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## Building plans now focus on new dorm

by Bill Johnson

College administrators are now moving ahead with plans for a new dormitory — with a classroom building to follow — after being preoccupied with projects in Champagnat and Donnelly halls this summer.

According to President Dennis Murray, Marist will begin the design/build process in the next few weeks, when architects will submit plans for the dorm and bid for the contract. Once the dorm project is launched, the college will start planning a new classroom building, Murray said.

Gerard Cox, vice president for student affairs, said he hopes construction will begin before winter, with the dorm to open for the Spring 1990 semester. Murray is not as optimistic; he said he doubts construction will begin before spring, and he would not give a target date for completion.

Engineers conducted ground tests and the college chose a site for the dorm this summer. According to tentative plans, the dorm will be located northwest of the Campus

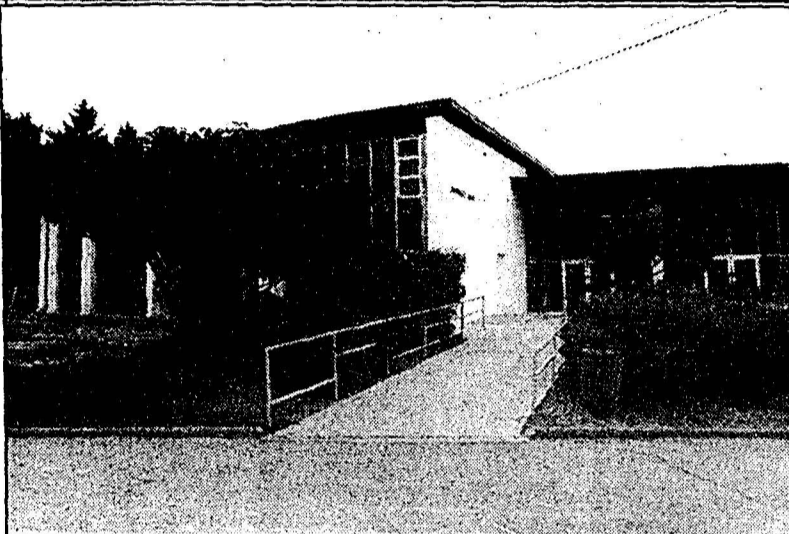
Center, it will stand two or three stories high and will accommodate 400 to 450 students, probably sophomores.

The new classroom building will be built near the Lowell Thomas Communications Center, on the site of the rock pile. Murray said he hopes to draw tentative plans for that project later this semester, and he said he hopes to have the building open when the college's lease on Marist East expires in about three years.

The classroom building will cost up to \$7 million, while the dorm will cost at least that much, Murray said. Marist is consulting brokerage firms and the New York State Dormitory Authority about financing the projects jointly through bonds, although construction probably will not occur simultaneously, Murray said.

The new dorm will differ from traditional dormitories to provide more privacy and a better living environment, Murray said. Four or five double occupancy rooms will surround a central living area.

Plans do not call for kitchens; instead, the dorm will have a dining



Plans for a new dormitory are underway while construction of new curtain wall around Donnelly Hall is set to begin next month.

(Photo by Bob Davis)

room and will be connected to the Campus Center. Murray said Marist has consulted Seiler's, the college's food service company, which recommended serving both dining halls from the same kitchen.

While the college's primary goal is to eliminate the need to house students at the Canterbury Garden Apartments, an off-campus complex rented by Marist, the dorm won't necessarily solve the housing shortage, Cox said.

"We would like there to be no

more Canterbury, but what if retention improves, what if the college continues to grow?" Cox said.

The retention rate refers to the number of students who complete their educations at the institutions in which they began.

For now, Marist's enrollment will remain around 3,000 students, according to Murray.

Aside from the retention rate, which is improving, Marist has to consider the future of the North

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## Mall idea remains on hold

by Steven Murray

With other building priorities at hand and the rezoning of the proposed land unresolved, the Marist Village is still on hold, President Dennis Murray said earlier this week.

The Village project, which must be rezoned from a residential to a commercial building site, was placed on hold by the college's board of trustees last spring.

Murray said even if the Village site is rezoned the project will still be on hold because of building projects of higher priority, such as new dorm and classroom buildings and the renovations of Donnelly and Champagnat halls.

"We don't want to try to do too much at one time," Murray said. "I think the Marist Village makes sense to the college, but there are higher priorities."

Marist filed a zoning request last spring, but was told by Town of

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## Computer puts Marist on page one

Marist faculty and administrators may have done a double-take when they glanced at the most recent issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education, an influential newspaper that circulates on campuses across the country.

On page one, illustrating a story about the appeal of computers to prospective students, is a picture of the Lowell Thomas personal computer lab. Christopher DeGiorno of the Marist Admissions Office is shown talking to some touring high school seniors and their parents.

Inside, a continuation of the story features a two-column photo of Harry Wood, vice president for admissions and enrollment planning, posed by an IBM pc.

Wood is quoted in the article as saying: "Kids and their parents are impressed when they come to campus if they see terminals displayed in a well-lighted, clean, organized environment."

But, Wood says later, "quite frankly, I'm sure kids don't understand the difference between an IBM 3090 and a VAX."

As part of a \$10 million IBM-Marist study, the college recently installed a 3090 mainframe computer.

Headlined "Once They Asked: How Many Library Books? Now It's: Are Computers Available at 3 a.m.?" the Chronicle article appears in the Sept. 14 issue of the weekly publication.

Other institutions mentioned in the story include Dickinson College and Northwest Missouri State University.



## Up against the wall

Dreary weather did not dampen the spirits of North End residents, who were treated to a picnic lunch by the Housing Office last Saturday at the Gariland Commons Apartments. (Photo by Bob Davis)

## Freshman class tops 800 for second year

by Jay Reynolds

For the second consecutive year, freshman enrollment has exceeded 800 students, according to Marist officials.

This year's freshman class of 816 students is slightly smaller compared to a record of 830 freshmen enrolled in 1987.

"The past year, the Admissions Office was involved in stepped-up activity to enroll the same size class as the year before," according to an admissions report from the board of trustees by James Bitonti, chairman of the board's admissions and enrollment committee.

"It is expected that this activity will continue for the foreseeable future since the competition for students continues to intensify."

Of the 3,319 students who applied last year, about 2,500 were accepted, and about one-third of those accepted enrolled, according to Harry Wood, vice president for admissions and enrollment planning.

"The average high school senior is accepted to about four schools and therefore colleges have an annual yield (percentage of those accepted that enroll) of 25 percent to 40 percent," Wood said.

Although the final numbers will

not be released until Monday, the number of full-time students enrolled this fall appears to be higher than last fall, according to Registrar Judith Ivankovic.

Marist's five-year projected enrollment plan, which runs from the 1985-86 academic year through 1990-91, calls for a target enrollment of 2,900 students, according to officials.

Last fall, with the record freshman class, enrollment was over 3,000. Two years ago, the freshman class numbered 755, and there were 2,901 full-time students.

Retention figures also appear to be up from last year, Wood said.

"The enrollment situation has been strengthened in large part by the improved retention of undergraduate students," Bitonti said.

For the past five years, Marist has been progressing upward as far as enrollment and retention are concerned which has increased Marist's public image, Wood said.

This year's freshman class appears to be a more diverse group than years before, including more minorities and foreign students, according to Wood.

Marist received more than 300 applications from minority

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# After Class

Editor's Note: After Class will list the details of on- and off-campus events, such as lectures, meetings and concerts. Send information to Ise Martin, c/o The Circle.

## Entertainment

### Dinner Theatre

The Alpha Omega Players will present "I Ought to be in Pictures" in the Fireside Lounge in Campus Center on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the College Union Board.

### Boesman and Lena

New Day Repertory Company presents Boesman and Lena at the Vassar Brothers Institute theater in Poughkeepsie on Sept. 30 through Oct. 16. The presentation is an Athol Fugard play about two people whose relationship reflects all of the fears and anguish that stem from the racial issues in apartheid South Africa. Student admission is \$8. For tickets and information call 485-7339 or 473-1045 between 7 and 9 p.m.

### Little Feat

Little Feat will perform at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie Oct. 4 at

7:30 p.m. The band features original members Paul Barrere, Richie Hayward, Kenny Gradney, Sam Clayton, Bill Payne and new additions Craig Fuller (vocals) and Fred Tackett (guitar). Tickets are \$17 and are available through the Civic Center box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For information call 454-5800.

### 42nd Street

The long-running musical 42nd Street will be appearing at the 1869 Bardavon Opera House in Poughkeepsie Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$23 and \$25. For information call the box office at 473-2072.

### Zoppe Circus Europa

An 8-generation family circus will be at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center Oct. 7-8. The show features clowns, tigers, Lipizzan stallions, elephants, acrobats and aerialists. Tickets are \$12.50. For information, call the Civic Center at 454-5800.

