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# THE CIRCLE



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## College, cops bust off-campus parties

by Steven Murray

Reacting to pressure from angry Poughkeepsie residents, college administrators are cooperating with local police to crack down on Marist students who throw loud parties off campus.

In a meeting on Monday between Marist administrators, city of Poughkeepsie police and city officials, college officials agreed to strictly discipline students involved in off-campus parties where state and local ordinances are violated.

The meeting comes after police have broken up numerous student

parties, handed out fines and in one case, arrested Marist students.

Peter Amato, assistant dean of student affairs, attended Monday's meeting and told police and local officials the administration would be "fair, but tough and strict" in dealing with students who violate any state or local ordinances concerning the illegal sale of alcohol or the sale of alcohol to minors.

Meanwhile, John Doherty, captain of detectives for the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, said officers will continue to make arrests and fine people for illegal sale of alcohol, disturbing the

peace and violation of noise ordinances.

In the first three weeks of school, police have been busy with off-campus student parties.

On Sept. 8, five Marist students who rent a house on Brookside Avenue were arrested for unlawful dealing with a child, a class B misdemeanor, after they allegedly served alcohol to a person under the age of 16. The charges were later reduced to disorderly conduct, and all five paid \$25 fines.

A week later, police were called to break up parties at 25 Dean Place and Church Street, where

police said cars were blocking access to the arterial, the main east-west route through Poughkeepsie.

Saturday, police issued fines for violation of a noise ordinance to four Marist students living at 26 Dean Place.

Doherty said the action taken by police has not been part of a concentrated crackdown, but a reaction to a wave of complaints by residents concerning off-campus Marist students.

"It's always been a problem; it's been an annoyance," Doherty said. "But this year it seemed to get out

of hand much quicker."

Residents neighboring off-campus students have been much more demanding in their complaints, Doherty said. Because students tend to rent the same houses year after year, residents eventually lose their patience with students' parties, Doherty said.

Amato has spoken with several of the students involved in incidents concerning the police, and in some cases letters have been sent to students, their parents, the police, and the offices of Housing and Safety and Security.

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Marist debate captain Mike Buckley takes on two members of the British National Debate Team Monday night.

## Red Coats, Yanks fight history

by Kelly Woods

After 214 years, the debate goes on.

But unlike the muskets used on the battlefield at Lexington and Concord in 1775, Marist College 1989 saw nothing more violent than squirt guns and philosophical debate.

Monday night the Marist debate team and the British National team took the stage to continue a five-year tradition of serious debate mixed with sarcastic humor.

"I'd rather die on my feet than on my knees," Michael Buckley, who is ranked 26th-best speaker in the world, said while introducing the topic of debate. He proceeded to bring up the good times shared by both countries — such as the American Revolution.

"I think they still may be a little bit angry over the colony thing," Buckley said. "You give them an accent and they think they own you."

Buckley also cleared up some misconceptions about the British since they have a reputation of being arrogant, pompous and lazy. He defended their honor and said

they weren't lazy.

Despite Buckley's whimsical satire, he did present a serious argument.

"If you stay on your knees to avoid harm it doesn't help," he said. "Under an oppressive government nothing gets done."

The reason for Amnesty International, an organization dedicated to the establishment of global human rights, is to allow people to take the initiative instead of waiting for something to happen like the British, he added.

As the first British debater, Matthew Christmas, took his relaxed stance to the right of the podium, he said it was good to see the two chairman of the Dan Quayle Inaugural Committee — referring to Buckley and his partner, Anthony Cappozzolo.

Meanwhile, Gregory Jones, the other British debater, apologized to Buckley since he had to hear the speech for the second time that day because Jones said he had spoken his words of wisdom that afternoon at the "asylum across the street."

"Thanks to the Marist debaters, we wouldn't have known about

padded cells and liquid food," said Jones.

Like Marist, the British gave substantial evidence of why surviving on one's knees, which was their position, was a better way of life.

"It is by peaceful coexistence you triumph," said Christmas. "If you decide to die on your feet than who will carry on your ideals?"

In Christmas' rebuttal — in which he accused Buckley of taking most of his facts from the National Enquirer — he said blacks in this country were spat upon by whites while they crawled on their knees for civil rights.

"You can't get up from the grave, but you can get up from your knees," he said.

Debating the British is different from the normal style of American debate, according to Cappozzolo. "It's a lot less formal and easygoing," he said. "It's much more impromptu."

According to the British debate team, the American style is more factual.

"We use the Oxford style of debate," Jones said. "We use more rhetoric and the destination of our

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## Hugo hits home hard for Marist supervisor

by Karen Cicero

For many people at Marist, Hurricane Hugo just meant some more use of the weather-beaten raincoat and umbrella.

But for one Marist staff member with family in Puerto Rico, Hugo's brought a flood of anxiety.

"I don't know whether she's dead or alive," Security Patrol Supervisor Dennis Costas said of his 85-year-old aunt who his family has been unable to contact since Hugo ravaged the island last Sunday and Monday.

Because of downed power and phone lines, Costas said communication with the impoverished San Lorenzo area, where his wheelchair-bound aunt and his two cousins live, is virtually impossible.

Over the last few days, Costas' mother has been trying to reach friends in a nearby Puerto Rican town, hoping they'll drive to San Lorenzo and find out what's happening there.

But for Costa and his close-knit family, the wait's the worst.

"I just want to hear some news — one way or the other," he said.

Costas' 77-year-old mother isn't faring much better. She can't sleep until she hears word about her only living sister, he said.

Since Maria Torres Lopez, Costas' aunt, doesn't have a phone and is hard of hearing, the family last talked to her three months ago.

But even if Costas' family is alive, he said they're homeless.

After watching a Cable News Network (CNN) broadcast that reported Hugo's 125 mph winds, Costas said his aunt's fragile 50-year-old house would have never survived.

Puerto Rican Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon estimated that 50,000 people lost their homes in the storm.

Lopez's financial situation certainly hasn't improved her chances for survival, Costas said. His aunt "lives on peanuts," according to Costas, there's only a few dollars

Costas said he's also concerned because his cousins don't take care of his aunt as much as they should. left over from her monthly Social Security check.

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## School ready but escapes the worst

by Christine Marotta

The guest of honor never showed — thank goodness!

Despite all the preparations and extra manpower for what promised to be the major event of this past weekend, hurricane "Hugo" never fully appeared on the Marist campus.

While the gusts of wind throughout the weekend knocked down a few small tree branches, howled through the campus and rattled a few windows in the residence halls and administration buildings, it was the thrashing rain that was most disturbing.

Joseph Leary, director of safety and security, said the storm, after a week of heavy rains, flooded the Donnelly computer center. The extent of the damage is still unknown.

"With all of the construction taking place on the building and the sealing not being complete we are have a problem with water getting in through the entranceways," Leary said.

Should Hugo have vented its force on Marist, personnel would have been ready to react with extra manpower.

"We had extra security working as well as several of our maintenance and housekeeping personnel on standby," Leary said. "We would have reacted with the necessary actions after observing the actual situation."

## After Class

### Entertainment

#### Talent Wanted

The Marist television show "What's Up?" will hold student auditions for their first annual talent show on Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. in Lowell Thomas 205. For more information, contact Janet Lawler at ex. 635.

#### The Kinks

The British rock group The Kinks will invade the Mid-Hudson Civic Center Sunday Oct. 8. Tickets are available through telecharge or by calling 454-9800.

#### Kenny Rogers

Country music singer Kenny Rogers will perform Oct. 1 at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center. The tickets for the 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. shows cost \$25.50. They are available at the box office or by calling 454-9800.

#### Tony Bennett

See Las Vegas entertainer Tony Bennett at the Ulster Performing Arts Center Oct. 7. Tickets cost \$25 and are available by calling (914) 339-6088.

#### Allez au cinema

Get a taste of French cinema — come to this weekend's foreign film "La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc." This 1928 silent film starring Maria Falconetti, Eugene Silvain and Antonin Artaud is showing at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Donnelly 245. Admission is free.

#### Stripes

The College Union Board will show the movie "Stripes" Sunday at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Theater. Cost is \$2.

#### My Fair Lady

The Bardavon Opera House will present "My Fair Lady" on Sunday, Oct. 1. For more information, contact 473-5288.

#### To Your Health

##### Eating Smart

The American Heart Association is sponsoring a discussion on nutritional concerns and exercise as part of their weekly Sharing and Caring program. For further information, please call 454-4310.

#### Special Olympics

Help handicap children go for the gold. Become a volunteer for the Special Olympic. Although the majority of the events will be held in Sauger-ties, the equestrian event will take place at Roseview Stables in Hyde Park. For more information, please call Mr. Carle at (914) 331-2885.

#### Making the Grade

##### MMAPO

Get involved with the Marist Minority Affairs organization. MMAPO will holding a reception tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

#### Columns Wanted

Submissions for Penthouse magazine's "Campus View" column are being accepted. The magazine pays \$250 for published pieces. For additional information, call (212) 496-6100.

#### Scholarships

New York City residents enrolled full-time at Marist may be eligible for \$100 to \$650 scholarships. Some 5,000 of them are available through the Housing and Urban Development Office. There's an Oct. 2 deadline. For more information, call (212) 947-1293.

#### Poetry Contest

Poets take your pens hand. A poetry contest with more than \$11,000 in prizes is being sponsored by the American Poetry Association. Call (408) 429-1122 for more information.

