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## Spill sends six seniors scrambling to Super 8 Saturday

by **MATT MARTIN**  
Features Editor

Marist's recent spell of flooding took a turn for the worse, when the six residents of 75 North Road discovered that their basement had struck oil Saturday morning.

"Just after we received an oil delivery around 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, we noticed a faint gas smell," said Deanna Sapala, a senior from Valley Stream, N.Y. "The smell kept getting worse and worse, so we called security around noon."

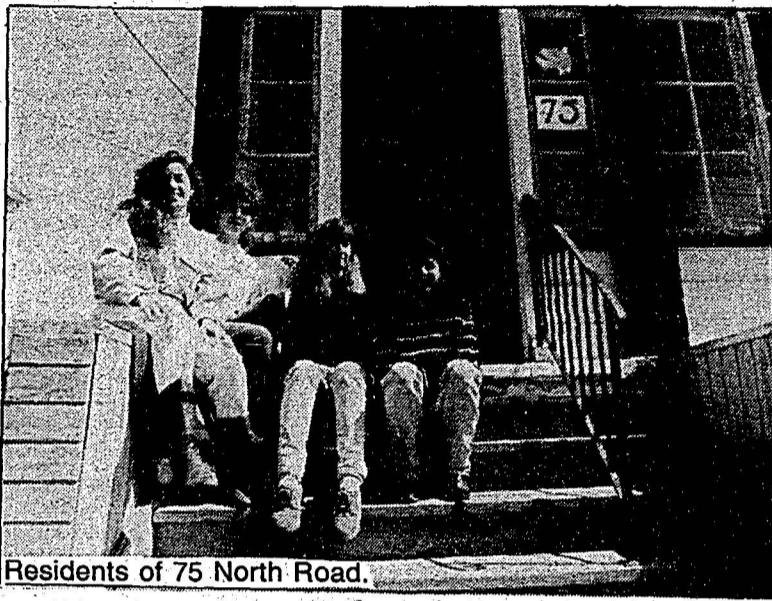
When security arrived a few minutes later, they discovered approximately 200 gallons of home heating oil, covering the basement floor under four inches of petroleum.

"At first, I thought it was funny," said Janine Vitagliano, a senior from Belle Mead, N.J. "But this certainly isn't the way I anticipated ending my senior year."

An inch-long gap in a seam on the left end of the 275 gallon tank had ruptured during the filling, causing the spill to occur.

The group had to be evicted from their house because of the health risks involved, and were offered the basement of Sheahan, as well as the rest of the freshmen dorms, or Canterbury, as accommodations as long as they split up, they were told by housing officials.

"Our goal is to stay in this



Residents of 75 North Road.

house," said Vitagliano. "So, we weren't happy with that outcome."

Looking for relief, Vitagliano and two of her housemates went to talk to President Dennis Murray, then speaking to the incoming freshmen at an open house at the McCann Center.

"He was extremely helpful," Vitagliano said. "He told us that we could be wherever we wanted, and even informed us that we could call him at home if we needed anything."

"When we returned to the house, all the RD's were there, but everything changed when they knew we talked to President Mur-

ray," said Vitagliano.

In the meantime, the displaced students moved into their new home, the Super 8 in Hyde Park.

"We had piles of stuff, and people just looked at us so weird," said Vitagliano.

"We were told to keep all our receipts," said Sapala. "They offered to pay for everything from our dry cleaning to our phone bills."

"They helped us pack, and gave us \$60 from housing's petty cash to help us get started. A guy from maintenance even brought us cookies, because he knew we didn't have any food," she said.

A heavy gas smell still wafted from the house Monday, as four of the students met with Jim Raimo, director of housing; Beth Ruppenthal, North End resident director; and Steve Sansola, assistant dean of students, inside the house to decide what would happen next.

"If it had happened six weeks from now," said Raimo. "We wouldn't have had a problem."

"These houses are scheduled to be taken down in a month or so for the widening of Route 9," said Marty Quick, a Marist carpenter. "That's if they don't fall down first."

"Most of the oil was soaked up by the quick dry," said Joe Lofaro, a Marist maintenance worker. "The rest was soaked up by the wood."

"They'll have this smell till the end," said Quick, as he cleared away some of the rotted wood with-

a baseball bat. "It's a real mess."

The total cost for repairs and reimbursements won't be known until all the bills are collected, but in the meantime, the oil tank will be replaced by a temporary one to last until graduation.

"We're still waiting to see if insurance will cover the costs," said Sansola.

"It's no one's fault," said Laura Cooney, a senior from Thiells, N.Y. "Hopefully, we'll be able to move back in."

"We're coming back," said Vitagliano. "As long as it's healthy."

The group will live at the Super 8 until Easter break, and hopefully move back in after the break in cleaner conditions.

"We've always imagined being here for senior week," said Sapala.

Matt Martin, photography



## NYS Senate aims at arming security - Marist opposed

by **PATRICIA FARRELL**  
Staff Writer

Although a New York State Senate panel has recommended new proposals which would grant college security officers the authority to carry weapons on campus, Joe Leary, the director of safety and security at Marist, said he is opposed to the idea.

"I do not believe officers should have guns; they are not needed here," said Leary. He added that at larger institutions guns may be necessary, but not at Marist. "Your approach to a situation when you're armed and when you're not armed is very different," said Leary.

The Senate Majority Task Force on Campus Security, chaired by

Sen. Steve Saland, a Republican-Conservative from Poughkeepsie, has recently made recommendations for making public and private college campuses safer.

Leary said that guns tend to create a certain "mentality" among officers, and whether one realizes it or not, guns give someone the power to kill, which he does not want on his campus.

"We have the type of people here that I like in this business," Leary said. "You can talk to one of our people who are retired police officers and they will tell you they do not want to carry a gun."

Students agree: "I think it's kind of dangerous, actually, because if they have a weapon they (security officers) would tend to use them," said Greg Cannito, a 20-year-old political science major from

Cromwell, Conn.

A "police" mentality, according to Leary, is aggressive, while college security guards are typically pro-active and work with a high visibility towards crime.

The Senate proposal, known as The Security Information Act for Institutions of Higher Education, will take 1 to 2 years before it goes into effect - if at all.

At the nationwide Seventh Annual Conference on Campus Crime, held on Feb. 3-5, the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act, a federal law, was discussed. Under this law, colleges are mandated to publish statistics on certain crimes including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft.

Adding to the question of arming security officers at Marist,

Leary explained that the "validity of numbers" was questioned at the conference because Marist had almost 3 times the number of burglaries as larger schools such as Notre Dame; In 1991, Notre Dame reported 11 burglaries while Marist reports indicated 28.

Nationwide, there is less crime on college campuses than in their surrounding communities, Leary said. While Marist has been fortunate in not having violent crimes, Leary maintains that students and members of the Marist community need to think "safety" and be reminded that crimes can happen.

"I believe Marist is relatively safe and a whole lot lucky. We are blessed with a good police depart-

ment which will give us backing whenever we need it," Leary said. "However, I don't know of such a thing as a completely safe campus," adding that, "because we haven't had any violent crimes it doesn't mean it couldn't happen tomorrow."

Currently, Marist Security provides 2 outside officers and 1 supervisor for each shift, as well as 2 building guards and 4 dormitory guards, according to Leary.

In addition, a service is provided by the security office which escorts individuals throughout campus. However, Leary said that the service is rarely requested because either the Marist community is unaware of it altogether, or would rather not ask to be escorted.

## New program may alleviate financial woes

by **DOMINICK E. FONTANA**  
Senior Editor

College students and college-bound seniors may find they could be eligible for a loan payment plan, thanks to President Clinton's education proposals.

Last month at Rutgers University, the president said he wanted to spend \$7.4 billion to finance a national-service plan over the next four years, calling for students to perform community service in exchange for earning credit to pay for college or job training.

Local Mid-Hudson colleges were interested to find the federal government was willing to help young adults pay for their loans, and give students good work experience.

President Clinton's program will serve only a small number of the average five million students who receive college financial aid each year.

According to local financial aid authorities, the national program will probably start out to fund for approximately 20,000 service positions beginning in 1994,

but could reach 100,000 by 1997. Recently, the projected loans for each eligible student was about \$15,000, decreasing \$10,000 since January, due to budget cuts.

