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## Luck of the draw



Several students look on as card shark Darwin Ortiz performs some of his tricks to freshman Jay Capellaro at the Gam-Bel-Fling sponsored by CUB last Friday in the Dining Hall.

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## 'Good time meeting place' still an integral part of neighborhood

by CHRIS LANG  
and SCOTT DALY  
Staff Writers

For Marist students, Skinners is a place to escape their books; for Jack Hughes, it's a home.

While to some a college hangout, Skinners to Jack Hughes and others like him is a neighborhood bar.

With his arms resting on the brass-bar railing waiting for his turn at the pinball machine, Hughes throws back a cold beer and reminisces about the good times he has had at Skinners.

"I've been coming here since 1988 and in those three years, I've made friendships with Marist students and other locals that I will always hold close to my heart,"

said Hughes, an employee at the Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Center. "And I mean that."

Manager and bartender Ken Peabody, known to everyone as "Ace", said he has seen it all during the past three years he has worked at Skinners.

"I remember one occasion when all the people in the bar were doing the 'worm dance' during Otis Day and the Knights' song 'Shout,' snaking in and out of the tables," said Peabody, flipping through the compact disc collection for one of his favorite songs to sing along to.

Peabody said he has seen many other strange happenings in the bar — from a striptease to the occasional donnybrook, a wild brawl.

Former bouncer and Marist senior Rob "Woody" Novotny has also seen a few outlandish acts within the dimly-lit, smoke-filled confines of the Route 9 bar.

"There was one time when I was working when suddenly, a plant flew across the bar. I looked up to see who threw it and there was my friend with his pants down around his ankles with a mischievous grin on his face," said the New City, N.Y. resident. "How can you throw a character like that out of the bar?"

Senior James Cosentino, from Forest Hills N.Y., remembers the time when a couple toppled off the table they were dancing on and landed on the floor soaked in beer as the bar exploded in laughter.

Owner Edwin Beck, munching on salted snacks and looking over the quiet afternoon crowd, said that over the past 10 years he has

## Proposed Route 9 changes will not stop bar's tradition

by SCOTT DALY  
and CHRIS LANG  
Staff Writers

Freshmen and sophomores have no fear, Skinners Restaurant and Pub will still be located on the corner of Route 9 and Fulton Street when you reach legal drinking age.

The proposed 1993 widening of Route 9 may cause the existing Skinners building to be relocated to a spot further away from the road.

Edwin Beck, the owner of the establishment, said he is not sure what side of the road will be expanded for the added driving lanes.

"I keep calling the New York Department of Transportation to find out what their plans are," said Beck. "The DOT is not even sure of what the plans are yet."

Beck said he has heard the widening will most likely occur on Skinners side — the east side — because Marist's Kieran Gate House has historical significance.

"In my opinion, this place has historical value as well, and I will do everything I can do to keep Skinners on this corner," Beck said.

According to Beck, Skinners is one of a number of bars that has stood on that corner since 1933. The first bar was called McManus's, the next one was Frank's and for the past 10 years, it has been Skinners.

Beck said he purchased the property immediately behind the existing parking lot so he can relocate Skinners if the existing structure is forced to close due to the proposed expansion.

He also owns P and G's, a bar in New Paltz and Easy Street Cafe, a casual restaurant on the west side of Route 9 in Hyde Park. Easy Street will not be affected by the widening.

## New dorm policy for late visitors

by DAN HULL  
News Editor

In an effort to curb incidents of harassment and vandalism in the dormitories, an experimental policy was implemented last week by the Office of Safety and Security.

The policy requires students to meet their guests at the entrance desk after 2 a.m. both weeknights and weekends.

About 20 incidents involving vandalism, harassment, rude gestures, banging on doors and verbal abuse of Residence Life staff have been reported this year, according to John Padovani, assistant director of Housing and Residential Life.

Resident Student Councils are planning meetings with security so students can make suggestions and give feedback as to how the new policy is working, said Jim Raimo, director of Housing and Residential Life.

The Campus Resident Student Council and dormitory councils will make recommendations, but the final policy will be made by the administration, Raimo said.

Changes in security also include the replacement of student security guards with part-time, non-student security guards.

Joseph Leary, director of Safety and Security, said the changes were unrelated to the new policy.

Student guards who worked in the dorms Friday and Saturday nights from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. were replaced with part-time security

guards because some of the students were not reliable, Leary said.

He said two new part-time guards and two Marist security guards will cover the shifts and the new guards will be paid more than the students. Some student guards will be offered work during the week.

Possible security changes for the future are also being investigated.

A committee of representatives from Housing and Residential Life, Safety and Security, the Bursar's Office, the library, and the cafeteria have examined different security systems at other schools as possible improvements to Marist security.

An ideal security system would include an identification card with a magnetic strip and a bar code so students could use the card for access into dormitories and the cafeteria as well as to borrow books from the library and purchase items from the bookstore, Leary said.

He said problems with students using stolen or lost identification cards to get into dorms or borrow books may arise, but an office could be created to deal with such problems.

Seton Hall University in New Jersey and the State University of New York at New Paltz both established an identification card and meal plan office which deals with student problems. Leary said that procedure is the proper way to do it.

Raimo said a new system is most likely to be implemented next fall.

## Five-year plan approved; retention targeted

by ILSE MARTIN  
Editor

The college's five-year strategic plan was approved Saturday by the board of trustees after much debate about enrollment and retention, according to Mark Sullivan, executive vice president.

While the plan includes creating more of a diversity in the student population — leveling off at 3,100 undergraduates by 1994-95 — the college could be facing limits in enrollment, Sullivan said.

"There is a forcing sense of limits because of demographics, the economy and the large tuition gap between public and private institutions," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said there will be an increased competition for students between the public and private sector because of the high tuition gap between the two.

Marist tuition, which has seen an increase of 7 to 8 percent each year, will continue to rise at roughly the same pace, according to the plan. Marist tuition currently is \$8,248.

Between 1990 and 1995, the number of high school graduates nationally will decline by 10 percent, the executive summary of the plan states.

And in the tri-state area (New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut), where 90 percent of Marist students live, high school graduates will decline 15 to 20 percent, the plan states.

"If we can maintain 3,100 students, we'd be doing a good job," Sullivan said. "We will be bucking the tide because colleges are going to be pooling from a smaller group of students."

Another concern of the board is retention, Sullivan said. While the

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**Up to Date****T**hat's Entertainment**Tonight**

• The Foreign Film Program presents "Oedipus Rex" at 7:30 p.m. in Donnelly 245. Admission is free.

• A night of student talent, which will feature "Bad News," a musical band made up of Marist students and "The Bill Perry Band," sponsored by CUB will be held at 9:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall. All are welcome.

• Taylor Branch, winner of the 1989 Pulitzer Prize for his momentous history of the civil rights struggle "Parting the Waters, America in the King Years 1954-63," will lecture on "Outsiders and Insiders: Race as the Lens of American History" at 7:30 p.m. in the Dutchess Community College Theatre.

**Friday**

• The group "A Tribe called Quest," will perform tonight at Vassar College at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 437-5284.

• Today is the last day to submit an application to become an resident assistant for fall 1990. Applications are available in CC 270.

• A representative from the Registrar's Office will discuss transfer credits with transfer students in the Fireside Lounge at 1:30 p.m.

• Foreign Film, please see above.

• Come support the men's basketball team, at their first home game, against Verich Reps at 8 p.m. in the McCann Center.

**Saturday**

• The Foreign Film Program presents "A Question of Silence" at 7:30 p.m. in Donnelly 245.

• The North End Committee is sponsoring a Lip Sync Contest at 9 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

• Chameleon Records is proud to announce Holly Near's fall concert tour in support of her album debut "Singer in the Storm" at the Bardavon Opera House. For ticket information please call 473-2072.

**Sunday**

• Foreign Film, see above.  
• Tom Rush, a singer and songwriter of folksongs appear at The Towne Crier Cafe,

62 Route 22, Pawling, New York at 8 p.m. For more information please call 855-1300.

**Looking Ahead**

• "Latvia in Revolt: The Singing Revolution," a presentation by John Hartsock, assistant professor of journalism, will be held at the Olin Building at Bard College, Thursday, Nov. 15. For more information call ext. 2651.

