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Fitness center keeps students trim and lean

by **ROB MAURINO**
Staff Writer

Marist College has made the sound mind in a sound body ideal a bit easier to achieve.

As of Saturday Feb. 5, Marist students are able to balance the mental workout of their classes with a physical workout at the new Student Fitness Center.

The fitness center, located in the Campus Center where the River Room used to be, opened Saturday and did a brisk business.

"It was pretty busy, especially when it first opened, and then it thinned out a bit later in the day," said Catherine Apuzzo, a sophomore psychology major who is one of eight students who staff the center.

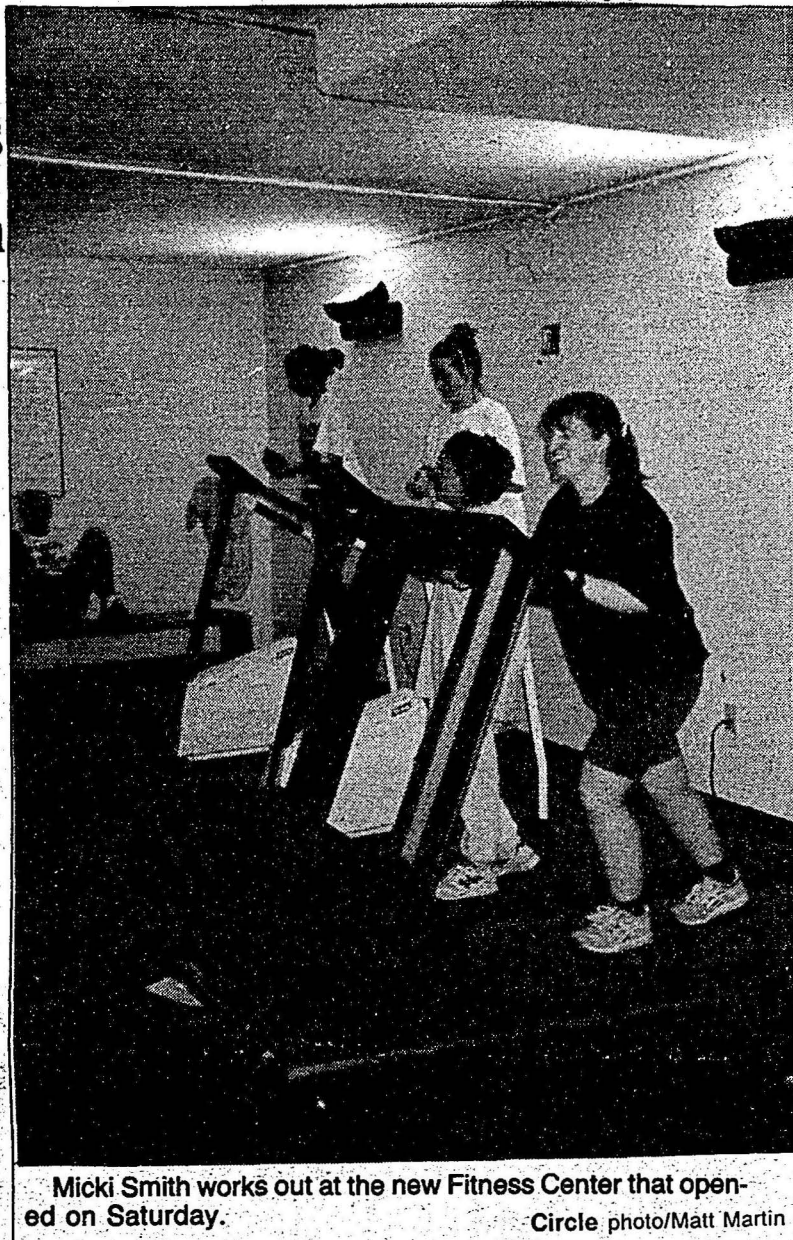
On Fridays and Saturdays, the fitness center will be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday through Thursday hours are from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The new fitness center supplements the weight room located in McCann Center, and it contains more high-tech workout equipment, according to Apuzzo.

The fitness center contains six Nautilus bodymasters, two stationary lifecycles, two stairmasters,

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Micki Smith works out at the new Fitness Center that opened on Saturday.

Circle photo/Matt Martin

'Taboo' escort extravaganza set

by **SIMON COTE**
Staff Writer

One of the biggest on-campus events in the past three years will be held in the dining hall on February 23.

The event is the "Escort Extravaganza," a fund raiser sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon once known as the annual "Meet Market" which ended due to complaints that it was sexist and reminiscent of slavery.

Junior Tony Barosy, a political science major and a member of the Black Student Union since 1991, feels the "Meet Market" has been one of the most "taboo" issues at Marist in the past three years. "To add insult to injury," he said, "the 'Meet Market' was being held during black history month."

Although the renamed event is again held during black history month, TKE has made some modifications.

The bidding of 1991's "Market" no longer exists.

Instead, a lottery system will be used and contestants will know more about the escorts using short autobiographies, rather than deciding simply on looks.

The purpose of the event is to win an escort to an on-campus event.

From a sign-up list in the Champagnat breezeway, the first ten people of each gender will be selected to participate as escorts.

In lottery type fashion, contestants from the audience will win the escort of their choice.

One by one, a brief autobiography by the escorts is read to the audience by the M.C., and based on how the escort appeals to the audience, they will deposit raffle tickets into a box being passed around.

The raffle tickets can be purchased at the door in addition to the \$1 admission fee.

After each escort is presented, contestants in the audience will put their name on the tickets and deposit as many as they want for that particular escort.

The M.C. will then pick one of the raffle tickets from the box and announce the winner of the escort.

There will be 20 drawings for the 20 escorts.

"The fundraiser benefits campus life because it's a non-alcoholic, on-campus event which is very rare these days," said Andres Lahoz, a junior public relations major who is heading the event.

Lahoz feels that the event is beneficial not only because it raises money

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Community service stalled with driving problems

by **TERI L. STEWART**
Staff Writer

To drive or not to drive?

This question almost put the community service program to a stop last semester.

Except for a few students who were able to drive themselves to their service, transportation did not exist for the program.

According to Brother Michael Williams, the community service program was running on schedule

until the volunteer drivers were to be approved to drive Marist vans.

"Two weeks before we were supposed to be on the road, it came to stalling halt," Brother Michael Williams said.

Marist College has a policy that says a driver must be at least 21-years of age to drive a Marist vehicle, but there can be exceptions made, according to Anthony Campilli, Chief Finance Officer and Vice-president for Business Affairs.

"We can make certain excep-

tions provided they go through a check for liability reasons," he said. "We have their license number and the insurance carrier would do an identity check."

Williams commented that the vans have been a problem for years.

According to Williams, the program was paying their drivers in the spring semester of 1993 through a grant they received from the Gannett Communities Fund.

"That enabled us to rent a van

and pay the drivers," Williams said.

Tony Morris, a junior who runs the community service program with Williams, was disappointed last semester when they could not get the vans.

"I felt really frustrated about the vans," he said. "This year we were really prepared for it, we had experienced a lot of things and we knew what we could change and how it could work together."

Morris added that the program

had no problems in the spring semester 1993 and he and Williams felt they were really going to be in line for last semester.

Williams said the problem has been taken care of.

"We've been assured by the Business Office that this is not going to happen again," he said. "I sent two approvals in last week and they were approved in three days."

He added that there are eight

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Adult students juggle school, work and family

by **PATRICIA POMALES**
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Jan. 27, Carol Hayter-Bomba, academic advisor for the School of Adult Education, met with a focus group comprised of adult students to identify their, "social, academic and political needs."

The main purpose of the meeting was to decide whether an adult student union should be reactivated.

The group became inactive about four years ago because many members graduated or could not devote their time.

However, it is being offered again as the full-time adult student population has reached approximately 140.

Anyone 22-years-old qualified as an adult returning student. However, the median age of the adult student at Marist is 30-years-old.

The union would provide a social outlet for participants.

Adult returning students have special needs, as they have been out of the academic atmosphere. They have added to their present roles of breadwinner and parent.

Hayter-Bomba said, "I see people under a lot of pressure, as they have so many demands. They are concerned with taking

care of children, paying the mortgage and work."

Returning students include people who left college and are now returning. Others have taken some time between graduation from high school and entry into college.

Many of the Hudson Valley's layoff victims have also returned to school to learn additional skills for new careers.

The union once provided a social outlet. "Members would sometimes meet for dinner, or attend family outings together," Hayter-Bomba said.

Previously, the adult student union had an advisory board on an informal basis that included brown-bag meetings.

The group was part of SGA and therefore funds were allocated to the union for activities and special events.

Members could determine where their activity fees were being spent.

Hayter-Bomba said, "Once chartered, monies are allocated to the group for special interest activities."

Members of the adult student union shared study strategies and coping styles. New students picked up hints from more seasoned students.

Kathy Voss, a social work major, said, "It's a real juggling act. Now they must in-

clude homework, study and research."

They learned to avoid snags in the registration process and became familiar with attitudes toward instructors.

The January 27 focus group agreed the needs of the adult students have to be determined and that participation was essential.

"They could decide if it is to be something as traditional as the union had been, or as simple as a support group."

- Carol Hayter-Bomba

"It would be futile to schedule meetings if people were not inclined to attend due to schedules, lack of time or lack of interest," Voss said.

Hayter-Bomba said that all adult students at Marist now have the opportunity to determine whether to reactivate the adult student union.

