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Beth MacMurray, left, takes a peek at Maureen Maher's ring at the Junior Class Ring Ceremony this past Saturday in the chapel. Circle photo/Matt Martin

SGA caught up in disarray - again

by KIRELL A. LAKHMAN
Associate Editor

The Marist community is beginning to wonder if its student government elections can get anywhere nowadays without running into controversy in one form or another.

Indeed, in what Student Government Association insiders, including senators, brand as "classic SGA style," the fairness of the recent campaigns, and subsequent elections, has again been questioned.

As a result of two separate election incident reports submitted to Election Commissioner Joe Salvyon, the unofficial election results, posted on Feb. 25 in Campus Center, were contested in emergency sessions of the executive and senate boards on March 1.

Salvyon, a junior communication arts major from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., oversaw both sessions.

The incident report forms that were reviewed put into question the campaigning tactics of Kent Rinehart, now officially student body president-elect, along with a presidential candidate for the class

of 1995.

The former report, submitted by Nella Licari, current student body president, stated that "from day one (of the campaigning) there was wrongful campaigning by (Kent Rinehart and his supporters)," specifying that "campaign posters, as well as banners and flyers, were torn up and replaced by Rinehart's own," said Licari.

In addition, Licari argues, an illegal advertisement for Rinehart was publicized during official election time and near the election site. The sign, written in white chalk on a mobile chalkboard, read, "I voted for Kent Rinehart because he is condom man," and, "He will make condoms available to us on campus."

As written in the Constitution for the Marist College Student Government Association, "No active solicitation of votes, campaign literature, or posters will be allowed within 50 feet of any polling place."

Also brought up by Licari was an allegation that pro-Rinehart banners were being displayed at a recent Marist hockey game. Again,

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Proposed budget cuts activate administration, students

by ANASTASIA B. CUSTER
Senior Editor

Governor Mario Cuomo's 1993-1994 proposed budget suggests slicing educational aid—which may result in a \$1,442,000 loss to Marist.

The proposed budget cuts represent a decrease in educational aid such as Bundy Aid and Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

According to Edward Hynes, director of college relations, Marist will sustain a loss over a million if the cuts are enacted.

"Right now \$1,442,000 is the loss Marist would sustain for this coming and presumably every year afterwards," Hynes said. It's not just a one-year loss, its an every year loss—unless the funds are

restored."

Not only does Marist face the possibility of losing money, but students may face another-tuition increase.

In response to a memo which said if Bundy and TAP aid are cut then it may put pressure on independent colleges to increase tuition in order to support higher levels of institutional scholarship, Hynes did not say an increase in tuition was not a possibility.

"It's happened in the last few years, tuition has gone up 6 or 7 percent. We have lost substantial amounts of money. We can presume if cuts are enacted it will be the same impact," Hynes said.

According to Hynes, about 70 percent of Marist students are on some form of financial aid.

In response to the proposed

budget cuts, for the third consecutive year, the Student Government Association will set up tables enabling students to write and call state legislatures.

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The letter-writing campaign will take place inside the Champagnat Breezeway and Dyson Center Atrium on March 4 and 11 between 9 and 6:30. March 22 is the tentative date slated for calling state legislatures.

The Governor's budget proposal

will be voted on April 1.

Student Government Association President Nella Licari said although some students may not know about the proposed cuts, she encouraged students to learn about them and contact their legislatures.

"I think students do not know that much about it, until they find their TAP has been cut," Licari said. "Every little help counts. As citizens you have the right to contact your legislatures."

Not only did Licari encourage students to become involved, Hynes suggested students communicate with state officials.

"We would love to see students directly communicate with their state legislatures," said Hynes.

In addition, Licari said contacting state legislatures does make a difference.

"I interned at a congressional office and the calls do help," Licari said.

She also said she knew of students from last year who could not return to school because their educational aid was cut.

According to the New York Public Interest Research Group, Bundy Aid has dropped from \$104 million for 1990-1991 to \$39 million in 1992-1993.

Along with the Student Government Association, campus organizations and campus staff members such as resident assistants, Tau Epsilon Phi, Kappa Lambda Psi, the student academic committee (SAC) and other groups are also involved in communicating with state representatives via letters and phones.

Faculty gives opinions on condom availability

by PATRICIA FARRELL
Staff Writer

The controversy over selling condoms on campus has not only raised mixed reactions between the students on campus, but between faculty and administration as well.

Many faculty and administration members said condoms should be made available on campus.

"I believe condoms should be available to students on campus. Anything which contributes to safe sex is a plus," Susan DeSanna, associate director of fashion said. "I think they should be available in the bookstore just as any other merchandise is in the store."

Others agree: "We're not running a grocery store or a drug store on campus, but certain necessities such as condoms should be available," Margaret Calista, director of the social work program said.

"Given the statistics on sexual behavior of young adults, we have

to assume that students at Marist are representing those statistics," said Calista. "We cannot pretend students are not having sex, because they are."

Prior to the concern about AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, Calista said the issue of sex was "more of a personal and individual issue," but when sex became "such a health hazard, it was no longer such a personal issue."

"Students seem to think we are telling them that they cannot have sex." Steve Sansola, director college activities

When asked if having condoms on campus would be promoting or encouraging sex, Calista said that having condoms available would be representing more of an awareness than an encouragement.

"I think it (having condoms available) is being realistic and

demonstrating a concern for students and members of the Marist community," she said.

"We need to develop a better understanding about sexual relationships to students," Calista added.

Although not all members of the faculty and administration agree, and still many remain undecided.

"I have very mixed feeling about selling condoms on campus," said Richard Atkins, professor of history. "I am sympathetic with those that argue that the availability of condoms can be seen as an encouragement to engage in sexual activity, while with the whole phenomenon of AIDS being so horrifying, I feel as an institution it is our job to ensure that the students are as safe as possible."

From the perspective of the college, Atkins said he felt the administration needs to be conscious of what the students are doing in terms of sexual activity, although

having condoms available may not be the answer.

"Students are going to engage in sex anyway," Atkins said. "We are obliged as an institution to make sure that students are as safe as possible. Whether what we say is right or wrong it is not going to change a students mind and they will engage in sex whether we approve or not."

Also undecided about the issue is Judith Saunders, area coordinator for English. She said that while she believes condoms should not be distributed for free, the college is not telling students that they cannot use them - they are just not providing the students with them.

"The college isn't preventing students from taking precautions, they're just not making it easier," she said.

Still others are opposed to the issue. One professor said that while the college should be fully aware that students are having sex, it is

not the position of the college to provide condoms.

"I don't think the college is in a position to provide them (condoms)," Bill Ryan, professor of communication and director of the media center said. "While safe sex is a necessity, condoms should not be available on campus."

Some faculty and administration said that while the issue of selling condoms on campus is important, many students are confusing the point of having them made available with the idea that Marist is attempting to prohibit safe sex.

Steve Sansola, director of college activities said, "Students seem to think we are telling them that they cannot have sex."

Sansola said that personally he does not object to selling condoms in the bookstore, but as a college official he feels otherwise. He said as far as he knows, he is not aware of any policy that says condoms

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That's entertainment: Oscars tough to call

by JENNIFER GIANDALONE

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is getting ready for its 65th annual ceremony. This big popularity contest will take place on March 29, and Oscars will be awarded to the best performances of the past year.

In the best picture category, picking up nine nominations, is "Howard's End." This film stars last year's winner for best actor Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson ("Dead Again"). Did anyone see this? OK, maybe a few people did. I don't doubt the quality of this film, but I don't think it will walk away with the Oscar, even with a powerful lead like Hopkins.

The next nominee that wasn't seen by too many people is "The Crying Game." Getting six nominations, "The Crying Game" stars people I've never heard of. I'll agree with my fellow film critic who said that it

won't win best picture. The third nominee in this category is the very boring and overrated western "Un-



The Reel Story

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forgiven." The Academy gave director Clint Eastwood's film nine nominations. I don't think, and I know there are some people who will disagree with me, "Unforgiven" will win best picture. I would like to think that the Academy will have the sense to give the Oscar to a film that doesn't put its audience

to sleep. The two nominees, that in my opinion, have the best chance of winning the best picture Oscar are "A Few Good Men" and "Scent of a Woman." My pick is "A Few Good Men," which had strong performances by everyone involved and a solid plot.

Four out of the five nominees for best actor come from movies that the majority of people have seen. The choice is simple. Al Pacino won the Golden Globe in this category and I think he will win here.

As for the other nominees: Robert Downey Jr. ("Chaplin") did a good job as the legendary entertainer, but I don't think it was an Oscar-winning performance. Clint Eastwood ("Unforgiven") doesn't seem to put a lot of feeling into his role and can't compete with someone like Pacino. Denzel Washington ("Malcolm X") is definitely Oscar material and will probably be Pacino's primary competition. I have never heard of Stephen Rea ("The Crying Game") and I

didn't see the movie, so regarding his performance, your guess is as good as mine.

The nominees for best actress come from very different movies. Susan Sarandon, after last year's nomination for "Thelma and Louise", was noticed this time for her highly emotional performance in "Lorenzo's Oil." Michelle Pfeiffer is nominated for "Love Field" which I think is only playing in the city.

Keep an eye on Mary McDonnell who is up for "Passion Fish." She was nominated for "Dances with Wolves" and may be close competition for Sarandon. Also watch for Catherine Deneuve who is up for the French film "Indochine." I have no idea who she is, but she won the Golden Globe and it's possible she will win here. Finally, there is Emma Thompson from "Howard's End." Deciding the winner here is going to be difficult.

Van Halen here and now — at least it's a better cover

by DANA BUONICONTI

Right now, you're reading this column. Right now, I'm going to review Van Halen's new 2-CD live album, "Right here, right now." Right now, today will be yesterday, tomorrow. And right now, do you know where you are?

Van Halen have always been known for their good-time rock and roll, whether it be with the Dave or Sammy incarnation. And to go along with that feel, "Right

here, right now", their first live album, doesn't disappoint.

Featuring 24 live tracks culled from their three tours with Sammy (sorry, no Dave included here), the two discs cover material from the entire Halen career.

"Why Can't This Be Love", possibly my favorite on the set, sounds better than the original and the "Live Without A Net" version, thanks to a better intro and ending.

The back-to-back pairing of "Jump" and "Top Of The World" makes for a killer finale.

I must admit I was weary at first about hearing Sammy sing "Jump", but he really does a nice job.

"Finish What Ya Started", in particular, is excellent and very "jammy." Other highlights include: "Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love", "Dreams", and "Best Of Both Worlds."

Each of the members take solos, some with mixed results. Eddie's solo, the 11-minute "316", is nothing short of superb. It's great to finally have his concert solo on

CD. Sammy sings his solo hit, "Give To Live", by himself and sounds good. Mike's bass solo, "Ultra Bass", which features some of "Sunday Afternoon In The Park", and Alex's drum solo end up a little on the boring side.

A lot of the songs on "Right here, right now" sound to perfect and too close to the record, though, especially the material from "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge." This isn't too surprising, since the band hand-picked the best live stuff

and may have fixed some mistakes in the studio, too. I would have liked it better if they had put out a live album of just one whole concert, mistakes and all.

The production job, by Andy Johns, is weak in some spots, also. There's way too much crowd noise, and the mix of instruments is sometimes poor.

Overall though, "Right here, right now" is pretty good. The band sounds very tight with Sammy, who provides some hysterical between-song banter.

The best movie of 1992: a critic's opinion

By KRAIG DEMATTEIS

The Academy Awards have always been my Superbowl. I even order a pizza for myself while watching the best of the best in Hollywood receive what they deserve. However, especially in recent years, Oscar has been given to the movie that has done well, by both the public and the box office, and I have a strong feeling that this tradition will continue.

"A Few Good Men" has all the elements of an Oscar: strong cast, good director, based on a popular and well-written play, and, of course, Jack Nicholson. These are the telltales of a "winner," but it does not always mean it is the best movie.

"Unforgiven" is my personal choice for the best picture of 1992. Here's why.

I am sick of that Tom Cruise, cocky, loose-cannon but, by-the-Lord-above, I-can-and-will-get-the-job-done character. It is time to give an Oscar to a movie with real character.

