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Largest and brightest class enrolled

by David Ng
Co-editor

The freshmen class is the largest, most geographically diversified, and academically brightest in Marist's history, according to statistics compiled by the Admissions Office.

Although the total count of matriculated students at Marist has not been completed, James Daly, director of admissions, said applications rose 40 percent from last year. Daly, Director of Admissions for three years, adds that there has been a change in the demographic figures and the college board scores are higher than previous classes and the national average.

This is the sixth consecutive year Marist has registered a record number 534 enrolling here, according to statistics.

"It's good news for Marist," says Daly. "If you're investing time and interest, and

it would be bad news if we weren't in this situation. The value of your degree would go down," he said.

Fewer Islanders

Daly said there are fewer freshmen from Long Island, traditionally where most students are recruited from, than in previous years. The number of students from New Jersey has increased. He adds there also have been increases of students from the upstate area, Connecticut and abroad.

There are approximately 70 freshmen from Suffolk and Nassau counties, L.I., as compared to the 125 in last year's class, according to Daly.

Applications from Connecticut rose 38 from last year's 60 to 98 and applications from the northern counties in New Jersey, Bergen, Essex and Union, N.J., have

increased 26 percent, based on figures gathered by Assistant Director of Admissions Cathy O'Neill.

"New Jersey is a new area that has never been tapped," says Daly. It's just as far to travel from New Jersey as West Islip (in Long Island).

"There has also been an increased number of foreign students," said Daly.

Some students applied to Marist from Rhodesia, Greece, Liberia, Canada, Japan, Panama, and Brazil. Two Norwegian soccer players from Oslo, Norway were recruited by Dr. Howard Goldman, the soccer coach.

According to the figures, the freshmen averaged 450 to 600 on their mathematical skills and 400 to 650 on their verbal skills on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The national average, Daly said, is 468 for math and 428 for verbal.

Joe Nichols, a Marist freshman, from Nazareth High School in Brooklyn, scored a perfect 800 on mathematical skills.

Daly said approximately 25 percent of the freshmen were reached by mailing them publicity literature. The names of the freshmen were obtained from the college testing service at \$.10 per name.

Estimating the cost of recruiting freshmen, Daly said the admissions office spends approximately \$146.00 to recruit one student as compared to the national average of \$400.00 per student.

According to Daly, 1,200 high schools in the tri-state area were visited by three interns and four full-time employees in his office.

Frosh scattered in other dorms

by Lina Cirigliano
Associate editor

Three lounges in Leo Hall were changed into dormitory rooms and 108 other freshmen are being housed in upperclassmen dormitories because of a large enrollment of freshmen resident students this semester.

Kelly has not received any negative response from students staying in lounges. One student requested not to be housed with two other students last July and was placed in another room. Modifications were made in the lounges in order to house the students. According to Kelly, a curtain was put up the length of the patio window and plywood was placed over the glass at the lounge entrance.

Kelly said the rooms will revert back to lounges after space becomes available in other dorms. He said the only shortcoming students had to deal with was the first floor lounge, students have to contend with the traffic of the elevators in order to get to the

bathroom.

According to Kelly, housing was originally going to assign four students in the Leo lounges but because of lack of space it was impossible.

Kelly said there are 40 freshmen in Sheehan House, 66 in Champagnat and two in Benoit House.

These students were selected to live in upperclassmen dormitories because they had previous college credits, were transfers, or because there was just no space available anywhere else on campus for them.

According to Kelly, the freshmen were placed in a select area on each floor. Kelly said there are freshmen on second floor Champagnat west wing, seventh floor west wing, and ninth floor east wing and more freshmen are located on third floor Sheahan.

According to Kelly the six students housed in Byrne Residence are there by their own choice because they wanted to live together. "As of now we don't need the

boathouse," said Kelly. "And I really doubt we'll have to use it."

Kelly said the resident dormitories including Byrne Residence have the capacity of holding 961 students. "As of the moment we have 11 spaces available in the dorms in female areas," said Kelly. "And we have eight or nine returning upperclassmen that still have to be housed."

