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Faculty shortage felt in programs

Administrators develop hiring plan

by JENN JOHANNESSEN
Staff Writer

Overenrolled classes and a faculty shortage are straining the largest programs, as administrators look for ways to pay for more teachers in next year's budget.

To alleviate the shortage, five new faculty positions will be added next year, according to Marc vanderHeyden, vice president for academic affairs. In addition, about six faculty will be replaced, so about a dozen new faculty will be hired, vanderHeyden said.

The college's strategic plan calls for the creation of five new faculty positions each year for the next five years. It is subject to approval from the board of trustees this spring.

Before the strategic plan was drafted, vanderHeyden said, a three-year plan to add more faculty positions was already underway. Under the plan, four were to be added this year, five next year, and four the following year.

For now, however, the squeeze is being felt in the college's largest academic divisions.

The Division of Arts and Letters, and specifically the communication arts program, is the most short-handed, said Jephtha Lanning, the divisional chairperson.

According to Lanning's estimate, there are 39 full-time instructors and 69 adjuncts — more

than in any other division — in Arts and Letters. Besides communication arts, which enrolls about 750 students, the division comprises the art, fashion design and foreign language programs.

The shortage causes problems in terms of academic advising and course enrollments. Too many students are being assigned to one adviser, and instructors are teaching overenrolled classes, vanderHeyden said.

"We are understaffed in communications and are trying to rectify through hiring," said Lanning. "The school is making reallocations with its budget to strengthen the faculties to give us more support staff."

Lanning said he hired a full-time professor last year to teach classes in the public relations and organizational communications track, but 72 hours before classes began, the professor quit, leaving the other faculty to pick up the extra load.

The position is still vacant, according to Richard Platt, assistant professor of communications and coordinator of that program.

Four communication arts positions, two English and one art will be open for the fall semester, Lanning said. It is uncertain how many of those are replacements and how many are new positions, what are called faculty lines.

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Senior injured, ticketed in another Route 9 crash

by PATRICIA De PAOLO
Staff Writer
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News Editor

A Marist senior was injured last week in a two-car collision in front of the campus last week, marking the fifth time a Marist student was involved in a Route 9 accident this year.

Nancy Bloom, from New Windsor, N.Y., suffered a broken ankle, a sprained arm and a fractured nose when a 1986 Ford truck hit

her 1984 Ford at about 9:45 a.m. last Wednesday as she was traveling south. She was admitted to St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, where she underwent surgery on her ankle Wednesday evening. She was released Saturday.

Town of Poughkeepsie police said that when Bloom was trying to turn left into the gas station at the intersection of Route 9 and Beck Place, the truck, driven by Donald Bellanger, 58, of Stuyvesant, N.Y., hit her.

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Studying by the river



Circle / photo Jim Portens

With a brief spell of nice weather between snow storms last weekend, freshmen Kristen Cofoni, left, and Sara Cuozzo move outside to study for midterms — the last obstacle to Spring Break.

German measles spots Vassar

by HOLLY GALLO
Features Editor

Visitors to the Vassar College campus are being required to show proof of inoculation for the German measles, due to an outbreak of the disease there, according to David Irvine, administrative director of health services at the college.

"Anyone who comes to campus on a regular basis will, as of Wednesday, March 7, need to be prepared to show proof of shots," he said.

To enforce this policy, the college is issuing cards to all those with records of measles shots to be shown at classes, the dining facility, the library and other places on campus, Irvine said.

Irvine stressed, however, that this will not affect those who who are not "regular" visitors on cam-

pus, but instead staff, faculty and students at Vassar.

As of Tuesday, there were six confirmed cases of the disease at the college, and about two suspected cases, Irvine said.

The German measles, also referred to as rubella, is an untreatable virus, the only weapon being prevention by inoculation. It is generally spread through contact with someone coughing or sneezing.

This disease, whose symptoms include fatigue, swollen glands, and a low-grade fever, is not serious unless contracted by pregnant women, creating the possibility of birth defects.

The enforcement of the shots was initiated by the state Department of Health on Wednesday, Feb. 28, when the first two cases of the disease were confirmed, he said.

Despite the epidemic, there is not a scare at Vassar, and Marist students who take classes there are allowed to attend as long as they have been inoculated, said Kyle Calabrese, a senior at Vassar and member of the Vassar Student Association.

"We can leave when we want to, and still go out," Calabrese said. "Security is stopping anyone without a (Vassar) sticker on their car, and circulating flyers that those entering are doing so at their own risk," he said.

Students who have not been inoculated are doing so at Vassar's Campus Center, according to Irvine.

"We have immunized about 1,700 of the Vassar community," he said.

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Students' writing skills doubted by teachers

by TYLER GRONBACH
Staff Writer

It is 2:30 a.m. and your term paper that is due at 8:15 is only half finished. You look it over and discover it reads like a Dr. Seuss book.

