building.

A neatly dressed Poughkeepsie woman caught Cuomo's eye by holding up a piece of loose-leaf paper that read "Help the Homeless."

When Cuomo saw the sign, he asked the woman to show it to the crowd, and then he listened as she told her story.

The woman, Sharon Paganelli, said she is unable to enroll her daughter in school because they are living in Gannett House, a temporary shelter for the homeless in Poughkeepsie.

"My daughter is 9 years old and can't go to school because I don't have a home," Paganelli said. "School authorities told me Gannett House isn't a permanent residence, so she can't go to school."

Cuomo took her name and said he would look into the matter.

Even before Paganelli approached the microphone, Cuomo spoke about the plight of the homeless in his opening remarks at the open forum he called "Vox Populi," or "Voice of the People."

"People who have no place to sleep — they're not all addicts. Some of them are mothers with children," he said.

Throughout his visit, Cuomo took names of people who expressed concern over particular issues.

Some of the topics Cuomo addressed were: water conservation, preservation of the Hudson River and valley, bridge and highway maintenance, hospital reimbursement, child abuse and garbage recycling.

When asked if he had any plans to control New York City's use of the Hudson River as a water supply, Cuomo said he would like to have water meters installed to measure consumption, but he faces opposition because people don't want to be charged for water.

"This is not a resource you can produce," Cuomo said. "You put a meter on water and see how people conserve!"

Cuomo addressed child day-care problems after a Highland woman asked about the possibility of tax credits for businesses and non-profit organizations that run day-care centers.

"The argument if this is good for the child is over," Cuomo said. "We don't know, that is not the issue."

Cuomo was given several T-shirts, baseballs, baseball caps, a copy of the Constitution and a Hudson Valley apple.

Denying continued speculation about his White House ambitions, Cuomo said he would not run for president.

"When you find a place like New York state, why would you leave for a place like Washington? I like it here, I'm not going anywhere," Cuomo said.

Sophomore seeks unity as new CSL leader

by Joseph O'Brien

While many Marist students spent the summer at the beach, interning, or at home working, one student remained at school to prepare for his new position.

Jeff Ferony, a sophomore from Marlborough, Conn., spent his summer at Marist working in the College Activities Office to prepare for the office of president of the student body.

"I stayed up here this summer because I needed the experience to learn about student government and how it's coordinated with the administration," he said.

Ferony was elected to the office last spring in an unopposed election.

Traditionally the office of student body president has gone to a junior. But Ferony said the summer helped him compensate for his lack of time at Marist.

After a summer to contemplate his plans, Ferony said he looks forward to accomplishing a lot this year.

"We want to pull it together so we have a fully organized body of government," he said. "We want the students to feel they can approach us with any problems they might have."

Although Ferony is excited about his position he said he didn't originally want to run for the office of student body president. He had intended to run for sophomore class president until he was approached by last year's Council of Student Leaders members.

Student Body Vice-President Jill Anderson, who was last year's elections commissioner, said: "Last year's council asked Jeff to run because they felt he was extremely qualified for the job."

In addition to being the official representative of the students, the student body president also heads the CSL. The council includes the vice-president of the student body, the heads of the College Union Board, Commuter Union, Adult Student Union, Resident Council, Student Academic Committee and Judicial Board.

It is also the responsibility of the board to represent all students, clubs and organizations. The CSL has a budget of roughly $60,000 to allocate to student clubs and organizations on campus.

Chemical dumping probe continues

by Tim Besser

The State Department of Environmental Conservation is still investigating two incidents of chemical dumping this summer on the Marist campus, according to a department spokesman.

Results of the investigation were to be released last week, but a DEC representative said Friday that the investigation is continuing.

According to David Slingerland, a DEC technician specializing in oil spills, a completion date has not yet been set.

The chemical, a non-toxic, tar-like substance, was discovered in the pond south of the Gartland Commons Apartments the first week of August and again on Sept. 3, said Slingerland.

The college plans to use the pond as a source of water for the athletic fields behind the apartments, according to Edward P. Waters, vice president for administration at Marist.

The chemical reached the pond through an underground pipe after entering a drain in the parking lot east of the pond, according to Slingerland.

The party responsible for the spill, when found, will have to pay the cost of the cleanup, said Slingerland.

These are the only known incidents of chemical dumping on campus, according to Waters.

WMCR

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The conversion of the station from a cable signal to a 91.9 FM frequency should not be difficult, he said.

"The exciter is a portable piece of equiptment — all we have to do is wire it to the antenna," he said.

Simon said he was unsure of where he could obtain the funds to purchase the equipment. "Everybody wanted us to have the exciter but nobody wanted to pay for it," said Simon.

Final permission to buy the exciter came from the Board of Trustees, he said.

The Financial Board, which delegates funds to campus organizations, and the CSL, which approves fund distribution, were both very supportive, said Simon. "The CSL eventually agreed to pay half the exciter's cost out of their own budget," he said.

Simon hopes to obtain a larger audience when the station begins over-the-air broadcasting, since students will no longer have to connect their stereo to a cable to receive the station's signal.

The ability to reach a larger audience demands greater responsibility on the part of station staff members, said Douglas Cole, the station's other faculty advisor.