According to Kelly the same situation occurred last year when guys had to be placed on girls wings because of lack of space. He said they had no problems last year, the guys caused no trouble and only one girl expressed dislike over the situation.

According to Kelly the guys are placed near stair wells on the girls wings in order to get easy access to the bathrooms. He said the freshmen in upperclassmen dorms still must follow the freshmen dorm regulations.

Staff shifts, quits, and hired

by David Ng
Co-editor

The appointment of a new president and an acting Dean of Students lead the list of 25 staff changes in administration that have taken place over the summer.

Caused by resignations, promotions, and the creation of new jobs, the changes account for a 29 percent shift for 84 administrative posts.

The more notable appointments are Dr. Dennis Murray as the new president and former Dean of Academic Affairs Gerald Cox as the acting Dean of Students.

After a search for a new president since last April by the Board of Trustees, Murray succeeds Dr. Linus Foy, president of Marist for 21 years, and Cox replaces Antonio Perez who resigned July to be vice president of Rhode Island Junior College.

Foy said he leaves office with no regrets and added, "Sometimes a person becomes synonymous with an institution. One of my reasons for leaving here is to prove it isn't so."

Perez, who was Dean of Students for three years said the move was a promotion for him and would provide more experience in college administration.

Now promoted to a Level I position, Cox is responsible for student life and

academics, previously two separate branches of the administration. Murray ordered the two areas to be combined under one heading. Louis Zucarello will serve as vice president to aide educators, and will also act as academic dean of students.

"There have always been two kingdoms on campus, the academic and the student life area; the class room and the dorm," said Cox who was associate dean for 10 years.

He said the college is trying to take a more "wholistic" view of the individual student.

The Housing office has the largest number of new staff members with three new residence directors and the creation of four new positions; three freshmen mentors, and an assistant to the Champagnat residence director. Former residence directors Pat Lennahan of Leo Hall, and Fred Gainer of Champagnat Hall, now work in other jobs at Marist while Sheahan director Gary Yaquinto resigned to work in his home state, Pennsylvania.

Gainer is now a freshmen mentor, and an assistant coordinator of college activities, two part-time positions created by the freshmen advisory program. After two years as residence director, Gainer

said he saw opportunities in other areas of student affairs and was professionally interested in getting more experience.

Gainer is replaced by Anthony Drakeford, the new Champagnat residence director.

Lennahan, also after two years as residence director, replaces Larry Snyder as the director of career placement, a job created by the Title III grant of \$1 million from the federal government.

Geoff Seeger replaces Lennahan in Leo. David Heckendorn replaces Yaquinto as the Sheahan residence director.

Alumni Hired

Three Marist graduates, one a class valedictorian, were hired by the college.

Eileen Marie Shaw, class of 1975, was the valedictorian for her class and is now the assistant registrar. Bob Lynch, the new assistant Champagnat director, graduated also in 1975 and will work with the residence advisors. Byran Maloney, class of 1972, has been appointed admissions counselor.

In other changes, Mike Fraher has been promoted from assistant to director of financial aid and Karen Atkins, from Oneonta College, is the new financial aid counselor.

Seiler's adjusts

by Christopher Hogan
Co-editor

Seiler's, the new dining service, is planning on "adjusting to the needs of the students" this year, says Seiler's manager Don Card.

Last year there were budget problems, said Card. "My job here is to maintain that budget along with the district managers."

Card says he will eliminate previous problems by separating soda from other beverages, position the "proper people for serving" at meals, and position the salad bar at the east windows of the cafeteria "to get rid of congestion."

Improvements

Additional "improvements" are serving hot cereal, local dressings, yogurt, making eggs to order at breakfast, having vegetarian meals, and always having a Seiler's manager present when meals are served.

Card added that there will be "special event" monthly meals as "monotony breakers" of eating Pizza, Popcorn, and ice cream sundaes are expected to be served at these meals says Card. Students are encouraged to participate by decorating the cafeteria for these events.