Some of the community service tasks would be tutoring younger students, working in public clinics, serving on police forces, maintaining and cleaning neighborhoods, and working with senior citizens. College-bound students could perform these services before, during and after they attend college.

David Stacey, the College of Mount Saint Mary's financial aid director, said the community service reimbursement plan is nothing new to the institution.

"We already have this type of program in place and it seems to work very well," Stacey said. "It's now called the Perkins Loan, but it's on a smaller scale."

The Perkins loan is a direct loan administered by many colleges where the amount varies according to the need of the student. The loan has the lowest interest rate a student can receive - 5 percent.

Each college gets a certain amount of money based on need. Under the federal

government, students with the Perkins loan don't have to pay anything while in school. Payments start six months after the student graduates from college, having about 10 years to finish paying.

Students may join the military, the Peace Corps, or teach in schools with disadvantaged students, according to Stacey.

He also said President Clinton should "expand" on the current financial aid program which came into effect last summer - it would help instead of creating more paperwork and problems with an entirely new proposal.

"I think there should be more (money) in the Perkins Loan program because it would save the (federal government) money, and it would be easier to run," Stacey said.

Christine McCormick, the Marist College financial aid director, said according to the proposal, a student could receive as low as 20 percent "forgiveness" on an annual loan, up to 60 percent, through a voucher or credit system. But she said the proposal has rough edges to be smoothed out.

"The student wouldn't have the greatest paying job, but it would pay for the loan,"

McCormick said. "It's a great idea, but the loaning plan must be developed more."

Marist cancelled its community service reimbursement plan due to cutbacks two years ago. Harry Wood, the vice president for admissions and enrollment planning, said he hopes the national-service proposal follows through because it makes sense.

"I think it (the national-service) is consistent with Marist's philosophy of serving the community," Wood said. "It's certainly up to par with the college's goals and objectives."

Wood added that anything the federal government has done to help students pay their tuition costs is good, but the federal programs haven't kept up with the costs of higher education.

Authorities in financial aid also understand that President Clinton's plan is only a proposal, and has not been issued or approved in Congress.

Dan Sistarenik, the financial aid administrator of the State University of New York at New Paltz, said students who want to participate in this program should contact their congressman about the proposal.

# Turtles deliver corny fun in third installment

by JENNIFER GIANDALONE

Don't laugh. Yes, I did spend part of my Saturday afternoon watching "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III." Hey, I didn't have to pay for it. I wasn't in the mood for the new releases like "The Crush" or "Jack the Bear." Sometimes you just want to see something pointless and stupid which doesn't require a lot of thinking. I certainly got what I was looking for in this movie.

Stuart Gillard directs Leonardo, Michaelangelo, Donatello and Raphael in this second sequel, where the plot is a little stronger than the ones of the first two movies. In a movie like this, however, too much or too complicated of a storyline causes the audience to lose interest. When the turtles are off the screen, the film slows down quite a bit. I found myself, along with every kid in the theater, waiting for the fight scenes to begin. Gillard tried to make the film more mature, and in the process, hurt it in the long run.

This time around, the turtles travel back

to feudal Japan in the year 1603 with their friend April O'Neil (Paige Turco) using a magic scepter that she bought at a flea market. Once in Japan, the turtles have to save April from being executed as a witch



## The Reel Story

Jennifer Giandalone

and help rebel villagers defeat the evil Lord Norinaga, who is being supplied guns from English pirates.

Will kids understand this? Probably not. They also won't understand that the Japanese think the turtles are demons from

their past who have come back to destroy them. It's safe to say that this is somewhat more involved than the first two movies, when the only person the turtles fought was Shredder, who wanted to take over the world. Sometimes the simpler the plot, the better.

Of course Splinter is here, and as the turtles' mentor, adds wisdom to the film (what little there is). Some of this must be rubbing off on the turtles because Raphael warns a child about the dangers of violence. Underneath it all, there is a message. I guess the turtles are growing up.

But, the stupidity is still there. The turtles are full of wise cracks and give plenty of "wet willys." There are also a good deal of references to other movies: "Wayne's World," "Backdraft," and "The Addams Family," just to name a few. Oh, yes, and anyone who has seen any of these turtle movies can't forget the silly dances and obsession with pizza.

Finally, Gillard threw in Casey Jones

(Elias Koteas, "Look Who's Talking Too," and the original "Turtles") for a small part. He is in about as many scenes as Splinter, and the most we see him do is try to teach hockey to four Japanese soldiers. It's not very important, but it's good for a laugh for both adults and kids.

Corey Feldman ("The Lost Boys," "License to Drive" is back as the voice of Donatello after being banned by New Line Cinema from "Turtles II" because of drug use. I think New Line was looking for a big name for the voice of one of their screen heroes and decided to give Feldman another chance. Who knows who we will hear if there is another sequel.

So, this review is for anyone who saw the original movie and anyone who knows young children who like the turtles. If you liked the first film, you will probably like this one. The best parts are the fight scenes and you don't have to pay any attention to the plot. "Turtles III" may make you laugh even though most of the humor is really corny.

# Fans treated to Crowes bell-bottoms and bulb lights

by DANA BUONICONTI

Underneath the magic of multi-colored bulb lights, those in attendance at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center last Thursday were whisked away to a time and place called the '70s.

"We are the Black Crowes," shouted singer and whirling dervish Chris Robinson, as his band tore into the opening chords of "No Speak No Slave," off their latest

album, "The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion."

In front of the sold-out Poughkeepsie crowd, the Crowes proved that raw rock and roll is definitely alive and well, and wearing bell-bottoms. Fashion aside, however, their spicy Southern style made for a killer concert.

With a background of changing tapestries that included a large photograph of Leon Russell, as well as a huge green pot leaf sur-

rounded by the words "No Narcs" (most likely in response to an altercation with narcs at a recent Crowes show), the Crowes played nearly all the songs from "Southern Harmony," and a handful from their debut, "Shake Your Money Maker."

One of the most exhilarating moments of the night was the rather lengthy version of "Thorn In My Pride," which was preceded by a blues jam that started off very mellow, but gradually built up

to a smoking climax with the band at full-tilt.

"Hard To Handle" and "Twice As Hard," from "Money Maker," seemed to have a renewed freshness to them, as did the last song before the encore, "Stare It Cold," which broke down into a great version of Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds."

The pairing of "Hotel Illness" and "My Morning Song," along with an encore of "Jealous Again" and "Remedy," which Robinson introduced as "a song called 'On The Good Ship Lollipop,'" were the high-points of the show.

Robinson wasn't much on speaking to the crowd, except for the usual "thank you very very much," but he made up for it with

his frantic hippie dancing and constant energy, which encouraged the fans to do a lot of dancing of their own.

Marc Ford's stinging lead guitar complemented Rich Robinson's super-loud rhythm playing very well, bassist Johnny Colt and drummer Steve Gorman provided an air-tight foundation, and Ed Hawrysch tickled the ivories. Gorman, in particular, was extremely impressive, and wore a lovely suit.

As a friend keeps telling me, the Black Crowes are destined to become the biggest band in the world. If they continue playing and performing like they did last week, epitomizing the true spirit of rock and roll, he may be right.

# Getting it right this time

by KRAIG DeMATTEIS

Well, I am a happy camper this week; no need to say why. I will not rub it in, but I would like to say that Hollywood finally paid respect where respect was due. Clint Eastwood made 32 movies, acting and directing, but never won an Oscar. He has finally become a respected icon in American culture.

Out of the 23 categories, 13 of them I predicted. If you do not count the documentaries, live action short, and animated film categories, which I picked as they announced each nomination, that drops down to 13 out of 19. Not bad for an amateur, if I may say.

Now, the two problems I had with Oscar about which none of you will probably care. Maybe some of you heard a lone, painful cry of agony that night, but "The East of the Mohicans" should not of won ANYTHING, no matter how minor the award is. Best Sound?! Of what, guns being fired? Wow, how did they ever do that? They are surely amazing!

And what is with the Academy awarding simple art designs for Best Art Direction. I picked "Bram Stoker's Dracula." "Toys" even had a better chance; at least it was different and creative. But "Howards End?" It's a room! They drew it, they built it, enough said!