Hayter-Bomba added, "They could decide if it is to be something as traditional as the union had been, or as simple as a support group."

"The adult students can plan activities that are of interest to them," Hayter-Bomba said.

A comment box will be placed in the School of Adult Education office in Dyson Center, and in the Safety and Security office in Donnelly Hall to help determine interest and allow adult students to have input on this issue.

An informal meeting for adult students is scheduled for today Thursday, February 10, at 3:30 p.m., in the School of Adult Education conference room. All comments and concerns collected in the comment boxes will be discussed.

"We hope that all adult students will either attend or place their ideas in the comment boxes," said Hayter-Bomba. "Students will be advised of the outcome in the next adult newsletter."

Although many adult students may have an interest in such a club, it may wind up being a handy bulletin board in Dyson for adult students only.

They would be able to communicate with each other on matters of common interest, plan study groups, or advise each other of upcoming events.

An adult student bulletin board could prove to be a vital point of contact.

"If busy schedules and lack of time prevent people from attending meetings," Voss said.

'Blink' struggles 106 minutes to gain vision

by COLLEEN MURPHY

It must have seemed like a good idea at the time.

Directed by Michael Apted ("Thunderheart"), the story behind "Blink," starring Madeleine Stowe and Aidan Quinn, isn't bad.

Stowe plays Emma Brodie, a young woman blinded by her mother 20 years ago, who undergoes surgery to regain her sight.

While still adjusting to the new visions, which aren't clear, she sees a murderer leaving her apartment building.

Well, not really.

Her vision is very blurry, impressively animated to keep the audience guessing about what is actually on the screen.

The catch is, she doesn't see him until the next day; as she regains her sight from the operation, she sees many scenes in flashback.

When she tries to tell the police that something has gone wrong in her building, Detective John Hallstrom (Quinn) is skeptical, until the body of Brodie's neighbor is found in the manner of a ritual murder.

Brodie is the key to Hallstrom's case, and though they don't really get along too well at first, they eventually develop the sexual chemistry Hollywood requires.

The plot definitely has the makings of a good handsome-cop-falls-for beautiful-blind-witness-with-a-twist movie, but it doesn't quite make it.

The characters lack general credibility throughout the movie.

Emma's character is a musician in an Irish Folk band with an abusive childhood.

However, none of these traits are developed to the point where the audience could understand any of them.

Hallstrom is a typical Chicago cop with no background and, unfortunately, the dialogue to go along.

Many of the added features of the movie (to give it spice, maybe) fall flat.

Laurie Metcalf plays one of Emma's friends, who shows up from time to time as a random sidekick with little purpose—thrown in to make the audience believe that beautiful blind women have friends like everyone else.

"Blink" is not all that I had hoped it would be.

Although the acting was well done, I felt sorry for the actors; their story was just hard to follow.

It's a test of a movie's quality if the audience can follow the plot.

This one is OK up to a point.

The deception the murderer tosses to the main characters is not easy to understand. You have to pay close attention to every detail in order to grasp the ending.

On a good note, if you're looking for action and suspense, "Blink" does pretty well.

There are some good, fast edits for the element of surprise.

And if you have a quick mind which is able to pick up small details, you may enjoy "Blink."

The action is good, though, and not a total waste of 106 minutes.

Make sense of this column and win a really big prize

by DANA BUONICONTI

So I have nothing to review this week.

And so I don't really have anything important to say—no witty prose and no revelatory insight about the meaning of life.

That doesn't mean I don't have an excuse to tell you about all of the stuff I've been wanting to tell you about for a long time and haven't told you because I've been putting it off.

So here it is, so here it is, so here it is.

We begin with a band called Jamiroquai, and their record called *Emergency On Planet Earth*.

They sound like a really bad '70s funk band with Stevie Wonder on vocals, except for some reason I like them.

Actually, I hate to admit that I like them, but I do.

I can't help it.

One of the most fresh songs on the record is called "When You Gonna Learn (Digeridoo)," and I mean that in the most freshest way possible.

In case I forgot to mention it, it's fresh.

Moving right along, there's a band called Flop.

Their record is called *Whenever You're Ready*, and it features such stellar songs as "A. Wylie" and "The Great Valediction."

Even though they're from Seattle, they're not grunge.

They're more like hard rock.

And they're kind of zesty, but not like the soap, so that's cool.

Bad Religion has been around for a long time, and they're a smokin' hardcore band.

Actually, I don't know if they smoke, but they sound like they do.

Their latest record is *Recipe For*

Hate and it's really great.

In case you missed it, that last sentence rhymed.

Bad Religion's lead singer, Greg Graffin, has a PhD in something, but I can't remember what it is.

I think it's in zoology, but don't quote me on that.

So, as well as being a pretty smart band, they rock.

Eddie Vedder sings harmonies on the record, too.

Incidentally, last week I heard he was missing.

(Don't believe that last sentence—I was only fooling.)

The Samples' new record is called *The Last Drag*, and it's pretty mellow, but pretty good, just the same.

The best song on *The Last Drag* is called "Taxi."

It's four minutes and 31 seconds long.

Joking aside, it's an excellent song.

And if you like excellent songs, you might want to hear it sometime.

Even though The Posies' *Frosting On The Beater*, has been around for a while, it's one of my recent favorites.

Every song on it is a hit, but I like "Solar Sister," "Flavor Of The Month," and "Coming Right Along" the best.

The Posies are awesome because they mix catchy hooks with lots of sweet harmonies.

Frosting On The Beater is a killer title, too.

And as it suggests, the band is like frosting, except that even if you have too much of it, you don't get that sick feeling in your stomach like when you eat too much frosting.

Anyway, go out and buy it, 'cause it tastes terrific.

And last, but certainly not least,

is All.

Breaking Things is my favorite popcore record.

If you don't know what popcore is, it's not something you eat at the movies, but music that is a combination of pop and hardcore.

"Shreen," "Right," and "Cause" are all songs that have one word for a title.

They are also the best songs on the record that have one word for a title—not that the songs on the record with more than one word for a title are bad, because those three songs are equally as enjoyable, just that "Shreen," "Right," and "Cause" are better.

Well, I think I've confused you enough for now.

Next week, I'll be a bit more coherent, and hopefully I'll have found some other adjectives besides great, excellent, and terrific.

Until then, keep your pants on.

Hanks and Washington shine in 'Philadelphia'

by JENNIFER GIANDALONE

What do you get when you combine Oscar-winning director Jonathan Demme ("Silence of the Lambs") with Oscar winner Denzel Washington ("Glory") and Oscar-winning hopeful Tom Hanks?

Give up?

You get a great movie about one of the most controversial topics in society today.

"Philadelphia" is the first big-budget, mainstream motion picture about AIDS.

While the HBO original movie "And the Band Played On" dealt with the outbreak of AIDS from a doctor's point of view, "Philadelphia" deals with how people with the disease are treated from a patient's point of view.

Tom Hanks ("Sleepless in Seattle") plays Andrew Beckett, a top-notch attorney who is given a big promotion in a powerful law firm.

Not long after, he is diagnosed with AIDS, and is fired.

He thinks he was fired because he is sick, but his employers claim that he is incompetent.

So, he takes them to court.

Beckett goes to nine different attorneys before he finds one who will represent him.

Denzel Washington plays a self-promoting attorney who advertises on television and takes personal injury cases.

Sounds like the best choice for this case, right?

There is one problem, though. He's extremely homophobic.

When Beckett first meets with Washington about the case, the two shake hands.

Afterwards, Beckett's smooth talking new acquaintance sees a doctor and asks him about all the ways a person can catch the disease.

Washington's character knows nothing about the disease and believes all of the popular myths such as catching it through casual contact.

He asks his wife "Would you take a client if you kept thinking, I don't want this guy to touch me or even breathe on me?"

This is a natural reaction at first.

However, there is a difference between being cautious and being ridiculous.

Finally, the man who thinks of homosexuals as a "different kind of people" realizes that when it comes right down to it, everyone is the same, with the same rights.

He changes his mind about representing Beckett when he sees how other people treat him.

Beckett is a person with feelings who didn't ask to get sick.

All he wants is justice.

So, the trial begins.

Everyone tries to blame everyone else and the media has a field day.

People supporting both sides line the streets to make their beliefs known.

Through the course of this trial we see that everyone, regardless of sex, race, age, or sexual preference can get this deadly disease.

AIDS is something that everyone has to worry about.

The movie really makes you think about who this can happen

to, and what the future will bring.

Tom Hanks is incredible as Beckett.

He proves that he is a versatile actor and should not be under-estimated.

Give him a script and he will do anything from a stupid comedy ("Joe Vs. The Volcano," "The Burbs") to a serious romantic comedy ("Sleepless in Seattle") to a heavy drama.

For this role, Hanks lost between 25-35 pounds and it was scary how realistically he portrayed an AIDS victim.

He won the Golden Globe Award for his performance and the word is that he has the Oscar locked up.

Although he does have some competition (namely Liam Neeson), I do not see there being a problem.

In his second movie out in the last few months, Denzel Washington gave a solid performance as usual.

His character expresses all of the feelings shared by many people in America.

The supporting cast, including Jason Robards and Antonio Banderas, is strong as well.

"Philadelphia" is definitely a multi-tissue movie.