"Our signal going out into the community means that every single person on the staff has a tremendous responsibility to the station," said Cole.

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Getting priorities straight: Take 2

You could almost feel the earth shake last week when the NCAA handed down the verdict: The Marist men's basketball team would be prohibited from participation in post-season play and Assistant Coach Bogdan Jovicic would be banned from off-campus recruiting for a period of two years.

The NCAA's bullet struck close to the heart.

More than just a successful team, the Marist men's basketball program has become an integral part of Marist's identity. Their success has been our success. And last week, the NCAA decision stung the college almost as much as it stung the team.

That's not surprising. Over the past few seasons, the team has put Marist "on the map." From countless post-season successes to Rik Smits' appearance in Sports Illustrated, Marist has had good reason to be proud of its hoopsters.

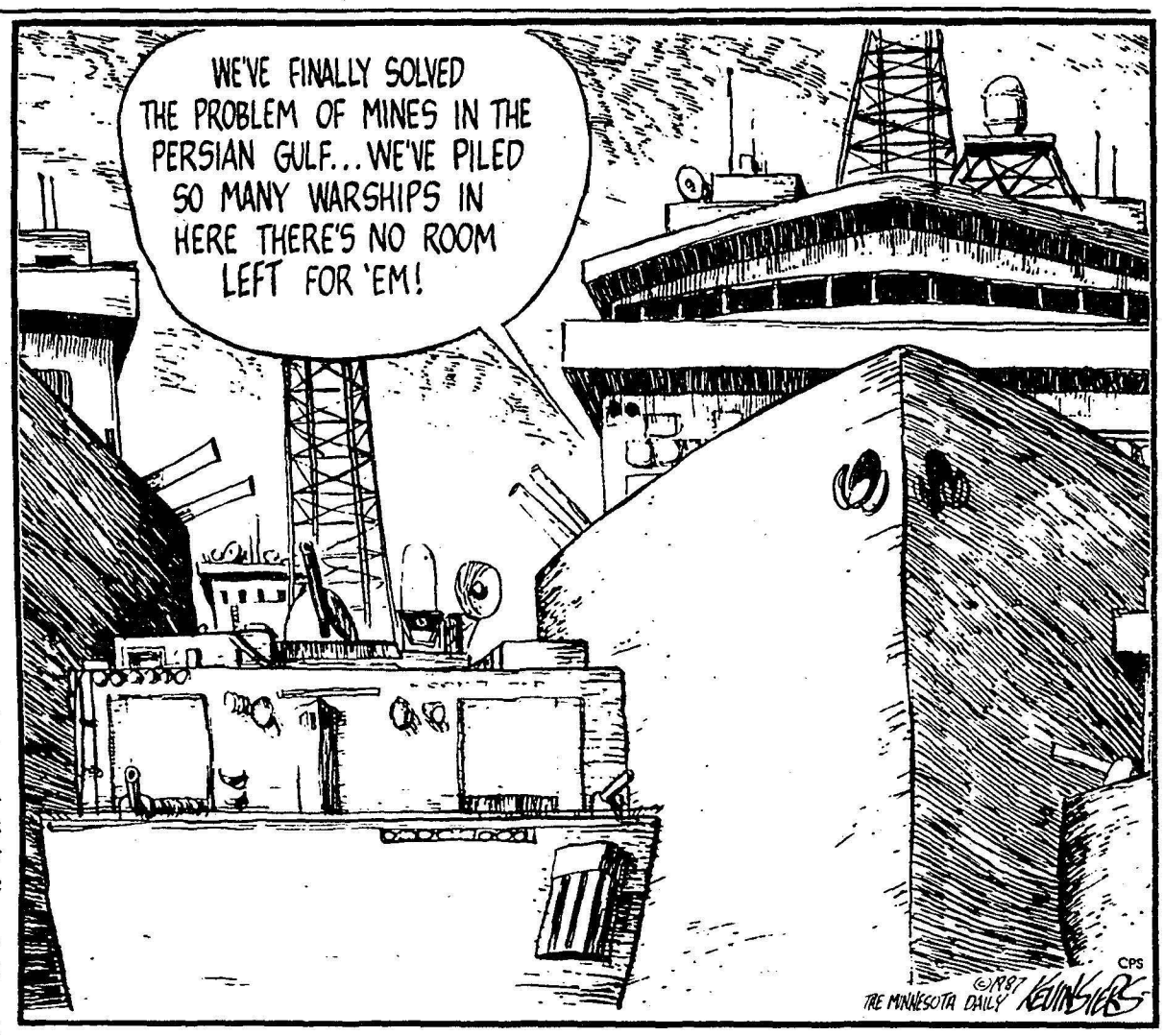
But Marist has done a disservice to the team and to the reputation of the college itself by allowing the men's basketball program to become too large a part of the college's self-image.

The pride was taken too far. Numerous violations that occurred under Coach Mike Perry were inexcusable, and revelations that violations occurred after Perry — some by a staff member who continues to work for the team — only served to worsen the damage.

Regardless of the actual motivation for the violations, the atmosphere and attitude of the college toward its basketball team only served to encourage such behavior.