Billy Crystal once again provided laughs for the audience in his monologue and song parody, especially the jokes involving "The Crying Game" and Jack Palance. However, Crystal was not as great as in previous years. Though nothing can top last year's performance, he is still a great comedian and host.

Well, enough with the overview, let me get on with my own awards.

The nominees are: Coca-Cola, Doritos, and Charlie Perfume. The envelope please: A close one, but Doritos wins as the Most Annoying Commercial of the evening.

Two words to Liza Minelli: Lip Synch. "Putting on the Hits" had better contestants. A word of advice: pay attention to the song and not to the audience next time.

The Nicest Moment: Gene Hackman dedicating his Oscar to his Uncle Oren. Who? I do not know, but it was nice.

Most Touching Moment: Clint Eastwood brought his mom to the awards and dedicated his Best Director Oscar to her.

King and Queen of Hair Don't: Tom Hanks and Andie MacDowell. What was she thinking? This is the 90's, honey, the 20's are gone.

The Actor to Come Dressed as His Character Award: Robert Downey Jr. Talk about method acting, this guy must have gotten a little too involved.

Greatest Feeling Moment: Tied-Al Pacino and Clint Eastwood winning, and their speeches afterward.

Most Annoying Presenter: sorry girls, Richard Gere and his China tirade. I wonder if Cindy Crawford has to put up with that everyday.

Most Annoying Winner: the lady who won the Best Documentary Feature award with her Panama speech nobody cared about.

Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins, with their Haitians speech not 10 minutes into the program, plus the other two above make me sick with their political views that have to ruin a good time. The Academy is for awards, not a soapbox for these people to stand on. Do not waste my time, nor anyone else's for that matter. We do not need your sickening babble.

Well, on that lovely note, let me remind everyone that the Academy of Arts and Sciences is not and will never be an exact account of who is the best in Hollywood since most of the members do not even bother filling out the ballots. I read once that the late Henry Fonda gave his wife the ballot to fill out, who in turn let James Garner's wife do it.

So if your favorite actor or actress did not win, there is always next year. And if they did win, then they deserved it. It was a tough contest this year with some strong contenders, but as long as Clint won, I'm satisfied.

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# Some faculty: diversity can fight intolerance

by CAROLINE JONAH  
Staff Writer

In response to such recent topics as gays in the military and condoms on campus, some members of the Marist College faculty agree that intolerance is still a problem for Marist.

"Our student body is not tolerant enough at this point," said Joanne Myers, professor of political science.

Myers contributes this intolerance to several different factors.

"We don't deal with sexuality very well at all," she said. "We are still very steeped in the Catholic tradition."

Myers said before you could offer a course in homosexuality and attempt to curb intolerance, you have to ask who the school is "serving" and who would take it.

"Catholic tradition is not all ac-

cepting of differences," Myers said. "Most of our student population has been brought up in the Catholic tradition and this has never entered into their consciousness. The question is how do we enter this into their consciousness?"

**"You want condoms on campus? OK, but only with mandatory AIDS education."**

Bro. Joseph Belanger

At Vassar College there is both a Women Studies Program and an Intercultural Center. At City University there is a center for Gay and Lesbian Studies, Myers said.

According to Myers, society is also a factor contributing to intolerance and homophobia.

"Homosexuality is something that is not discussed in society," Myers said. "Marist is a reflection of society."

Finally, Myers said peer pressure was also a factor in fighting intolerance at Marist College.

"Everybody wants to belong and they don't want to be seen as the other," she said. "When you're the other, you have less status, less rights."

Myers said one example of peer pressure is labeling.

"At Marist, to be a feminist is to be a lesbian," she said.

Father Luke McCann, the college chaplain, disagrees with assertions that there is a large degree of intolerance on campus.

"I don't think there's a (tolerance) problem here on campus," he said.

Father McCann also said the introduction of homosexual and lesbian specific classes were "out of my sphere."

"I take care of issues of the soul," he said.

Brother Joseph Belanger attributes intolerance to lack of a "global" teaching method.

"Intolerance is a real lack of global perspective," he said. "Marist College is not a global campus. The curriculum is not global."

Brother Belanger said college students, especially those in the Northeast and language students, are more tolerant, but intolerance still exists.

"There is some intolerance," Brother Belanger said. "Human nature doesn't like anything different—whether it's gay or black."

A core requiring global studies would decrease intolerance because of the "infusion of new ideas" and diversity, Brother Belanger said.

"The more diversity you have, the greater potential for progress," he said. "If you want a course (on

homosexuality) that would not be a bad idea, but it's too narrow a solution. The broader solution is global education to put people in contact."

Another reason for intolerance, Brother Belanger said, was economics and the competition businesses face from abroad.

"You need change and a broadening idea base," Brother Belanger said. "You need variety and to get new people for better thinking and more progress."

He also said the key to curing intolerance and other problems was education.

"You want condoms on campus?" Brother Belanger said. "Okay, but only with mandatory AIDS education."

Brother Belanger said he disagrees with Dennis J. Murray, Marist College President, who Belanger says thinks condoms on campus would hurt the school's im-

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## DeFelice's book a gripping tale character-based techno-thriller

by PETER DONALDSON  
Staff Writer

Ex-CIA agent Michael O'Connell was kicked out of the agency for helping Pakistan build three nuclear bombers that were virtually invisible to radar.

Now, the CIA needs his help to find the bombers and prevent a nuclear war between India and Pakistan.

This gripping adventure is the scenario of Jim DeFelice's new techno-thriller, "War Breaker", which is due out in hardcover this July.

DeFelice, an adjunct professor of communication arts, said the main thing that inspired him to write his second book was the intrigue of its characters — especially the book's main character, Michael O'Connell.

"The whole book is his way of redeeming himself for past sins, and that's what got me into the book," DeFelice said. "It's about responsibility."

Although his book contains a lot of technical terms dealing with super-airplanes and computers, DeFelice said his stories are primarily character-based.

"People are the real attractions," he said.

He takes pride in the fact that his characters are "full-blooded, real, actual people" that the reader can

get emotionally attached to.

DeFelice jokes about how his copy editor, in reading an episode where one character puts out a cigarette on top of a bureau, wrote him this long note about why that character would never do that.

"At that point, it's kind of wild because you've created something that, to someone else, is like a real person," he said. For DeFelice, the process of writing a book is one long and involved discovery process.

**"The whole book is his way of redeeming himself for past sins. It's about responsibility."**

Jim DeFelice,  
author

He thinks about ideas, focussing on certain characters. He thinks about it, formulates it, lets it percolate and then comes up with a scenario.

All this creative imagination is just the first step in a year-long process.

If the proposed scenario is accepted, he arranges a chapter to chapter outline and then starts writing.

"You have to try it out first to make sure that, six months down the road, you've got an ending,"

DeFelice said.

DeFelice's first book, "Coyote Bird", was released last year and in addition to receiving rave reviews from the New York Times Spies and Thrillers section, an excerpt from the book was printed in the Fall '92 edition of Marist's Alumni News.

Following in the genre of the techno-thriller, "Coyote Bird" takes place in the near future and involves aerial dogfights between Japanese and American superplanes.

The book, now available in softcover, can be found in most book stores.

DeFelice realizes that many writers never get this far and admits that the feeling of having his first book published is sweet.

"Walking into a bookstore and seeing cardboard displays of your books is like cool," he said.

As one might expect, DeFelice likes the work of author Tom Clancy (Hunt For Red October, Patriot Games) even though he does not get ideas from him, because Clancy does "sea stuff."

Apparently, this writer of air-combat doesn't mind "sea stuff" because his favorite author is Herman Melville.

DeFelice remembered reading "Moby Dick" and said he loved it. "Boats are cool, and the whale's kinda neat," he said.

Although his main goal is to continue writing books, DeFelice enjoys teaching journalism and is still active in the field.

Aside from his journalism classes at Marist, he was executive editor for Taconic Newspapers for three years and currently writes a political column for them.

## Come May, Marist to open center to laid off workers

by KRISTINA WELLS  
Staff Writer

Marist is working toward establishing new programs that will help displaced workers from the Hudson Valley area find new career plans or enhance their existing degrees.

Marist will open a retraining center for laid off professionals at the Fishkill Extension Center in the Dutchess Mall. Classes will begin in May.