#### Law Forum

More than 100 law schools will participate in a forum Oct. 6 and 7. Held in New York City, the forum is designed to provide students with information about law school admission. Call (215) 968-1204 for further details.

#### Attention

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## Parties

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Although some students have protested the sending of these letters, Amato said the college has the right to inform the people who have vested interests in the students.

Also, in regard to the college's authority off-campus, Marist reserves the right, depending upon the circumstances, to dismiss any student who discredits its name, Amato said.

"When you live off-campus, you're a community representative," Amato said. "You can't separate yourself from the school."

A common complaint among students who live off-campus is that they are forced to do so because of a shortage of on-campus housing. But Amato said that no matter where students live, consideration and respect of other people's rights must be constant.

## Debate

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cross examination is determined by the individual. Plus, we pose questions to the speaker during his speech and he accepts or declines our challenge."

"The American sense of humor is more direct which can be humiliating," added Christmas. "Our humor is much more low key."

For Christmas and Jones, Marist was the first stop of their American tour.

"We were nervous because we heard Marist was the best and the hardest," Jones said. "But we enjoyed the debate."

## Hugo

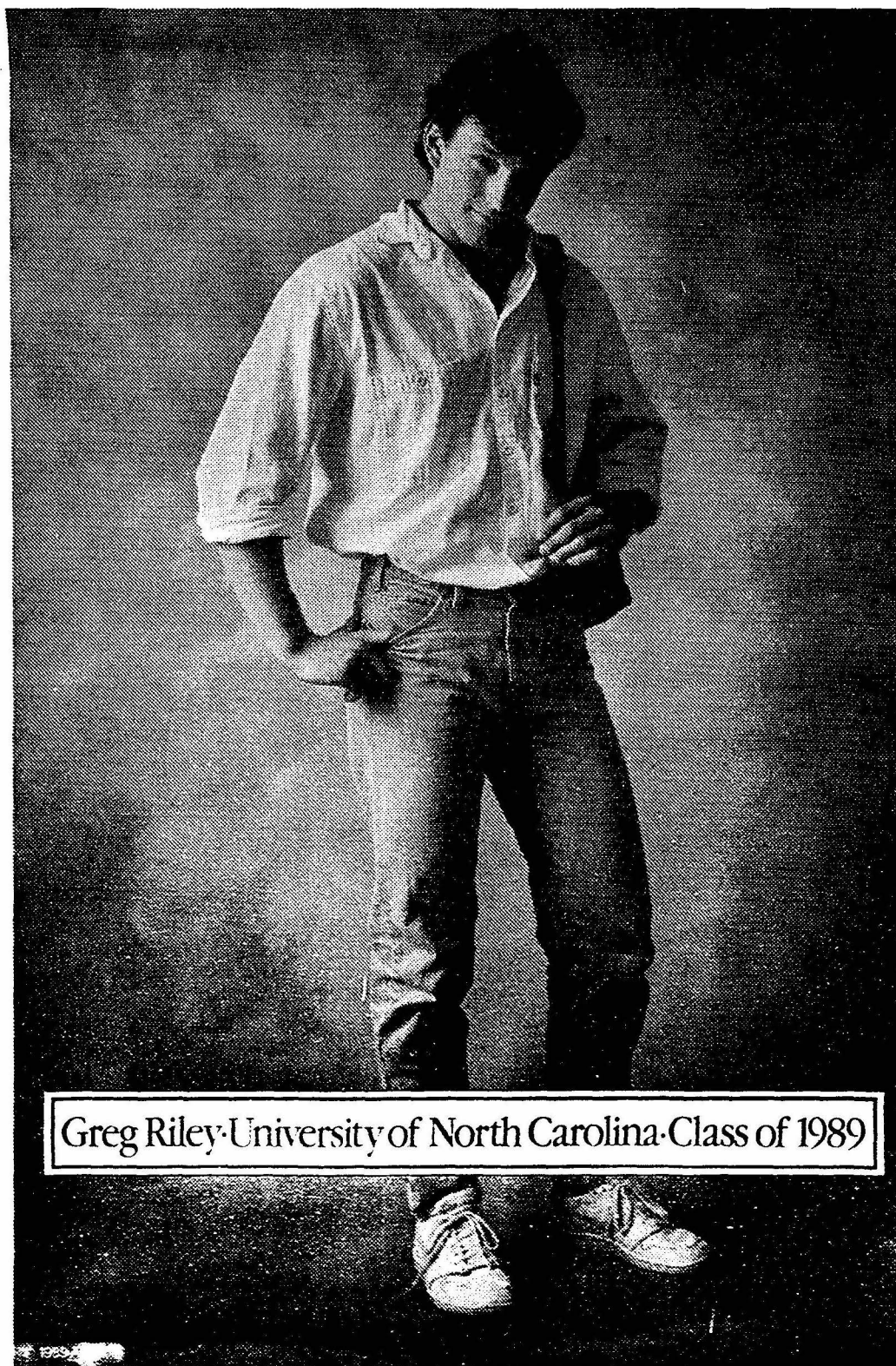
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"If she survived, I just want them (his cousins) to be with her," he said.

Costas' mother, who came to the United States 57 years ago, often encouraged Lopez to leave her homeland, but she always refused, he said.

"Right now, we're helpless," he said. "There's a lot of people who need us and we can't be there to help them."

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



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# Distant parking spaces projected for near future

by David Karchmer

The present on-campus parking system will be restructured, pending the fall 1990 completion of the new classroom building behind Lowell Thomas, college administrators said.

According to the administrative proposal, all of Marist East and surrounding parking lots will be phased out, as will the parking lot directly behind Lowell Thomas.

New parking lots will be built by the tennis courts and the new classroom building, according to the plan.

Marc Adin, assistant vice president, the main goal of the administration is to have a "pedestrian campus." The new system will try to direct vehicle parking and traffic away from campus academic and residential areas to provide students easier walking access.

"Cars have no place at the center of a college or university," said Adin. "They're noisy, they go too fast and are not conducive to academics."

The creation of new parking lots will only raise the number of parking spots by a few hundred. According to statistics provided by Marist, there are at least 1000 more registered vehicles than available parking spaces.

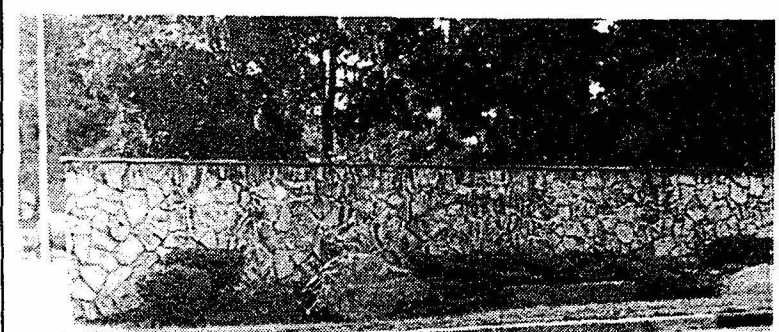
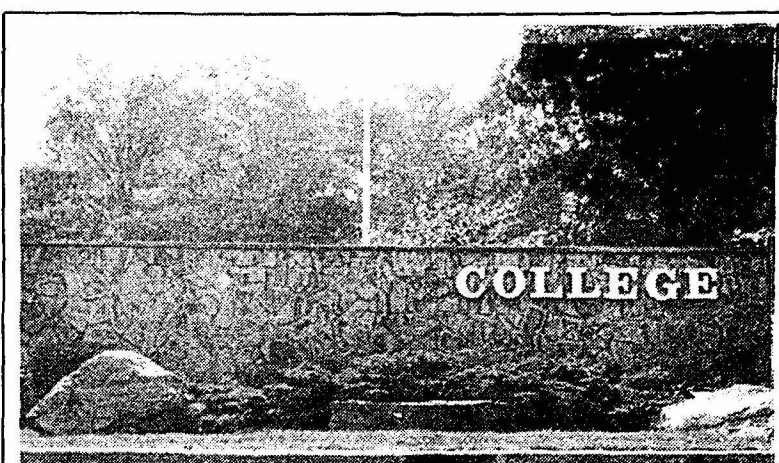
Joe Leary, director of campus security, said that at any given time on any given day hundreds of available parking spaces can be found in front of the McCann Center or on the north side of Marist East.

"There is sufficient parking at Marist," Leary said. "The problem is the unwillingness of students, faculty and staff to abide by our parking policy."

"Our first responsibility at Marist is education and being punctual for classes," said senior Loriann Bonati. "Too much time is wasted seeking parking and walking across campus to class."

Both Leary and Adin agree that long walks across campus are unavoidable.

Leary warns that strong measures are and will be continued to assure that all vehicle owners are abiding by the rules.



The rest of the sign is gone (bottom) — the school removed it while it waits for the missing letters. Circle photo/Lynaire Brust

# On parties and allnighters: this life can make you sick

by Maureen Kerr

Sniffing, sneezing, coughing, aching, stuffy head and fever.

That may sound like an ad for Nyquil, but these are the symptoms of yet another illness that has swept the Marist community.

Lisa Sacco, a freshman who has tonsillitis, mononucleosis, and strep throat has been ill for almost two weeks.

"Her tonsils were like golf balls," said roommate Janine Vitagliano. "Lisa knows all the nurses, she's been going over to their office everyday."

According to Jane O'Brien, director of health services, Lisa is one of more than 600 people who have visited the health office in the past three weeks. The majority of students are freshmen who suffer from stomach viruses, upper respiratory infections and the common cold.

"It's very normal," said O'Brien. "Students are ill frequently during their first year at college. People learn to take better care of themselves as they get older."