• The 34th Annual Advertising Career Conference will be November 30th, December 1 & 2, at the Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27th Street in NYC. The conference will include a Networking Party, an Industry Overview, Workshops, The Clio Awards, and a job fair. Seating is very limited, so please register by November 16. The cost is \$60 per person, with a 10% discount for groups of ten or more. Please send pay-

ment directly to: AWWNY Foundation, Inc., Advertising Career Conference, 153 E. 57th Street, New York, NY 10022.

• Holiday 90, a Musical Celebration of the Holiday Season, will begin Sunday December 9 at 2 p.m. in the Nassau Coliseum. For ticket sales and information please call (516) 794-9303.

**M**aking The Grade

• Students entering the annual student playwriting contest in memory of John P. Anderson, class of '86, are asked to either drop off their scripts in CC 264 or come to the office to fill out an application of intent to submit a script for consideration.

**McCann beefs up security**

by **PETER M. O'KEEFE**  
Staff Writer

Students and non-students who wish to enter the James J. McCann Recreation Center now have to leave an I.D. or a driver's license at the door, as a result of a new security system implemented at the center in Mid-October.

Tom Diehl, assistant athletic director in charge of facilities, said the system replaced another one implemented in September.

The former system required all students and non-students to sign their names at the door and show an I.D., but Diehl said all this did

was provide him, the security personnel and the entry assistant a list of names of people in the building.

But while the McCann staff, and security personnel will know who has come in the building through the main entrance under the new system, Diehl said the doors around the building do not lock from the outside, and anyone could enter the building.

The doors are now being repaired and replaced, he said.

Two students reported their wallets stolen and one student reported a purse stolen while using the facilities between Oct. 21 and Oct. 28. There are no suspects, and

Joseph Leary, director of Safety and Security, said finding the person or persons who took the wallets and purse may be impossible unless other incidents occur.

A new electronic security system, which could be installed in McCann and all the dormitories next fall, is being looked into, both Diehl and Leary said.

Diehl said he would like to see students take greater care in protecting their own items by utilizing the lockers, having their I.D.'s present and becoming helpful in reporting any damage or theft within the field house.

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"cohort survival rate" at Marist (the percentage of students who remain at college over a five-year period) is currently at 61 percent, the plan sets a target retention of 75 percent.

The administration and college officials will be developing an early warning system to determine which students might be considering leaving Marist and develop a strategy to help those students work out their problems, Sullivan said.

The two major building projects which remain to be seen are the library and a new dorm, both of which are incorporated into the five-year plan.

The development of the library is a prominent interest of the board, Sullivan said. But whether that means a new facility or improvements to the existing one is undecided.

"We will be looking to outside support and external fundraising for that project," he said.

Financial consultants will be evaluating the costs of a new dorm in upcoming months, which Sullivan said could cost between \$18 and \$20 million.

**Editor's Pick's**

- Thursday: Student talent night at 9:30 p.m. in the New Dining Room.
- Friday: Men's basketball vs. Verich Reps at 8 p.m. in the McCann Center.
- Saturday: The Marist hockey team opens its season against County College of Morris, N.J. at 8 p.m. in the McCann Ice Arena of the Mid-Hudson Civic Center, Poughkeepsie. Free admission with Marist I.D.

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owned Skinnners, Marist students have accounted for roughly one-third of his business. He said when the drinking age was 18, the percentage was much higher.

Beck said prior to Prohibition, the building was known as Ferris's Ice Cream Corner. After Prohibition was repealed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Dec. 5, 1933, the building became home to a series of bars.

"FDR was a great president. He closed the banks and opened the bars," Beck said with a smile.

Beck said he is happy with the crowd Skinnners draws and that the business is doing well.

As the day goes on, the bar begins to cater more to a steady stream of serious drinkers.

said it was one of the top five best birthday celebrations he ever saw," said Schmitt.

The sign outside says that Skinnners is a "good time meeting place", and many patrons agree with it.

Nancy Cummins, of Mahwah, N.J., and Mary Dolan, from Brooklyn, N.Y., both seniors, said that the message on the sign holds true.

"I come here to escape the academics, to enjoy senior year and to just have fun," said Cummins.

Dolan says she likes Skinnners because it is a place where she can meet the seniors in a party atmosphere.

*'I remember a time when a guy from the Culinary Institute came in here and in one sitting, drank eight shots of Rumble Minze, four shots of Tequila and a pitcher of beer.'*

"I've seen some heavy drinkers come in here. I remember a time when a guy from the Culinary Institute came in here and in one sitting, drank eight shots of Rumble Minze, four shots of Tequila and a pitcher of beer," said Peabody as he took a break from tending bar to act as a bouncer.

Peabody said the most common drinks ordered in Skinnners are draft beer and vodka drinks. He said he has even whipped up such exotic concoctions as "blue whales" and "screamin' orgasms."

Some people have entered Skinnners early in the evening sober only to end up stumbling out much later. According to Peabody, birthday parties often lead to this kind of behavior.

"Sometimes people come in here with the intention of getting their friends sick on their birthdays," he said.

Steven D. Schmitt, a senior from Coram, N.Y., said that on his 21st birthday he was instantly handed a beer, ushered to a booth and then given many shots to the point of drunkenness.

"Later in the night, I went running out of the bar because I had to get sick. The bouncer saw me and would not let me back in. He later

"When you come in here, the music is playing, there's people meeting people. I like to have a good time," said Hughes as he furiously played the pinball machine.

Novotny echoes Hughes thoughts. He said that when the music is playing and Marist people are in the bar, the atmosphere is completely electric.

Roger MacIssac, a Hyde Park police officer who has called the bar on this corner his "home base" for 13 years, said as long as he has his spot at the bar, he's happy.

"I've been coming here long enough, I've seen it all," he said.

One customer may have best summed up the atmosphere of Skinnners when she said, "You can come in here alone and there will always be someone here that you know."

## Expert advice for students planning careers in media

by GERRIT ROELOF AND CHRIS SHEA  
Staff Writers

Write, think, and have some ethics.

This was the general consensus of a panel of education and media experts on Saturday that focused, in part, on how students can succeed in a communications career.

The program, "Education and the Media," was sponsored by the Radio-Television News Directors Association and the Marist Advisory Council.

The day-long seminar, which included two panel discussions and an awards luncheon, dealt with topics involving educating students for careers in the media, and how students can get ahead in these fields.

Panelists in the morning forum included professors from Syracuse, the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism and St. John's University. And also the president of a television station, news director of ABC News Information Network and the editor of the New York Post.

According to Jerry Nachman, editor of the Post, students gearing for a career in the media must know "stuff."

This "stuff" includes such things as knowing who our public officials are, the difference between indictment and conviction, and the difference between a parole officer and a probation officer.

Nachman humorously compared the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism to, "kids who pay \$20,000 a year to live in Harlem," and in the same breath spoke of the absence of common "stuff" in students today.

An afternoon luncheon was held which was highlighted by a speech from keynote speaker Ralph Baruch, founder of Viacom International, former CBS Group president, and author and lecturer on Education and the Media.

Baruch said no fortune can be made in journalism; there is not any money there, he said, but rather the money is in the sales and marketing business.

During the luncheon, the Marist Alumni Award was presented to Brendan Burke, class of '68, who

is the personnel director for the Capital Cities Corporation which owns ABC-TV.

Also for the second year in a row, Anthony Rexhouse, an adult student, won the student essay award presented by Dr. Jephtha Lanning.

An afternoon panel, held in the Campus Center Conference Room, involved Marist alumni in a forum discussion entitled "How we did it."

Most of the panel praised Marist's internship program as a good way to make contacts, and some even offered themselves as potential contacts in their field.

Bill Palmeiri, program director at WPDH in Poughkeepsie, stressed participating in campus activities and clubs. WMCR, the campus radio station, was one place where he got valuable career-related experience, and he urged others to take advantage of it.