### Catch a Rising Star

CUB is sponsoring "Student Band Night" in the River Room next Thursday night at 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$1. Exhibits

### Photo Exhibit

"Landscapes on My Mind," a one-woman art photographic exhibit by Joanne Giganti, will be at the Bardavon Gallery in Poughkeepsie through Sept. 30. For information call the Bardavon at 471-5313. Admission is free.

### Art Exhibit

The work of local artist Barbara Bogdan will be on display at the Adriance Memorial Library in Poughkeepsie during regular library hours. Admission is free. For information call 485-3445.

### Workshops and seminars

#### Debtors Anonymous

A new group of Debtors Anonymous will

be meeting Saturdays 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at St. Gregory's A-Frame Church in Woodstock. The group deals with the problems of chronic indebtedness, anorectic spending and underearning. The meetings are free of charge. For information contact Linda Cooper at 336-4747.

### Art Classes

The Clove Creek Artists are offering courses in photography, pottery, airbrush, and music beginning this week. The cost for the courses ranges from \$50-150 for 4 to 8 weeks. For information contact the Clove Creek Artists at R.D. 1, Box 464A, Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction.

### Free Seminar

William Brinnier, counselor and professor of psychology at Marist College will conduct a free evening seminar called "You Must Relax: Breathing Your Way Towards Better Health" on Monday, Oct. 3 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Mental Health Association Offices, Tuyenbridge Road, Kingston.

## Dorm

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Road houses, where 44 students live this year, Cox said. A long-term New York State plan calls for the widening of Route 9, which means the college will lose land on both sides of the road.

The administration was too busy with current projects this summer to concentrate on future plans.

"This summer a tremendous amount of energy was spent on the Champagnat project," Cox said. "The immediacy of... (that project) did take preference over the new housing."

Another delay was the joint study with IBM — an opportunity too good to miss, Murray said.

## Mall

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Poughkeepsie officials in early June that their request would have to wait.

The proposed building area for the Village is located at the North End of campus where a gas station and bank now stand.

When Marist bought that strip of land about six years ago it was still zoned for commercial use. But when the McCann foundation bought the surrounding land and had it rezoned for residential buildings, the land where the Village is to be built was also rezoned as residential.

Only after the Town of Poughkeepsie is ready to review the school's zoning request and the college is ready to start building will the Village project be taken off of the "back burner," Murray said.

If built, some of the possible tenants for the village include a bookstore, a restaurant, and a laundry facility.

Last December, a forum was held in which students met with President Murray and school architect Al Cappelli.

## Frosh

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students requesting admission last year and has freshmen this year from Nigeria, Panama, Japan, India, Norway and Taiwan, Wood said.

"We have made a commitment to diversify the student body in order to place students in a multi-national environment," Wood said.

Of the more than 3,300 students who applied for admission for 1988, the number of male applicants was stable compared to 1987, while the number of female applicants dropped 3 percent, according to Wood.

Although this year's freshmen also showed a slight decline in their average SAT scores, the number of freshmen in the top half of their senior class increased 4 percent from last year.

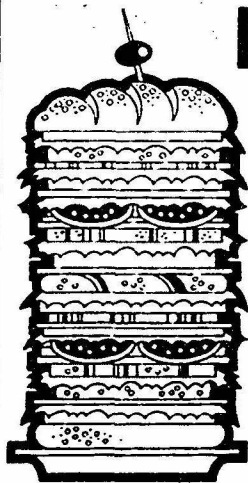
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# Work/study students blamed for job shortage

by Ilse Martin

Unemployed students with work/study allocations may be holding up other students from getting a job and delaying some campus offices from hiring a full staff, according to Ken Powers, acting director of financial aid.

The Financial Aid Office advised offices around campus to hire students with work/study allocations before other students to insure placement for those on work/study, Powers said.

Students without work/study allocations may be turned away until more work/study students are hired.

Three weeks into the semester, however, some offices are not fully staffed and have not had enough work/study students apply for work.

Some students may be resorting to off-campus employment because the wages are higher, Powers said.

"It may be the rate of pay. It may be the type of work," Powers said. "But a lot of students are

looking for a job where they can do their homework. They don't want to work."

The Office of Special Services, which provides special assistance to approximately 115 disabled students, has seen 29 applications and hired 19 of those students. 11 have work/study allocations.

"We don't have nearly the amount coming in that we need," Director of Special Services Diane Ferreira said. "It is most acute this year because we have a larger population of disabled students."

Special Services employs students as library/academic aides, notetakers, personal aides, readers, test assistants, tutors, and typists/transcribers.

"I have a student who desperately needs someone to read some information and I have no one," said Jeff Dezago, counselor and support services coordinator for the Office of Special Services.

"I think a large number of students on this campus are looking for the easy job," Dezago said. Approximately 500 students are

awarded allocations for work/study, a federally-funded program through which the government reimburses Marist College with up to 80 percent of the students' earnings.

About 57 students, including resident assistants and unit coordinators, are given campus employment allocations, which are entirely supported by the college.

"Fiscally it is better for the college to have as many students with work/study as possible," Powers said.

The McCann Center was able to fulfill its staff requirements this semester, but the number of initial applicants quickly diminished when students were told what the positions entailed, according to Elsie Mula, assistant athletic director.

"The interest was not sustained once they found out what they have to do," Mula said. "But I don't know why."

Mula said the job has certain daily requirements, but during quiet times, students can do homework.

## Van service praised by students

*Added vehicle proves efficient*

by Carrie Boyle

Despite some minor problems in the first weeks, the Marist van service between campus and the Canterbury Garden Apartments has received positive marks from student riders.

An increase in enrollment has boosted the number of students living in Canterbury to 312, many of whom depend on the vans to transport them the five miles between campus and home.

"I lived out here last year, too, and I can see the improvements in the vans," Jim Hofstetter, a senior from Woodcliff Lake, N.J. "I use the vans twice a week and on weekends. I have a car but use the vans as a convenience to save gas and avoid drinking and driving. In bad weather, I definitely use the vans. It's a good service."

The Office of Safety and Security, which runs the vans, has added a fourth van this year. It acts as a back-up and is used mostly during the mornings. The vans hold 11 passengers.

The 1988 Dodge vans are leased from Avis from September to May. Avis maintains them on a regular basis.

The Office of Safety and Security is responsible for setting up schedules and hiring and supervising drivers.

There are 12 drivers, four of whom are new, according to Joseph Leary, director of safety and security.

Drivers are authorized to stop only at Canterbury, Marist and if necessary St. Francis Hospital. If a driver receives any moving violation, he or she is fired on the spot, Leary said.

Leary said that so far, everything was running smoothly and that the few com-



Students housed at the Canterbury Garden Apartments have the option of using a van service provided by the college in order to get back and forth from campus. (Photo by Bob Davis)

plaints came from students who missed a van or had to wait for one to arrive.

According to Leary, students sometimes miss the van because they try to catch one at the last possible minute.

"The van service revolves around liberal scheduling for the convenience of the students and to help relieve the already burdensome parking problems," said Leary.

Steve Sansola, director of housing, said that this year the van service is off to a better start than in previous years.

"I'm confident that the Safety and Security office have made and will continue to make a strong effort to provide appropriate transportation for our students residing at our Canterbury Apartments," said Sansola. "Our office will continue

to assist in any way we can."

Jamie Ferguson, residence director of Canterbury, lived there when he was a junior in 1984. He said the van service then was bad because drivers would leave late or early, or skip stops.

Ferguson said the service is still in its early stages and needs fine-tuning.

Within the next few weeks the Resident Student Council will be sending out flyers to students to find out whether there are complaints about the service, Ferguson said.

"If there are problems, students have to address them to Security. Be patient," said Ferguson. "Since I've lived out here, there have been big improvements."

For his part, Leary said

drivers had few complaints about the riders.

"Drivers like the kids — that's why they keep coming back," said Leary.

Cecilia Falcon, a junior from Wethersfield, Conn., uses the vans three to five times a week. "It is a convenience and I am pleased with it, but it seems that they take a round about way to get to school instead of the direct route down 44-55," Falcon said.

Others said the vans had presented some problems early in the semester.

Marianne Chase, a junior from Waterford, N.Y., said: "Sometimes its made me late for classes. On my first day of classes the van was full and they said they would send another van but they didn't."

## Committee to set course for future

by Michael Kinane

Marist's newly-formed Strategic Planning Committee will study possible goals and policies concerning the future of the college, said Mark Sullivan, executive vice president, at a faculty and staff meeting on Sept. 9.

The committee will examine areas of concern including the planning of academic programs, the retention of currently enrolled students, monetary distribution, future enrollment planning and the marketing of the college to potential students.

The Strategic Planning Committee, which consists of 30 faculty, staff and students, was formed last spring to reassess the college's future plans and goals.

President Dennis Murray called for the formation of the committee in response to growing pressures on Marist, and other institutions like it, from outside sources.