Communication between students and Seiler's will be held weekly at Food Committee meetings "if they like" says Card. Any complaints may be addressed to assistant manager Greg Finch or Don Card.

Seiler's is the third dining service at Marist in the past four years. Saga Marist Dining Service, and Marriott Food Corporation suffered financial losses at Marist.



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A Presidential Welcome

The Circle welcomes president Dennis Murray to the Mid-Hudson Valley and to the Marist College community. The staff hopes that his stay is long and successful.

Dr. Murray has excellent credentials in political science, public relations, and public administration that brews a perfect formula to serve as president of Marist College. His warm personality and his strong desire to communicate with students and faculty will enable him to restore two-way com-

munication on campus.

Already, Murray has taken steps to improve the name of Marist by arranging to appear on five nationally broadcasted educational talk shows. And Fontaine Hall has been painted - something which should have been done long ago.

The Circle feels that Marist has received the greatly needed leader to make this college - "A Great Place to Be."

"Wish someone had done that for me..."

The average freshman drives up Route 9 with his family in a car loaded with gear, most of it unnecessary. He unloads his albums, posters, and precision stereo system into a room that looks like a hundred other rooms on the campus. But it's unique, he thinks, because it's his and no one else's. It's different because he's away from family and friends. It's the first time in four Septembers that he is no longer a high school student, no longer an adolescent. And so many things that "used to be" will now drastically change.

The freshman is now in his most vulnerable state. No family, no neighborhood friends, no more high school ambitions. All the things that only a few weeks ago made up the life around him is gone. And yet his ultimate goal is to learn of greater things.

He is trying to cross over from adolescence into a solid adulthood, not one made of compliments from high school teachers or family friends. But the cross-over isn't a quick thing, it takes plenty of time - sometimes four years.

Everything seems to hurt now. It hurts when the business office says they can't validate his I.D. card because his financial aid checks haven't arrived. It's irritating when he has to wait on line for everything from an appointment with the admissions counselor who recruited him to his dinner in a noisy and crowded cafeteria. It stings when the old love at home becomes an old friend.

Everything seems to hurt.

There's little to ease the hurt but maybe to understand it a little better. And that's what freshmen orientation was all about.

The Admissions Office tried to leave little to chance for the practical things; moving into rooms, getting their keys, and issuing I.D. cards. Even the arrival time for freshmen was staggered so the first few hours would be less hectic.

The entire concept behind Father Richard LaMorte's freshmen program, with the help

Editorials

of Dean of Students Gerald Cox and Assistant Dean Kelly, was to help understand the changes that would take place in the minds of the freshmen. Three freshmen mentors were hired to help with the job.

The new students were invited to meet the new president who is still looking for a new home, like the freshmen.

And the residence advisors and coordinators helped because, like the freshmen, they felt hurt during the transition. Everybody seemed to care about the freshmen.

Like a senior who witnessed the entire weekend of freshmen orientation said, "I wish someone had done that for me my freshman year."

Simply the truth

The purpose of any news publication, from the big city daily to the local church mimeographed bulletin, is to simply tell the truth. What follows that fundamental principle of journalism is fairness, accuracy, integrity, and objectivity.

What life is to the doctor, and justice to the lawyer, truth is to the journalist and editor. It's a value.

There are no reporters, or their editors, sitting and judging with typewriters by their

sides. There are people who try to find out what happened, piecing everyone's opinion to make something called good copy.

The Circle feels that every student has the right to know what happens at Marist and will attempt to communicate a fair, responsible, and objective report of campus events in the forthcoming year. Our job is to inform the reader and let him create his own opinions on campus events and policies.

LETTERS

All letters must be typed triple space with a 60 space margin, and submitted to the Circle office no later than 6 p.m. Monday. Short letters are preferred. We reserve the right to edit all letters. Letters must be signed, but names may be withheld upon request. Letters will be published depending upon availability of space.

A great pleasure

Dear Students:

I take great pleasure in welcoming the Class of '83 and returning upperclass students. I hope to have the pleasure of personally meeting many of you during the coming year.