In fact, he said he spent so much time at the radio station one year, he was relieved of his position as

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## 'Steel'-ing the stage



From left to right, Marie Hasenpflug, Barbara Hagstrom, Elizabeth Benedict, Betty Lester, Nancy Auffarth and Jill Giles, members of The Queen City Stage Group, perform a scene from the drama Steel Magnolias which was the basis for the hit movie of the same title.

Circle photo/Jeanette Marvin

## In class, writer has out-of-body experience

I was never one to take stock in the supernatural, but last Friday I became a firm believer.

Maybe some Halloween spirits were lingering around and decided it would be neat to take me for a ride. Who knows?

All I know is that the strangest thing that ever happened to me before happened last Friday.

I had my first out-of-body experience.

It all started so innocently. I was sitting in class learning how people become addicted to television when suddenly I started feeling light-headed.

It wasn't the same light-headed feeling you get after drinking three pitchers, that's sheer drunken stupidity.

And it wasn't the same light-headed feeling as when you start to fall asleep and your head is bobbing up and down and you wake up by unconsciously throwing your head backwards.

Rather, it was my inner-spirit, most likely my libido, that was eager to get out and explore another dimension.

I looked around the room, but my head didn't move.

I waved my hand in front of my friend's face, but she couldn't see me.

I stuck my fingers in her eyes Three-Stooges style, but still got no reaction.

I saw the gradebook. Hull, Daniel...now has an A. I looked over at myself to see if my body had any reaction to what I had just done.

I kissed my newborn "A" goodbye, because although my spirit was having the time of its life, my body's head bobbed as drool began to dribble out of the corner of my mouth.

"Attentive and alert as usual," I sighed.

I was getting bored.

When you have an out-of-body experience, you can do anything. Anything but get people to notice you.

I wondered if there was a place where all spirit wanderers hang-out.

In a flash I was standing in front of Big Al's Out of this World Cafe.

Big Al's was an interesting joint. It was set up just like the Hard Rock Cafes except that, instead of a car, Big Al's had the back half of a cow sticking out the front of



DAN HULL

the building.

Every hour on the hour, the cow's tail would lift up and it would Moo the number of times of the hour.

I breezed inside and thought I had gone to Heaven.

Not that Big Al's was all that nice a place, it's just that almost everyone there was dead.

There was also something really weird about Big Al's. Socks floated through the air.

I turned to the guy next to me and said, "Hey, what's with the socks?"

He turned around. It was Moe from the Three Stooges!

"You know how you do laundry and one sock always disappears;

well, this is where they go," he said.

I couldn't believe it. One of my idols right in front of me.

"Hey wiseguy," I said as I gave him the ol' fingers-through-the-eyes trick that I pulled on my friend back in class.

Except I poked him in the eye. "Hey, that stuff may work on bodies but it don't work on other spirits," he said.

He poked my eyes and smacked me in the forehead.

Then a little Girl Scout spirit came up to me. She had big, brown eyes and five boxes of Girl Scout cookies in her arms. Chocolate mint, my favorite.

"Would you buy a box of Girl Scout cookies, mister?" said the little specter of sugar and spice and everything nice.

"Sure, I'll buy a box. How much?" I asked and reached into my empty pockets.

"Only four dollars," she squeaked.

I searched my pockets and came up empty. Then it hit me, spirits don't have pockets.

"Sorry little girl, but I don't have any money," I explained.

She pouted her lips and began to cry.

"But you promised you'd buy some, I heard you, you promised," she whimpered. "You said you would, you have to, I'm telling if you don't buy them."

She grabbed onto my leg and sobbed. She wouldn't shut up.

I was getting annoyed.

I grabbed a floating sock and stuck it in her mouth and shook her off my leg.

She retaliated with a kick to my shin and scampered off.

I hopped and did flips in pain. Then I started floating backwards. Faster and faster I flew back to where I had come.

"Mr. Hull, Mr. Hull," echoed through my brain.

My head jerked backwards and I was back in class. I wiped the drool from my chin.

"We talked about you while you were asleep, you know," said my professor.

I didn't mind. I had more fun than they did.

Dan Hull is The Circle's Humor Columnist.



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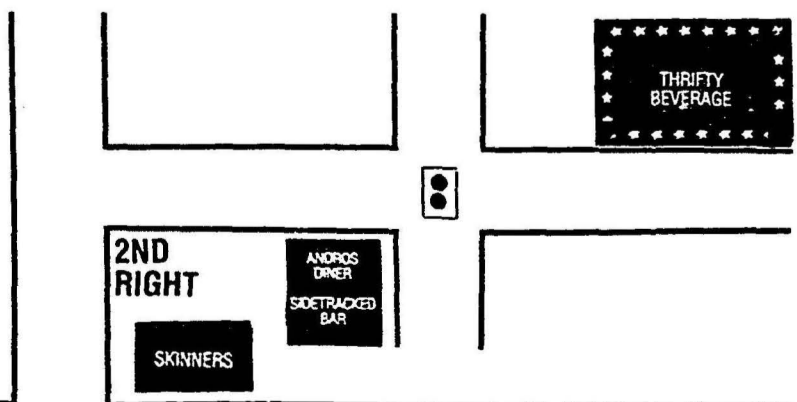
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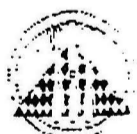
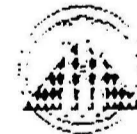


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## New van gets trial run

A 15-passenger van to transport students to and from the Canterbury Garden Apartments will be used on a trial basis in the near future, said Joseph Leary, director of Safety and Security.

The van will be loaned at no cost from Avis of Poughkeepsie and will replace one of four vans for one or two weeks, Leary said.

"We didn't plan on using a 15-passenger van, but when Avis told us that they had one, we decided to give it a try," Leary said.

The Canterbury Apartments house 402 students, according to John Padovani, assistant director of Housing and Residential Life.

Some Canterbury residents have complained the vans for 9:50 a.m. and 11:25 a.m. classes are overcrowded as well as vans returning to Canterbury in the late afternoon, said Leary.

Leary said too many students wait for the last van that arrives on campus in time for those classes, and more students should use the earlier vans.

He said he doubted the bigger van will solve the morning overcrowding problem.

"Once they get the word that there's a 15-passenger van, more are going to wait for the last van and we'll still be leaving students there," he said.

Kelly D'Arcy, resident director at Canterbury, said it is true students have to plan accordingly, but some students are planning ahead and are still being left behind.

Leary said keeping the bigger van will be justified only if students fill the earlier vans, and overcrowding persists.

However, the Resident Student Council at Canterbury is currently analyzing the trip sheets, logs kept by the drivers which tally the number of students on each van ride, to make suggestions to improve the van service, D'Arcy said.

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general manager because his grades were low.

Diane Digit, manager of publicity and public relations at WUSA-TV in Washington, stressed the practice of following up one's resume with a phone call.

The people who make the extra effort get the job, she said.

Peter Henley, senior vice president of the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency in Washington, told the audience to do their homework on any prospective company they were interviewing with.

"The last question any interviewer will ask you is 'Do you have any questions?' and the people who just sit there aren't the ones who get the jobs," he said.

Paul Murnane, news director of WKSS-radio in Hartford Conn., filled in as moderator of the forum after Bill O'Reilly, Marist graduate and host of the syndicated television show Inside Edition, was called to the west coast at the last minute on business.

The brothers of TAU KAPPA EPSILON are asking Marist students to come to the aid of a young boy suffering from a brain tumor. The child wishes to enter the Guinness Book of World Records by receiving as many responses (i.e. get well cards) as possible. Please consider granting him his wish. Send cards to: Craig Shergold, Children's Wish Foundation, Suite 100, 32 Perimeter Center East, Atlanta, GA. 30346.

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## Security takes next step

With the introduction of "the 2 a.m. policy" in the dorms, and plans to install an electronic scanner system next fall, security on campus continues to be strengthened.

Intruders and thieves have filtered on to the campus and some have been successful in getting into the residence halls in the past, leaving many of the students open to harassment and violence.

