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Former CBS News president to appear

Commencement speaker decided

by **PATRICIA DE PAOLO**
Staff Writer

Fred W. Friendly, professor emeritus at the Columbia School of Journalism and former CBS News president, will be this year's Commencement speaker, President Dennis J. Murray said this week. "He is concerned with the ethical values within the field of communication and is known for keeping the ethical dimension of journalism in the public eye," said Shaileen Kopec, acting vice president for college advancement.

During more than 50 years in broadcasting, Friendly produced award-winning documentaries with Edward R. Murrow, later teaching journalism and holding seminars on ethics.

Friendly's broadcasting career began in 1937 as a newscaster at a Providence, R.I., radio station, where he produced biographies.

A decorated soldier in World War II, Friendly, a master

sergeant, served as a correspondent

and signal instructor in parts of Asia and the European Theatre of Operations. He was awarded four battle stars, the Legion of Merit and the Soldier's Medal.

In 1948 Friendly began working with Murrow, then the foundation of CBS News. He produced "See It Now," a weekly news show hosted by Murrow that aired on CBS for seven years. The program received 35 major awards while it was on and is considered one of Friendly's greatest achievements.

Friendly and Murrow later teamed up on "Small World," a short-lived, public affairs show that aired weekly. The show served as a springboard to the well-known "CBS Reports," which Friendly produced.

"Friendly had an incredible knack of always throwing hot



Fred W. Friendly

dice," said CBS producer Gene de Paris in a 1967 interview. "He really knew the future book — he was the one guy who sensed when to do a show so that it was ready for a news break."

Friendly served as president of CBS News from 1964 to 1966, when he continued to focus on public affairs programming.

After leaving CBS, Friendly became an adviser on communications for the Ford Foundation, where he directed a series of seminars on public policy and the media.

One series, "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance," is used in the political science program at Marist.

Friendly has led the broadcasting program at Columbia and is currently Edward R. Murrow professor emeritus there. He continues to work with the Columbia University Seminars on Media and Society.

Friendly will be presented a Doctor of Humane Letters at Commencement. While he has frequently spoken on ethics in the media, the subject of his May 19 speech is not yet known.

Other plans taking shape

—Baccalaureate. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 5 p.m. the evening before graduation. The lawn of the Gartland Commons Apartments is planned as the site, but that is subject to final approval today, according to Donna Berger, chairperson of the Commencement Committee.

—Rain or shine Commencement on the Champagnat lot. There is no backup plan for the McCann Center, Berger said. President Dennis Murray will decide whether to postpone the ceremony for a couple of hours in case of heavy rain.

—The pledge. Seniors will again be required to sign a pledge not to drink during graduation. Administrators say they'll withhold lineup cards and diplomas from seniors who don't comply.

Wonder-full



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All week Dutchess County schoolchildren have been watching April Michaelson and Jason Suttile's adventures through Wonderland in MCCTA's production of Lewis Carroll's classic story, Alice in Wonderland. Saturday showtimes for the annual Children's Theater event are 2 and 8 p.m. The last of the 15 performances is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday.

New position to open post office at lunch

by **DAN HULL**
Staff Writer

The appointment of a new full-time employee will allow the post office to stay open during the lunch hour, according to Wendy Duncan, associate director for Information Services.

The new position comes as an answer to a shortage of full-time workers, and its addition should have the post office open during lunch by the end of the year, Duncan said.

The post office currently employs two full-time postal union workers and 20 part-time student assistants.

The new position will not cause a decrease in student workers next year, Duncan said.

The position was made possible through the restructuring of the post office staff at the beginning of last semester, said Duncan.

"A lot of the management was not working properly (at the post office) and the students were not being utilized the best that they could be," Duncan said. "I don't have 60-some students on the payroll that maybe only 30 are working, I have 20 that I know are working."

The post office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but closes from 12:15 to 1 p.m.

The closing allows the two postal union workers their lunch break and other workers time to catch up on uncompleted work due to the shortage of workers, said Duncan.

The additional full-time position would allow staff to overlap their lunch breaks so that the post office would not have to close, said Duncan.

The new person will be responsible for servicing students at the post office window and receiving United Postal Service deliveries, said Duncan.

Vice President for Information Services Carl Gerberich said that the new position could not be filled by a student because the position is full-time. A student could not be expected to fulfill the job hours due to a student's studies and final exams, he said.

Party comment raises academic question

by **TYLER GRONBACH**
Staff Writer

A recent comment made by a former Marist student in a New York newspaper has called the college's academic atmosphere, and the way it is looked upon by its students, into question.

Kevin Byrne, a former Marist student, was quoted in New York Newsday, the eighth largest paper in the United States, as saying that the atmosphere at Marist was "a

24-hour party."

In the article on why students are returning to Long Island, N. Y., to go to college, Byrne discussed the reasons why he left Marist. Besides not liking the atmosphere, he said going to school in Long Island was less expensive.

A memo circulated by the Office of Student Affairs states that Byrne was dismissed twice for academic violations. The extent of the violations was not mentioned. Byrne could not be reached for comment.

What, if anything, the college plans to do in response to this comment is not yet known. Neither President Dennis Murray nor Gerard Cox, vice president for student affairs, would comment on the issue.

Considering the school has done and intends to do, Harry Wood, vice president of admissions planning, said Byrne's comment does not help the college, but it does not hurt it either.

"People will read it and know

that one student's interpretation of the college may not be a true reflection of what it is really like. Marist has made great strides in recent years to promote dry events and offer alternatives to going out and drinking every weekend," said Wood.

He offered a theory as to why Byrne might make such a statement.

"He (Byrne) was dismissed twice for academic problems," Wood said. "This just proves that he had

difficulty balancing his academics and his social life. The best excuse is to blame the school, but not himself."

Bob Lynch, assistant director of student activities, had a similar reaction.

"No matter what college you go to, there will be unhappy people. For some reason they find it easier to criticize than compliment, and I feel bad for these students," said Lynch.

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Following the cellophane trail to the King of Rock 'n' Roll

Dear Elvis,

It's been a while since you were last sighted at the Amarillo, Texas Holiday Inn. And since I haven't had time for my daily perusal of the Weekly World News, I figured I'd drop you a line to see what you've been up to.

How are the plans for your 1991 comeback? Last I heard you were going to choose a backer for your tour — either Burger King or Squibb Pharmaceuticals. That's some choice to make. Who would you rather attract to your shows, obese junk food fanatics or prescription medicine abusers? Decisions, decisions.

By now you've no doubt seen the network show they made of you. It's not too bad, actually, it's just hard to imagine you as a person with only one chin. And they haven't shown any scenes of you sweating like a pig and writhing on the floor in a drugged-out stupor. So much for realism, eh?

Of course, there were the glory days of the King, that's where the memory travels nowadays. Personally, I'd much rather see you depicted as a young, ambitious rock idol wailing on "Blue Suede Shoes" than as a slobbering bufoon throwing up in Priscilla's lap.

But Elvis, there's something I have been meaning to ask you since the time my great aunt's second husband's best friend's housekeeper spotted you at that hot dog stand in Miami: why the hoax?

Sure you were in bad shape, your career was at the lowest end of a 20 year downward slope and you'd ruined not only your life but your legend. Still, there was no need to



Kieran Fagan

In
your
ear

fake your death and go underground.

This would be a good time for you to return. The Stray Cats seem to be on vacation so the '50s market would be yours for the taking.

And just look at all these old men having the best times of their careers: Paul McCartney, Mick Jagger, Bob Dylan, Mel Torme, the list is endless. Rock 'n' roll has gone geriatric, so now's the time to get back on the wagon.

Oh, a bit of friendly advice: it does nothing for your credibility to give interviews exclusively with psychics and the National Enquirer. Give Spin or Rolling Stone a call, they'll love you for it.

Better yet, I'll interview you and I'll give Spin or Rolling Stone a call. You've already got a job.

I can help set up your tour, too. For starters, we'll book you in high school cafeterias and a select few billiards halls. Then we'll move it up to Holiday Inn and Taco Bell parking lots. Some autograph appearances at local pharmacies couldn't hurt, either.

Then, if you get corporate backing and I pull a few strings, we can have you headlining the Marist

Spring Weekend in 1991.

First things first. Let's not get too carried away.

Not to worry if you're strapped for cash. Just bring a few of the more prominent Elvis impersonators to court and sue their pompadours off. While they're singing "Jailhouse Rock" in the cooler you'll be raking in some primo settlements that'll have you in donuts and spare ribs up to your ears.

Which reminds me, how's the weight problem? I heard from a reliable source that you were spotted in a World Gym outside of Portland last October. Apparently you weren't there to pump iron.