Marc vanderHeyden, vice president of Academic Affairs, said the center is a necessity because of the loss of jobs at IBM, Osram, General Motors and other companies in the Mid-Hudson region.

"We intend to provide training options that will help people to take advantage of new career opportunities," he said.

The center, part of the college's School of Adult Education, will offer a series of non-credit certificate programs beginning in May and continuing through August.

The courses are in sales, consulting, microcomputer competency, real estate sales (the New York State qualifying course), starting your own business, and a series of seminars on how to manage the transition process.

Eleanor Charwat, director of Adult Education, said these courses will help professionals to find new options for a career.

"These courses are geared toward exploring new career options for displaced workers," she said. "The idea is to give these professionals new skills toward different career options."

Charwat said these courses are for people who already have either a two-year or four-year degree but want to try something new.

"There are a number of IBM engineers who are interested in the paralegal and Certified Public Accountant programs. These are courses for professionals who want to learn something new, but don't need credit toward a degree," she said.

In the future, the college will consider offering graduate certificate programs in such areas as teaching and instructional media.

Course offerings being planned for the fall include new certificate programs for computer programming in C++ computer language, and computer networking.

In addition to the Retraining Program, Marist recently announced its intentions to open a Center for Graduate and Professional Education in Goshen, N.Y.

The center will offer graduate courses leading to master's degrees in public administration, business administration, computer science with a concentration in information systems, and upper-level graduate courses leading toward a bachelor's degree.

Dennis Murray, Marist College president, said this decision to open an extension in Orange County reflects the institution's commitment to the people of the Hudson Valley and the new businesses in the area.



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## SGA revamps constitution

by TOM BECKER  
Staff Writer

In a session last Thursday, various members, headed by Student Body President Nella Licari, discussed grammatical errors and title changes within the SGA constitution.

The group discussed the option of changing the titles of the appointed vice-presidencies to secretary positions.

The result: vice-president would look better on a resume than the title secretary.

The Executive Vice-President was instead changed to Vice-President of the student body.

The motion to change the office to an elected position was defeated under the notion that the president would know who best could serve their policies.

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## THIS SPACE FOR RENT

Inquire within

## So what's up?

Maybe because Spring is the time for change, maybe because for one reason or another alums have been drifting through in the past few weeks, or maybe with Clinton in the White House and Yeltsin hanging on in the Kremlin, they've got nothing better to speculate about, but the question of the moment seems to be:

*So what's up with D.J.?*

There's been a substantial amount of talk recently about the future of Marist College. Intertwined with all this chat comes questions about President Dennis J. Murray Jr.

Alumni who were around when he was relatively new to the job realize how much Murray has accomplished and is accomplishing. Murray equals Marist, they say, and that leads to a case of the 'what ifs' — especially, what if he leaves.

But he's given the Marist community no indications he's ready to bolt. Perhaps it's time some of our former best and brightest should look around and take a realistic look at the situation.

Marist is about to become Construction Land—where the hard hats roam and gray squirrels frolic among heavy equipment, where never is heard a delayed opening word and the Hudson reeks of environmental degradation all day.

Tune your ears into some of these talks concerning Marist's future and one can hear some astonishing predictions.

Murray came to Marist College 14 years ago, back in 1979 when the word college wasn't an integral part of most of our vocabularies yet.

Since his arrival, he's accomplished quite a bit here at Harvard on the Hudson. Quite a few people are even willing to go out on a limb and say he's done an OK job, too.

They point out that admissions have increased (so has tuition, but that's another story).

In fact, there is a more nationwide push for admissions now as Marist reaches out across the country for different students.

Overall, the academic programs here have improved and don't forget the new buildings. The campus is in the midst of expansion with the new townhouses under construction and the new dorm slowly preparing to slink its way off the architect's drawings.

On paper, it looks like Murray has almost finished building a college.

So what now, Mr. Construction?

Some of the illustrious alums think he's going to be leaving us in the next few years to run for a political office or perhaps an appointed position in government.

Several Marist graduates expressed this opinion while visiting during Open House this past weekend.

While Murray was in McCann addressing would-be freshmen and their parents with words about Marist's future, some former students were wandering about the campus wondering about his future.

He's done all he said he'd do, they said.

He's finished here, they said.

What's left for him to do, they asked.

What, indeed?

Aside from the day-to-day job of sitting in his big office high atop Greystone Palace, there are a few things left for the captain of this ship. (Hint, hint, the students would like to have a library to replace that bookcloset attached to Fontaine Hall.)

But mere construction is not the only item on the agenda in Marist's future.

Marist is on the verge of breaking into the big time. While the economy of this area dwindles because of IBM's woes, Marist has the unique possibility of remaining and growing into a position of economic stability in the community.

It's too soon to be talking of his "imminent" departure. The play's only half over, folks.

Sure, in terms of physical expansion, this campus is almost complete.

But there's still so much left to do. This school is on the rise and don't think for one second that our star would miss the climactic acts.

He just loves curtain calls.

## Thumbs up

There was good news for the Marist community late Monday afternoon.

At 2:45 p.m. the state budget was adopted.

Gov. Mario Cuomo's proposal to cut \$30 million in TAP money was not in that budget.

So now Marist can breathe a sigh of semi-relief.

According to Ed Hynes in College Relations, this is a credit to the "grass roots" work done by so many including Marist students.

The phone-calling and letter-writing campaigns organized by SGA and the Financial Aid Office were a part of this success.

However, other cuts were made. The \$3 million cut in Bundy Aid means approximately a \$30,000 loss for Marist.

Still, the role played by students in this campaign to persuade the state not to slash necessary funds should not go unnoticed.

They acted when called upon and achieved partial and noteworthy results.

Everyone who lent their words to this campaign, give yourselves a pat on the back.

## Wonderful Washington

As the political columnist for a small college newspaper, one never finds an opportunity to contact federal departments in Washington, D.C.; however, this columnist did out of curiosity.

My curiosity was definitely satisfied. I am completely convinced the federal bureaucracy is composed of a significant number of idiots who are skilled in the art of making you "hold the telephone line" until they connect you to the right person who has the information you require.

Over the course of the week, I decided I would contact approximately five Washington agencies to seek out some information for a personal project of great magnitude.

I soon found myself calling a number of long-winded and bureaucratic-sounding Washington agencies, in hopes of finding a study and some information for a project.

Before you could say "red tape," in each of the five organizations I contacted I was transferred at least three times and told to hold for so long I could have gone to the bathroom, brushed my teeth and balanced my checkbook and still had time to shower and shave.

The most appealing part of the process is dealing with the public affairs people who want to transfer you to a statistics department who, in turn, want to transfer you to the commissioner for no-nothingness and the chairman of stupidity and the counselor for turning people away.

And God is the only one who could ever get through to Washington on a Monday or a Friday. I never dreamed you could hold office hours like they do in Washington. It must be great to go into work about 10 a.m. have a coffee break about 10:30 a.m. have lunch at 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. and then leave the office around 4 p.m.

Nobody works like they do in Washington. I have found my dream job. A job where you never have to listen to a nasty telephone conversation, you can transfer calls you should deal with to departments that do not have the right information and you work about four hours a day. What more could one hope for in a career?

In the end, I never did really find the information I needed. No one in each of the statistical departments or in the public affairs departments seemed to know about any studies done on any of the topics I mentioned, nor did they know who I should call and when they would be there and what I should ask for and how I should ask.

Ah, Washington — that great town where everyone wants to appear they know exactly what they are talking about and if they do not they will sure make the effort to make you feel like they know what the hell they are talking about and why they are talking about it.

### Politics in Hollywood

Over the weekend, I saw the new motion picture, *Born Yesterday*, starring Don Johnson, Melanie Griffith and John Goodman. Although the movie was not exceptional, it gave some insight towards the world of Washington politics.

Griffith stars as a stupid Las Vegas showgirl involved with a less-than-respectable gentleman, John Goodman. Don Johnson gives his off-screen wife some lessons on smartness, or at least how to fake to be smart in Washington.

During a party, after Melanie has just dropped the Verner Amendment line, the camera pans over the crowd and stops on a group of three men discussing politics.

One of them says to the other, "We could get out of this mess if the U.N. would just adopt the Verner Amendment to Resolution 113."