This may be an exaggeration, but many Marist students are lacking the necessary writing skills that are required in the job market, said Marc vanderHeyden, vice president for academic affairs.

The problem, and the ways in which the faculty can help correct it, were addressed for an entire day during faculty retreat in January. Various proposals were made, but the solution is not that simple, said vanderHeyden.

"Students and faculty must work together on a solution," said vanderHeyden, "but

both sides must abide by it."

Some faculty are embarrassed by this depleting skill.

Robert Norman, internship coordinator, said he is hesitant about sending students into the field. When students cannot draft a business letter or a inter-office memo, he said he is usually the one who hears the complaints.

"Every semester, many internship coordinators (from the companies) call me and complain about the students' writing skills," said Norman. "All that I can tell them is that I am sorry."

Norman said the interns usually get high marks in attitude and work ethic, but get low ones in writing content and punctuation. This is common among all students, he said.

Students with strong grade point averages get great internships, but have to be taught

the basic formats for letters, memos and press releases. This takes time away from other areas on which the intern should be concentrating, said Norman.

The blame cannot be singled out to just one area; it is a combination of elements, said Joe Powers, class of 1967, public information director of the Hudson River Psychiatric Center.

Changes in society and technology have contributed to the decline in writing, but one must change to fit these new areas, Powers said. Marist has a responsibility to change its curriculum to strengthen weak areas of the students, he said.

"Students should be familiar in all facets of writing," said Towers "to be successful you must know how to meet the needs of the reader."

Towers said of the seven Marist interns he

has had, not one has had the ability to write correctly.

It is very easy to identify the problems; the toughest part is coming up with a solution.

"Students learn by example, and by suggesting to students that their professors are co-learners, they will be motivated to work together," said vanderHayden.

Many teachers have taken it upon themselves to try and encourage students to be more aware of their writing. Diaries, portfolios and essay exams are just some of the ideas they have tried.

"Writing is something that needs to be practiced over and over again," vanderHeyden said. "Students must think, speak and write critically if they want to be successful."

Random ramblings on the MTV generation

It's that time of year again, when our brains turn into runny eggs and we find ourselves in dire need of a break from the grindstone that is academic life. Not only is it midterms, it's also time for a little spring cleaning.

This is what happens when you come up empty at the well of ideas. You decide to clear your mind of some random inanities that might have one day become entire columns. For what it's worth, here's a bit of the refuse that's been kicking around my mind.

TV or MTV. Is that really the question? I think we realized long ago that the "M" stands for money, not music. We shouldn't expect a whole lot from a station that hires two women named Julie Brown. And maybe they're swell guys, but do Ken Ober and Colin Quinn have any recognizable talents?

The idea behind MTV has always had potential. But the channel never demands much of itself

and seems quite content to play the most mediocre videos at least a dozen times a day (each). Of course, being the hypocrite that I am, I do watch it.

One saving grace: the Sunday night show "Unplugged" is a welcome diversion. I only wish they'd give the host, Jules Shear, his walking papers. He's scary.

Martha Quinn's show is interesting from a historical perspective. She plays all of those "classic" videos from rock "veterans" such as Duran Duran and the Buggles. MTV would have us believe that history began with the birth of the video and that J.J. Jackson, Nina Blackwood and Mark Goodman (God, I couldn't stand him) were the founding fathers.

One thing MTV loves to do is flatter itself, which it does twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, ad nauseum.

Speaking of those old-time bands of the early eighties (which



Kieran Fagan

In
your
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I guess means that Chuck Berry and Elvis are prehistoric), where have they gone? How could Kajoogoo break up and leave millions, nay, billions of fans lonely and hungry for a remake of "Too Shy"?

What is Simon LeBon up to? Where are Naked Eyes, Soft Cell and Madness? Is Rockwell still afraid somebody's watching him? And what about that dork who sang "Break My Stride"? Does anybody really care?

I'm not one to criticize anyone's tastes, but I think the early eighties synthesizer bands were some of the worst trash to roll down the pike since the 1910 Fruitgum Company and Iron Butterfly.

Which brings me to another issue I've been meaning to comment on: personal taste. I think the average listener of popular or rock music is being a little too narrow-minded. There are Deadheads that refuse to listen to anything outside the realm of their gurus or New Potato Caboose, Max Creek and the Jerry Garcia Band.

Then there are the Technotronic lovers who hate anything that isn't thumping on the disco floor. These are just two general examples, but you get the idea.

Why stick yourself in a category? Why be predictable? There are plenty of you out there who aren't ashamed to like anything from Black Sabbath to Run DMC to Hothouse Flowers. Don't put a wall around your musical taste,

there's a lot of noise out there that you might like.

Many people, myself included, have those secret songs we actually like but could never admit to.