The new policy, which requires residents to meet visiting guests at dorm entrances after 2 a.m., will not solve all the problems — especially those of intruders on the North End — but residents in the underclass dorms may be able to sleep a little better at night knowing no one will be allowed in without clearance.

Although the new system does not strengthen security on the North End, residents there have said security patrol cars have followed them from the Gartland parking lot to their townhouses in the early morning hours — almost a late-night escort.

Both of these occurrences are encouraging.

The possibility of a new scanner-security system will not only keep the dorms and McCann safer, but will also allow students to borrow books, make purchases at the bookstore and eat in the cafeteria. It will be a significant and welcome change.

The sophisticated technology will bring Marist up to par with other colleges nationwide and will be a lot more convenient for the students.

Of course, this policy has to be enforced to work correctly. Let's hope the personnel of the Office of Safety and Security continue to adhere to these new policies, and that students will cooperate with them.

## Conference sets example

Jerry Nachman, editor of the New York Post, told Marist students last week that a lot of college graduates don't know their "stuff."

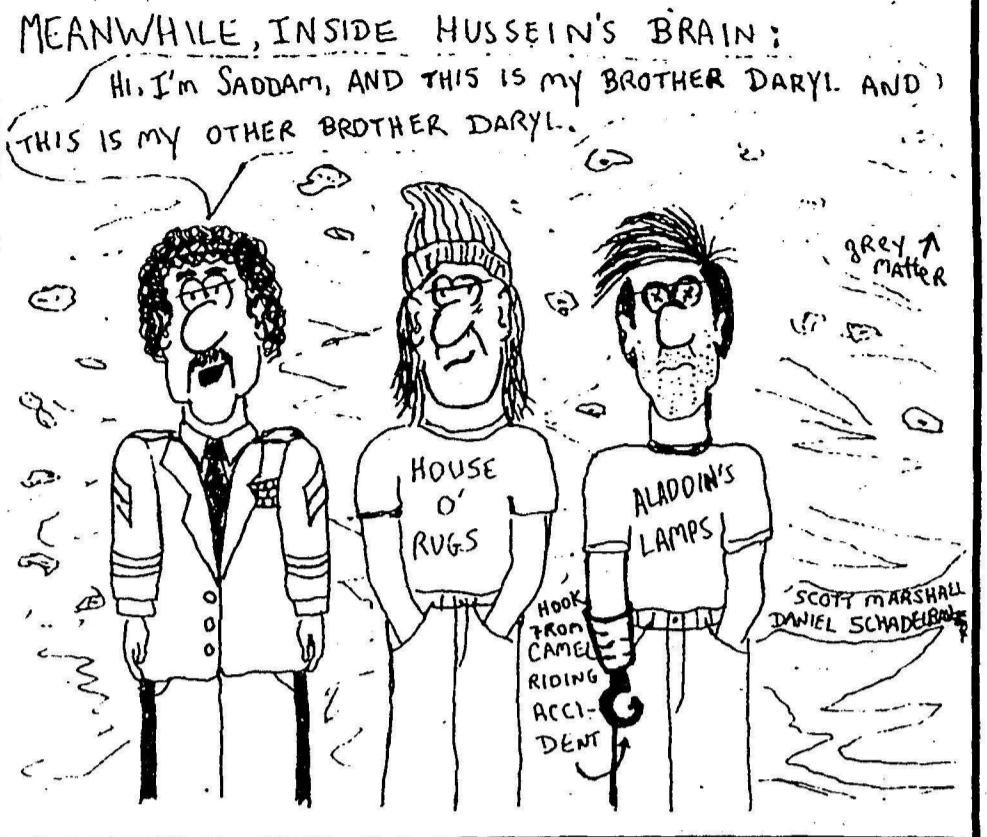
He said reporters are often covering and writing stories about which they are uninformed. In other words, they don't know their "stuff" — stuff such as the difference between a parole officer and a probation officer, indictment and conviction, a jury and a grand jury, to name a few.

Nachman spoke at the third Radio-Television News Directors Association conference held Saturday, where educators and professionals in media discussed "Education and the Media," and how well educators were preparing students for careers in the field.

Saturday's event marked the third time media professionals spoke at this college, and the gathering helps students keep in tune with what's going on in the field. With its panel discussions and question-answer forum, it also tells the media professionals what the concerns of the students are.

It is a program that should continue each year, and something the other disciplines of the college should model.

Strengthening the ties between professionals and college students is important because it allows both sides a better understanding of expectations. It also allows both a chance to see where one another's strengths and weaknesses lie.



## From Vietnam to the Gulf, 25 years worth of lessons



CHRIS SHEA

Thinking  
Between  
The  
Lines

Twenty-five years ago next week, the first major battle of the Vietnam War involving American troops was fought.

Although outnumbered 7-1, the American 1st Air Cavalry Division fought bravely, and pushed back the People's Army of Vietnam.

At battle's end, more than 2,000 Vietnamese lay dead, as did 234 Americans.

It was no doubt a military victory for America. However, the battle provided several lessons which American military men and policy-makers ignored.

These lessons proved costly.

Today, in the Persian Gulf, more lessons are being offered to the United States — lessons we have seen before during the Vietnam era.

We ignored them then, and we're ignoring them now.

Lesson No. 1 — The government and military must have the support of the American public in order to succeed in a foreign war.

Every day America continues to engage in the status quo with Saddam Hussein is another day the American public disengages itself from the Persian Gulf situation.

Traditionally, the American media and public have short attention spans.

Witness this past Friday, the lead stories on a major New York television station were as follows: the imminent divorce of Donald and Ivana Trump, and girl scouts will no longer be able to accept checks in payment for their cookies.

It's starting already. People are becoming tired and listless towards the Middle East. And the longer the stalemate continues, the less preoccupied this country becomes. An apathetic public is a death sentence for any foreign military venture.

Lesson No. 2 — More power and high technology does not guarantee victory against a more numerous enemy.

Yes, the United States has the latest sophisticated technology in military hardware. But that cannot always stop wave after wave of human infantry. Weapons jam and an over-reliance on equipment often means less reliable soldiers. There is not a greater resource in a war more important than manpower.

Lesson No. 3 — In war, there is a home-field advantage.

For America, Vietnam was a war against communist insurgency. For Vietnam, the war was a struggle to save their home. There's a big difference. The North Vietnamese did not have helicopters, nor napalm, nor many of the other technical advantages of the U.S. Army. They slept in trees. They ate in the forest. And they lived underground for weeks at a time. The Vietnamese lived the war; they were committed.

America has not seen a level of commitment similar to this since the Civil War.

Now think about that and apply it to Iraq. Keeping in mind Saddam Hussein just announced he will "keep the 19th province (Kuwait) at all costs." And he also called retired combat veterans to active duty. Hussein is ready for a war — a real war where thousands of young men die. Are we?

Iraq's soldiers and its people are willing to pay the price. Can the same be said for America?

Oh sure, everybody is gung-ho before the action starts. Patriotism and support for the government is flying high.

But will we feel differently when the first thousand-or-so American soldiers come back home in plastic?

The true measure of commitment can be summed up by asking ourselves one simple question: How much are we willing to lose?

Are we ready to poison another generation with self-doubt and regret? Are we ready to view our government with contempt and mistrust? Are we ready to watch our country's sons die in a faraway desert?

We weren't ready to pay the price in Vietnam and we're not ready to pay the price in the Middle East either.

I'm not saying we shouldn't be there (in Saudi Arabia), because I do believe Hussein should be stopped — especially before he obtains nuclear capabilities.

I just don't think this country has a true idea of what we could be in for.

Chris Shea is the Circle's Editorial Page Editor

### Letter Policy

The Circle welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be typed and signed and must include the writer's phone number and address.

The deadline for letters is 10 a.m. Monday. Letters should be sent to Ilse Martin, c/o The Circle, through campus mail.

The Circle attempts to publish all letters to the editor it receives, but reserves the right to edit them for matters of style, length, libel and taste. Short letters are preferred.



## Letters to the Editor

### Students off-campus wake up

**Editor:**

Many of our Marist College students are living off campus in sections of the City of Poughkeepsie that are not similar to the safe environment of the campus proper.