In a memo sent to the Marist community in April, Murray said that the number of high school graduates nationally is expected to fall 25 percent by 1994. The number of graduates from the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area, which makes up 97 percent of the Marist student population, is expected to decline between 20 and 24 percent.

Also, reduced loan and grant funding by both the federal and state governments have made many educational opportunities unavailable to many students, according to Murray.

## Marist staffer learns a lesson from Chinese

by Molly Ward

"Until you've held a Chinese man who's having a near breakdown because of the conditions in which he lives, you can't know what it's like to live in a communist country," said James Kullander. "There's so much that can't be shown on television or in books."

Kullander, the assistant director of public relations at Marist, and his Chinese-American wife, Wanda Yueh, taught English for 18 months at the Beijing University of Iron and Steel Technology in Beijing, China.

In winter of 1986, the two spent their 14-hour plane trip to China preparing their lesson plans.

The country is desperate for Americans to teach their students English, said Kullander, who had no prior teaching experience. He has a master's degree in journalism

from Syracuse University.

"When it came time for us to leave, they all but begged us to stay," he said.

One reason for the Chinese's desperation is that since the Cultural Revolution in China (1966-76), China has realized that to catch up with other nations, it must begin teaching English instead of Russian. And it is easier for an English-speaking person to teach English.

Chinese education has improved in recent years. Before the revolution, educated people were punished, sent into the countryside and made to do menial labor — anything to keep them from spreading their ideas to others.

Still, today 80 percent of the Chinese people are illiterate and only 6 percent go to college.

Despite the small percentage of people who go to a university, the dorms are overcrowded — like the

rest of the country — with four students living in a room the size of Marist's double rooms.

There is no privacy, and while students do complain, not much is done to alleviate the problem, said Kullander.

Once the students graduate, they are sent to live in different areas of the country and given jobs.

"They were mind-boggled when I told them I like to change jobs every two years," said Kullander.

There is a great deal of frustration for these young people, said Kullander, particularly for the students who are taught by American teachers.

"Chinese students are not as aware of the world as American students," he said. "They are not exposed to Western magazines, newspapers and movies. They know nothing of Western philosophies."

American teachers bring in these

materials and ideas, and the Chinese see the differences between our cultures.

"Their attitude towards their government right now is rather cynical because they realize how far behind they are," said Kullander.

Once they begin working, Chinese people make an average salary of \$150 a month in U.S. currency.

The Chinese pay foreigners well by their standards. Kullander and his wife each made \$275 per month, an impressive sum to the Chinese.

Almost all of his students wanted to study in the United States, said Kullander. Few get the chance.

Before they can go to America, Chinese university students must pass an English examination, a goal which Kullander helped his students achieve.

"It was very difficult to look at a class of 20 students and know

maybe only one would be able to study abroad," he said.

However, Kullander said teaching gave him satisfaction. "Being able to show the Chinese about life in the West, to teach them a level of English, so they could pass the test to come to America was a great reward," he said.

Kullander has traveled all over the world and hopes one day to teach English in the Soviet Union or an Eastern Bloc country.

He said to achieve a greater understanding of the world, one must travel.

"And I don't mean buying a round-trip ticket," Kullander said. "I mean buying a one-way ticket. ... On TV, they can't show you what it's like to live and work with these people day after day. If wisdom and compassion are our greatest aspirations, living abroad is one way to achieve them."

## Times will change for those who wait

"The more things change, the more things stay the same"

What a fitting way to describe Marist College. As students returned to campus for the fall semester, many changes had occurred on campus — but many of the problems that have plagued Marist students in the past remain.

The most noticeable change was the renovation of Champagnat Hall. The new windows and curtain wall are a vast improvement over what the dormitory previously looked like. Unfortunately, the renovation could not provide any more room for student housing.

For the past four years, the size of the incoming freshman classes has steadily grown larger. With the added number of students, the need for more campus housing becomes apparent.

Is it fair to move more than 300 students to the Canterbury Garden Apartments because there is no room for them on the campus they chose to attend?

The renovation of Donnelly Hall is another event that is about to take place (work begins later this month). By extending the outside wall, approximately 7,000 square feet will be added to the building. This space has been tabbed for the expansion of the science laboratory and the administrative offices housed in the building.

During the expansion of these areas, a loss of classroom space will occur.

In February, the board of trustees gave college administrators the go-ahead to develop plans for a new classroom building. At the time, the proposed site for this building was across from the Lowell Thomas Communications Center where "the rockpile" now stands.

The only discernible work on this project is the removal of more than two-thirds of the stone and debris that began last semester and continues today.

Couple the lost space in Donnelly with the minimal amount of other on-campus classroom space and only one alternative remains — Marist East.

Currently, more than 50 percent of the classes offered at Marist meet in Marist East. This means that students must cross Route 9, the busiest road in Dutchess County.

Crossing the county's "Main Street" has caused great concern for students in the past and this distress continues today. An accessible on-campus classroom building would be a welcome relief to students.

Hope among the student body that the plans for these projects will be initiated soon remains, because no one wants things to stay the same.

### letters

### Internships available

To the editor:

There are some exciting possibilities for Marist students to gain valuable experience out in the real world while earning academic credit. Internships are available for interested and qualified students, regardless of major, in political science and public administration locally, in Albany with the State Legislature and in Washington, D.C. Marist has very successfully participated in the American University Washington Semester, the Washington Center Seminar programs, and the state Senate and Assembly legislative programs among others.

Information and applications for these programs are available through Dr. Myers' office (Fontaine 315), and I look forward to talking with and assisting interested students in achieving the valuable experience internships provide.

The minimum eligibility requirements for political science in-

ternships are 1) at least a 2.5 gpa (higher preferred); 2) junior or senior status; 3) interview with intern director; and 4) completion of application.

The deadline for on-campus review of political science internship applications is Oct. 15. This is to ensure appropriate review in time to forward approved applications on to the various internship programs. (It should be noted that making the "Marist cut" has in the past been a pretty reliable indication of acceptance into the various programs.)

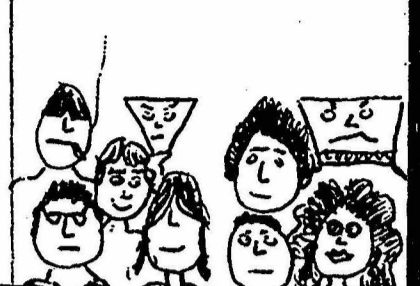
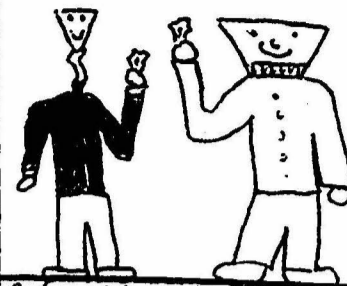
Once again I hope to send out this year qualified students to participate in the many excellent internship programs so they may garner this special experience and represent Marist College.

JoAnne Myers  
Professor

Fulton and Sherman have learned that there are only two things to do at Marist, Study and Drink. On Weekends, only one. Imbibe Alcohol.

Enthused, they antied up for a ten Barrel Blowout.

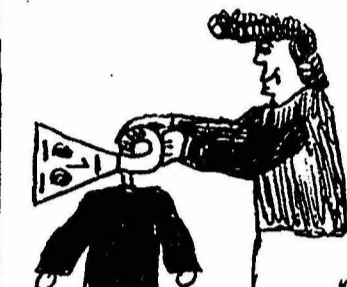
As crowded as Sidetracked on a Wednesday night, the lines at the keys were extensive.



Fulton was furious. He Fenneled his first Frothy, and spewed his Foam into the unsuspecting crew.

A foamed victim angrily Knotted him.

Immediately, Sherman flew into action, using his head and shouting.



thinking  
between  
the lines

## The issue nobody wants

by Paul O'Sullivan

The high winds and hard rains of Hurricane Gilbert took many lives and destroyed millions of dollars worth of property in the Caribbean and Mexico last week. Gilbert will go down in the books as one of the most powerful hurricanes in history.

A freak of nature most say, but then again, maybe not. Some scientists are now saying that Gilbert may only be a taste of things yet to come.

An environmental phenomenon known as the "greenhouse effect" is gradually warming the surface of the earth. Carbon dioxide produced by industry traps solar energy in the atmosphere, raising temperatures on the surface. Hurricanes feed off warm water in the ocean; therefore, the warmer the oceans get, the stronger hurricanes become, and storms like Gilbert will become more commonplace than freakish.

By now, if not already, you're probably ready to switch to some of the more lighthearted columns on this page. The truth is no one wants to read stories on the environment. First of all, they are mostly boring, and secondly, they don't really hit home the way stories about politics and nuclear war do.

