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As snowflakes pile up, so does cost of removal

by STEPHANIE MERCURIO
Staff Writer

The blizzard of '96 may be over, but Marist College is still recovering.

After spending \$15,000 to clean up the near-record snowfall, Ralph Short, supervisor of grounds at Marist, said the college will have to pay more than \$8,000 to repair additional damages.

Concrete slabs in the main entrance, as well as in the walkways were pulled up, and three-fourths of the fence in the Hoop lot was bent.

"I haven't walked around the campus to see the extent of the damages," said Short. "I don't want to know what they are. A lot of work will need to be done."

For the most part, Short said the damage was done by large loaders scooping out the snow.

"There was no place to put all of the snow, so loaders had to scoop it out," he said. "They couldn't tell where the curbs are, so a lot of the damages were done that way."

Gyna Slomscinsky, a sophomore, said that the damages done

to the walkways were the worst part of the storm.

"Just the other day I tripped on a concrete slab that was pushed out of the ground," said Slomscinsky. "Something needs to be done."

The concrete slabs will settle back into the ground in the spring, according to Short. The slabs pushed out of the ground because maintenance heated them to melt the snow.

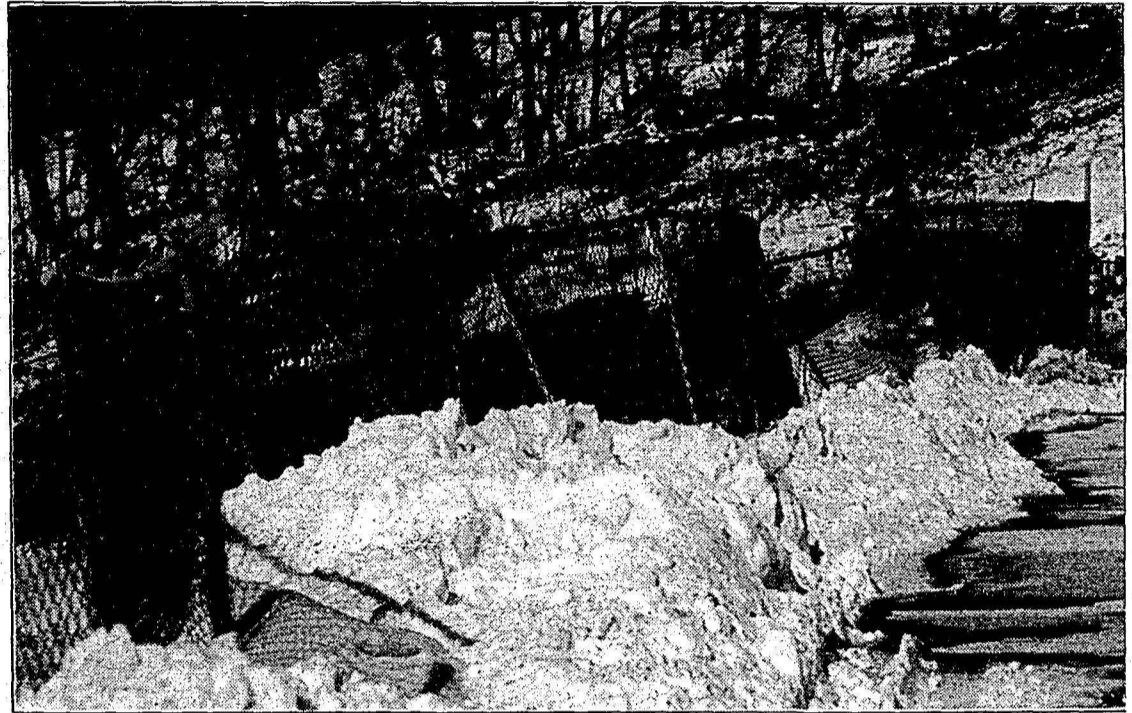
Throughout the week of the blizzard, Short said workers put in 18 to 20 hour shifts, working two days straight.

Not only did the ground's staff work to clean up Marist, student volunteers helped as well.

"The students helped with shoveling the stairs and sidewalks," said Short. "They were such a big help, we couldn't have gotten it done without them."

Jane Rosick, a sophomore, said she thought the workers did as good a job as they could.

"There was so much snow, it was difficult to see the lights and fences because of the depth," Rosick said. "I don't think the damages could have been avoided."



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Damage from plows, like the bending of this fence in Upper Hoop lot seen here, adds to the expensive task of snow removal. Last month's blizzard alone cost the college \$15,000.

Water emergency cost Marist \$7,000

by CHRIS THORNE
Staff Writer

When water use was cut short two weeks ago due to the water hazard, Marist College came to the rescue of its students.

On Jan. 24, residents of the Town and City of Poughkeepsie, including Marist, were advised to boil their drinking water because of possible contamination.

According to Jim Raimo, Director of Housing and Residential Life, the college decided to provide bottled water.

"It was decided that would be one of the things we could do to help the students," Raimo said.

The first order was for 250 cases of one-liter bottles. Raimo said he estimated the cost was about \$2,500.

The first batch was delivered to the resident halls and was distributed by resident assistants and resident directors. Once it was received and distributed,

Thirsty anyone?

During last week's water emergency, Marist was forced to ship water on campus. Here are some of the numbers:

- 538 cases of bottled water were shipped to Marist.
- An additional 1,200 gallons was used by Dining Services for cooking and drinking.
- a total of \$7,000 was spent on water.

Housing turned the responsibility over to Sodexo, the college dining service.

Joe Binotto, director of dining services, placed the orders.

"We ordered another 288 cases of half-liter bottles, which were for students who needed it," Binotto said.

An additional 1,200 gallons of water were delivered to the dining services for drinking and

cooking purposes. The additional water distributed cost about \$4,500.

Raimo had nothing but the highest accolades for the students and how they dealt with the situation.

"The students were great," Raimo said, "They understood what was going on, and that there was only so much the college could do."

Senior Bill Trond said that he was very impressed with the school.

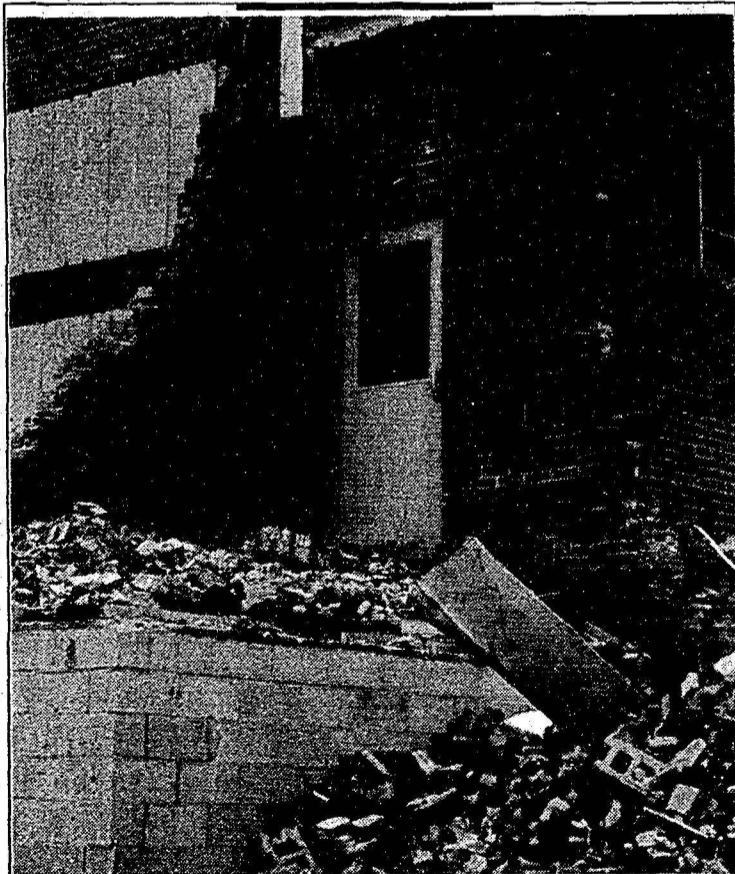
"They were very generous and very fast," he said.

However some say they could have functioned without the aid of bottled water.

"I used the tap water anyway," said one student.

Raimo said the students understanding kept the situation under control.

"The college pulled together as a community to deal with the problem," Raimo said.



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THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN - Demolition has resumed on the former Mid-Hudson Business Park to make way for Wal-Mart. Developers hope to have the center open this fall.

Java adds animation to Internet for web lovers

New software speeds up use of graphics

by CRAIG MURRAY
Staff Writer

The World Wide Web is a vital part of both academic and leisure pursuits here at Marist. However, just when you thought you were close to mastering the vast reaches of cyberspace, another recent development has appeared in an attempt to forever change the look of cyberspace as we know it.

Sun Microsystems, a computer platform and software development firm in California, has spearheaded the development of a programming language called Java.

No, this new technology has nothing to do with your morning cup of coffee, but it is wak-

ing up computer programmers and web enthusiasts all over the world.

"Up until now," says Barbara McMullen, Director of Marist's Department of Academic Computing, "the web has been an environment for everybody. Publishing on the web hasn't required much technical expertise, and really hasn't required any knowledge of programming. This aspect of the Internet really scares computer programmers and so, with Java, Sun is trying to regain the computer industry's monopoly on the Internet."

Java is a computer language based on C++. It is an intelligent, compact tool for creating animation and performing calculations. Marist has already incorporated

a piece of Java animation on it's Academic Computing Home Page

(<http://www.academic.marist.edu>). The exciting thing about Java is how quickly its animations are transmitted over the Internet. In the past, to view animation on the Web, animation files had to be downloaded off of a web page, and possibly after 3-4 minutes of downloading, the animation could be viewed. With the compiled Java script, the animation is transmitted with the home page, and the end-user hardly realizes an animation is being transmitted at all.

However, due to software requirements, the moving marquee located on the bottom of the *Please see Web, page 4...*

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Assault on an infant

HORNELL, N.Y. (AP) - A 25-year-old woman has been charged with assault after she poured toilet bowl cleaner in her infant daughter's food and poured boiling water on the child in separate incidents, troopers said Tuesday.

An abuse investigation begun Sunday by the Hornell Police Department resulted in Elizabeth VanScoter being charged Monday with two counts of second-degree assault, according to state police in Bath.

Police said VanScoter is charged with putting toilet bowl cleaner in her daughter Morgan's baby food in May 1995, when the child was a year

old.

The other charge stems from a July 1995 incident in which the mother poured boiling water on the child, troopers said.

The girl, now 19 months old, suffered internal injuries requiring hospitalization from the first incident and suffered second-degree burns from the second incident, police said. Morgan and her 4-year-old sister Brianna have been removed from the VanScoter home by Child Protective Services and placed with a foster family, troopers said. VanScoter, of Bath, was being held in Steuben County Jail in lieu of \$2,500. She's to appear in Freemont Town Court on Thursday.

New York and Beyond

News from the Associated Press

Fireman an arsonist

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. (AP) - A volunteer firefighter is one of three men arrested on charges of arson in

connection with fires that broke out in five vacant buildings over the last month, police said.

John Kennedy, 20, of Schoharie, has been a member of the Schoharie Fire Department for four years.

He was arrested Sunday on five counts of third-degree arson for allegedly starting fires at four vacant residences and a vacant hotel in Schoharie County, state police said.

Kennedy was on duty battling at least three of the fires, according to Schoharie Fire Chief John Wolfe.

Taiwan needs defense

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton

administration is unwilling to state flatly that it would defend Taiwan if the island were attacked by China, Defense Secretary William Perry said Tuesday.

Perry said he is concerned but not alarmed that China is using "military maneuvering" to try to influence Taiwan's democratic presidential election March 23.

Asked what the United States would do if China threatened to attack, Perry said he could not be more specific than the commitment spelled out in the Taiwan Relations Act.

That document says belligerent actions meant to determine the future of the island 120 miles off China's southeastern coast would be "of grave concern" to the U.S.

Arctic cold loosens grip but trouble is far from over

The Arctic cold that has paralyzed the Southeast and East began loosening its grip Tuesday, leaving behind busted water pipes, slick roads and downed powerlines.

"I wish spring would come," said Rosie Heater of Orlando, W.Va. "I'm doing sewing and embroidery to try to keep warm."

At least 91 deaths have been blamed on the weather since the cold wave descended last week and pushed temperatures as low as 60 below zero in Tower, Minn.

In Alabama, where driving on ice is a rare experience, temperatures in the 30s Tuesday did little to reduce the number of traffic accidents.

Huntsville police reported their worst day yet for fender-benders and predicted more Wednesday if roads remained slick. The bad

road conditions meant a third day of no school for Alabama youngsters.

And in north Georgia and central North Carolina, several districts canceled classes to protect students who would have had to wait outside for buses or walk to school.

"Our kids know about sunburn. We don't know when you're getting frostbite," said Spencer Ragsdale, spokesman for the DeKalb County schools in suburban Atlanta.

Plumbers in Georgia and Virginia were struggling to keep pace with calls for repairs on pipes that froze and ruptured during the record cold.

"We've had hundreds of calls," said Nancy Dorin, who answers the telephones at J.H. Chappell Co. in Richmond.

Tommy Newton of Rapidan Plumbing and Heating in Fredericksburg, Va., said one customer had several pipes shatter and spill water onto the floor and out the back door, where it froze.

"Those pipes were literally blown apart," he said. Several areas reported record lows again early Tuesday. In Tennessee, Bristol-Kingsport-Johnson City in the state's northeast corner set a record for the third straight morning as the temperature dipped to 1, breaking the previous low of 6 set in 1966.

Knoxville tied a record at 6 set in 1886.

At Chattanooga's Warner Park Zoo a peacock named Jordan had to be saved by a zookeeper after his tail feathers froze to the ground.

Warmer temperatures or not, thousands of people without power were still shivering. In North Carolina, about 100,000 homes remained without electricity after weekend ice storms that downed powerlines.

But that was an improvement from 430,000 at the height of the storm last weekend. Duke Power officials said outage ranks in severity behind only Hurricane Hugo, which knocked out service to 700,000 people in 1989.

John and Sally Sodana retired to North Carolina to escape New York's harsh weather. But Tuesday was their third day at a Red Cross shelter in Winston-Salem, where they fled while waiting for power to be restored at their apartment.

"It's getting a little too far out," John Sodana said. "I just can't

conceive electricity being out this long."