Clint Eastwood has been, and always will be, one of the greatest legends of the silver screen. I understand that he may be a man's man, kind of like the Three Stooges with women, but guys want to be Clint Eastwood: the gun-slinging, whiskey-guzzling, woman-stealing loner that has been immortalized, and perhaps immortalized, in classic westerns.

Gene Hackman is the non-violent sheriff with a sadistic streak. Although he abhors guns and violence in his town, he brutally beats up, within inches of their lives, a bounty hunter, played ever-so-pompously by Richard Harris, and Eastwood. Interestingly enough, Hackman was asked to do the role, but refused because he thought it would be violent. Eastwood then told him to read the script.

Hackman is incredible on the screen, mainly because you do not know what he is capable of, both as an actor and as a character. He brings to the screen a sense of danger, just short of Anthony Hopkins in "Silence of the Lambs": an unstable, psychotic

But the problem is this is NOT a western. The story could, and should, be transferred to a modern

setting where gang members, police officers, and drug dealers think killing someone is great, but the realization may be something entirely different. They have the power "by pulling that trigger, to take away everything that man was, and everything that man will ever be." This is a pretty strong line, and an even stronger theme, in both life and storyline.

A continuing, sometimes strong yet humorous theme is Eastwood's guilty character constantly blaming his problems on his past. This ties in with the killing theme in a major way. Clint's character used to be extremely violent and his acts were known throughout the lands, but not to him. He does not

remember what he had done because he was so drunk on whiskey, so when the nephew of



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one of his gang comes to hire him, yelling praise about all these great tales, Clint cannot answer him.

who used to be a gun-slinger. It is great to see a man so used to violence in his past, but is perhaps, so afraid of getting old and slow that he and his men are the only ones allowed to possess guns.

Eastwood, as a director, brings all of his characters together in some genuinely fantastic scenes. But I do not wish to hype up the movie too much so that you expect something truly amazing in the theater. The thing is, whatever I say

has to be looked for in the movie, not just shown to you, so the hype works against me.

Do yourself a favor. The Roosevelt is showing "Unforgiven" because of its nomination. Go see it on a wide-screen before it hits the confining format of video. And also, see it because you want to, and not because I said it was the best movie of 1992, even though it is.

See ya later!
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Brainstorming group looks for answers

by CAROLINE JONAH
Staff Writer

A brainstorming session, among members of the Marist faculty and administration, resulted in 25 potential ways to cope with economic instability of the campus and community.

The session held by Marc vanderHeyden, vice president of academic affairs, on Saturday, Feb. 13, was attended by Marist College President Dennis J. Mur-

ray, and faculty members representing the different divisions.

"The president had invited me to come up with some new ideas that could be translated into new revenue," vanderHeyden said. "We gathered a basketful of ideas."

Murray said new revenue sources are needed to respond to the changing economy, changes in education, changes in how education is delivered, and IBM's announced layoffs.

"The idea (of a brainstorming

session) was to get a lot of different ideas," Murray said. "The meeting was a success in doing that."

Linda Dickerson, representing the Division of Arts and Letters with Chairperson Jephtha Lanning, said she thought the brainstorming session achieved vanderHeyden's goals.

"Marc's (vanderHeyden) goal was to generate 25 ideas and I think the records of the brainstorming session indicate we did," Dickerson said.

VanderHeyden said he picked

participants who had been involved in projects or new programs or engaged in some innovation of one kind or another.

Dickerson said all those who attended offered various angles and were offered a chance to give their tactics.

"I think I was invited because I have background in marketing and organizational planning," she said. "That was the perspective I brought to the meeting."

One idea of Dickerson's was to contract services out to the public.

She said instead of faculty members individually contracting out their services, such as in management consulting services, the school could contract out services under the Marist name.

One reason for Marist's brainstorming session involves the thousands of layoffs announced by IBM last week.

"It (further layoffs) certainly exacerbates our problems," Murray said. "What we have done is (now) more timely."

For Spring break, recession blues many miles away

by J. AARON SENCER
Staff Writer

The nation's troubled economy may be forcing students to cut back on how much money they spend at the bar or how many times they order out food, but it is not keeping them from going away over spring break many of them say.

The one week out of the year when students can forget about their classes for a while is now less than two weeks away.

Even though students may be short on money, they will sacrifice anything for the opportunity to get drunk, tan, and arrested.

"I've gotten three credit cards this semester so I can go to Jamaica," John Midiri, 22, a junior from Lynbrook, N.Y., said.

Other students agree that drastic measures must be taken. "I haven't eaten much lately because I need to save money to go to Florida," John Reynolds, a 21-year-old senior from Holyoke, Mass., said.

"If we didn't have spring break we might go crazy because it is our only chance to go nuts," Tony Carlucci, 20, a sophomore from West Orange, N.J., said. To many students that statement makes sense:

"We seriously need a chance to get away from all the pressures and

have complete control; or at least think we're in control," Shannon Dawkins, 21, a senior from Aurora, Ill., said.

Local travel agencies confirm what Marist students are saying about spring break.

"Even though times are tight, students seem to find some way to afford it," Sylvia Richards, a travel agent at Fleet Travel said.

"Our business is the same as it usually is. Surprisingly, students find something else to cut out of their budget," she said.

"It really is crazy. We won't be doing that once we get out of college," Carlucci, who is going to Panama City, Fl., said.

"You come back with so many great experiences. I can remember standing in the middle of the main strip at Myrtle Beach last year, with two of my friends, and we would just get into girls' cars. We got slapped and got in some trouble with the police, but it was fun," Reynolds said.

Yet not only perverts and social malcontents find solace on foreign

soil. We must not forget those students who are not travelling to exotic places for the break. Some are going with their careers in mind.

"I'm going to Washington D.C. to find a job," Chip Meade, 21, a senior from Boston, Mass., said.

However for most students, work is the last thing they will be thinking about.

MCCTA's Children's Theater turns 25

by DANA BUONICONTI
Staff Writer

The Marist College Council on Theatre Arts' children's theatre production of "The Spell of Sleeping Beauty" will cast its fairy tale magic over the Marist campus from March 29 to April 4.

Marking the 25th anniversary of children's theatre at Marist, "Sleeping Beauty" will have a few deviations from the popular Disney adaptation, mostly as far as costume and setting, with this version to be set in Spain.

Work on the production, MCCTA's biggest in the last four years, began in December. Rehearsals will begin on Feb. 21 for the 56 cast members; 100 people are currently involved.

John Chapin and Nicole Marino, seniors from Stratford, Conn., and Wallington, N.J., respectively, and the directors of

"Sleeping Beauty," are decidedly upbeat about the challenge of bringing the play from paper to life. "I'm really excited about the new blood that has gotten involved in this production," said Marino. "There is a lot of freshman talent now, and I can see that the future of MCCTA looks very bright."

"What I like best about children's theatre is the gathering of people," said Chapin. "The play is more fun than it is work, making it different from other shows. It becomes a festival party that is very relaxed with no competition."

Jerome Anderson, a senior from Cleveland, Ohio, is both producer of "Sleeping Beauty" and MCCTA managing director of children's theatre.

Anderson makes reservations and handles the financial aspects. Both are excited about the show. "This is easily the most fun show

of the year. We're always playing to a packed audience, and the kids go nuts."

Over 3,000 children from schools around the Hudson Valley are expected to attend "Sleeping Beauty."

A video retrospective of the 25 years of children's theatre is being prepared by Bob Lynch, director of student activities, which will be broadcast on MCTV later this year.

"My goal is to put a smile on all the kids' faces; I want to leave them with something they'll remember for a while."

"The Spell of Sleeping Beauty" will be performed for the public on Thurs., April 1, at 8 p.m.; Sat., April 3, at 3 and 8 p.m.; and Sun., April 4, at 2 p.m. There will be a special showing on Fri., April 2, called "Marist Night," where the actors do an ad-libbed spoof of the play, with only students participating.

Junior ring weekend brings class together

by DOMINICK FONTANA
Senior Editor

The class of 1994 infused new life into a traditional Marist event this past weekend.

"Junior Weekend" was centered around the annual Junior Ring Ceremony, but this year junior class officers and administration decided to broaden and increase the number of activities geared towards the class of 1994.

"This year we refocused the junior weekend to emphasize the entire junior class, instead of just those who received rings," said Gerard Cox, vice president and dean for student affairs. "As a result, the weekend events were all for the junior class."

A semi-formal at the Radisson Hotel on Friday kicked off the weekend and the traditional ring ceremony was held on Saturday at 3 p.m., but this year in an untraditional place, the chapel, because the past ceremonies were held in the McCann Center.

Arlene Keenan, mother of Beth Keenan, a junior marketing major from Wilmington, Del., said the ceremony was planned better than when her son received his ring.

"When our son ordered the ring, he was told to pick it up in the bookstore when it arrived," Keenan said. "Marist did something nice for the juniors because it's a milestone for them in college. It should be marked with a ceremony."

Nella Licari, student body president, said it was "touching" for the entire class of 1994 to be together throughout the weekend, instead of only being honored at the ring ceremony on Saturday.

Approximately 120 students received rings at the ceremony on Saturday, which was followed by an evening reception in the Fireside lounge and entertainment by the band "Turnstyles" in the dining hall at 9 p.m.

Nat'l Ski Patrol: not all powder and bumps

by JUSTIN SEREMET
Staff Writer

Training to be a member of the National Ski Patrol may not be as easy as some people think.

For Paul Rudolph, a 21-year-old senior from Breezy Point, N.Y., passing the test that made him part of the national organization recently brought that fact close to home.

"People didn't realize how demanding the training could be," Rudolph said. "We're out at 7 a.m. getting trails ready, no matter what the weather may be like."

Rudolph has been skiing since he was six and began taking first aid courses in November 1991 after a family friend suggested it.

"I like the role of making the mountain safe," he said. "I assist patrollers with injured skiers and put up fences on trails."

Rudolph has passed several exams including a basic patroller test and a first aid test. "We also had to train using a toboggan, which is used for carrying an injured person down the mountain," he said.

In Rudolph's final test, he was put in an emergency simulation in which he had to find an injured skier on the hill, treat the person for first aid, and maneuver him down the mountain on the toboggan to the first aid center. All this on an expert trail, no less.

"I had to do this as quick as possible," Rudolph said. "You

can't waste precious time since a person's life could be at risk."

For example, he recalls, people have been treated for lacerations done by the sharp metal ski edges, oftentimes slicing parts of the body ranging from the shins to the genitalia.

"The skis are just so sharp," explains Rudolph. "The number one priority in a laceration case is to stop the bleeding. Wherever it can be." Treatments that can prove hazardous considering the high sanity and infectious disease risks that are abound.

"It (contracting a disease) is something that you have to deal with," says Rudolph. "We're health care workers and you want to protect yourself and your patients in every way." Currently, the National Ski Patrol offers vaccinations for specifically the Hepatitis B virus. The vaccination, although not required, is offered and encouraged by the organization.

Not only must Rudolph keep an eye on others, but he must watch himself at the same time. "The weather can make things dangerous," he said. "I have to see to it that people are OK, yet I have to be careful myself."

Rudolph's work is strictly volunteer and he must devote 20 days a season to it. "I've trained so much," he said. "I've basically had to plan my entire winter around this."

His family recently bought a

home on the mountain at Ski Win-dham, which made it convenient for his weekend training. "I go home Thursday, train on Friday, Saturday, and sometimes Sunday. By the time I get back to school Sunday, I'm wiped out."

However, skiing has not interfered with Rudolph's schoolwork. "It helps organize my time," he said. "I'm real tired on Sundays, but I'm doing better than ever with grades."

Rudolph plans to continue volunteering after graduation if his career allows. "Hopefully I'll be able to find a job in the Tri-state area that allows me to patrol on weekends," he said.

Being a communications major in radio/tv/film, Rudolph has been using his skiing abilities to put together a ski video.

"I've been working with the media center to produce a safety ski video," he said. "We're shooting the video this semester and hope to have it complete by April. It would look good for a career in video."

Despite the fact that patrolling makes Rudolph incredibly busy, he loves what he does. "You've got to love what you're doing," he said. "You have to have a positive attitude and deal with a demanding program."