Well, I'll try not to bore you, but take a look around and you'll realize that the problems with the environment are affecting your life quite a bit. Talk to anyone who had his home destroyed by Hurricane Gilbert. Speak to someone who lost her home because of the toxic waste at Love Canal. Better yet,

strike up a conversation with anyone who tried to go to the beach this summer. Pollution and other environmental problems are here and affecting our lives now. Sweeping it under the rug just won't cut it anymore.

The question is, however, if we don't sweep it under the rug, what do we do with it? No one person really has the power and the resources to instantly get rid of environmental pollution, so what difference can we make?

It is true that no one can wave his hand and make everything better. But people have to realize that this problem has been building up for over 100 years, so it may take another 100 years until we can really say we've eliminated the problem. So, if we are going to make a start we should probably start with this year's presidential election.

Michael Dukakis and George Bush are the men who have the potential power to make or break the environment. Unfortunately, it is such a complicated (or boring) subject that we let them get off with

vague promises about how they will do something, but they don't exactly know what yet.

Dukakis takes credit for the "Massachusetts Miracle" but won't explain why Boston Harbor is one of the most disgusting bodies of water in the world. And if George Bush wants to be the heir to the Reagan Revolution, I would like to know who is going to be his secretary of the interior and how much is he or she going to resemble James Watt.

We are letting these men off the hook about the environment and that tells the candidates that we don't really care that much about it. If we do not hold it important, then they won't, and the situation can only get worse.

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# No one said it was easy to be a Deadhead

by Wes Zahnke

I went to my second Grateful Dead show last Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

The ride down, yes we were stupid enough to drive, proved to be rather interesting as none of us knew how to get there.

After a series of missed turns, missed expressways and misinformation from toll collectors, we arrived in mid-town Manhattan confused, itchy and in dire need of a bathroom.

Driving in Manhattan is very similar to trying to skateboard in Renaissance on Thursday nights.

Finding a place to park was about as much fun as getting a cavity drilled and simultaneously playing duck-duck-goose with a porcupine.

Anyway, we were greeted by a gargantuan gorilla standing atop the main entrance to the Garden fully attired in a tie-dye.

Only in New York City.

The next mission was to acquire a ticket.

In a place like Hartford, Conn., the Deadheads set up camp in Bushnell Park and then proceed to vend their goodies.

In the asphalt jungle, see Guns and Roses, there is no park and vending was not really permitted.

It was just a cast of thousands walking around the Garden in an apparently endless maze, holding up one finger, chanting, "Who's got my \$20 ticket for tonight?"

Talk about wishful thinking.

It was definitely a bull market as sellers were few and far between.

I figured that I'd just ride it out until the last minute then wait for the prices to drop as the show started.

Good thing I don't play the stock market.

It was going on five minutes until showtime and yours truly was ticket-less.

I didn't panic, not visibly anyway, until the bloody end.

I finally found a very nice gentleman who happened to have an extra ticket for \$40, or so he said.

This gentleman, and I use that term very loosely, was not a Deadhead.

He was a full time resident of the city and was looking to make a few bucks any way he could.

I gave him the \$40 and he gave me the ticket.

He then counted the money and

## a day in the life

said that the \$50 he asked for was not there and that I owed him \$10.

I am a religious user of Q-tips and my hearing is fine.

I was being bamboozled.

I refused to pay this cretin the money.

After some vicious verbal exchanges the moron reduced his asking price to \$1.

I jumped on this bargain priced

life insurance policy and was on my way.

Once inside the hustle and bustle of the big city was far behind and the celebration was beginning.

My seat was somewhere up in the Himalayas but that was fairly irrelevant as we were free to roam the complex.

Happy faces and bright, festive colors abounded as people danced and sang to the rhythmic beat of the group that has been making magic for the last 23 years.

As I worked my way through the frenzied crowd, I paused to wonder whatever happened to the Bay City Rollers.

Looking around the crowd I thought I saw President Reagan in

a "Make Love Not War" shirt, walking around barefoot with all of his secret service men attired in Not-Fade-Aways and beads, following his every step.

Of course, the evening wouldn't be complete without a trip to the bathroom.

There's nothing more exhilarating than to stand there doing your duty while less than six feet away a total stranger is making a generous contribution to the Porcelain Makers Guild of America.

After the show we grabbed a slice and a Coors at Sbarros then headed to the car, though none of us knew where we were going from there.

We finally got on the right path home, got half our windshield washed at a red light, saw women of the night in action, then proceeded to take the very long way home.

Being completely lost at 2 a.m. isn't exactly my idea of having fun, but it sure beats internal bleeding.

I arrived home tired and smelly but wholly satisfied.

So, one down and hopefully many more to come.

Next time the Dead come around don't bother going, just think of all those naked gorillas running around this earth and give me your ticket.

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# Marist students learn to help less fortunate

## Campus Ministry students volunteer 2 summer weeks at migrant camp

by Karen Cicero

A little 3-year-old blond-haired, blue-eyed boy named Bubba calls Marist sophomore, Sue Budney, his "best friend."

Budney met the boy in Americus, Ga., when she and six other Campus Ministry members volunteered two weeks of their summer at migrant camps.

Three-year veteran of the trip, Marianne Policastro, remembers Bubba from last year. "He articulated in ways that were super cute," Policastro said. "Bubba didn't want us to leave."

Bubba represents only one of



Terry McConnell, a former Marist student, relaxes with two children at a migrant farm in Georgia. (Photo courtesy of Campus Ministry)

dozens of children who lavished these students with affection.

Budney remembers the children were overjoyed at the sight of the students. "They ran out of their trailers and shouted, 'The church is here,'" she said.

The volunteers left Marist at 5 a.m. on May 25 and drove for two days until they reached the camp.

There, they taught religion, arts and crafts, reading and math to children who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to learn.

They also worked for Habitat, an association that repairs low income housing and taught at Vacation Bible School.

Laura Price, a junior from Congers, N.Y., still writes to an 11-year-old named Vicki she met at camp.

"These kids have an incredible openness to other human beings that most of us try to achieve," she said. "But too often we fall short."

MaryKay Tuohy shared a similar experience. After teaching a little girl the alphabet, the girl's mother approached Tuohy and offered her the only gift she had to give — a cucumber.

Tuohy said she didn't understand the reward. "I didn't think that I was doing all that much," she said.

Darryl Rochford, a sophomore from Long Island, described the living conditions of the migrant workers.

He said a trailer the size of the one in the Donnelly Hall parking lot housed four families while three to five families lived in a house the size of those on North Road.

"The wood was rotted, the screens were broken, and the house was completely unsanitary," Rochford said. "It was worse than the Harlem slums."

Campus Ministry brought clothes and diapers for children whose ages ranged from nine months to 12 years to help alleviate some of the problems the children faced. The children also received coloring books, crayons, Wiffle balls and jump ropes — things these children wouldn't normally have.

Budney said the students prepared the children lunch everyday so they would eat one decent meal. "They devoured the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches," she said.

The children weren't the only ones who benefitted from the trip. "The whole trip was a learning experience," Budney said. "It makes you think about who you are and what you stand for. It gave me a feel for what was really important."

Rochford said a 9-year-old boy named Roger who was excited about his baseball contests gave him the encouragement to go on.

Rochford, who admits he wasn't "too happy to be there" the first week, said the tremendous amount of feedback from the children changed his attitude.



Senior Marianne Policastro, seen here with a child named Bubba, was one of seven students who traveled to Georgia with Campus Ministry during summer break.