Temperatures in the 50s brought Florida farmers out to assess crop damage from the region's worst freeze since Christmas 1989. Most reported some damage to fruits and winter vegetables, but said that earlier cold spells helped "winterize" their crops.

For some, the weather has defied explanation. In Georgia, where lows ranged from 5 in Marietta and Rome to 18 in Savannah and Brunswick, the National Weather Service was predicting a highs between 55 to near 70 by Friday.

"This has been some of the strangest weather I think I've ever seen," said Miriam Sellers, a forecaster for the National Weather Service in Gainesville.

China still pleading for help after quake

By ELAINE KURTENBACH
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) - Officials pleaded for help Tuesday for hundreds of thousands of people who survived a devastating earthquake only to endure hunger, near-freezing temperatures and hundreds of aftershocks.

The quake on Saturday killed at least 246 people, injured more than 14,000, and left 260,000 without homes, officials said.

By late Tuesday, 970 aftershocks had been recorded, including a strong 5.6-magnitude jolt. Officials said they expected more aftershocks of comparable strength.

The number of buildings destroyed by the quake climbed to more than 300,000 as rescue workers discovered entire communities that had been destroyed.

"I personally appeal for help for the stricken areas. We need all the help we can get," said Wang Ze, an official with the provincial government.

China's State Council, or Cabinet, and the ruling Communist

By late Tuesday, 970 aftershocks had been recorded, including a strong 5.6-magnitude jolt.

Party announced they would send 100,000 quilted cotton garments, 100 tents, more than 1.5 million gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, and \$2.4 million in relief funds to the stricken area.

Military commands provided quilts and tents for the hundreds of thousands of people shivering outdoors in near-freezing temperatures - afraid that more tremors would topple the buildings left standing.

Officials said they feared the number of dead and injured could rise further as soldiers and medics worked in remote villages.

A 6-year-old boy who suffered severe burns and broken bones when a wall trapped him on top of a burning stove was flown to the provincial capital, Kunming, the newspaper China Youth Daily said.

About 2,000 soldiers continued to dig through the rubble for survivors Tuesday. Local officials

said all of the 22 foreigners who had been trapped in Leaping Tiger Gorge during the quake had been rescued and moved to Kunming.

One, an American, was seriously injured but out of danger, they said. The names of the foreigners were not available, and the government did not permit foreign journalists to visit the disaster site.

The Red Cross Society of China appealed for international aid. Several hundred medical workers were sent to the area in the northwestern part of Yunnan province, 1,300 miles southwest of Beijing, to fight the spread of diseases.

The equivalent of \$9.5 million in money and supplies poured in from other parts of the province, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

Hong Kong and Macao pledged aid, and Japan and Iran also offered assistance.

Hostage held in Honolulu

By BRUCE DUNFORD
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) - A man upset over being laid off just before Christmas returned to his former workplace Tuesday, shot a company supervisor and held a former co-worker hostage on live television before he was shot by police.

Police held their fire for six hours because the gunman, John Miranda, had a shotgun taped to his hand and to the head of the hostage, Tom McNeil.

It wasn't immediately clear what brought an end to the standoff, which occurred beyond the vantage of cameras.

People nearby could hear one loud boom, followed by a barrage of smaller-weapon fire. Miranda, 28, was taken to a hospital with a chest wound, where he later died.

The supervisor was reported in critical condition and the hostage escaped the ordeal with just a few abrasions.

During the standoff, Miranda

talked by phone with police and disc jockeys at two Honolulu radio stations.

He said he had been "stressed out" since being laid off and admitted he had "lost it." He said the standoff would end with a "gun bang" because he didn't want to go to jail.

The hostage crisis, which was covered live on television, began shortly after 8 a.m. at Seal Master of Hawaii, a waterproofing business near Honolulu International Airport.

Guy George, a 39-year old supervisor, was in guarded condition at the Queen's Medical Center with a gunshot wound in the leg.

He got away after falling 15 feet from a window. It was not clear if he jumped or was pushed.

Police sharpshooters held their fire for hours, even as the two climbed down the steps for water and to smoke cigarettes. In a radio interview, Miranda, who is believed to be of Hawaiian ancestry, said he believed his firing was racially motivated.

Governor's compromise works for New York

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Gov. George Pataki said Tuesday he wouldn't have to adjust his budget proposal for New York state if a proposed compromise Medicaid proposal is adopted by Congress and signed into law by the president.

Pataki expressed optimism about a resolution to the federal budget impasse after the nation's governors unanimously agreed Tuesday to changes in the \$155 billion-plus Medicaid plan. He said he would write to all of the

state's congressional representatives to urge them to get behind the compromise plan.

The Pataki administration has been particularly nervous about the federal budget impasse because so much of the governor's state budget plan is predicated on expected changes in federal rules.

Pataki said last week he lied awake at night worrying about it. If the compromise plan is adopted, Pataki said it would require no adjustments in his own

proposal for the state fiscal year, which begins April 1.

"This would work for the state of New York," he said.

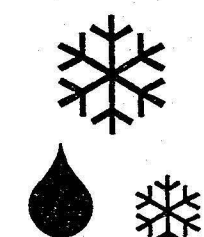
Over a seven-year period, the compromise could save New York billions of dollars, he said.

But he won't know for sure about that fiscal impact until a congressional analysis is released next week.

"Tonight I think I'll sleep a lot better after seeing the action taken by the governors."

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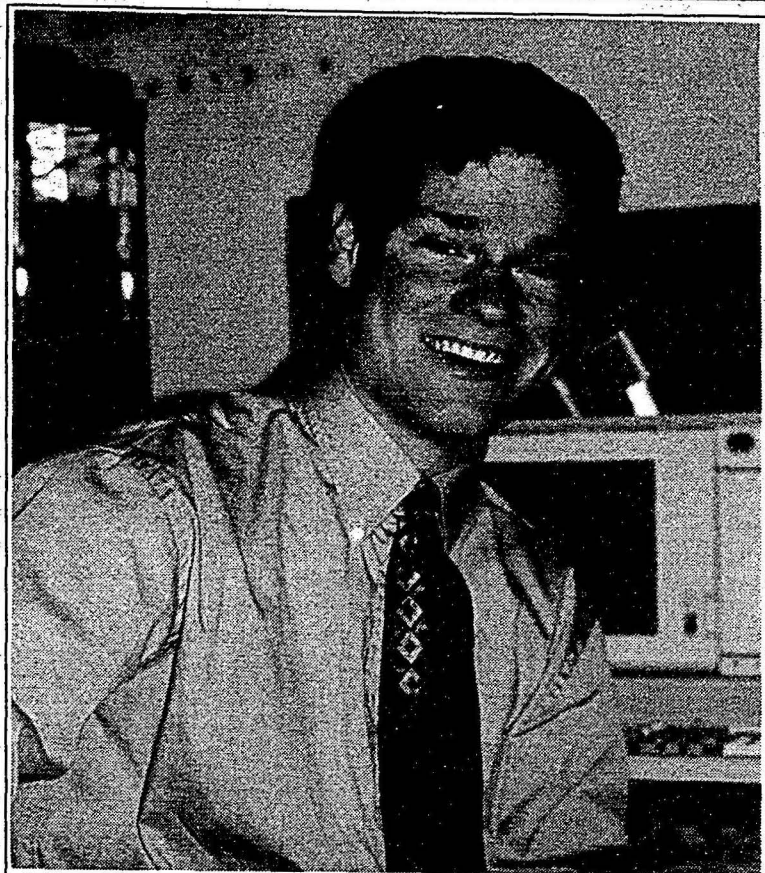
Fair. Highs 25 to 35. Lows 15 to 25.

Sunday:

Chance of rain or snow. Highs 35 to 45. Lows in the 20s.

Source: Associated Press

SGA presidential candidates tackle issues facing students



Patrick Mara

Circle photo/Chris Berinato

1. What do you think is the most important issue facing the students at Marist? What are your plans to do about it?

Probably one of the most important issues right now first of all is money for clubs to operate and the best way to go about [addressing] that is by raising the activities fee by roughly 5 or 10 dollars.

Also, I think the campus needs to be a little more unified and to do that I have an idea for an 'Around the World' on the campus green. What this would be is an opportunity for the different clubs and organizations to set up on the campus green with a booth, giving information, possible sharing ethnic food or ethnic music. [Clubs such as] Black Student Union, Latino American Society, Women's Awareness Club, Bi-Gay-La.

I think commuters need to be paid attention to more."

2. Why do you think you're the best candidate for the position?

"I've been a junior class officer, which has given me a lot of experience in class government. I've had an opportunity to set up the junior class ring ceremony.

I was also on the student life council executive board and this gives me another idea of what students want. The most important is my experience as an R.A. It's given me a sense of what they need and what they want, what they're interested in.

Another thing I wanted to stress in my campaign would be community service. I've been on the community service board for 2 1/2 years and I would get something [organized] in the spring.

I'd like to get something started up like a food drive around the time of year when people have excess food. If we get something done campus wide, [with] student government, maybe we could get a large amount of this food that people don't want."

3. What are your qualifications?

"I have been a junior class officer. I was on the executive board of the student life council and the community service board. I'm an R.A.. Also, I served as Vice President of Sigma Psi Epsilon.

Also, I'd like to try to create more of an opportunity for students to be involved [in community service activities] on weekends."

4. How are you going to make student government more recognizable on campus?

"With community service, to get the food drives in the spring [and] more activities run by student government.

Try to get the freshmen class more involved, get their feet wet. Many can't get involved until junior year when the really big things start to happen. If we can get them going in the early years, we can get people to develop an interest in student government earlier on, when they're younger."

5. "Do you have any suggestions for making the Marist campus safer?"

"They're always little areas [of the campus] that could be better lit. The walk from Donnelly to Sheahan, the back way, is poorly lit.

I know they used to have an escort service. I'd like to see if we can get that going again.

In my residence hall, there were a few posters that talked about safety on the bulletin board. It's good that there was information out there. Just to make people aware, first of all, and maybe we can get the fraternities and sororities to get the escort service going again and use the student life council to take care of areas that are dangerous."



Erik Molinaro

Circle photo/Chris Berinato

1. What do you think is the most important issue facing the students at Marist. What are your plans to do about it?

"There are always old problems like parking and condoms. There's no real one problem facing the campus.

The one thing I think is a problem is the amount of funds. A proposal has been tossed around to see whether they can raise the \$75 activity fee. A lot of clubs have applied for a large amount of money which the current activity fee was unable to handle.

A study asking how raising the activity fee for next year [would solve the problem] would be beneficial to the student body."

2. Why do you think you're the best candidate for the position?

"I believe experience is the key to success. I believe I have more experience in student government than my opponent. I served in student government two out of three years I've been at Marist. I served in all three of the branches. I've served on the executive board and have had some influence there. I put a lot of influence into student government."

3. What are your qualifications?

"Freshmen year I was president of Marian Hall Resident Student Council. I was a member of the Student Life Council which is composed of [resident student council] presidents and examines student life on campus. I also did community service. I was also co-anchor of the Marist College Radio news show.

Sophomore year I was elected member of the student judicial board and was Vice President for Residents on the Student Life Council. I was news director of the college radio. I did intra-mural volleyball as well as Model United Nations.

Junior year I was Vice President for Student Life and a member of the executive board. I was president of the student Life council and general manager of Marist College Radio. I helped move the station to its current location and expanded it."

4. How are you going to make student government more recognizable on campus?

"Almost a grass roots kind of thing. You have to combine the power of all the residents and commuters.

I've helped increase the membership in RSC from 250 students to 500 students.

We just have to show students that we are the most effective ways of [bringing about] change.

I'd like to create a better system for handling our maintenance problems, just to show that your student government is effective, we hear your concerns and we're doing something about them."

5. Do you have any suggestions for making the Marist campus safer?

"Every year, student government comes out with its Safety and Security Report. Security issues such as lighting, parking, after the past few years, security has responded to it. I think the campus is safe as I've seen in the past few years.

Just to listen to student concerns. There was some vandalism on campus. It wasn't reported. It came up at the RSC meetings. Some cars were vandalized and security proceeded to conduct an investigation and caught the person who did it.

Keep a finger on the pulse of Marist College [and] you can keep the campus safe."

- Staff writer Michael Goot interviewed both candidates and recorded their responses to the questions.

An election season timeline

Monday Feb. 5 - Friday Feb. 12: Students running for any position in Student Government will be campaigning throughout the week, obtaining signatures to fill petitions announcing their candidacy.

Monday Feb. 12: Speech Night, 9:30pm.

All candidates will make formal speeches in the theater. Students attending the speeches will have an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

Tuesday Feb. 13: MCTV Live Debate, 10pm. Presidential candidates Pat Mara

and Erik Molinaro will go face to face on live television, answering questions from a student panel, represented by each of the three media, about issues affecting their campaign. Tune in to MCTV channel 13 for coverage so you can cast an informed vote.

Monday Feb. 19 & Tuesday Feb. 20:

Election time. Cast your vote for the next administration to serve under Student Government. Voting booths will be set up in Dyson and the Student Center.

Voting will take place for all government positions up for election.

The squeeze is on at McCann Center

Student section seating being shared with general public

by MEREDITH KENNEDY
Managing Editor

Victory doesn't seem so sweet to some Marist students.

The Marist men's basketball team is having a winning season with a record of 16-2, but some of their student fans are complaining about being squeezed out of their seating.

Senior Bryan Andrews, from Winston-Salem, N.C., said he has been to games where townspeople were seated in student-reserved section.

"People from the town were in the first two or three rows on Saturday's game (against Mt. St. Mary's) and people were harassing us (the students) and telling us we had to sit at the top of the section, so our seating capacity was limited," Andrews said.

Marist students attend games for free, while basketball tickets for non-students are \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for general admission, and \$2 for children under 12.

Senior John Moran, from Roxbury, N.J., said he appreciates non-students' interest, but feels students should remain Marist's top priority, since they pay approximately \$18,000 a year to attend the college.

"We are the livelihood of the school. I hear people complain about the apathy of the students and then we try to show support and they sell our tickets," Moran said.

According to Mike O'Neil, assistant athletic director of external affairs for the James J. McCann Center, the seating confusion at the Mt. St. Mary's game was a mistake.

"Some of the seats in the student sections, 204 and 206, were inadvertently sold instead of the block that is normally sold in 207," O'Neil said. "Any inconvenience was an accident."