Marist had it coming. And now the image of the college — not to mention the players and coaches who were not involved in the violations — must suffer.

Our basketball team is strong enough to endure the penalties that have been imposed. But only if we come to the realization that basketball is not central to this college will they ever be able to reach their potential.



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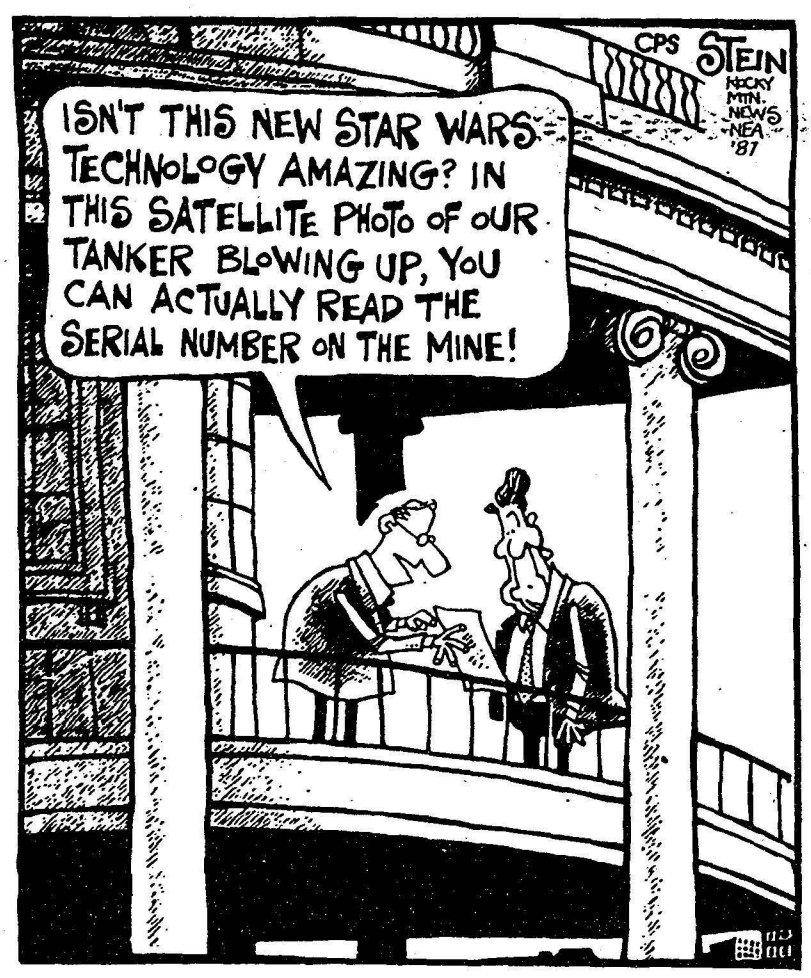

Correction

In the Sept. 17 issue of The Circle, a story on a benefit concert for the Raphael Mark Scholarship Fund incorrectly listed the date for the concert as Oct. 7. The concert will be held on Oct. 9.

Library needs definition

by Mercinth Brown

The Marist College Library is what I like to refer to as the social center of the campus. It's the place where you stop to catch the action or chat with a few friends. You may even meet the guy of your dreams here or re-kindle an old friendship. It isn't, however, the best place to get a good term paper written.

The first and most significant problem with the Library is its size. It is much too small to facilitate the growing number of students on campus.

Just take mid-term or finals week for example. You will inevitably find yourself searching hopelessly for room to study while dodging countless bodies strewn on the floor. After finding a spot, you will soon realize that you have entered a sound box. A symphony of voices will begin to crescendo to a loud buzz, and before you know it you will begin to hum to the music of your neighbor's "Walkman."

Eventually, you will realize that your efforts have become counter-productive and you will leave.

But size is not the only problem in the Library. We must also consider the problem of inadequate lighting, prehistoric copy machines and out-of-date books. But maybe these are merely selfish concerns on my part.

I would, however, like to see a few things added to our Library. For starters, it would be nice if we could have an information track system.

Currently, we have a track machine with information on newspaper articles. However, the Library needs at least four information track machines, two of which should contain information on magazines and journals.

In addition, I would like to see the collection of books expanded to encompass more updated volumes. From what I understand, the Library has received a fair amount of updated works. But there is one problem; there is no place to shelve them.

So I guess you could say that, overall, I am disappointed by the inadequacy of our Library. But I must say that it does have one saving grace. I am pleased with the inter-library loan system.

Since we have few updated materials available some students often rely on inter-library loans. Students are able to borrow much needed research material from other libraries at no cost.

But some students have expressed dissatisfaction with the length of time they have to wait for their books. If you're one of these types my recommendation is to get a head-start. But if you know that you will be leaving your research for the last minute, you can rule out the possibility of using the inter-library loan system.

On a final note, since we are expanding at such an alarming rate, I think some effort should be made to expand our most vital facility. I would recommend that the Library be expanded not only in size, but in quality. There needs to be more sensitivity to the academic needs of the college community.

I was once told that a school's library is reflective of the quality education you will receive. Hence, I would like to see The Marist Library upgraded to reflect a more positive image for this institution.