More students are selecting housing based on the bargain price, but low-rent housing is located in sections of the City of Poughkeepsie where drugs and crime are frequent.

Marist students, wake up and be extra cautious. When you rent in the inner City of Poughkeepsie, you must be street wise and safety conscious. Why are Marist students riding around at 2 a.m. at the corner of Catherine and Mill Streets with their car doors unlocked?

A violent crime was committed and a Marist student was scarred physically and emotionally. It

sounds like the attack was preventable. Male and female students alike need be cautious. Poughkeepsie is no longer a quiet, safe city.

The proximity to New York City has its good and bad influences on our Hudson Valley. Drugs and the violence associated with its use are on every inner city street.

Take every precaution necessary because you are more vulnerable than you think. Violent crimes do not just happen to someone else, to someone on the 5 o'clock news. Violent crimes do happen in the City of Poughkeepsie and more frequently in the low-rent districts of this city.

**Chris Vertullo  
Math Instructor**

## No matter what town you're in, home is where the heart is

by **MARK MILLER**

I was at an off-campus party at some point in the last few weekends and the beer was beginning to slow. People were calling taxis, pulling jackets on, pounding one last beer.

There was a girl there who is one of my classes — a freshman, who I stopped to talk to.

"Going home or another party?" I asked.

"No, we're going back to Marist."

"Oh, so you're going home?" A simple question which got an indignant reply.

"No, we are not going home. We are going back to campus. Marist is not our home."

She walked away, through the back yard, zipping up her jacket and stepping onto the van. She was homeward bound as far as I'm concerned.

I remember freshman year, shying away from calling Marist home, thinking of my beloved outskirts of Philadelphia and my home with the yellow stove and beat-up, green tea kettle for windy autumn days. That was home.

However, slowly, Poughkeepsie has become my home as it does to every Marist student who lasts here

four years and beyond. You are here the majority of the year, some all year round. You learn the delis, the bars, the best barber shop, how to get beers into the dorm. You develop your tastes, your style, your deal, right here in beautiful Poughkeepsie, right here in the Hudson Valley. Right smack here at home.

Memories are made here of quiet conversations in restaurants, of quick dashes to the train station, of loud ramblings in bars. How can this not be home? It is where most start to figure out their deal.

A few weeks ago I threw a big reunion for a band that had to break apart last year. Maybe you've heard of Stormy Donut. Maybe not. We reconvened and reunited and talked about old times. Guitars, harmonica, deep-felt acoustic blues. I watched two guitarists strum in unison and listened and laughed along. On a break we sucked down beers, someone pushed back his hair and said "Man, it's good to be home."

It's the feeling and the spirit, the acceptance of the idea. Going "home" home to Philly is a great thing. I love it but it has changed. We have a microwave now and that tea kettle has gone rusty and said

goodbye. And I know that I have changed; it is inevitable.

Last year on Easter Sunday I hopped off a train and walked to my off-campus house. I was ecstatic, elated, amazed. What a weekend to be alive in the streets of Philadelphia, just laughing with my sisters. But as I walked into my home, I jumped and screamed, ran about the house: God, it was great to be home.

Late that night, about 4 a.m., after reading a little bit, I stood in the streets of Poughkeepsie with a cold beer in my hand, a blanket over my shoulders. A roommate watched me from the porch.

"You look so damn happy, man."

How can you beat having two homes? And soon I'll say goodbye to Po-town, graduating in December. But all those memories, good and bad, will always be there and I'll always remember here fondly as once being home sweet home. After all, it's only where your heart is, no matter where you roam.

**Mark Miller is a senior majoring in English.**

## Computer Center problems being looked into

I am writing this response to the editorial titled, "Purging the System" in the November 1 issue of The Circle.

To rebut the section directed at mainframe users, there are several comments. It is true that the primary purpose of computing facilities at Marist is academic. The Computer Center stresses academics first and will ask anyone playing games or chatting to please give up their machine to someone who is waiting to use the system for academic purposes.

Chat is a facility that allows multiple users to converse with one another at the same time. This does include users at other universities as well as users across campus.

Although several users in the same room may be chatting, this does not rule out the

possibility that they are also chatting with users from other locations. The Computer Center recommends that students use the chat facility with discretion and respect for those that need to use the system for academic purposes.

Second, the abuse of computers, printers and terminals is, unfortunately, a problem. I would urge students to seek the help of student aides when there is a problem with the equipment and if there is not a student aide available to exercise care and caution when trying to fix a problem, such as a paper jam.

Finally, the several issues brought out about and toward the Computer Center need clarification. We recognize the problem of computer availability. This problem is currently being investigated and proposals are

being compiled for additional facilities.

Donnelly 250 is open 24 hours and staffed with student aides from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Donnelly 248 is available for additional mainframe use when there is not a class in session. Lowell Thomas 126 is both an instructional lab and a drop-in lab. When classes are not being conducted you may use the computers.

We are also investigating the possibility of increasing the lab's availability. The lab itself does not close at 5 p.m. on Sunday but rather the building is closed at 5 p.m.

The PC Support Center is designed to be a high-level experimental lab. Students looking to test different types of software and hardware can come to the PC Support Center and use the available products. In

order to increase hardware and software testing and education, this lab does not have the same software as Donnelly 250 or Lowell Thomas 126.

Lastly, the problem reporting system and follow up is being revised in order to track problems more efficiently. If students would like more information regarding any of the labs they should ask the student aide on duty. If anyone believes there is an easier way to handle computer lab problems, please send the ideas to the Help Desk in Donnelly 250.

**Dennis W. Creagh  
Information Center Analyst**

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## Why do student interns get short changed?

While most people would say no, the number of Marist students prostrating themselves at the feet of the college and industry is alarming.

Student internships are no longer simply the educational and academic experience they once were. Student interns are becoming an exploited workforce with the tacit approval of college administrators.

A month ago, The Circle reported a 42 percent jump in the number of students participating in internship programs.

Now, it is clear that number is actually higher when one considers the expansion of programs in three majors that require field work before graduation.

Criminal justice, social work and psychology all require internship experience prior to graduation; they were not included in the Sept. 27 Circle internship article.

The psychology department, for example, will place between 45 and 50 students during the current academic year, representing a possible 10 percent increase in psychology interns over recent years, while less than 5 percent will be placed in paid positions, according to Joseph Canale, the department's internship coordinator.

The above-mentioned majors run separate internship programs, while all other student efforts are coordinated by the Office of Career Development and Field Experience.



**The Bottom Line**

**KEVIN ST. ONGE**

Through that office, 97 students representing eight majors are involved in field experience. Less than 16 percent are being paid or otherwise compensated for the jobs they perform.

All Marist students receive academic credit for their internships and therein lies the problem: There is something fundamentally wrong with students paying Marist College tuition for the right to work for somebody else.

Marist grants credit for work-related experience. What do those credits really mean? Because most interns are pass/fail, all the college has to do is tack-on those credits to a student's record and *voila*, the student gets a degree.

Marist is being paid for doing very little. Students, presumably doing something on their internships, are not being compensated.

Part of the problem is three different terms are used on this campus to describe essentially the same

thing: internships, cooperative programs and field experience.

Each have specific independent meanings yet each are used interchangeably, according to Desmond Murray, assistant director of field experience.

Students seem to identify better with the word "internship" yet few students seem to realize they can actually be paid in the same way students enrolled in classic cooperative programs are paid — as short-term employees.

The career development literature can be misleading.

Entitled "Cooperative Education Program," one pamphlet states: "Each participating employer sets a salary level approximate to entry level employees performing similar tasks."

According to the same office's numbers, only 15 students of the 97 registered are being paid.

Clearly Marist students are being sought by industry. Marist must be turning out a marketable product or 97 students would not be out in the field.

Marist would distinguish itself among colleges if it stood behind its product — its students — and demanded they receive compensation.

Don Edwards, chairperson of the broadcast journalism department at Syracuse University spoke at Marist last weekend during the Radio-Television News Directors Association conference. He told

The Circle afterwards he was actively seeking compensation for his students when they are involved in field work.