O'Neil said tickets in the reserved section were sold while students were away over winter break.

"During intercession the seats were made available because of a lack of students' attendance," O'Neil said.

O'Neil said the student attendance at games has varied from a low of 71 to a high of 610. McCann's capacity is 3,944.

Colin Sullivan, director of internal affairs for the McCann Center, said they are trying to accommodate as many students as possible.

"We are trying to build up the risers at the end of the courts to accommodate more students," Sullivan said.

Junior Mike Onorato, of Paramus, N.J., said this semester was not the first time McCann has sold student seats to townspeople.

"This happened last year at the Wagner game," Onorato said. "I don't think it's right that the students have to suffer. We're the ones who have to sit in Row 'O.'" Laurie Robb, a senior from Syracuse, said she was upset about the student's tickets being sold but was more disturbed by the overcrowding at the game.

"I think there's going to be some type of emergency and someone's going to get hurt," Robb said.

O'Neil said there are currently no intentions of enlarging the

basketball arena, but the center is trying to accommodate the students and remain within the fire codes.

"We were fortunate that students didn't have to be turned away," O'Neil said.

This article was previously printed in the Feb. 2 edition of The Poughkeepsie Beat.



The student section at basketball games has become increasingly crowded.

Multi-media equipment adds color to the art of in-class presentations

by STEVE LINDEMAN
Staff Writer

A great new advancement has been made in the art of in-class presentations.

"They're on the carts and ready to go," said Barbara McMullen, head of academic computing, referring to the administration's purchase of three multimedia machines.

The computers are also referred to as RGB (red, green, blue) projectors for student and faculty use in the classroom.

The machines can be used for in-class presentations by students, as well as teacher presentations. Any program linked to the Marist system can be displayed on screen, gener-

ated for the entire class to see in heavy detail, said professor Bill Ryan of the communications department.

"They'll tie to the mainframe so that the faculty can get messages off the mainframe, and display them in class," said Ryan. "The machines are equipped with motion and sound blasters, with speakers, and [they have] big locks on them for obvious reasons," he added.

Costing the school around \$3,500 to \$4,000 for a fully equipped machine, they become very desirable items, said Ryan.

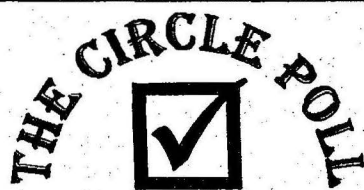
Earlier class presentations were done in a small computer room, using an over-head projector which was latched to the window of the computer, generating an

image onto a giant screen, presenting images that were not always clear, said Ryan.

With three machines, one for each of the three main academic buildings - Lowell Thomas, Dyson, and Donnelly - the projectors can be transported to all classrooms, and instantly made ready for classroom use.

"Anyone giving a presentation should spend some time testing the machine first," he added.

Complaints are heard regularly by students and faculty with viruses and other problems, said Ryan. The RGB machine in Dyson has already succumbed to possibly being infected with a virus.



1. Do you plan on voting for the new Student Government President?

Yes - 198 No - 174

2. Do you feel SGA plays a critical role in student life at Marist?

Yes - 163 No - 198

The Circle conducted an unscientific poll between January 30 and February 5. A total of 361 people were interviewed for question 1 and 372 for question 2.

Web offers students personal pages

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Academic Computing Home Page, along with other Java animations can only be viewed by Windows '95 users of Netscape at the present time. IBM has just announced that it plans to incorporate Java capabilities into its OS/2 operating system.

Ms. McMullen stated that, "the introduction of Java is very exciting for us in Academic Computing. Hopefully we'll be able to offer a course in programming in Java this summer or next fall."

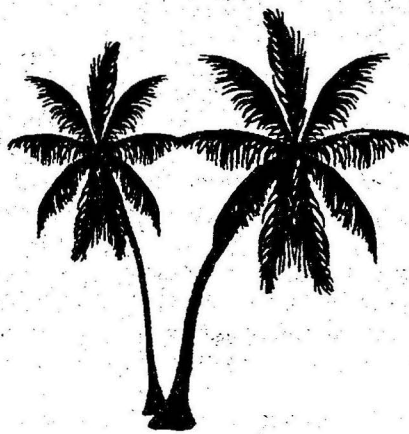
"However," she stated, "the downside to Java is that it is a

bonna-fide programming language - the first such to appear for publishing on the World Wide Web. That aspect is discouraging for the non-programmers on the web, but offers immense possibilities for those of us who are programmers."

In the meantime however, anyone at Marist who wants to, has the ability to publish their own page on the World Wide Web. All is you need is your MusicB account, and a little bit of time to learn how to write the HTML code that the web is written in.

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Time and time again, lovers struck by cupid's arrow

by **Norie Mozzone**
Staff Writer

Red hearts and red roses.
Whitman's and Godiva.

Fuzzy teddy bears that say "I love you."

What do they all mean?

Senior Elizabeth Deptula said she thinks Valentine's Day is just another day.

"It is a day of recognition, but I don't think people should bend over backwards," Deptula said. "If you love someone, you should tell them every day, not just one day of the year."

People have been observing Valentine's Day on February 14 since the Middle Ages, but there are a variety of explanations of how this holiday began.

According to "The American Book of Days," at least two Saint Valentines shared February 14 as their feast day. One was a priest from Rome, and the other was the bishop of

Interamna. They were both beaten and beheaded by the Emperor Claudius II in 269 A.D.

Various legends have been passed on regarding these saints. One states that one Saint Valentine was imprisoned. While he was in jail, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter, and he sent her a letter signed "From your Valentine."

During the Middle Ages, many people also believed that February 14 was the day the birds began to mate.

Another theory dates back to a practice that was performed on February 14, the night before the ancient Roman feast, Lupercalia. At that time, the names of young women were put into a box from which they were drawn by young men. These men became the women's partners for the festival and possibly for some time to come.

One legend from 15th century England stated that the first per-

Valentine's Day Facts:



* St. Valentine was either a priest from Rome or the Bishop of Interamna, both beheaded.

* St. Valentines was a jail-bird who wrote his darlin' a love letter.

* Valentine's Day, during the Middle Ages, was believed to be the day birds learned about the "birds" and the bees.

son whom one met on the morning of Valentine's Day would become his or her true love.

The first commercial Valentine's Day was celebrated around 1800.

According to "The American Book of Days," the post offices in Love, Miss., Eros, La., and Kissimmee, Fla. are incredibly busy for weeks before February 14. People from all over the world send their valentines there to be postmarked and forwarded.

Although many are unaware of the origins of Valentine's Day, people throughout the world celebrate the holiday.

Senior Andrei Gisetti, who has been dating his girlfriend for almost a year, said his ideal gift would simply be to see his girlfriend more often because she lives more than three hours away.

"Our anniversary is in March, so I am thinking about getting her a card and one rose for the one person in my life," Gisetti said.

T.J. Clark said he is hoping to take his girlfriend of three months on a small vacation.

"There has to be an element of surprise and mystery to it," Clark said. "I am just going to tell her to get dressed up."

Clark said he also recommends the heart-shaped hot tubs at the Best Western.

Senior Roseanne Saraceno said that although the holiday is for love, it is not just for romantic love.

"People can be your valentine without being your boyfriend or girlfriend," Saraceno said.

Senior Elizabeth Shamaly said she also believes Valentine's Day is a day for friends.

"Regardless of whether or not you're going out with someone, you can look at it as a day to celebrate friendship," Shamaly said.

Cupid sings the blues while music industry cashes in

By **DAVID BAUDER**
Associated Press Writer

Love and all its various permutations provide lyrical inspiration for most of popular music.

So it seems strange that a music industry that lives and dies with hype only recently has discovered Valentine's Day, the one day of the year set aside for lovers.

"It's been a really tepid marketing tie-in," said Pete Howard, editor of the trade newsletter Ice, which monitors when new music is made and released.

"It carries the same strength as St. Patrick's Day. It barely registers on the Richter scale."

The second of the two "new" Beatles songs, "Real Love," is being released to radio stations around Valentine's Day, although it won't be available for purchase until several weeks later.

Sony Legacy is releasing five

compilations of old love songs this month, trying to hit a wide range of tastes: country, soul, jazz and blues. And two favorite singers among lovers of all ages, Barry White and Tony Bennett, plan special interactive events tied to Valentine's Day. The music business tends to focus on one holiday alone - Christmas, Two, if you count Hanukkah.

Record companies compete to have their product among the thousands of compact discs gift-wrapped during December. Some in the industry believe the Christmas rush is overdone, with so many new releases choking music stores that many worthy ones are ignored.

Other holidays largely have gone unexplored. No one really knows if lovers can be enticed to open their wallets for sensuous songs around Valentine's Day, because it hasn't been tried to

any great extent.

"I don't ever recall anybody ever focusing on Valentine's Day as an opportunity and really going after it," said Adam Block, marketing director for Sony Legacy. His label, which specializes in putting old music into new packages for compact discs, tried a Valentine's Day tie-in for the first time last year by releasing compilations of love songs by the O'Jays, Isley Brothers and Frank Sinatra.

The Isley Brothers package has sold 109,000 copies, according to Soundscan. That's a pretty healthy sales figure for repackaged oldies, and it encouraged Legacy to try again. Legacy's new releases include a 20-song Billie Holiday compilation, including "All of Me" and "The Way You Look Tonight."

The soul collection contains The Isley Brothers' "For the Love of You," Harold Melvin and

the Blue Notes doing "Hope That We Can Be Together Soon" and "Best of My Love" by the Emotions.

The country collection includes weepers by George Jones and Willie Nelson. The blues compilations, "Messed Up in Love and Other Tales of Woe" appeals to listeners for whom Valentine's Day is a dirty word.

Not for Tony Bennett, who will be host to a two-hour live concert on the Arts & Entertainment network on Valentine's night.

The network will take telephone requests that night from fans who want to hear a particular song. Bennett also will take requests the day before when he's host of an on-line chat session on Prodigy.

Then there's the Lord of Love, the Rajah of Romance himself. Barry White has made a living with pillow talk, so it's expected he will stay busy on the holiday of love.

"He receives a million requests for Valentine's Day," said Doug Richter, White's manager. Radio stations, in particular, are eager to hear White's deep bass voice.

Fans will have to settle for keystrokes on a computer. White will be host of an on-line chat session on the Microsoft Network on Valentine's Day where perhaps he'll be coaxed to give advice to lovers.

Although such artists as Eazy E, Jackson Browne and the Gin Blossoms have new albums scheduled to come out the day before Valentine's Day, the schedule for record labels shows no major releases particularly timed to the holiday.

One exception is Warner Bros., which might be showing a perverse sense of humor. The company released today the soundtrack to the movie "Thin Line Between Love and Hate."

Prospective students for class of 2000 expect competitive admissions

by **Jeaninne Aviles**
Staff Writer

The class of 2000 brings with it higher SAT scores and a more diverse class.

Although the official criteria has not changed, incoming freshmen are academically stronger than past years, said Jay Murray, assistant director of Admissions.

"We feel confident," said Murray, "that it is going to be a more competitive class."

This year's freshmen class has an average grade point average of 85.6 and average combined SAT scores of 989, but the average is expected to be higher for preceding classes, Murray said.

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Changes will reach beyond the

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- Jay Murray, Asst. Dir. of Admissions

classroom.

"We're looking to make this class the most diverse geographically, ethnically and religiously that we possibly can," Murray said.

Although there has always been an effort to bring different people to the school, explained Murray, there has been more of an emphasis on it this year.

Recruiters have been going as far away as Chicago for the past two years. They have also been sent to Virginia, Maryland and Delaware for the past five or six years. The highest enrollment from Virginia and Maryland was last year, and they are looking to increase those numbers.

In trying to get more students

of color on campus recruiters are traveling down to New York City.

"African Americans, Latinos and Asians are the majority in the New York City area. They comprise more than 56% of the population, explained Murray. The academic programs here are strong enough to attract quality students from that area."

Train trips are organized that bring groups of 20 students up from all five burroughs.

Approximately 10% of the current freshmen class are students of color, but the numbers are expected to increase.

Murray added that the main appeal for applicants is the growth to the campus. The new student

center and campus green, along with the exceptional technology, makes the school more attractive to prospective students.

The upgrade to the library which will be happening in two years and the IBM joint study are all used to attract students, Murray said.

Prospective students seem to be impressed by the additions to campus.

There are an estimated 4600 applicants this year, Murray said. Three thousand of these applicants will be admitted, but only 840 to 850 full-time freshmen will be enrolled.

The majority of these new students will be undecided majors, with over 1/3 of the class enrolling as such. Communications, business, psychology and all the natural sciences combined follow respectively.

"We've seen some rebound in fashion design and computer science, which had been trailing off recently, but now their numbers have come back up," Murray said.

In addition, more females than males populate classrooms to undergo study in some of the most sought after fields of study, Murray said.

"Our male/female ratio is very high in certain programs," explained Murray, "such as psychology and communications, and even business now, which are our three largest majors."

"We definitely enroll more women than men. Each year the freshman class slips a little more," said Murray, "mostly because some of our majors are probably more attractive to our female students rather than our males."

Clark Kent by day, superman by night. . .Presto!

Do you really know your professors???

CHARLOTTE PARTRIDGE
Staff Writer

He explained the use of birth control products at migrant worker camps in western New York.

He pulled weeds at an Arizona country club in 110 degree heat.

Now, Donald Anderson is an assistant professor of English at Marist.

Anderson is one of several Marist professors who have worked unique and exciting jobs before settling into the teaching profession.

Richard Platt, associate professor of communications, said that before he became interested in teaching, he experimented with several different jobs.

Platt said he wanted to be a pilot in the Navy, but his eyesight failed him. According to Platt, the Navy officers worried that his astigmatism would hinder his flying ability.

"If you see two landing decks, I'm not sure you would know where to land," Platt said he was told by a Navy officer.

Platt said he discovered his love of films at a film school in

London, but he found it difficult to raise a child and be active in the film industry. According to Platt, teaching seemed like the next best choice.

Before he began teaching, Platt attended graduate school. During this time, he worked as a Private Investigator to make ends meet. He said this was one of his most interesting jobs because he was able to learn a lot about people.

Walter Jablonski, an adjunct instructor of political science, said he also had some memorable experiences before he began teaching at Marist.

"I drove from Panama all the way to the U.S. It was fascinating because I saw firsthand the differences between the areas, economically and socially," Jablonski said.