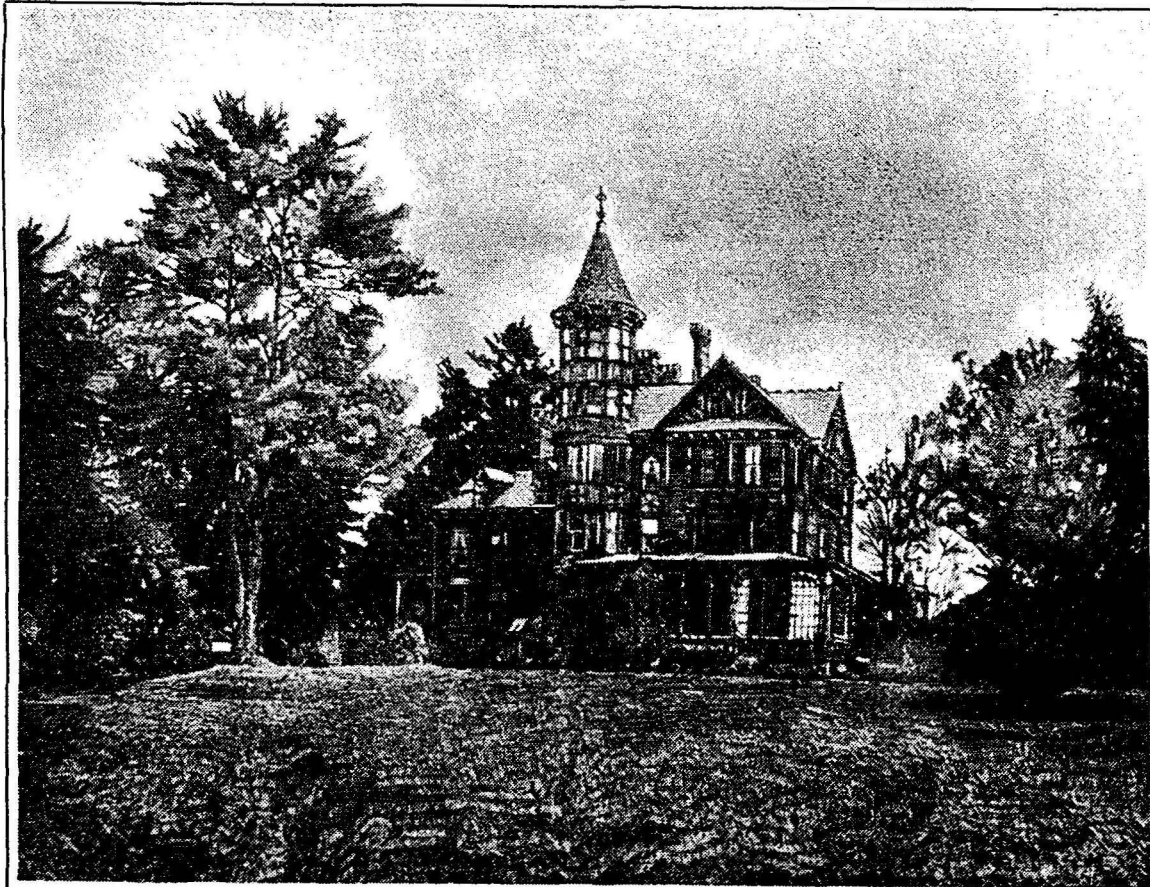
My source said you had a carton of Camels in one hand and half a box of Ho-Hos in the other, serenading an irate aerobics instructor. You're the King of Rock 'n' Roll, have a little pride.

Hey, if you get bored with your soaps, pick up a few New Kids poseable dolls, rip their heads off and replace them with Ninja Turtles' heads. Then whaddya get? Teenage Mutant New Kids on the Halfshell! Get it? Neither do I, but I thought you might appreciate it.

Well, your Kingship, I have to run and crank out another 500 or so words for the Marist Happy Days Gazette. Lay off the Twinkies, start your situps and give me a call. I hope this letter reaches you in Amarillo.

Come back soon, big guy, we miss you.

Kieran Fagan is The Circle's music columnist.



"Wilderstein," a scratchboard by Bruce Bundock, depicts the mansion of Margaret "Daisy" Suckley, a cousin of Franklin and Roosevelt. Bundock is a member of the Clove Creek artist group which offers classes on a variety of topics in art. For more information, call 223-3043.

Editors' Picks

- Alice in Wonderland, playing this weekend in the Theater
- Just Desserts Cafe on Route 9 in Hyde Park
- Opening day baseball on Monday
- NHL Patrick Division Semi-final, Rangers vs. Islanders, tonight at 7:35 p.m.
- Upstate films on Route 9 in Rhinebeck

Up to Date

T

hat's Entertainment

Tonight

■ In the mood for a captivating movie? Stop by Donnelly 245 for this week's foreign film, "A Love in Germany." This 1984 West German film stars Hanna Schygulla, Marie-Christine Barrault, Armine Mueller-Stahl and Elisabeth Tirsenaar. The 7:30 film is free.

Saturday

■ At 8 p.m., the Ulster Performing Arts Center presents mime-mask theatre featuring the Swiss mime trio Mummenschanz. For tickets, call 331-1613.

■ Join the International Student Union, Black Student Union and Hispanic Club for a Cultural Dinner Dance at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets cost \$7 for Marist students.

■ See the MCCTA rendition of the Lewis Carroll classic, Alice in Wonderland, in the Theater at 2 and 8 p.m.

Sunday

■ The final Alice in Wonderland performance takes place at 2 p.m. in the Theatre.

Thursday

■ Come to the Marion Hall Lounge at 7 p.m. to see a series of skits which take an honest look at academic and social issues seen through the eyes of the disabled and the non-disabled.

■ The operatic version of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" will be performed at the Bardavon Opera House at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 473-2072 or TicketMaster.

Coming Events

■ Come see aspiring Marist playwrights in action at the 10th annual festival of plays by students on April 25-27.

■ Tickets for the Silver Needle Fashion Show go on sale April 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Donnelly 990. Tickets for the April 26 show at the Radisson Hotel cost \$5 for students and \$10 for faculty and staff.

M

aking the Grade

■ Lego System's Vice President of Marketing, Richard A. Garvey will present a series of lectures on advertising and society on April 10. The 11:25 lecture on toy industry marketing will be held in room 920 in Donnelly Hall. Additional lectures are from 1 to 5 p.m. in Lowell Thomas.

■ The Edna Aimes Mental Health Scholarship, is available to all juniors, seniors or graduate students planning careers in mental health related human service fields. Scholarship winners will receive \$2,000 in June. For more information, write the Mental Health Association in Ulster County at R.R. 1, 376W Tuytenbridge Rd., Kingston, N.Y. 12401. Deadline for applications is May 18.

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etting Involved

■ Council Student Leaders' campaign speeches will take place on April 9 at 9:30 p.m. in the Theatre. Students are encouraged to vote on April 10 from 11-1:15 p.m. in Campus Center and 2-4:15 p.m. in Donnelly Hall. On April 11, elections will also take place in Campus Center from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The last day for voting is April 12 in Donnelly Hall from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

■ On Friday, April 6 Special Services will sponsor a Disability Fair from 11:30-3:30 in the Campus Center Mall. Come and learn what it's like to be disabled.

■ On Saturday April 7, alumni who are disabled or learning-impaired will present a lecture on "Crossing the Bridge from College to Career."

■ Sigma Phi Epsilon is sponsoring its 25th Biannual Blood Drive on Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10 from noon to 5:30 in Fireside Lounge. Give the gift of life!

■ Learn how to make a difference and help save our environment at the Marist College Earth Day weekend on April 20-22. The festival will include tree-planting ceremonies, environmental speakers and seminars and other activities to increase student awareness about the many environmental problems on our planet. Interested students are encouraged to join the "Green Team" by contacting Rich Roder at ext. 707 or Bob Lynch at ext. 249.

Want your activity listed in Up to Date? Send all pertinent information to The Circle by the Saturday before publication. We look forward to hearing from you.

1,200 students gather for first Marist Expo

by MIKE O'FARRELL
Staff Writer

About 1,200 students gathered in Campus Center last Wednesday to find out what it takes to get a job these days.

The first Marist Employer Expo was held between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Expo's 37 company representatives discussed career opportunities with students and gave them advice about different job markets.

Deidre Sepp, director of Marist's Field Experience, was excited about the turnout and the students'

reactions.

"It (the turnout) is tremendous, it is overwhelming," Sepp said. "The students and the employers really seem to be enjoying themselves."

But Senior Class President John Downey was disappointed.

"I felt it was a little disorganized," Downey said. "Having alumni here is a great idea and this is a positive experience, but I think there could have been a greater diversity of employers."

Employers offered students information on how to prepare themselves for a job in a particular field and to discuss possible intern-

ships with underclassmen.

Robert Lund, a representative from the William Floyd school district Long Island, N.Y., offered students information about careers in education.

"My role is to be more informative," said Lund. "I'm here to answer questions the students might have." "I'm trying to give them tips on interviews and help them become aware of what educational employers look for when hiring."

Lund was impressed with the success of the Expo. "It is better than most I have been to," he said. "The students seem to be using it

as a learning experience."

Dick Novik, general manager of WKIP radio, said that he wanted to direct students toward internships.