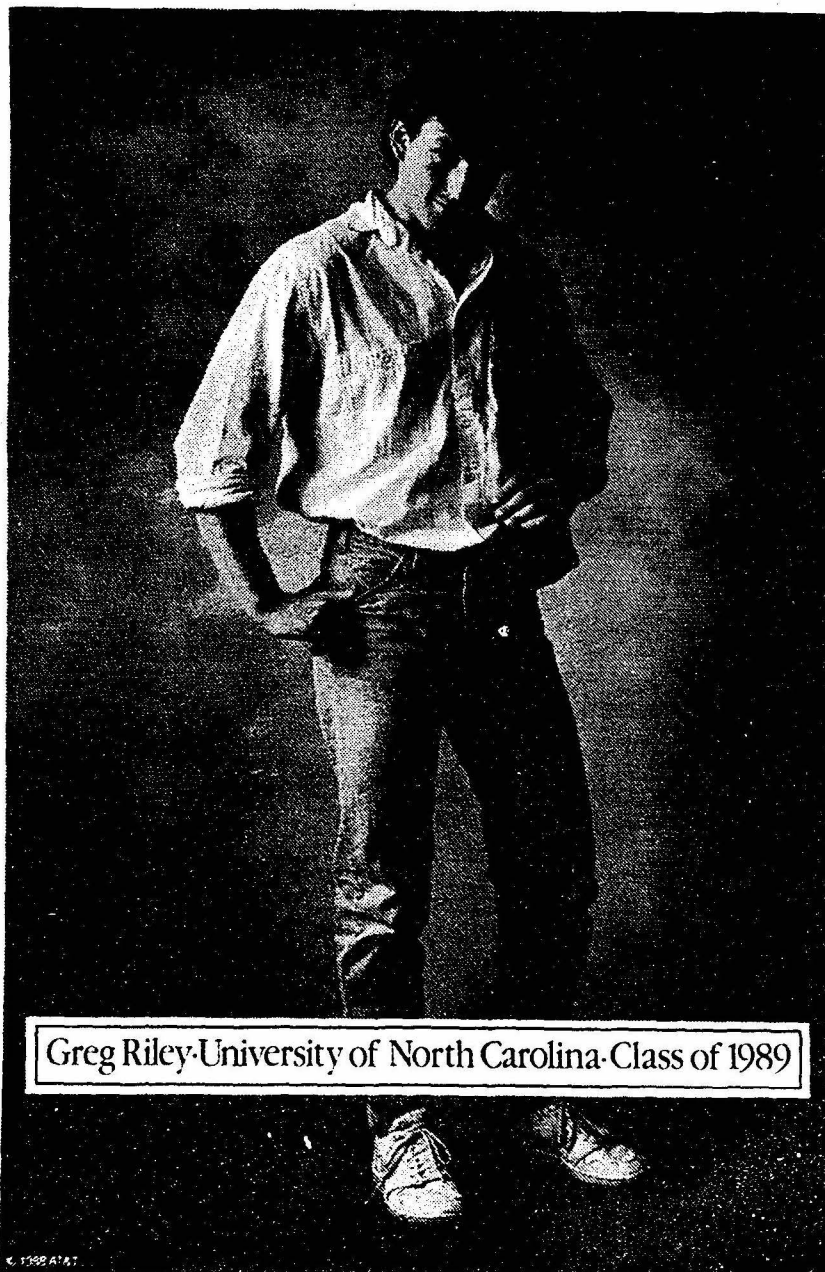
(Photo courtesy of Campus Ministry)

"It's a way of saying thank you to God for all that he gave me. I wanted to give something back," Rochford said.

The children eagerly responded. Policastro said one of the religion lessons described the difference

between happiness and sadness. She also said Bubba couldn't make a sad face.

**"I don't want a lot of hype. I just want something I can count on."**



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## International House

### *Cultural exchange program is off to an uncertain start*

by Chris Landry

Junior Steve McDonough sleeps on an Argentinian llama blanket and occasionally eats burritos out of a Latin American bowl carved out of dried plants.

McDonough, a political science major and Spanish minor, has always had an interest in world cultures. So when it came time to pick his housing for this year he naturally opted for Marist's new International House.

"The reason I chose this (housing) is because it's supposed to be an international house," McDonough said. "I wanted to get involved in some programs geared toward knowing world cultures."

Last spring housing officials designated Gregory House as a place for students of international backgrounds to learn about foreign cultures, said Steve Sansola, director of housing. However, a lack of interest and the college's priority point system have made the house something less than international.

Only two foreign students live there; many of the other residents were simply assigned to Gregory. The remainder of the 34 students comprise a mixture of sophomores, juniors and seniors, all Americans.

There is no connection between the program and who is housed there. Housing in Gregory is determined as all Marist housing is — by student choice or housing policy, Sansola said. "Not everyone wants to be there," he said.

Despite a slow start, housing officials still think the program has merit. "Students have to be aware that they live in an environment of different people," said Nancy Walsh, North End residence director.

Sansola said Housing would like the newly-formed Marist Foreign Student Committee to inform students of the program. Last year Marist had 32 foreign students.

"We'd like to hook up with them (Foreign Student Committee) and have their support," Sansola said.

The house will begin to define its international interests through its programs, Walsh said. "It's up to me and my staff to develop the (international) theme."

Despite such enthusiasm the program has yet to make much progress.

"I cooked myself some burritos but that's as international as it's gotten," McDonough said. "So far it is not much different than any other dorm."

Yvonne Mwangi, a freshman from Kenya, has only had one foreign experience at Marist — her own African tribal masks and bark cloth that hang on her wall.

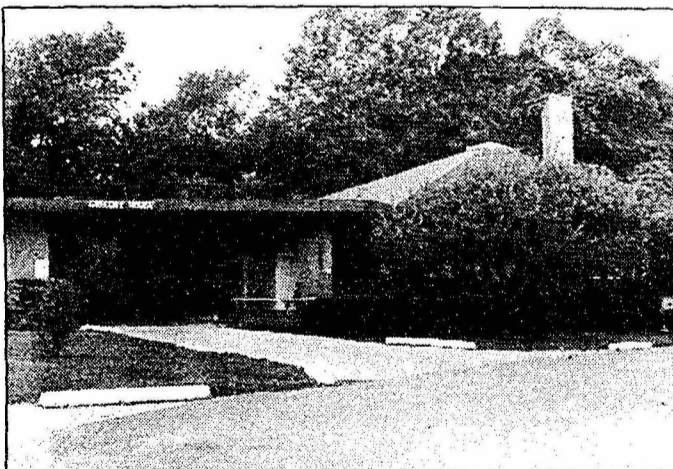
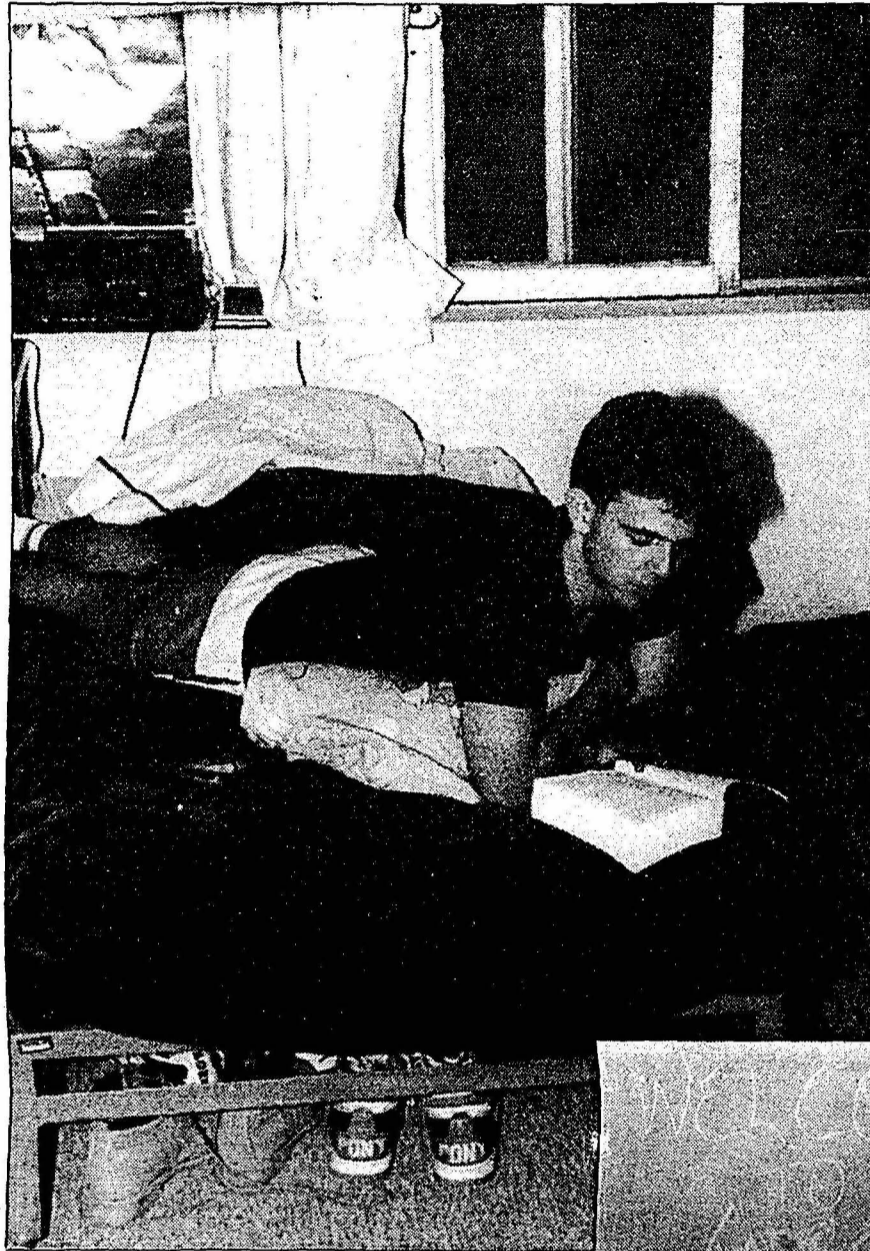
But program organizers are confident that after this fall's slow start the program will continue to grow with more activities.

Foreign guest speakers, lectures on foreign politics and field trips are some of the possible activities, Sansola said. The International House will also be actively involved with the college's National Heritage Week next spring.