"It's a great feeling to make a rescue," he said. "I've always been 100 percent sure of wanting to do this."



Paul Rudolph, new member of the National Ski Patrol.

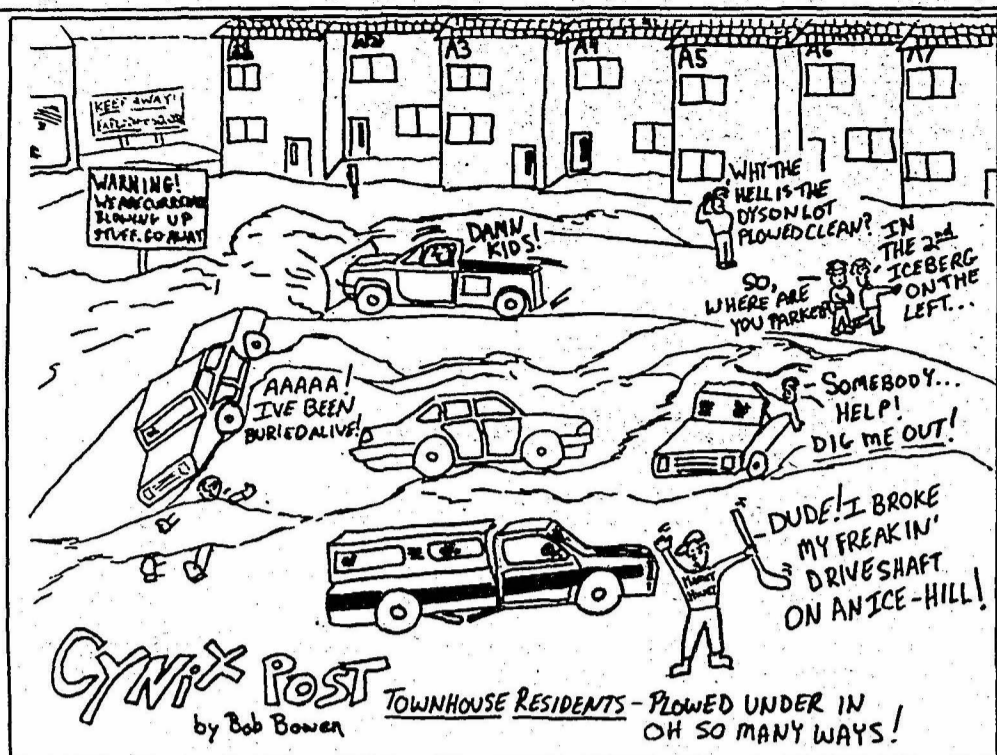
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Winning an election for a student-government position at Marist is a cinch.

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And you need a plan, an unethical, underhanded, devious plan. A plan, in other words, consistent with the traditions of the American electoral process.

Picture this scenario:

It's election day on the campus on the banks of the Hudson, a clear, blue winter's day on which at least a fifth or a sixth of the student population will turn out at the polling place.

Suddenly, right around noon, a small plane buzzes Champagnat.

It circles a few times, attracting attention. And then smoke begins to billow out of it. Skywriting.

VOTE FOR JOAN R. CANDIDATE!

Then, out of the open belly of the plane, leaflets drop, urging you to vote for Joan R. Candidate.

Skydivers floating to earth while stretching a giant condom imprinted with the same message are optional, depending upon how much candidate Candidate wants to spend.

While voters, impressed by this display of big-time campaign tactics, flock to the polls to vote for the candidate of the hour, her opponent sits back with a smug look on his face.

He knows he's got this election won.

He knows he's got it won because he knows the Marist College SGA Constitution that covers wrongful campaigning, namely, the part that reads: "No active solicitation of votes, campaign literature, or posters will be allowed within 50 feet of any polling place."

Where do you think those fluttering flyers landed?

Then there's the law that reads: "Campaigning in any social, athletic or academic function sponsored by Marist College is permitted only when equal opportunity is given to all candidates."

What kind of equal opportunity do you have when Joan R. Candidate owns the sky?

OK. It's time to step back and ask if this isn't getting pretty silly. Of course it is.

Then it's time to step back and ask if we can't honestly say the same thing about the recent protested election results for the post of Student Government Association president.

Draw your own conclusions.

Our silly scenario is not meant to suggest that either of the candidates used underhanded tricks to trap the opponent. They didn't. They just carried out their campaigns as campaigns are usually carried out.

And it's not meant to suggest that Nella Licari doesn't have the right to protest the election results. She has that right.

But a number of unfortunate things occurred during this SGA election.

— Not enough students voted for the most important student office on campus.

— The will of those who did vote may be overturned.

— Apparently somebody, probably not Kent Rinehart but somebody who wanted him to win, broke SGA campaign rules.

Now what should have been a straightforward election is an unfortunate mess.

Regardless of how the mess is ultimately straightened out, regardless of who takes the seat as SGA president, one thing is clear — the Constitution's references to campaign procedures have to be reworked to reflect reality.

And the reality is that candidates and their supporters want to win, and they want to convince people to vote for them.

There's nothing wrong with a good election campaign. In fact, an active campaign would probably be good for voter turnout.

Whoever comes out of this on top has a mandate to rewrite the election laws.

And next year, keep an eye on the sky.

Clarity

A great man once said: "There is no time like the present." Perhaps he was referring to the Latin phrase: "Carpe Diem" or "Seize the day." Controversial issues are often similar to foot odor. They stink for awhile and seem to disappear, but there is always a lingering smell no spray or gel can cure.

The time has come to clarify some popular misconceptions often generated by the liberal mainstream press about the value of diversity in a liberal arts education.

Many of the misconceptions about this political column need to be clarified immediately. Lies, rumors and falsehoods undermine newspapers and lead to misunderstanding and hurt.

The goal of a journalist and a political columnist is to provide intelligent analysis of timely political issues to an audience in an effort to stimulate discussion of controversial subjects. Ignorance and insensitivity can be alleviated if people begin to have mature, intelligent discourses.

If we at Marist College truly value "diversity" then we must feel obligated to respect the difference of opinion on a broad range of socio-political issues.

The Circle is one of many on-campus mediums which provides students with a public forum for vigorous political and social debate. Students should and are encouraged to take advantage of The Circle to exchange opposing viewpoints.

Colleges across the country are some of the few places in society where people of all races, colors, creeds and sexual orientations can express a difference of opinion, offer insight into social problems, clarify personal agenda and arguments, and share their lives with each other.

Back home at Marist, we often here of the apathy of the student body. This is misconception number one. Marist students are not apathetic. They are concerned with a wide range of topics and readily raise their voices in disagreement with one another, faculty, administration and staff.

Students voices should be heard above the clamor of people who hurl unsubstantiated accusations about apathy among the student body.

Diversity is one of many "politically-correct" terms used on the campuses of educational institutions across the nation. This columnist does not pretend to be politically correct. Why? Because political correctness and the use of "PC language" does not eliminate the social and political disputes it attempts to solve through a change in linguistic patterns of speech.

Politically correct language is a short-term solution to a long-term problem—misunderstanding between political and social factions.

Perhaps a better solution to disagreements is intelligent and sensitive discussion of issues honestly and openly in person and in various media without using the crutch of politically correct language.

A greater sensitivity to individual problems and disagreements among politically diverse groups would be fostered through the abolishment of "PC language."

Misconception number two is the myth of the intolerant and insensitive political conservative. The brand of "conservative"

should not indicate an insensitivity to political differences.

Conservative political thought should not and is not narrow-minded nor is it blind traditionalism. Conservatives are not brutally uncompromising people, seeking to impose their vicious brand of morality on unsuspecting minority groups.

Conservatives accept the rights of political and social groups to disagree with their political views, this should not be mistaken for the right to disagree with those same political and social groups.

Misconception number three is the myth about this political column. This political columnist does not speak for The Circle, the editor, or The Circle staff.

I speak for me, Aaron D. Ward. I take responsibility for my own white, middle-class, Roman Catholic, conservative political view and for what I say in my column, whether it is said seriously or humorously.



Words From A Political Ward

Along with the right to speak my mind on political views comes a responsibility to bring to light controversial social and political issues at Marist. I take on this responsibility with grave seriousness as a good journalist and an informed student.

I offer my viewpoint on the political issue of my choice and I do not cringe or shrink from difficult, painful and frequently debated issues here at Marist or nationwide. I chose the issue and gave my analysis of the situation or problem. My analysis is neither right nor wrong, it is inherently mine. I do not approach my column with an arrogant attitude that I have the solutions to social and political problems.

If I did not value diversity of opinion and public debate, I would not be a journalist nor would I be a political columnist.

I also do not wish to "convert" people to my point of reference. I do not use my column as a tool to recruit young restless conservatives. My ego does not need to be stroked by similar political views expressed by like-minded individuals. I appreciate support just as anyone else does, but it is not a necessary "high" for me to achieve.

Within the next several weeks, think about the misconceptions and commonly-held connotations of the words: "diversity, conservative and political correctness." If you feel adamantly about an issue, do yourself and your fellow students the service of writing a letter to the editor.

Only when political and social discussions occur in an intelligent manner in campus-wide media, do we have the hope of appreciating but not necessarily agreeing with one another here at Marist.

Aaron Ward is The Circle's political columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I have some questions

Editor:
Over the semester, many people have raised questions about Marist College. This has fueled my own brain, and I've come up with some questions and thoughts myself. So, I thought I'd get them out on paper.

First off, the sewer smell. Why didn't anyone warn me about this before I applied to the school? Why do so many people complain about the food in the cafeteria and not do something about it?

If most freshmen dislike the food, why not organize a protest? Why does our radio station only broadcast on a tenth of a watt if our school's biggest major is com-

munications? Did you know the New Paltz frequency can be heard on campus?

Who decided to set up housing for students out in Canterbury originally? Didn't they realize it was some five miles away? Why is there so much controversy about the condoms on campus issue?

If a majority of students see the need, why doesn't it get met? Did you know that at some schools, RA's each have a box of condoms from which to distribute to their residents?

My point is that they're available. I'm no Dennis Leary, but I've got six words: Magic Johnson, Freddie Mercury, and college

students.

Well, that's seven, but AIDS and STD's are an all too harsh reality. On a lighter note, why do so many students join All-Sport to work out? Why did the Fox Den game room open up this year?

For those of you who don't know what that is, it's a room in the basement of Champagnat Hall where they in the past have had video games and a pool table for the students. Speaking of basements, has anyone tried to do laundry lately?

It might be high time for the school to invest some money into updating the machines which never seem to dry clothes completely in

one cycle. When people start duct taping the machines, something needs to be done.

Why do only Leo and Sheahan have rugs in the hallways? Why do students have to pay five dollars to join the weight room, but nothing to shoot a basketball?

Why is a vender selling candies and incense to students who are not allowed to have them in their rooms because of a student handbook policy? Why does the student handbook state that students may not have blowtorches on campus? Has this been a problem in the past?

Why are we called the Red Foxes? Has anyone ever seen a red

fox on campus? We should be the Red Squirrels. Speaking of squirrels, where did they all go? Why doesn't Dennis Murray's car have a Marist College bumper sticker?

Why can't the Lowell Thomas Computer Center be open 24 hours a day to accommodate the needs of the students, especially during mid-terms and finals?

Why does that show, Knight Rider, still play on television? Why is half the campus an ice rink when it snows? Finally, why don't more students voice their concerns in The Circle and to the powers higher up? Just thought I'd ask.

Mike Gordon, junior

McGlue does not link with condoms issue

Editor:

I read the story of Fr. Luke McCann (Feb. 19) about an over-loving mother. I am totally supportive to Father Luke's decision not to witness Mrs. McGlue's son and his intended's vow. Mrs. McGlue should have let her son and his intended to take charge of their life. But I am not sure if Father Luke's application of his story on the issue of "condoms on campus" is valid.

If Father Luke agrees that a mother should let his son to be responsible for his own affairs,

then why is he opposed to "condoms on campus"? By forbidding sale of condoms on campus, Marist is doing something that assembles what Mrs. McGlue does to her son with her over-lovingness.