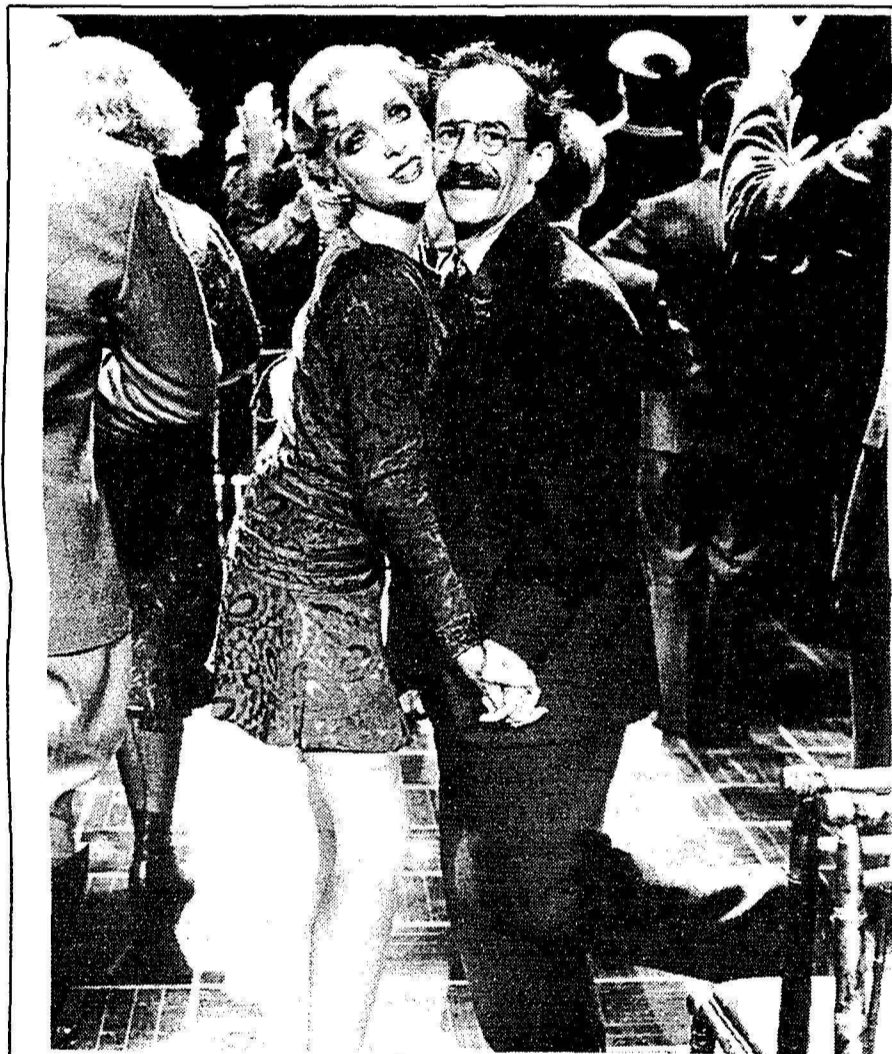
Perhaps I'm just suffering from midterm psychosis, but I'd like to publicly say that I like the following songs: "If," by Bread; "Church of the Poison Mind," by Culture Club; Kenny Rogers' "The Gambler"; the Muppet tune "Rainbow Connection"; and even (gasp) "Don't Forget My Number" by Milli Vanilli.

Confession is good for the soul, you know.

Spring break is good for the soul, too. See you when we return, when we'll be that much closer to... River Day.

END NOTES: If it's your thing, why not bust a move over to the Civic Center Thursday night and see none other than Young MC himself.

Kieran Fagan is The Circle's music columnist.



The couple shown above, Jane Krakowski and Michael Jeter, is just one of the many unusual pairs in Tommy Tune's Broadway show Grand Hotel. Tickets for the musical held at the Martin Beck Theatre are available by calling (212) 246-0102.

Musical provides grand entertainment

Make your reservations at the Grand Hotel.

Actually, a trip to the Martin Beck Theatre in the Big Apple will do. That's where the new Tommy Tune musical based on Vicki Baum's 1929 novel comes to life.

Grand Hotel, the Broadway show that's been winning rave reviews from the critics, boasts of spectacular dancing and choreography with a cast that knows how to entertain an audience.

Although the plot is a bit weak (even one of the characters admitted that nothing happens there), a host of symbols kept the audience thinking about the importance of money and the power of love.

Set in Berlin's Grand Hotel in 1928, the show utilizes the hotel's revolving doors as a symbol of change in a world where nothing — and everything — stays the same for long. It illustrates the realm of contradictions where the guests come and go but the themes of materialism, power and lack of social justice remain.

Love is also symbolized through a blind classical ballerina who dances in between the scenes. Love in the show takes varied forms, romantic love, unrequited love and friendship but the show generally concludes that for better or for worse, love, like the ballerina, is blind.

But the variety of the dancing and the music enliven the show with the rock tune "Maybe My Baby Loves Me" done to a happening beat to the chant of the "The Boston Merger" with a business-like twist.