### The wild and wacky U.S. government

So there you have it, that is our government at its most absurd. You probably would not own a television if you lived in D.C. Watching the federal government in action is all the fun you need.

Makes you wonder when certain politicians say they will streamline government operations and cut back bureaucracy. You do realize that to cut back excess government

in Washington they have to hire about 100 new employees to study the problem and then create an agency for the end of government excess to analyze the graphs and charts and propose cuts.



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Then, of course, you need to hire statisticians to figure out the most opportune moment when the sun and moon are aligned and the Red Sea parts and hell freezes over to hire or fire those excess government workers.

By the time several years goes by and people forget a prominent politician promise to reduce government waste, he has already managed to bloat the bureaucracy more.

Nothing like American government and politics to make you a positive and cheerful soul. No cynicism here, just plain idealism for me.

Washington seems to be one big gaping hole, a money pit that sucks down taxpayers money and spits back pages upon pages of paperwork designed to make the average person on the street believe his tax dollars are actually at work and getting him somewhere.

What we have now in Washington will not help you, they will wind up transferring you to "someone who would know that information."

Maybe I just expected too much, I do have a tendency to forget that wrangling information out of Washington is similar to trying to get blood out of stone. It will amuse you and frustrate you for awhile, but it never quite works out in the long run.

That long run is made longer by the Washington treadmill that helps you go round and round, making you feel like you have just exercised. However, it is about as healthy as a chocolate glazed donut.

Aaron Ward is the political columnist for *The Circle*.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Understand abortion

## Editor:

This is in response to a letter published in the April 1 edition of *The Circle*. Mr. Joseph Valley expressed his displeasure with the Clinton administration's reversal of policy regarding the governmental distribution of abortion information at family planning clinics.

Mr. Valley, the pro-life argument is very strong and one-sided indeed. One's moral obligation to God is one of the noblest pursuits anyone can engage in, and is one of the more overall fulfilling activities.

As you so clearly pointed out, Mr. Clinton appears to be of a very fine Catholic upbringing. He clearly has reverence toward the Almighty, and instead of weakening his position with God by allowing people to be informed about abortion, I believe he strengthened it.

To disallow someone the option of abortion through ignorance of

it is an ancient tactic of human control and should not be practiced in this age of information. Can the knowledge of abortion be a sin in itself? I think not. Most of us know something about it, yet I do not see punishment on as Godly a scale as you would suggest.

Instead, may I suggest an alternative to your damnation of our beloved president? I suggest, if pro-life is your stance and Clinton is your beezlebub, you use Satan's own information against him.

Instead of attempting to damn everyone with ignorance, bless us with some knowledge of abortion: the facts involved, not blinding ignorance. Convince us that abortion is not an option, as the other side may or may not try to convince us that it is.

Chris Berinato, Freshman

## Alumni to help seniors

## Editor:

The class of 1993 is no doubt concerned about that first job. But, there is hope and a lot of help out there if we simply keep our eyes open. The mid-Hudson chapter of the Marist College Alumni Association and senior class representatives are planning an event that can help us in our job search. Alumni are willing to share career advice and provide us with possible networking opportunities.

This event, a buffet brunch, will be on Sun., April 25, from noon to 3 p.m. at the River Station restaurant, 25 Main St., Poughkeepsie. The cost is \$12.95 per person and reservations are required. (Space is limited.)

There will be table in Donnelly and Dyson Halls on Fri., April 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to make reservations. If you are not going to be on campus that day, you may

mail or drop off your check to the Alumni Affairs Office in Adrian Hall (across from Donnelly.)

Upon graduation, the class of 1993 should consider continued involvement with Marist by becoming active in their chapter of the Alumni Association. Membership allows for the continuation of relationships formed at Marist, broadens networking opportunities and provides a connection with your alma mater.

If you have any questions regarding the brunch, please call the office of Alumni Affairs at 575-3283. I hope to see many of my classmates there. I know this will be a great way to meet influential alumni who are willing to help us in any way they can.

Janine Vitagliano  
Intern for Alumni Affairs

## Positions open

## Editor:

I am writing this letter to inform the Marist College student body of two positions that are currently available in student government. The two positions are vice-president for academics and parliamentarian.

The vice-president for academics is responsible for chairing the Student Academic Council meetings and is also the student representative on the Academic Advisory Committee.

The parliamentarian is primarily

responsible for insuring that parliamentary rules are followed in the Executive Board and Senate meetings.

Applications are available in the Student Government Office between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are due by April 15, 1993, at 4 p.m.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at x2206. Thank you.

Kent Rinehart  
Student Body President-Elect

## Salvayon's home is in Queens

## Editor:

Just a short note to correct a few errors which appeared in the last issue of *The Circle*. Specifically in the article entitled, "SGA in Disarray Again."

I will not address all of the false statements and insinuations contained in the article regarding the Spring 1993 SGA Elections. Should you seek to clarify and/or correct these statements, both myself and the official reports on the matters are available to you.

To the point: the three errors I am most concerned with are as follows.

1. The correct spelling of my last name is Salvayon.

2. I am a double major in Communication Arts-Public Address and Rhetorical Theory and Political Science.

3. This error is where I have my biggest beef. For the record, I'd like to make it perfectly clear I am not from Poughkeepsie. I am what is called a non-traditional commuter. That is to say, I live off campus in Poughkeepsie on my own.

This choice was not made by me, but by our founding Marist Brothers who choose this city to settle in. I do not identify myself with Poughkeepsie in any way, shape, or form other than to say I go to school here.

No offense to any Poughkeepsie natives, but any town I can't get a cab on a corner, a subway up the block, Tandori chicken, Mondongo, a good calzone, or decent pastrami is not a place I want to call home.

Where is home then? Home is in America's real melting pot — historic Jackson Heights, N.Y. — the most ethnically diverse neighborhood in New York City, and thus the country.

I invite anyone who has never been to come and experience the cultures Jackson Heights has to offer.

That's pretty much it from me. As you can see, the errors were no big whoop, and this letter is no big whoop. I just wanted to get these things straight. Think how you would feel if suddenly everyone thought you were a Poughkeepsie native.

Joseph A. Salvayon  
The Commish and  
Jackson Heights native

## Very funny

## Editor:

One's sense of humor was sorely tested upon reading about the death of the editor of *The Circle* in the April 1, 1993 issue. Not catching on and reading further, one was even more dismayed to read of her "involvement" in the Feb. 26 bombing of the World Trade Center.

Only then did the light come on and we realized it was a joke — some joke. Maybe five years from now it might be funny. But the bombing was so recent and the television pictures of the frightened employees/victims, still so vivid, that one fails to see any humor in it at all.

Several Marist College alumni work in the World Trade Center and we learned of the narrow escape of one of them. We think perhaps that he wouldn't think the story too funny either.

Several years ago (April 1, 1988), Michael Zuccarello wrote a column for *The Poughkeepsie Journal*. The headline that day read: "Sloof Lirpa makes a fool of experts. It went on to say that a basketball player by the name of Sloof Lirpa was being recruited by Marist College.

He was supposedly bigger and better than Rik Smits. It took some people quite a while to realize that Sloof Lirpa is April fools backwards. This is funny.

We offer this example to demonstrate that we do, indeed, have a sense of humor. But not at the expense of a deadly, serious and expensive tragedy.

Valerie Hall '86  
Claire Horton  
Theola Patterson  
Marion Terralavoro  
Robin Will  
Jo-Ann Wohlfahrt  
Advancement Office, Adrian Hall

## Major Market set for April 19

## Editor:

Through the combined efforts of the center for Career Development, mentors, faculty advisors and the office of Student Academic Affairs, a special event for freshmen and sophomores is being planned for Mon., April 19, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the gallery lounge of the Campus Center.

The name of this event is the "Major Market," and the theme is: What can I do with a major in ...?

Faculty and alumni professionals from various fields will be available for one-to-one conversations with students. We hope that this event will encourage freshmen and sophomores to think broadly and

explore fully before they commit themselves to a specific major.

The "Major Market" is planned so that students on the meal plan will stop by on their way to and from dinner. Of course, we hope that sophomores who are not on the meal plan will stop by, too, as we think the information available will be well worth their time.

We look forward to seeing all freshmen and sophomores on April 19.