Letter Policy

The Circle welcomes letters to the editors. All letters must be typed double-spaced and have full left and right margins. Handwritten letters cannot be accepted.

The deadline for letters is noon Monday. Letters should be sent to Len Johnson, c/o The Circle, through campus mail or dropped off at Campus Center 168.

All letters must be signed and must include the writer's phone number and address. The editors may withhold names from publication upon request.

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Of toilet seats and Hitler...

by Don Reardon

Cold toilet seats do not bother me as much as watching dirty movies on HBO with my parents.

A chill up my spine is far more tolerable than trying to sit uncomfortably through "Bolero" while my mother and father fidget, read, knit, go to the bathroom 21 times and pick lint off the rug.

"I don't care much for the language in this film," my mother loudly whispers to my father.

My father shrugs nervously, "Maybe I should go out and change the oil in the Fairmont."

"C'mon pop, it's 11:30 p.m.," I say. "Look — Bo Derek on top of a bull, with no clothes on... look at those...those..."

"Donald!" my mother gyrates.

"...those horns, that bull has big, big, big, horns. What a set of... horns, I mean."

Mother grabs the clicker. Yipee, I love the Nashville Channel.

Life is a subjective array of difficult events — some being more difficult than others.

cheap leisure suit

Just as dirty movies on cable outscore cold toilet seats on the annoyance scale, dingleberries might be less desirable than, say, sitting next to a sweaty Mediterranean man in one of the Donnelly lecture rooms.

Experience dictates how we rate these different "events" in our lives — even at Marist.

At the top of the annoyance yard stick has to be 8:15 classes and nausea — though they are related.

Nausea is hell. When some evil person like Hitler or Gary Coleman goes to hell they are constantly nauseous. They are forced to consume Gatorade and chocolate cake 24-hours-a-day, but they can never throw-up.

8:15 classes afford one the opportunity to see peers and classmates with morning face or "someone had an ugly stick with a nail in it," syndrome.

And then there are more minor things.

Searching through a pocket full of change for a post office box key is roughly as bothersome as drooling on a pillow — and then lifting your head just to create a mini spit-bridge between cheek and pillow.

Biting the inside of your mouth equates with having your spleen freeze dried.

The scale continues.

One must not try to avoid any particular hindrance simply because it's higher on the list than another. One must complete the path each and every day.

As a general rule, I try not to think about these things. People who constantly complain, to me anyhow, are tantamount to wild pitbulls ripping at my gasoline soaked flesh.

Some writers insist on highlighting only the depravity in life — they are complainers.

If life was full of only those things that irritate us, we'd no doubt go bonkers, nuts, crackers, and maybe start killing small children or something (I do, and I enjoy it).

When too many curve balls come my way, I develop this odd fixation with rusty farm equipment and male cats. It's almost sensual. It's as if... well... it's another story I suppose.

There must be another side to this warped mirror.

Is a warm toilet seat as groovy as watching wildly pornographic movies on cable while your parents are on Cape Cod for the weekend?

Perhaps.

I've been told sex is almost as good as getting the last Pudding Pop out of the box.

Again, the comparisons could go on for eternity.

The daily existence a Marist student leads may be filled with some justice or maybe things that are just not hip. The key to managing from day-to-day comes from realizing you cannot have one side of the road without the other.

College fees are too high, poll says

(CPS) — In the great debate about college costs, a majority of Americans agree with U.S. Education Secretary William Bennett that schools don't deliver good value for the dollar.

About 60 percent of the respondents to a Media General poll released recently said private colleges, especially, cost much more than the value of the education they deliver.

Students will spend an average of $10,493 to attend private schools during the 1987-88 school year, versus an average of $4,104 for public colleges and universities, the College Board estimated in August.

Such numbers represent the seventh straight year in which colleges have raised tuition faster than the inflation rate, a phenomenon that prompted Bennett to renew his attack on campus administrators.

"The American people have made a tremendous financial commitment to education," Bennett said. "It's time we started getting a much better return on that investment."

In all, students, parents, state legislatures and the federal government will spend $124 billion on higher education this year, Bennett figured in his annual back-to-school report.

"When the cost of tuition is going up twice as fast as the rate of inflation," added Bennett spokesman Loy Miller, "that's too much."

The accusation infuriates educators, who say they must raise tuition to help compensate for cuts in the money they get from states and the federal government, to pay for long-delayed building maintenance and to raise faculty salaries, which have been almost stagnant since 1972.

An independent study released by Research Associates of Washington the first week of September, moreover, asserted that, for the money, colleges are "one of the best buys in the country."

The study, which examined the economics of college financing, noted public campuses have kept their own costs of educating students to increases of just 4 percent, a performance "similar to that of many industries."

The report concluded public colleges "remain as productive as other sectors" of the economy.

A Research Associates spokesman, who asked not to be named, attributed most of the increases to the need to pay faculty members more.

"In times of inflation, salaries don't keep up," the spokesman said. "During periods of low inflation, such as now, schools like to pay back their faculties."

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John Cougar matures

by Derek Simon

I'm convinced that no one in rock 'n' roll requires more of himself than John Cougar Mellencamp.