Excellent singing, dancing and choreography are reasons enough to book early for this sure hit.

Karen Cicero

Up to Date

B each Front

■ Florida-bound students can give the beach a break and take advantage of special low-price admission to the Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center. Students with valid college ID are eligible for the \$19.99 plus tax one-day admission price. Two-day passes are also available and cost \$38 plus tax. For more information, call (407) 824-4531.

■ Daytona Beach Spring Breakers are invited to attend the following events: On March 12-24, Expo America will feature contests and "freebies" at the Ocean Center, Rolling Stone Magazine will be at Oceanfront Park with an outdoor expo on March 14-21, Unorganized volleyball will run March 1-April 14 at the Howard Johnson Hotel and Daytona Inn and Peace Break '90, a multi-sport competition featuring volleyball, soccer and "tug-of-peace" will be held March 12 to April 2 on the beach in front of Surfside Regency, La Playa Best Western, Howard Johnson Hotel Oceanfront and the Voyager Beach Motels. For more information on the above events call 1-800-854-1234.

B each Back

■ If you find yourself near Boston for this break, check out Monet in the '90s, an exhibit of the impressionist's work at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Tickets for the exhibit, that runs through April 29, cost \$9 and must be purchased in advance by calling 1-800-382-8080.

■ Ski the Poconos this spring break. For more information on ski conditions and slopes, call 1-800-VISIT-PA.

■ Say hello to the Big Apple over Spring Break and take in a Broadway show. Student tickets are often available at the box office for half price. Grand Hotel offers student tickets for \$16 while student tickets for The Merchant of Venice cost \$15. Most shows are at 2 and 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call the telecharge at (212) 239-6200.

T hat's Entertainment

Tonight

■ Enjoy a good laugh after your midterms. Emo Philips, from HBO Late Night with David Letterman, will be headlining two special shows at Bananas Comedy Club. Showtimes are at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12. For reservations and information, call 471-5002.

Coming Events

■ Hear Marist's top bands when they compete in the Battle of Bands on March 24 in the Theater. Admission for the 8 p.m. show, sponsored by the College Union Board's concert committee, costs \$2 with Marist ID.

■ Enjoy an evening of dinner theatre when the Alpha Omega Players perform "Champagne Complex" on March 22. Tickets for the 7:45 p.m. event which will be held in the New Dining Room cost \$8 with your Marist ID. The event is sponsored by the College Union Board.

■ "Futu Futu & The Agency" will perform on behalf of Amnesty International on Friday, March 16 at Red Hook High School. Tickets cost \$5 and all proceeds will be donated to prevent human rights abuses in Guatemala. The show starts at 7:10 p.m.

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.

Editors' Picks

- St. Patrick's Day anywhere
- BelAire — Friday, students ski 2 for 1
- My Left Foot, playing at area theaters
- The Simpsons, Sunday at 8:30 on Channel 5

Earth Day planned; awareness stressed

by LAURIE AURELIA
STAFF WRITER

The year was 1970. Nixon was in the White House, a loaf of bread cost 23 cents and the Vietnam War was on everybody's mind.

1971 was also the year of the first Earth Day.

Now, 20 years later, Marist is celebrating Earth Day again, with many of the same goals those at the first Earth Day hoped to achieve.

What began as an idea to recognize environmental concerns for one day on campus has evolved into an entire weekend full of education, music and celebration.

April 20 through 22 will mark Earth Weekend at Marist. In the past this weekend has been set aside for Spring Fling, but this year, the College Union Board has changed the name in order to capture the true spirit of the weekend, said Bob Lynch, assistant director of college activities.

The idea was originally presented by the Students Active For Animal Rights (SAFAR) as a one-day event to recognize the problems that plague our environment.

However, when it was discovered that the proposed weekend was internationally known as a global Earth Day, the plans became much more elaborate, said Rich Roder, freshman mentor in Marian Hall and advisor for SAFAR.

A special meeting was held February 21 to introduce the concept to all clubs on campus and to ask for their help in planning and executing the activities.

"Everyone seemed very enthusiastic and eager to get involved," Lynch said. "The right chemistry of people came together that night, and I'm very excited about how it will turn out."

Roder said the environment is currently receiving a lot of attention, especially in the media.

"(Environment) is the issue of the 90s, and everything else is related to it," Roder said.

"The whole message of Earth Weekend is to show that each individual student needs to make a change in his own lifestyle, because everything we do ultimately affects the environment," he said.

A number of activities are scheduled for the weekend.

Along with the traditional —River Day on Friday, April 20— there will be a Hall of Fame and Shame on Saturday, April 21, to show where environmental awareness groups have made the most positive changes and also to point out areas of the world that have been neglected.

A 5K run on campus is also scheduled for Saturday, but instead of numbers on their backs, each runner will wear the name of an area of environmental devastation, or a particular environmental message.