Jonathan Demme has another hit before he begins shooting the sequel to "Silence of the Lambs." He will get an Oscar nomination, but I don't see him winning because Steven Spielberg will win for "Schindler's List." The soundtrack also has Oscar potential since Bruce Springsteen won the Golden Globe for his song "The Streets of Philadelphia."

But I will save my Oscar predictions for another time in another article.

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New charter for NRA possibility on campus

by Tom Quinlan
Staff Writer

Marist students may have a new club to join soon: the National Rifle Association.

Yes, that is correct. The NRA may be a club Marist students can be a part of in the next few weeks.

Daryl Ortiz, a senior and co-founder of the club, said, "The NRA at Marist is not only looking for people that are pro-guns, but also those that are against guns." Ortiz said he wants to achieve an equal amount of people on both sides in order to create a debate format.

For those against the NRA the club is a forum to learn about gun control and form a knowledgeable opinion on it.

"The club will offer field trips to the FBI, Secret Service, and even to the shooting range for those that want to do that," said Kirell A. Lakhman, a senior and founder of the club.

"But the club is looking to be very educational," Lakhman

stated.

The club plans to have many guest speakers from the NRA, FBI, and other authorities on gun control.

"A lot of the ideas on violent crime and accidental deaths that people have are exaggerated and the NRA would be able to dismiss these fallacies with the actual statistics that show the truth," Ortiz said.

The MCNRA founders said they hope to show the actual facts, as well as teach gun safety through guest speakers, in order to offer its members a chance to be active participants on the issues of gun control. The club plans to have speakers from other organizations to provide its members with a balanced and educated view of the issues.

The club will be debating controversial issues, not only internally, but plans to hold debates with some other clubs on campus such as the Criminal Justice Society.

According to Vice-president of clubs, Antonella Licari, a new club

must have a minimum of ten members before it can receive a charter.

A petition was signed by students on campus as the first step to achieving club status.

by-laws, and appear before the Executive Board and Student Senate of the SGA.

The SGA have the final say in whether or not a club receives a charter and funding.

Licari added that when a club does not receive a charter, they may still meet.

"The club can still meet if they do not receive a charter, but they are not allowed to organize on Marist property and can not post any signs," Licari said.

Ortiz said he believes that most of the members are unsure about whether they support gun control or not.

"The club's members are mostly borderline, meaning they are not sure which side of the gun control issue they fall on," said Ortiz. "We are looking for people like this, so we can debate the issues. We will have the facts to help us back them up."

The NRA club founders said the club offers its members the chance to make their own decisions on the gun control debates, and you do not need to own a gun to join.

The club founders said they are looking for people with positive and negative opinions of the NRA and other gun related issues.

Circle non-scientific poll

In a recent survey, more than 400 Marist students were asked to respond Yes or No to the following question:

Would you support a proposed NRA club on campus?

Yes - 168

No - 251

"We have 300 signatures on the petition, and approximately 40 of them are members," said Ortiz.

Director of Student Activities, Bob Lynch, said that the proposed club is at the beginning of the charter process. Ortiz and Lakhman still must meet with Lynch and Licari, present the club

"The proper steps have been followed, and there are no real hang-ups, so this club should be chartered within the next couple of weeks," Ortiz said.

Licari and Lynch both stated that they are treating the NRA club no different from any other organization.

Snowy, snowy night



An oft seen wintery picture outside the new townhouses on Tuesday night.

Feb. 14 will include flowers, candy, music

by CYLINDA RICKERT
Staff Writer

Ah, Valentine's Day...love, romance, hearts, poetry, that special someone, and, don't forget—gifts.

Don't panic. Finding a gift this year will be easy.

Several Marist clubs are sponsoring fundraisers to make gift-giving romantic and painless.

Campus radio station WMCR steps away from the traditional gifts of flowers, candy and balloons by selling song dedications.

According to Rachel Smith, president of WMCR, students can dedicate a song to a friend or loved one for \$1.

"We'll be selling on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 10 and 11, in Campus Center," Smith said. The dedications will be played on Valentine's Day.

WMCR will be mailing notices to recipients, to let them know what time their song will be aired.

After the song is aired, you may want to top it off with a flower from the senior class.

Smith, secretary of the senior class, said the Class of 1994 is selling carnations for \$1 each or \$10 for 12. They will be sold in Donnelly on Mon., Feb. 14 during the day.

According to Bob Lynch, coordinator of Student Activities, both Alpha Kappa Psi and Circle K will sell roses.

Alpha Kappa Psi will sell yellow roses on Friday, Feb. 11. Circle K

will sell roses on Monday, Feb. 14.

Still not enough?

"Balloons go really well with flowers," said Kevin Stillman, president of the Marist Singers. "It really bowls a girl over when you run up to her with a dozen balloons."

The Singers will be selling red, heart-shaped, mylar balloons for \$2 each on Fri., Feb. 11 and Mon., Feb. 14 at tables in both Donnelly and Campus Center.

"If someone forgets about the holiday, a balloon is a great last-minute gift," Stillman said.

For a romantic evening, try a concert.

The Singers are also sponsoring a Love Concert, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Performing Arts Center.

"It's a good opportunity for Marist students to share their musical talents and contribute to the celebration of Valentine's Day," Stillman said.

Plus, it's free.

Look to Sodexo (formerly Seilers) for the icing on the cake.

"We'll have heart-shaped cakes and sweets, and a little bit of decoration, but no special dinner is planned," Al Abramovich, dining manager, said.

"The next night is our Mardi Gras celebration, and we're going all out for that," Abramovich said.

According to Lynch, other events around Valentine's Day include a talent show on Feb. 12, sponsored by the Black Student Union, and a Class of 1997 dance.

Marist television to host its first event

by RON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Live from the banks of the Hudson, it's the Marist College Student Body Presidential Debate.

On Tuesday, Marist College Television Club will broadcast live at 10 p.m. on Channel 13 for the first time in its history.

According to Jim Gorham, vice-

president of MCTV, coverage of this live debate will serve two purposes.

"We're excited because this will give us a chance to prove that we are a professional, and credible organization," said Gorham. "Plus, this will help to promote S.G.A. elections, which have suffered a low turnout these last few years."

The debate will include all three of the presidential candidates: Nick Capuano, Matt Gillis, and Anthony Mignon.

There will also be three moderators from the three mediums. MCTV will be represented by MCTV news director, Jason La Scolea. The Circle will be represented by political columnist, Caroline Jonah.

New computer program aids registration

by JEANNINE AVILES
Staff Writer

New computer software is currently being developed that will eventually allow all students to view their transcripts on the mainframe.

This new software, called On-Course, has been under development for about three years. It will allow all Marist College students to eventually be able to access their transcripts through any computer linked to the Local Area Network.

John C. Kelly, Chair of the Division of Management Studies and the academic liaison with software installation for this project, explained that On-Course compares

a student's transcript to the Marist

"It's going to determine two things: it will be a degree audit so it will tell the Registrar's office when a student has completed all the requirements for their degree and it will also be an advising tool because a student and the advisor at any time can simply see where they are in comparison to what they completed and what they still have to do," said Kelly.

College course catalog requirements for their class.

Ultimately, these audits are going to print out what degree requirements have been completed, what courses the student is currently registered for, and what re-

quirements still need to be fulfilled. It will also calculate the overall grade point average and the major field G.P.A. of the student, explained Kelly.

Eventually, On-Course will also permit students to play "what if games" said Kelly. This means that they will be able to view their options if they decide to change their major or declare a minor. With this option, students will be able to see where they stand if they want to pursue other alternatives.

For all of these options to work at Marist, the system has to be built to fit Marist requirements. As of now, the system is still not ready for a broad range of use by the college.

Judy Avankovic, the team leader for the project representing the Registrar, along with Kelly, has been working on this project for a number of years.

The whole operation has taken over three years to get to where it is now. It will take over three more years to work for every student on campus. Avankovic explained that it has taken over a year to build up the system to be personalized for the first few majors. The complexity of each major causes the delay in getting the system up.

Business, communications, and accounting are the most popular majors at Marist, only seniors with these majors can use the On-

Course system. All other seniors get their audits done manually.

Avankovic explained that they want to build and test the rest of the undergraduate majors for all four catalog years between now and the summer, or some time before add/drop next year.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are not yet able to have an audit done either by the On-Course system or manually. There aren't enough resources to provide everyone with the service.

Those students that have received the audit and have any difficulty or problems with it should contact the Registrar's Office at extension 3250.

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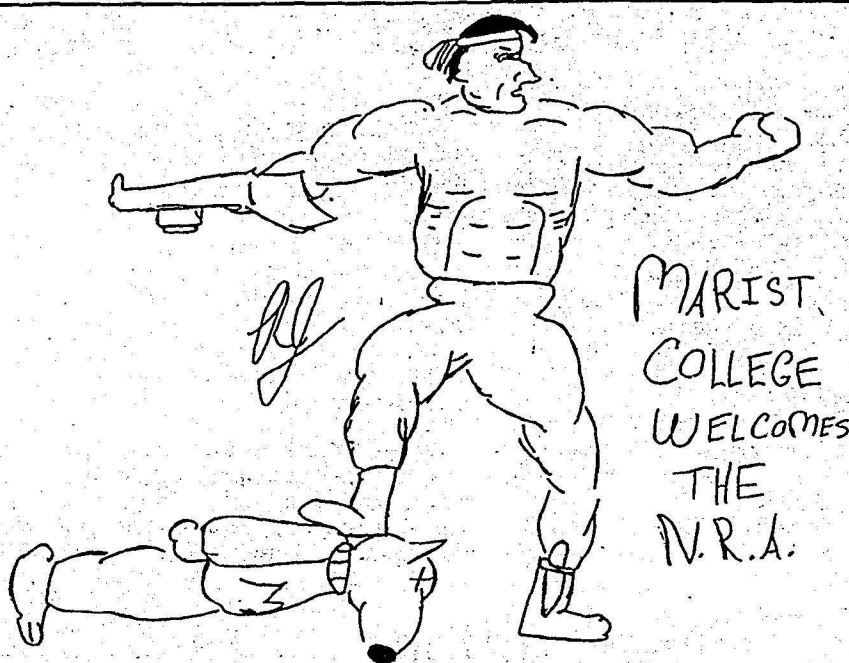
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Up in Arms

The National Rifle Association is one of the most powerful lobbyist organizations in America.