"Experience is so necessary in the communications field that it is important for students to take part in an internship," he said.

"Although our primary interest here is internships, it is possible that some people will be hired," said Novik.

MTV was represented by John Mulvey, a 1974 Marist graduate. Mulvey was impressed with the way students handled themselves. "The students were extremely

positive," Mulvey said. "Nothing was assumed, they asked great questions and were willing to listen."

But Mulvey said representatives should have had more time to talk to students rather than just passing on information.

Some students said there was not enough representatives from the fields of their interest.

"I thought there would be more business related companies," Mike Cornette said. "I thought there would be more brokerage firms."

South African bishop fears student uprising

by LAURIE AURELIA
Staff Writer

Education of the youth in South Africa will shape the country's future, said Suffragan Bishop Sigisbert Ndwane last Friday, during his lecture on the present state of apartheid and the changing role of the youth in South Africa.

Ndwane, bishop of the Anglican Church in Johannesburg, South Africa, addressed about 40 people in the Fireside Lounge on the hopes and fears he said he feels toward his country's desire for total liberation, and, specifically, how the students intend to achieve it.

"They want nothing but total liberation of the whole country," said Ndwane. "In 1976, there was a youth uprising that has continued until today in schools and univer-

sities throughout the country, mainly because students blame adults for being too docile and not doing anything in the past to improve conditions."

The students say their more violent methods are working better than the nonviolence practiced by their parents, and that they will continue, he said.

The bishop targeted the division among the races as the source of a lot of hostility and suspicion between the young in South Africa.

"There is no common understanding among them and they don't know each other at all," he said.

According to the bishop, the entire country functions as four separate entities; black, white Indian and colored (with black and

white ancestry). Each division has its own education, health care, entertainment and political beliefs, he said.

Economically, this system is very difficult to maintain, and until these institutions are united, South Africa cannot be united, Ndwane said.

It does appear, however, that the new government, under F. W. de Klerk, is beginning to respond to these problems — if only slightly, he said.

The government has made promises to negotiate with the people and says it recognizes that the political parties must be united and political prisoners released, said the bishop.

"The recent release of Nelson Mandela was a step in the right direction," he said.

Because the South African



Circle photo/Lynaire Brust

South African Bishop Sigisbert Ndwane spoke last Friday about the role of the nation's youth in its liberation.

to bring in a new government except by voting the old one out," he said. "Although for many years the government has been successful at suppressing most uprisings through killing, arrests and imprisonment, it didn't stop the people from hoping and it won't stop them now."

Ndwane said the Educational Opportunity Council, founded by Bishop Desmond Tutu, is one way the youth can improve their lives and achieve some of their goals.

The council provides financial support for students wishing to go overseas to prepare for a career in such fields as science and medicine. Because of the divided educational systems in South Africa, many of the universities cannot provide such training facilities for the black masses.

The churches are helping the youth hold rallies and lectures, and inviting the students to attend meetings to plan for anti-apartheid demonstrations.

The Dutch Reform Church has shifted its policy from defending apartheid to seeing it as a sin. Its decision, attributed to scripture, is seen as a positive change by the bishop.

"If the church can be seen to be on the side of the people, there is hope for the country," he said.

Ndwane also said the recent events in Eastern Europe have helped South Africa.

"Communism is waning in Europe and this is influencing things," he said. "The South

African government has disbanded the South African Communist party, indicating that they no longer see it as a threat."

South Africa is placing a lot of its trust in its friends throughout the world to help the country in its fight against apartheid, Ndwane said.

He called South Africa a "nation divided against itself," and said continuing pressure from other countries can help bring about eventual unity among the races.

Despite the continued hostility, and suspicion between the four races, and the continued oppression of the black masses, Ndwane expressed optimism about his country's future.

"I have no doubt that liberation for the black masses and unity among the races will come one day, because it must come," he said.

Economics professor dies of heart attack

by JENN JOHANNESSEN
Staff Writer

John J. Griffin Jr., 60, who taught economics at Marist for 25 years, died of a heart attack early last Thursday morning at St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie.

Griffin, assistant professor of economics, joined the Marist faculty in 1965 and was a 24-year resident of Hyde Park.

"John had the unique ability to awake the natural curiosity of his students and create in them a lifelong interest in economics," said President Dennis J. Murray in a memo to the Marist community. "He was active on many faculty committees and was frequently called upon to review and advise

colleagues on the quality of their teaching."

"John Griffin was a positive person who always looked for the best in others, and always gave the best he had," said Murray. "He will fondly be remembered and sorely missed by all of us at Marist."

"I've taken a majority of courses with him by choice," said Rob Tallaksen, a junior economics major from Ridgefield, Conn. "We lost a great professor."

Griffin was a graduate of St. Peter's College in Jersey City, N.J., and received his master's degree from New York University.

He was a member of Regina Coeli Roman Catholic Church in Hyde Park, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 6111 in Hyde Park, and was a Subway Alumnus

of Notre Dame University.

He served in the Army during the Korean War.

The son of John J. and Theresa Kelly Griffin Sr., he was born June 10, 1929. He married the former Anna M. Fay, on May 2, 1959, who survives at home.

Other survivors include a son, Thomas J. Griffin of Red Hook; three daughters, Margaret T. Griffin of Albany, Mary Anne Griffin of Clark, N.J., and Catherine M. Griffin of Eatontown, N.J., and a sister, Martina Griffin of Springfield, N.J.

Messages of condolence may be sent to Mrs. Anne Griffin, 25 Richard Road, Hyde Park, N.Y. 12538.

It's no April Fools joke: Lowell Thomas lot closed

by JAMES SAVARD
Staff Writer

If you have an 8:15 class at Lowell Thomas, you may want to leave earlier than usual to find a parking space.

The Lowell Thomas parking lot was closed April 1 and has left some students grumbling.

"It is ridiculous. It is crazy," said commuter Terry Brennan. "There are so many students who live off campus now. Not to mention that most of the junior class lives in Canterbury and they have cars."

Other off campus students said although the closing is an inconvenience, they will manage.

"I think that there's a lot of unused parking lots on this campus. I'll just have to park my car and walk to class," said Mike Molloy, also a commuter.

"If they are going to do construction, they're going to," said senior Lori Bonati. "You can be mad but you have to accept it."

In a newsletter from assistant vice president, Marc Adin, students are advised to park in the Gartland Commons lot, the McCann lot or the hoop lot (located south of the basketball courts at the Gartland Commons.)

Two new parking lots are to be added to the college next year, creating two hundred more parking spaces.

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Officials move to save building from Route 9 construction

by Lenny Klue
Staff Writer

In an attempt to save three of Marist's oldest buildings from destruction during the proposed 1992 or 1993 expansion of Route 9, the college has asked the state to name the buildings historical landmarks.

The movement to have The Gatehouse, St. Peter's and Greystone added to the National Register of Historical Buildings,

which is a list of buildings that cannot be destroyed, began three years ago.

The three are the only remaining buildings on campus of the old Bech estate, built around 1865 by prominent Poughkeepsie businessman Edward Bech. Until his death in 1873, the property on which Marist now stands was part of his estate. Rosenlund.

The Gatehouse would be in jeopardy of either having to be torn

down or moved if the proposed expansion were to occur on the west side of the road, where Marist is, according to Mark Sullivan, executive vice president.

"The connection (between these buildings and the expansion) is critical because if we can get these buildings declared historical landmarks, it would greatly impact the decision of the Department of Traffic to work on the other side of the street," he said.

Alarms prompt action

A series of fire alarms in Leo Hall has prompted the Office of Safety and Security to undergo an investigation with local police and fire officials to find the culprit, said Joseph Leary, director of safety and security.

Leary said he concluded it was a student who was setting off the alarms because there were no alarms during Spring Break.

Since late February there have been seven alarms, some keeping students outside for more than two hours.

"Students in Leo are fed up with the problem," said Leary.
— Chris Landry

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PARTY

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He said he believes that Byrne's statement was made in haste, and that the college has made a commitment over the past few years to offer alternative activities for students who choose not to drink.

"It is my job to coordinate events in which all students attend. The Battle of the Bands, Lip-Sync, and Job Expo are just a few of the events that have had overwhelming responses. Over 1200 students attended the Job Expo," said Lynch.

The school does sponsor alcohol related events, such as the River Festival and The 21 Society, but the majority of the events are dry.

Sue Budney, president of the student academic committee, said students do not take their academics seriously, because they are too concerned about their social plans.

"We have been asking for student input about what is wrong with academics here at the college," Budney said. "I have received very few responses from the student body. Nobody has any complaints, because no one really cares."

Tom Mulryan, a freshman from Northport, N.Y., disagreed with both Byrne and Budney and said that there are always students who make partying more of a priority than studying.

"We get here and go crazy our first semester, and then mid-term grades arrive. Those that are concerned about school do something about it. The others get sent home," said Mulryan.



Circle photo/Lynaire Brust

From the fridge or from the keg, beer is a staple in the diet of college students. But campus parties are now questioning the integrity of Marist academics.