The voice of a lot of students is heard. They want condoms available on campus; but Marist deliberately ignores them, even though with good intention. In other words, ignoring the voice of students (Marist) is like "denying your son and his intended, time and space to confront themselves

and consider what they are undertaking" (McGlue) as Father Luke put it.

Human beings have sex drive. True is that human beings have better brains than other animals do to initiate alternatives. I usually suggest masturbation, which is what really should be called safe sex. Others are just safer sex.

It is unrealistic to intend to push the society back to B.C. Everyone in this age has responsibility, no matter if you are male or female, young or old, gay or straight or

what ever ethnic and religious backgrounds.

As long as something is done with mutual consent, it is not considered wrong. It is wrong, however, to sleep around practicing unprotected sex because doing so is threatening to other people's lives.

Bro. Joseph L.R. Belanger is right—condoms fail to prevent AIDS sometimes. Therefore, I advise my fellow students to think twice before having sex with anyone. Still, masturbation is an

alternative.

Marist College has always been regarded as a really conservative campus. Being conservative is beneficial to a certain point, the extreme of it, nevertheless, is very destructive.

When are students going to live on this campus without the harassment of racism, sexism, homophobia and ignorance? I hope that in my lifetime I will see Marist College truly fulfill education and make a better world.

Reggie Ho, senior

Get a clue about the truth behind homophobia

Editor:

I read a column in The Circle, and I wanted to clarify for you some serious misconceptions the writer has about both homosexuality and the military.

First, homosexuality is not a "lifestyle" or "choice." "Military homosexual" groups have never claimed that it is either one. The American Psychiatric and the

American Psychological Associations have both supported lifting

the ban, as they officially believe homosexuality is natural and normal, like being left-handed or some such trait that occurs in a small portion of the population.

Second, barracks are not always sex-segregated. Many new barracks are built in college dorms, with men and women on the same hall, and private bathrooms.

Third, there is a difference between conduct and status. Gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals are

discharged for simply being non-heterosexual, regardless of their conduct. Tailhook is an example of sexual misconduct, not normal to heterosexual conduct which goes unpunished, for the most part, in the U.S. military.

Clearly, gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals should be required to abide by the same conduct codes as heterosexuals. Unsolicited leering,

comments, or sexual contact are all forms of harassment and should

not be tolerated, no matter what gender is perpetrating or receiving such harassment.

Then you say that because there are no laws that explicitly tolerate homosexuality, we shouldn't have to change laws to accommodate homosexuality. That's silly.

There are laws which prohibit homosexuality in the military, and they should be removed because there is nothing about homosex-

uality that is incompatible with military service.

The long history of gays and lesbians in the military should be proof enough. Many of them were "cut" to their peers and there were no problems in their unit, as a result.

So, please Aaron, get a clue before you go into print with homophobic babble that's irrational and unfounded. You'll be a better person for it.

Donna Riley

Speak in a mature manner

Editor:

I had heard from a student that her issue of The Circle had an article ripped out. I thought this was odd, so I went and did some checking on my own.

It seems that the article, "Yes or No," from the Feb. 18 issue of The Circle had been purposely ripped out from almost every issue that could be found in the campus mail room and at a few other locations on campus.

This really bothered me, and I became more and more irritated at

the "ripper(s)" as I counted at least a dozen or so issues in which the same article was torn out.

Mind you, I didn't agree at all with the article. As a matter of fact, I support the rights of gays in the military, but that's my opinion, and not that of the reporter who wrote "Yes or No."

However, I do strongly believe in the right of free speech and that is one of the main reasons for us having a paper. This article voiced the reporter's opinion, and he had every right to do so.

I believe that the "ripper(s)" should take a stand and voice opinions about the article in the same fashion that we're all entitled to write a letter to the editor or submit an article. Ripping out "Yes or No" in every single article is the cowardly way out, and it also denies the reporter his right to free speech.

Bottom line: if you want to say something or oppose a viewpoint, say something about it in a mature fashion. Don't resort to childhood tactics. Shannon Roper, junior

Here we go again

Editor:

If the old adage is: don't believe everything you hear, perhaps Circle editor, S.J. Richard, should listen more carefully for the truth. So quick to jump into rumors herself, she is perpetuating the "here we go again" phenomena which she claims exists here at Marist.

In reference to MCTV's show, "Backtalk," yes, a supposed article in Playboy was cited on an episode. However, I invite anyone who saw the show to prove that it was mentioned with malicious intent.

Furthermore, if S.J. Richard took the time to investigate her own stories, instead of criticizing the panelists on "Backtalk," she would have realized that a retraction was scheduled to be made, and, in fact, was made on the Feb. 24 episode.

Yet another pertinent fact that she missed is that not all of the panelists engaged in the "popular skin magazine" discussion. Apparently, that truth doesn't matter.

Particularly annoying about the editor's article, however, is the patronizing tone it assumed at the end.

We are not children who need to be scolded, and even if we were, it would certainly not be by the editor of The Circle.

As Greg Maxim, "Backtalk" panelist said, "It's a typical Marist example of persecuting the messenger and avoiding the message," and in this case, even those of us who were not the messengers. It would be nice to see the editor of The Circle get her facts straight.

Barbara Cochran "Backtalk" panelist

Kudos

Editor:

As a former officer, I would like to congratulate the junior officers on a job well done. Our Junior Class Ring Weekend had to be the best ever.

I would also like to thank the S.P.C. for their Saturday night event: "The Turnstyles" - an excellent band.

As juniors, we should consider ourselves lucky to have such creative and organized class officers. Keep up the good work. Krista E. Shepard, junior

It's good

Editor:

The story by Susan Moroney, "Good news, bad news?" (Feb. 18) on the new grid seems to imply that I was looking forward to a fight.

Actually I want to indicate that with regard to the new grid, we have a good example of the fine art of compromise and cooperation.

In the development of this new schedule, we had the input of faculty, staff and students and, therefore, I believe we have a much improved schedule that will allow

for many more activities which will enhance the academic climate on our campus.

To me, that is good news, not bad.

Marc A. vanderHeyden Vice President Academic Affairs

Let Wil play

Editor:

I would like to submit my feelings on the actions of Head Coach David Magarity.

(On Feb. 20), it was Senior Night for the varsity basketball game. This means one thing—we finally get a chance to see Wil Den Ouden play. Wil has been at Marist for four years, he attends every practice and workout, and what does he get: two minutes in the game on Senior Night.

I think that this is more insulting than putting him in the game at all. Really Dave, don't just put Wil in to make the senior night complete. Put him in to play basketball. How do you even know how good Wil is in a game if he never plays?

I would like to say that when Wil was introduced, the crowd went crazy. I am one of eleven other guys that live in Townhouse C-1 with Wil, and I am proud to say that we all follow the activity of the

basketball team.

We see the freshmen players get their time to prove to the fans and the coaching staff that, "they can play." But, we don't see the senior Wil Den Ouden get his chance. Actually, what human can prove himself inside of two minutes, knowing that this will probably be the most playing time he will see all year.

Dave, you might think this is fair, or, "in the best interest of the team," but you might have another star from Holland, and you don't even know it because you don't give him a chance to shine.

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cannot be sold in the bookstore. According to the manager of the bookstore, Anthony Dangelo, there is no policy that says condoms can or cannot be sold in the bookstore, and, he said he is not in the position to make any policy regarding selling condoms in the bookstore.

"I haven't seen anything which says it has to or cannot be and I will not take the first step," Dangelo said. "I work for the school and I don't make the policies for the school. I've seen nothing in writing that they're for or against it."

by **DOMINICK FONTANA**
Senior Editor

Students who need an escort to walk around campus, may feel relieved that the Office of Safety and Security, along with Housing and Residential Life, has provided Marist with a new personalized alarm system.

Security purchased six Personal Attack Alarms (PAAL) on Wednesday, Feb. 25, for students who occasionally jog or do not feel comfortable walking around campus alone, according to Joseph Leary, the Director of Safety and Security.

Leary demonstrated the \$29 PAAL device outside the south entrance of Donnelly Hall because the 9-volt battery gives it enough power to "scream" at a 107-decibel, ear-piercing level. The average pain level is 130 decibels.

Jim Raimo, the Director of Housing and Residential Life, said the PAAL is one more service that students have if they don't want a security guard to escort them, or if they want to jog.

"The idea was to have joggers use this device because a security guard might not want to run with the student," Raimo said.

A fire alarm went off on the 5th floor of Leo Hall on Feb. 22 at 6:30

p.m. due to a probable accumulation of dust in the alarm system, but the next day there was a malfunction throughout the building, according to Leary.

Leary said the Dyson Center had a false alarm on Feb. 10, which was

also caused by dust. There was a fire on Feb. 10, when resident students had ordered a pizza and put it in the electric oven, in efforts to warm their food with the cardboard box, according to a security officer's report.

ELECTION

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the constitution dictates: "Campaigning in any social, athletic or academic function sponsored by Marist College is permitted only when equal opportunity is given to all candidates."

Rinehart, a 22-year-old psychology/business marketing major from New Milford, Conn., said that the reports against him "are false and the Senate realized that. In the end," he said, "I guess she (Nella Licari) thought it wasn't a clean election. I'm confident I will come out a winner."

After lengthy deliberation by the executive and senate boards, Licari's case was dismissed, making Rinehart the new president-elect.

He will formally take office on April 18.

Licari had then submitted another appeal, this one to the Judicial Board, arguing the senate's final decision maintaining current results.

Chief Justice Michele Bafuma

said only that her Judicial Board will "be mobilized on Thursday (March 4) to review" Licari's plight, adding that there is a strict policy of confidentiality surrounding the issue.

The second incident report form, however, was validated by Salvyon and the senate. Dave Whitehead, a candidate for president of the class of 1995, was noted for illegal campaigning and was subsequently disqualified from the race. Matthew Gillis was named president by default.

Specifics regarding Gillis' illegal campaigning were not disclosed.

The recent emergency sessions, only the second of their kind in Marist history, is an example of the fledgling SGA and its members' naivete, say some senators.

"The only way this (SGA) will work efficiently is through a complete overhaul of the system, including the constitution and all of the inherent bylaws," said a resident senator who preferred anonymity.

The first executive session was held in the Spring of 1992 to review the alcohol-related policies of a fraternity.

Overall official election results are as follows:

Student Body President: Kenton W. Rinehart; Resident Senators: Lisa Cassapelli, Jason LoMonaco (incumbent), James Sullivan and Holly Olson.

Commuter Senators: Brian Vetter (incumbent), and a second senator to be appointed by Rinehart.

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Foxes host NEC playoff

by **TED HOLMLUND**
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team was reeling after losing two straight to Army and Northeast Conference foe Robert Morris.

Would Head Coach Dave Magarity's club stumble into the NEC playoffs with three straight defeats?

No.

The Red Foxes pulled of an impressive 85-66 victory over St. Francis (PA). Marist finished its regular season with a 14-15 record (10-8 in the NEC).

Magarity's club finished tied for third in the conference with Mount St. Mary's but will be seeded four in the post season tournament because the team was defeated twice in the regular season by the Mountaineers.

The Red Foxes will host fifth-seeded Fairleigh Dickinson University tonight.

Senior guard Andy Lake led the Marist attack pumping in 19 points on 7-10 shooting (5-7 from three-

point range). Freshman Alan Tomidy continued his solid play notching 18 points on 6-11 shooting.

Sean James also chipped in with 15 points on 4-7 shooting. The senior also converted six of eight free throws.

Magarity said the team showed a lot of character coming back to win after their tough loss last Thursday to the Colonials.

"It was a big win considering the way we played against Robert Morris," the seventh-year coach said.

"We sent out a signal to the league. It was probably the most convincing win of the night (in the NEC)." Magarity was upset about the Robert Morris game, because the squad lost 84-82 in a game the Red Foxes apparently controlled.

"It just bothers me the way things have gone," he said. "We've lost a lot of close games at the end."

Junior point guard Dexter Dunbar missed some crucial free throws and made a critical turnover late in the game which wound up hurting

Marist in the end.

With a victory, the Red Foxes would have ended the regular season with sole possession of third place notching a third seed in the NEC Tournament.

Magarity said the loss will make achieving a winning record harder.