And now, supporters of this interest group propose to make it a part of Marist's culture.

The efforts of students and faculty to peacefully assemble and coordinate clubs should never be abridged. One has a right to associate with any person or any group that one chooses.

If the Marist NRA goes through the correct channels and has the student interest, then a school-sponsored, SGA-sanctioned club it should become.

But do not be fooled.

Founders of this organization may tell you that both sides will be represented in this club; that gun control will also be discussed, and groups which oppose the NRA will also be given a voice.

Maybe.

However, anyone who has ever visited the NRA or read their literature or met with their lobbyists (they prefer to be called 'educators'), know that this is one of the most uncompromising organizations in the American political and social system.

This is an organization which would prefer to arm everyone rather than no one.

This is an organization which believes that we have a constitutional right to purchase, own, and use, items such as the popular cop-killer bullets.

Surely this will solve our crime problem. It makes sense - more guns will obviously result in less violence.

The NRA is also a business, let's not forget. According to the association, in recent months, it has been adding 1500 new members per day, bringing membership to about 3.3 million today. That's a lot of people. A lot of people paying a lot of membership dues and fees.

And what do they get for their money?

A certain satisfaction, perhaps, in knowing that slick, highly-paid lobbyists are protecting their rights to own any type of firearm and ammunition they choose.

Not only that. They are also paying for the fight against gun control such as the dreaded waiting period.

The NRA feeds the American public fear. We do not need it. Americans are already terrified of the crime and violence in our cities and neighborhoods. The NRA is telling us that the only way to combat it is to be prepared to shoot.

The NRA has almost convinced the public that the only way to be safe is to own a gun, and possibly use it.

This divisive, emotional position only makes the problems worse. It perpetuates the fear; it encourages the paranoia.

Of course, this is much easier than really addressing the issues of crime and violence in our society. In traditional American fashion, we do not want to look at the complicated, the ugly, the scary, the reasons why. We want to believe that there is a quicker, easier method.

It is much easier to arm the public than to disarm the criminals.

It is much easier to add police officers to the streets and impose harsher penalties than it is to understand why crimes are committed, and how to stop the patterns that many people, especially juveniles, seem to fall into.

It is much easier to seek vengeance rather than rehabilitation.

Violence has been a part of our society since it was settled. Why are people taking notice now? Perhaps because it is permeating the suburbs, the schools, the commuter trains.

You see, people can tolerate the violence and the gun battles if it is contained to where they believe it belongs.

Even at Marist, we have a freedom to speak and to express ourselves and to associate.

Therefore, a chapter of the NRA has a right to be on this campus.

But when they tell you that the "other side" will be represented, be skeptical, and hold them to that promise. The national organization would not give its name to a group which even mentioned gun control in a positive sense.

Here's the real deal

More and more today, we find we are trying to correct ourselves when talking about other races, cultures and gender.

There are many sports teams, professional and collegiate whose names are "politically incorrect."

For example, the Warriors, Redskins, and the Seminoles but the list could go on.

You can no longer say the Cowboys and Indians. However, you can say cowpersons and Native Americans.

Give me a break.

Please do not get me wrong, I am not a racist, I do not put down other cultures or the people in them, but come on, where do we draw the line?

When we use a word to make a point, there should not be a problem, but when we use it to hurt someone or degrade a person or culture, this is when the line needs to be drawn.

I thought it might be interesting to take a look at some of the new "politically correct" terms.

Incorrect term in () and politically correct term will follow.



He said



She said

1. (Blacks) African Americans
2. (Hispanic) Latino Americans
3. (foreign countries) countries outside the U.S.
4. (physically handicapped) physically challenged
5. (congressmen) congressperson
6. (policemen) policeperson
7. (mentally handicapped) mentally challenged
8. (homosexual) sexually challenged
9. (tall) upwardly challenged
10. (short) downwardly challenged

These are just a few and to figure out how to make a non-political word correct, add the word person to those words ending in men and replace the word disabled or handicapped with challenged and you have been successful.

My mother is a state representative in New Hampshire.

She just recently voted on a bill to change the State Constitution to a non-gender form.

The bill was defeated and rightfully so.

The only reason that I can see for such a push on the "correct" thing to say is that people feel they have to say them to get elected to office and so they won't be charged with racial and/or sexual harassment.

Be aware of what you may or maynot say.

It is becoming more important to recognize what is happening in our society as far as new terms, meanings of those terms and who they refer to.

Scott Sullens is one of The Circle's political columnists.

One year ago, Student Body President Kent Rinehart campaigned on the issue of getting condoms on campus. Where are they?

And six months ago, after a rape on campus, Kent formed the Sexual Awareness Committee, otherwise known as the "Condom Committee."

I'm not exactly sure where that committee has faded away to, but luckily, at least for Kent, the debate evidently has faded away with the committee. (If only it was as easy to form a club as it is to form one of these "committees" though.)

Ask the average Marist student what Kent Rinehart has done over the past year and I'd venture to guess many students would ask, "Kent who?"

My point? What is the job of student body president? And more importantly, what will the three candidates running for student body president promise to do this year?

Perhaps they will promise, to appease me, to find alternative funding for The Circle. (Although no one has called me with a plan after I asked for one last week - I'm offering an endorsement here.)

Maybe they'll try again on the condom issue. Or maybe they and the students have just given up on that one.

I don't see how condoms on campus could possibly hurt. Condoms are passed out at junior high schools around the country. Having them at a college isn't that radical of an idea.

The candidates will have at least a few new areas of debate.

There is the whole guest-pass issue and of course the on-going construction that will probably make housing a mess again in September.

It seems unlikely, though, that the student body president could have much of an affect on construction time constraints. But, I'm sure they'll try.

And, like every year, there's always the old library issue. But, again, I doubt the student body president has the power to convince the Board of Trustees where to spend our big tuition bucks.

This year, we have three new candidates that will try to define the job of student body president: Nick Capuano, Matt Gillis, and Anthony Mignone.

Next week these three candidates will be participating in a debate on the first-ever live broadcast at Marist College on Marist College Television.

If you have any questions you'd like answered during the debate, don't hesitate to let me know (ext. 4841) as I will be one of the three moderators for the debate.

In other news:

It looks like health-care and welfare reform will have to take a back seat to violence and crime this week.

Several news magazines are leading with crime stories this week and it's all over the television and newspapers everyday.

Solutions? Stop the flow of guns and stress rehabilitation before life in prison.

Caroline Jonah is one of The Circle's political columnists.

Editor's Notebook

by TED HOLMLUND

WTZA, a local television station, did a story last Thursday on The Circle's return to publication. It made sense to that this story was covered. It was newsworthy because it is the station's job to report on local news events.

The story also would benefit Marist College and the administration because the newspaper was back. Everything was back to "normal."

Although some may disagree, a lot has changed after this incident but that can be discussed at another time.

However, according to Carl Oleskewicz, our managing editor, Ed Hines, director of public relations, called her up and said that Marist was a "closed campus" and that any outside media had to go through his office to talk to students.

Then he also told her that he thought he had worked this all out with WTZA earlier and it was settled.

It is safe to say that he was upset that the story was covered.

If this is a closed campus, then how come certain messages can be broadcast outside this school and others cannot?

How come Hines thought he could control WTZA's news coverage? Interesting.

Support recycling

Editor:
Recycling, we have it, everyone else is doing it.
So what's the problem?
When the Marist College Recycling Committee formed, they thought that they were doing a great service for Marist and it's student body.
They believed that they accounted for every problem they could run into.
They didn't believe that they'd ever have this problem, after all it was the students who said we need a program.
It appears that there is a serious lack of interest in the whole recycling program.