Same old social scene leads to thoughts on a higher plane

Looking for that elusive new twist on the social scene is a constant search that can take one to electrifying highs as well as earth shattering lows.

One can only take so much of the constant, steady and rarely surprising local bar circuit. Sometimes a change of pace is just what the doctor ordered.

Last Friday night was one of those nights when I felt the need to depart the mainstream and enter the realm of the slipstream and the surreal.

I had gotten wind of a little Siddah Meditation going down in New Paltz and I'll be darned if my rather intense level of curiosity didn't get a bit whetted.

Two of my rather cowardly roommates backed out, citing the power of the impenetrable Marist social bubble as being too strong a force to resist.

Alas, I would not be denied my first taste of Indian culture. I gathered up a hearty soul from the inner clutches of my house and we quickly sped off into the darkness, not knowing what was in store and not really giving an owl's hoot.

For all we knew it was some backwoods, satanic, flesh-eating, hemoglobin-imbibing good, old guys, just waiting for the opportunity to pounce on two young, virile, charismatic college desperados with their backs to the



A day in the life

Wes Zahnke

sun and their heads hung high.

We didn't know what lay beyond the friendly confines of the Nissan, as we peered out over the dashboard desperately trying to get some sense of our whereabouts.

We didn't know and we didn't care. We just clutched to the fact that there was a distinct possibility that free refreshments were in the cards.

Finding this place was no pleasure cruise, but we pored over the directions and carefully navigated our way through the backwoods of this great state, ever cautious of any small rodents or decapitated chickens making their way in the dark forest.

Upon arriving at the Siddah Meditation Center, we were pleasantly surprised to see that the center was an ultra-modern, perhaps hi-tech dwelling, well-lit, with a near-capacity crowd on hand.

We quickly removed our shoes

and snagged two front row seats.

The hall was decked out with Persian rugs, Indian instruments and candles. Pictures of the beloved Gurumei adorned the walls.

Gurumei, we found out, was the next master in the lineage of the chosen to lead the people in chants and meditation. In other words, she was the head honcho.

After a quick speech and video presentation, we cut to the chase and began a chant.

With the musical accompaniment of a bongo drum and a sitar and some sort of boxed thingamajig, we belted out a solid 15 minutes of, "Om Nomah Shvirah."

It was moving, and as we segued into 10 minutes of meditation, my mind was racing.

Somehow I controlled the urge to get up and cut the rug, though screaming at the top of my lungs did serve as a great tension releaser.

Afterwards as I mingled about with my complimentary hot cider and assorted finger cakes, I felt good.

I had cleared my head, met some new people and had a darn good cup of cider.

Hmmmm, maybe next weekend it'll be off to a morgue for a crash course in the art of forensic medicine.

Wes Zahnke is The Circle's humor columnist.

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Party all the time?

Where's the party? According to Kevin Byrne, it's always at Marist.

Byrne, a former Marist student who was dismissed for academic reasons, was quoted in Newsday as saying Marist is "a 24-hour party" school.

Some students, faculty, staff and administrators concede there is some truth in Byrne's statement, that perhaps Marist students do party a bit too much.

Others point out that this incident will not tarnish Marist's image. But because it is so obsessed with public relations, the administration should confront the issue.

Do academics at Marist take a back seat to keg parties?

Regardless of whether this is true, the

college's reputation in the region suggests the Marist name is associated with parties as much as it is with computers or liberal arts, if not more.

We should decide whether we want this image to last. Having the reputation of a party school isn't necessarily a reprehensible trait. It doesn't mean our academics aren't solid. However, not everyone may take it that way.

Labels like "a 24-hour party" are difficult to erase. If we can't, or won't, dispel this image, we better make sure there is a more positive image that will stick as strongly in the minds of potential students, employers and other supporters we need to attract.

Open for business

The inconvenience of two semesters should end this year when the Post Office reopens its window during lunch.

A third full-time postal union employee will be hired by the end of the semester, and that means the Post Office will be able to stay open from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m., administrators said.

The office closed for 45 minutes to let the full-time workers take lunch and to allow time to catch up on processing the heavy volume of mail, administrators said.

It's good that someone found a way to keep one of the busiest and most important operations on campus open during the busiest time of the day. It's ques-

tionable why doing this is such a big deal.

Why can't some student employees handle the mail why others work the window? Why does everything have to halt so two people can go to lunch? Yes, the mail room is busy, but there is nothing extraordinary about its function.

It seems that the normal office procedures could be handled without cutting service. If the personnel can't meet the demand, bring in a few more students with work-study allocations.

Maybe we'll be able to buy stamps during lunch before they go up to 30 cents.

Down with the pledge!

Parochial school punishment finds a home at Marist: "I will not drink at Commencement. I will not drink at Commencement. ..."

Administrators insist on continuing their demand that seniors pledge not to drink during graduation nor show up drunk and ruin the May 19 ceremony. They are threatening to withhold lineup cards, which are required for admittance, from students who do not sign. They are further threatening to withhold diplomas for up to one year from students who do not comply.

Administrators' concern for avoiding the 1988 Commencement brouhaha is understandable, but the pledge is even less valid and more insulting to graduates than it was last year.

The pledge, which was drawn last spring by senior administrators and the Commencement Committee, including the senior class president, condemns a group that hasn't caused any harm yet. Normal security precautions are a way of life, but ones that compromise respect for the individual are intolerable.

The ultimatum is becoming policy. It worked last year, so we'll keep using it, ad-

ministrators say. But there's more to it than that, and those who are jerking the reins shouldn't think their writ of distrust is the way to guarantee dignity at graduation.

Seniors got what they wanted last year: outdoor commencement, something that was denied them for years. Maybe it's because they were allowed to graduate the way they wanted — outdoors and with their whole families joining them — that they handled themselves with the dignity worthy of Marist graduates, not because they had to sign a pledge.

If enough seniors refuse to tolerate this injustice, it may not succeed. Write to President Dennis Murray and tell him an agreement based on trust is all he has a right to expect. Don't sign the pledge.

Editor's Notebook

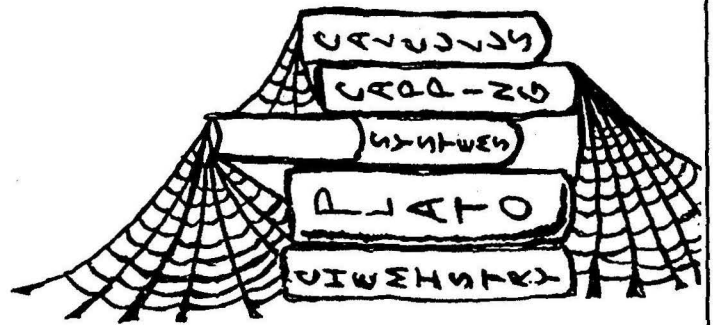
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"JOE SENIOR" PANICS...

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Hibbs



Bush mustn't forget memories of China

In dealing with China, George Bush tried to keep his foot in the door and got it chopped off.

There's a lesson to be learned there. Let's hope he remembers it as he has to deal with the Soviet Union.



Paul O'Sullivan

Thinking between the lines

When Bush sent Defense Secretary Brent Scowcroft and Lawrence Eagleburger on their "secret mission" to China soon after Tiananmen Square, he did exactly what he should have avoided. He lent credibility to the

Despite the recent cooling of the situation in Lithuania, a major Soviet military crackdown is still all too likely. If pushed too far, Mikhail Gorbachev will have to prove to the other nationalities under his control that no one secedes from the Soviet Union and gets away with it.

If and when that happens, George Bush is going to find himself in a situation strikingly similar to the one he was in last summer, when the Chinese decided to use tanks for crowd control in Tiananmen Square.

In that instance, and in the one that could occur in Lithuania, the problem for the United States (as the self-styled bastion of freedom and self-determination) is how to deal with the government of a nation that uses military force to suppress the will and demands of its own people.

There are basically two schools of thought on this. The idealistic, Jimmy Carter style professes that the United States should turn its back in revulsion on such a government, reasoning that by conducting business as usual, the United States would lend approval to totalitarianism.

A good example of this method would be Carter's reaction to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, when the then-president imposed a grain embargo against the Soviets and announced the United States would boycott the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow.

The other idea, the pragmatic, Henry Kissinger style, states that in order to truly change the policy of a state, you must at least be in contact with that nation. By turning its back, the United States loses any chance to have an effect on the offensive policies.

Both arguments have some validity, and each individual situation has its own needs and circumstances. But when dealing with the Lithuania crisis, Bush should remember where rushing to kiss the ring of a totalitarian regime got him in China.

Chinese government's decision to stamp flat the protests for democracy.

Had this action produced results, it might have been more justifiable. But with China refusing to back off its hard line stance, the Bush administration's response to Tiananmen Square sounds like nothing more than a half-hearted, "Gee guys, that wasn't very nice."

Up to now, Bush's handling of the Lithuanian situation has been superb. He has let the world know that the United States supports Lithuania's right to self-determination, while avoiding alienating the Soviets.