Never has a rocker done so much to earn the respect of his audience. Few have grown so drastically with every record the way Mellencamp has. The chip is gone from his shoulder and his "bad boy" attitude has disappeared.

Mellencamp is no longer a rebel for the sake of being a rebel. JCM has grown up and is taking himself seriously.

Listening to Mellencamp's latest, The Lonesome Jubilee, it might be easy to categorize this as his Nebraska, though slightly less pessimistic and certainly more rhythmic. But upon closer scrutiny, it's closer to Bob Seger's Night Moves, the next, and perhaps final step of John's maturation.

This record contains nothing as giddy as Scarecrow's "Rumbleseat." Three numbers on this album, for instance, champion divorced women. It's a record that deals with unrealized dreams, wasted potential and impending mundanity.

The starkness of "Empty Hands," both musically and in its lyrical content, can haunt one into despair. "Without hope, without love, you've got nothin' but pain — just makes a man not give a damn," he sings.

Mellencamp is no longer looking at the individual, he's looking into them.

Mellencamp has perhaps come

of sound mind

up with the finest socially analytical track of all-time in "Check It Out." His observations are, to say the least, insightful. John points out how one can all too often go through the motions of living, but yet "you can't tell your best buddy that you love him."

He sadly points out that "this is all that we've learned about happiness." For future generations, he hopes that "maybe they'll have a better understanding." If nothing else, Mellencamp has become thought provoking.

The key element present throughout Jubilee is the compassion of the songwriter. It is hard to envision that all of this is not from Mellencamp's heart.

Even the deepest criticism that John wields on the record is tempered with pity. He has become a keen observer of society through practicality and realization rather than scorn of those who falter. Mellencamp can relate and empathize with many — not just those who share his experiences — which is a rare gift.

Sure, Mellencamp's politics are a little confused, but so are mine. Jubilee does have some fairly trite Reaganesque pieces, namely "Down and Out in Paradise" and "Hard Times For An Honest Man," but these are forgiveable because they're well-intentioned.

The aptly-titled "Hard Times For An Honest Man" is the biographical sketch of the frustrated middle-class working man whose pride has been hurt and as a result, "takes it out on the ones he loves."

Perhaps this is just a little too reminiscient of another rocker who champions the working-class, but once again, it's forgiveable for its good intentions.

John Cougar Mellencamp has delivered one killer album with The Lonesome Jubilee. He hasn't taken any of the easy routes available by writing another Scarecrow. His daring accordian/fiddle instrumentation with a couple of "soul sisters" thrown in for authenticity make this album legitimate, heartfelt rock 'n' roll.

No more "little ditties" about chilli dogs for Mr. Mellencamp. Maturity is no longer around the corner.

Football liquor policy under dispute

KNOXVILLE, TN (CPS) — After a major controversy, the University of Tennessee has decided to apply its no-drinking-on-campus rules to nonstudents, too.

The school's athletic department recently reversed an earlier decision, and banned alcohol from the expensive new stadium sky boxes it leased to corporations and alumni.

Earlier this summer, as the luxury stadium boxes were under construction, Tennessee officials said patrons would be allowed to store and drink alcohol in the 42 sky boxes because they are considered leased property.

Except for a faculty club, they would be the only places on campus where people are allowed to drink liquor, since the board of trustees barred alcohol from the campus when the state raised its legal drinking age to 21.

"There was quite an uproar," Tennessee Student Government Association President Rusty Gray said.

"A lot of people felt very unhappy about it. Alcohol is not allowed on campus. All of a sudden there's a designated area for alcohol, and students felt like that was unfair."

"This showed that they listened to what we had to say," Gray explained. "It was a good decision."

"The university felt like it was in its best interests to have a consistent policy on alcohol on campus," said Tennessee Associate Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart.

"While the boxes were being leased," Tennessee Executive Vice President Joe Johnson said, "alcohol came up. Since the sky boxes provide a controlled environment, and is separate from the rest of the stadium, we felt that what ever a person does, as long as it's legal and ethical, should be a decision made by the person who leases the box."

When students objected and pressured the trustees to review the issue, Tennessee's athletic department decided to ban liquor from the boxes.

"The questions raised by students were legitimate," Johnson said. "Since the issues were being raised, we decided we'd go back to where we were."

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The rugby romance

by Annie Breslin

As Fall settles in on the Marist College campus, the field just behind the McCann Recreation Center bustles with activity. Halfbacks, quarterbacks and defensive linemen cover the beaten down grass that serves as a practice football field.

On the field, one voice carries above the sounds of colliding plastic equipment. Head Coach Mike Mallet is shouting mostly constructive, frequently disheartening, sometimes just plain nasty comments at the mud-covered, quickly-tiring squad.

He is the coach after all — they'll do it and they'll improve or they'll watch the games from the bleachers.

Off to the side, athletic trainer Glenn Marinelli watches. Football is a very physical, dangerous sport, and he'll put the players back together if they get broken up.

It's all very methodical, very organized and very disciplined.

Most people would agree that this is the way sports should be — sports should be organized and athletes should be disciplined.