Next month Gregory would like to ask chefs from the Culinary Institute to make a foreign specialty dinner.

Yet, while some students like McDonough hope to be culturally enriched, others remain indifferent.

"You have to live somewhere," said Mwangi, whose housing options were Gregory or Canterbury. "I wanted to stay on campus."



James Savard (top) takes advantage of the quiet atmosphere in Gregory House to catch up on some homework. Senior Maureen Owens (above) acts as the unit coordinator in Gregory, Marist's International House. Gregory (left) has been designated by the college as a residence for students interested in foreign cultures. Below, two Gregory residents take a break from the daily routine.

(Photo by Bob Davis)



killing time

## 'Hairspray' will leave you laughing

by Mary Stricker

"Hairspray" — it's sticky, it's stinky, and it's the movie title of my nomination for best comedy of the year.

The movie, set in Baltimore 1962, recaptures a time when hair-hoppin', be-boppin' and protestin' were the latest crazes.

Tracy Turnblad, an overweight teenager, finds her wildest dreams coming true when she wins a spot on Baltimore's dance show, "The Corny Collins Show." Tracy's good fortune continues when Link, the most charming dancer on Corny's show, has eyes for only Tracy. It seems Tracy has all she could ever ask for, but Tracy asks for more.

Tracy is so bold as to ask for the rights of blacks to appear on Corny's show, which eventually leads her to jail. Tracy is led to more trouble when she meets up with Amber Von Trussle, Baltimore's reigning princess and Corny Collins board member, and Amber's obsessive parents (played by Sonny Bono and Debbie Harry).

Amber becomes so disgusted by Tracy's crusade and the possibility of Tracy defeating her in the Miss Auto Show contest, that she creates the "Roach," a dance commemorating the roaches in Tracy's hair.

While Amber's antics are obviously unkind, a much stronger display of cruelty and oppression is displayed when black teenagers try to make their way onto Corny's show and are met with policemen clubbing them over the head and hauling them away in paddy wagons. Tracy, kicking and screaming, is hauled away too.

While Tracy sits behind bars, Amber has high hopes of winning the Miss Auto crown. But the tables are soon turned when Baltimore embarks on a relentless "Free Tracy" campaign. Will Tracy be freed? Will blacks ever be able to dance on Corny's show? Will you please go rent the movie?

While some may find the movie ridiculous or stupid; it is. Written and directed by John Waters, "Hairspray" ridicules the absolute stupidity of bigotry. Tracy's battle symbolizes the fight to end discrimination against obesity, blacks and all human beings who are oppressed because of their appearance.

For a comedy, this is a pretty heavy message. Waters, however, does an exceptional job of sending this powerful message to viewers while managing to keep the audience laughing from start to finish.

Divine, playing Tracy's adoring mother, is utterly hysterical. I strongly suggest to anyone who has never caught Divine in action, to grab this movie. Brief appearances by Pia Zadora and Ric Ocasek as "wiggled-out" beatniks are yet another reason to treat yourself to this masterpiece.

Whatever reasons motivate you to see this movie, I guarantee you won't be bored. Even if it's just to catch a glimpse of Debbie Harry's outrageous bouffant, go see "Hairspray." (Siskel and Ebert also urge you to go.)



## North End eating

Students enjoy subs and soda before volleyball and badminton at the picnic held last Saturday for the more than 500 North End residents.

(Photo by Bob Davis)

## Marist prof, students produce chess video

by Nathan Robinson

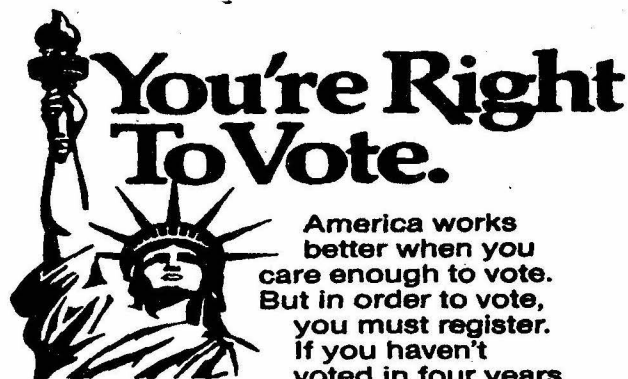
"In Pursuit of a King" is not just the object of the medieval game of chess. It's also the name of a home video produced by Marist students and faculty members for the United States Chess Federation.

Production of the videotape began in February and was completed exclusively in the Lowell Thomas Communications Center's television studios, according to writer and producer Doug Cole, professor of communications.

The recently-released video features 50 minutes of instructional

footage for the beginning chess player. Narrator David Mathau takes the viewer through the video as it introduces the board, the game pieces, and strategy provided by chess experts Vince McCambridge and Don Maddox.

Assisting Cole on the video were project coordinator Al Lawrence, assistant director Joseph Podesta, video engineer Vincent Fairbrother, audio engineer Bob Fennell, video production manager Holly Krayem and production assistants Anne Marie Gaynor, Paula Heroux, and Dominique Willems. The soundtrack was produced by Scott Cole, son of Professor Cole.



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# Sunday Showdown

## Professors urge debate viewers to focus on issues, not images

by Karen Goettler

When you sit down to watch television on Sunday night, you're probably not going to have a list of your political concerns in front of you, but some Marist College professors think you should.

The 90-minute debate between Republican nominee



George Bush and Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis will be held in Winston-Salem, N.C., and will consist of the candidates fielding questions from reporters.

A second debate between the candidates will take place October 13 or 14 in Los Angeles. The Vice-presidential candidates, Democratic Senator Lloyd Bentsen and Republican Senator Dan Quayle, will debate October 5 in Omaha.

Dr. Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, suggests that students watching the debate should focus on the issues that are important to them.

Students should be wary of the opinions of experts, Miringoff said, so they should watch and evaluate the candidates in terms of how their concerns are addressed.

Bush and Dukakis have been playing for images and throwing punches throughout the campaign, but have been very careful about making statements on major issues, Miringoff said.

Students are concerned about issues such as housing assistance, financial aid and health care, and according to Miringoff, that is what they should focus on.

"An educated consumer is the best protection here," he said.

Professor James Springston, faculty advisor to the Marist debate team, also said students should make a list of issues important to them and watch how the candidates address those issues.

With the evolution of television, too much emphasis has been on style of the candidates and not enough on content of what they say, said Springston.

Americans have a very stylized image of what leaders should be like, so the temptation is to watch and see who is the funniest or the most charming, said Springston.

Springston said it is important for students to look at their own goals and see how they are addressed. But he also said people should think about social issues concerning minorities and the poor because they can affect them as well.

"The strength of our country is all three classes working together," he said.

Dr. William Olson, director of American Studies at Marist College, said the best way for students to determine the winner of the debate is to watch for the candidate who conveys a sense of confidence.

People should exempt themselves from their political thought and measure the amount of trust they feel for either of the candidates, Olson said.

Olson said the candidates will be very careful while speaking, and if either one trashes the other it will hurt them.

Miringoff said both candidates try to lower the expectations of how they will do during the debate so it is easier for them to end up looking like they did better than expected.

Springston said Dukakis is expected to do better because he's had more public speaking experience. He said this might make Bush look better because he is the underdog.

"America always loves the underdog," he said.



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1955

Harvard Law School  
1960



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## Electoral College Votes

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## Marist pollers look for touch of the unusual

by Paul O'Sullivan

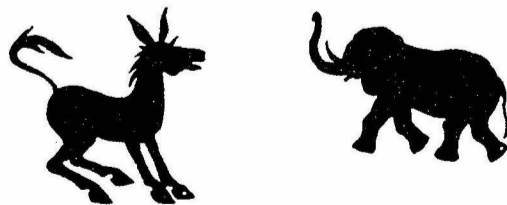
The Marist Institute for Public Opinion not only wants to know who people are voting for in upcoming elections, it wants to know why, according to its director, Dr. Lee Miringoff.

"We're not just looking to see how a candidate is doing," said Miringoff, "we want to know the perceptions the voters have of the candidates and how they change throughout the campaign."

Miringoff said MIPO is trying to reach all interest groups in order to discover their main concerns. He said the best way to map how a race is going is to reach all sex, age, gender and ethnic groups and find out how they respond to a candidate stand on the issues.

Miringoff also said there are difficult factors that make this year's presidential campaign much more difficult to call than those of the past. "This is the first time since 1968 that we have not had an incumbent seeking re-election," he said. "Because of this, more voters are still floating around, unsure of who they will vote for."

Recent polls indicate that the actions of the candidates and the directions of their campaigns are adding to the confusion of voters. On Monday, a poll conducted by the institute was used by WNBC-TV in New York City on its 5:30 p.m. news broadcast.



"Both candidates have a long way to go as far as establishing a firm image in voters' minds as to who they are," he said. "Both Dukakis and Bush are playing for images and characters. They have gotten a long way from what the priorities are."