Jablonski said he is also actively involved in politics in this area, and he was recently elected Chairman of the Democratic Party for Dutchess County.

Vincent Toscano, an associate professor of history, said he also worked some unusual jobs before he came to Marist. Through his work as a director of a boy scout camp, Toscano said he had several exciting experiences.

"Every boy had a buddy, especially by the water. But, sometimes one kid would lose his buddy, and we would look everywhere, expecting to find a body. I got prepared to notify par-



bombed, Pauli said the war was still a terrifying experience.

She said she went to the hotel bar one night, and she heard what she thought were bombs dropping in the bar. However, she said she soon discovered it was only a parrot that heard incoming bombs so often it imitated that instead of talking.

In Lebanon, Pauli did come closer to danger than just hearing a confused parrot, though. She said she experienced the pre-dawn sniper fire firsthand.

Pauli said she was so frightened that she slept on the bathroom floor, away from the windows. However, she said she worried that her feet stuck out.

"I've got to sleep. If they shoot my feet, okay," she said.

Pauli said this frightening experience made her realize how happy she was to be alive.

"I was glad it was over. I was really happy to leave. I didn't want to stay any extra minutes," she said.

ents, but eventually, the kid wandered back with a grin on his face. He went to the bathroom," Toscano said.

Toscano said he also taught older scouts how to row canoes, which he said is more difficult than it may seem.

"Coordination is involved. It was fun to watch the boys go in circles or even fall in," he said.

Toscano also said he noticed the scouts mastered canoeing more quickly when they discovered that the girl's camp was on the other side of the lake.

Carol Pauli, an assistant professor of broadcasting journalism, said she has had several cultural adventures through former

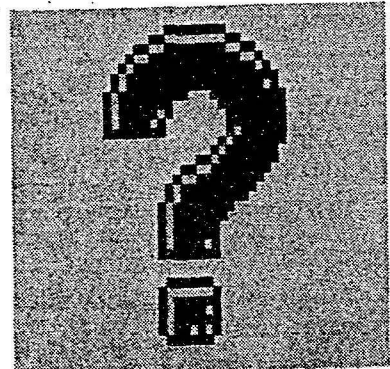
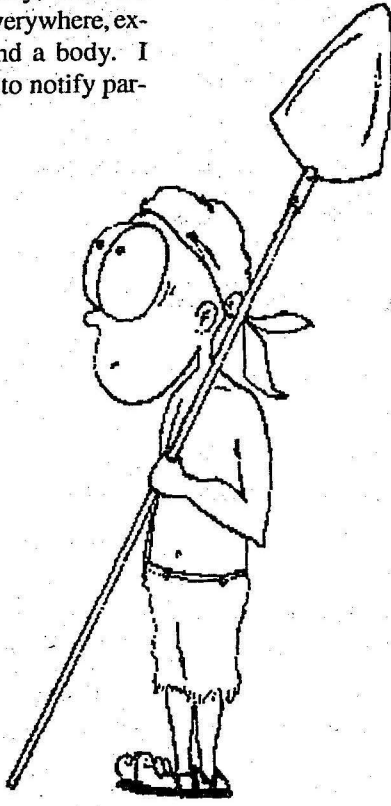
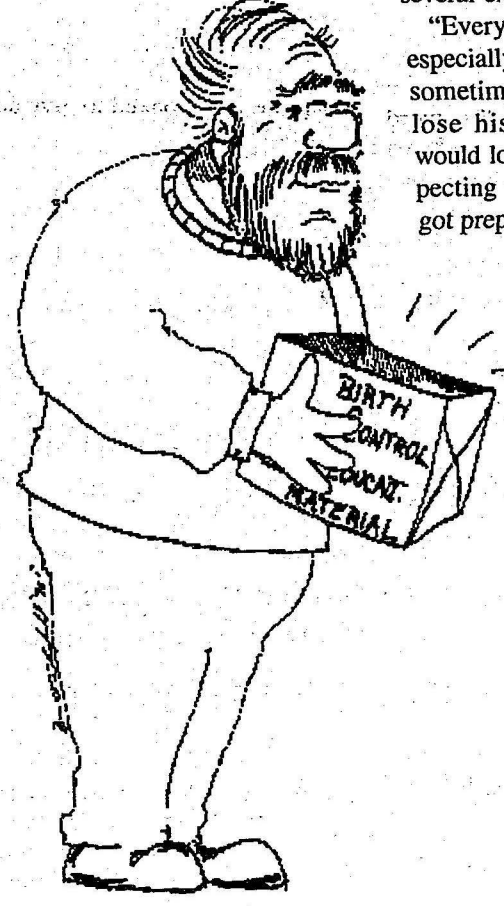
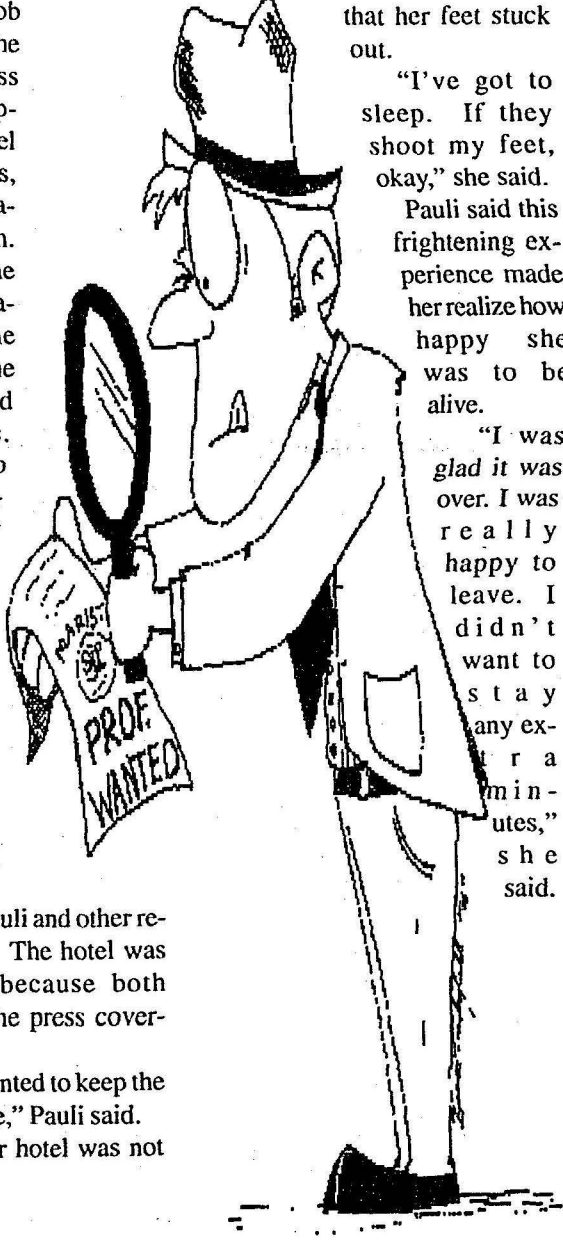
careers. Pauli said her job as a reporter for the Associated Press gave her the opportunity to travel to exotic places, including Tanzania and Lebanon.

Pauli said she traveled to Lebanon during the war between the Christians and the Muslims. According to Pauli, "pre-dawn sniper fire" was a common phrase because it happened so often.

She said the bombings occurred throughout the area, except for the Commodore Hotel, where Pauli and other reporters stayed. The hotel was not bombed because both sides wanted the press coverage.

"Everyone wanted to keep the journalists alive," Pauli said.

Although her hotel was not



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Editorial:

No better choice than Clinton for our fiftieth commencement

As if finding a commencement speaker is not a tough enough job in itself, this year Marist has to find someone to fit a big billing - speaking to the 50th graduating class.

It is refreshing, however, to hear that the college sent an invitation the first week of January to get an early start on the process.

Most students do not know the waiting game the Office of College Relations must play when searching for someone to bestow words of wisdom upon graduating seniors.

Regardless of how early an invitation is sent, once the invite is in the mail college officials can only sit back and wait for a response.

Multiple invitations cannot be sent out at once or else an embarrassing situation may arise.

For example, if both a prominent politician and a well-known Hollywood actress were sent invitations at once, and both accepted, Marist would have the unpleasant task of telling one of them the position has already been filled.

So the real waste of time lies in the prospective speaker's hands, not Marist's.

As reported last week, President Clinton was asked to be this year's commencement speaker. It may be a long shot, but not one entirely out of reach.

Marist has done a lot of favors for The White House over the last few years. Most recently, the college was responsible for the physical success of the president's mini-summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin in Hyde Park. In addition, the Student Center was

handed over to the Secret Service and used as a communications command post. It is not an entirely ludicrous idea to think that the president may want to repay Marist for its support.

It would be great for the college to have such a high profile speaker for its 50th commencement. In past years, students' have complained almost regularly that the college takes too long to start looking for a speaker and that we never get a "popular" person.

Even though this year the Office of College Relations started the process before the spring semester began, and a high-profile speaker was invited, students are still complaining.

They are saying that they want a speaker with more personality and that Clinton's speech would be politically convoluted.

What will it take to satisfy the students?

I think they should be excited if the President of the United States chooses Marist College to speak at. Regardless of whether he is Democrat or Republican, it would be an honor to have the chief executive of our country be the commencement speaker. And Clinton's attachment to Marist would not be a superficial one. It would be a genuine expression of his gratitude if he chose this college.

If that many seniors are upset with the possibility of the President being their speaker, then they should start typing letters and licking envelopes because maybe the seniors should try and get a commencement speaker on their own.

Killers or Kids: which ones are we sending to prison?

by Christian Bladt

Anyone who heard about the two Chicago boys who dropped a five-year-old out of a fourteenth story window had to have been shocked. When the incident occurred two years ago, the public outrage was not so much over the fact that they did such a horrible thing, but why they did it. The boys, now twelve and thirteen, say that they dangled Eric Morse out of the window because he refused to steal candy for them from a local store.

It was truly a reprehensible act. One for which there can be no excuse. One that can never be forgiven. These children unquestionably need to be punished and the state of Illinois agrees. In fact, at the beginning of last week, prison sentences were handed down to the boys.

By state law, they can be released in five years, but cannot be detained for this crime after they turn 21 years-old. There are a number of ethical issues surrounding the case.

One is the fact that when they committed the crime, minors under the age of thirteen in Illinois could not be sent to juvenile prisons.

Due to the public outrage surrounding the case, Democratic state legislator Jay Hoffman spearheaded a campaign to pass tougher laws against children committing crimes.

Because the new law occurred before the actual sentencing, the fact that they were changed af-

ter the actual event is irrelevant. Now, I can think of one Illinois state legislator who will make



sure his constituents remember that he's "tough on crime" when he is up for re-election. The emotions surrounding this case are understandable, but the actual sentence is a bit extreme. The old saying is "let the punishment fit the crime".

In the event of a crime like this, lengthy imprisonment is certainly appropriate. But, does the punishment fit the criminal?

Two children committed this crime. No matter how they are labeled, it does not change the fact that they are children. They grew up in one of Chicago's worst housing developments and there is a history of neglect in both children's backgrounds.

The New York Times reported

that the older boy has an IQ of 76, and failed every class in the fourth grade, and the younger boy had a similar upbringing.

Lawyers for both boys said that it would be mutually beneficial for the children and society as a whole if they were sentenced to a private residential treatment center, where the employees have experience providing psychiatric treatment and education to children who commit crimes.

The judge disagreed, saying that "you forfeit the right to live in a society as a free person when you commit such acts."

Of course these boys do not deserve to be slapped on the wrist and then turned back out on the street, but they also do not deserve to be punished like adults. Usually, an insanity plea is only accepted when it is apparent that the criminal was incapable of comprehending their crime was wrong. How can they comprehend something as being wrong when the concept itself is beyond their understanding?

What has to be the most difficult aspect of this, apart from the crime itself, is that both of these children must be released within the next decade. They will spend their most formative years in prison. Without the proper treatment, the experiences in prison that will shape their personalities and develop their sets of values will only create a mentality that will push them further down the road toward a life a crime.

Editor's Notebook:

Have news, *The Circle* wants to hear it

Communication is a two way street

Although the staff at *The Circle* tries to cover all of the major news events relevant to the Marist College community, because we are such a small crew we often might overlook some campus issues and general happenings.

This is where you, as readers, come into play.

If you witness or know of any events or interesting issues on or around the Marist campus that you feel are news-worthy and would like to see appear in the college newspaper, please contact our editorial staff.

This is a newspaper directed toward the general Marist community, and to make it work input from that community is key.

The Circle is always looking for happenings that affect this campus, interesting individuals to profile or unique feature stories to cover.

In order to establish true sense of communication on this campus, we must learn to develop a meaningful interaction between the students and Marist's institutional bodies.

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Bahh... Valentine's Day, it is all trickery!

***NOTE: This column is not at all meant to abuse any of the fairer gender in my meager social circle, but is simply an overview of certain events that have from time to time made me laugh loudly (but not as loudly as those who have seen these things happen to me first hand)

Also this column was not intended to be a chauvinistic attack on women as all, but is simply a bunch of observations I've made throughout the many years of seeing exactly how pathetic my love life really is.

First of all I must state up front that I have never read that book "Women Are From Venus, Men Are From Mars," and I never will.

Why not? Simply put, I don't believe in it for a minute. Men and women are put on earth to make each other screamingly happy for about 5 or 10 minutes at a time, and the rest of the time they just piss each other off.

I hold a few theories about women as the honest truth.

Some of these theories are mine alone, and some I have to give credit to the males around me as pointing out these ideas and observations to me.

The first theory I have held for quite some time now is that I will offer my hand in holy matrimony to the first woman who can fully explain the in-field fly rule to me. (By the way I have had one or two women tell me all about the in-field fly rule, but they did so just to trick me into thinking they were the right girl for me. The trickery that women possess is something that I will speak of later.)

Don't think this theory is so strange, because it's really not.

Lot's of guys have little "relationship litmus tests" if you will, that they run to gauge the quality of that particular companion.

I've also heard the "McDonalds Vanilla Milkshake

Test," which entails drinking a McDonalds vanilla milkshake while on a date with the women in question. If you have any sort of stomach pain within the hour, my mentor says "...run like your pants are on fire."

There is also the hockey analogy in regards to the relationship. A relationship is like the Stanley Cup playoffs in hockey.