Most people don't play rugby.

Rugby practice is underway, North of McCann, just across from the chapel.

29 men are gathered on the sunken, grassy field. With torn T-shirts and high school football jersey's their only protection, they form a "scrum" and try to knock the white, swollen ball out behind them into the hands of a teammate. They get knocked around in the process.

They're alone on the field. No coach provides authority and discipline to the training program. Rugby is a club sport on the college level and, though many college's employ rugby coaches, Marist does not. There's also no athletic trainer standing by with a first-aid kit.

The younger players listen intently to senior John McGurk, the club president. All eyes are fixed on McGurk as he explains the ensuing drills. They run through various drills — again and again — until they're faster and smoother than before, not because they have to, because they want to — they actually enjoy this stuff.

And if they get broken up, that's their problem.

There are no curfews before matches and no punishments for missed practices. There's noone to answer to, yet they're there — everyday — running, passing, falling, sweating and occasionally, bleeding.

No helmets, no pads, no taped wrists or ankles. Just 15 team players, a funny-looking white ball and a common desire to break bones.

Why? What attracts them to this reckless disregard for health and safety?

"You're legally able to hurt someone," said McGurk, explaining that competitiveness is somewhat missing from the sport.

"It's the roughest team sport you're allowed to play in school, said freshman Justin Meise, "that does it for me."

Gerard Battista, another freshman, had a different view of the game. "It's a gentleman's sport," he said.

Come on Gerry, Chess is a gentleman's sport. Do you guys just love violence?

A closer look reveals a truer rugby attraction. Etched on the side of the ball is the word "Michelob."

McGurk calls out a play: "Schaefer — 1, Lowenbrau — 2."

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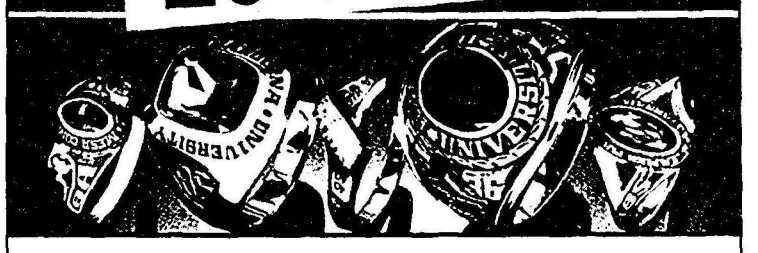

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Tough defense carries soccer to 4-0 record

by Paul Kelly

A new Marist security force prowled Western Pennsylvania Saturday, wearing soccer cleats.

Officers Gerry Sentochnik, John Gilmartin, Bill Kenny and Joe "Lobster" Madden stalked any intruders and rudely expelled them, bypassing walkie-talkies and vans for their feet, and in Madden's case, hands.

What was this newfangled security force removing? Robert Morris scoring chances, and in the process it preserved a 2-0 Marist lead and maintained The Streak.

The Marist soccer team, sparked by the enlightened defensive play of backs Sentochnik, Gilmartin, Kenny and goalkeeper Madden, defeated host Robert Morris 2-0 Saturday, elevating its unblemished record to 4-0 overall, 2-0 in the ECAC Metro. Joe Purschke and scoring cog Mark Edwards scored for Marist.

The Red Foxes' visited ECAC foe St. Francis, N.Y., yesterday. Results were unavailable at press time. Marist will host St. John's Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and Fordham Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

However, the security force had one opponent Monday which it could not stop, and this stranger's intrusion will make the force's job tougher, much tougher.

Monday, while the team prepared for its key matchup yesterday against St. Francis, N.Y., a surgeon reset the fractured cheekbone of Marist's star scorer, Edwards.

Edwards, who has scored five of the Red Foxes' eight goals this season, broke the cheekbone during last Tuesday's Army game when he caught an Army player's elbow in the face while attempting to head the ball. He will miss two to three weeks, said Head Coach Dr. Howard Goldman.

Obviously, the prospect of playing without Edwards for possibly five games does not please Goldman. When asked about a solution, Goldman replied, "pray."

However, Goldman does have one earthly solution to the dilemma facing the team. The security force.

The defense's performance against Robert Morris not only secured the victory, but it gave Goldman a performance to base his strategy upon during Edwards' convalescence.