Edwards would not go so far as advocating colleges demand compensation.

Marist should. Mike McCarthy, a 1982 Marist graduate and senior producer for Madison Square Garden Television Network also spoke at the RTNDA conference. He discussed his internship experience.

"Be confident in yourself," said McCarthy. "Become a real asset to the company."

Assets have worth. If Marist students are worth something to a company, they should be compensated for that worth.

There are 77 communication interns representing Marist College this semester.

Nine students, or 11 percent, are in paid positions.

The Communications department incidentally is the only department at Marist having a full-time faculty internship coordinator. New this year is an assistant coordinator as well.

Robert Norman coordinates the communications internship program and takes exception to the idea students are being exploited.

"In some instances I can honestly say some interns should actually pay their employers, that is how valuable the work experience can

be," said Norman. "There are certain advantages to working in the field but that doesn't necessarily mean co-ops are better than the classroom."

During an interview, Professor Norman told "The Bottom Line" of the number of schools across the country that literally fly their students into New York, the media capital. He went on to say there is no way Marist can reasonably demand compensation for its students because most companies will simply look at the next applicant.

What Professor Norman refuses to recognize is the scenario he described is in fact an exploited, captive market.

It does not have to be. Marist should take the lead in recognizing the value of its students in the real world and demand equitable compensation.

**BY THE WAY . . .** Work experiences are great. They help students determine if their chosen field of study is actually the kind of career they want to pursue.

Field work creates networking opportunities that simply do not exist on a college campus.

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## A banner season



Student Booster Club president Chris Bautista, a junior, displays a spirit banner at a recent sporting event.

Circle photo/Kourtney Klosen

## Public relations works overtime to compensate for resignations

by DAN HULL  
News Editor

The Office of College Advancement is "advancing" despite the fact that there are currently four positions open, including the vice president.

"I don't think that we're at a standstill, we're not only maintaining the programs, but advancing them," said Shaileen Kopec, acting vice president for college advancement.

The office is responsible for raising money for the college as well as alumni affairs, college publications and special events.

This past fiscal year, July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990, was the most successful fund-raising year for the college with \$4.8 million raised through pledges and gifts, Kopec said.

Kopec said the Alumni Weekend, two weekends ago attracted more than 2,000 alumni, students and faculty making it the most successful Alumni Weekend ever.

Because of the four open positions, the college advancement staff has had to work overtime to complete its goals, Kopec said.

"We do what we have to do get the job done, and if it requires extra time, then that's what we do," Kopec said.

The office also publishes the Alumni News, the President's Report and the Marist Magazine.

The President's Report will be finished in November and the Marist Magazine will be published in the spring.

Kopec said the office's objectives will be met despite the open positions.

Since January 1990, four people have left the college advancement office.

Paul Browne, former vice-president for college advancement, resigned in January and is now the Director of Special Projects for the New York City police department.

The vice president position is being advertised in such publications as the Poughkeepsie Journal, the Chronicle of Higher Education and The New York Times, said President Dennis Murray.

He said a candidate would have to have experience in fund raising, government relations, dealing with alumni publications and organizing special events.

Susan DeKrey, former director of public relations, left in January and is now the director of public relations at Vassar College.

DeKrey said she reevaluated her position at Marist and accepted the Vassar position when it was offered to her.

Two new positions have been created in the restructuring of the public relations department, Kopec said.

The duties of the director of public relations will be split between the director of college relations and the editor for college advancement.

The director of public relations will be responsible for media relations, internal relations as well as oversee the publications department and act as the college spokesperson.

The editor for college advancement will edit and produce college advancement publications.

Patricia Clark resigned from her position as director of foundations and corporate relations in June 1990 after working there about a year. She is currently the Director of Development for the New York School for the Deaf.

She said her new job was a "step up," and it was a great opportunity for her.

James Kullander left his job as editor for college advancement on September 28. He said he is now freelance writing for newspapers and magazines.

## GRIDDERS

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Siena's Bill Scheintinger ran the Marist kickoff back 87 yards for a touchdown, to bring the Indians within one with over 13 minutes left in the game.

The Red Foxes put the game away with 4:18 left in the game when Mullaly scored again — this time on a seven yard run.

Mullaly's three rushing touchdowns tied a school record.

Senior Matt Daly intercepted Facto and freshman Don D'Aiuto scored the Red Foxes last touchdown with :46 seconds left, on a 12 yard run.

D'Aiuto led the Red Foxes rushing attack with 214 yards on 33 carries.

"The offensive line did a great

job," Pardy said. "We didn't really have trouble moving the ball on the ground. The line provided the initial holes and the backs did a great job getting the extra yardage."

Sophomore linebacker Joe Riccardi led the defensive effort with 19 tackles.

## SWIMMING

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"Winning Vassar was a big lift," she said. "We went in there not really knowing what we could do. They really needed that win. The girls are very excited right now, they haven't won in two years."

Hunter also credited the early performance of Daly and Pope, both freshmen.

Predmore, Dolan, Suling and Cleary each swam a leg on the first place 200-meter medley relay team. Cleary finished third in the 100-meter backstroke and the 100-meter freestyle.

Diver Kim Conk, a junior, placed second in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events.

Because the team did not win a single event last year, Hunter said beating Vassar was an emotional lift.

"Cheryl started late — she only came to practice about a month ago — and I'm really pleased with her performance so far," she said. "Maria is also doing really well."

## LETTERS

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Editor:

To resolve some uncertainties which seem to have gotten into circulation, we expect all currently enrolled students to complete Introduction to Ethics in its present form.

This should occur before the end of this academic year, and efforts to avoid that requirement may result in severe schedule dislocations or even delays in graduation.

Only students entering Marist College next academic year or thereafter will be subject to the changed expectations regarding an ethics course.

If you have any further questions about this requirement, please ask them of your advisor during the pre-registration period.

Richard A. Atkins  
Interim Director,  
Core/Liberal Studies



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- **Football vs. Brooklyn College (H) on Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m.**
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- **Men's swimming vs. Central Connecticut State University (H) on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.**
- **Women's swimming vs. SUNY New Paltz (A) on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.**

## V-Ball loses sixth straight; season ends

by **TED HOLMLUND**  
Staff Writer

"The Marist women's volleyball team ended its season on a losing note as the team dropped its final six games.

The Red Foxes season ended last Saturday when they dropped a 3-0 loss to Molloy College, 15-8, 15-3, 15-8.

Assistant coach Tom Hanna said losing to Molloy was a tough way to end the season.

"We had a let down after losing the night before to Army," said Hanna. "We did not play on the level we are capable of playing and they didn't make any mistakes. This was a tough way to end the season."

Marist was led by senior co-captains Marianne Cenicola and Kim Andrews who had 11 assists and nine kills, respectively.

Against Army, last Friday, Marist fell 15-13, 17-15, 15-3.

Offensively, freshman Moira Breen led the offensive attack as she distributed 18 assists. Andrews slammed down 10 kills and sophomore Robin Gestl added five kills and two service aces.

"We played well against Army," said Hanna. "We had some chances early on, but their ability to play so consistent was what put them over the edge. Army is a very strong club."

On Halloween, the Red Foxes were defeated by Fairleigh Dickinson University 15-8, 15-10, 15-10.

Breen again led the attack with 10 assists while junior Karen Wiley added four kills and two aces.

"FDU was a team we should have beat," said Hanna. "In that game we were unable to make the shots we were making earlier in the year when we were playing solid volleyball."

On Oct. 30, Marist was defeated by the University of Hartford 15-5, 15-4, 15-5.

Andrews' five kills and Wiley's two blocks led the team.

"We just didn't have our stuff," said Hanna. "We were inconsistent throughout the entire match, and the scores indicate that."

Hanna said that the team's slide began at the Skidmore Invitational.

"Once we went down at Skidmore, we were unable to recover," he said. "Losing six in a row is a tough way to end the season, especially for the seniors."

Although Marist had hoped to win 20 games, Hanna said that there were some definite positive points to this season.