Things might go really well in the opening round, but by the second or third round, when you are ready to take the relationship to a new level, your team might totally forget how to skate, much less play the game.

This theory fits perfectly into a situation like that one time that lame girl didn't want to talk to me anymore because of the music I listened to.

What the hell am I supposed to do about that?? Suddenly I couldn't skate, and was hip checked into the boards by Bob Probert.

Also I have come to realize that women are somehow similar to books, because I try to figure out what they are really saying.

As far as I can tell some women are like comic books—easy to read because of their lack of substance.

But some women are like War and Peace because they are difficult to get through to the main point.

And some women are real confusing like Kunderas' The Unbearable Lightness Of Being (for those of you who are in fact well read, it's damn confusing.)

Other times I'm just reading along and the words jump up and turn into Sanskrit or some other language that I don't at all understand.

But I still try and try to read what the women in my life are thinking about, but to no avail. (Not that there are that many women in my life, and not to worry, after this is read I'm sure there will be quite a few less.)

Sometimes I'm just cruising along, nothing bothers me, life is generally good: birds singing, sun shining.

But then a women will say something—nothing really. But that's exactly the point when my mind starts working overtime.

"What's that supposed to mean? What did she really mean by that? Does this mean this or that? Or something completely different? What is she really thinking about? Why must they all torture me with their evil powers of mental trickery? I'm helpless against their powers!!"

And that's what they seem to be trying to do; trick me.

It's like I'm the audience at a magic show and the women are the David Copperfields' and they are using slight of hand tricks to confuse me.

Here is a brief synopsis of the way my brain works while in the process of talking to most women.

"Hey there's a pretty girl. I think I'll talk to her. Wow, she's actually talking back.

But wait, what is she really talking about? What is she looking at? Arggh!!

Tell me if I am just making a fool of myself or not! What is she thinking about? Do I have food on my face?

Does she want to punch me or kiss me or kick me where it hurts the most or just walk away or is she trying to tell me to brush twice next time, just to be sure? What's really going on here??

That's what goes on inside this not-so-normal guys head.

It is strange?

Ah, who cares! Happy Valentines Day, Suckers!

Scott Wyman,
humor columnist

Letters to the Editor

Lack of seating at McCann is getting out of control

Editor:

I am writing to you today to call to your attention a problem that I encountered last Saturday night. I, like many Marist students went to the McCann Center on Saturday to support our Red Foxes. Upon arriving at McCann, I learned that the game was sold out and that many seats in the designed student section were sold to the general public. I was outraged by this. With the cost of our tuition each student could buy several sets of season tickets to Marist basketball games. More than the financial aspect is the idea that I came to Marist with the understanding that I was going to become part of a small collegiate community. On Saturday night, I felt that Marist was not about students having a good time but more concerned about making some extra cash. Please take my letter as a voice from the student community because I am sure that I am not the only one who was disappointed on Saturday night. Thank you.

JoAnne B. Adamo, junior

Policies, parking and apathy

Editor:

Students remain deeply distressed concerning a number of Marist's current administrative policies. I was reminded of this in an ordeal of my own this past weekend.

I should begin by saying that this happening took place less than a week after my return from visiting an old friend at Connecticut's Wesleyan University—a trip which had on me a profound effect, shedding light—after almost four years of apathy—an a number of the things which Marist truly has to offer. But alas, my long-absent, newly-rediscovered sense of school spirit lingered for less than six days.

I could at this point proceed to engage in a lengthy diatribe on everything from maintenance woes to the injudicious recent hacks at the Academic Computing budget, but I will spare my fellow students such affliction in the interest of relative conciseness.

The particular instance provoking this letter involved a parking ticket, which I was assaulted with on opting to park in the Dyson Lot at 3:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3. The singular decision to leave my car in this location was made when, after driving through snow and moderately high winds on the said morning, and having fishtailed along Marist roadways, like Route 9, had not yet been plowed. Finding both Townhouse lots completely full (driving over snow that was high enough to almost completely mask many of the speed bumps), I recalled, to my vexation, seeing that the hill to the Hoop Lot had also not been plowed.

At the time, the logical alternative seemed to be the Dyson Lot. A supposition apparently made by a number of my fellow students, each of us under the evidently incorrect assumption that Safety and Security would be sympathetic to students in a "just this once" situation, in the middle of what seemed—at the time—to be a significant snow storm.

What we found was much to the contrary. It would be no stretch to believe that barrage of parking tickets issued in that lot—on Saturday morning alone—will, on payment, bring Marist College in excess of \$200. An *extremely* conservative figure.

And I find that this experience calls to attention the purpose of weekend parking restrictions *in general*—especially in a lot that is on weekends entirely unused. I believe a similar policy is in effect regarding the Lowell Thomas Lot, and a similar fate struck students making parallel decisions in that lot.

If these parking lots are not to be used for such ridiculously absurd and abominable purposes as parking, perhaps a new committee, consisting of a few security officials and our dear President Murray, can perceive formulate, and execute an alternative use, such as a truly quaint, architecturally unique nine-hole miniature golf course. Indeed, such an endeavor would perfectly supplement our administration's continuing efforts to transform this campus into one of the Hudson Valley's premier oases, with all the accompanying snob appeal, while simultaneously reflecting their shrugging aside any focus on academics (the pursuit of which would clearly have prioritized the "library" over the *actually* useless Rotunda—and the parking lot which it replaced.)

I know of many a student with many a similar story. And these stories connect directly to an issue that far transcends the quandaries of student parking. Perhaps this is the most saddening fact of all: it hedges harrowingly close to suggesting how little this college would need do to rectify the school spirit problem.

To the office of Safety and Security, our president, and cabinet: in light of circumstance such as these, Marist has absolutely no right whatsoever to complain of student apathy.

Joe Marranca, senior

Students outraged at unnecessary roughness and cruelty in the Cabaret

Editor:

This letter is in response to an incident we witnessed on February 4, in the Cabaret of the student center.

As several students were enjoying their lovely meals of Cabaret food, we were interrupted by two maintenance men informing us that there was a bird loose in the Cabaret. They told us to finish up and move in the little room right next to the main eating area.

As we did this, me and my friend sat where we could see what they were doing. The two men had brooms and were trying desperately to swat at the bird. After this failed, they picked up salt shakers and threw them at the bird, trying in a foolish and aggressive way of getting the bird out of the room. Finally, they got Frisbees and began throwing them at the bird while laughing. As my friend and I were getting ready to tell them not to hurt the bird, one of the men hit it and the bird came crashing to the floor.

When this happened, we both ran out there and began yelling at them. Another student who was trying to eat in the room came out and picked up the bird and put it outside because the bird-killer just held the broom over it, but would not pick it up. I suppose he was enough of a man to harm it, but not to pick it up. The student said it somehow flew away with a broken leg.

My friend and I were enraged at such a weak act. We told the man that there was other ways of trying to get the bird out, like opening the door, or putting some food by the door. I guess the man was just trying to put on some show, but no one was entertained.

The two men left the room saying that they did not mean to hurt the bird, but they were only throwing object at it.

The way the maintenance men treated the bird was very inhumane and we do not believe that such acts of animal cruelty should be allowed on campus or anywhere else, whether by employees or students.

Thank you,
Amanda Liles and Jeanette Deskiewicz, fresh(wo)men

Letters to the Editor can be sent to *The Circle* by e-mail at HZAL. *The Circle* reserves the right to edit letters for spacial reasons or otherwise. Please, include your name and class year.

Tim Robbins stirs suspense and emotion in latest film effort

by AMANDA LILES
Staff Writer

If innocent people are viciously murdered, is it justified to execute the person who committed the hideous crimes?

This seemed to be the question on everyone's mind in 'Dead Man Walking,' a film written and directed by Tim Robbins.

Sean Penn masterfully portrayed Matthew, the criminal placed on death row for the murder of a young couple. He and another man took the couple from their car, raped the girl, and killed them both.

Matthew's accomplice had enough money to hire a good lawyer and he left the court room with a five year sentence. Matthew, who grew up in a poor family, was slapped with life imprisonment and ironically a death sentence.

While Matthew's mother is too emotional (often breaking down while in prison) to lend him much support, he writes a letter to a nun, Sister Helen, played by Susan Sarandon, and seeks a shoulder to lean on.

At this point Penn needs someone desperately because the day of his death is soon arriving.

Sister Helen, although unaware of what she is getting into, agrees to go see Matthew.

She sticks by his side and supports him through all his rejections of appeals and public bashing and they soon grow to have a strong friendship.

She teaches Matthew that he must redeem his sins and seek God's forgiveness. She does this by understanding Matthew, feeling for him, and not preach-

ing to him.

Although he eventually does see the light, the victims' families do not feel too sympathetic towards him or Sister Helen.

They despise Matthew and would kill him themselves to make him pay.

To make matters worse they also are angry with Sister Helen for feeling sorrow for him.

They are astonished to hear that she has become Matthew's spiritual guide through his death and question her relationship with God.

Sister Helen helps at least one of the parents to realize that any killing is wrong and Matthew's family will suffer, just as the victims' families have.

At the day of Matthew's execution by lethal injection, he asks for forgiveness and tells the parents that he was wrong, but that killing him is not going to make up for it. He says that killing by his hands or the government's is wrong and nobody deserves to die.

'Dead Man Walking' is a very powerful film, filled with riveting acting and strong scenes that stir up many emotions. This movie helps one to see into the criminal mind and the ending is enough to pull tears from even the strong at heart.

I recommend seeing 'Dead Man Walking' for those that enjoy astonishing actors and excellent direction.

When I left the theatre, I thought of the quote from 'The Shawshank Redemption,' "You either get busy living or get busy dying."

I give this remarkable film four out of four stars.

Movie Review



'Dead Man Walking'



DANCE TIME - Last week SPC sponsored a performance by Silvana Magda's Viva Brazil Dance Co.

Rock'n'rap: New works from old favorites

by SCOTT WYMAN
Staff Writer

In the recent months, some of my favorite artists from back in the day have put out new records that have met with both cheers and jeers by the public.

It is my job as public servant to see if these big selling records deserve the attention they are receiving from the less informed masses.

The first release I would like to critique is Let Your Dim Light Shine, the latest from those Minneapolis rockers Soul Asylum.

With Let Your Dim Light Shine, Dave Pirner and his fellow Asylum-members are attempting to follow up their huge selling release Grave Dancers Union, which spawned the hits "Black Gold," "Somebody To Shove," and the mega smash "Runaway Train."

So what most fans of the MTV want to know is if Let Your Dim Light Shine is as good an album as Grave Dancers Union.

Well the answer has to be no, but it's not that simple. Both albums certainly sound the same.

Dave Pirner will always write

superior lyrics, with one hand on his guitar and one hand in the rhyming dictionary, and the music will always sound like a glorified bar band, with lots of power rock chords to go around.

But anyone who knows the history behind Soul Asylum before they were huge stars would know that they peaked as a band back in the late 80's with an album called Hang Time, and each record since then has been a poor attempt to get back to that level.

Another problem with Let Your Dim Light Shine is that the original lineup of the band is no longer intact: a new drummer possibly added to the lack of cohesiveness of the album.

Include also the fact that the record company failed to release the record's best song, "Just Like Anyone," as the first single, instead opting for the boring "Mystery" to be the first single.

Columbia Records did make up for this blunder when they released "Just Like Anyone" as the second single and put Claire Danes in the video.

Soul Asylum wasn't the only pseudo garage rock band to hit the big time in recent years.

Buffalo, New York hasn't had

much to be proud of with those underachieving football teams, until the Goo Goo Dolls took the industry by storm with the number one smash "Name" from the album A Boy Named Goo.

The Goos (as their dedicated fans refer to them) have been around a long time, and started on their way to fame playing simple punk tunes on hard to find records like the amazing Jed, and Hold Me Up. But unlike Soul Asylums' recent efforts, the Goo Goo Dolls' latest record is almost the best thing they've done to date.

A Boy Named Goo hits high points with tracks like "Flat Top," "Only One," and "Long Way Down," to go with the hits like "Name" and "Naked." From top to bottom this album is stacked with great alternative rock tunes, but still holds up to the power of the earlier Goo Goo Dolls platters.

A rap artist who holds a place close to my heart due to past performances and has a new record out now is the legendary KRS ONE.

The latest self-titled KRS ONE Please see Veterans, page 15...

F.D. Roosevelt home and library filled with artifacts of the time period

✓ **Checking out the Hudson Valley with Anne Tanner**

A few short minutes from Marist campus lies one of the most historically significant treasures the Hudson Valley has to offer. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Home and Library is a must-see for all Marist students.

The museum itself is very informative and much larger than it appears from the outside. Upon entering, the first display one notices is Roosevelt's desk he used while in the White House.

Covered in knick knacks, it is

the first of several examples that show Roosevelt's avid interest in collecting. The museum is filled with memorabilia from throughout Roosevelt's life.

One such memento is the acutal Western Union telegram Hoover sent Roosevelt, congratulating him on winning the 1932 election.

Another interesting piece is a beautifully detailed hand-made clock. Made out of grocery boxes, the clock was a gift to Roosevelt from a young woman who wished to thank Roosevelt for creating the New Deal, which allowed her father to find a job.

One significant attraction from Roosevelt's personal life is the car he used while residing in Hyde Park. The car was specially equipped for him to drive despite his paralysis due to polio.

Roosevelt did not like to show his handicap to the public, so the

car was designed so it could be driven without requiring the use of his legs.

A variety of displays describe the efforts made by Roosevelt to help the United States get back on its feet after the famous stock market crash in 1929, including the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and Social Security

Photos and handwritten letters to the former president enhance these exhibits, showing the avid support Roosevelt had from many.

Another interesting feature in the museum is a hands-on computerized display which allows visitors to act as "president." The computer reenacts the events as they happened in June of 1940.

By touching parts of the screen, the visitor can make "ex-

ecutive" decisions on whether or not the United States should enter World War II.

The computer explains why he made the decision to enter the war. Springwood, located right next to the museum, was Roosevelt's home during his stay in Hyde Park.

Contrary to popular belief, he did use the home as a permanent residence after his marriage to Eleanor in 1905. Roosevelt did, however, enjoy visiting his mother there often. The home still has the majority of the furniture used by the Roosevelts during Franklin's youth.

Chinese furniture and decorations are scattered throughout the house. Roosevelt's maternal grandparents made their money from trading with the Chinese.