The committee cannot find enough students willing to support the program by spending an hour each week recording data.
On top of this it seems the rest of the student body residing on campus is not willing to recycle properly.
Items are being placed often unclean into the wrong bins contaminating everything in there.
When recyclable items, such as paper products, was started each residence area had instructional posters and bins.
As well, the resident assistants were supposed to inform their areas

about recycling.
As of now posters have been torn down and bins are missing.
The college cannot afford to replace every poster and bin.
The fact is Marist has the potential of having one of the best recycling programs on any college campus.
But this is not possible without student support.
Please help the program by reading the posters and taking an extra minute to recycle properly.
Or help by spending an hour a week working with the recycling committee.
If students are not willing to help this program it will fail.
If you are interested in helping the recycling program call me at ext. 4145.
Kevin Smith, junior

Predictions

Editor:
I have a few things that I would like to share with the readers of this fine paper.
Specifically, the choice of sports editor.
Now, do not get me wrong, I like him and he writes fairly well, but his sports knowledge might be lacking.
One more thing, he is also my roommate.
In our house, we conduct weekly football picks.
This year marks the third year of this tradition.
Here are the key statistics: Year one winner - Ted Holmlund, year

two - myself, year three - also myself.
This year he placed a weak fifth (out of eight).
My problem: How come the sports editor does not make it in the top three?
How can the readers look up to him when he cannot even perform such a simple task.
Just to be fair, I also picked the Bills to win.
By the way, when will we see a new picture of him?
Maybe none at all. (Yeah)
One last word...Readers, please forgive him.
John V. Metzner, senior

Deserved it

Editor:
In response to your "we're back" campaign, I would like to express my opinion about The Circle's suspension.
You deserved it.
The Circle is or was a club.
Therefore, you must follow your by-laws just like any other club at Marist.
Being a print publication does not give you any special rights.
What did you expect the Student Government Association to do?
You were warned and were ask-

ed not once, but three times to communicate with SGA.
The SGA allegations were based on student complaints, and they have a responsibility to act on those concerns.
It was not "pick on The Circle" week.
I have no personal hatred for The Circle, but the belief that this is a freedom of speech issue is ridiculous.
If you feel your first amendment rights have been violated, then you better look at what caused your suspension.
I feel no unjust action was taken.
Romancers Saraceno, sophomore

Generosity needed

Editor:
The Senior Class Gift Program will be underway during the spring semester of 1994.
We're hoping that the class of '94 will be the first to present a class gift at graduation.
Our goal is \$1994 to fund a book scholarship for upperclassmen who meet criteria for financial assistance.
This is our opportunity as a class to make a tangible contribution to Marist College by helping future students realize their educational

goals.
We appreciate your generosity in advance, and look forward to your contribution.
If interested in joining the fund raising committee, please contact Alumni Affairs at ext. 3483 or Pamela Clinton at ext. 4841.
The first committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1994 at 9:30 p.m. in the Campus Center.
Pamela Clinton, senior Senior Class Gift Chair

ATTENTION

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IBM will be at Marist College in LT212 on Friday, February 25, 1994 to interview students for Accounting internships/co-ops. These are paid positions and will last from June-December 1994.

Students must bring their resumes to the Field Experience Office by Friday, February 11, 1994 in order to be considered for an interview.

For more information contact:

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Sour grapes

Editor:
In response to last weeks letter to the editor by former Student Body President Nella Licari, I wish to voice my resentment pertaining to one of the "problems" she addresses in her campaign advice list.
Namely sabotaging her campaign.
Nella has repeatedly accused people of influencing voters, tearing down campaign posters, and basically having the election stolen from right under her feet.
Nella went as far as to protest the election in which she could find no evidence to support her false allegations.
The truth is Nella lost outright to a better opponent, namely Kent Rinehart.
I had a chance to work freshman orientation with Nella this past summer and hold no personal gripe.
I feel Kent has done an outstanding job this past term and wish the new president luck.
In regard to Nella's letter, I feel that she has some growing up to do, she should learn a little bit of professionalism and become a better loser.
Nobody gets what they want all the time.
Daniel Veltri, junior

Who's fault is it?

Lets talk about fruits and nuts. No, I'm not talking about a farm or a basic food group or anything like that.
I'm talking about California and the little towns of normalcy within, such as Los Angeles and San Francisco.
Recently they had an earthquake, a terrible earthquake, but what's new?
What's the surprise and terror California? - YOU LIVE ON A FAULT!
These things tend to happen when you - LIVE ON A FAULT!
You know moving there that one day California is going to be just a really elaborate boat floating in the Pacific yet you want to live there anyway.
You should expect these things to happen because - YOU LIVE ON A FAULT!
It's like a couple moving to Alaska and the wife saying, "Damn, it's really cold up here. You'd think these igloos would come with heat. Oh well, I guess I won't get to wear any of those swimsuits I bought honey."
California should just stop building things with concrete and steel.
Bring back something I miss - Legos.
That way when the city crumbles you can rebuild easily and you can get the younger generation involved and in the work force.
I think they'd rather be out there building the city then being in school.
It's so bad in California schools that in gym they don't even need a ball for dodgeball anymore - they just dodge ceiling pieces.
And in the news all I hear about is all of the movie stars who lost their homes.
There are hundreds of regular people who lost their homes but who does the media decide to show? - the movie stars.
Then I'm in a store and there are all of these little coin boxes for earthquake relief donations.
Sorry, when the image in my head is of Cher, Madonna, or Warren Beatty losing their house - I'm not feeling too bad.
I don't think I'm going to give a quarter.
As a matter of fact I don't even

give a - well, let's not get carried away.
The best we should all do is dig behind our couches, we're bound to find a Lego or two, and send those out to them.
And since we're talking about California, let's shift our attention to everybody's favorite guy/girl/cat - Michael Jackson.
Why are people so surprised about these charges?
The man has got an amusement park called Neverland Ranch in his backyard.
What's this about?
This would be like a child molester's dream!
I'm thinking it works a lot better than, "Hey kid, want some candy?"
Look, I'm not saying he's guilty but let's just say a Michael Jackson Daycare Center probably wouldn't be a profitable venture.
Now let's shift to politics and talk about Clinton.
The Clinton administration unveiled a clean water plan that would eliminate chlorine and make our water more safe.
Wow, isn't it funny how concerned he is about the safety of our water yet with NAFTA we were going to start manufacturing in - MEXICO!
A place that isn't exactly going to bottle their water and give Perrier a run for their money.
The only running would probably be to the bathroom.
Could it be that the giant 'sucking' sound Perot said we would hear if NAFTA passed wasn't the jobs going to Mexico, but the workers gagging at the water cooler?
When Clinton was told about the danger of the water and then asked if he ever tried it he said, "I tried it once, but never swallowed."
And let's not forget the Buffalo Bills.
It seems that Thurman Thomas was upset because he had a deal with Reebok to do a live commercial during the game, but after he fumbled twice they gave it to Emmitt Smith.
But not to worry, rumor has it that Nestle is trying to contact Thurman for an endorsement for their Butterfingers bar.
Frank La Perch is The Circle's humor columnist.

Speaker disputes editorial

Editor:
This letter is in response to the editorial printed in The Circle last week.
S.J. Richard, you just do not get it, do you?
The Circle was not placed on probation, later to have its funds frozen, for anything it chose to print, chose not to print, or the way in which anything in particular refusing to comply with a legitimate student government association directive.
All Richard and The Circle had to do was come to a meeting, listen to the Senate present certain student complaints and criticisms, and then go on their way and continue to print as they saw fit.
The Senate's only hope was that The Circle would take these into consideration and act on them.
But the meeting never happened. Why? Because The Circle would not let it happen.
In addition, The Circle was not suspended as the editorial states.
No action was ever taken - or even considered - against their charter.
Yes, The Circle is still on probation, however, this is only because

the Senate did not have a chance to meet to reverse this because of final exams.
Richard would like to make everyone think that SGA tried to dictate The Circle's editorial policy.
This is simply not true, and the Senate made this point explicit in our initial letter, and also during the meeting that Dean Cox called back in December.
The meeting that we did have in December was not very productive in my opinion because the original complaints were not addressed and no real discussion on alternative status for The Circle occurred.
But one thing that did happen was each side explained their rationale for taking the actions each did.
I have said over and over that the Senate made some mistakes and things could have been handled differently.
For instance, the first letter sent to The Circle concerning this issue should have had a softer tone so members of The Circle would not have felt threatened.
But none of our mistakes dismisses the fact that the Senate

has a right to call a club in for a meeting. (The Circle's by-laws state that they will follow all SGA directives.)
I think it's time for Richard and The Circle to admit they too made some mistakes and that this whole thing would have been avoided if they attended a meeting with us.
But, they chose not to and the Senate was forced to treat them like any other club on campus, or risk losing credibility.
I've been criticized for not fully understanding journalism, and there is some merit to this assertion.
But one thing I do know is that a free press, or free society for that matter, does not exist if there is no free exchange of ideas.
The Circle denied the Student Senate from expressing legitimate ideas in an open forum.
As a result, the students can only wonder if Richard practices what she preaches.
Jason LoMonaco, senate speaker

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African-American read-in day accents Black History Month

by JENNIFER FORDE
Staff Writer

Bring a book, a love of history, and a lot of enthusiasm.

This was the policy Sunday when Marist recognized National African American Read-In Day. The program, which was created to increase awareness of Black history, is held every year in many locations across the country simultaneously.

"Black parents are so concerned with moving their families into better neighborhoods, but it's important that we don't forget where we came from," said Carolyn Jones, an employee of Upward Bound, located in the Mid-Hudson Business Park.

At Sunday's Read-In, which took place in the new Performing Arts Center, men, women and students of all ages gathered to share their knowledge and learn from one another.

This is the first year that Marist has hosted the event. State-funded programs like the Liberty Partnerships Program, the Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP), and the Collegiate Science and Technology Program (C-Step)

worked together with the Mid-Hudson chapter of the National Black Child Development Institute (BCDI) to put together the Read-In.

Renee Boyd, director of the Marist STEP and C-Step pro-

"Black parents are so concerned with moving their families to better neighborhoods, but it's important that we don't forget where we come from."

- Carolyn Jones

grams, helped bring the Read-In to the attention of Marist students.