"We didn't deserve to lose to Robert Morris," he said. "I really wanted the senior class to go out of here with a winning record. Now, we have to win the conference (to get over the .500 mark).

Freshman Danny Basile knocked down 16 points on 5-8 shooting.

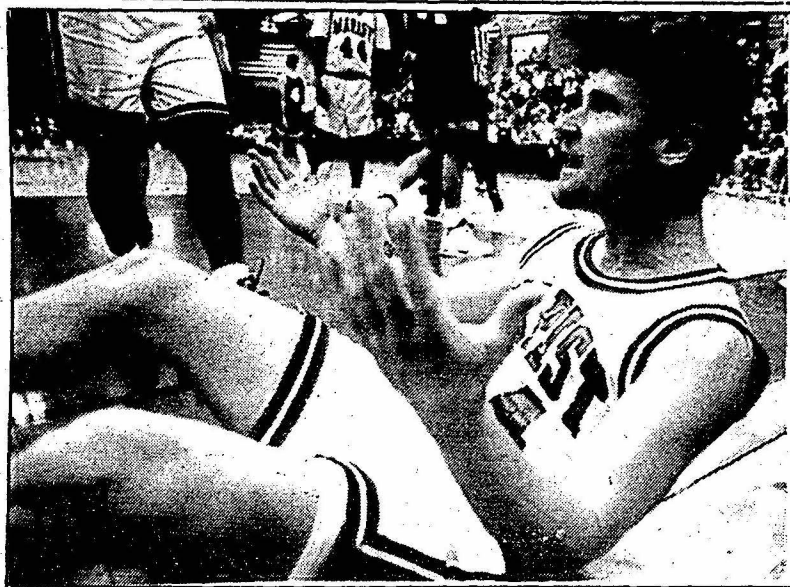
James chipped in with 15 points and grabbed ten rebounds.

Lake also threw in 15 points to balance the charge.

If Marist should defeat the FDU tonight, the team could face top-seeded Rider in the semifinals.

Magarity said the team's main concern is to defeat the Knights because a loss would eliminate them and any potential match-up with Rider would be out of the question.

"We'll worry about that when



Even though Andy Lake looks upset, the men are happy to be hosting a playoff game.

the time comes," he said. "Right now I'm worried about FDU." Marist has defeated the Knights twice this year including a 84-76 victory at FDU.

However, many say it is hard to beat a conference team three times in a row.

Magarity said he just wants the team to go out and play and to forget about all of the distractions that come with a tournament game.

"We can't be hesitant," he said. "You don't want guys to worry about making mistakes."

Marist awaiting Patterson bout next Saturday

by **MATT MARTIN**
Staff Editor

And some were worried boxing wouldn't sell in Poughkeepsie.

Early ticket sales have been heavy for Tracy Patterson's World Championship bout at the McCann Center March 13.

"Over half of the 3,500 tickets have been sold," according to Steve Griffith, director of sales and communications for Madison Square Garden Boxing, the promoters of the fight. "The event is real hot right now, and tickets are selling better than expected."

The fight, which will be broad-

cast live on ABC-TV's Wide World of Sports, pits Highland's Patterson, the World Boxing Council's super bantamweight champ, against Jesse Benavides from Corpus Christi, Texas.

As of Tuesday, the McCann Center had sold out of all its 500 tickets, but was expecting more to handle the overwhelming demand.

"Between playoff tickets and Patterson tickets, it's been really crazy down here," said Karen Kara, athletic secretary.

"We're excited about the opportunity to sell more tickets at the playoff game," said Griffith.

Tickets are also on sale at all TicketMaster outlets, the Mid-

Hudson Civic Center, and Anaconda-Kaye sporting goods stores for \$15, \$25, \$50.

Sales have been boosted by a mailing to 2,000 local Marist alumni and to over 80 area businesses touting priority seating and other incentives.

"Not too many students have purchased tickets," said Mike Malet, assistant to the athletic director. "However, we've gotten a great response from local area residents."

ABC was at McCann early last week to inspect the McCann Center.

"This is the same (camera) crew that does Monday Night Foot-

ball," said Malet. "They really know their stuff."

ABC will be bringing in their own lighting truss to hang above the ring to illuminate it for their five cameras, according to Griffith.

The fighters have been in training camp for the past two weeks, and are expected in the area for a press conference this Wednesday.

Benavides will arrive in Poughkeepsie for fight week promotions on Wednesday, and will train at Marist on Thursday.

Patterson is also scheduled to make an appearance at McCann on March 10 for training after breaking camp in Catskill, N.Y.

For fight buffs in the mood for pre-bout action, or if you can't afford \$50 ringside seats, today, Patterson is training at Rooney's Gym in Catskill for a two-hour workout and sparring session that is open to the public.

The session begins at 1 p.m.

The first 300 students attending tonight's Northeast Conference playoff against FDU get in for a discount price of \$3. All other students pay full price — \$5.

Mike Malet, assistant athletic director, said students were charged because it's an NEC contest, not a Marist game.

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Jelen also has his eye on a mark in history. The Silver Springs, Maryland native said he feels he has a shot at the titles in the 200-yard butterfly and the 500 and 1000 freestyle events.

"I must swim a perfect race," Jelen said. "It's very difficult to be perfect. But it's not out of reach."

Despite the fatigue from the long season, the swimmers said they

were ready to give a solid performance in the ECAC's.

"We were tired and sore last week (after the MSC's), but we feel better," Bluestein said. "We're recovering and taking it one day at a time."

"It's what we've been working for all season," Gagne said.

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one game left." Last Wednesday, Marist traveled to Southern Connecticut University and lost, 4-1.

The Red Foxes had problems at both ends of the ice as Southern scored four straight goals.

Marist was scoreless, until the 3:57 mark of the third period.

Closinski scored a power play goal from Eirish and senior Ed Sherako.

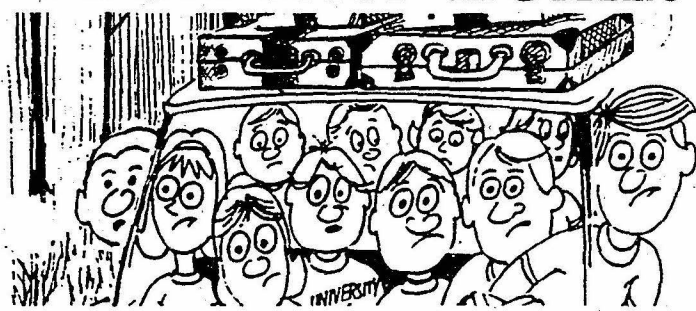
Despite the setback, Walsh said there were some optimistic signs.

"Despite losing 4-1, we definitely made improvement in playing as a team," he said. "We starting picking up at the end, and it carried on through to Saturday night."

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STAT OF THE WEEK:
The women's basketball team has won 10 of its last 11 games to clinch at least fourth place in the NEC.

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Spikers win again; improve to 7-3

by **JIM DERIVAN**
Staff Writer

After defeating Fordham on Thursday 15-7, 15-11, 15-11, the men's volleyball club increased its winning streak to six games with wins over Colgate and Utica to up its record to 7-3.

In the first match against Utica the club won in straight sets 15-9, 15-6, 15-12.

Senior John O'Brien slammed down 13 kills and Senior Mike Gearing added 10 digs. Senior Randy Desrosiers also chipped in with 24 assists.

"The three biggest stars of the game were John O'Brien, Mike Gearing, and Randy Desrosiers," Coach Nicole Silenzi said. "They played really well."

In the next match, the Red Foxes won in straight sets again, defeating Colgate 15-5, 15-3, 15-6.

The club had one of its best outings of the season according to Mike Gearing, the club's treasurer.

"We played a lot better against Colgate. We blocked well, and our defense was great. All facets of the game were excellent, and I think we played our best match of the year," Gearing said.

The team played together as a unit, Silenzi said.

"The statistics were pretty even. There were no big stars," she added. Gearing was one of the most consistent players in the match, Silenzi said.

"Mike played good, Silenzi said. "He had two kills in each set." Gearing also added 5 1/2 blocks in the victory.

Four players have contributed in the last three matches, Gearing said.

"Over the past three games there has been some key players on the club have been John O'Brien, and myself," he said. "Also Johannesson has blocked real well and Randy Desrosiers has been setting well as well as playing really good defense."

The key for these games has been the clubs' passing, blocking and defense, according to coach Silenzi.

"The passing was good and the blocking has been dominate for the past three games. The defense was also very good," she said.

The club traveled to Columbia University, to play the Lions on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.



Senior Doug Porrell slams the ball in his team's victory over Utica.
Circle photo/Matt Martin

Top swimmers prepare for ECAC Invite

by **MIKE WALSH**
Staff Writer

After a successful showing in the Metropolitan Swimming Conference Championships, the marathon swimming season enters its seventh month for six athletes.

Sophomores Matt Bluestein, Doug Jelen, Ron Gagne and freshman Kyle O'Neil will compete individually with a field drawn from over 225 colleges.

With the team's season closed, these four will travel to the University of Buffalo to compete in the East Coast Athletic Conference championships.

Sophomores Brett Arnold and Angel Tomala-Reyes will also make the trip as part of the relay team.

O'Neil goes north after breaking two school records in the Metropolitan Swimming Conference championship, but said he wants more.

"There's no reason why my 100 and 200 (yard times in the freestyle events) shouldn't be faster," he said. "If it happens that they are not, it's because I'm not ready to swim." ...see SWIM page 7

Icemen win big, 8-2; eye Metro playoffs

by **ANDREW HOLMLUND**
Staff Writer

In sports, when a team has experienced success and starts to lose, it tends to lead to a downward trend.

The Marist hockey club is no exception.

The Red Foxes have compiled a dismal 2-3-2 record over its last seven games.

Marist will be looking to regain its winning form this Saturday when it closes out its regular season against Island Division leader, C.W. Post at 10 p.m.

Last Saturday, Marist was able to collect its ninth win on the year by knocking off Farmingdale, 8-2.

The Red Foxes (9-4-5) were able to get the early jump, as four different players recorded first period goals.

Junior John Lloyd started the Red Fox scoring attack at the 15:45

mark of the first period on an assist by sophomore Scott Jacques.

After goals from freshman Todd Corriveau and junior Doug Closinski, Jacques concluded the first period scoring by notching his second of the year at 12 seconds from seniors Mike Mannebach and Tom Schlieff.

Junior Noel Smith recorded his second tally of the year, assisted from Jacques and Corriveau. Corriveau garnered a hat-trick at 2:41, assisted by Mannebach and Closinski.

Lloyd rounded out the scoring at 2:10 seconds, assisted by Corriveau.

First-year Head Coach Kevin Walsh said his team was able to make the big plays by clicking as one unit.

"We finally executed as a team," Walsh said. "It's the perfect time to get on track with

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Cagers win fifth straight in NEC

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

The women have won 10 of their last 11 games because Ken Babineau has worn the same wild tie.

The Red Foxes have clinched at least fourth place in the Northeast Conference and a home playoff game because the players actually knock on wood every chance they get.

Well, not really, but the team (11-6 in the NEC; 16-9 overall) has accomplished those goals while playing to those superstitions.

"Yeah, we're a little superstitious," said Babineau, the head coach. "It's part of sports. And if it works, we'll keep doing it."

What has been working is the Foxes' clutch offense and defense. Marist had to rally twice this weekend to sweep the yearly Pennsylvania road trip.

The Red Foxes knocked off St. Francis (Pa.) 82-73 on Saturday and Robert Morris 72-69 in over-

time last Thursday.

Marist trailed St. Francis (6-10 in the NEC; 7-17 overall): 41-37 at halftime, continued to look sluggish in the second half and needed a 14-0 run to take the lead and put the game away.

"We didn't get the ball inside as much in the first half," said Babineau. "Our defense was also letting them go up and down the court. We kinda chewed at them at halftime."

Lori Keys led the late charge as she scored 15 points and ripped down 14 rebounds despite playing on a strained left quadricep.

"At times it was painful," she said. "When I stood around, it got stiff. And when I had to run again, it got painful."

"What Lori does, does not surprise me," said Babineau. "She's a warrior. When the pressure's on, she wants to step up and be counted."