The house is made up of 35 rooms and contains influences

from Roosevelt's adult life and his visit there. He held an avid interest in birds and there is a large collection in a glass case in the front hallway.

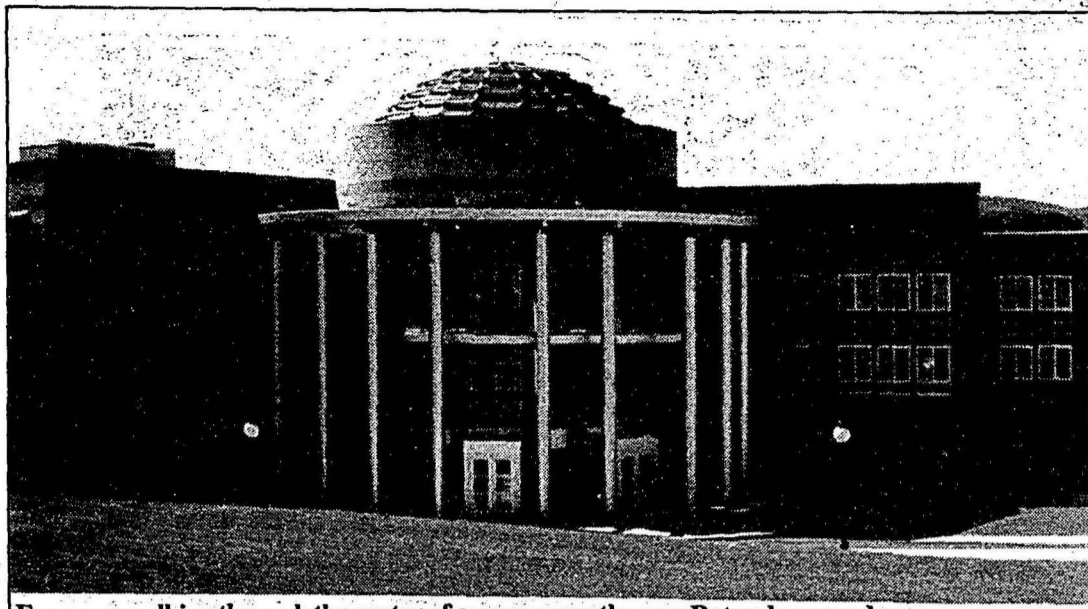
Also, an elevator was installed after the former president contracted polio in 1921. It is operated by pulleys, rather than electricity, because Roosevelt feared it may cause a fire if it were to malfunction.

The Roosevelt home is a fascinating place to visit and at least two hours should be allowed to see everything.

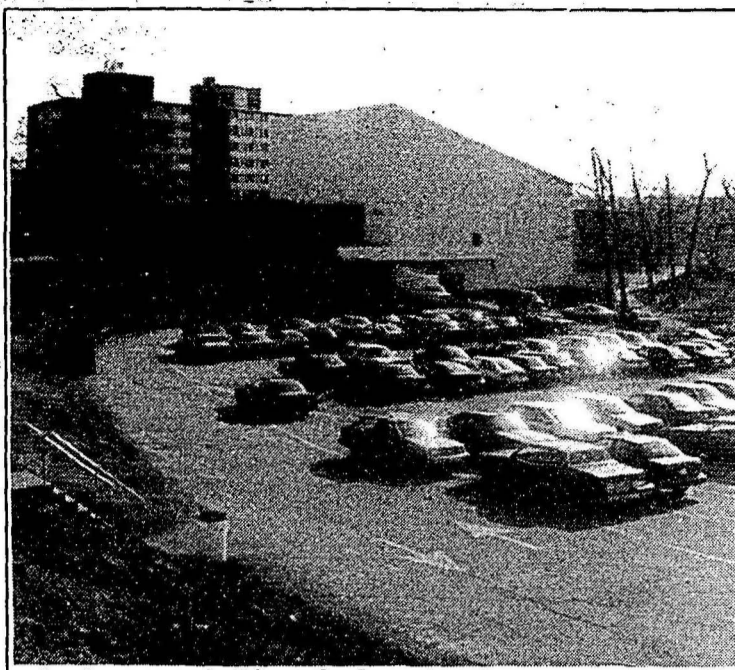
The Franklin Roosevelt Museum is open daily from nine a.m. to six p.m. daily. It is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's day.

Springwood is open Wednesday through Sunday from nine a.m. to five p.m.

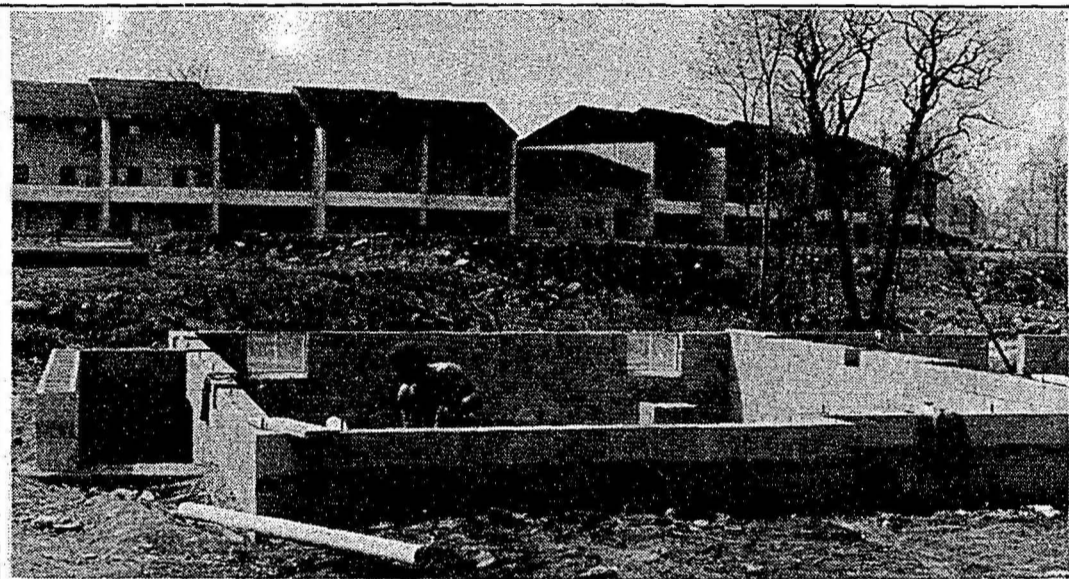
Ch, ch, ch changes - A Photodocumentary of Marist's Progression



Everyone walking through the center of campus sees the new Rotunda every day...



...but how many hail from the days when the campus green was the best place to catch a cab?



The old townhouses didn't seem so old when this picture was taken. The foundations for apartments in Gartland Commons were just being built.

Veterans reveal true colors on CDs

...continued from page 6.

CD is a return to the power rap style that KRS started all the way back in the day when Boogie Down Productions put out *By All Means Necessary* (I probably still know many of the lyrics.)

KRS ONE is definitely one of the most intelligent men in both the rap industry and the musical industry in general, and this release proves it. KRS ONE can adapt to the new styles of rap today and still manage to keep his vocal sound and lyrics unique.

With this self-titled record KRS uses his well earned industry respect to get some of the biggest stars of the new rap scene to guest star with him on various tracks. New school favorites like Busta Rhymes, DAS EFX, and even Fat Joe, all check in to give KRS a hand with this new record.

Putting together an all-star cast of guest stars is often a trick to cover up a bad record, but not in this case. In fact the best track on the whole album, "Rappaz R. N. Dainja" has no guest stars at all. This is simply a very good rap record.

Movie Time Table

Roosevelt Theatre (Rt. 9, Hyde Park)

The Juror (R) -- Fri, Sat, Sun 7:45, 9:55 p.m. Sat and Sun Matinee 2:30, 4:40
 Eye for an Eye (R) -- Fri, Sat, Sun 7:55, 10 p.m. Mon-Thur 7:25, 9:30 Sat and Sun Matinee 2:45, 4:40 p.m.
 Big Bully (PG)--Fri, Sat, Sun 6:20 p.m. Sat and Sun Matinee 4 p.m.
 Mr. Holland's Opus (PG)--evenings 7, 9:35 p.m. Sat and Sun 1:15, 4 p.m.
 12 Monkeys (R)--Fri, Sat, Sun 7:50, 10:05 p.m. Mon-Thur 7:20, 9:35 p.m. Sat and Sun Matinee 1:30 p.m.
 Tom & Huck--Sat and Sun Matinee 1 p.m.
 Balto (G)-- Sat and Sun Matinee 1 p.m.

MOVIES 4 (Dutchess Mall)

Mr. Holland's Opus (PG)--evenings 7, 9:40 p.m. Sat and Sun Matinee 1:20, 4:15 p.m.
 Whitesquawl (PG13) -- evenings 7, 9:40 p.m. Sat and Sun Matinee 1:30, 4:20
 Jumanji (PG)--evenings 7:10, 9:35 p.m. Sat and Sun Matinee 1:15, 4:30 p.m.
 Toy Story (G)--evenings 7:15, 9:30 p.m. Sat and Sun Matinee 1:15, 3:10, 4:55 p.m.

Hoyts Cinema 8 (Galleria Mall)

Black Sheep (PG13) -- 12:20, 2:25, 4:30, 7:30 p.m.
 Mr. Hollans' Opus (PG) -- 12:30, 3:35, 6:35, 9:50 p.m.
 Sense and Sensibility (PG) -- 12:10, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30 p.m.
 Bed of Roses (PG) -- 12:15, 2:40, 4:55, 7:25, 9:35 p.m.
 The Juror (R) -- 1:05, 4, 6:45, 9:25 p.m.
 Restoration (R) -- 1, 3:30, 6:40, 9:20 p.m.
 From Dusk 'Till Dawn (R) -- 12:55, 3:45, 7:10, 10 p.m.
 Dead Man Walking (R) -- 12:45, 3:45, 7:05, 9:40 p.m.
 Eye for an Eye (R) -- 11:55 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 10:10 p.m.
 Toy Story (G) -- 12:05, 2:10, 4:20, 7 p.m.
 Jumanji (PG) -- 12, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45 p.m.
 Heat (R) -- 9:10 p.m.

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Prosecutors allege hellish abuse of four children by their own parents

By SARAH NORDGREN
Associated Press Writer
CHICAGO (AP) - Four children,
the youngest now 5 years old,

were allegedly raped, drugged
and fed fried rats and boiled
cockroaches at the hands of their
own parents - not once, but again

and again over at least four
years.

"It's a serious case, it's a terrible case," Mark Cavins, who heads the county prosecutor's sexual crimes division, said Tuesday. "It involves two parents who have systematically and repeatedly abused four of their children."

A 1,200-count indictment against Gerald Hill, 52, gives a hellish description of the lives of the youngsters, now 5, 10, 11 and 12.

Hill, father of two of the chil-

dren, was charged with criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual abuse, aggravated battery to a child and aggravated battery.

The 6-inch-thick indictment, filed in January and made public Monday, claims dozens of incidents of sexual penetration.

Page after page of battery charges say Hill "stuck a hypodermic needle" in his children to inject narcotics. Cavins said the abuse occurred over four or five years.

Hill, a stocky, muscular man, stood silently during a two-

minute status hearing on Tuesday. His attorney, Elliott Price, said his client has no criminal history, and that he turned himself in to face the charges.

"The fact the indictment (weighs) pounds doesn't make the case any more severe," said Price. "It is my position he is in fact innocent."

Barbara Hill, 41, the mother of all four children, was charged with criminal sexual assault. The prosecutor said he expects further charges against her.

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SGA NEWS

The Year of Response

A Word From Your Student Body President...

Dear Undergraduates,

I hope that everyone enjoyed their winter break and that Santa was as good to you as he was me. While many of you were either inside or building snow forts during the "Blizzard of '96", I unfortunately was on active duty for a week and a half removing snow in Newburgh with my National Guard unit. Great fun, huh? Makes you realize just how self-contained life at Marist really is and how quickly we can be pulled away from it. With just two months remaining in this S.G.A. administration, we are faced with a great many things to do and very little time to do them in. With many of the goals we set in the beginning of this term either reached or close to being obtained, S.G.A. will refocus and spend the remainder of this administration dealing with internal structural changes and club management. Despite efforts in past administrations to eliminate some of the flaws in the S.G.A. Constitution, there continues to be more that needs revising. Along with these revisions, I am currently writing a set of S.G.A. by-laws to regulate how we do business. Along with by-laws for the organization as a whole, we are also revising the by-laws for each individual executive council. Completion of these items is planned prior to the end of March. Along the same lines, Jenn Nocella will be working over the next couple of weeks with club leaders to make any necessary revisions to outdated by-laws of our student organizations on campus. This ambitious project is just now beginning to move ahead, and with the support of all of S.G.A. as well as the clubs themselves, hopefully will be completed by the end of February. As a side note - I understand that for all clubs involved this is short notice, but I feel it is important to complete it before the transition of Student Government in April. If anybody has any concerns about what we are doing or why please contact me in the S.G.A. office. It's the home stretch and were moving like a runaway train. Let us just pray that the "Blizzard of '96" doesn't make a curtain call. Otherwise I may spend the rest of the semester in BDUs and toting a snow shovel.

Buried in more ways than one,

Mikael T. Carlson Student Body President

It's your right, It's your future!

Attention Marist Students: The 1996 election year has arrived!

While voting for our national representatives, we must also focus our attention on those individuals who are running to represent the student body. These dedicated people are devoted to help better our community here at Marist. SGA has organized several events to display the candidates to the Student Body. On February 12th, speeches are taking place in the theater in order to let candidates express their platforms. On the following day, MCTV will be hosting a debate on channel 13 at 10:00 p.m. And most importantly, the elections will be held on February 19th and 20th in Dyson and the Student Center.

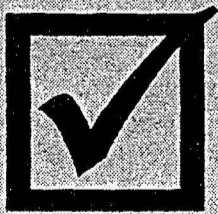
As American citizens, the sole power to vote is in our hands, therefore it is up to us to choose the ideal candidate to make our voices heard. As we strive toward tomorrow, we need to make changes for our generation today. If you care about your future, vote and make a difference. Think about this, "not voting is like tying a gag around your mouth; your voice will never be heard."

- Katherine Jowdy, Director of Public Relations

Welcome Back To Another Exciting Semester In Student Government!