In addition to this year's presidential race, MIPO is tracking the trends in next year's New York City mayoral election. Potential voters are asked their opinions on current mayor Ed Koch, his potential opponents in the election, and what concerns should be major issues in the campaign.

MIPO is also following the senatorial race between the incumbent Democrat Patrick Moynihan and his Republican challenger Robert McMillan.

About 100-120 students, of various majors, are currently employed for polling by MIPO.



Lee Miringoff

# Marist prof recalls time as Bush's Yale teammate

by Michael Hayes

When Sen. Edward Kennedy publicly asked, "Where was George?" he could have been directing the question to Marist Professor Gerry Breen.

Both Breen and Vice President George Bush were members of the Yale University baseball team that advanced to the collegiate world series finals in 1948 against the University of Southern California. In the bottom of the ninth inning in game one, Breen was batting with the bases loaded, no out and Yale trailing 3-1. Breen hit a hard line drive up the middle that resulted in a triple play.

In response to Kennedy's question, George was on deck.

Had Yale won that game, it would have clinched the three-game series the following day.

"We had great pitchers," said Breen, "so we knew we were going to win the next game with our top pitcher, Frank Quinn, who later played for Boston."

Behind Quinn, Yale evened the series but lost game three, along with the series.

Breen began his baseball career at Yale as what he terms a "scrub," but his hard-nosed style of play so impressed Red Rolfe, the Yale coach and a former Yankee great, that Breen was put in the starting lineup.

"In a scrimmage I stretched a triple into a home run and put my cleats into the varsity catcher's chest," said Breen. "Red loved that. He loved scrappers."

Breen, at 5 feet 8 inches, replaced Paul Walker, who at 6-foot-5 was also an All-America football player, as Yale's starting first baseman. Breen stayed there his en-

tire freshman year and ended up hitting .400.

After his freshman year at Yale, Breen was drafted into the service. He returned to Yale but had no intention of playing ball again.

"I wanted to devote my time to

**Professor Gerry Breen remembers the first baseman as 'good field, no hit.'**

my studies, pick up my grades and not go out for baseball," said Breen. "The new coach, Ethan Allen, talked to me each day about going out for the team. Finally, he talked me into it. I said, 'Yeah, I'll get my first baseman's mitt.' He said, 'Nah, no, get an outfielder's mitt. I got this guy Bush. He's the captain.'"

I couldn't believe it. Here I come off hitting .400 and I played the last time I was there. It was ridiculous. I didn't even get a chance to play first base."

According to Breen, he and Bush were the only two members of that Yale team who didn't receive pro contract offers. And although Bush's baseball prowess seems to increase at the same rate as his political stature, Breen described him as "good field, no hit."

While Breen is best remembered for hitting into the triple play, he

also gained fame at Yale as the starting point guard for the basketball team — a team that played in the NCAA tournament and ranked 11th in the nation in the final AP poll.

"I think I played better basketball than baseball," said Breen. Although Bush captained that Yale baseball team, he wasn't much different than the team's other members, according to Breen.

"Almost all of the players on that team were World War II vets with a lot of combat, so Bush didn't stand out in that regard," said Breen. "He was married and didn't hang out with the players. He was a good guy, though."

Breen remembers Bush by his nickname "Poppy," which was given to him in high school.

"I remember that Poppy and I were the only ones who didn't play cards, a game called crazy eight, on the away game trips," he said. "We both spent the time in the books."

Breen fondly recalls the time he and the vice president met Babe Ruth.

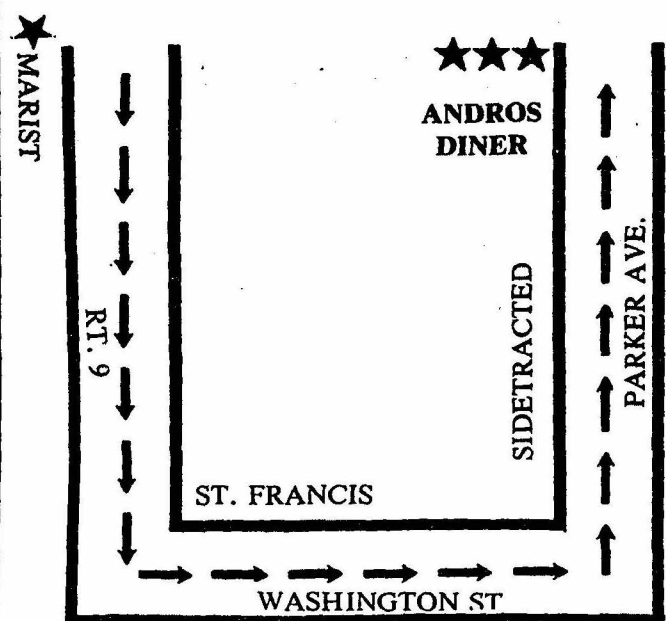
"We played Harvard and Babe Ruth was there. This was two weeks before he died. I was standing next to Bush, and Babe Ruth was my idol."

Although Breen and the vice president have much in common, politically the two are quite different.

"I'm a Democrat; he's a Republican," said Breen. "That's it. Cut and dry Democrat. My mother would turn over in her grave if I ever voted Republican."

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### Full-time coaches needed

by Tim Besser

Now it is the women's swim team that is about to begin its season without a coach.

The swim team becomes the second team this fall to suddenly find itself without a coach. The women's cross country team got a coach just last week, after its first race was complete.

Although the swim team doesn't begin competing until Nov. 2, the women are scheduled to begin practicing Oct. 1. At the moment, the plan is for captains Karen Oitzinger and Jackie Hackett to run the practices. That is unfair to Oitzinger and Hackett as well as the other swimmers. These women are students first, athletes second and coaches never. They are not qualified to coach, through no fault of their own.

The ability of Oitzinger and Hackett to be on the job is not at issue. The issue is Marist's inability to provide coaches for its athletic teams.

Students who choose a college in part because of its athletic programs should be able to count on the institution providing coaches for the teams.

Athletic Director Brian Colleary said the problem with keeping coaches is that the college cannot afford to pay full-time coaches for all of its teams and part-time coaches are hard to keep. He would like to hire full-time coaches, but does not have a budget that would allow it.

Marist has to make a decision in regards to the lesser sports, i.e. everything but basketball. If the college wants to pursue inter-collegiate competition in sports besides basketball (and if it wants to play Division One basketball, it must) it has to make a firm commitment to providing the necessary funds to operate those teams.

The only way to attract, and keep, good coaches is to create full-time positions for the head coach of each sport. Although this would require a large amount of money, it is not fair to the athletes to ask them to compete against teams with fulltime coaches and athletes on scholarship.

If Marist is unwilling to spend the money required to give its teams more of a chance, maybe it should consider moving the basketball teams back down from the Division One level. Playing basketball against the top teams in the country brings with it the benefits of national exposure and "free" publicity. It also carries the obligation of playing other sports at the Division One level.

It is time that Marist takes seriously the latter obligation.

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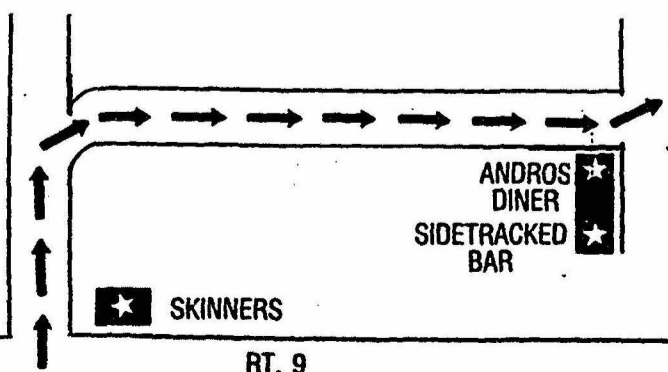
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## Women's swim team needs new coach, again

by Karen Gorman

Following last year's undefeated season the women's swim team heads back to the water next month missing a key ingredient to last year's team: Coach Doug Backlund.

Backlund's departure and the fact that a new coach has not been found is causing much worry among team members.

Brian Colleary, athletic director, said the college is looking for a replacement, but it is not an easy position to fill.

"It's difficult to get qualified people to do parttime work at the times of practice," Colleary said.

The team is scheduled to start practicing Oct. 1 and right now there

is no one is lined up for the job.

The captains of the team, Karen Oitzinger and Jackie Hackett, both seniors, will take the responsibility of coaching until a replacement is hired, said Colleary.

Hackett and Oitzinger will begin the conditioning portion of the season and the two realize they are taking on a big responsibility.

"It's an extra burden," Hackett said. "We've got other responsibilities in our lives but there is no one else right now so we're it."

Because of their undefeated record last year, the team's schedule has been upgraded and this is an extra burden on the swimmers' shoulders.

"We're swimming against tougher teams so we need a coach

with experience," Oitzinger said. According to the captains the moral of the team is going down because of the situation.