I look forward to my new role as President with a great deal of enthusiasm and optimism. This will be an exciting time to be part of Marist as we chart our course for the future and see the stature of the college grow.

Marist is truly a special place. Its size provides you with the accessibility to an excellent faculty which does not exist at many other colleges. It is these student faculty relationships which can set the groundwork for your educational experience. Here, learning does not end in the classroom, it merely begins there.

As Marist looks ahead, I hope that you also pause and consider the paths which face you. Your education here will be determined by your own efforts. You have the opportunity to become an active participant in your personal learning process.

You must make the decision to become responsible for your own education. Marist can only create the environment which fosters such self-direction.

This self-direction is different, however, than the self-discipline which is equally important to your personal growth. Marist has a proud heritage based on ideals which require certain standards be maintained. It is these ideals and values which distinguish Marist as a unique academic institution. I feel that these standards mandate a mode of responsible behavior which will be expected of every member of the college community.

Finally, open communication and trust are the key ingredients for a healthy college environment. I plan to conduct weekly office hours for students to discuss their concerns. Please feel free to call my office for the times when these sessions will be held.

Have an enjoyable and intellectually enriching year.

Dennis J. Murray
President

Expect the best

To the Marist faculty, students, and administration,

Let's expect the best of "The Circle" this year. When people anticipate the worst, that's frequently what they get. This first semester of 1979 the Journalism class which makes up "The Circle" staff, the two student co-editors, and faculty advisor of "The Circle" will be starting fresh.

As advisor to the campus newspaper I'm glad to be part of a group of people who will be developing an individual style, different from last year, yet building on what has been good in the past.

"The Circle" is a living laboratory for students to learn about communication and report on the life of a college community. Because "The Circle" must involve its readers,

we need suggestions, ideas, and feedback. Our success depends on you giving us input. Tell us when we're doing a good job and if what you have to say is critical, let's sit down and talk about what's on your mind. Maybe we can help you see a broader picture. Perhaps we're a little shortsighted and need to learn about another point of view.

Drop a note in the mail to "The Circle" advisor and journalism teacher, Marguerite Culp, via the campus mail. I'll call you or we can arrange a time to meet.

Or you could write a letter to the feedback section of this newspaper. Or seek out campus paper co-editors Chris Hogan and David Ng.

Make a gesture to participate. I look forward to meeting faculty and students alike this year.

Marguerite Culp

SPEAKING OF MARIST...



R.B. Whitmore

Freshmen impress Stevens

by David Ng

Five freshmen placed in the top ten rankings of Saturday's cross country intra-squad scrimmage-impressing head coach Rich Stevens and nailing down varsity positions ahead of co-captain Dennis Goff and last year's second ranked runner Jerry Scholder.

Mike McGuire, named to the All-State High School second team, Jim DeLaunay, and Tom Abrams are three freshmen that Stevens will rely on throughout the year.

Stevens pointed out that McGuire's best time on the hilly Van Cortlandt Park course as a high school senior is 12:59.0, equal to Scholders best high school time.

McGuire, who graduated from Shenendehowa High School finished in seventh place with a time of 28:08.2 in Saturdays scrimmage.

DeLaunay, from Suffern High School finished second with a time of 26:54.7 for the five mile course while Abrams placed

Stevens said he was also impressed with the performances of freshmen Brian Hanley and Mark Wickham (who also finished in the top ten).

Although he was impressed with the freshman runners, Stevens said he had mixed feelings about the upperclassman. Besides junior Ron Gadziala who won the race with a time of 26:20.9 and broke the Marist record for the course held by Rich Sohanchyk by 1:32, only two upperclassmen finished in the top ten. Team captains Paul Welsh and Dennis Goff finished third and ninth respectively. Scholder dropped out at the three mile mark with cramps in his calves.

"The upperclassman had problems today but in a way it is good. They will come back stronger towards the end of the season," said Stevens after Saturdays scrimmage.