Ellen Brickwedde  
Rosemary Molloy  
Dr. Evan Rivers  
Br. Joe Sacino  
Deidre Sepp

## Thank you

## Editor:

Peace, love, joy to all.

This letter is overdue but sent in gratitude to all the Marist students who so generously reached out to help the poor and needy of the Dutchess County area.

The Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Poughkeepsie has a parish-caring ministry. One of the many social outreach to the Dutchess County community is the food drives for the poor and needy.

The students of Marist College, under the leadership of Ellen Brickwedde have been very active in helping our project. They have given their time, contributed food goods and money.

Their generous giving of themselves, has been an inspiration to us and demonstrated that they know the true meaning of Gospel living by their actions.

These students are an asset to Marist College, their parents and teachers. The training they are actively demonstrating by their giving spirit is a sure sign that they are on their way to becoming great citizens of God and country.

We, at Holy Trinity, in the name of our administrator, Father Joseph La. Morte, express our gratitude and admiration to all who help us in our parish caring ministry.

Sr. Rosaire,  
O.S.F. Director

## Shuttle service is not much better either

## Editor:

As a resident in the "get away from it all" area, it seems to be more like "being forced out of it all." The residents in Canterbury are being treated as if we were second-class citizens.

From the heat and hot water being turned off without letting the residents know, to having the bathroom ceiling leak for weeks because it wasn't considered an "emergency."

But the most important issue about living in Canterbury is the van service. The schedule for it is horrendous. For example, if you have a 4:10 class, you can either take the 3:35 van, which usually leaves at 3:30 because it has the maximum of 11 passengers.

A person must wait until 4 p.m.

for the next one, and, of course, it does not arrive on campus until 4:15, and therefore you are late. The last van going back to Canterbury is 12:20 a.m. during the week.

It doesn't matter during mid-term or final exam week when the library is open until 2:00 in the morning or that all the terminals in Donnelly are full.

If it is full at 12:15, then it leaves and you are then stuck on campus until 6:00 the next morning.

On Friday nights, we are given a break — the last van is at 2:30 a.m. I know I should feel happy that I am allowed to stay out until 2:30, but it is awfully hard to adjust to it, after my freshman and sophomore years when I had no curfew. This happens when the vans are running, though.

There were many times when the vans did not run. I realize that sometimes there was bad weather, but we were never given notice that the van that we were on was the last van.

When I called security to find out what the problem was, they acted like I had some gall to ask them when the vans will be running again. There were many times when the van cancelled for no apparent reason. (The roads had not a drop of water on them). There was no notice given, and I, along with another resident, were told to wait at least an hour, until security had "gotten around to taking us home."

I did not choose to get away from it all — I was forced. Most of my prospective housemates, as well as myself, had close to 30

priority points, with 8 of them in activities. So why were we denied a townhouse?

It was because Marist accepted too many sophomores, and of course they are guaranteed housing, so apparently, the juniors were thrown out into Canterbury. I

realize that in a few years this problem will be solved, but what about the present?

I know I should probably have made the best of the situation, but I fail to see anything positive about getting away from it all.

Mary Ann McGovern

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# Open House welcomes September students

by **DAWN MARTIN**  
Staff Writer

Last weekend was Marist's open house where high school seniors accepted to the college had their last chance to ask questions before deciding if Marist is where they will be spending their college life.

The students who attended the open house were some of the 3000 who were accepted by Marist for the Fall semester. Some 4800 students applied in all.

"This was an extremely competitive year," Jay Murray, assistant director of admissions, said. "We set a new record for applications this year."

"We did receive a lot more applications this year, which is good for the school and great for the students," said Wendy Tilton, assistant director of admissions.

Modelle Clarke, editor for college advancement, attributes the increase in accepted applications to a shoddy job market alternative. "If I were graduating from high school and looking at the options of either getting a job or starting college, I would take every step to get enrolled in a school."

Furthermore, said Clarke, "The fact that Marist offers a comprehensive educational package that is competitive with other schools would attract a sizable number of graduating (high school) seniors from throughout the Northeast region."



Prospective students speak with a Marist representative at last weekend's Open House.

Circle photo/Matt Martin

And this record breaking year may bring a wide variety of students to the campus in September, say some administrators.

"Students applied from 40 different states and 20 different countries," Michelle Erickson, director

of admissions, said.

Erickson said that students applied to Marist from countries in Europe, the Far East, the Middle East, as well as other parts of the world.

Although the school has accepted 3000 applicants, admissions

is planning on only 825 to 850 of them to become Marist students.

Assistant Academic Vice President Linda Cool said, on average, "every student accepted here was accepted by 4.5 other institutions," last year. Cool received her information from Harry Wood, the vice

president of Admissions and Enrollment Planning.

"The trend is for students to apply to more colleges. We feel that's why our applications are up so high," Murray said.

Layoffs and cutbacks at work may also be factors in how many of those accepted students end up at Marist in the fall, Murray said.

Applying to numerous colleges was not part of Jennifer O'neil's trend. O'neil is a high school senior from Reading, Mass., who is "definitely" coming here in the fall.

She is planning to be a fashion major and Marist is the only college she applied to.

"I liked the one on one relationship here, and the personal attention I'd get here with my professors," she said.

O'neil is not the only student who liked the relationship between Marist and the student.

Jeremy Lyonnais of Carver, Mass., said that Marist kept sending him things that interested him and were very helpful.

"They made it worth my while to come here," he said. Although he is not positive that he will enroll here in the Fall, Lyonnais maintains that Marist is his first choice.

Marist has accepted 100 transfer students, 18 of whom are definitely enrolling next fall.

Claire Dolan, transfer coordinator, said that the school typically enrolls 150 transfer students for the fall semester.

## Counseling Center provides assistance for rape victims

by **E. ROBIN VAZQUEZ**  
Staff Writer

Research regarding rape indicates that one out of six college women will be coerced into unwanted sexual activity, and possibly even at Marist College. Studies conducted by the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center support these findings.

Roberta Amato, a member of the Marist Task Force on Acquaintance Rape, stresses that rape is real, even at Marist.

"If you live with more than six women," Amato said, "you can statistically assume that one has had a very close experience with rape."

Amato said there is no reason to believe that Marist is different from any other school.

"Rape is real and so many go unreported," she said. "Communication and education about rape are the biggest ways we can prevent it." A few years ago, Amato said she was very surprised

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age."

John White, professor of history, said the college experience should be one that opens minds and addresses issues.

"You should have an awareness of problems," White said. "College should be an experience for all students that opens their minds."

White also said it is necessary to look at any issue in a certain context."

"When it comes to the question of gay and lesbian issues, it has to be addressed in a historical context," he said. "When it comes up in my history classes, I address it."

Brother Belanger said that students should seek differences.

### Dua wins

Nick Dua, a senior Computer Information Systems major and Fine Arts minor, was the winner of the student logo design contest sponsored by the Center for Career Development and Field Experience.

The first runner-up in the contest was Naava Koblenz, an adult education student, who is studying to receive a certificate in Art and Advertising Design.

there is nothing about rape printed in the Marist Student Handbooks.

"It says that you can't throw snowballs or take food out of the cafeteria, but there was nothing about rape," she said.

In May of 1989 Amato and the rest of the task force, which is made up of members of the administration, faculty and student body, requested that a selection on general regulations and policies be put into the handbook.

The administration was receptive

and printed the new information in the 1989-1990 Student Handbooks.

The purpose of the task force is to discuss how to educate students and respond to the problem of rape.

"Students who need help dealing with painful feelings or memories can come to the counseling center," Amato said. We have private and group sessions and everyone has the guarantee of complete confidentiality."

The State of New York Laws of

Higher Education mandate that all colleges and universities in this state, educate new students regarding the frequency of sexual assault, the availability of counseling and what options can be sought if someone chooses to report the incident.

"Rape is very serious, and many times they go unreported," Amato said, "we ensure safety and appropriate treatment."

Current research from the Santa Monica study indicate that 20

percent of college women are raped and 50 percent are victims of attempted rape.

The research also shows that 10 percent of college men have forced sex with women and that one-third of college men would rape if guaranteed no punitive damages would occur.

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# Laxmen defeat Fairfield, 13-8

by **MIKE WALSH**  
Staff Writer

One word can be used to describe the 1993 men's lacrosse season — progress.