The rest of the team stepped up in time, too. Charlene Fields finished with 18, Cindy Carroll had 12 and Keys' post partner, Stacey

Dengler, tossed in 15.

"We became more confident with the ball," said Dengler. "We reacted instead of thinking about it. I think in the first half, we thought a little bit too much instead of just playing."

Last Thursday was a similar story except it was Robert Morris that went on a late run.

Leading 50-35 with 10:12 remaining in the contest, the Foxes scored only nine points the rest of the way and found themselves tied with the Colonials (5-10 in the NEC; 6-17 overall) at 59.

Fields (19 points) and Melissa Hauser (career-high 11) supplied the overtime heroics as each scored four points.

"It seems like whenever we get a lead like that, we seem to slack a little bit," said Hauser. "It's not like we quit playing. We just get comfortable with the lead we have."

The Foxes received balanced scoring once again as Keys poured in 13 points and Andrea Macey chipped in 10.

Marist sports: Stand up and be counted

Despite the men's basketball team's dominating win over St. Francis (Pa.) on Saturday, it won't establish enough momentum for the Red Foxes to win the Northeast Conference Tournament.

Prior to the game against the Red Flash, Marist lost two games in a row to teams with lower records.

I can understand why Head Coach Dave Magarity's club might have come out flat against a non-conference, 3-20 Army team this late in the year.

However, in the 84-82 loss to Robert Morris, the Red Foxes failed to execute down the stretch.

This time it was point guard Dexter Dunbar's crucial turnover and missed free throws late in the game which led to Marist's downfall.

Did this happen only once? No. Marist has blown late leads to Siena, Fairfield and Mount St. Mary's.

In the Siena game, the Red Foxes had a 52-42 lead with 11:06 remain-

ing, only to see the Saints go on a 10-2 run and win 62-60.

Against Fairfield, Marist held a 47-38 edge in the closing minutes, only to see the Stags mount a 23-9 surge to steal the victory.

After fighting back to take a 65-62 lead against the Mount, the Foxes saw the Mountaineers outscore them 10-2 to score a 72-67 win.

You get the point. Marist will defeat FDU tonight because Magarity's club is deeper and more balanced. However, the Red Foxes won't advance further in the tourney because they have not shown they can put teams away and win on a consistent basis.

Women are on a roll
Head Coach Ken Babineau's club is definitely peaking for tourney time. The Red Foxes have won 10 of their last 11 games.

Right now, Marist is regarded as one of the hottest teams in the nation in the women's ranks.

However, the Red Foxes could be the hottest team in the world, and it wouldn't mean a thing unless

they could find a way to win a playoff game.

Oh, by the way, the women's team has never won a game in the NEC Tournament since the early '80s.

This will be the first year because this team has become more than the Charlene Field's show. Fields is having a great year, but she is also receiving help from players like Cindy Carroll and Stacey Dengler, who has provided a strong, consistent post game.

If Marist (presently the fourth seed) can win in the first round, they will take the tournament because they are streaking. The Red Foxes have also shown they can beat the top three NEC teams in FDU, Rider and Mt. St. Mary's.

Play ball
The baseball and softball teams both had a rough first year.

Coach Smith's club began its inaugural season with a dismal 8-27 record (3-14 in the NEC.)

Coach Chiavelli's team did not fare much better notching a 6-29 record (1-7 in conference play).

However, expect better performances from both teams this season.

Why?
The primary reason is because both pitching staffs have more experience and talent.

The baseball team has eight starters coming back from last year's squad.

Some sophomores on this year's pitching staff gained valuable experience that might not have been available in a more established Division I program. Plus, senior Steve Graham, a top pitcher last year, pitched better as the season wore on. Look for Graham to keep improving.

The softball team will be relying on two freshmen to bolster the pitching staff.

Beth Kershaw and Jen Luker, both New Jersey natives, were rivals in the state playoffs in high school.

Luker and Kershaw were first and third in the state in strikeouts, respectively.

Coming from successful high

school programs, expect both pitchers to make an immediate impact.

Junior Tricia Southworth will also be in the three-man rotation. Senior Terri Bambakidou will also see some action.

Early prediction: Both teams will win more than ten games. I know it's cautious, but let's wait until they take the field.

Overtime
The men's volleyball club is starting to win because they are starting to work together both offensively and defensively. In their six-match winning streak, the club's passing and blocking have improved.

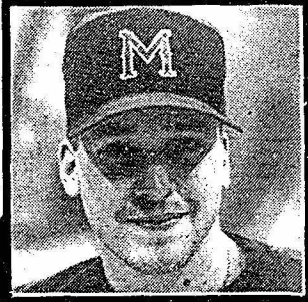
The hockey club has been skating in place lately, (2-3-2) and if they don't move forward soon, they won't make the playoffs.

George Steinbrenner is back. I'm happy. Just kidding.

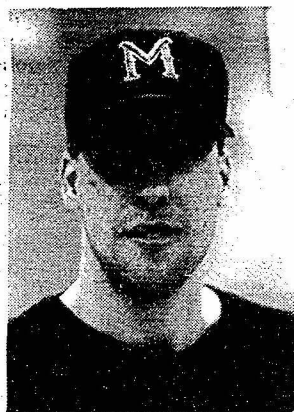
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- Art Smith



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The softball team lost 15 games by two runs or less last year.



DIAMOND STAT:
Opponents batted .326 against the baseball team.



"I'm back where I've always belonged."

- Terri Bambakidou

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Hitters expect to improve

by **TED HOLMLUND**
Sports Editor

The baseball team will be looking to prove last year's 8-27 record (3-14 in the Northeast Conference) was just a matter of growing pains suffered in its first season.

If the team's 7-1 fall record is any indication, things could be turning for the better.

The record included a first-place finish in the Manhattan College Fall Classic with wins over St. Peter's and conference foe Wagner.

Head Coach Art Smith said the team came out with a great attitude for the fall season and feels the squad is ready to begin play.

"I know we're capable of beating some good clubs," the second-year coach said. "We're just anxious to show people we can play."

The Red Foxes will have to find the clutch hits if they are going to improve on last year's mark. Marist hit only .245 and stranded 251 runners.

Smith and some of the players said the team has more experience and should be able to improve its offensive execution.

"I hope we don't have to scratch for runs," he said. "We have a number of kids who can hit the ball and have experience under their belts."

"We definitely have to hit it better," co-captain Mike Dauerer, the

club's probable lead-off hitter, said. "I have to get on base. If I'm oh-for-the-year and have a .500 on-base percentage, I will have done my job." Senior George Camacho, who was one of the team's top hitters at .320 last year, said he is looking to perform better at the plate.

"Last year, I had a tough year," he said. "I'm looking to raise my average over .400."

The team will look to better last year's 7.34 earned run average. Opposing batters also knocked around the pitching staff for a .326 batting average.

Although the club lost Paul Mele and Dave Rodriguez to graduation, Marist will still return eight starters, including senior Steve Graham who is the team's probable number one pitcher.

Graham said he believes the experience gained last year by the younger pitchers will improve the staff's performance.

"The sophomores have improved greatly," the co-captain said. "I'm really satisfied with our improvement."

Smith said he wants to go with a six-man rotation with Graham as one of the weekend pitchers.

A weekend pitcher can pitch twice a week on Wednesday and Sunday, according to Smith.

"I think we have a solid staff," he said. "They're all vying to be a weekend pitcher. Probably Graham (will be a weekend pitcher)

because of his experience a year ago."

Marist will look to continue to play solid defense.

Last year, the Red Foxes had a .940 fielding percentage. The squad had 72 errors, 802 putouts and 348 assists.

Senior second baseman Mike Pagano had four errors for a .975 fielding percentage.

"Pagano is the glue of the infield," Smith said. "He's steady and he hits."

The team has practiced outside for only two days because of the inclement weather.

"Generally speaking, you don't get out before March," Smith said. "It's one of those things to expect in the Northeast."

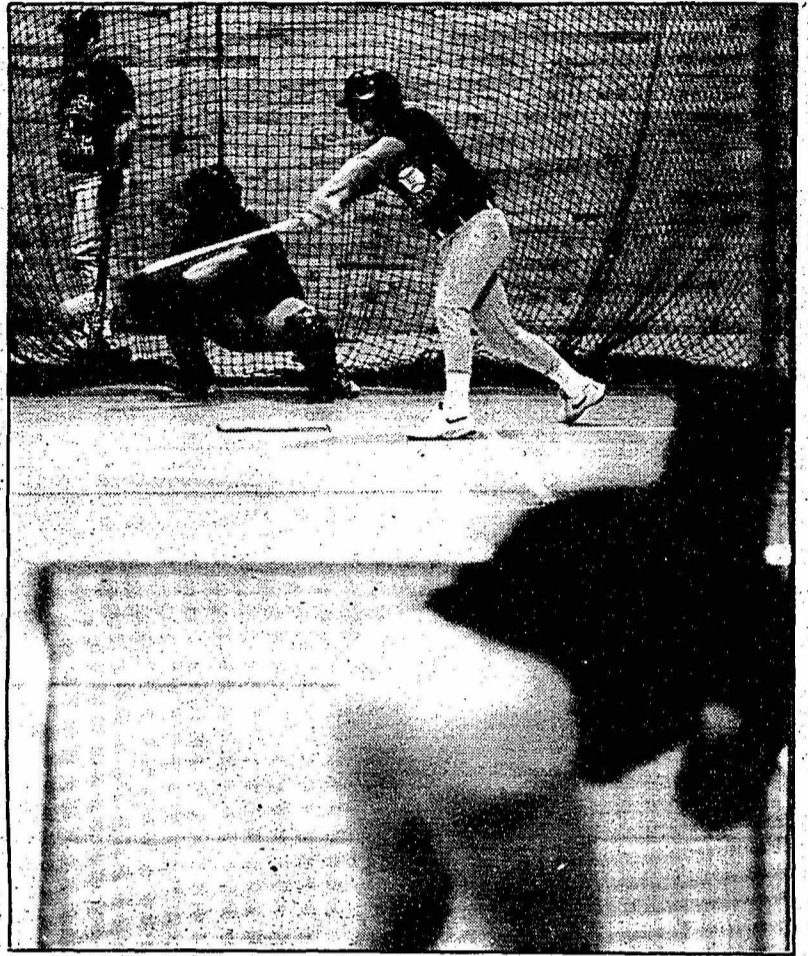
Jeff Rose, a pitcher, said he was ready to go.

"You start to get that itch," the sophomore said. "We're looking forward to get down South. There's only so much you can do in the gym. We don't even have mounds to pitch on."

The Red Foxes will open its season with a tough trip down South with games against schools like C.W. Post, Campbell and N.C. State. The Wolfpack is currently 14th in the nation.

Smith said it will be a good test for his club to have a competitive early season slate because it will give them solid preparation for the upcoming NEC Conference schedule.

Smith said he knows it will be a



Sophomore Vinny Roberto takes a cut in the batting cage during a recent practice.

tough task for his club to compete against the Southern teams who are already 15 to 20 games into their seasons.

"Most Northern teams don't expect to do well down South," he said. "Hopefully, we'll get a few wins."

The team's goal is to finish among the top four in the conference so the squad can qualify for the NEC Tournament at the end of the year, according to Smith.

"There's no weak sisters," he said. "You're talking about parody—this conference has it."

Foxes hope follow-up is stronger than debut

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

In order to avoid hitting the wrong notes this year, the softball team will be taking center stage sooner than expected—literally.

During spring training, some of the Red Foxes will be singing karaoke.

That's right. Karaoke.

"They're all fired up," said Head Coach Tom Chiavelli with a gleam in his eye. "I told them they have to get up and sing."

"We've just been singing songs left and right," said freshman pitcher Beth Kershaw. "And they're videotaping each person. We have to do it."

"It should be fun," said left fielder Courtney Sleight. "Me and her (Kershaw) have been dueting together in practice."

Freshman shortstop Beth Murphy said she could live without the spotlight on her.

"I hate karaoke," she admitted. "I'm not a singer. I'm not paid to sing."

Chiavelli will need his team to do more than get up and sing if the Foxes are to rid themselves of the blues that dogged them in last year's 6-29 season.