Freshmen don't eat and sleep as much as they should. Living on their own for the first time, meeting new people, and trying to fit in results in going to bed late at night. It doesn't take long for students to get run down, said O'Brien.

Also, living in close quarters,

sharing a dorm room and cafeteria, exposes students to a lot of new germs. "It takes a while for students to build their immune system," she said.

"I spray lysol everytime she sneezes," said Vitagliano. "I didn't want to move out because we've been getting along so well."

According to O'Brien, most upperclassmen don't come to the health office because they have learned to recognize their limita-

**"Her tonsils were like golfballs. Lisa knows all the nurses, she's been going over to their office everyday."**

tions. "If students neglect nutrition and proper rest, they are going to get sick."

Freshmen are not the only class who are feeling a bit under the weather. Rachael Farrar, a senior, suffers from a sore throat and stuffy head. "I don't think I've been getting enough rest," she said.

Most students tend to become sick at the start of the school year from the stress that results in mak-

ing the adjustment of going back to school, O'Brien said.

Many people party too much during the first week when they get back together with old friends. Also, going back to the classroom, doing homework and getting jobs usually results in fatigue.

"Tired college students are par for the course," said O'Brien. "Some people think they are getting mono, but it's not that prevalent." Marist College has had two cases so far this year.

In order to stay healthy, O'Brien advises students to learn how to budget their time. "I often hear students say that they can't go to breakfast. So they end up skipping meals, grabbing a candy bar or ordering out for pizza."

Students should eat three balanced meals a day and get plenty of rest. Many people pull all-nighters in order to get papers in on time. As a result, their resistance goes down and if someone gets sick, he or she becomes a primary candidate. Students who take good care of themselves are less likely to pick up germs, O'Brien said.

Exercise is also important. "Students need fresh air, it gets the heart beating," she said. Especially for freshmen and sophomores who tend to sit around in the dorms. Walking, jogging, biking, swimming, and playing sports not only keeps you healthy, it also helps to relieve stress.

# Security to thieves: can we buy a vowel?

by Chris Landry

The college is offering \$500 to anyone giving information leading to the recovery of the missing Marist College sign or "leading to the identification of the thief," according to Joseph Leary, director of the Office of Safety and Security.

The letters spelling "Marist" on the stone sign that faces North Road just outside of Donnelly Hall have been missing since Sept. 5., Leary said. The college spent about \$5,000 to have the sign made and installed, Leary said.

The Physical Plant last week removed the rest of the sign because it had become an embarrassment with it merely saying "college," Leary said.

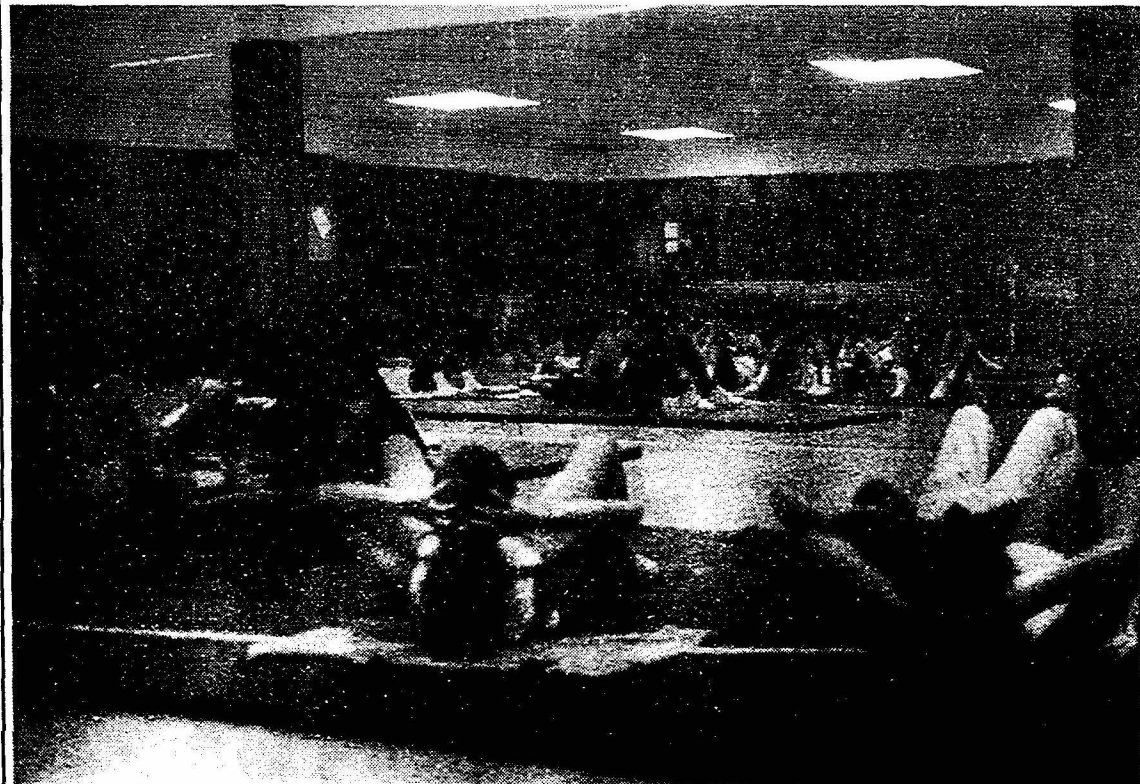
The Town of Poughkeepsie police and Security still have no suspects but are "actively pursuing an investigation," Leary said. Information can be given anonymously, Leary said.

Security has tried to inform the campus of the theft and has contacted housekeeping and faculty members in search of leads, Leary said.

"Our community should really get involved," Leary said. The theft has "crossed the line of just a college prank."

The theft took place within a five-hour period, Leary said. The six letters were reported missing at about 6 a.m. and, after conducting a neighborhood check, police were told by local residents that the sign was there at 1 a.m.

## Burn, baby, burn



Girls sweat it out during a McCann Center aerobic session. Circle photo/Nathan Robinson

# Amnesty Int'l chapter to form

by Kelly Woods

In an effort to make students more aware of human rights and global issues, three Marist professors are launching an Amnesty International chapter on campus.

"Hopefully, the chapter will make others aware of people's concerns and needs and problems outside America," said Eugene Best, professor of history. "It's an educational enrichment."

Amnesty International is dedicated to the promotion of human rights. Its goals include helping to release prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners, and ending torture and execution.

The most recent effort to begin a campus chapter is the result of inquiries from international students, said Vernon Vavrina, assistant professor of political science.

Earlier attempts were prompted by the murder of Andrew Kayiira, a professor of criminal justice, in 1987. Kayiira was shot in Uganda for his political beliefs.

In the spring of 1985, members of Amnesty International spoke for the first time at Marist, and in 1987, John Healey, the United States executive director of Amnesty International came to the campus.

"This was a major step because it was at the same time the Andrew Kayiira case came to a head," said Vavrina.

Betty Kayiira, widow of Andrew and Marist security guard, said having the chapter on campus will be useful to the whole Marist community.

"It teaches people to care and learn about other people," she said. "Students will benefit because their minds will open and know what's going on. It's education. It's politics. It's everything."

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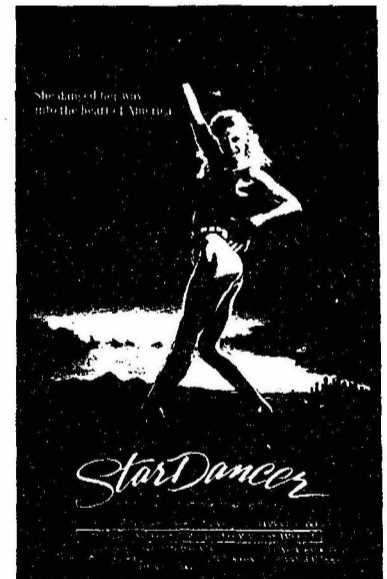
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# FM take-off still grounded for radio station

by Julie Cullinane

Efforts to acquire FM radio broadcasting for Marist College Radio, (WMCR), have failed due to the high cost of a broadcasting license, said Bob Lynch, assistant director of College Activities.

Although no signs of FM radio are apparent in the near future, WMCR began broadcasting this week over cable.

The Federal Communications Commission, (FCC), requires a license before going on the air, which would cost Marist \$12,000 a year, said Betty Yeaglin, director of College Activities. A transmitter, costing \$25,000, is also necessary for FM broadcasting, said Suzanne

Fagel, general manager of the station.

To designate such funds to one organization is not feasible for the school unless they were to take funds away from another, Lynch said.

After transferring from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Brockport as a junior, Fagel was not impressed with the station.

Surprised that the administration does not support the radio station more, Fagel added, "SUNY had this hulking station, then I came here and found this inferior station at a communications school."

Last year, the cable did not work well, but revisions have been made and we hope the system will have

better reception, said Tom Morgan, a sophomore from Madison, N.J., who also works at the station.

Morgan also expressed hope that last year's efforts to hook up the entire campus to the radio station will result in more listeners for the station.

Ultimately, the station managers hope WMCR will broadcast over FM radio, but in the meantime, the station is developing promotional attention-getters for the station. One thing to keep an eye out for is radio personalities on location on campus looking for interviews, Fagel said.

Enthusiastic about WMCR, Lynch encourages the managers to

investigate the FM broadcast, but adds that going on the air will not improve the image of the station. However, not seeing WMCR broadcasting outside of cable in the near future, Lynch urges the managers to establish goals and bring the cable station to life before trying to bring it to FM.