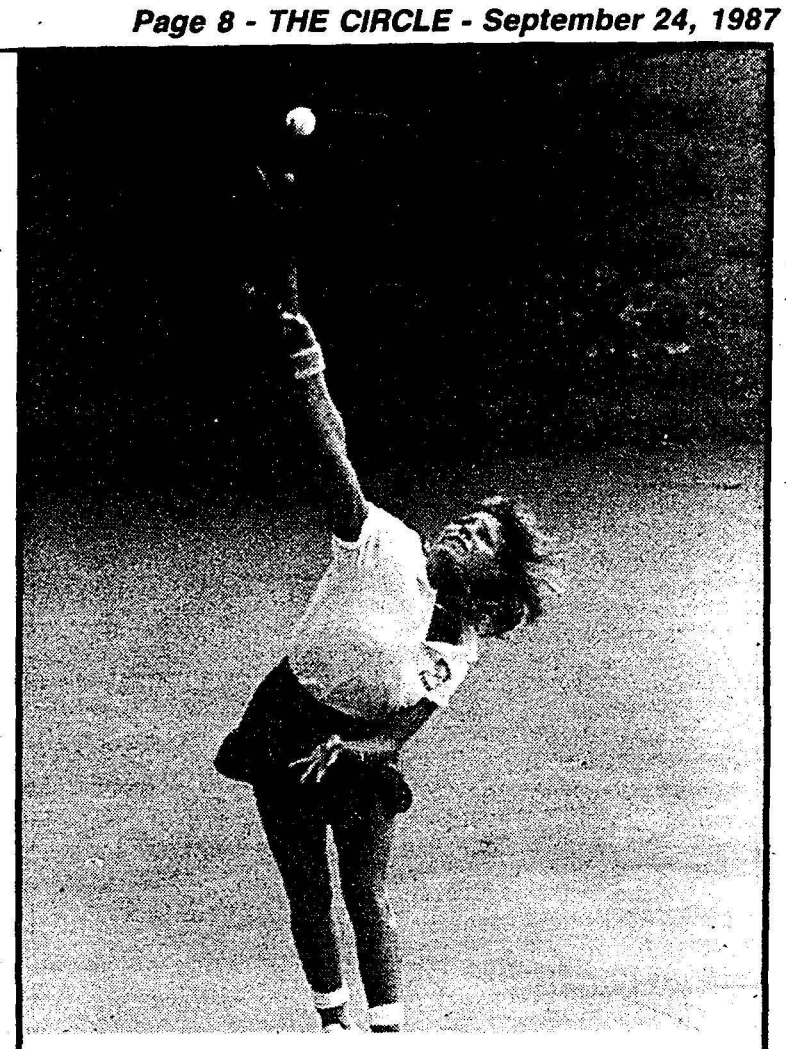
"They (Robert Morris) were frustrated when we didn't give them many open shots," said Goldman. "They had a few, but Madden took care of those.

"The guys are playing strong defense," said Goldman about the basic man-to-man marking system his team utilizes. "They're tightening up once a man gets within 20 yards of the goal. If the defense pulls their socks up, we'll be all right."

Potential replacements for Edwards are Tim Finegan, Kudzai Kambarami, Charlie Ross and Dave Sullivan, said Goldman.

Compounding the problems caused by Edwards' absence is a small playmaking puzzle which Goldman has detected among his players. "I want to see a little more offensive cohesiveness where we get a string of four to five passes together and get the shot off," said Goldman. "Now we're only getting two or three passes."

Despite the team's apparent problems, Goldman said the team remains optimistic. "They're together," he said. "There are no major problems. It's always more fun when you win."



Reaching

Senior Joelle Stephenson serves in last Tuesday's RPI match.

(Photo by Tom Rossini)

Football team falls 14-10 to St. Peter's

by Chris Barry

The Marist College football team dropped its record to 0-2 Sunday, losing to St. Peter's College 14-10 at Breslin Field in Lyndhurst, N.J.

Marist will travel to Jamaica, N.Y., Saturday to face the Redmen of St. John's at 1 p.m. Last year Marist suffered a heartbreaking 29-21 loss to St. John's.

Sunday, the St. Peter's Peacocks (1-1) avenged the 24-8 beating Marist handed them in 1986. The Red Foxes led at halftime, but a third quarter mishap gave the Peacocks a four-point lead which Marist could not overcome.

With Marist leading 10-7 in the third period, St. Peter's Paul Chowanec threw a pass intended for Anthony Bellardino — well-covered by Marist defenders Fred Christensen and Adam Shirvinski. Christensen and Shirvinski collided while trying to knock the ball away and Bellardino trotted into the end zone completing the 74-yard touchdown play which made the score 14-10.

Marist scored all of its points in the first half on a field goal and a short touchdown run.

The Red Foxes' Scott Rumsey recovered a fumble at the Marist 22-yard line on St. Peter's first possession of the game. Marist drove to the Peacocks' 18-yard line where Eric Crainich kicked a 35-yard field goal.

Marist completed its scoring with only 41 seconds remaining in the second period when running back Dan McElduff barrelled into the end zone from two yards out. McElduff was the bright spot of the Red Fox offense, rushing for 100 yards on 18 carries.

St. Peter's, 1-8 last year, also scored in the second quarter on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Chowanec to Vlad Gawlikowski. Chowanec completed 7 of 17 passes for 187 yards.

Saturday, the Red Foxes will face a St. John's team which has 14 starters returning from last season's 6-4 squad. The two teams have met nine times with the Redmen winning seven of the contests.

Defense is expected to be Marist's strongest area this season. Senior noseguard and Co-captain Chris Keenan has been touted as a legitimate All-America candidate. After finishing second on the team in tackles last year, Keenan is currently tied for the team lead with 23 tackles.

Junior linebacker Stephen Whelan also has 23 tackles. Another junior linebacker, Joe Hagan, totalled 21 tackles and the two have been compared to graduated Marist linebacking stars Peter Moloney and Sean Keenan.