A tree planting ceremony on Saturday is being held to help meet the international goal of one billion trees to be planted throughout the world that weekend.

Also, bands will be performing and clubs will have vending or game booths or be distributing information about the environment.

Brian Hill, associate professor of biology and director of Marist's Environmental Science Program, and his students are responsible for planning a number of events during the week following Earth Weekend.

Tentatively, Congressman Jim Sawyer, of the House's Energy and Environmental Committee will be speaking Monday night.

Tuesday, the Clearwater, a Hudson River sloop which used to be the only means of transportation on the river, will be docked on the river front.

On Wednesday, Ward Stone, a toxicologist from the Department of Environmental Conservation is expected to speak on pollutants in the Hudson.

Also on Wednesday and Thursday, Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey will speak.

Hill is hoping to conclude the events on Friday with a performance by the Clearwater singers, featuring Pete Seeger, the founding force behind Clearwater.

The exact site for the outdoor events is still awaiting approval from the Athletic Department, but the choices are between the river front, North Field, and the practice fields behind the McCann Center, said Lynch. "An important point to consider in all of this is that many Marist students weren't even born when the first earth day occurred," Lynch said.

"Things have come full circle and we want them to reevaluate where we're at and to look to the future to see where we're going," Lynch said.



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Freshman Mike Kealy, left, gets help from senior Kevin Dwyer, an assistant at the Learning Center, on Monday. The Learning Center has seen an increased demand for tutors and proofreaders.

Learning Center adds services for increased student demand

by CHRIS SHEA
Staff Writer

More students than ever are taking advantage of the Learning Center and its services, according to Victoria Sarkisian, coordinator of Linguistic Studies.

Last semester, the number of papers proofread rose by 68 percent, most of which is attributed to higher student awareness of the services, said Sarkisian.

"The need for services that the Learning Center provides has always been there," she said. "It's just that students did not always know about the services that were available to them."

The number of writing review sessions that are offered has jumped from four to eight this semester, also doubling the number of students who participate, said Sarkisian.

Writing review sessions are student taught workshops which cover such topics as sentence editing, and documentation for term papers. The writing faculty offer advice to Sarkisian on what topics students need help with, and then she said she coordinates the program.

Barbara Carpenter, director of the center, is hoping that since students are making more use of the center's services, the college will accommodate the students when the Learning Center moves from the

library to Donnelly Hall beginning next fall.

"I think the Learning Center is an important part of the college's strategic plan for the next 5 years," said Carpenter. "I'm hoping the college will respond to the students' needs by providing a spacious, workable area which the students can come and take full advantage of our services."

As planned at the present time, the Learning Center will move this summer to a section in Donnelly near the Commuter Lounge. In the same area as the center, will be Career Development, the Office of Academic Advisement, and HEOP. This will create a type of student academic support area, said Carpenter.

Carpenter said she hopes the center is able to increase the number and variety of services it offers.

One proposal is a math lab that would be open several hours a day to assist student with any problems or questions in math. The room, like the Learning Center, would be staffed by faculty and student tutors.

Carpenter said this idea has been brought up before but a room was never available for the amount of time needed. She also said the Learning Center would be able to support this project if it had enough room.

"We couldn't use the Learning Center classroom in the library now for the math lab because there are too many classes that have to use the room," Carpenter said.

Rooney affair highlights a larger problem

Racism and bigotry are two words that can end a career. They are more taboo to a person in the public eye than any other words Noah Webster ever added to his collection.

A few weeks ago a man who is very much in the public eye was interviewed for a magazine oriented toward homosexuals. When the magazine was published this man was quoted as having made remarks that are made by people who are considered racists and bigots. That man was Andy Rooney.

Rooney works for CBS's "60 Minutes." After the magazine hit the newsstands Rooney was suspended from "60 Minutes" for three months. Rooney denied having said what was printed and the journalist who wrote the story admitted to not having recorded the interview on tape.

After a few weeks of intense pressure from various factions of society, CBS lifted the suspension.

This past Sunday night Andy Rooney took his spot on the last few minutes of "60 Minutes" for the first time in almost a month.

This section of the paper is usually set aside to discuss different aspects of the world of entertainment. However, admittedly Andy Rooney's situation is not entertaining; what it is, however, is important.

It is not my place to judge whether Andy Rooney was wrong by saying what he said, if he said it at all. Nonetheless, one has to wonder whether or not CBS overreacted particularly after the director of the NAACP publicly stated that what Andy Rooney did was not wrong.

While, after considering all sides, I can't help but think that maybe CBS panicked. Was a suspension really necessary? Did they, in fact, overreact?

I seem to keep coming up with the answer "yes" to these questions. However, I also wonder, can



Ed McGarry

It's a little known fact that ...

anyone really blame the network.

They had to deal with a similar incident not too long ago when so-called football "expert" oddsmaker Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder said that blacks were better athletes because they were bred to be bigger and stronger back 150 years ago by the white slave owners.