In the past, the station had not received much attention except for inquisitive comments made by students who pass by the station, located on the first floor in Cham-pagnat Hall, Fagel said.

Visibility was not the only problem, said Fagel. Because of a lack of listeners, much of the staff suffered from low morale. Students who had their own shows tended to

their shifts at their leisure.

"They figured it didn't matter because no one was listening anyway," Fagel said.

This year is going to be different, Fagel said. The station has a management made up of sophomores, juniors and seniors which will establish continuity with WMCR in the following years.

Fagel said if she had enough cable, she would begin banging on doors offering to hook up radios for the students.

Fagel also expressed hope that the station's format, new wave music, would attract both staff and listeners who are tired of listening to the same, old thing on the radio.

## New group fights for animal rights

by Nathan J. Robinson

In the name of a convenient and better life for ourselves, cows are slaughtered, rabbits are blinded, other animals are poisoned and people are not aware of it, according to a national group called People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

A newly formed club at Marist is hoping to change all that. The Animal Compassion Group is seeking to make students more aware of animal rights, said Rich Roder, the group's advisor.

Both the household cleaning and cosmetic industries use animals to test new products before they are sold. PETA contends that these tests are often unreliable and are not required by law, yet continue due to corporations' reluctance to spend money on research alternatives.

In addition to animals being used for product research, PETA says billions of animals are subjected to lives of overcrowding, confinement and mutilation in what it calls "factory farms".

The group, which met for the first time last week, will be involved in petitioning and writing letters to companies suspected of abusing animals. Roder said the group would like to become a resource for Marist students seeking information on animal rights, Roder said.

"All living things have the right to live healthy, productive lives," said Roder, a freshman mentor for Marian Hall.

Roder, who became a vegetarian last June in protest of cruelty to animals, said people tend to think of animals as products and profit rather than feeling organisms such as ourselves.

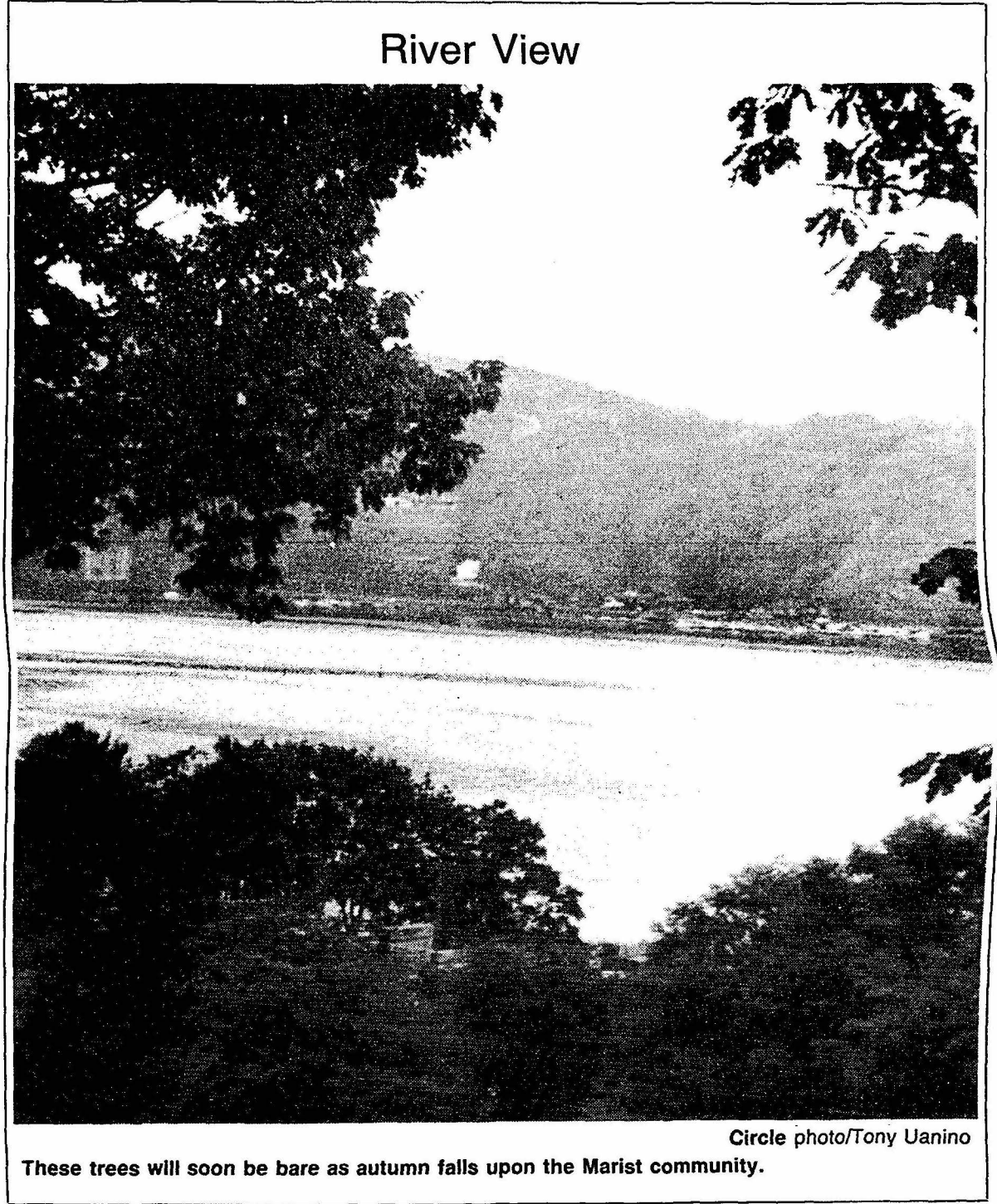
Freshman Bryan Fuentes, Student representative of the Animal Compassion Group, said it is a personal decision to become a vegetarian but cutting down on meat consumption can make a big difference to meat producers.

Roder said animal cruelty has become accepted as everyday life because people have closed their eyes to it. Animal rights are as important as human rights, he said.

"You don't have to be an animal lover to join the group," said Roder, "everyone should be concerned with the humane treatment of living things."

The Animal Compassion Group meets on Thursdays at 5:45 in Marian Hall room 226.

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These trees will soon be bare as autumn falls upon the Marist community.

## Seniors say North End housing splits students and hinders unity

by Maureen Kramer

Seniors living on campus this semester may feel slightly lonely.

According to Steve Sansola, director of housing, only 85 seniors live in the Gartland Commons Apartments and only a total of 216 juniors and seniors live in townhouses.

For those seniors who do live on campus, most said they envisioned the North End to be in closer contact with the rest of the campus.

"This set up takes away from the closeness and spirit of our (senior) year," said Laurie Leavy, a senior living in the Gartland Commons Apartments.

Jennifer Maxwell, also a senior living in Gartland, said the North End of campus is isolated to the extent that it is almost separate from the college.

"I like being with my friends,

but as far as the atmosphere at this end of campus, I think it's horrible," Maxwell said.

The lack of seniors on campus has caused some students to question the Housing Office's priority point system.

"It's very unfair that sophomores and juniors are in the apartments, leaving the seniors very scattered," Leavy said.

Senior Frank Vezzuto said he does not believe the college adheres to the system.

"If you have a priority point system and stick to it then it works, but they aren't sticking to it," Vezzuto said.

In contrast, some sophomores and juniors, who are surrounded by many of their peers, have taken advantage of the North End's isolation.

"In a way we're isolated, but I sort of like that because we have

our privacy too," said junior Tina Kemp.

Some students said they realize that the housing crunch will only be solved with the addition of a new dormitory, set for construction in 1991. But they said seniors would not have been forced to leave campus if the college reduced its incoming freshmen class — 734 freshmen are housed on campus.

"Our class is in the brunt of all of the changes taking place with housing and it isn't fair," said Jean Harris, a senior living in the townhouses. "They (Admissions Office) should have cut down on the number of students they took in this year. If they are putting so many people in Canterbury (Garden Apartments) they should at least put them in the same section."

## Long arm of the law

An ominous pact has been sealed between college administrators and the Poughkeepsie police. The result of their coalition is a crackdown on student parties off campus, but as the parties have got out of hand, so has the discipline.

Brewing hostility reached the boiling point last week when Poughkeepsie residents complained more loudly than ever to police about Marist students who have been throwing loud parties in the Dean Place and Brookside Avenue neighborhoods.

Under pressure from the city council, the police have arrested several students and warned scores of others. The police are giving the names of these students to Peter Amato, assistant dean of student affairs, who is coordinating the college/cops joint crackdown on this end.

Disciplinary action has been overzealous. The police have been giving Amato the names of some students who were not even involved in any of the various incidents which ignited the controversy.

And some of these students, including 21-year-old seniors, have been told by letter to report to Amato, and copies of those letters were sent to their parents, the vice president for student affairs and the offices of Housing and Safety and Security.

In one case, Amato sent such a letter via registered mail to a man who is living with Marist students but who is a Marist graduate.

Does this mean underclassmen who drink and cause trouble on campus are not as much of a problem as seniors who chose not to live in college housing and are only suspected of causing trouble off campus?

In many cases Marist students who live off campus, and on-campus students who attend their parties, are causing a lot of trouble and the neighbors have a right to complain.

But others are hassled because of the poor reputation of Marist students. The police have been acting on some residents' unfounded complaints by notifying the college, which promptly notifies these students' parents.