If the inaugural season was not going to be tough enough, the women only had 10 players on the roster by season's end, new injuries appeared every week, the team only batted .178, lost 15 games by two runs or less and posted a team earned run average of 7.01.

Chiavelli, in his second year as maestro of the club, said he is just

happy to have bodies on the field.

"Last year, when you had nine players and you were looking over your shoulder for the 10th, that's hard on the girls and the staff," he said. "Now I can make moves—put in a pinch runner, change pitchers. I couldn't do that last year." This comes as a huge relief to his returning players.

"It's pretty funny when you're in the last inning of the second game and you need a pinch runner and I'm sitting on the bench," said junior pitcher Tricia Southworth.

Added sophomore captain Patty Ackermann: "It's like, 'Holy Cow! Where'd all these people come from?'"

Not only do the Red Foxes have a new band of players but a renewed sense of confidence, too.

"Not to sound crazy, but this team could be 29-6 if everyone works together," said lone senior Terri Bambakidou. "Everyone has their own talent and working together will turn it around for us. I'm not dreaming. I really see that happening."

"I think it looks very promising," said Ackermann. "I'm afraid to say how much but it seems we're strong in every position with backups. You can't really tell until you face the competition but I do know we'll be better than last year."

Chiavelli will be looking for a combination of youth and experience to keep his team on a high note. He has nine newcomers (eight freshmen and one transfer) and eight returnees.

Among the top returnees is sophomore third baseman Melissa Fanelli, who led the team in hitting (.298) last season.

"If she stays healthy, she'll be one to lead this team with her bat," said Chiavelli.

Ackermann will get the nod in center field and Chiavelli hopes her

speed will again be a factor.

"She can run," he marvelled. "She doesn't have the strongest arm but she can go get 'em in the outfield."

Ackermann knows she has to increase her stolen base production (only five steals in 35 games).

"I want to make things happen," said the Poughkeepsie native. "I don't think I stole enough last year."

Marge Sylvia returns for her second year but will have to play second base because Murphy will play short.

"Maybe that wasn't her position," Chiavelli said. "She made a lot of errors there (a team-leading 21). I know she can play the field and this'll take some of the pressure off her."

The versatile Bambakidou, who played every position last year except catcher, also figures to play a key role in the 1993 version of the Red Foxes.

He's also hoping the freshmen will give him some instant offense (and defense, for that matter) because they will be pressed into service early.

Rookies Murphy, Sleight, twin sister Laurie Sleight (first base), Angela Degatano (catcher), Kershaw and Jen Luker (pitcher) will all see substantial playing time if they don't start.

"The freshmen, even though they're freshmen, are good. I just hope they don't say, 'I'm only a freshman.' I hope they don't use that as a crutch," said Bambakidou.

As for karaoke night, John Fogerty's "Centerfield" is the odds-on favorite to be sung, although Degatano wouldn't mind hearing "Foxy Lady" by Jimi Hendrix.

"I'm not the singing one," she said. "I'll be the air guitarist or the drummer."



Sophomore captain Patty Ackermann lunges to her left to snare a ground ball.

"My personal goal is to go out with a respectable record. No 8-27 fiasco."

- Mike Dauerer

DIAMOND STAT:
Jen Luker was the top strikeout pitcher in New Jersey.

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Dutchess men look to regain winning form

by TED HOLMLUND
Sports Editor

When Mike Dauerer, George Camacho, Rick Dominick, Mike Pagano and Head Coach Art Smith were in the Dutchess Community College baseball program, they knew nothing but success.

In the two seasons prior to their journey to Marist last year, the four seniors' record at Dutchess, a two-year school, was 70-19. In 1990, the Dutchess squad compiled a 38-9 record and went to the Junior College World Series.

Last year's junior college success did not translate into Division I victories as the JuCo transfers and the rest of the club struggled to an 8-27 season (3-14 in the Northeast Conference).

Smith and the four seniors said they feel this just came with the territory of being a new Division I program and are primed to get back on the winning track.

Pagano said losing was foreign to him while he was at Dutchess and does not want to see last year repeated.

"We only lost roughly 15 games in two years," the second baseman said. "It was our first year on a losing program. We're not used to that, and we want it to change."

Dominick said the jump from the JuCo level to Division I hurt his hitting because the pitchers were tougher but feels he is ready to put together a solid year.

"Last year was my worst batting average (.221)," the third baseman/designated hitter said. "If I don't double my last year's average, I'll be upset."

Dominick said the team should perform well this year.

"Last year was a fluke," he said. "This year we should be O.K."

The Dutchess team faced only three or four tough squads a year but Marist does not compete against any weak teams in the NEC, Smith said.

"The level of competition is a



Former high school rivals Jen Luker (left), and Beth Kershaw will be the Red Foxes' 1-2 punch on the mound this year.

step up," the second-year coach said. "We have to do a better job of preparation and step everything up a notch."

Dauerer said he remembers the good times at Dutchess and last year's troubles but is only concerned with one thing—winning the NEC.

"Yeah we have great memories at Dutchess," the center fielder said. "That was then, this is now. New team—new faces."

"For myself, my personal goal is to go out with a respectable record," he added. "No 8-27 fiasco."

Camacho said he wants to taste victories again and feels a sense of urgency for the four seniors to produce this year.

"We're used to winning and we

had success in the past," the left fielder said. "There isn't a next year for us. We have to do well."

Camacho also said he wants to improve his .320 batting average.

"Last year, I had a tough year," he said. "I want to raise my average over .400 so I have a chance to play elsewhere."

"George has a shot of getting drafted," Dauerer said. "I told him not to forget about me."

Smith is not about to forget the impact he expects the four seniors to make on this year's squad.

"They're the heart of the lineup," he said. "They should definitely produce this year."

Fortunes rest on arms of fab four

by J.W. STEWART
Staff Writer

Last year's pitching statistics were a nightmare: 29 games lost, a team earned run average of 7.01 and opposing teams batted .279 against the Red Foxes.

So, in an effort to escape the nightmarish first season where nothing seemed to go right, Head Coach Tom Chiavelli is relying on two freshmen, an oft-injured junior and a utility player to spearhead his team's revival.

Here's a look at the four pitchers who Chiavelli has rested his fortunes on:

JEN LUKER

This freshman left James Caldwell High School in New Jersey as the top strikeout pitcher in the state. A hard thrower with some decent speed, Luker has a fastball, drop, riser and change-up in her pitching arsenal.

"I like to keep the batters off balance," she said. "I like to go low and then come back with the riser and put it right underneath their head. And if they go for that, I hit 'em with the riser again."

Chiavelli said she has deceiving speed.

"She's not a real fireballer but she can sneak it by you and get some strikeouts," he pointed out.

BETH KERSHAW

If Luker has the speed and power, "The Shaw" has the finesse.

Rookie Kershaw, third in the state of New Jersey in strikeouts, can throw a fastball, drop, riser, change-up and a curve.

Despite possessing a curve, Kershaw's pitch series is a drop followed by a rise and another drop.

"The drop's the weapon. Outside corner," she said as a smile spread across her face.

Her coach is smiling because of the potential she has.

"Beth is more of a finesse pitcher," said the second-year man. "She doesn't throw hard. She throws more towards spots."

TRICIA SOUTHWORTH

One of only two returning pitchers, Southworth will fit into Chiavelli's three-man rotation. The second-year transfer from Assumption College in Massachusetts was second on the team in starts and strikeouts with 12 and 28, respectively, but walked 52 of the 105 batters the staff faced last year.

"I'm excited because I feel more confident," said the junior from near-Hopewell Junction, N.Y. "Last year I was injured so I was always changing my pitching style."

Southworth has had a recurring problem with her left (non-throwing) shoulder. It occasionally pops in and out of place during practices and games.

Chiavelli is not only concerned with her shoulder injury but with her overanxiousness, as well.

"She has the tendency to want to throw the ball too quick," he said. "I tell her to wait for the batter. You want the batter to be impatient. She has to concentrate on pacing herself."

Southworth unloads with a variety of pitches and speeds. Her weaponry includes a fastball, rise, curve, drop, change and what she called a "slick pitch."

TERRI BAMBAKIDOU

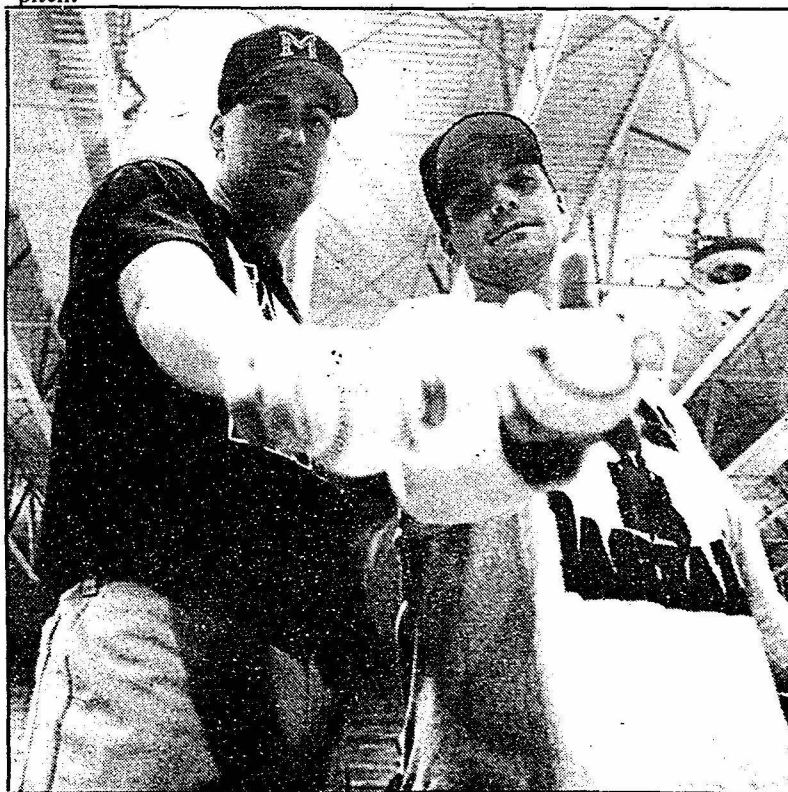
After pitching 58 innings last year, this senior let up the least amount of runs, hits and walks on the team. She also had the lowest ERA at 5.06.

"This year, I look forward to pitching," said the second-year transfer from Merrimack College in Connecticut. "I'm ready to pitch. Last year, I didn't feel ready."

Unfortunately, she may see limited time on the mound.

"The three main ones are Jen, Beth and Tricia," said Chiavelli. "But Terri will probably get some action."

When she does make her appearance on the hill, Bambakidou can toss every pitch her roommate Southworth can, except the mysterious "slick pitch."



Seniors Steve Graham (left) and sophomore Jeff Rose show off their pitching grips.

Experience is key for hurlers

by TED HOLMLUND
Sports Editor

Many baseball strategists believe pitching wins ball games.

Head Coach Art Smith will be looking for the team to lower last year's 7.34 earned run average where opponents hit .326 against the Red Foxes' pitching staff.

Here's a breakdown on the top six probable starters who will be relied on to give the Red Foxes innings and wins.

STEVE GRAHAM

Graham is the top returning starter for Marist.

The senior will be looking to improve on his 0-8 record and 6.07 earned run average in nine appearances (seven starts).

Head Coach Art Smith said Graham pitched well and lost a lot of one-run games and has improved his pitches which includes a fastball, breaking ball, a split-finger and a straight change.

"Steve's got an outstanding breaking ball and slider," the second-year coach said. "When his split finger is on, it's excellent."

DARYL COSTELLO

The junior is arguably the

hardest thrower on the team, according to Smith.

Costello was ineligible to play last year because not enough of his credits transferred.

The flame thrower relies primarily on the hard stuff — fastball, curveball and split-finger. Every now and then he throws in the straight change.

"I'm mostly a fastball pitcher," he said. "I'm working on the split-finger to keep them off balance. It's getting good."

JEFF ROSE

Rose had a rocky freshman campaign notching a 2-3 record with a 7.79 ERA in seven appearances (four starts).

The sophomore was out for roughly a week during spring training because of a groin injury, but he is pitching now.