Former Los Angeles Dodgers General Manager Al Campanis made another remark referring the

blacks inability to swim or something like that.

What Rooney allegedly said, what Snyder and Campanis definitely did say may or may not be true. I don't know and I don't care.

What I do care about is that someone, whether a public figure or not, would make a statement like those of Campanis and Snyder.

The United States likes to think it has made a great deal of progress in the area of racism and bigotry. Yes, women can vote. Yes blacks no longer are legally obligated to ride in the back of the bus or drink from a separate water fountain.

Yes, the United States has changed the rules. What we haven't done as a nation is change the game. The attitude is still there.

Now, I certainly realize that I am making incredible generalizations, and for that I apologize, but we try so hard to hide our collective racism and bigotry that when someone makes I statement that is

even remotely questionable everyone is shocked.

This should not be. The entertainment industry and the nation in general might want to quit pretending there is no problem and face up to reality. The old saying, "what you don't know won't hurt you," isn't always true.

As long as people of different colors, religions and nationalities have negative feelings for each other statements like those mentioned above will continue to be made. And, as long as we pretend there is no problem people will continue to be "surprised" by such statements.

Andy Rooney probably did nothing wrong. What he did do, however, was remind us of something that we don't like to be reminded of — and evidently CBS found that to be wrong. Right or wrong, maybe Andy Rooney did us all a big favor.

Ed McGarry is The Circle's entertainment columnist.

ACCIDENT

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Bellanger was issued a speeding ticket, and police said that Bloom was issued a ticket for failure to yield when attempting to make her turn.

Bloom said Bellanger was speeding and went over the yellow line. She said the police told her that if Bellanger were going slower, he would have been able to avoid her.

There were no witnesses, said Bloom.

Bellanger was uninjured and was not taken to the hospital.

Bloom's accident, while not near the intersection of the North Entrance and Route 9, is the latest in a series of accidents involving Marist students.

In September, a freshman was hit by a car as he tried to cross the road 25 yards south of the North Entrance.

In December, two students suffered minor injuries when they were hit by cars in separate incidents near the entrance. A junior was hit when she was walking back from class in Marist East. A senior was hit when we was walking to a class in Marist East.

Although the three prior incidents involved pedestrians, the two recent accidents were solely automobile collisions.

Two weeks ago, a Marist alumna suffered neck injuries after a Central Hudson truck hit her Dodge Caravan broadside, while she was trying to turn left into the North Entrance.

Mike Mitnogna of the state Department of Transportation said no connections could be made between the accidents and the overall safety of the road because no official tests have been conducted and no patterns were evident in the accidents.

Mitnogna did say, however, that because of the excessive traffic that flows through the intersection of the North Entrance and Route 9, accidents will occur if someone is not careful.

A three-mile stretch of the two-lane road is scheduled to be widened to four lanes in the spring of 1993.

MEASLES

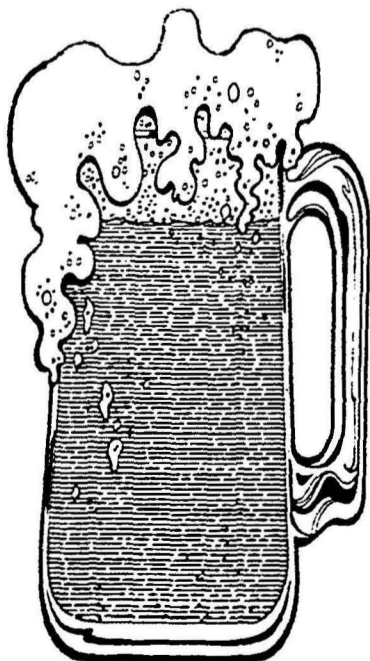
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There were no confirmed or suspected cases at Marist this week, but students here will be required to get their shots by August 1, 1990, under a new directive from the Dutchess County Department of Health.

According to the rule, all college students must get their shots in order to attend school.

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Bridging the gap between North and South

It was Saint Patrick who allegedly plucked the shamrock from the ground of County Armagh in the third century and made it such an important Irish symbol.

He used it's three leaves to explain the idea of the union of the Holy Trinity and succeeded in converting huge numbers to Christianity in 432 A.D.

We need another Patrick — or maybe a Patricia — to pluck a shamrock today, and use it to help explain the importance of unity between Britain, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

And Paddy better be quick about it, because the barriers between the Catholics and the Protestants in the North are looking uglier and uglier every day with the pleasant sounds of bulldozing in East Germany.

But somehow, I have difficulty seeing Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey, Northern Ireland Prime Minister Peter Brooke, and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the same stem. They're having enough problems in the same clover patch.

With Haughey acting as the European Community President, troubles are now sticking out like a sore thumb. But the past couple of weeks have revealed some commendable efforts towards "negotiations"

about the state of affairs in the North.