"The Read-In attracts people from one to 100," said Boyd as she bounced one year old Keibreht Walker on her knee.

Linda Melton Mann, principal of Warren Academy of Science and Technology, located at 283 Mansion St., remembers past Read-Ins: "We once had an older woman who brought books from slavery times."

It is this interaction between

young and old that continually makes the event a success. Last year the goal of the program was to increase awareness by involving 200,000 participants in the Read-In. "We reached 250,000," said Mann. "This year's goal is to get 400,000 people to participate."

The Read-In also tested the knowledge of the participants with a game of Family Feud. The questions were about Black history and gave students like Kenya Thomas and Tavonna Cherry a chance to show what they have learned.

Both girls are fifth graders at Warren Academy and agreed that the Read-In is a great idea. "It's interesting that we kids get a chance to discuss our history with adults," said Thomas.

The Read-In is always held on the first Sunday of Black History Month, and is observed by the schools on the following Monday.

However, the Read-In only happens once a year, while the Mid-Hudson chapter of the BCDI works year-round to help black students with their studies.

It is for the children and their families that the BCDI is trying to attract more volunteers, say organizers of the event.

much like slavery.

In 1991, the BSU expressed their objections to the College Activities office and were determined to have the "Market" cancelled forever as a fund raising event.

Members of TKE felt that the event should be simply moved to a new date and that they needed the event because it was a successful fundraiser.

Out of respect of the BSU and other organizations that opposed the event, College Activities cancelled the "Meet Market" because of its offensive undertones.

This is the first major fundraiser for TKE since 1991 and will have a few additions.

The event will also include a performance by the college comedy group, the HuMarists, as well as two local bands from Marist.

"We want to be responsible for having the largest fundraiser on campus," said Lahoz. "We are forced to compromise with the school."

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Annual Marist tournament hosts debate over weekend

by PATRICIA
SMITH-POMALES
Staff Writer

Last weekend the Marist Debate Team hosted the ninth annual "Red Fox Classic" debate tournament.

Winning the tournament was West Point in the varsity division and The American University in the novice division. The top speaker awards in both divisions were won by debaters from Cornell University.

"The tournament went brilliantly," said David Grassmick, director of the Marist Debate Team. "People came to the Marist debate tournament because it's probably the best run tournament in the Northeast in the spring."

The Marist tournament had 10 schools attending this year, including one team from Northern Illinois University. Also attending this year were several alumni of the Marist debate team acting as judges.

Grassmick said that Marist alumni like to support the program.

"It shows that they still have an interest in the program," said Pam Clinton, a senior and varsity debater from Marist. "It's like a mini-reunion."

The teams involved in the tournament all addressed a current topic assigned at the beginning of the semester. This semester the topic involved the issue of military intervention in the post-Cold War world.

As host of the tournament, Marist competed in preliminary rounds, but did not compete in final rounds. Customarily, the hosting team does not win their own tournament. For Marist, this weekend provided practice for upcoming tournaments this semester.

This semester the Marist team will travel to Cornell, Louisiana, and Syracuse among other schools. The national tournament will take place next month.

Last month, Marist debaters competed at the national level at Kansas State.

"The whole semester prepares you for the national tournament held in March," said Marist Debate Team Captain James Hocking. "The national tournament is the best and last one of the year."

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for TKE but that it will benefit campus life as a whole.

The "Meet Market" of '91 caused a surge of controversy from the student body as well as different clubs.

The BSU felt the event was too reminiscent of slavery, feeling that people bidding on others on stage made it seem like a human auction,

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drivers now approved and that the program is still looking for more drivers.

Campilli commented that the problem was a break down in communication and no longer exists.

"The insurance carrier is willing to verify the driving records of the students as long as the college is willing to stand behind the

drivers," Campilli said.

According to Williams, the program is back in action.

"Right now we're in the process of regaining a good image," he said. "This semester we have people going to Astor Head Start, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and the Hyde Park Nursing Home to volunteer."

FITNESS

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a treadmill and an aerobics room, Apuzzo said, adding that there is still room for future expansion.

The long-awaited fitness center is part of the major reconstruction being done on the Campus Center.

"It is part of the long-range plan to provide more opportunities for the students and to serve their health and fitness needs," said Assistant Dean of Activities and Housing Steve Sansola.

According to at least one student, the new center's location makes it more convenient than trekking to McCann for a workout.

"It doesn't have a lot of equipment in it, but it is in a good location and it's open seven days a week," said junior Jason Letendre.

The fitness center is available to students only. Students who want to use the equipment must go through a mandatory orientation program.

The orientation program is run by a newly trained student staff. The purpose of the program is to familiarize students with the equipment so they know how to use it properly.

"Eight of us (who make up the student staff) were trained by a professional who came in here and showed us how to use the equipment," Apuzzo said.

The room will be staffed by the specially trained students during all the hours that it is open, she said.

Aerobics classes will be held regularly in the aerobics room, Apuzzo said.

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Icers skate past Pace Univ., 10-0

by JIM DERIVAN
Staff Writer

The Marist hockey club improved its record to 10-8-1 by defeating Pace University in a laugher, 10-0, at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center last Saturday.

The Red Foxes now stand at 8-2-1 in the Hudson Division of the Metropolitan Conference.

Senior right-wing John Lloyd sparked the Red Fox attack with four goals and one assist.

Lloyd said he attributed the team's triumph to both fine passing and to a new stick.

"My linemates Todd (Corriveau) and Jeff Frost passed the puck really well," Lloyd said. "I got a new stick. I guess that helped me out."

Head coach Kevin Walsh said he believed Lloyd's contributions were key to the win.

"John Lloyd was definitely the key for us," Walsh said. "He had four goals, two of which were short-handed, and an assist."

Lloyd collected Marist's first score by connecting on a short-handed goal off an assist from Corriveau, a sophomore left-wing.

Lloyd's next goal was his second short-handed goal of the game, unassisted, at 8:43 of the first period.

Junior left-wing Noel Smith increased the lead to 3-0, at 12:40 of the first period with a power play goal, assisted by freshman forward Bobby Perssons and Frost.

It was then Lloyd again, who notched a hat trick at 7:03 of the second period. It was assisted by Corriveau and Frost.

Senior center Doug Closinski scored his second goal of the game with 3:59 left in the period to give Marist a 6-0 lead.

Lloyd wasted no time scoring in the final session by earning his fourth tally of the contest at :37 seconds.

The goal was assisted by the tandem of Corriveau and Frost.

Junior right-wing Pat Cullen closed out Marist's scoring spree off assists from Rick Monte and Tom Fitzgerald at the 6:01 mark.

Walsh said his team was stronger than Pace both mentally and physically.

"We were just a better team than they were," he said.

According to Walsh, his club looked lackluster early on in the game.

"We came out flat. We were not mentally prepared," Walsh said. "We had three goals in the first, but we had other opportunities that we did not capitalize on, but we became focused."

Lloyd said he believed the defense played aggressively.

"On defense, we had a good game," Lloyd said. "The defense got the puck up ice and didn't panic."

Junior goalie Brad Kamp said the only Red Fox flaw was its lack of concentration.

"We are a more talented team, but we didn't have a great game," Kamp said. "It is hard to get mentally prepared when you know your going to beat a team 10-0."

Kamp also said the defense did come up big.

"The defense did a good job of



Marist player chases down the puck in a recent game. The Red Foxes' record is currently 10-8-1.

clearing out in front of the crease," he said. "The shots they did have were broken up by the defensemen and put in the corners."

The Red Foxes out-shot Pace University by a whopping 38-6 margin.

Marist will face-off next on Saturday night at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center against Farmingdale, who is in second place in the Island Division of the Metropolitan Conference.

Former Red Fox stars glad to return home

by GERARD CARNEY
Staff Writer

Former Red Fox basketball players returned to the hardwoods of the McCann Center last Saturday to rekindle their glory days of collegiate competition.

For some, the aggression was still evident, but for others, the fire seemed to be long gone.

The Marist alumni basketball game was not about points, rebounds nor assists, it was about coming home.

There were some alumni who were members of the Class of 1962, Marist's inaugural basketball season. One player even came as far as Sacramento, Ca. to partake in the day's festivities.

The game brought back the first basketball coach in school history, George Strba, who guided the 1962 team to a 6-5 record.

Strba, a Poughkeepsie resident, said he vividly remembers his coaching days at Marist.

"We had red shirts, no scholarships to give, and played in a box

of a gym (Marian Hall)", the former head coach said. "They were a good bunch of kids, the best kind to coach because they knew nothing."

The games brought back Marist standouts: Steve Paterno ('91), Bill Dewinne ('81), and Ursula Winter ('85), the women's all time leading scorer.

"We always get a great response of players to come back. They love it," said JoAnn Wohlfahrt, director of the alumni relations office. "This is the second annual women's game, and the men's game has been going on for quite some time."

Bob Norman, the associate professor of communications, said the game has been a tradition.

"We always do get a big turn out," Norman said.

"It is great to get a chance to see these kids again."

Norman added that he had many fond memories during his 33 years associated with Marist basketball.

The greatest game Norman announced was against Georgia Tech in the first round of the NCAA

Tournament in 1986.

"We were ahead at halftime and into the third quarter when Rik Smits fouled out, and we lost control," Norman said. "Our kids played well over their heads."

Norman also said he remembers some of the best players to ever come out of the program.