Rose throws a fastball, curveball and a change-up.

"My change-up is my strikeout pitch," he said. "I set it up with my fastball."

"He has a big-league straight change," Smith said. "He's working on a variation of change-ups."

JAY GAVIGAN

Gavigan started in three games and made 12 appearances for

Marist recording a 1-3 mark with a 7.14 ERA.

The junior pitcher hurls a fastball, change-up, curveball and now a knuckleball.

"Over the summer I worked on the knuckleball," he said. "My best pitch is the curveball."

SCOTT RONAGHAN

Smith said he feels Ronaghan will be a key contributor to the pitching staff.

The sophomore throws the fastball, curveball and is adding the change-up as his third pitch.

"The change-up is coming along pretty well," he said. "Last year I had trouble throwing it for strikes. This year I can basically throw it where I want to."

Ronaghan appeared in seven games (starting two) and had 1-1 record while notching a 7.14 ERA.

MARK BARRON

The freshman has a good chance to crack into the rotation, Smith said.

Barron throws a fastball, curveball and change-up.

"I had a fastball and curveball in high school," he said. "I'm using the change-up more here. I'm getting more action, but I'm still having a little trouble throwing it."

"She's one to set an example. She is a leader."

- Beth Murphy

DIAMOND STAT:
Steve Graham has pitched in the World Series - the Junior College World Series.

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DIAMOND DIGEST

Versatile Bambakidou is back 'home' after 3 years

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Hang out with Terri Bambakidou for even a minute and you'll hear something her friends and teammates have known for years — her laugh.

"That damn laugh. It drives me crazy," said pitcher (and roommate) Tricia Southworth as she shook her head. "It gets to the point where I hear it in my sleep."

"She has a funny laugh," said shortstop Beth Murphy: "It's like a cackle. She makes everyone else laugh."

Sometimes, that laugh is misunderstood.

"You say something serious and she laughs and you don't know how she took it," said Tom Chiavelli, head coach of the softball team.

"I think if Terri walks up and strikes out, she'll probably smile," he added.

Not surprisingly, Bambakidou laughed when she heard that.

"I probably would laugh because if I didn't, I'd be pissed off," she said.

"No matter what I do, sometimes people don't take me seriously," added Bambakidou, the lone senior on the second-year squad. "My smile and personality may blow off an error and some people perceive that as not being a hard worker but I am."

Case in point: with only nine players on the roster late last season, Bambakidou had to pitch a doubleheader against Big East power Seton Hall. She lost game one 5-0 but immediately bounced back to win game two 8-4.

"She is a good player," said Chiavelli. "When she puts her mind to it, she can do it all," he said.

Interestingly enough, Bambakidou's infectious laughter

almost did not echo across the North Fields. If it were not for a few twists in her life, the valued utility player would not be returning as the team's co-MVP.

Her trip to Marist began in the summer of 1988. She attended a softball camp in Connecticut where she met future Red Fox teammate Southworth and pitching instructor Cliff Ong.

Ong invited Bambakidou to try out for the Dutchess Debs, a summer-league team in Dutchess County, N.Y. The following summer, Bambakidou and Southworth were teammates on the Debs.

However, this meant driving 90 minutes in her 1983 maroon Oldsmobile Omega from her hometown in Torrington, Conn., to Poughkeepsie for practices and games.

"I felt like I had two lives — one in Torrington and one here," she said.

Marist at the time did not have a softball team so Bambakidou attended Merrimack College in her home state. She liked it until she began having differences with her coach in her sophomore year.

Her future changed for the better on a rainy day in the fall of 1990. Merrimack was playing Assumption College when Bambakidou saw a familiar face — Southworth.

Bambakidou found out Southworth was thinking of transferring, too, and her first choice was Marist.

"It was such a coincidence. I was psyched," said Bambakidou. "I called her when I got in and she called me later that week to tell me she got in."

Bambakidou now realizes her road trips were not in earnest.

"It's a good thing I did drive out here," she said. "I would never be here today if I didn't play on the Debs in 1989."

Besides Southworth, teammates Courtney and Laurie Sleight, Janine O'Connor, Melissa Fanelli and Angela Degatano are all current or former Debs players.

"It's like a Debs reunion," she said. "I'm back where I've always belonged."

Southworth, for one, is happy she found her way back "home."

"The best thing is when she'd play first base...I have a tendency to turn around and talk to myself and she was there to listen to me," she said.

"She'd get so pissed off and turn to me, I'd smile and laugh and she had to laugh," said Bambakidou with her ever-present smile.

The versatile Bambakidou played every position except catcher last year and is slated to start in the outfield this year.

"I want to play wherever I'm needed," said Bambakidou. "I'm the senior but I want to be pushed."

Her attitude and versatility have always impressed Chiavelli.

"Last year, when we only had nine players and I told her, 'Terri, you're playing first today,' she said, 'OK.' She never said 'I can't do it.' She always said, 'OK,'" recalled Chiavelli.

Even though she is not captain of the team (Patty Ackermann is), she still possesses all the qualities exhibited in a captain — both on the field and off.

"I'm here for school but my bonus is softball," said the psychology major who currently has an internship of 525 hours and a cumulative grade point average over 3.0. "It's a lot of pressure but I'm not a quitter. I'm going to do my damndest to do it all."

Her status as a role model and friend has not been lost on the other players, especially the freshmen.

"When we started in the fall, she



Senior utility player Terri Bambakidou will be expected to contribute with her bat this season.

would always hang out with us and she was the first to open up to us," said Degatano.

"It breaks her away from the stereotype," explained Murphy. "She doesn't seem to be a senior at all. When I first came on the team, I didn't know anybody and she was the first to talk to me."

Tabbed "the old lady" by the freshmen on the team, the 21-year-old Bambakidou wants to be a psychologist someday. She will return to Marist for her Master's next year and then study for her

school psychology degree.

"I could be at Marist for three more years after I graduate," she said. "So, I figure by 1998, I'll be 'Dr. Bambakidou'."

When her long, strange trip is finally over, the bubbly Bambakidou will, of course, be saddened.

"I'll miss the family," she said. "I'll never forget them and I hope they never forget me."

Not likely. As Murphy put it: "She's one to set an example. She is a leader."

Graham's the man for pitching

by MATT MARTIN
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For the past seven years, Steve Graham has been "the man."

Like a mercenary for hire, Graham has travelled from level to level, the tag of a number one starter hanging from his right arm, from Cramar to Cuba.

"I've always started, always been in the playoffs, always the final games," said Graham. "If I could, I'd pitch every game."

Losing at Marist was a big change for the native of West Warwick, R.I.

"Back in junior college, I'd give up one or two runs, but we'd score eight," said Graham. "Here, I'd lose by one."

For Graham, a 6-3 senior who transferred to the Hudson Valley from Community College of Rhode Island, last year's 0-8 (6.07 ERA) record was a big disappointment.

"I want to win games for myself as well as for my team," Graham said. "It was frustrating going out every game and coming up short."

Graham's JC record was impressive, 17-4 with trips to the Junior College World Series and an All-Star journey to Cuba on his resume.

Selected as an East Coast representative, Graham travelled to Cuba as a warm-up for international teams competing in the Pan-American games in the following

weeks.

Somehow, Marist Head Coach Art Smith landed him. "We were very fortunate," said Smith. Graham had a simple answer.

"I was short on cash, and Marist offered me a free ride," said Graham. "Money talks I guess."

A good year, and that money could be for real, in pro ball.

"The word is out, Steve's every bit as good as any other guy that I've had drafted," said Smith, who's had a dozen players graduate to pro ball, including a former Marist starter, Dave Rodriguez, now a pitcher in the Tigers organization.

"I've been throwing since I was seven, but I've never lived my life around that chance," said Graham who has had scouts from the Orioles, White Sox, Cubs, Reds and Giants pay calls to see him pitch.

"He'll be a first-round pick for the Rockies," said Todd Horgan, a sophomore catcher from Commack, N.Y. "His 3-0 record in the fall is just the beginning of things to come. Steve is a fighter, he wants to prove that he's better."

"I've never been the best," said Graham. "I've always been good, kept excelling to each level, sometimes trying too hard."

That same will kept him off the mound for the final weeks of the season last year, as Graham strained a muscle in his shoulder.

"I was just muscling the ball," said Graham, who engaged in an

extensive weightlifting program to strengthen his weakened shoulder.

Training, as well as a new split-fingered fastball, have paid off for Graham and the Red Foxes as Graham's unblemished 3-0 record led the team to a 7-1 fall record.

"He's a natural leader, and he'll keep us in the game," Smith said.

"We're counting on him to win seven or eight games for us this year. He's a captain that leads by example."

"I try to pattern my mechanics after the greats of the game — Nolan Ryan, Steve Avery, Roger Clemens — however, it's what's inside you that matters," Graham said.

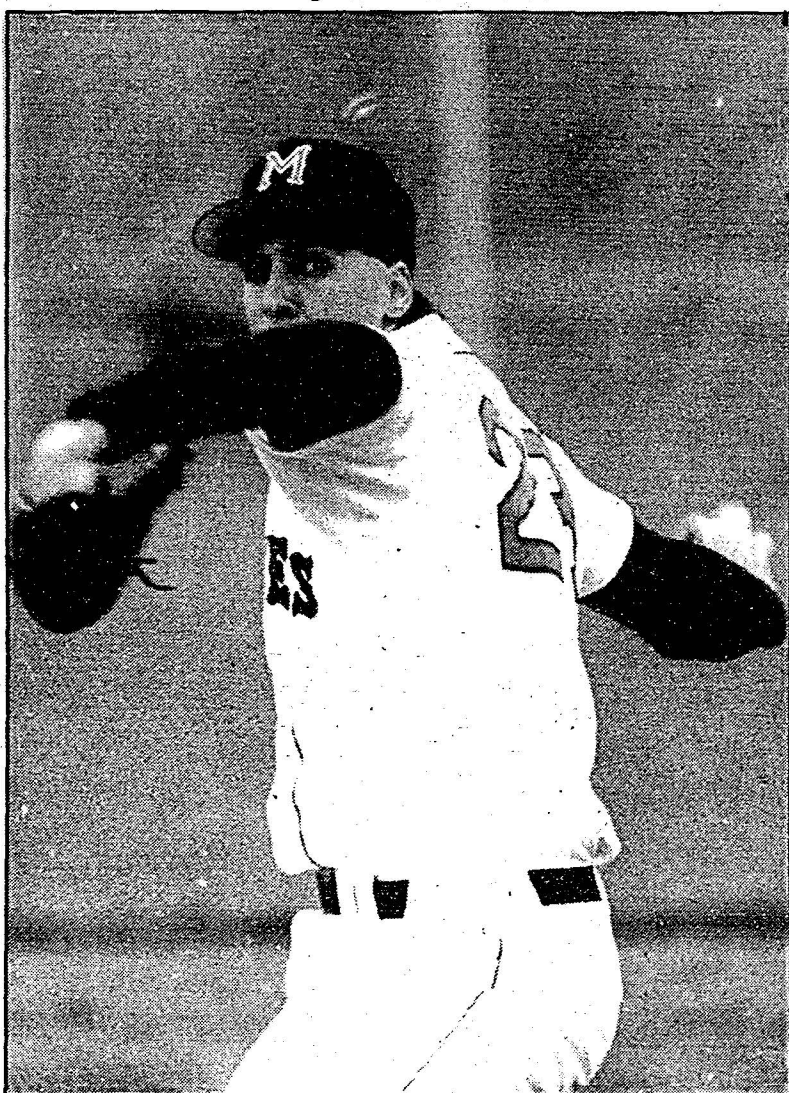
What's inside Steve Graham is pancakes.

"Every ballplayer has superstitions that help them to focus," Graham said. "For me, I don't step on the lines, and try to follow the same routine for every game — same seat, same sock on the same foot, same breakfast."

"It used to be Frosted Flakes, until my housemate John Canorro made pancakes one morning. So far, it's worked," said Graham.

"When I have a bad game, then I'll change, but until then, it's business as usual," Graham said.

Graham's used to it, he's the man with the pancakes.



Senior Steve Graham will be the Red Foxes' number one gun in the pitching rotation.