The British Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body met in London last week for the first time, and will meet again in Dublin in November. The group has set up committees to deal with North-South

co-operation in Ireland, improved relations between the Republic and Britain, and both countries' positions in the Community after 1992.

This is a desperately needed step forward, toward working together to benefit from the convergence of the European Community. The existing barriers are blatant contradictions of the ideas outlined by the EC.

There are talks about talks that never would have been talked about twenty years ago, ten years ago.

Unionist leaders, James Molyneux and Rev. Ian Paisley, and Northern State Politicians, Peter Brooke and Gerard Collins, are all proceeding with extreme caution, but they say formal talks are possible. Brooke and Collins, however, are asserting that possibility much more than Paisley and Molyneux.



Ilse Martin

Dateline:
Dublin

But change is slow in these parts. Everything is slow in these parts. All parties involved are fearful of any change in the future because of negative past experiences with North-South talks.

The unionists think talks with the nationalists

are a sure-fire way of conceding to the idea of a "United Ireland." That phrase has always been taboo when you're talking Northern politics — any politics — with the unionists.

But everyone concerned here, is slowly coming to the realization that cooperation all around is vital in order to move forward and fully benefit from the country's role in the European Community.

There isn't any place for bitter divisions any longer over here. Parallels have been drawn with Germany's inevitable unification. Who'd have thought that the problems in Northern Ireland would be where the wave of reform stops?

But I guess the North's problems have existed longer, before Germany was divided, and strengthened along the way.

As far as the rest of the Community is concerned, although it hasn't been as yet strongly voiced, Ireland can be left at the bottom of the list for EC Regional and Social Fund aid — below a unified Germany.

A decision has to be made about whether Northern Ireland is going to be better served by the European Community through the British government or the Irish government.

Seamus Mallon, a party leader in the North, said recently, "One of the things Northern Ireland politicians become very upset about ... it's tedious to have to listen to people in Britain and the Republic of Ireland pontificating about getting agreement and looking after our own affairs."

Give and take is non-existent between these two islands. No one is going to give way to anything, and certainly you'd be met with a lot of uproar if you tried to take anything.

But now in the shadows of reform in the Eastern Bloc, and the need to gain benefits from the Community, the countries have got to cooperate.

It might take a lot of convincing all around, but the fact is that political movement is now more possible than ever, and that the end result could provide a stable future within the EC.

Ilse Martin is The Circle's overseas correspondent.

Another fire alarm



Circle / photo Dan Weber

False alarms in the Lowell Thomas Communications Center are about as common these days as the accidents on Route 9.

Officials resume schedule change plan

by MIKE O'FARRELL
Staff Writer

After being kept silent for over a year, college administrators are again searching for ways to improve class scheduling.

Last year, administrators made changing the class schedule a top priority. However, with the building of the Dyson Center, it had been delayed.

The schedule change became a top issue again last Thursday at senior administrators meeting when Marc vanderHeyden, vice president for academic affairs, proposed that a campus wide committee be formed to investigate different kinds of scheduling schemes, said Linda Cool, assistant academic vice president.

Utilizing classroom space more efficiently was cited as one of the main reasons for the initial proposal. Last year's proposal also called for an 8 a.m. starting time for classes, Friday classes running until 6:15 p.m., and some classes meeting three times a week for 50 minutes while others would meet only two times per week with no free period.

"There is a problem not having free slots, they are important," said Cool.

"That proposal stands simply as a proposal right now... It is just one system that has been derived, there are a number of possibilities," said Cool.

Cool also noted that the proposal was originated by two or three people and the campus wide committee would be larger and would have more input which would probably lead to a better end result.

"There is a focus on it because of the tight space. A significant number of people want to see it changed," said Cool. "The week is condensed, everything is crammed into the middle and when Friday comes around, nothing is being utilized in the mid-afternoon."

Cool said that once the committee is formed, it will be able to derive any type of schedule.

"There is no preconceived notion as to what the perfect schedule is," she said. "It will be the job of the committee to come up with one that everyone could live with. The committee can be as creative and innovative as possible."

The committee would be formed as soon as possible in order to give a report by the next academic year. If everything holds to form, the new schedule would possibly be implemented in the fall of 1991, said Cool.

One key element in the development of the new schedule will be input from others besides the committee. "The more people that get involved, the better off it will be. The students will have input and that is crucial, after all they are the ones that will be affected by the change," said Cool.

Economist: Soviets need jump start

by TINA LA VALLA
Staff Writer

What the Soviet economy is lacking, among other things, is creativity and incentives to bolster its system, Sovietologist and economist Richard Ericson said during a lecture held last Thursday in the theater.

Ericson, a monitor of Soviet economy for more than 15 years and a professor of Soviet economics at Northwestern, Har-

vard and Yale Universities, said the USSR's stagnant economy is in desperate need of a series of reforms.