Even with the impressive showing by the

freshmen, Stevens expects to lose as many as half of the teams regular season races because of five more National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I schools added to the schedule. The University of Connecticut, Providence College, Manhattan College, Princeton University, and Fordham have been added along with three other Division I schools: Holy Cross, Columbia, and Wagner College, already on the schedule.

Stevens expects the teams record to drop as low as .500 from last years won-lost percentage of .824 when they were elected The Circle's Team of the Year, because of the tough schedule.

The team is going to be tested right away as they travel to Holy Cross this Saturday to face the University of Connecticut and Holy Cross, two powerful Division I schools.

With this tough schedule and the inconsistency of the upperclassmen along with the loss of one of last years top

runners, Matt Cole, who is studying abroad this year it could be a paradoxical year for the cross-country team.

However, the coach insists that he is not concerned with the regular season races against other schools. Stevens says he wants to gear the team towards the more prestigious championships held at the end of the year.

Stevens says, "For us, the regular season is not the most important thing. The main thing for us is to qualify for the nationals (NCAA championships) and the Intercollegiate American Amateur Athletic Association (IC4A's). The NCAA championships will be held in Philadelphia on October 21 while the IC4A's will be held at Van Cortlandt Park on October 29.

"You can have a record of 16-0 against lesser schools, get cocky, and get killed in more important meets" says Stevens. Last year the team finished ninth in the NCAA Division II Regionals and fourth in the IC4A's College Division meet.

Booters eye NCAA regionals

by Jim Townsend
Sports editor

Even with the loss of graduating seniors Fermino and Zenone Naitza, soccer coach Howard "Doc" Goldman thinks the freshmen and returning veterans on this year's team could be better than last year's team.

First year players with a chance to play include two Norwegians, Knut Roald and Ouvind Larssen, as well as Jose' Blanco who Goldman described as "aggressive" and Mark Roeber described as "strong and aggressive." Another freshman with a chance to play is Bob Cooper.



Dr. Howard Goldman

Roald and Larssen are midfielders who will be playing alongside senior John King who will be making the change from fullback to midfield. Goldman sees Roald and Larssen adding a new dimension to the team that was not evident with the Naitza brothers. Goldman said instead of relying on one or two people to do the job, it will now take the whole team working together.

This year's schedule consists of 15 games. Goldman sees the toughest teams as being Southern Connecticut State, which defeated the Red Foxes in the National Collegiate Athletic Association regional championships last year, and Davis and Elkins College, Va., who are

usually ranked in the top 20 soccer teams in the nation. This year's schedule will include two games with teams from England, the Bristol Saint George Club and the University of Southampton within the first two weeks of the season.

Goldman said his goal is to reach the NCAA finals but he says a lot will depend on the team staying healthy, especially starting senior goalkeeper Rich Heffernan who was hampered with injuries last season.

This year's soccer season opens up Saturday September 15 with a game against the Alumni and then on September 17 against the University of Southampton (England).

Pigskin preview

If, according to the old adage, the "only way to go is up," the Marist College football team should improve on last year's dismal 1-8 record.

With a healthy Jeff Hackett returning to the quarterback position behind an offensive line comprised of mostly upperclassmen, head coach Mike Malet describes his upcoming season which begins Sept. 15 at Stony Brook as "competitive."

Hackett, a junior, quarterbacked his freshmen year but was moved to the wide receiver slot his sophomore year and his wrist was broken early in the season.

"Jeff adds a large dimension to the team. He can run, throw, and has a great leadership ability," says Malet, in his second year as head coach.

According to Malet, tight end Jim Piersa and center John Herman will be the strength of the offensive line. Herman, an All-Metropolitan Conference center, will

be back at that position for the third consecutive year. It will be Piersa's fourth starting season as tight end.

"The offensive line along with Hackett is our strongest point," says the head coach. "We have the nucleus to be a very strong team but key injuries could be devastating," he added.

Other returning offensive veterans include guards Joe Brenner and Kris Charter, along with tackle Kevin Roletter.