There's a menacing double standard in place. After being told by the city to control its students, the administration is ready to take disciplinary action against commuters while less attention is paid to students who live under the administration's rules in college housing.

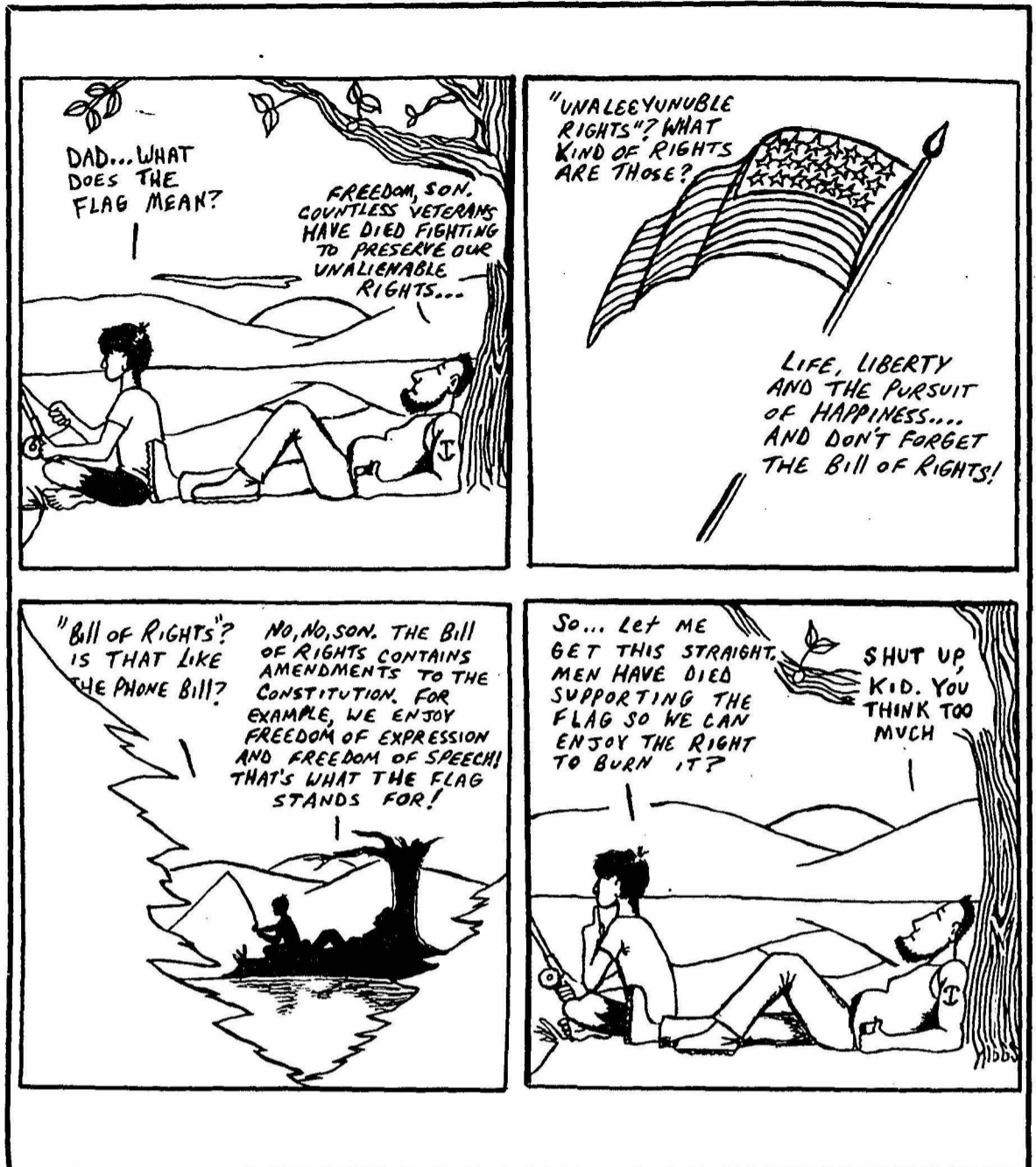
That doesn't make sense, but it seems that in the minds of administrators, whatever happens on campus is less likely to hurt the school's image.

Add to this mess another internal matter: Student Affairs, Housing and Security are receiving the names of these students who are reported by the police. What does Housing, for example, have to do with students who live on their own and are considered commuters?

Ironically, some of these students would be living on campus if there were adequate housing. Faced with Canterbury, many of these students move to Talmadge Street, Taylor Avenue or Brookside Avenue, where they can walk to class. This problem did not begin last week; it escalates as more students are moving off campus.

Students who live off campus are getting the message: quiet down and behave like respectable members of the community, a community that has come to distrust and resent them. The college and the city have a right to keep them in line.

But first, treat them with respect. Disciplinary action against students who break the law is appropriate, but to solve the problem and to restore the college's image, the administrators and the police must realize what too many city residents don't — that all students are not at fault.



## Bush's battle on drugs: a lot of talk, no fighting

In his address to the nation on drugs a few weeks back, George Bush accomplished what he wanted to: he sent a message to the people of America. Trouble is, it was the wrong message.

Bush wanted to give a fire and brimstone speech, making the country realize how serious the problem is and how determined he is to solve the problem.

What Bush, and his Democratic respondent, Joseph Biden, said instead was that the government is more interested in fighting a public relations war and that the drug problem is not worth putting all the resources of the country behind it.

Bush started his speech by holding up an evidence bag filled with crack that he said had been bought across the street from the White House.

That was true, but it was only true because officials of the Drug Enforcement Administration lured a drug dealer to Lafayette Park, across from the White House, in order to make the kind of sale that Bush needed for his speech.

In defending the action, Bush displayed the same ends-justifying-the-means logic that made Dan Quayle vice-president, saying that the sale, even though it was fabricated, proved that drug dealing is a problem everywhere, even in front of the White House.

Unfortunately, Bush is wrong. Dead wrong. America's drug problem is one of immense proportions, including all racial, social and economic groups. But by setting up a scenario to fit his purposes, Bush made it seem as if it was necessary to conjure up a drug deal. After reading of the set-up, how can anyone not ask themselves just how serious is the drug problem if the president has to "fix" a deal just to prove a point?



Paul O'Sullivan

Thinking between the lines

The scenario would have been just as dramatic if the drugs were bought seven or eight blocks from the White House. Once again, as in his November campaign, Bush shows that he prefers style over substance, image over reality.

But even this would be marginally acceptable, if Bush was willing to put all the resources at his disposal to win his war on drugs. Again, though, Bush and his deomocratic counterparts seem more interested in making token efforts against the drug problem, making the war on drugs a war which America cannot win.

Bush proposes spending \$7.9 billion to finance all his programs to combat the drug menace, the Democrats want to spend one or two billion more. All this to fight a war against an opponent that generates at least \$150 billion in profits each year.

If we are truly at "war" with the drug cartels, as Bush continually

tells us, then why are we committing such a small fraction of our resources to fight the battle. If Bush declared war upon the Soviet Union or Iran, would he limit his spending to \$7.9 billion?

The War on Drugs, as it is now proposed by Bush and the Democratic leaders of Congress, is a sham. It is a phony war. Just as he did by using a set-up drug deal to fit his needs, Bush is trying to pass a quick public relations solution off as a real program to fight the drug problem.

If we are being "invaded" by the drug lords, as Bush keeps saying, why can't we take money out of the defense budget? Mikhail Gorbachev apparently has to cut his military budget to deal with domestic problems, why can't we do the same?

We can win the War on Drugs, but only if we are willing to pay the price, which will be expensive. There is no easy, inexpensive answer to this problem, so our leaders should stop looking for one. If we really want to win the war, let's make the commitment. If we're not willing to do that, then let's legalize the stuff and let the chips fall where they may. It couldn't be much worse than where we are now.

Paul O'Sullivan is the Circle's political columnist.

### Letter policy

The Circle welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be typed and signed and must include the writer's phone number and address. The deadline for letters is noon Monday. Letters should be sent to Bill Johnson, c/o The Circle, through campus mail or dropped off at Campus Center 168.

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## Let's keep government out of the art gallery

by Mark Aldrich

A quick look around the political landscape nine months into the Bush Administration yields several scary views.

For instance, the controversy over the government's role as patron through the National Endowment for the Arts has several of our self-proclaimed moral leaders up in arms confusing art, taste and morality. Senators Jesse Helms and Al D'Amato would like to cut or cease funding for the Endowment because certain supported works offended their very particular sensibilities.

Granted, the works in question would offend the sensibilities of all but a very small portion of the population. One depicts homosexual love in a rather fashionable style of photography while another places a cross in a clear bucket of urine. These works were not designed to avoid controversy. They exist to attack the social climate that made them necessary.

Art is communication, simply, of one per-

son's sense of life. It can be entertainment, it can be protest. It cannot be legislated. Once a society tells its artists what to create, that society is no longer human. We certainly have not reached this point, the point resembling a Stalinist U.S.S.R. replete with stunning pictures of tractors, but Helms and D'Amato are taking a large stride in that direction.

It's a delicate issue, for all the indelicacies of the art works involved. Art has nothing to do with taste or morality. It has to do with what the creative mind needs to communicate. The wonderful thing about art is, if Jesse Helms dislikes Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs, he does not have to look at them.

But, does he have to pay for them? All a patronage system provides is support, a grant to the struggling artist so worries about the whereabouts of his or her next meal can be removed. An established artist receives support on the basis of his past work, on the strength of his vision, by the patron.