But if the situation changes and the tanks roll, Bush must not repeat the mistake he made in China. Leaving the door unlocked to a totalitarian regime is understandable, even wise. Offering to wipe the blood off its hands for it is disgusting.

The temptation to go easy on a China or a Soviet Union is understandable: Both have (in China's case, had) made great strides in softening their communist dogma. It would be tragic to see all that progress go for nothing.

But just because things are better does not mean that this is where the progress should stop. The United States does more for oppressed peoples in the long run when it is willing to sacrifice short term goals.

Arms control agreements with the Soviets are important, to be sure, but no such pact is going to last unless both sides move closer together ideologically. This cannot happen unless the United States retains its hard line on human rights and other issues.

Bush's recent experiences with China should prove to him that it does not benefit the United States to gain an ally while it loses its soul.

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

LETTERS TO
THE EDITORRussia
rebuttal

Editor:

Having been one of the 62 students who accompanied Dr. Casimir Norkeliunas on his trip to the Soviet Union, I have a few comments to express concerning the article in the March 29 issue of *The Circle*.

Your article painted our trip in a dark light, and it led people to believe that we were under constant military scrutiny.

We were not.

If we were under observation, the military officers were in plain clothes and hiding in the crowds. Other than the normal street patrols, there were no obvious military officers watching our every move. Our movements throughout the Soviet Union were free from harassment of any sort.

The only times we were under direct surveillance were in the airports, entering and exiting the country. Even then we were scarcely bothered.

No more than two or three of us were searched. One of those individuals was searched due to an X-Ray-proof film bag, and this person was also searched for the same reason in Kennedy Airport before we left the United States.

This trip was a thoroughly enlightening experience that I would recommend to anyone. The people we met for the most part were warm and friendly, and the Soviets who spoke English were more than willing to talk to us.

Not even five years ago, these same Soviet citizens would have been tight-lipped about many of the topics we discussed.

Mark Domalewski
Senior

Campaign
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Editor:

Once again, student government elections are upon us and, as a Marist sophomore, I would like to voice a few words for Kevin Desmond, who is running for re-election as student body president.

We have all heard the complaint that students have no say in what Marist does. I have just one argument against that statement and his name is Kevin Desmond.

Desmond promised in 1989 to "put the students back into student government." Well, after one year in office, he has more than made good on this promise.

No, he wasn't responsible for securing the Dyson contract, but he was responsible for some of the changes that are the accomplishments of the administration.

These achievements are many, but just to name a few: the ATM in Donnelly, study rooms which are now available to everyone, and, scheduled to begin construction immediately, a regulation sand-based volleyball court on the terrace area behind Campus Center.

Desmond is a competent, hard-working and enthusiastic person with an "attack with persistence" strategy which has worked well in representing the needs of us all.

I ask that, on election day, you join me in supporting Kevin Desmond in his bid for re-election so that all of our ideas and interests are taken seriously.

Matt Thomson
Sophomore

A shot of static for a college
that turns a deaf ear to radio

by SUZANNE FAGEL
Staff Writer

For those of you who aren't aware, WMCR is the campus radio station which is run solely by students. It transmits on a cable current that can only be received on the immediate campus.

This means that all those students banished to Canterbury can't receive the station. Neither can those who live on North Road, and that's just across the street. Those who are in the right areas to receive it get poor reception from the inadequate cable system that is being used.

I guess it's safe to say that the system is not only unaccommodating to the student body, but it is also extremely inadequate technologically.

The dedication of the WMCR staff is appreciated only by the students involved with the station. Others ask, "We have a radio station?" Can you name any other group that functions every day, 18 hours a day and is completely stu-

dent run without any faculty involvement?

I don't think so.

All the members (about 40 of them) invest at least three hours a week into the station because of a few meager priority points and an interest in radio. WMCR is more like a business than a club that meets once a week.

I don't think President Murray and the rest of the Marist hierarchy understand how frustrating it is to run a radio station that people can't listen to. The President has been quoted as saying that a transmitter is "glamorous". However, without that transmitter (or at least a better cable system) motivating people to take part in the station and educating them on how "real" radio works is impossible.

No one takes a practically non-functional station seriously. This is the sole reason for WMCR's low listenership.

Maybe the president should come down to the station, (if he can figure out where it is) and we'll

have a little interview show with him. People can phone in on the extension and ask questions.

After we sit there with an hour of dead silence maybe he'll understand how frustrating it is to be in there, talking to yourself, with no one listening. That's not a practical exercise in radio, that's an exercise in futility.

DJ's ask me, "is anyone listening?" I don't know. Could be. We've hooked more people up to cable than ever, yet we get no response to happenings like our first live basketball broadcast from Madison Square Garden or our dozens of ticket giveaways to almost all Chance Shows.

Tours come through the station all the time. I tell the kids and their parents, "Marist is wonderful to make friends, have fun, and the faculty is filled with nice people." But when they ask me if Marist is a good place to study radio, I flat out tell them "no".

As far as I'm concerned Marist should not use the radio station as an admissions tool if they are not

going to take WMCR seriously. I don't want prospective students to be misled.

When I was recruited here, they told me two things: this is a great communication school, and we have a radio station. A "great communication school", should have a real, transmitting radio station. This is the major reason for WMCR's absence from last weekend's Open House.

The bottom line is that the Marist community isn't going to take WMCR seriously until the administration begins taking it seriously. It's up to the student body to call the administration's bluff, and make them see that this should be a priority. WMCR can be everyone's radio station.

We could program whatever you wanted to hear if we knew you were out there listening, not just in Champagnat, but in Canterbury, and on North Road and in your car as you go riding through Pough'town.

Suzanne Fagel is the general manager of WMCR.

Brutality of rape affects us all

by HELEN ARROYO
Staff Writer

At the age of seven I was raped by someone I had known well and looked up to. I was brutally violated and was not able to speak out about my experience until the age of thirteen. After years of therapy, and support from my stepmother, I can look around and realize that there is a desperate need for action among all women and men today.

This need is even more apparent on college campuses, where social relations with members of the opposite sex are a part of daily life. There must be programs to increase awareness and provide information for the student body in order to prevent date and acquaintance rape.

The Marist College Task Force on Acquaintance Rape has attempted to do just that by sponsoring a week of interesting and innovative activities that will motivate college students,

both men and women, to change the social attitudes and expectations.

In essence, we are trying to integrate into all people's minds that rape is not a woman's problem; it is a man's problem and a woman's consequence, and both groups must come together to tackle it.

Rape is violent and destructive. The victim experiences much physical and psychological trauma that remains with them for the rest of their life. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, one out of four women in college will be victims of rape or attempted rape.

The implications of this statistic are astounding and it is clear that rape will affect each one of us directly or indirectly, if it has not already.

We can no longer remain oblivious to the threat, simply hoping it will not happen to us. Instead, direct measures must be taken to prevent sexual assault of any kind.

Acquaintance Rape Week will begin on April

8th with a studentinitiated "Take Back the Night" March, at 9 p.m. outside the Lowell Thomas Communications Center. It will be an opportunity for all groups to speak out against fear and choose freedom.

Show that you will not support inequality and abuse by joining us for the short candlelight march. This is not just a female concern.

Furthermore, Monday through Wednesday will include information tables and evening discussions to give everyone an opportunity to clarify any doubts or questions you may have. For more information on specific times and dates, please call the Personal Development Office at extension 152.

Every six minutes a rape is reported in this country. For every one that is reported, nine others are not. What does this mean to you?

Helen Arroyo is a junior majoring in English.

Getting the feel for animal rights

by MATTHEW ZIEM
Staff Writer

Ever since the human brain evolved enough to construct the rudimentary concept of the "self," we have been man and animal has been animal. The differences between us and them have long been considered fundamental and obvious: we walk erect, they do not; we have hands and feet, they have paws; we have hair; they have fur; we have nails, they have claws; we are smart, they are dumb. So, we are civilized man and they are wild animal.

Though we have developed in intellect and technology, we have also developed a thoughtless and dangerous complacency in this kind of thinking. Our concept of "self" has mutated into selfishness; our perception has narrowed and become selective, and we have become morally near-sighted.

A unique combination and interaction of intellect and emotion enables us to curtail other emotions at will, using them to get us where we want and then shutting them off when their presence would be inconvenient. This desensitization fortifies our selfishness, and together they have enabled us to treat animals as we have for centuries. We have pushed away and separated animals from ourselves, a state so far away and alien to us that any idea of relation seems senseless.

We treat animals as mere ob-

jects, as property, tools, products, amusements, taking from them not just what we need to survive but what we desire as well. Sometimes we take their food, sometimes their homes, sometimes their mental or physical health, sometimes just a small part of their bodies, sometimes their lives. And sometimes we take entire species.

When we treat animals in any way, little thought is given to how we do so; the means do not really matter, for they are justified as long as the desired end is achieved. Animals are bought, sold, shuttled, hustled, harvested, controlled in manners easiest and cheapest for us with often no consideration for them.