"Obviously Smits, but also perhaps the best pure shooter was Steve Eggink ('84). I remember I would bet a buck anywhere in three point range, and tell him to hit one from the spot," Norman said. "He nearly wiped me out."

Coincidentally, Eggink, now a coach at Saugerties High School, had a game-high 23 points.

The women's game saw such fan favorites as Ruth Halley ('91), Mary O'Brien ('91), and Michele Michael ('88). Charlene Fields ('93) appeared not to have lost any of her shooting form as she scored 17 points.

Players also included Jennifer O'Neill ('91), whose baseline jumper lifted the white team to a 45-44 victory, and Nancy Holbrook ('91) among others.

Intramurals

The winter intramural sports programs are now underway.

The men's basketball program has two leagues: Monday and Wednesday. Each league has 12 teams. The first games will start on Feb. 7.

The women's basketball team will play on Tuesday and Thursday nights if enough teams sign up.

The volleyball program also has two 12-team leagues. The leagues will be played on Tuesday and Thursday.

A racquetball tournament will be organized once there is a complete list of participants.

Aerobics will be featured in the new Fitness Center. A new class called Neuromuscular Integrative Action (NIA). It combines dance & Tae Kwon Do which is a non-impact sport.

More step classes are featured. There will be two classes on Wednesday during activities hour.

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"I was really pleased with our effort," the eighth-year head coach said. "I thought we played hard in the second half. Our defense won it with the 2-2-1 (press)."

Carroll said the win could not have come at a better time.

"I'm getting sick of losing," she said. "We got to get to that .500 mark (in the NEC)."

Last Thursday, the Red Foxes were stopped at home by St. Francis (Pa), 79-64.

Saints 89, Red Foxes (60)
SIENA (60)
Columbo 4-10 0-19, Najdek 5-8 0-10, Lops 9-15 4-4 22, Bernert 2-5 2-2 8, Serafino 7-16 0-0 19, Buist 3-5 0-0 6, Marzug 0-2 0-0, Kelly 3-4 0-0 6.
Totals 33-65 8-7 80.
MARIST (60)
Keys 3-11 1-17, Walsh 0-4 0-0 0, Dengler 6-13 2-4 14, Carroll 7-19 0-0 18, Presnall 3-8 0-0 8, Hauser 4-10 0-0 11, Heller 0-1 0-0 0, Metz 0-1 0-0 0, Macey 1-4 0-0 2, Horwath 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 24-71 3-5 60.
Halftime score: Siena 30, Marist 26.
3-point goals: Siena - Serafino (5), Bernert (2), Columbo, Marist - Carroll (4), Hauser (3), Presnall (2).
Officials: Gary Schimel (R), Patrick Musto (U), A-88.

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forcing a wild 25-footer that was well off the mark.

Buchanan said this was not his best performance.

"I didn't think I was playing well," he said. "I tried to get on the boards and just kept playing hard."

Marist broke a 61-61 deadlock, outscoring the Flash 18-6 to get the hard earned win.

The Red Foxes will try to get over the .500 mark again when they travel to St. Francis (NY).

Colonials 76, Red Foxes 62
ROBERT MORRIS (76)
Walker 10-15 4-4 26, Jackson 4-8 2-2 10, Mayes 4-6 3-5 11, Johnson 0-4 0-0 0, Cosby 2-3 1-2 5, Donnelly 4-10 2-2 14, Carney 1-2 0-0 2, Erwin 1-1 2-3 5, Stuart 0-2 1-2 1, Fletcher 1-1 0-0 2, Gamble 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 27-50 15-19 76.
MARIST (62)
Chodkowski 0-4 0-0 0, Buchanan 5-17 3-3 13, Tomlidy 3-7 4-4 10, Encarnacion 0-2 1-2 1, Basile 8-20 4-4 26, Hill 2-4 0-1 4, Davis 2-5 0-2 5, Weikert 1-3 0-0 3, Totals 21-62 12-18 62.
Halftime score: Robert Morris 31, Marist 29.
3-point goals: Robert Morris - Donnelly (4), Walker (2), Erwin, Marist - Basile (6), Davis, Weikert.
Officials: Ed Corbett (R), Steve Turner (U), Fabian Alessandro (U), A-376.

Aquamen fall to St. John's

by TERI L. STEWART
Staff Writer

The men's swimming and diving team fell to St. John's University 134-104 dropping its record to 6-4 overall.

Despite the loss, this marks the eighth straight year the team has finished its dual meet season with a winning record.

According to head coach Larry Van Wagner, accomplishing this feat was not the teams main goal.

"Our primary objectives are always geared to the Metropolitan Conference Championships," Van Wagner said. "It is that one single competition that reflects the successes of the entire season."

Co-captain Brett Arnold agreed with Van Wagner.

"I think it's important to the team, but that's not our overall goal," the junior said. "We use the meets as a learning experience for championships."

Van Wagner commented that the purpose of the dual meet schedule was to make the season before championships as competitive as possible.

"I think the simple fact that the men's program has not had a losing season in eight years simply exemplifies how successful this particular athletic program has been at Marist College for nearly a decade," he added.

Junior Doug Jelen swam the 'Iron Man' event against St. Johns, according to Van Wagner, who uses this phrase to describe swimming the 1000-yard freestyle, 200-yard butterfly and the 500-yard freestyle events in one meet.

"Doug swam the best he has every done in all three events combined for the three years he has been at Marist College," Van Wagner said. "Doug has displayed the highest work ethic of all our team members."

Jelen placed second in the 1000 free and 500 free and third in the 200 fly.

Juniors Ron Gagne and Matt Bluestein placed first and second in the 200-yard breaststroke notching their seasonal best times.

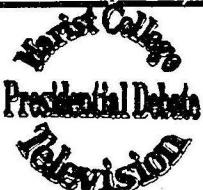
Although his team lost its last dual meet of the season, Van Wagner was pleased with the team's performance.

"I think we're right where we want to be at this point and time going into the Metropolitan Conference meet," he said.

In diving action, freshman Grove Rasmusson finished third in the one-meter dive qualifying for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference championships.

Fellow freshman Brian Leddy also placed second in the three-meter dive.

The team will compete in the Metropolitan Conference Championships on Feb. 17, 18 and 19.


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Stat of the Week:

The women's swimming team set 10 school records enroute to winning the Metropolitan Conference championship.

Swimmers win; break 10 records

by GREG BIBB
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If someone would have told Maria Pope she was going to win a Metropolitan Swimming Championship three years ago, she would have said they were crazy.

After all, as a freshman, Pope was one of just a handful of swimmers of a weak program that seemed to be bogged-down in the very water it swam in.

The same swimmer, who three years ago would have viewed a Metro crown as practically impossible, has recently accomplished the unthinkable along with the rest of the swim team.

Pope and company have brought a Metro Conference swimming championship to Marist, defeating second-place rival Rider, 627-581.

The Red Foxes won the championships in impressive fashion.

Marist brought home ten school records. Pope received the Dick Krempecki Award as the most outstanding senior, and freshman Stephanie Raider was named the Metro Conference Rookie of the Year.

Raider ruled the waters in the 200-yard individual medley with a winning time of 2:13.54.

Pope finished fourth in the 200-yard freestyle and third in the 500 freestyle.

While Pope could not have imagined this kind of success three years ago, she said that head coach Lloyd Goldstein's effective recruiting job over the past four years was a main factor for the program's improvement.

Kerin Kozikowsky, another one of Goldstein's freshmen sensations, also swam a solid race.

Kozikowsky finished fourth in the 1650 freestyle and posted good times in the 200 and 500 freestyles.

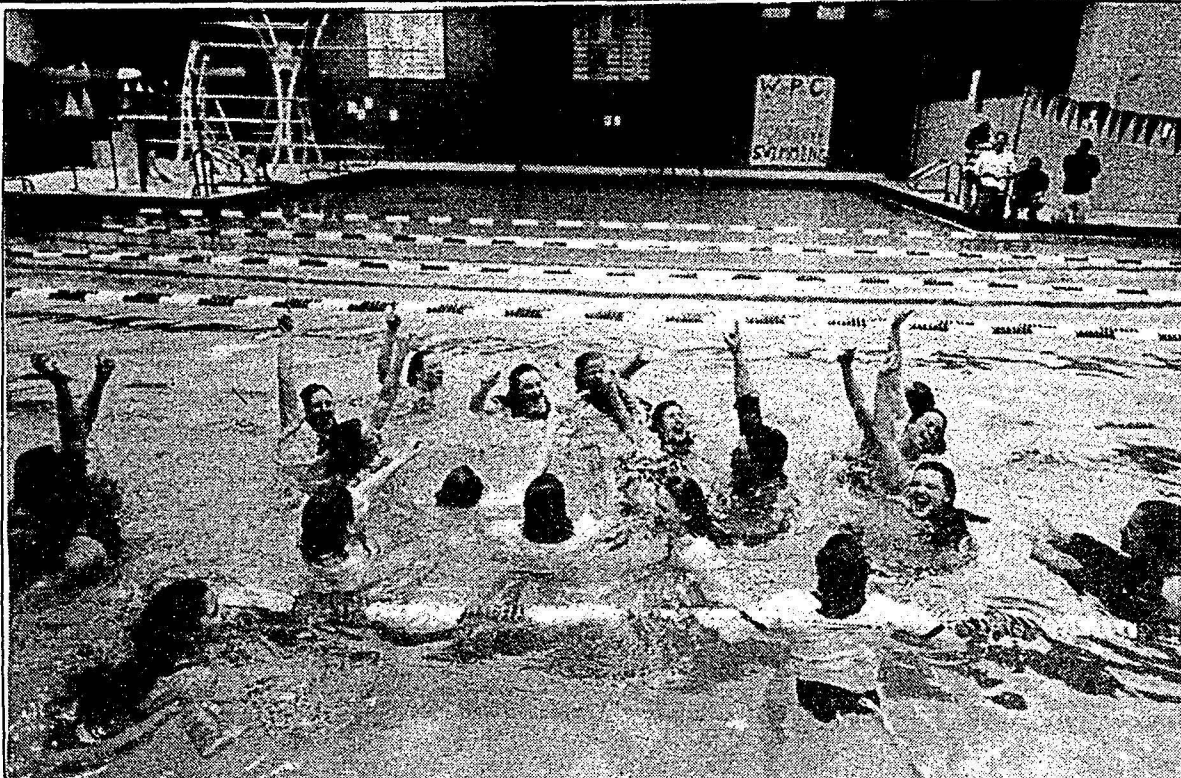
Kozikowsky said she was excited about the championship win and is looking for the team's success to continue over the next couple of years.