Junior Brian Cesca and senior Mark Schatteman are both returning starters at the defensive end position. Schatteman seems to be fully recovered from major reconstructive knee surgery and is playing as well as ever.

At defensive tackle, senior Larry Cavazza returns after missing last season. Two years ago he finished second on the team in tackles. Two other tackles to watch are freshmen Michael Sesselman and Scott Rumsey.

The secondary, the defensive weak spot last year, is improved and more experienced.

On offense, seniors Andy Israel and Howard Herodes are the cornerstones of an otherwise young offensive line.

Quarterback Jon Cannon and running back Paul Ronga, both seniors, and sophomore wide receiver Stephen LoCicero and sophomore running back Dan McElduff should continue to be key in the Red Fox offense.

Marist netters win over RPI

by Don Reardon

Marist College Women's Tennis Coach Terry Jackrel credits a highly successful recruiting year for the new found depth in the women's tennis squad.

"We have the deepest team ever this year," said the three-year coach, "and our new schedule is very tough."

The Red Foxes started the season in fine fashion with an impressive win over Rensselaer Poly Technic Institute Saturday.

"We've lost to them four years in a row, and this was quite a turn around—especially since they are still an excellent team," Jackrel said.

Seniors Joelle Stephenson and Beth Ann Saunders paired up to take the doubles end of the match.

"We will be strong in doubles this year with Stephenson-Saunders, and Alison Block with Mora Nelan," said Jackrel.

Captain Joelle Stephenson, of West Caldwell, N.J., ran six miles a day over the summer and shed thirty pounds in preparation for the season.

"I had a hernia operation in late June so I couldn't play too much competitive, but I really shaped up by dieting and running," said the communication arts major.

In addition to the veterans, the squad is joined by frosh newcomers Liza Colombo, Kathy Forand, Renee Foglia, Deidre Higgins and Jennifer Nacif, who made the pilgrimage to Marist from LaJolla, California.

"I'm very impressed with the freshmen," said Jackrel. "I think Higgins, Foglia, and Nacif can make some immediate contributions."

Sophomores Patty Donohue of Mahopac, N.Y. and Paula Forand of Marion, Mass., complete the team.

Stephenson said the added team depth should enable the Red Foxes to excel in big tournaments.

"We can qualify for States by beating some good teams," she said, "and I really don't see us losing too often."

The new schedule includes such tennis powerhouses as Manhattan, Fairfield, Siena, Fairleigh Dickinson, and Fordham.

Jackrel and Stephenson said they both want a victory over Vassar this year.

Women runners earn split, men lose at Colgate meet

by Paul Kelly

Pam White has a small problem.

Her cross country team boasts a nucleus of three runners who have finished near the front of the squad's two races this season. However, five runners score in a cross country meet.

Translation? Problem.

Despite an eight-runner roster, the largest in the team's three-year history, a lack of cohesiveness has hindered it this season. Friday was a prime example of this dilemma as the squad split a quadrangular meet at Colgate University against Hamilton, Utica, and the host Red Raiders. Marist defeated Utica 22-33, tied Colgate 29-29 and lost to Hamilton 19-39.

The men's team also split against the same schools. Led by senior Don Reardon's 26:56 first-place tour of Colgate's sloppy 5.15-mile circuit, the men thrashed Utica 15-50, tied Hamilton 33-33 and lost to the Red Raiders 21-38. Senior Steve Brennan was eighth overall, finishing in 28:17.

This Saturday, both Marist teams will travel to the King's College Invitational in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

On the rain-drenched 3.1-mile women's course at Colgate, senior Annie Breslin led the Red Foxes, finishing third in 21:50. Junior Jennifer Fragomeni finished 7th in 22:11 and junior Trish Webster, a transfer from West Point, completed Marist's front-running core with her 12th-place showing.

Then, the bottom fell out.

The next Marist finisher was senior Denise Spinetta, 23rd in 24:44. Junior Helen Gardner was the Lady Red Foxes' fifth runner and final scorer, placing 25th in 25:16.

Gardner and junior Pam Shewchuk suffer from achilles tendonitis. Junior Ann Haykel injured her knee and senior Linda Reip has strep throat.

Volleyball team goes 1-3 in Connecticut tournament

by Don Reardon

Poor officiating and the untimely loss of a key player caused the Marist College women's volleyball squad to drop three of four games at the Central Connecticut Tournament Friday and Saturday, according to Head Coach Vic VanCarpels.

"We were the best team there," said VanCarpels, "but the officiating, especially in the Holy Cross Game, was atrocious — we considered filing a complaint with the NCAA."

VanCarpels' squad lost to Holy Cross 3-2, while Columbia and Lehigh ousted the Red Foxes 3-1.

Fairfield fell prey to the Lady Spikers 3-0.

"On top of the poor officiating, one of our top players, Patty Billen, decided she didn't want a career in volleyball anymore," said the three-year coach.

"Fortunately, freshman Kim Andrews stepped in and did everything Billen could do," he said.

Senior captain Maryanne Casey echoed VanCarpels sentiments and said the squad played better than ever.

"For this early in the season, we are playing better as a team than we have since I've been here," she said. "We should have beat these teams, I don't know what's holding us back."