It's perhaps the most unsettling but revealing irony of human nature that we are the only creatures on Earth capable of so much tenderness and warmth and beauty, but also the only ones capable of so much coldness and cruelty. We have shut our eyes to so much pain and injustice for the sake of ego and greed and blind urges.

We must grow up. The concept of the "self" is most strong and pure in childhood. As we mature, we begin to acknowledge other views, other ideas, other feelings than our own. We learn to reason that those others are just as real and important as our own. Sensitivity spreads outside the isolated "self" like a coming dawn; a restricted, contained warmth is only coldness.

We break through the hard shell of the human ego and release the tight, inwardly focused feelings, breaking past that intense subjectivity which restricts the meaning and application of important words, like suffering, exploitation, ethics, compassion and rights. If the meanings of these words are conditional, then they are really without meaning.

Growing up also means facing truth. If we are so different from animals, why do so many species have four limbs, two eyes, two ears, skulls, ribs, hearts, blood and nerves as we do? We and animals, excluding invertebrates and plants, are variations of a basic design; like different makes of cars, each species is a customized modification.

Finally, growing up means accepting responsibility, not only for ourselves but for the others around us who depend on us for protection and supervision. We must learn discipline so we can best balance our needs and wants with the needs of others. We must be firm, uncompromising and in control of

ourselves.

People who are for animal rights are, for the most part, not people-haters, or fanatic radicals; they simply are people who have grown beyond the natural, cold, self-centeredness of the young conscious mind, extending that warm and caring side of the human coin not only to their own kind, but to all living creatures. They share that incredible gift that is the human mind at its best: humble, open and feeling.

Animals probably never will have the same rights as we do; it will always be a debatable issue. There are some things to this issue, however, that are not so uncertain. Animals deserve better than they are getting, and we are capable of doing better than we are. We have got to care, because we are the only ones capable of caring, and we better realize this soon while they're some things left to care about.

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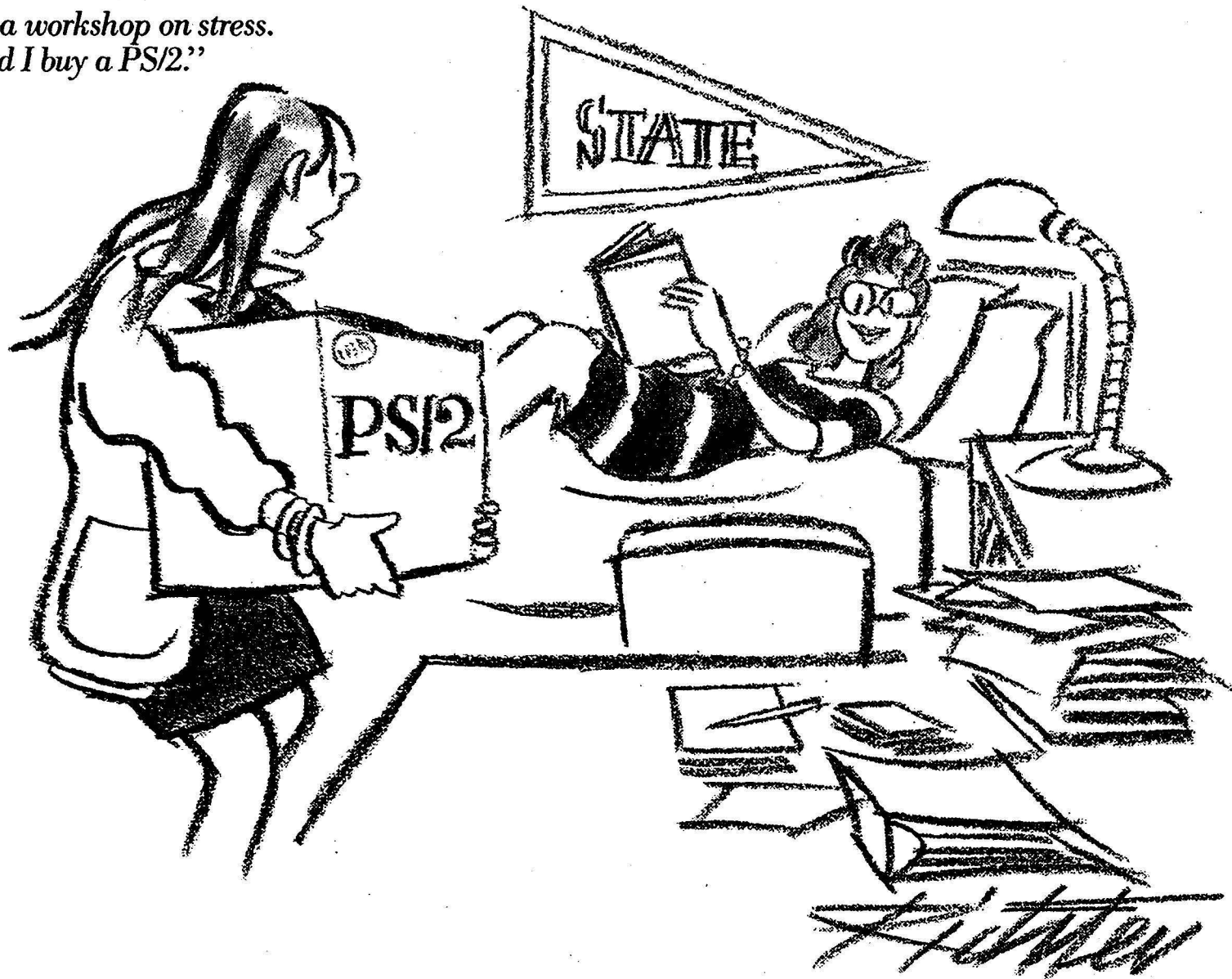
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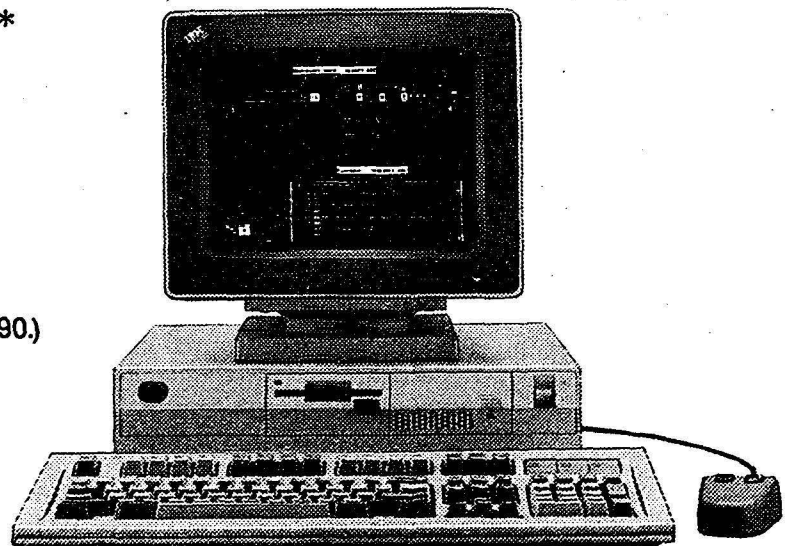
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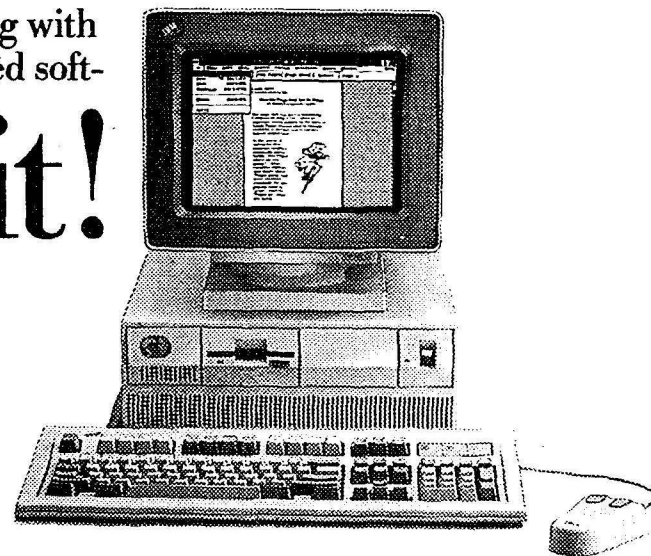
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Jazzy pics make for boring show



It's
a
little
known
fact
that ...

Ed McGarry

Is it me, or is television trying to insult our collective intelligence?

Maybe I'm a purist but it seems to me television producers, directors or computer wizards, whoever, are going just a tad bit overboard with the graphics thing.

I think it is great that we have the technology to place charts and computer graphics instantly on the television. I don't know, a very simple thing. Maybe this, but at any rate I think that there must be very talented people out there to have developed such things.

But take the NCAA Basketball Tournament that was just concluded on Monday. For three weekends I tried to watch as much college basketball as I could, and this was sort of difficult after 10 or 15 Dos Equis down in Cancun.