The Marist College Student Life Council is looking forward to a very productive and enjoyable second semester. The SLC is planning to sponsor the Marist By Moonlight Dance and the Class Wars which occur at the end of the semester, along with the ever-popular Support Basket program. The SLC's main function, however is not to program, but to act as an advocacy group. As the council, at the helm of each and every Resident Student Council, the SLC's main function is to voice the students concerns to both the faculty and administration. So, if you have any problems that are effecting your student life, let your RSC representative know, or contact the SLC at ext. 7140.

- Erik J. Molinaro Vice-President for Student Life



Election '96

MCTV Live Debate

Tuesday, Feb. 13
10:00pm

Tune in to MCTV Channel 13 to watch
the SGA Student Body Presidential
candidates debate on live television.

Now Playing in the Nelli Goletti Theater:

Speech Night
Monday, Feb. 12
9:30pm

Hear what the candidates have to say
about issues affecting you!

Swimmers need to warm up before championships

SPORTS WITH SMITTY



The winter has been cold and so has the men's swim team. After 17 consecutive wins, dating back to last season, the swimmers lost three straight dual meets to St. John's, Colgate, and the most recent one being the Rams of Fordham University.

The returning swimmers feel that they are a better team this year. This doesn't make sense.

Last season, Marist won their conference, went undefeated, but now dropped three consecutively. The excuse can't be the one that the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference is too tough of a conference. In fact, it is considered a more respected conference but Marist didn't lose to any teams in the MAAC. The dual meets that they lost were against schools that were in other conferences. St. John's is in the Big East, Colgate is in the Atlantic 10, while Fordham competes in the Patriot league. The competition is a lot better this year but not solely because Marist has joined the MAAC. The excuses seem to be of another nature.

Traveling could be a major reason why Marist lost to Colgate. The four hour bus ride, their longest this year, was more than double the amount of time any of the swimmers from last year had to deal with. Iona, the longest road trip of last year, took less than two hours. This certainly could play a major role in the losing streak but there probably is

something else. People always say that everyone has a bad day but three bad days in a row! There are a few possible reasons why the team has been slacking off.

First of all, Marist has only 17 swimmers opposed to the 21 man squad from last year. This presents the problem of limited choice for head coach Larry VanWagner. This also creates less competition within the team. Competition for positions usually motivates athletes to stay in top form and keep working hard.

Secondly, the Red Foxes lost a great deal of experience. They graduated seven seniors last year and only remain with six swimmers that are juniors and seniors. This lack of experience could account for the sudden losing streak. The freshman class could still be getting accustomed to the world of collegiate athletics and not know how to prepare for these meets with so few seniors to guide them.

Lastly, the swimmers could just be taking their winning ways for granted. None of the sophomores ever lost in college until this year. This could be a contributing factor since maybe after the first loss, Marist couldn't handle the idea of losing and the pressure got the better of them.

The men's swim team is going to the MAAC championship meet on Feb. 16, 17, and 18 at Iona College and they better get their act together. Going into post season with a three-meet losing streak cannot be beneficial to the swimmers mentally. We'll see soon enough if these defending champs can overcome the pressure and hold onto the title.

Chris Smith is the Sports Editor of the Circle

Men's Swimming

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seniors on the swim team Jim Maccalou from Harwinton Conn., has been a Metropolitan Championship finalist for four consecutive seasons. Dave Malsheske from Burlington, Conn., elected co-captain for

the 1995-96 season as well as being a Metropolitan Conference Champion for four years and Kyle O'Neil from Poughkeepsie, NY who has been an ECAC Championship qualifier for three consecutive years.

Red fox fans take school pride to Madison Square Garden

by **TERI L. STEWART**
Special To The Circle

"Have Fox fever, will travel."

This is what one of the 46 students who traveled to the Marist vs. Fairfield game on Saturday should have displayed in the window of their bus.

These students, along with the pep band, cheerleaders, and MCTV, made the two hour trip in the snow to Madison Square Garden to cheer on the Red Foxes.

The noise and intensity would never surpass that of the gym where 3,944 people gather at least once a week to cheer on the 16-3 club, but with the number of student fans at the Garden, it came close.

Hoots, hollers and familiar chants could be heard all throughout the approximately

19,000 seat arena as the men's basketball team took on Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference rival Fairfield University in the annual game at the Garden.

REDFOXFEVER

The 80-69 triumph reinforces the reason why so many people on campus and in Poughkeepsie have gone Red Fox Basketball hog wild.

Games are sold out days before and students arrive almost an hour early to get a seat in the 'Basket Cases' section in McCann.

The 46 students, who paid \$20 a piece to ride the Student Booster Club sponsored bus to the Garden, saw an exciting game and reacted as such.

Senior forward Kareem Hill's dunk with 3:19 left in the first half, and sparked a six-point scoring

spree. The dunk sparked a familiar response from Section 340 that echoed through the Garden.

"Who's house? Who's house? Who's house? Reem's House. Ah-ight?" they chanted as the Red Foxes took a 32-27 lead. "Let's go Marist," and "Defense," were the most popular chants also heard from the students in Section 340, and rest assure the entire arena could hear them.

Unknown sources say senior Fox fanatic Justin Philipbar may have been the instigator of such chants but this could not be proven as of press time.

FANREACTION

According to MCTV Vice-President and Red Fox fan, Mike Onorato, the experience at the Garden was unbelievable.

"I've never Marist, a school travel

and bring the student band, cheerleaders and have television coverage," the junior from Paramus, NJ, said. "I'm hoping as a fan that it psyches the team up. It was unbelievable to see 'Red Foxes' on the scoreboard in the Mecca of basketball - Madison Square Garden."

Although disappointed the students were sitting so far up for the game, the students cheered as if they were courtside in the McCann Center.

The game was not always going Marist's way. The Red Foxes, who have won this annual game the past two years, came close to dropping this one when a Marist four allowed Fairfield the four-point conversion and the 63-63 tie.

Meanwhile, Section 340 rose to it's feet in sync with the intensity of the game below them.

A Closer Look At... Joe Brooks

Team: Ice Hockey

Age: 20

Hometown: Hingham, Ma.

Height: 6'-2"

Weight: 195 lbs.

Position: Forward

Class: Sophomore

Major: Criminal Justice



Joe played varsity baseball and hockey in high school. His high school team won the Massachusetts State Championship in Joe's junior year at the Boston Garden. Joe transferred from New Hampshire College this year.

Favorite Movie: Pulp Fiction

Favorite Personal Moment in Hockey: Winning a State Championship at the Boston Garden.

Favorite Food: anything in the cafeteria

Favorite Pro Teams: Boston Bruins and New England Patriots

Favorite Professional Players: Cam Neely, Jeremy Roenick

Favorite Marist Fan: Justin Philipbar

Red Fox Flashes

Alan Tomidy is ranked 4th on Marist's all-time scoring list with 1,370 points. Danny Basile is ranked 5th with 1,361 points.

Tomidy ranks 7th in the nation in blocks with 3.7 per game and 11th in the nation in rebounds with 11.0 per game.

Stacey Dengler is on pace to break the Red Fox record for rebounds in a season. She currently has 214, the record stands at 285.

The men's swimming team has lost three consecutive dual meets after 17 straight wins.

The game went into overtime and Alan Tomidy scored seven of his 24 points to give Marist the edge.

Again familiar chants could be heard as 340 went crazy.

Chris Jette, president of the Booster Club, said he knew this trip would be not only a success but a fun experience for all. That's why the booster club decided to pay for the bus out of their budget and only charge the students for the ticket into the game. Jette said this trip was so popular he had to turn students down because there was not enough room on the bus.

"You sit there in awe," the sophomore said. "I like to give people a chance who had never been there before to experience the big time."

And the big time it was.

Men's basketball wins and loses in OT; fall to second place

by CHRIS SMITH
Sports Editor

Overtime has been a recurring theme with the men's basketball team in their last two games but all they could manage was a split.

After Monday night's loss to St. Francis (Pa.) in Loretto, Pa., the Red Foxes are 16-3 overall and 9-2 in the Northeast Conference.

The loss dropped the Red Foxes to second place behind Monmouth University who's only loss in the conference was to Marist.

Alan Tomidy led the team with 27 points, 13 rebounds, and 6 blocked shots. He is now ranked seventh in the nation in blocks, averaging 3.8 a game. In addition, he also recorded his 12th double-double of the season on Monday.

But this obviously was not enough to help Marist as they lost 67-65 in overtime.

Senior Danny Basile's lay-up with 31 seconds remaining in regulation sent the game to overtime.

But the Red Foxes just couldn't make the ball go in the basket when they needed to as three Marist shots in the last 11 seconds all missed.

Tomidy said that they dug a

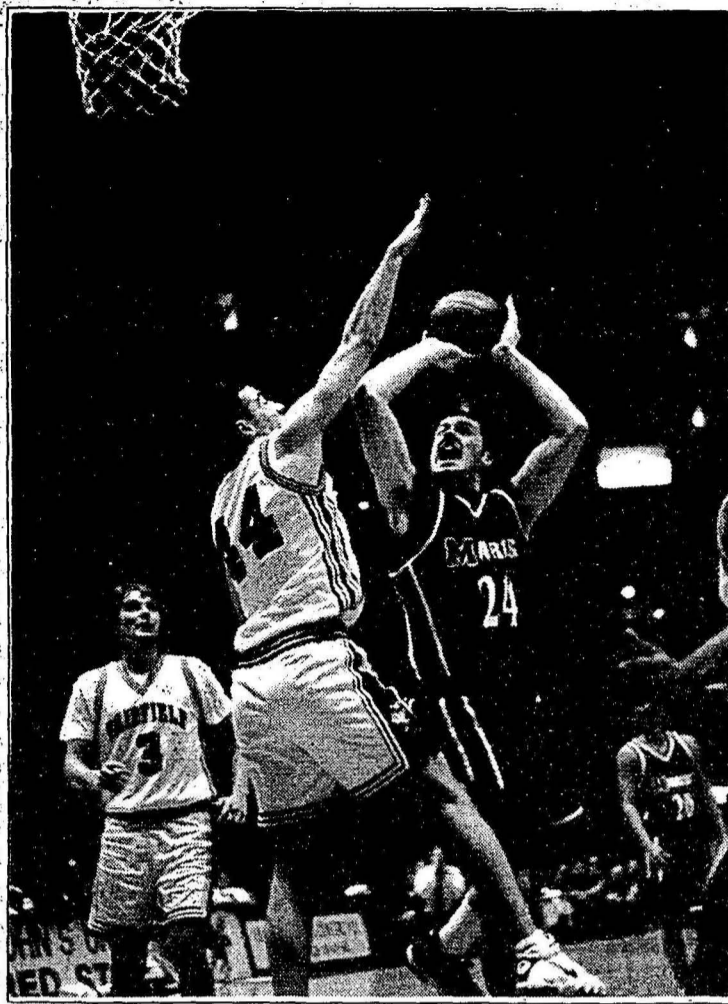
hole for themselves early on in the game.

"We turned the ball over too much in the first half," the senior center said. "It just wasn't meant to be."

However, Marist notched a win on Saturday at the annual Madison Square Garden game against Fairfield University.

The game was close up until overtime, with the half-time score 33-32 with Fairfield leading. The end of regulation saw the score tied at 65 and the final being 80-69 with Marist prevailing.

With 23.2 seconds remaining in regulation, Marist was up by four, when Tomidy fouled Fairfield's Greg



Center Alan Tomidy scored 24 pts. during the game at MSG.

Francis as he was shooting a three pointer. The shot was good

and Francis made the foul shot to tie up the game and send it into overtime.

Fouling Francis was not what Tomidy wanted to do.

"I just jumped up to try to block the shot," he said. "When I was in the air, I was praying that I would not foul him."

Tomidy finished 8 of 14 from the field with 24 points, 13 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots. He recorded his 11th double-double of this season.

Head coach Dave Magarity said that Tomidy played well and only had trouble when he was triple-teamed.

Tomidy is nearing the end of his career at Marist with only seven

games remaining.

"I've reopened my Rik Smits file," Magarity said. "I'm hoping that he gets invited to one of the (NBA training) camps."

Basile was 5 of 12 from the field and racked up 18 points with 8 rebounds.

Magarity also said that Basile played terrific.

"He picked up where he left off from the Monmouth game," Magarity said.

Sophomore Tomer Karni, who only had 6 points and 2 assists, said that the guards were shut-down but the forwards were left open.

"They did a really good job shutting us (guards) down," Karni said. "They left the big men open. They were expecting Kareem to be able to shoot."

Senior Kareem Hill made 3 of 4 from three-point range and totaled 15 points.

Marist has a total of seven games remaining in regular season with three of them taking place at home.

Tomidy said that tonight's game is important.

"We just have to get back on the winning track," he said.

The Red Foxes take on Long Island University at 7:30 in the McCann Center.

Five personal records set at Brown; Melfi becomes fastest in Marist history

by GIANNA PINO
Staff Writer

"P.B." certainly does not stand for peanut butter when talking about Marist's men's indoor track team.

Despite leaving Marist at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, five Red Foxes attained "p.b.'s," or personal bests, in the Alden Invitational meet at Brown University.

Four of the five personal records occurred in the 5,000 meter run: Lou Caporale (17:02), Ned Kenyon (17:21), Matt Pool (16:32), and Mike Melfi (15:10). Kevin Bresler set a personal best in the 55 meter high hurdles with a time of 8.7 seconds.

The invitational was held simultaneously with the New England Championships. Besides the expected New England schools, the invitational was an open competition to "road racers" and club teams of all levels.

Melfi's latest time, crushed his old record by thirty seconds, making him the third fastest runner in Marist history. He attributes his sixth place finish to the quality of the competition.

"I think I ran that fast because the one through five (runners) were open competitors who are professionals sponsored by sneaker companies. I kind of got on the pack with them and they carried me through," Melfi said.

Head coach, Pete Colaizzo called Melfi's race a "break-through performance."

"He ran a 15:10 as a sophomore, he really exceeded my expectations quite a bit. We were pleasantly surprised," Colaizzo said.

Junior Matt Pool set a personal best in his first competitive 5,000 of the season with his eleventh place finish.

Pool is already looking to improve his time for the Northeast Conference league championship meet in mid-February.

"This was a good step forward. I've done a lot of hard training since Christmas, so it's a confidence builder. I hope to break 16 minutes for the league meet," Pool said.