"The freshmen (Breen, Carlyn Gianetti and Nicole Silenzi) did a fantastic job for us," he said. "They were all bright spots that played solid when called upon. They will be key players next year. Karen Wiley also showed that she can run our offense. Despite losing some key seniors, we have a solid group of people coming back next year."

The Red Foxes finished the season with a record of 17-14.

## Rugby season ends at weekend tourney

by **BRIAN MARKHAM**  
Staff Writer

The Marist rugby club finished its fall season by splitting two matches at the Iona Rugby Tournament this past weekend.

In the first game of the tournament, Marist romped Oneonta State, 30-3.

The Red Foxes played the game without the services of club president Steve Batta, the team's leading scorer. Batta missed the tournament for personal reasons.

"He has been out before and we have played well," said vice-president Brendan Gallagher, a junior. "It wasn't a problem not having him because we played so strong."

Leading the way for the Red Foxes offensively was senior Shamus Barnes, who scored six points on kicks.

Seniors Mark Inammo, Phil Frank, Bruce Harris and Frank Romano all scored four points apiece.

Jeff Burke and Mike Costello, both sophomores, also added four points.

"It was a balanced attack," said Gallagher. "We played together and were able to dominate them."

Defensively, Gallagher credited senior Walter Cook and junior Lou Liggio.

"They played a strong game for us on defense," he said. "They kept things in control for us on the defensive side of the game. They played well."

Gallagher also said that Marist was prepared for the game.

"We had a good week of practice," he said. "We were psyched up for this one, we felt real good coming into the tournament."

After defeating Oneonta, Marist moved on to the championship round to take on Hunter College.

After the teams played to a 3-3 tie in the first half, Hunter scored in the first minute of the second half to take the lead 7-3.

Barnes accounted for the Red Foxes three points on a penalty kick.

Although the Red Foxes were shut out in the second half, Gallagher said the team had opportunities.

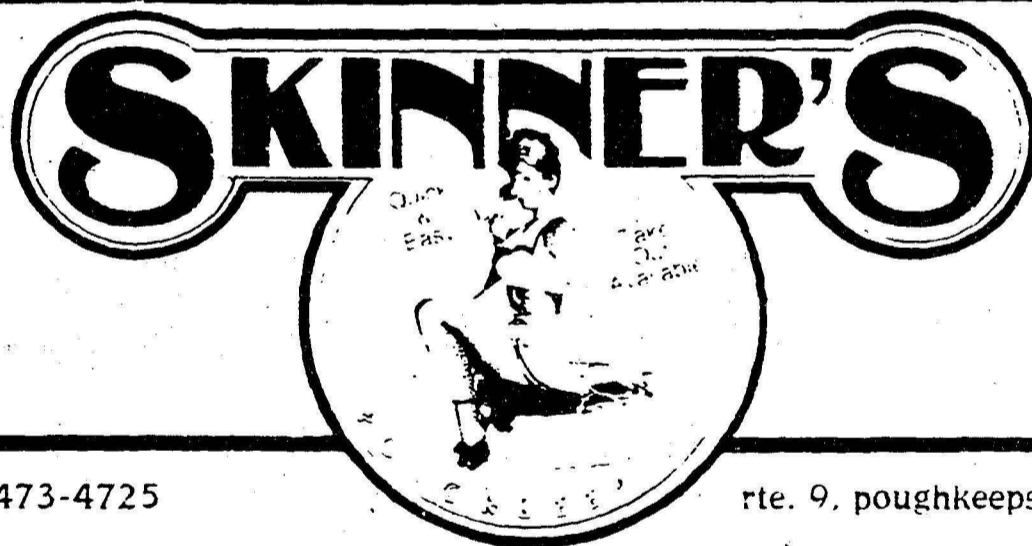
"After Hunter scored on us early," he said. "We played most of the second half in their end, but we were unable to score. We did have some chances."

Gallagher also said that the Red Foxes played well in defeat.

"Although we dominated the Oneonta game," he said. "This may have been a better game because it was more competitive. We played a strong game, it was an even game. It very easily could have gone our way."

The Red Foxes finished the season with a Metropolitan Rugby Union record of 5-3.

The Red Foxes will have a more games and a tougher schedule during their spring season, which starts in March, said Gallagher.



## DAILY SPECIALS

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- Wed. - Beer Nite.....\$3 Pitchers - 9-12**
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## Swimmers open 2-0, start season strong

by **MIKE O'FARRELL**  
Sports Editor

After finishing last season 0-11, the women's swim team is off to a strong 2-0 start this year.

Tuesday night, Marist defeated Central Connecticut State University, 137-83.

Leading the way for the Red Foxes was senior Mary Dolan, who placed first in the 1,000-meter freestyle and the 100-meter breast stroke.

Senior Kindra Predmore placed first in the 500-meter freestyle and Cheryl Daly, a freshman, finished first in the 100-meter backstroke.

The team of Dolan, Daly, junior Ally Suling and senior Jeanne Cleary earned first place honors in the 200-meter medley relay for the Red Foxes.

The 400-meter free relay was captured by Predmore, Chrissy Andreasen, junior Eileen Moran and freshman Maria Pope.

"Eileen had a strong meet, she swam all her events well," said first-year coach Debbie Hunter.

Hunter, who is coaching on the college level for the first time, came to Marist from the Kingston Swim Club. She is the fifth women's coach in the last four years.

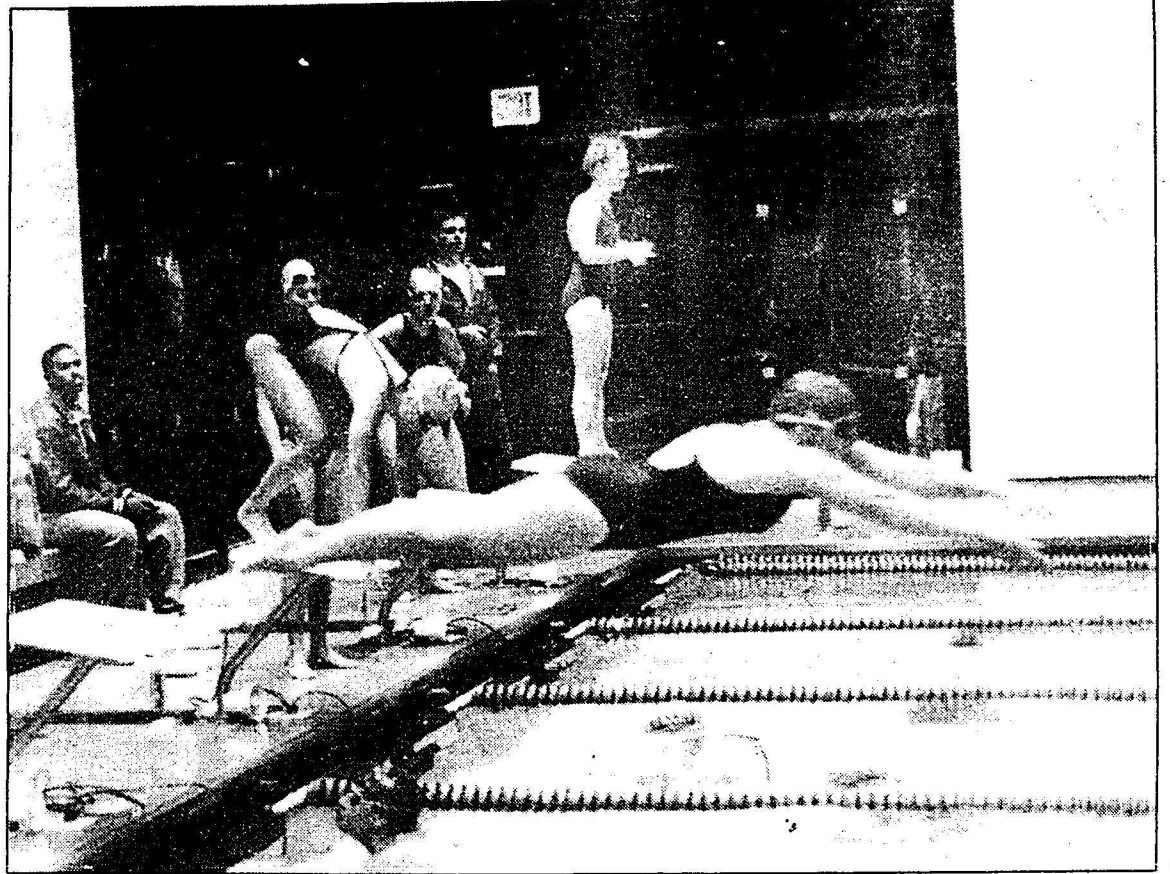
Marist earned its first win of the season against Vassar College last Wednesday. The Red Foxes outscored Vassar 164-131.