Malet also feels he will be able to field a strong defensive unit which he termed as "extremely young but has potential." The defensive squad will comprise mostly of sophomores and freshmen with Bob Keller the lone senior.

This years running attack is once again expected to be led by sophomores Tom Cooney and Phil Tripkin, who averaged 5 and 4.1 yards per carry respectively last season.

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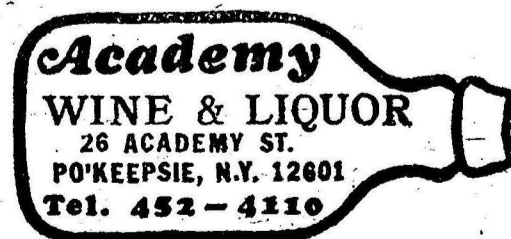
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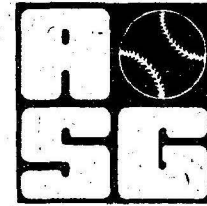
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Murray named president



Dr. Dennis Murray

To host T.V. show

by Lina Cirigliano
Associate editor

President Dennis Murray will be hosting a series of five half hour television shows entitled "Private Education: An Endangered Species," on Nov. 12th through 16th on the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), says Coordinator of Public Information Linda Dickerson.

Dickerson said the programs are a part of an on going series entitled "The Knowledge Series." She said the shows will have an interview format, and Dr. Murray will deal with such topics as the direction of private education, current trends in education.

Two entire shows will be devoted to the financing of private education by middle class families, and financial planning. Dickerson said the guest speakers are in the process of being chosen.

"I'm going to be walking around the dorms, in the cafeteria, and on the athletic fields," ... Murray

by Christopher Hogan
Co-editor

"In five to ten years when people mention the name of Marist College, people will know that name", says newly appointed president Dr. Dennis Murray. Murray 34, is the sixth Marist president appointed by the Board of Trustees on August 1, 1979.

"I don't see the institution changing much in size," says the former vice president for college advancement at Whittier College, Whittier, Calif. But he hopes there will be "better fiscal footing," endowment increases, and the quality and the number of applicants will increase.

"There is a need for institutional reorganization in order to get the institution more structured," he added. "I also hope to develop greater visibility for the institution by appearing on educational TV shows for the National Broadcasting Company and put the name of Marist College known out to the public."

Murray says that the intended forthcoming reorganization will not mean that there will be a great turnover in the administration. Any personnel changes were coincidental, he added. But he hopes to change Marist by "opening communication systems and processes."

"I'm going to be walking around the dorms, in the cafeteria, and on the athletic fields," said Murray, in order to build two-way communications between students and himself.

They want me to be a public president," Murray said about the Board of Trustees.

Murray intends to build his position off campus by spending "at least 50 percent" of his time in community and public affairs.

"My role isn't to sit in the office 50 hours a week," says the native from Los Angeles, Calif. "I am supposed to be a spokesman on educational issues and

building the college."

He added that he hopes to be able to set aside approximately five hours per week to listen to students problems that cannot be handled by administrators in lower level positions. He added that he would like to meet with a representative from "The Circle" often enough to maintain communication with the entire campus.

Murray says he came to Marist College because he saw a "basic quality" that is "essential for a liberal arts college to survive in the '80's."

... a "Strong heritage"

He said he was attracted to Marist by a "strong heritage," its distinctive educational background and the "sense of communication" among the alumni, faculty, and students.

At Whittier College, Murray obtained a \$2,000,000 endowment and a new computer center. He aided in obtaining American Association Bar accreditation for the Whittier College School of Law and was leader of the college trustee task force on admissions and retentions.

Murray has served as executive assistant to the president and director of university relations at California State University. He was also special assistant to the president and alumni coordinator at the same university.

He is a graduate of California State University with a bachelor's degree in political science and received a doctorate degree in public administration at the University of Southern California School of International and Public Affairs.

"I like the sense of community here," he says. "I like the alumni, faculty, and students I've met. They seem like decent people...It's important that we keep the campus up to the highest standards possible."