Among the open competition in the 5,000 was Marist graduate of 1995, Andy Barid.

The distance medley relay team of Eric Bergmann, Chuck Williams, John Lasker, and Pat Casey, finished third with a time of 11:02.4.

The Red Foxes race again on Saturday, February 10 at the Smith College Invitational in North Hampton, Massachusetts. The competition will include 30 schools, mainly in divisions two and three.

Colaizzo sees the upcoming meet as a tune-up for the NEC league meet the following week at Fairleigh Dickenson University.

"We are going to run some people out of event, and get them sharp for the league meet," Colaizzo said.

Women swimmers defeat Fordham at McCann

by PAT REYNOLDS
Staff Writer

Ask any coach the best way for a team to enter a tournament or league championships and the answer will be easy.

The team must have momentum and they should be performing to their top potential.

The Marist Women's Swimming and Diving team seem to have this momentum as they prepare for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championships which take place in two weeks.

The team certainly did not show any signs of weakness last Thursday, when they sunk a solid Fordham team on their way to a 139 to 101 victory.

Head coach Lloyd Goldstein said that he was impressed by his team's performance.

"It was the best meet we had as a team throughout the whole season," he said. "We needed it as a confidence builder going into championships."

Goldstein also said that fatigue has played a role in the way the team had been swimming prior to the Fordham meet.

"We'd been pretty tired the second semester and a lot of the girls were getting a little frustrated," he said. "We needed one good meet."

And that is just what the coach got.

The Red Foxes controlled more than half of the 13 events, but no one person carried the squad on their shoulders.

Junior Stephanie Raider touched the wall first in the 200 and 500-meter freestyle.

But the big points came in the 400 medley relay in which Raider, along with teammates Eileen Bubel, Jennifer Jaeger, and Danielle Mitchell, finished with a winning time of 4:09:82.

Goldstein said that the relay events are crucial in obtaining a larger amount of points.

"The weight of the relays are certainly greater than the individual events," he said. "If we can set the meet up where we'll have the opportunity to win both relays, it really is a big boost."

The divers also chipped in on the performance by totally dominating the one meter board and matching the Rams almost point for point on the three meter plank.

Junior Danielle DiGeronimo continued with her consistent contributions scoring nine points on the one meter and three on three meter.

The team's positive outing against Fordham can only enhance their chances of doing well in the championships.

Goldstein said that the work load for the swimmers is substantially reduced to prepare the team for MAAC meet held at Iona.

"We cut their [practice] yardage drastically," he said. "We give the kids a lot more rest."

Marist Basketball 1996 Schedule			
Men's		Women's	
F.8 LONG ISLAND	7:30	F.10 @ Rider	12:00
F.10 @ Rider	3:00	F.12 LIU	7:00
F.14 FDU	7:30	F.15 WAGNER	7:00
F.17 @ St. Francis (NY)	2:00	F.17 @ SFNY	5:00
F.19 @ Wagner	7:30	F.22 @ Monmouth	7:00
F.24 @ Mt. St. Mary's	7:30	F.24 MOUNT	3:00
F.26 MONMOUTH	7:30	F.29 FDU	7:00
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1:00pm to 3:00pm	Sports 2
3:00pm to 5:00pm	MCTV Classics
5:00pm to 5:30pm	One-on-One
5:30pm to 6:00pm	Pressbox
6:00pm to 6:30pm	Backtalk
6:30pm to 7:00pm	Conversation
7:00pm to 9:00pm	Movie 1
9:00pm to 11:00pm	Movie 2
11:00pm to 1:00am	Movie 3

Ice hockey beat Rutgers; now look to national tournament

by **MARTY SINACOLA**
Staff Writer

If you were lucky enough to be in the crowd at the McCann Ice Arena last Friday night, congratulations because you witnessed the best hockey game the Marist community has seen in a long while.

It was like something out of a movie, two heavyweights going at it. In last Friday's case it was the no. one team in the Northeast Division, Rutgers, taking on the no. two ranked Red Foxes.

Marist was looking forward to this game ever since November 12. That was the day the Red Foxes suffered a 5-2 loss at the hands of the Scarlet Knights.

The Red Foxes looked to turn the tables on the Knights, and that is exactly what happened as Marist coincidentally beat Rutgers to the tune of 5-2.

"We expected to win this game," head coach Kevin Walsh said. "We expected to win last time (against Rutgers). Last time we came up on the short end of the stick, we weren't going to let that happen again"

The team as a whole played very well, again led by goaltender Mike Sullivan who has stepped up his game in recent weeks.

"Mike has got the hot stick, that is why he is between the pipes for us. He has done a tremendous job."

The defense had a lot to do with the end result of the game, as that unit also continued to play well.

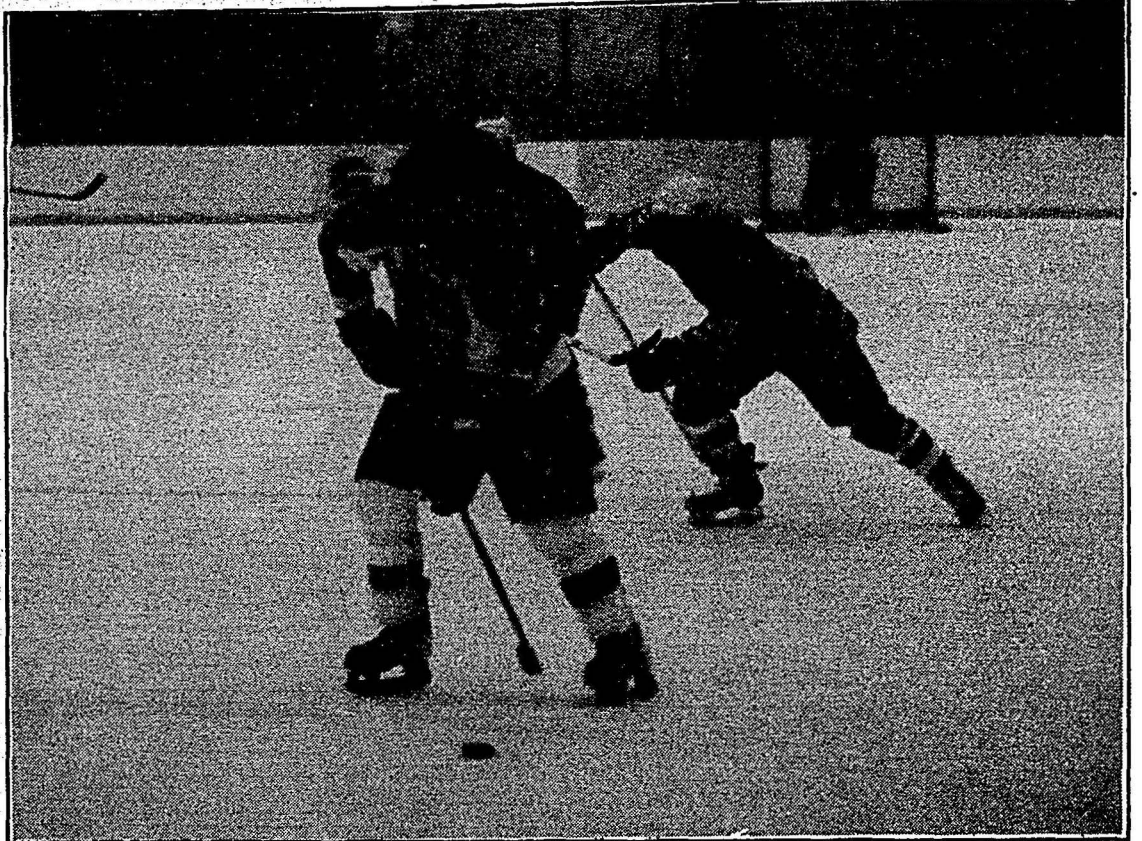
"It all comes down to hustle and intensity," Walsh said. "Defensively as a team we played very well, the forwards came back and helped out."

The intensity in the McCann Ice Arena was at a season high as the crowd knew the importance of this game as well, supporting the team throughout tough times in the game.

Walsh agreed at the crowd's importance. "You want to talk about an extra man on the ice, we definitely have it in the fans. They provide a lot of emotion for us, they give us the energy we need, its great. Its so satisfying to play at home."

The jubilant players, coaches, and fans all know where the next stop for the Red Foxes is: the national tournament. Walsh said despite a season long goal of to make it to the nationals, their goal has changed a little bit.

"Our initial goal was to make it to the nationals. That is a pretty high goal to set at the beginning of the season. We attained that



Brian Warzecha winds up for a shot on the Rutgers' goal in the 5-2 Marist win Friday night

Circle photo/Chris Berinato

goal and now its a new goal, a national championship," the coach said.

Despite the team's lofty expectations of themselves, they must still finish the remaining five games of the season. That might

not be as easy as it sounds. Teams will no doubt be gunning for one of the best as apparent in a 6-4 loss to Siena on Sunday.

The Red Foxes dug themselves a 4-0 hole, and despite a valiant comeback effort were unable to

complete the task.

"We didn't come as hard as we should have," said forward Joe Brooks.

Marist will take on Farmingdale tonight, and are home tomorrow night against Stonybrook.

Women fall to Robert Morris, St. Francis

by **MARC LESTINSKY**
Staff Writer

They played one of their best games of the year on Thursday.

Two days later, it was a different story.

The Red Foxes played some of their best basketball of the season in a tough nine-point loss to Northeast Conference leader St. Francis (Pa.), 79-70. The bad thing, however, was they followed up such a good performance two nights later with such a bad one in an ugly 53-50 loss to Robert Morris.

After falling off in the last month and a half, Marist was hoping a strong showing on its two-game road trip through Pennsylvania last weekend would help turn things around.

But it didn't. Going into the St. Francis (Pa.) game, the Foxes were ready to fight.

"We were all pumped," sophomore center Cortney Blore said

about the team's attitude prior to gametime. "They were the best team in the league, and we wanted to win bad."

And they almost did. Marist (9-13 overall, 4-7 NEC) battled hard and were only a few clutch three-pointers away from stealing a win against the best team in the league.

Stacy Alexander and Colleen Connors nailed key three-pointers to break a 64-64 tie in the final three and a half minutes, and in the process killed any remaining chance for a Red Fox upset.

"Even though we lost, I think we played one of our best games of the year," freshman guard Beth Shackel said. "Coach was pleased with our effort."

Stacey Dengler and Liz MacDougal each tallied 18 points each to pace the Foxes.

Other contributors were Tara Walsh with 11 and Beth Shackel with 10 and six assists.

Against the Colonials, however, Marist seemed like a differ-

ent team.

A big weapon in the Marist offensive game plan all year long has been its reliance on the three-point shot. But against Robert Morris's stifling defense, the Red Fox guards had trouble getting good looks all night.

The result, the Red Foxes didn't make a single triple, going 0-4 from beyond the arc.

But even with a sub-par effort, Marist still had a few chances to win. The ball just didn't bounce the Foxes way.

The team was upset. "Everybody was a little disappointed," Shackel said. "We played so well against St. Francis and so bad against Robert Morris."

Senior point guard Jill Helle led Marist with 14 points.

Jean-Marie Lesko tossed in 10 points and gave out five assists. The Foxes will look to get back on the winning track when they travel to Rider University on Saturday.

Giants may move camp

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - If State University at Albany officials get their way, the New York Giants will be back in New York - at least for the summer.

Representatives from the Giants' front office toured the SUNY Albany campus Tuesday as they continue to shop around for a new training camp site.

A five-hour tour of the playing fields, dormitories and other university facilities culminated with Vice President for Student Affairs James Doellefeld sounding optimistic.

"I will share with you my sense that the Giants were particularly pleased with the athletic facilities," he said at a press conference following the tour.

The Giants have trained at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, N.J., for the past several years. Team officials said they are leaving because of high rent.

SUNY Albany hopes to beat

out Fairfield University in Connecticut, Drew University in New Jersey and Cortland State in central New York to become the team's mid-July to mid-August home.

"It would be a terrific opportunity for student athletes and area coaches to see a professional team in operation," Albany State football coach Bob Ford said.

Having the Giants train at the campus would be a major selling point for potential students, said Karen Hitchcock, the university's interim president.

"It just enriches the various kinds of things that our students can experience while they're here," she said.

Hitchcock noted that the Albany area offers quick transportation from New York City via the soon-to-be-improved county airport, as well as having plenty of hotels and attractions.

Men's swimming remains in slump; drop third straight to Rams

by **MIKE GENTILE JR.**
Staff Writer

As expected, the men's Swimming and Diving team lost to Fordham University 142-104 at the McCann Center last Thursday night.

According to men's swimming coach Larry Van Wagner, "We swam against the most difficult team on the schedule. They (Fordham) have three swimmers that have the potential to win nine events, we knew that."

The defeat was the third meet in a row in which Red Fox opponents have been sent home with a loss. The Red Foxes will now

prepare for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championships which begin next Thursday, February 15 at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York.

And According to Van Wagner, the team is well on its way to performing well in the Championships.

"Hopefully all 20 of the athletes will perform not only at the highest level of this past season but at the highest level of their career."

Freshman Matthew St. Lucia qualified for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships with his best performance of the season in the 3

meter diving event.

According to diving coach Melanie Bolstad, this is the first time ever that three male divers will be attending the ECAC Championships that take place at the end of March and run into the first week of April.

Bolstad was relieved that St. Lucia qualified before the Conference Championships.

"At Iona College the boards aren't very good," she said. "Our goal was to qualify before we went."

Another high point for the divers was sophomore Chris Blackwell as he set a school record in the 3 meter dive, post-

ing a 298.87, breaking the school record that he had set one year ago.

Despite the current losing streak, Van Wagner doesn't seem to be worried, saying that he is satisfied with the performance of the swimmers.

"During a taper you are looking for any signs of the taper having a positive effect on an athlete," Van Wagner said. "You can see a greater percentage gain speed and the ability to control the pace of events, that is what I was looking for."

His confidence going into the championships can be related to the fact that the two best events

of the meet for the Red Foxes were the 1,000 meter freestyle and the 500 meter freestyle. This according to Van Wagner is where you can see the speed come out.

Sophomore Chris O'Conner finished first in the 500 free posting a time of 4:57.66. He also came in third in the 1,000 freestyle (10:18.93), equaling his season best times.

Before the start of this final dual meet of the season the Seniors, as well as their parents, were honored in a ceremony to recognize their contribution to the success of the team.

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