A win over Fairfield and a well played game versus Stonybrook gives Coach Tom Diehl's men a 2-4 record—better than last year's mark.

After six contests in 1992, the squad was winless and coming off of a 19-4 loss at Stonybrook and had lost all but one of its contests by 13 goals or more.

If the Patriots came in thinking the Foxes would be an easy win

again, they soon learned otherwise. The game was closer than the 15-9 final would indicate. Marist hung tough throughout and closed to within two at 10-8 before SUNY pulled away.

The Red Foxes welcomed the Fairfield Stags to Division I play by handing them a 13-8 defeat.

After holding an 11-2 lead, our effort diminished, the third-year coach said.

"We dominated early, and then kind of coasted," Diehl said. "They didn't perform to the best of their abilities after that."

Diehl said he was pleased with his team's defensive play.

Senior Michael Bierne played a solid game on the defensive end, he added.

Doug Closinski led Marist with six goals and three assists. The junior's six scores in the game is tied for third best in school history.

The Rome, NY native leads his team in both goals and assists (17, 20) for the season. If he maintains his scoring pace, he will become the first player since 1986 (pre-division I) to score 40 points in a season for Marist.

Marist faced Colgate on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. The Red Foxes will take on Boston College today.

# Spikers prepare for Texas tourney

by **JIM DERIVAN**  
Staff Writer

When the men's volleyball club travels to the national club tournament next Wednesday in Austin, TX., they will be doing so with three less players.

According to Mike Gearing, the club's treasurer, the squad will only be taking six players to the 72-team tournament.

"We will be missing some of our top passers, but we won't lose too much in blocking," Gearing said.

According to Coach Moira Breen, sophomore middle blocker, Jason Johannessen, the club's leading blocker, and sophomore middle blocker Pat Brennan will not be making the trip because of academic reasons.

"They don't want to miss classes," Gearing said.

Freshman, middle blocker Pete Blanney will not be making the trip because of an ankle injury.

Despite the absence of the three players, the coaches and some of the other players said they were optimistic about the nationals.

"We had practice with the (six) players and they played well together," Breen said.

"We should be competitive if we play up to our potential," Gearing said.

"We've been practicing for a week and a half. If we practice hard and give 110 percent, we should have a good chance," sophomore Randy Desrosiers said.

"We haven't played since the Thursday before break (March 11) so that may effect us in our first game," Gearing said. "We'll be a little rusty." Passing, blocking and defense will be the key for the club to be successful, according to some players and the coaches.

"Passing is going to be important, and I'd have to say blocking as well," said Desrosiers.

# Rowers fourth in San Diego

by **TED HOLMLUND**  
Sports Editor

The men's crew team may have faced its toughest competition in its first regatta this spring.

The Red Foxes raced in the San Diego Crew Class Regatta this weekend and placed 10th out of the 15 teams in the Visitors/California Cup Competition. Marist finished fourth out of the five squads in the Visitor's Cup Finals.

Oregon State won the Visitor's Division.

The men's varsity eight was the only boat that competed in the regatta. They finished with a time of 6:30.3.

The following rowers raced for Marist: Pete Tartaglia, who is the team's captain, Mark Fragola, Greg Fagnant, Brad Leonard, Jim Sullivan, Dan Morris, Chris Batt, Keith Laurie and Brett Galisano, the coxain.

According to Head Coach Larry Davis, the size of the regatta, with over 2,000 athletes present, seemed to intimidate the team and

negatively effect their performance.

The San Diego Crew Classic is the second biggest collegiate regatta in the world, Davis added.

Davis also said he believes the big time competition this early in the season will give his team vital race experience for future races.

"I was pleased with a lot of the things we accomplished," he said. "We have the potential to have a good spring, even if it's short."

The Red Foxes will race tomorrow against Manhattan and Vassar.

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"We didn't hit much."

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Art Smith

**STAT OF THE WEEK**  
Janine O'Connor was the  
Northeast Conference player  
of the Week.

# Hitters lose, 9-1; drop home opener

by **TED HOLMLUND**  
Sports Editor

It was a day of new beginnings. The baseball team played its first home game on its new ball field.

Freshman Mark Barron was making his first regular season collegiate start.

The script was written for Marist to win its home opener in story book fashion—it did not happen.

The "firsts" will have to wait another day because the Red Foxes 2-11-1 (2-3 in the Northeast Conference) were drubbed by Seton Hall, 9-1.

Sophomores ignited the only offense the Red Foxes could muster.

Matt Bourne's RBI-triple driving in Todd Horbian accounted for the lone run for Marist.

"We have to put pitching, hitting and defense together," he said. Barron hasn't thrown this year yet. He just needs experience." Head Coach Art Smith said Barron will get more experience with time but is more concerned with the team's offensive struggles.

"We really don't hit much," the second-year coach said. "We're halfway through the season. I hope it comes around." The Red Foxes won two out of three against Rider, an NEC foe, this past weekend.

Marist played all three games at

Rider because of the shoddy field conditions due to inclement weather. Jay Gavigan picked up his first win for the Red Foxes on Sunday.

The junior allowed only one run in seven innings of work leading Marist to a 3-1 victory.

The squad split a doubleheader on Saturday winning a hard fought game in 13 innings.

In the second game, the Broncos no-hit the Red Foxes and notched a dominating 19-3 win.

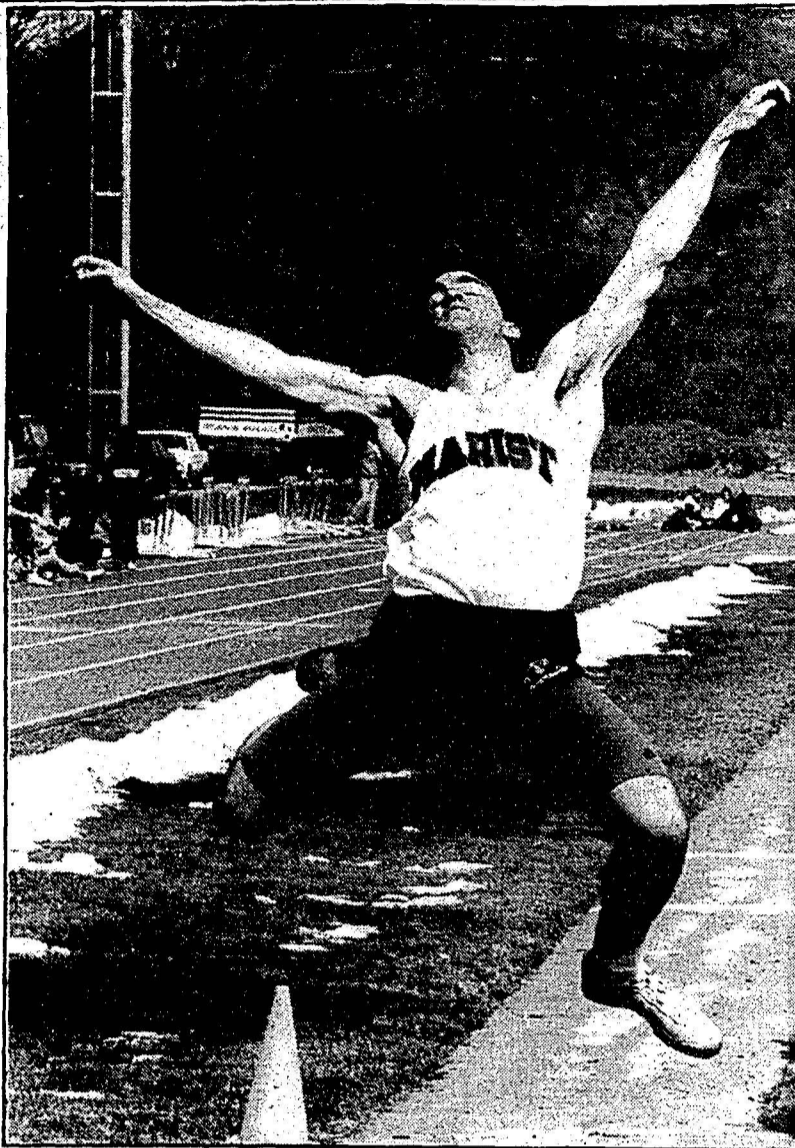
In the first game, junior Daryl Costello recorded his first victory leading Marist to its first win of the year, 5-3.