An ideal patronage supports the artist and

limits him only within his power of communication. For years, the Endowment was an ideal patronage. It is no longer.

The second art created under the Endowment became controversial, the patronage became prostitution. Any artist supported by the government became a hiree facing the prospect of Jesse Helms making assignments for sculpture and scripts. Should the government, as self-described guardians of morality and taste, be in the business of art? Deserving artists may be denied favor to pursue their creativity, while others may make small fortunes painting scenes of a government-approved America.

Do we want our art to be quiet entertainment, or should it occasionally stir outrageous thoughts in us? Someone raised the question: is it worse for the government to spend our money on art that offends our taste, or is it worse for it to spend money on art that doesn't?

One hopes the Endowment will revert to an ideal patronage, but one knows it won't.

Artists hoping to receive money will face far worse scrutiny than ever. It is a good idea to have government-supported art, but it is a bad idea if that art isn't allowed to prick our conscience. If Jesse Helms must cut the funding, then so be it. But he must then help these artists find support from someplace else.

A look at these past nine months is needed. For all our liberal fears that under President Reagan something might happen, not much did. Sure, things got a lot worse, but like much of the Reagan tenure, they were superficial problems caused by the lack of someone at the helm.

After eight years of talk about creating Norman Rockwell America, Congress is now making one. After eight years of talk of flag-waving, there will be no flag burning. One glance at the landscape yields a final, most frightening thought: George Bush may be Ronald Reagan's Lyndon Johnson.

Mark Aldrich is a senior majoring in Communication Arts.

## Cult band takes a big step into the limelight

Rolling Stone Magazine called them "America's Best Rock and Roll Band." They've been the critics' darlings since they were first heard in 1980. College radio stations claimed them as their own. Now these college dropouts from Athens, Georgia have finally shed their cult status and are getting the recognition that they deserve.

Say hello to R.E.M.

Let me bring you back to a scene from my youth (indulge me). Back in the spring of 1983, I was a mere pup of a high school freshman. One fateful day I heard "Radio Free Europe" by an obscure band from Georgia. It sounded nothing like the Culture Club Duran Duran Human League techno-pop that we had all suffered through earlier in the decade, so I listened.

The music sounded amateur at best, and the vocals might as well have been mumbled by a drunken, tongueless mute, but I was hooked. Herein lies the odd appeal of R.E.M. Their talents have grown considerably in the last nine years, but no one is ever going to accuse

them of being Julliard graduates. That doesn't mean much to their fans — the die-hards and the people who've just recently discovered them.

R.E.M. just tore through this area last week. If you missed them, well... you missed America's best rock and roll band (Rolling Stone was right). Even if you're convinced that you will never like them and that they're a pack of noisy freaks, their live show will convert you.

I wasn't disappointed when I caught them in Philadelphia and at the Meadowlands. The two shows, while not exactly alike, were pretty much the same bag of tricks, which means that I had a great time for two nights instead of one.

Highlights of the shows were "Pop Song '89," "Begin the Begin," and "Southern Central Rain" (Philly only). I guess you could categorize their songs — as critics love to do — as anthems, ballads, pop tunes and straight ahead rockers (hey — I didn't make those terms up). But R.E.M. doesn't play predictable anthems,



Kieran Fagan

In your ear

ballads, pop tunes and straight ahead rockers. If nothing else, R.E.M. is original.

In fact, their growing popularity has me a little confused. Listen to their songs: "Pop Song '89" asks "Should we talk about the weather? Should we talk about the government?" And in "Can't Get There From Here" we're told, "If you're world is a monster/ Bad to swallow you whole/ Kick the clay that holds the teeth in/ Throw your troubles out the door." Does any of that make sense to you? And those are two of their more popular songs. Go figure.

Lyrics like that don't usually make it off tiny record labels, much less play to packed arenas, but it's great music. And for every song that means absolutely nothing, R.E.M. does write some intelligent, subtle "message" songs.

Some are too subtle, and lead singer Michael Stipe has said that he's troubled when people miss the point. "Fall On Me" sounds like a nice mid-tempo love song, the kind that couples get mushy over during the concert. I guess it would really ruin the mood if you told them it's about acid rain (unless they're ignoring the words, or just really sick).

Another misunderstood tune is "The Flowers of Guatemala." Here's a song protesting U.S. involvement in Central America that could be played after "Some Enchanted Evening" on the elevator. Sounds can be deceiving.

R.E.M. refuses to be labelled as a "political band" (a la U2), but they write a good deal of protest

songs. Environmental problems are a major concern. In Philly, Stipe told us to "have a good night and clean up your river!" They brought Greenpeace and other environmental groups with them on tour to educate the masses (most of whom were high school kids.) But R.E.M. isn't clobbering anyone over the head with a message. All they ask is that we think a little bit between the drumbeats.

R.E.M. is definitely not an overnight success. In fact, they haven't even made their BIG breakthrough yet. But they're finally being heard. Give them a listen.

END NOTES: A late correction: the Who did make a beer commercial (Sigh). It was a few years back for a beer that shall remain nameless. I sit corrected.

Kieran Fagan is the Circle's music columnist.

## Are things really that good?

by Wes Zahnke

Wasn't it just heartening to see that adorable picture of President Murray with 28 of Marist's pride and joy, sitting in that surreal, yet authentic backdrop, smeared all over such elitist readings as The Wall Street Journal, and Barron's? Everything's just peachy keen here in paradise, right?

Of course, by merely looking around the campus and glancing at the Circle once in a while, one could soon differentiate the touched up, glamorized smoothness, from the harsh realities that exist.

The reality is that Doc Murray and the rest of his gang of merry marauders are sweating bullets as the college sails ahead into the most turbulent seas it has ever seen.

It seems that we, the students of the present, are merely pawns in the way of the future of the college. They take our money, then they kind of gradually fade us out, only showing interest in us when the next payment is due.

Oh, every once in a while they will grant us a token chance at airing our gripes and concerns, but it is very superficial and phony, much like the ad and various other

viewbooks published by the college.

A false picture is painted of this big, happy, Brady Bunchesque family that always experiences happy endings.

Rubbish. Look at almost any of the major facets that comprise the institution: housing, academic facilities, on campus social life, just for a start.

Canterbury is alive and kicking, bigger than ever. So, if you can't live on campus and you don't desire the low-income housing approach, you can always find your own house or apartment in the beautiful Poughkeepsie area.

Just don't get any ideas in your head to have a good time while you are out in the real world.

Neighborhood groups are causing quite a stir for the city council to take steps against the evil college students and their sinister beer parties.

Police are taking the heat from the community and are more than willing to flex their muscles and show the college kids just exactly who is boss.

I urge every board of trustee member to lock their car doors, close their windows and take a

casual stroll down Main Street on any given night.

Then you tell me who is disrupting the community more, the "nice" businessmen on Main, or the destructive college beer parties.

Give me a break. The sad reality is that we aren't Vassar. We can't hide behind our ivy walls and drink our beers while glancing occasionally over the wall to see a small picture of reality.

The administration seems to be washing their hands of the situation, seemingly too busy playing politician than to risk a bad PR move in the community. Hey, let's not ruffle any feathers. I don't know how they're going to pull this one off, with the need for the new academic building imminent, a new dorm overdue, and Donnelly not even close to done with October dead ahead.

Good luck gentlemen. You've dug your grave, as well as every plot of earth on campus, you lie in it.

Unfortunately, we're lying there right with you.

Wes Zahnke moonlights as the Circle's humor columnist.

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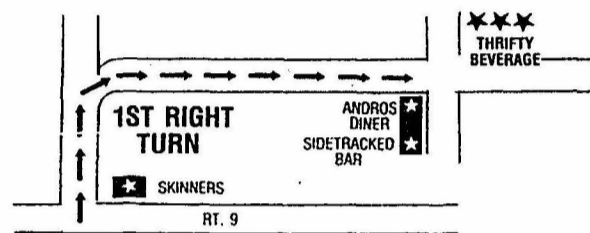
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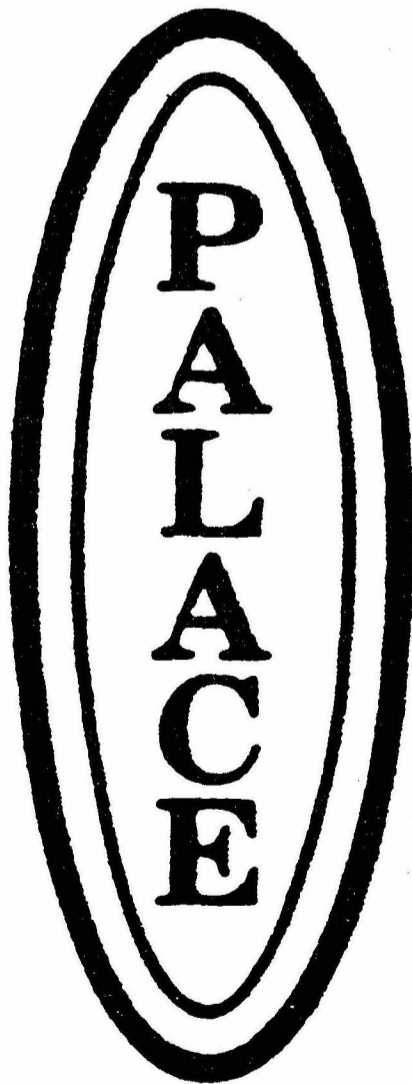


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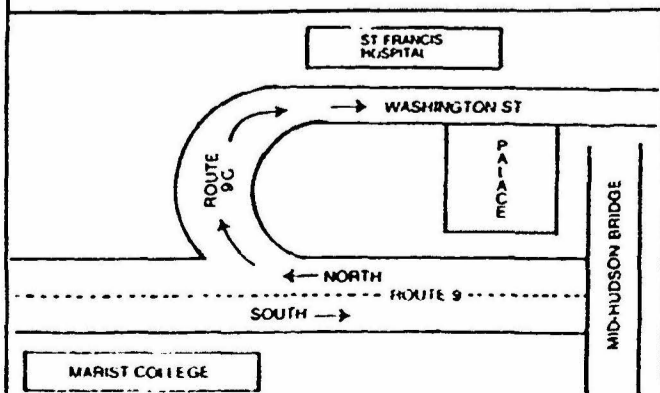


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# Tales of Belushi's sad life and death

Yes, I know I mentioned Bob Woodward's book "Wired" a couple of weeks ago, but I really think it deserves more detail so I'm going to write about it again. Besides, I have nothing else to write about.