Now, I could watch college hoops all day, and usually do come tourney time. But I can't help but think that someone has gone too far when there is a little computer graphic Duke Blue Devil casting a spell on a razor computer graphic Arkansas Razorback before every commercial.

By the way, for all you non-sports fans, a razorback is nothing more than a funky looking pig. Boy tho' southerners are clever.

I even got tired of watching the computer graphic UConn Husky steal a computer graphic basketball from a computer graphic Clemson Tiger or a computer graphic California Golden Bear. You know what I mean. You know it is getting out of hand if I get tired of the computer graphic UConn Husky.

But it is not just the basketball games. The big networks do it all of the time. Whether it is newscasts, presidential elections or just about anything.

I have to admit, though, that I would love to have seen a little computer graphic George Bush steal about 1.5 million computer graphic votes from a little computer graphic Mike Dukakis. That would have made my day.

They say that USA Today is basically an attempt to make a newspaper more like television. But it seems now that television, mainly the major networks, are trying to be more like USA Today.

What I am afraid of is what we could possibly see next.

I mean, are we going to see a little computer graphic ambulance drive across the screen because Tom Watson's tee shot at the 17th hole at the Masters just hit some old lady on the head?

Or can you imagine a computer graphic Mario Cuomo and a computer graphic Cardinal O'Connor having a tug-o-war with a computer graphic condom to illustrate the debate over abortion?

What about a computer graphic Donald Trump kicking a computer graphic Ivana Trump out of the 42nd floor of Trump Towers to inform the public of the divorce? The possibilities are endless. And, that is pretty scary.

I think you get my point.

Television has overdone it with the graphic stuff and it is insulting our intelligence. It was interesting for a while but it is time for a break.

All I can hope for is that you wonderful TV production people at this fine communications school go out and get jobs with those networks and tell them to relax a little.

Ed McGarry is The Circle's entertainment columnist.

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Tennis improves on record

by MIKE O'FARRELL
Staff Writer

After having a 1-2 record last fall, the Marist men's tennis team has posted a 3-1 mark during the spring season.

Mother Nature rained out Monday's scheduled match against Siena and yesterday's match was also threatened by inclement weather. Today, the men take on Bard College and the make-up match against Siena, has been rescheduled for Saturday in Albany.

The most recent match played was last Thursday when the Red Foxes defeated SUNY New Paltz by a score of 5-2. The match was not played to completion.

Playing in the number one spot for coach Terry Jackrel is junior Stan Phelps. Phelps spent a year abroad in Australia but came back to claim his number one position. "Stan has been away for a year, so it has been hard for him to pick up where he left off," Jackrel said. "But he is getting stronger and stronger with each match."

Junior Jim Cagney holds down the team's number two spot.

Sporting a 3-1 spring record, Cagney is having a "great spring season and is playing a real strong number two for us," Jackrel said.

The number three spot is held by yet another junior — Chris Trieste — who played number four in the fall.

He is a steady player who has also been having a solid spring, according to Jackrel.

Freshman John Favazzo, who plays number four, is very similar to Trieste, according to Jackrel.

They both have a very similar style of play and are doing a good job, she said.

Senior Rob Kirk, a four year member of the squad, holds down the number five spot and junior Jamie Breen plays the number six spot.

"Rob just moved into the rotation and Jamie is a real strong six player," Jackrel said.

Senior Jon Petrucci and freshman Andy D'Amico are both "strong players that have filled in nicely so far this season."

The number one doubles team is comprised of Phelps and Trieste while Cagney and Favazzo play in the number two spot.

Jackrel, in her first year as the men's head coach, says she is happy with how things have gone so far.

"I'm pleased with what we've done so far," she said. "We are a strong team and the guys are playing real hard."

After completing the regular season schedule, the Red Foxes will travel to Mt. St. Mary's in Maryland for the Northeast Conference tournament in late April.

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After suffering through the team's last place finish as a freshman three year's ago, Murray said that its progression in to the top division is especially pleasing.

"This year's team was the best I've ever played on," Murray said. "My freshman year we finished at the bottom of the bottom division and this year we won the middle division. That's quite a turnaround in four years and I'm just happy and proud to have been a part of it."

Tanking up



Circle photo/Rob Jeannette

Marist students unpack their gear as they prepare for their scuba diving class Monday night at McCann.

Laxmen face tough battle

It seems to be an uphill battle for the lacrosse team now.

A 10-8 loss to Kean last Friday means the Red Foxes will probably have to win the rest of their conference games, according to team captain Alex Messuri.

Marist travels to face conference foe Montclair this afternoon — one of the two tougher conference games the Red Foxes have remaining, the other will be Maritime, Messuri said.

"Montclair always has a strong team," Messuri said. "They are always up for Marist."

The problem for the Red Foxes has been consistency, according to Messuri.

"Each game we are playing bet-

ter and better," he said. "It's whether we can play consistent for the whole game that will be the key."

"We just have to put four solid quarters together."

Last Friday's loss to Kean was a tough one on the Red Foxes as Kean pulled it out in the fourth quarter where Marist suffered a letdown.

"We played solid lacrosse except for the fourth period," Messuri said. "Unfortunately, the game was decided during that time."

Messuri places some of the blame on the fact that Marist missed three preseason scrimages due to the weather.

"Not having those three scrimages really hurt us," he said. "If we had played those games, we would have gelled by now."

Scoreboard

Fordham (A)
Record: 3-0

Lacrosse

Kean 10
Marist 8
Next game: Today vs.
Montclair (A)
Record: 3.4 overall,
2-1 conf.

Men's Tennis

Marist 5
SUNY-New Paltz 2
Marist Postponed
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Next match: Sat. vs.
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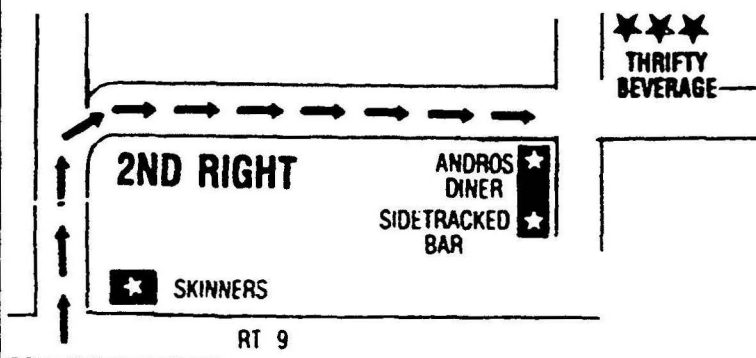
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Tight schedule cancels crew's spring regatta

by **JIM DRESELLY**
Staff Writer

Each spring, the Marist community looks forward to Spring Fling Weekend.

Every Spring, one of the highlights of Spring Fling Weekend is the President's Cup Regatta — except except this spring.

For the first time in years, Marist is not hosting the regatta due to a scheduling conflict.

The New York State Small College Championships are being held in Albany on the same date that is reserved for the President's Cup — the last weekend in April.

The championships serve as a qualifying race for the Dad Vails Regatta — a national regatta held each May.

Crews from around the region are almost forced to attend if they hope to be at the Dad Vails Regatta, thereby forcing them to pass up the invitation to row in the President's Cup.

Marist also must travel to Albany if it has any hopes of rowing in the Dad Vails.

"(The small college championship) is almost mandatory if we want to row in the Dad Vails," said Marist coach Larry Davis.

This year — for the first time — the Dad Vails Regatta is requiring that a team qualify to be able to attend the regatta, instead of allowing all the entrants to attend.

Davis said the addition of another race on the road is difficult for both the team and its budget.

"It's nice not to have to travel and still get good competition," said Davis, who also must now deal with the travelling expenses that accompany a road trip.

Davis said that he is trying to schedule the President's Cup for the second weekend in April for next year, enabling the tradition to continue.