Leading the way against Vassar were Predmore and Dolan, each capturing three individual first place honors.

Predmore finished first in both the 100-meter and 200-meter butterfly and in the 100-meter freestyle. Dolan captured the 100-meter and 200-meter breast stroke events, as well as the 1,000-meter freestyle.

Suling and Daly each won two events for the Red Foxes. Suling won both the 200-meter and the 500-meter freestyle events while Daly notched the 100-meter and 200-meter backstroke.

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Senior Jeanne Cleary dives into the pool during the women's swimming team's victory over Vassar College last week.

Circle photo/Matt Martin

## Gridders clinch first place tie in ACFC

by **MIKE O'FARRELL**  
Sports Editor

The Marist football team clinched a tie for first place in the Atlantic Collegiate Football Conference (ACFC) last Saturday when it downed Siena College, 35-20.

The Red Foxes now have an overall record of 6-2-1 while posting a 4-0 mark in the ACFC.

Marist can win first place outright with a win against the Kingsmen of Brooklyn College in the final game of the season Saturday at Leonidoff Field.

If the Red Foxes lose to Brooklyn, they will finish the conference tied with St. Francis (PA) at 4-1.

Against Siena, Marist exploded for 22 fourth quarter points to put the Indians away.

However, head coach Rick Pardy said his team may have been a bit over-confident.

"Yeah, I think we were," he said. "We are a better team than we showed, and the players know that. At the end of the game, they knew they could have done a better job."

Despite only gaining 163 yards in total offense, Siena was kept in the game because of costly Marist mistakes.

Senior quarterback Dan O'Donnell was intercepted four times, the Red Foxes committed eight penalties for 85 yards, and the special teams played poorly.

Although there were minuses, the Red Foxes earned their share of pluses.

The Marist offense, using a dominating rushing game, gained 501 yards of total offense. The running backs provided 370 of those yards on 65 carries.

The defense was also strong only allowing Siena 163 total yards, and intercepting four Siena passes.

"We shut them right down," said Pardy. "Except for a couple of let-downs on our part, they were unable to do anything. Our front seven were tremendous. They shut the running game down to a point where we were in control when they had the ball."

The Red Foxes picked up where they left off against St. John's last week by scoring on the first drive of the game.

With 12:06 remaining in the first quarter, O'Donnell scampered in from three yards out to put Marist ahead 6-0. Brian McCourt's kick made the score 7-0.

The Red Foxes continued their strong play by scoring again in the opening minutes of the second quarter.

Junior fullback Pat Mullaly, who ran for 107 yards on 17 carries, rambled in from 22 yards to put Marist ahead 13-0.

Marist had a chance to put the game away before halftime when it drove from its own two yard line to the five yard line of Siena. However, a fumbled exchange with :59 seconds left in the half stalled the drive.

"I really don't feel that was a let-down for us," Pardy said. "It was more of a lift for Siena. We knew what we could do with the ball. We gave them the break."

Siena gained momentum from the Marist mishap and scored on the first possession of the second half courtesy of another blunder.

The Indians had a drive kept alive thanks in part to two Red Fox penalties. Siena was

then forced to punt. However, Tim Carroll fumbled the kick and the Indians recovered the ball on the Marist one yard line.

With 11:42 left in the third quarter, Tom Carolan rambled in the endzone to cut the Marist lead to 13-7.

Siena took the lead with 2:43 left in the third, when quarterback Bob Facto connected on a 19 yard touchdown strike to Phil Dwyer. The extra point made it 14-13, Indians.

Marist regained control in the fourth quarter when Mullaly scored his second touchdown of the game from two yards out with 13:38 remaining in the game.

"Chuck (Mullaly) has matured as a running back," said Pardy. "He's now a punishing fullback that is also an excellent blocker."

Christian Mosello ran three yards for the two-point conversion and Marist went back on top, 21-14.

On the ensuing play, the kicking team faltered.

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## Athletes need fans, not faces in the crowd

There is a new club on campus — the Student Booster Club.

The purpose of this club is to increase school spirit at Marist sporting events, especially basketball games.

Fan support at all contests, not just basketball games, is very poor.

Even if there is a large crowd on hand, the support students give the athletes is minimal. It seems that only big plays draw attention to the fans.

Marist fans aren't like other fans. They don't get as involved.

Let's talk basketball for a bit.

On the women's side, the average attendance last year was listed at roughly 900 fans.

However, if you were one of the few that attended a women's basketball game, you know that the real attendance was only about 100 people.

The reason for this discrepancy is simple. Whenever there was a mens and womens doubleheader, the attendance at the men's game was used for the women.

What I don't understand though, is how come nobody goes to women's basketball games?

Is it because they aren't exciting?

If that is the case, then there is a problem. Last year, the Lady Red Foxes won 18 games. This year they may win 20. It would be nice to see people get out and show some support.

Men's basketball isn't any better. Oh sure, more people go to men's games, but they don't do anything.

The Student Booster Club is trying to change that.

Marist basketball fans are lame compared to other schools.

Ever been to a Big East game? Ever watch one on television? Next time you do, notice the difference in fan support. I'm not talking about the number of fans, I'm talking about what those fans do.

Fans at Villanova are given towels to wave during the game. Syracuse University and University of Connecticut fans stand at the beginning of the game until their team has scored.

At the beginning of Marist games, the fans ask each other who it is we are playing.

Then there are the fans at Duke. They may be the best fans in all of sports, not just college basketball.



**MIKE O'FARRELL**

Thursday  
Morning  
Quarterback

Duke fans have an attitude. They are constantly involved in the game with one type of cheer or another. They always seem to be waving something different each game. It seems as though a prerequisite to attending a Duke game is having some form of blue paint on your body.

Sorry, but the argument that Big East or ACC basketball is better does not hold here.

Granted, there may be some more exciting players, but that is not the issue.

The issue is school spirit — something Marist students don't have much of.

The Student Booster Club is trying to change that.

The new club, under the direction of junior Chris Bautista, is trying to increase student support of Marist athletes.

The club has moved the student section in the McCann Center and increased its size to accommodate more fans.

The club is trying to gain enough interest so that a significant number of fans can travel to away games in order to support the Red Foxes.

Although it was only a practice, over 750 fans turned out at the men's Red and Black intrasquad scrimmage two weeks ago.

The new club is interested in starting "midnight madness" at Marist next year. "Midnight madness" is a basketball exhibition at midnight on the first official day of practice.

Moving now to football, the only time this year (not counting this Saturday) the bleachers at Leonidoff Field were filled was Alumni Weekend.

However, even though the bleachers were full, there was no real excitement generated.

Why aren't there any football cheerleaders? Maybe that has something to do with the lack of support.

When St. John's played here two weeks ago, they had cheerleaders. A group of Marist students were obviously jealous because they then grabbed a few branches off a tree and did some of their own cheers.

Did you know we have a swim team here?

The men's and women's swimming teams have both been successful in the past. However, they usually find themselves swimming in front of parents and roommates.

There are other sports that haven't even been mentioned, such as tennis, soccer, crew and cross-country, that also do not get the fan support they deserve.

Marist athletes deserve our support. When competing, they are representing each of us. The athletes put in countless hours of training in order to serve the college. By serving the college, they are serving the students. Marist athletes bring recognition to the school. They should be recognized for that.

Fans at Marist do not give enough support to their athletes.

The Student Booster Club is trying to change that.

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