Now I know it has been about seven years since John Belushi died and I know "Wired" was written five years ago, but I just read the book so that is why I'm writing about it now.

It is no secret that Belushi did drugs, but you might not realize the magnitude of his drug use until you read the book. He didn't just do drugs, he did alot of drugs.

His cocaine intake was incredible and the amount of money he spent to maintain his habit was even more incredible. The problem is that the production company that Belushi was contracted under supplied him with the money knowing he would use it to buy drugs. Something there ain't right.

The sad thing is that his death may have been more incredible than his life.

After Belushi died in Hollywood, his body was being flown to Martha's Vineyard where he was to be buried. But his coffin would not fit in the small seven-seater plane so they had to tie his body to the wing. During the flight, the sheet blew off of his body and the book describes the moon shining on his forehead. It paints a pretty pathetic picture.

Nice alliteration, huh? Anyhow, an anonymous person summed up John Belushi's life better than book or movie ever could when he or she left a note on



Ed McGarry

It's a little known fact that ...

Belushi's grave that read: "He could have given us a lot more laughs, but noooooo."

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And now, this week's random, worthless opinions:

I know my column is a waste of time but did the check cashing guy really have to tell me?

Our humor columnist was in a little scuffle this weekend and as far as I'm concerned, that is entertainment.

I like my haircut. And if you have a problem with it at least have the guts to tell me to my face.

I read in the Weekly World News that Jim & Jim are Mickey Dolenz's teenage mutant ninja love-children.

Speaking of which, how do two people with the same first name and no last name get more attention than me?

It's a little known fact that Wes Zahnke writes a humor column.

By the way, whose idea was it to have pictures with these columns?

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Ed McGarry is the Circle's entertainment columnist.

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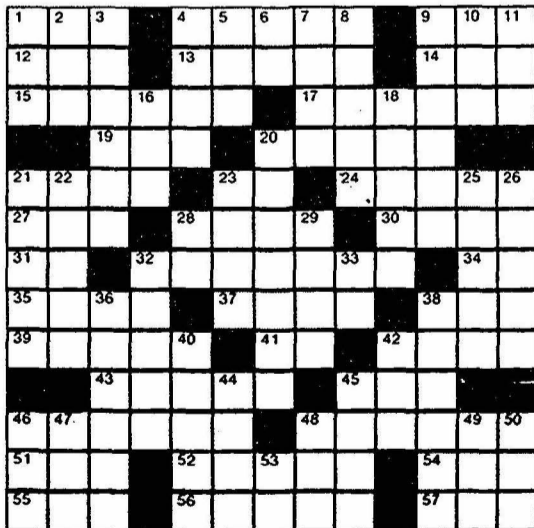
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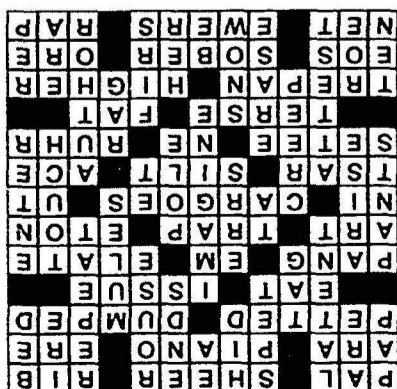


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Syde Wattoff shows off the form that three years of bodybuilding has brought her.

## Bodybuilding

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Wattoff said she knows how tough it is to start.

"For the first three months (of weight training) every single body part ached me," she said.

Wattoff traveled 30 minutes to Kingston where she would work out for two hours everyday. She said she put up with the pain of weight lifting because she wanted to change so badly.

Then she said she began to see changes little by little.

"I noticed a definite improvement in skin tone," Wattoff said, explaining that weightlifting brings natural oils to the

skin's surface and the individual exercises make the skin taut.

Wattoff has become so involved with body building she plans to enter local competitions.

"I'd like to become an incentive for older women," said the mother of two sons — ages 28 and 27. "Your never too old to start.

"You get addicted and it's a positive addiction," Wattoff said. "It gives you a positive attitude about everything else in your life — you can handle more because your less stressed."

## Volleyball wins, suffers injury

by Denise H. Becker

Monday night the Marist women's volleyball team was victorious in its match against Western Connecticut State University but at the same time it suffered a loss.

Early in the first game of the match, senior setter and co-captain, Kerri Reilly, sprained her right ankle and pinched a nerve in her leg and was carried off the court in obvious pain.

Reilly will be out at least a week. Marist defeated WCSU in three straight games, 15-6, 15-4, 15-9. The team's record is 6-3 overall, and 5-0 during regular season play, which coach Victor Vancarpels believes has never before happened.

"Marianne Cenicola did an incredible job stepping in for (Reilly)," said assistant coach Tom Hanna.

Despite the loss of a key player, the team did not dwell on the negative — they pulled themselves together and adjusted, slowly overcoming the confusion.

Also stepping in to help cover the absence of Reilly was sophomore Karen Wiley, who came in to hit on

the weak side and did a great job, according to Hanna.

Last Saturday the team turned in two more strong performances, defeating New York University and Manhattanville College.

This Saturday, the Red Foxes will host Vassar College and Fordham University in a tri-match in the McCann Center.

Against NYU, the Red Foxes were able handle the pressure handed to them, winning in four games — 15-10, 11-15, 15-7, 16-14.

In the second game of the match against NYU, Marist was down 6-0 and struggling, when it started a come-back. The Red Foxes came to

within two points of NYU, only to lose it 15-11.

In game four of the match, NYU jumped out to another early 6-0 lead, but the Red Foxes refused to give up, and were able to come from behind to record the win.

In their second match, Marist pounded Manhattanville College, 15-6, 15-3.

"We had to come from a high level (of play) and adapt," Vancarpels said. "I was pleased to see how evenly keeled we were in both games."

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## Football

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At the start of the fourth quarter, Marist was fighting back.

O'Donnell found wide receiver Steve LoCicero for an 18-yard gain and two plays later — with 13:07 left in the game — the junior quarterback found Dan DelPrete in the endzone for a 14-yard, game-tying touchdown reception. The point-after kick was blocked.

The Marist defense rose on several occasions by intercepting St. Francis on three of its next four possessions.

Greg Chavers came up with two interceptions for the Red Foxes while Merenda and defensive back Bob Mealia each came up with one. However, the Red Foxes failed to convert on these opportunities.

Marist had 88 offensive plays compared to only 54 for the Red Flash.

The Red Foxes' offense also dominated the statistics as it outgained the Red Flash 204-106 and the Red Flash were able to net only 3 yards rushing.

However, St. Francis was able to take advantage of key Marist turnovers to come away with the victory.

Pardy said he was impressed with the performance of the defense.

Pat Kerr was "outstanding" from his linebacker position collecting a fumble recovery, a sack, an interception and six tackles, Pardy said.

Chavers also earned praise from his coach: "He made some big plays for us," said Pardy referring to Chavers' three tackles, three broken up passes and his two key interceptions.

Pardy stresses that the season is far from over for Marist.

"We have a long way to go," said Pardy. "We will be all right — this is part of our learning process."

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## Soccer to return home after tough road trip

by Chris Shea

At the end of a grueling five-game road trip the soccer team can say there's no place like home.

The Red Foxes went 1-3 on the road, with the results of their final road game Tuesday at Adelphi unavailable at press time. Adelphi is the top-ranked team in New York state.

Marist returns home for two non-Northeast Conference games — hosting Oneonta State University on Saturday and Iona College next Wednesday.

The Red Foxes have split the two previous meetings with Iona and have won only two of the six prior matches with Oneonta State.

The three losses the Red Foxes suffered while on the road, however, were all against conference opponents.

As a result, the Red Foxes' conference record has fallen to 2-3 and chances of post-season play are now more difficult, according to Marist coach Dr. Howard Goldman.

"I think we'll probably have to win our last two conference games," he said.

Marist has two conference mat-

ches remaining — both at home. The Red Foxes host St. Francis College (Pa.) on Oct. 13 and Long Island University Oct. 25.

The fact that the season is not even half over yet and that Marist may already be facing some potential must-win games is unfortunate.

This situation can be traced back to an extremely difficult schedule which included four consecutive conference games on the road.

The Red Fox booters have played over two-thirds of their conference schedule and only one game has been at home.

That game was a double-overtime victory over Monmouth College on Sept. 9.

Last Saturday Marist lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Mount St. Mary's.