"I was really impressed with Stephanie's (Raider) performance," she said. "I am also excited about the future of the team."

Marist also received outstanding performances from sophomore Jeanie Maguire, who placed fifth in the 50 freestyle and first in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke events.

Denelle Heller also swam well for Marist, placing fourth in the 200 and 400 individual medleys and the 200 butterfly.

Unfortunately for the rest of the conference, as the swimmers made waves in the pool, the divers were making a splash with the judges.



A jubilant women's swim team celebrates a victory in Metro championships at Kings Point, NY this weekend.

Jennifer McCauley, Danielle Digeronimo and Jan Martin led the way for the Red Foxes.

Digeronimo placed fourth in the 3-meter dive and second in the 1-meter.

Martin won the 3-meter competition while finishing fourth in the 1-meter.

McCauley won the 1-meter contest while finishing third in the 3-meter event.

Overall, Marist took the top spot in each contest.

Goldstein said he was pleasantly surprised that the team swam so effectively.

"I felt good about the 10 records and was a bit surprised by the performance of the team," he said. "Rider swam well, but we swam better."

Goldstein also said the key to the championship win was the improvement of the swimmers' times since the squad's mid-season loss to Rider. Marist lost four meets all year.

Queens College, St. Francis College and Adelphi University completed the top five.

After three years of waiting, Pope was finally able to enjoy a Metro championship.

However, swimmers like Raider, Kozikowsky, Heller, Maguire, McCauley, Digeronimo, Martin and others will be looking to defend their crown.

This might very well pose a threat to the Metro Conference next season.

Struggling Cagers marched over by Siena

by ANDREW HOLMLUND
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With only seven games remaining on the regular season, the women's basketball team will be looking to start some kind of winning streak as it travels to St. Francis (NY) this evening for a Northeast Conference tilt.

Inconsistency has been the buzz word for the Red Foxes thus far as Marist's latest setback occurred against Siena, 80-60, at the McCann Center on Monday.

The only bright spots for Marist (6-13; 5-6 NEC) were senior guard Cindy Carroll and sophomore center Stacey Dengler.

The co-captain recorded 18 points, while Dengler chipped in with 14.

It was entirely two different

halves for Marist.

After heading into the locker room at halftime, trailing 30-26, the pendulum completely swung in the other direction as Siena went on a 14-4 run, five minutes into the second half to open a 55-42 cushion.

"They are a better team than we are," head coach Ken Babineau said. "The score (was) not indicative to the game."

On Saturday, the Red Foxes were victorious, defeating Robert Morris, 65-52, in Poughkeepsie.

Once again, it was Carroll who led the way with 18 points and five assists. Dengler and junior co-captain and forward Lori Keys connected for 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Babineau said he was pleased with the win.

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by TED HOLMLUND
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The men's basketball team learned an important lesson last Saturday night against the Robert Morris Colonials.

The message: If the Red Foxes are going to compete for the Northeast Conference Championships, they will have to play two halves of good basketball.

After trailing 31-29 at the half, Marist (10-10, 6-6 NEC) was handily outscored 45-33 in the second, falling to the Colonials (11-10, 9-4 NEC), 76-62.

Robert Morris took control of the game going on an 8-0 run right after the half to take a 39-29 lead. After Marist scored its first points of the half, the Colonials went on a 15-5 spurt to clinch the victory.

The battle before the game was going to be between Myron Walker and Izett Buchanan, both picked as

Red Foxes lose big, 76-62

preseason NEC first-team selections. Walker handily won the battle scoring 26 points, six above his season average. Buchanan, on the other hand, managed only 13 points, 12 below his average total.

However, it was the Colonial's sixth man Bubba Donnelly who hurt the Red Foxes in the end. Donnelly scored 14 points, 11 in the second half, shooting 4-5 from three-point range.

Head coach Dave Magarity said the team will have to play better if it is to beat the top teams in the NEC, like Robert Morris.

"We got beat by a team who I've said is the best team in the league," the eighth-year coach said. "I'm disappointed, not frustrated. We have a lot of season left."

Sophomore guard Danny Basile tried to get the Red Foxes back into the game. Basile scored 26 points shooting 8-20 from the field, including six three pointers.

Despite Basile's performance,

Marist was only able to cut the deficit to 8 points at 70-62 with 2:38 remaining.

Basile only wants to look toward the future.

"I think the over the next six games we should be thinking toward the playoffs," he said.

The Colonials were able to hold sophomore center Alan Tomidy to 10 points.

Tomidy is still bothered by a hip pointer injury he suffered against Fairfield University a few weeks ago.

Last week, Marist scored a 79-67 overtime victory over the St. Francis (Pa) Flash.

Buchanan scored a game-high 32 points shooting 12-26 from the field overcoming a gaffe he made with :04 remaining in regulation.

The senior failed to call a timeout after he was trapped and turned the ball over, but the Red Foxes' defense rose to the occasion

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Goldstein's squad strikes the gold at Metros

Every year the women's swimming team gears its season toward performing well in the Metropolitan Conference Championships.

Other times the hard work did not lead the squad to the promised land.

This year it did.

Second-year head coach Lloyd Goldstein has been a key factor in turning the swim team into a winning program.

He's went out with a clear focus in improving the team. It has shown, especially with the performances of freshmen recruits Stephanie Raider and Kerin Kozikowsky.

Senior Maria Pope has also provided solid veteran leadership throughout the season.

Goldstein's squad won the Metro crown in impressive fashion. The team recorded 10 school records and outdistanced rival Rider, 627-581 after falling to them earlier in the year.

The program also has a good chance to be successful in the

future.

The Red Foxes have a strong nucleus returning, which includes Raider who was named the Metropolitan Conference Rookie of the Year.

It is a shame that there is not more fan interest in women's swimming. This team had a great year and should have more to come.

Women's hoop

Going into the season, many people believed the women's basketball team would pick up right where they left off last year despite losing Charlene Fields, the team's leading scorer.

This could be an understandable assumption considering that the team was returning eight players from last year's squad.

However, it has not happened. The team's 19-10 record and NEC final birth seems like it has happened eons ago as the team has struggled to a 6-13 record going into tonight's game against St. Francis (NY). The loss of Fields has hurt this team more than expected because no one has been able to



Ted Holmlund

Talkin' it

provide the same court leadership and poise she exhibited.

Although Marist lost 80-60 to Siena on Monday, Marist did show some intensity and flashes of solid play against a better Siena team, who with the victory raised its record to 17-2.

The team has started to play better and is now only one game under .500 (5-6) in the Northeast Conference. Despite the recent improved play, the Red Foxes will not be a threat in the conference tournament unless someone on the team can fill the role Fields did last year.

Hockey notes

The men's hockey team is 10-8-1 overall and 8-2-1 in the

Metropolitan Conference's Hudson Division.

Statistically, the numbers are saying that Marist is playing good hockey.

Sometimes, numbers lie.

The team has played inconsistently and has had to be bailed out too many times by goalie Brad Kamp after defensive lapses. Marist has not taken the body (a hockey term for hitting) as much as it did in the past.

Whatever the reason, if the Red Foxes don't start playing more aggressive defense, the squad's title chances are slim, at best.

Marist has been fortunate to have players like Kamp and forwards John Lloyd and Todd Coriveau to pick up the slack for a spotty defense.

Two big games

The men's basketball team (10-10, 6-6 NEC) must win their next two games. St. Francis (NY) and Long Island University are two lower echelon teams who are not as talented as Marist.

Despite being road games, both

teams should be a perfect remedy for an ailing squad that has lost three of its last four ballgames.

If the Red Foxes don't win tonight and Saturday, it will be a tremendous blow to their confidence going into the end of the season.

As The Skater's Whirl

10,000 minutes.

That's how much time will be devoted to the Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan soap opera which begins Saturday at Lillehammer, Norway.

Seriously, it is nice to see that Nancy Kerrigan will be able to skate. She's shown tremendous courage and class throughout this whole ordeal.

Harding, on the other hand, hasn't. However, she is innocent until proven guilty. Morally, she should give up her spot on the Olympics. Legally, Harding has the right to skate because currently no concrete evidence has been found saying she was previously involved in the attack.

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