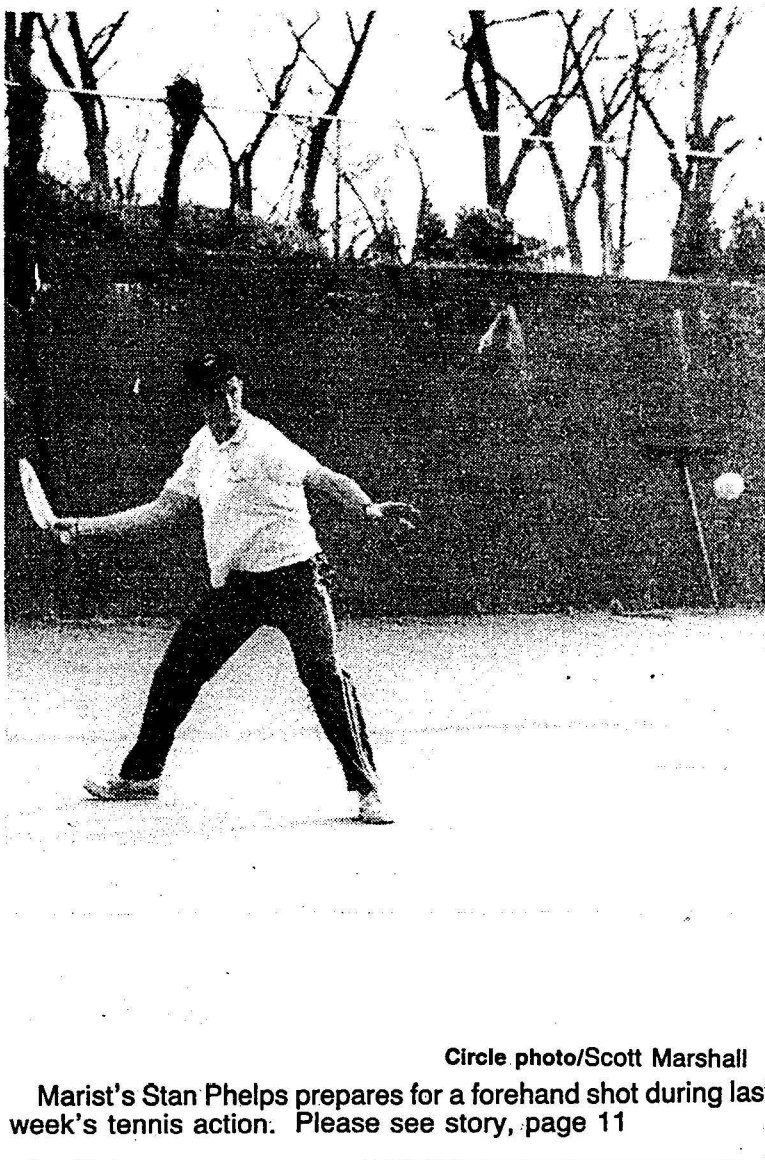
Marist College President Dennis J. Murray expressed concern that the President's Cup Regatta does not die out.

"It's a long-standing tradition here at Marist that I'd like to see continued," said Murray, who said he is looking forward to seeing it return next year.

Murray wasn't the only member of the Marist Community who wants the regatta to return.

Despite not hosting the President's Cup, Marist will be racing at home this weekend when it hosts St. Joseph's.

Concentration



Circle photo/Scott Marshall

Marist's Stan Phelps prepares for a forehand shot during last week's tennis action. Please see story, page 11

Rugby stays undefeated with shutout

by **MIKE O'FARRELL**
Staff Writer

The Marist rugby team trounced its third consecutive opponent last Saturday when it defeated Iona 26-0.

The shutout raises the Red Foxes record to 3-0 in the Metropolitan Rugby Union.

Leading the way for the ruggers was Stephen Batta who tallied eight points. Brendan Gallagher, Phil Frank, Bob Aquino and Carmine Alanardo all added four points while Shamus Barnes chipped in with two points.

Batta, the club president, singled out the defensive effort of Pete Gallo and Scott Rumsey.

"Those two guys did a great job," he said. "They were real tough on defense," he said.

Brian Hardey also drew praise from Batta.

"Brian didn't score but he is more like a quarterback — he really gets things going in our favor," he said.

The Marist defense has been outstanding so far this spring.

"The defense has been great," said Batta, "We have played three tough games and have only given up seven points."

The Red Foxes haven't had too much of a problem with offense, either, in their first three games as they have outscored their opponents 67-7.

The "B" team battled Iona to a 0-0 tie. John Molloy and Frank Romano were singled out by Batta as giving solid performances.

This Saturday, Marist will travel Fordham for what Batta said will be a tough match.

"Fordham is supposed to be strong," he said. "They should give us a real strong game."

The following week Marist will be competing at the Drew Invitational hosted by Drew University which Batta said should be a very competitive tournament.

With the quick 3-0 start, the Red Foxes have now won 23 of their last 28 matches dating back to last spring when they posted a 13-3 mark. This past fall, Marist had a 7-2 record.

Next year no walk in 'garden' for icemen

by **JAY REYNOLDS**
Sports Writer

Coming off of its most successful season ever, the Marist College Hockey team certainly enjoyed its time in the Empire Division — even if it only lasted a year.

Posting a 14-4 regular season record, the Red Foxes won the Empire Division and advanced to the final four in the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference. The first-place divisional finish allows Marist to move up to the Garden Division — the highest in the conference.

The one year stop off in the Empire and promotion to the Garden Division comes after three years of gradual improvement and marks the high point of a team that finished in the bottom of the conference

three years ago.

The Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference is comprised of 21 teams broken down into three divisions, Garden, Empire and Hudson. After finishing last in the Hudson Division in the 1986-87 season, Marist placed second in the division in each of the following years.

Although only divisional winners are usually allowed to move up a level in competition, Marist was placed in the Empire division this past season.

The change in divisions also brought a change in the coaching staff, and the divisional championship brought conference Coach of the Year honors to first-year coach Bob Mattice.

For senior captain Steve Murray, the arrival of Mattice was just what the team needed and is the key to

its success in the future.

"The Empire Division is the division we should have been in before," Murray said. "We had the talent, we just needed the guidance. Bob is the type of coach that gets the most out of each player and that's what carries a team and makes it successful."

With the move into the Garden Division, Marist's schedule next year will include Fordham University, Hofstra University, Southern Connecticut University, Ocean Community College, Morristown Community College and this season's MCHC champions, Rutgers University.

Junior Kevin Walsh, assistant captain and team's Most Valuable Player, said he thinks the team is up to the task of playing in the conference's toughest division.

"It's going to be a tough year —

it's a higher quality of hockey," Walsh said. "But we have the potential to do well, we just have a lot of work ahead of us."

The team is only graduating four seniors, and with sophomore goalie Mike Rodia — the Empire Division's outstanding goalie this season — returning, the outlook for next year is hopeful.

Senior assistant captain Mike Decosta said he feels as though the team is finally in its rightful place.

"We've consistently improved over the last three years and considering the level of talent we have, this (the Garden Division) is the best place for us to be in," Decosta said.

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CBS sends signal with Brent's release

You are looking live at the unemployment line.

It is here that Brent Musburger will be collecting his checks, thanks to CBS.

The network made a bold move last Sunday when it decided "not to renew" Musburger's contract, being careful not to call it a firing.

When you get right down to it, it looks like it's Brent's fault for working too hard. Then again, he was getting \$2 million a year; why shouldn't he?

Just a week ago, he was as close to the top of the world as someone gets — \$2 million a year, the best seat in the house for all the major sporting events and he was on national television every weekend.

At one point of his career, he was hosting "NFL Today," doing play-by-play at the Final Four, doing play-by-play for college football, hosting the Masters golf, hosting the U.S. Open tennis, doing play-by-play for baseball on CBS Radio and filling in on NBA playoff telecasts.

Then, in what the Associated

Press thought was an April Fools joke, Musburger's a regular citizen again.

The situation opens new doors for anyone who wants to become a sports telecaster.

No longer do the networks want a signature voice — someone that can do everything.

CBS seems to want someone for football, someone else for baseball and still someone else for golf.

After 15 years at CBS, Musburger knew how to do all of these and wanted to do all of them. When the sports department at CBS tried to lessen his work load, he complained.

Now CBS will have different and new opportunities for the younger broadcasters coming up the ladder.

Many are calling CBS' Jim Nantz "Musburger's heir apparent." That's not true.

He may take over some of Brent's duties, such as host of NFL Today, but CBS does not want an heir; that's why it let Musburger go.

To be honest, I was not looking



Jay Reynolds

Thursday
Morning
Quarterback

forward to watching Musburger do baseball.

I lived through his basketball years and his college football duties, but once he was slated to do our national pastime we were all in trouble.

The major problem CBS is faced with now is the absence of a leading play-by-play announcer for the baseball season.

There has been much talk of CBS grabbing Al Michaels to work the baseball games with color man Tim McCarver.

Michaels has not been on the best of terms with the management at ABC recently. In fact, he was on suspension for the month of March.

Michaels and McCarver would be the best pair CBS could realistically have, making for great baseball coverage for CBS.

Other candidates for the baseball job would be NBC's Bob Costas, Dick Enberg or Vin Scully.

The major problem lies in the fact that they are under long-term contracts. In Scully's case, he doesn't figure to work well with McCarver.

Also, if you're part of the NBC management, you want to try to keep your sports division happy. It has the best talent of the three networks, led by Costas.

As for Musburger, he said following Monday night's barnburner of a national championship, "I'll see you down the road."

"Down the road" makes you wonder just where he is going to pop up again, though.

Some have said Musburger will show up at ABC while others say TNT. It has even been suggested that he will go to WGN in Chicago and broadcast Cubs games on TV and Bears games on radio.

Aware of the fate of Musburger, Costas better watch himself at NBC.

With the networks trying to get away from the "signature voice," Costas will have to be careful in choosing the events he wants to cover.

He already anchors "NFL Live," he will most likely receive a major play-by-play role in NBC's NBA coverage and he will most likely be the host for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Credit must be given to Costas for staying away from golf and tennis for the most part.

Jay Reynolds is The Circle's sports columnist.