Brad Heister scored the only goal of the game at 5:45 into the first overtime period.

Goldmann did not try to hide his disappointment back.

"I felt we should have won (the) game," he said.

In playing conditions characterized by cold win and rain, the offensive attacks were closely balanced as Marist barely outshot Mount St. Mary's 12-11.

The heartbreak occurred, though, when Marist failed to capitalize on a penalty shot in overtime which would have tied the game.

Failing to capitalize on offensive opportunities has plagued Marist all year long, according to Goldman.

"We're getting the opportunities," he said. "But we're not finishing off the play and scoring."

The Mount St. Mary's loss was compiled with a 4-2 loss at St. Francis (N.Y.) on Sept. 20.

The loss continued the Red Foxes' winless streak against St. Francis — Marist has never beaten St. Francis in the eight meetings between the two teams.

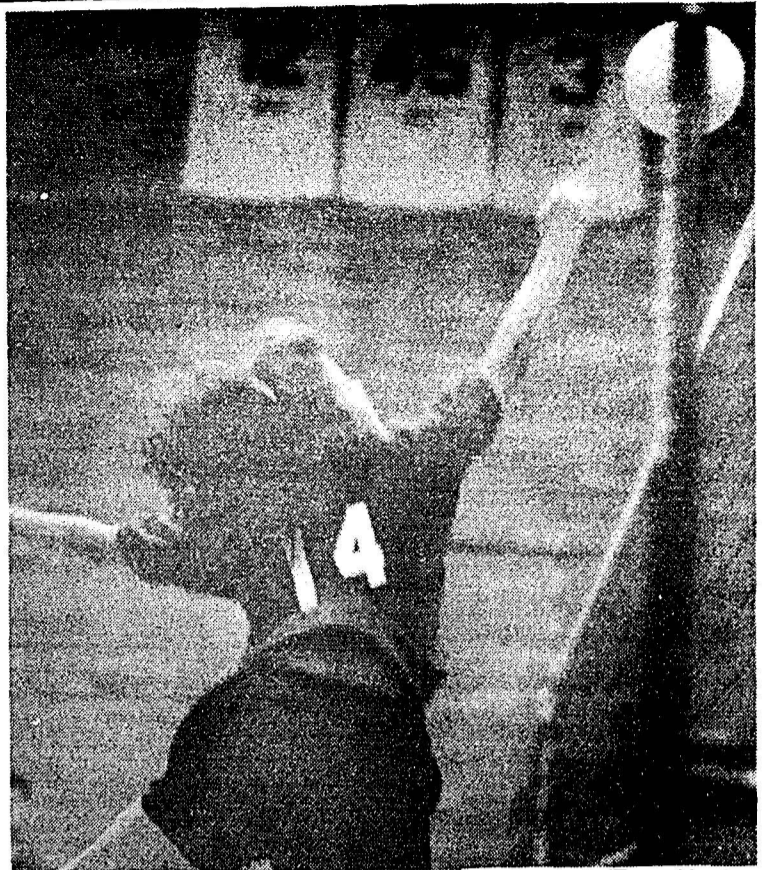
Marist, once again, played respectably but missed scoring chances.

Shawn Scott scored both Marist goals and Greg Healy added an assist.

Scott leads the team in scoring with nine points and has more goals (4) than the rest of the team combined (3).

Health is also starting to become a factor in the season.

Glen McSweeney is currently out with a bruised ankle, and Mark Edwards is listed as questionable.



Circle photo/Tony Uanino  
Marist's Kim Andrews winds up for a spike during last Saturday's tri-match. See story on page 11.

## Gridders post first loss of season

by Mike O'Farrell

The Marist football team will be looking for its third win of the season Friday night as it travels to Madison, N.J. to take on Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The Red Foxes will be trying to avenge a 21-7 loss to the Jersey Devils suffered a year ago. This past Saturday, FDU defeated James Madison 13-7.

After starting the season with two consecutive victories, the Red Foxes suffered their first loss of the season last Saturday at the hands of the St. Francis College (Pa.) Red Flash.

Both teams battled hard in the sloppy conditions — courtesy of Hugo — before St. Francis scored with :39 seconds left to come away with a 12-6 victory.

With two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter and the game tied 6-6, the Red Foxes took possession on their own 10-yard line.

On the second play from scrimmage, quarterback Dan O'Donnell rolled out and threw the ball to an unsuspecting lineman wearing a mud-covered jersey.

In an attempt to escape a penalty, lineman Thomas McKiernan fumbled the ball away and St. Francis recovered the Marist mishap.

Starting from the Marist 5-yard line, the Red Flash scored three plays later.

With the score 12-6, Marist had

one more chance but O'Donnell had a pass intercepted in the remaining few seconds.

"They won the game," said Marist coach Rick Parady. "We didn't play the whole game like we could have."

The Red Foxes had a tough time getting things started at the beginning of the game.

Marist took the opening kickoff and got things started by moving the ball all the way to the St. Francis 21-yard line.

However, O'Donnell was sacked on a third-down play, causing Parady to send in the punt team.

Two possessions later, O'Donnell found tailback Dan McElduff for a 4-yard gain but McElduff had the ball knocked loose and St. Francis came up with the recovery.

The Red Flash wasted no time in making the Red Foxes pay for the turnover.

St. Francis moved the ball 52 yards — all through the air — in only :58 seconds to take a 6-0 lead. The extra-point attempt was blocked by Marist.

The touchdown strike came on a 21-yard pass reception.

"It was a perfect pass and catch," Parady said. "Steve Merenda had great coverage — it was just a perfect play."

The half ended without any other scoring threats and for the second week in a row, the Foxes were trailing at the midway point.

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## Secretary turns to fitness for inspiration

by Debra McGrath

Tucked away in Donnelly Hall is an office that is full of inspiration — the Physical Plant office.

The office handles maintenance problems but that's not where its inspirational qualities lie — the inspiration is a secretary.

Syde Wattoff has worked at Marist for 19 years and has been a serious body builder for the last three.

"I wanted to change for the better," said Wattoff who started the fitness ball rolling 15 years ago by enrolling in a physical education course at Marist.

At the request of the instructor Wattoff started running and embarked on a health kick that is still going strong.

"Before I started running I used to smoke," she said sitting perfectly straight. "I decided I liked running better than smoking and just gave it up."

After 12 years of running Wattoff found a new addiction — weightlifting.

"Bodybuilding turns back the clock, it's the best exercise," said Wattoff.

People who work with Wattoff can attest to the time machine bodybuilding has given her.



Circle photo/Scott Fletcher

Syde Wattoff during one of her daily workouts.

"How would anyone feel to have a secretary that looks like this?" said Jack Shaughnessy, director of the physical plant. "I think it's great."

Wattoff works at her physique everyday but still finds time to help others.

She is the coordinator of an employee fitness program that offers aerobics Monday through Friday afternoons in the dance studio at the McCann Center.

Wattoff said President Den-

nis Murray helps the program tremendously.

"He is an advocate of fitness too, he gives us great incentive to continue the program," she said.

To encourage faculty in a healthy direction Wattoff also sends a weekly fitness newsletter in which she said she gives information on dieting, supplements and exercise and includes a dose of incentive to put it all into perspective.

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## Baseball still has dignity left in season

As the baseball season winds down and teams are clinching their respective divisions, it's comforting to know that some of these games actually mean something.

With the exception of the American League East division, most of the other divisions are — for the most part — clinched.

With only four teams going to the playoffs, it's nice to know that unlike most other sports, the baseball regular season still actually means something.

Keep it that way.

Many people complain that the season is too long — with spring training beginning in February and the World Series ending in October.

The 162 games in between those two events, however, determine who goes to the October showdown.

In other sports — football and hockey for example — the regular season is more of a formality than anything else.

The National Hockey League, in essence, plays all winter to eliminate only the absolute worst team in each division — brilliant.

The league may as well draw the playoff teams from a hat in November and save five or six months of nonsense.

And just think, with the wild-card births in the National Football League, the Pittsburgh Steelers, Dallas Cowboys and New Jersey Jets still have a chance at postseason play.

There is scattered talk of adopting a wild-card system for baseball — naturally backed by the television industry — but baseball's playoff system is fine the way it is. And since only the winners of the



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respective divisions go to the playoffs, the work that is done in spring training is all the more important.

Plus, it gives all the retired old folks in Florida a chance to see what the sport looks like now, seeing as some of them still think the Dodgers are in Brooklyn.

It also gives all the shortstops a chance to get their visas cleared

before the season starts.

One key about the baseball season is that if a team loses a game in the first week of the spring, that could be the difference between first and second place in October. That is also the difference between going or not going to postseason play.

Many fans get all worked up in the last couple of weeks of the season — wondering if their team will make the playoffs (sorry Mets' fans, but I told you so two weeks ago).

On the other hand, although not too many are worried in June what the team's magic number is, the games count just as much.

While we are on the subject of post season play, baseball has tried different plans to work in the designated hitter in a way that would be fair to both leagues.

Maybe Fay Vincent, baseball's new commissioner who succeeded Bart Giamatti following his death Sept. 1, will do the respectable thing and abolish the designated hitter rule in the American League.

Pitchers are part of the game of baseball just as much as anyone else and therefore they should bat.

It's terrible to see the American League pitchers get to the World Series and have to bat for the first time in years.

All they do is walk to the plate, take three swings and walk away — they look so uncoordinated. Get rid of the DH rule and let these guys do that all season.

The structure of the playoffs, though, still allows baseball's regular season to boast its dignity.

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