"It's easier when there's a central person," Hackett said, "we're there (as captains) to keep the team going, not to coach."

Backlund coached at Marist for one year and was a friend as well as a coach for most of the team, swimmers said.

"It was pure luck we got someone as good as Doug," Oitzinger said. "Doug really motivated and helped us, he kept the team going."

Backlund went to American University in Washington, D.C., to

be director of aquatics and head men's and women's swim team coach.

"We're really going to miss Doug, as a coach and as a friend. He really got involved with our lives," Hackett said.

Hackett and Oitzinger are both swimming their last year here and want this year to be like last year. However, this is going to be a big setback for the team.

Hackett said: "It's starting all over again so it's going to take a while to get started. Doug knew what we could and couldn't do, he knew what we were best at and a new coach will have to learn that about all of us."

The swim team doesn't get the recognition it deserves, according to Hackett and Oitzinger.

"Swimming is influencing a lot of high school seniors to come here and we're not receiving any recognition within the school," Hackett said. "So it is going to be difficult to get someone to coach us."

This is the second time in two years the team has been left without a coach. Backlund was hired after Jim Billesimo, left suddenly last year.

"We're surviving on the unity he (Backlund) left us with, so we're trying to stay hopeful," Oitzinger said.

## Gridders drop first; next game canceled

by Jay Reynolds

The football team receives an unscheduled vacation this weekend after losing a 29-7 decision at Pace University last Saturday.

Marist's scheduled opponent for Saturday, St. Peter's College, dropped its football program last week, so the Red Foxes' next game will be at Fairleigh Dickinson University-Madison on Sept. 30.

To make up for the loss of the St. Peter's game, the Red Foxes will play Jersey City College on Nov. 12, said coach Mike Malet. The season was scheduled to end Nov. 5 when Marist plays St. John Fisher.

Though the Red Foxes fell Saturday, to drop their record to 1-1, Malet said he saw little that had to be improved.

"We don't have to improve on a whole lot," Malet said. "We just have to get a little better."

In the first half, Marist had the ball deep in Pace territory three times, but came away with only one touchdown.

Running back Kelly Stroman scored Marist's only touchdown on a 1-yard plunge in the second quarter after Pace turned the ball over on its own 45. Kevin Kerr's extra point tied the game at 7.

"Against FDU, we must continue to move the ball well and then get it in down close," Malet said.

At the start of the fourth quarter, quarterback Jason Thomas led the Red Foxes on a drive from their own 7-yard line. However, penalties and an interception stalled the drive deep in Pace territory. The Setters had five interceptions in the game.

Pace had two key scoring drives during the game, including a 95-yard touchdown pass just over a minute into the second quarter for the game's first score.

"Pace has a great passing game; they've always had a great passing attack," Malet said.

Marist running back Dan McElduff suffered a sprained knee and offensive lineman Dan Heffner suffered a sprained ankle in the game. Both are expected to play against FDU.

## Scoring drought hinders booters

by Ken Foye

After his team's fourth loss in its first five games — a 3-1 loss to Robert Morris at home last Friday — Marist soccer coach Dr. Howard Goldman gave no excuses.

"They were a good team," Goldman said. "They had a lot of strong, quick people."

Marist, 0-4 in the Northeast Conference and 1-4 overall, also lost to Fairleigh Dickinson last Wednesday by a 4-1 score. The Red Foxes play at home Saturday against Adelphi.

Robert Morris is now 1-0 in the conference and 3-2 overall.

On Friday, the visiting Colonials outdribbled, outpassed, outran and just plain outplayed the Red Foxes, maintaining their 3-0 halftime lead until Marist's Jim McGee scored late in the game. A few tough saves by Marist's freshman goalkeeper, Kyle Muncy, kept the score respectable.

"We didn't play badly. We just gave up three goals in tough situations," said Goldman, adding that he started five freshmen and three sophomores.

"Marist ran well, but the ex-



Marist forward Tim Finegan, seen here against Fairfield, will miss Saturday's game with Adelphi after drawing a red card against Robert Morris.

(Photo by Bob Davis)

tra skill and speed helped us," said Robert Morris coach Tom Derosa. "We controlled the ball. Marist played well, and they have nothing to be ashamed of. They played a lot of young people."

The young Marist lineup has been having trouble offensively of late.

"Until we start scoring goals

by getting people on the ball," Goldman said, "we're going to be hurting."

The Red Foxes are hurting for another reason as well — red cards. After being served a red card, or game ejection, against Robert Morris, sophomore forward Tim Finegan must automatically sit out the Adelphi game

## Men's cross country team takes third at Wagner

by Kevin St. Onge

The men and women of the Marist cross country teams are off and running, some faster than others as the men improved their record to 13-2 and the women moved to 5-10 after the Wagner Invitational Saturday at Wagner College.

Sophomore Scott Kendall covered the Staten Island course in 27:42.10, placing 10th, while fellow sophomores Kevin Brennan and

Randy Giaquinto came in 14th and 18th, respectively.

Trish Webster was the top women finisher, placing 12th with a time of 20:14.78. She was followed by freshman Sue Brose at 30th with a time of 21:09.6.

Men's coach Rich Stevens was pleased with his teams performance, noting the finishing spread was fairly close. "Scott, Kevin and Randy finished within nine places of each other and that is a good indication of team improvement."

The women, while only placing ninth in a field of eleven, did improve their times and junior Jessica

Valente attributed that to the fact they now have a head coach.

"Coach Maryanne Ceriello came in just last week but the influence of a full-time authority figure really has helped our training."

The ladies were competing with a small contingent as a few members missed the 5:30 a.m. bus.

Those that did make their way to the bus Saturday morning were Megan Bell (freshman, 37th), Katie Keenan (freshman, 69th), Valente 67th, Brose and Webster.

In the mens division, Glassboro State College of New Jersey, a traditionally strong team, again showed their talent by placing four runners in the top 10, while St. Peter's avenged its loss to Marist at the Fairfield meet a week ago, edging the Red Foxes for second.

St. Peter's and Marist have traded early season wins and this rivalry may be heating up as both teams look to the Kings College Invitational Saturday.

"The return of sophomore Mike Coakley (ankle injury) and freshman Shane Pidgeon, along with the return of Paul Antes to the varsity lineup, will make for an interesting run against St. Peter's," said Stevens.

Freshman Paul Longo suffered a severely sprained ankle during the race.

## Volleyball team endures rough start

by Tim Besser

Despite getting off to a bumpy 1-6 start, women's volleyball coach Victor VanCarpels is starting to see his team do things he likes.

The team fell to Dowling College of Oakdale, N.Y., Tuesday night in the James J. McCann Center in straight games 15-7, 15-10, 15-9.

"We handled (Dowling's) versatile offense well," said VanCarpels. "We wanted to work on perimeter defense, and did that well, but our service reception was not as good as I would have liked. We handled their multiple offense well, as well as you can without a block."

Before the season began, VanCarpels said he was pointing the team toward a showdown with Fairleigh Dickinson University, and working on things against other opponents with FDU in mind. Although he doesn't like to lose, doing things against other teams with FDU in mind might cost the Lady Foxes in the beginning, he said.

Perimeter defense and blocking well are two of the things the team will have to work on in order to play

well against FDU, VanCarpels said. It took the team until the third game Tuesday to block the way they needed to in order to win, he added.

One big obstacle for the Lady Foxes to overcome is a lack of height on the front line, said VanCarpels. After 6-foot-0 Terri Covello, the tallest player on the team is Nancy McAllister at 5'9. Everyone else is 5-7 or shorter.

Dowling, on the other hand, had three players 6-0 and another 5-11.

"You saw a lot of long rallies (against Dowling), unfortunately the bigger team will win those," said VanCarpels.

VanCarpels said he was happy that Allison Vallinino, Kim Andrews and MaryAnne Cenicola were picking holes when they hit.

The team has to learn to chip the ball off blocks or dink over them instead of trying to hit through them in order to be successful, VanCarpels said.

"We're trying to work on facets of the game for FDU as it relates to FDU," said VanCarpels.

The team will be in action Saturday against Concordia,

### Sports schedule

- Crew
- Saturday Head of the Hudson Regatta away 8 a.m.
- Men's cross country
- Saturday Kings College Invitational away noon
- Women's cross country
- Saturday Kings College Invitational away 10 a.m.
- Soccer
- Saturday Adelphi home noon
- Tuesday Fordham away 4 p.m.
- Men's tennis
- Tomorrow ECAC Open Tournament away 3 p.m.
- Saturday ECAC Open Tournament away 11 a.m.
- Women's tennis
- Today Siena away 4 p.m.
- Monday Western Connecticut home 4 p.m.
- Wednesday SUNY New Paltz home 4 p.m.
- Women's volleyball
- Saturday Concordia/Pace away 11 a.m.
- Monday Western Connecticut away 7 p.m.
- Wednesday Queens home 6 p.m.