Senior Mike Dauerer said the team was successful this weekend because they played harder when confronted with diversity.

"We had to do a gut check," the co-captain said. "Anytime you can rebound from a 16 run loss and win 3-1 is a good sign."

"We have to keep moving forward, especially in the conference," he added.

The Red Foxes hosted Manhattan on Wednesday. The results were not available at press time.



Brian Ranft takes to the air during the triple jump at the West Point Invitational.

Circle photo/Matt Martin

# Carson Ordway, pace runners; Albany next

by **TERI L. STEWART**  
Staff Writer

Brian Ordway is starting to become one of the premier steeplechasers in the Northeast Conference.

Although there was no team scoring in the men and women's invitationals, Ordway put together a solid performance.

The junior competed in his second 3,000-meter steeplechase race this past Saturday at the Yale Springtime Invitational notching a sixth place finish with a 9:45.6.

Colaizzo said a time in the steeplechase is similar to a two-mile race, and Ordway is excelling well past that standard.

"He's overachieving in this race," Colaizzo said.

The women's team ran at the Columbia Invitational at Columbia University.

According to Head coach Phil Kelly, there were not many teams at the meet so the competition was limited.

Kelly also said the best performance of the day came from freshman Colleen Carson in the 1500-meter run.

The next meet for both teams is on Friday April 16 at the University of Albany Open.

# Netters stopped, 7-2; record drops to 2-2

by **ANDREW HOLMLUND**  
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team dropped its record to 2-2 on Tuesday falling to the Rider Broncs, 7-2, at the Dutchess Racquet Club.

Things looked good for Marist early as Brian La Susa won in three sets, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. However, losses from Kevin Mc Govern, Jermaine Allen John Favazzo and Heath Pramberger put the Foxes down, 4-1.

The Red Foxes finished the singles portion of the match with a win as Asif Imran was a three-set victor, 6-1, 2-6, 6-1.

Marist did not fair well either in the doubles segment.

The squad was swept 8-5, 8-3, and 8-4, in eight-game pro sets.

After the match, first-year Head Coach Ken Harrison said his club played well, despite facing tough

competition.

On Sunday, Marist travelled to Pleasantville, N.Y., and beat Pace University, 6-3.

La Susa, and Allen were straight-set winners, while Mc Govern went to three sets.

Marist was also successful in doubles as the teams of La Susa-Mc Govern and Allen-Favazzo nabbed straight-set triumphs.

Last Wednesday, the Red Foxes were in Connecticut to face Fairfield University and were clobbered, 9-0.

In eight of the nine matches, Marist was defeated in straight sets.

La Susa, the only Red Fox to bring a match to three sets, lost 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

The Red Foxes will be back in action next Wednesday afternoon when it hosts Siena College. The game is at 3:30 p.m.

# Red Foxes split with Cadets

by **J.W. STEWART**  
Staff Writer

The softball team has won more games three weeks into the 1993 season than it did all of last year.

Last year's 6-29 team has been replaced by a group that has charged to a 7-5 record (2-2 in the Northeast Conference) despite splitting the first two doubleheaders of the year.

Marist split with Army Tuesday, losing 4-1 in game one but rebounding to win game two 7-2. The games on Sunday were no different as the Red Foxes won the first 9-7 and dropped the next 7-3.

Trailing 2-1 in the home opener against Army, the Foxes committed two errors in the sixth which opened the door for the Cadets.

"It's physical errors now, too," said Head Coach Tom Chiavelli, who is always concerned with mental mistakes. "Balls are being drop-

ped that should be caught. We can't keep giving runs away like that."

Jen Luker took the loss and the Foxes' only run came off the bat of Beth Murphy who singled in Terri Bambakidou in the bottom of the fourth.

Marist also loaded the bases twice in the late innings with only one out but could not score.

"It wasn't like we were getting crushed," said Janine O'Connor. "Errors are part of the game and you gotta make up for them at the plate."

The Red Foxes did just that by rebounding in the nightcap.

O'Connor led the onslaught by going 3-for-3 with a triple and three RBI. Kate O'Hanlon turned in a 3-for-4 day, Murphy smacked two hits, Patty Ackermann stroked an RBI single and Laurie Sleight crunched a triple.

"It seemed like everyone who

got up got a hit," said O'Connor, who is batting well over .450 and was named the NEC's Player of the Week. "She (the Army pitcher) was throwing more fastballs. We can hit fast pitches better than slow ones."

The women won their first game of the year last weekend with a come-from-behind victory.

The Foxes blew a 7-3 lead to Monmouth late in the game and had to go to extra innings.

No problem.

O'Connor bashed the game-winning double in the top of the eighth and Ackermann added and insurance RBI right after.

O'Connor also smashed an outside-the-park grand slam, well over the 215-foot sign in right center.

"There was a little trotting," she said with a slight smile. "The whole team was at the plate waiting for me so I just wanted to make sure I hit all the bases."

# Marist sports and "trickle-down" economics

The tennis teams (budget) do not have its own courts at the present time and is playing at the Dutchess County Racquet Club.

The track teams do not have a track (budget) to run on.

The crew teams do not receive (budget) a lot of funding from the athletic department.

I wonder why?

Maybe because Marist is losing money and its effects are trickling down to the athletic department. Nah. Forget about it.

**Softball stuff**

Janine O'Connor has been crushing the ball of late.

In the two games against Army on Tuesday, the junior had two triples and three RBI's.

On Sunday at Monmouth, she had a game-winning double in the top of the eighth inning, as well as clouting a out-of-the-park grand slam over the 215-foot mark in right center.

Oh by the way, O'Connor was also the Northeast Conference Player of the Week.

The defense is still playing incon-

sistently. A few errors in the first game against Army cost Jen Luker and the team a win.

However, the team's seven wins has already topped last year's mark of six.

**Baseball notes**

The baseball team has to start doing two things more consistently — hitting and winning.

Before the Seton Hall game, Art Smith's team had a paltry .221 average, despite a successful weekend against Rider.

The hitting slump has been an entire team effort. However, one reason the team's struggling so much is because George Camacho is not hitting well.

Last year, the senior had an impressive .320 batting average, and was the Marist offense.

Before the season started, the senior said he wanted to hit .400 for the year. Although this was an ambitious goal, it did not seem out of the question.

However, things have not turned out as planned. Camacho is struggling. He is only hitting .255,



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which is well below his standards.

This may be occurring because he is putting the fate of the entire team's offense on his shoulders. Although this is a legitimate pressure, especially with the team's present offensive problems, Camacho has to concentrate on his individual performance.

Once he realizes this, he will have a strong second half. Camacho has been a career .300-plus hitter. He will turn it around.

**More on the Marist front**

The track team's success does not hinge on team results because many of the meets the Red Foxes compete in do not count in team scoring.

However, Head Coach Pete Calaizzo has to be happy with the performance of his new steeplechaser — Brian Ordway.

The junior notched a personal best time of 9:45.6 good for a sixth place finish at the Yale Spring Time Invitational.

In only two races, Ordway has improved his personal best time. Isn't continuously reaching for one's highest potential the point in true sports competition?

The men's volleyball club will be competing in the club nationals next week.

The Red Foxes will have trouble in the tournament because they have been inconsistent. It doesn't help that the team can only take six players.

**The National Championship**  
Did you watch the national championship and the Chris Webber choke show?

Trailing 73-71, Webber, of Michigan, grabbed a rebound with :17 seconds left. He then dragged his pivot and walked, but the ref missed it.

He dribbled down the right side and called a time-out because he was trapped, but the Wolverines used all of their timeouts.

Donald Williams made the two technical free throws and that was all she wrote. North Carolina didn't win the national — Michigan lost it, 71-77.

There's been talk that Michigan threw the game. It wouldn't surprise me. Only Chris would know.

**Byrd goes to Shea**

The highlight of the Mets home opener was Dennis Byrd's address to the crowd.

Byrd, who was paralyzed for months after plowing into Jet teammate Scott Mersereau in a Nov. 29 game against the Chiefs, has made a miraculous comeback.

The Yankees impressively thrashed the Indians, 9-1. Jimmy Key gave up only one run in eight innings of work.

One basketball note: the New York Knicks are going to win the NBA championship. They won't throw the game, like Michigan.

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