Although some joint ventures with the West were allowed some years back, Ericson said that the restrictions put on foreign investment has kept the economy from growing. This lack of foreign money has resulted in many unfinished projects that have been abandoned, which have in turn led to the further ruin of the entire economy.

Erikson noted that recent economic reforms proposed by Mikhail Gorbachev have altered the activity of the economy and loosened some of the "controls," but have not created helpful alternatives for the unworkable system.

Looking into the future, Erikson said he was confident that the recent changes in the communist world will help the USSR leave behind its extremely centralized command economy and make way for further developments.

Making it through the dog days of March

Upon arriving in Poughkeepsie for the start of my final semester, many ideas and notions were flowing through my head.

Perfecting my pinocle game, playing intramural hoops, and learning the words to "O Canada" were all primary concerns for my overall well being.

The last thing on my mind was raising a puppy.

"Three Men and a Baby," was cute; "Six Fairly Intelligent yet Irresponsible, College Hooligans and a Puppy," seemed to be a nightmare. Look out Freddy Krueger.

Taking all of us totally off guard, our wonderful housemate, (we'll call him Wheeluh), came strolling into the house sporting a huge grin and carrying what appeared to be a small bundle of fur.

This bundle of fur turned out to be half Doberman, half Irish Sheep

Dog, which was cool because the last thing we'd want would be a huge monster running around knocking us over.

Generally having an aversion to pets unless they're in a cage or a large tank of water, I wasn't thrilled, but the cuteness got to me.

It was decided, after a house meeting, that the dog could stay, on a probation period at first, followed by more review and another board meeting.

We decided to name him Nixon, in loving memory of our great, former President.

Though the book is still out on whether or not he is a crook, he was definitely a dog on a mission: to see how dirty he could possibly get our carpet and floors.

We were all a little disturbed when we would wake up in the morning ready to start our day, come downstairs only to be con-



Wes Zahnke

A day
in the
life

fronted by perhaps four mounds of fecal matter.

To say that it smelled like a rose garden is to say that NYC is a small, bucolic town.

It wasn't the most pleasing way to start your day. However, we were determined to make this thing work out.

Training sessions were rigorous, at least for us. Nixon remained fairly blasé.

Time marched on and conditions improved. He was going to the bathroom outside more and remembering to keep the toilet seat up when he was done.

He has since entered the teenage, rebel stage where any type of authority figure is deemed evil in his eyes.

He found his voice and started barking from atop all areas of the living room. He's a natural tenor with a flare for the dramatic.

He would have his rehearsals very early every morning, without fail. We were soon swamped with phone calls from opera houses around the world.

Pavarotti came knocking, but his offer was paltry and had to be denied. We want to take it slow, so he doesn't burn out at an early age.

He was a precocious dog and we soon acquired a Pizza Hut mini-basketball for him to polish up on

his hoops skills.

Many a night, long after dark, we would hear the dribbling of the ball off in a corner of the house. We envisioned him someday playing point guard for the "Boston Bloodhounds," in the CBL (Canine Basketball League.)

He seems to be approaching that wonderful stage of puberty, as we witnessed him seranading the female dog, Jesse, two houses down.

He was such the romantic as he professed his love to her from afar. It was a beautiful scene.

We haven't begun to look at colleges yet, not wanting to push too hard.

He still enjoys the simple things like programming his PC and reciting some Willy Shakes.

After all, he's just a dog.
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Writing skills should be sharpened

At a time of increased emphasis on the college's academic quality, one fundamental skill is lagging behind.

Although the ability to write well is considered one of the most obvious attributes of a well-educated person, some faculty and internship supervisors are complaining about the poor writing skills of Marist students.

In the United States, where the educational system is producing students who lack such fundamental grammar skills as capitalization, punctuation and basic sentence structure, colleges nationwide are faced with an increasing number of students who aren't prepared to handle the writing assignments in any of their classes.

At Marist, incoming students are required to take a writing exam which places them in an appropriate college writing course. Most then find themselves in "College Writing I" or "College Writing II," which place more emphasis on composition than grammar.

To their credit, some students are aware of their writing deficiency and are seeking help from the Learning Center. Although the center's demand for proofreaders and tutors has nearly doubled in the last year, the writing skills of many more students require drastic improvements.

As Marc vanderHeyden, the vice president for academic affairs, who commented on the poor writing skills of many students, noted, the solution is not so simple.

Raising the bar won't necessarily make more students better writers. It may add teeth to the program, but what

is important is how well it works.

There is another fundamental problem: College students should be proficient in grammar before they leave high school. It shouldn't be the responsibility of colleges and universities to teach these basic skills.

Unfortunately, it has come to that. More emphasis on the basics is necessary.

The emphasis should begin even before students enroll here.

Prospective students should be required to complete at least one essay with their application. Marist applicants are not required to write an essay, although many do. Considering many other schools require at least two essays, one 500-word writing sample is reasonable.

A writing sample could be instrumental in identifying applicants who are grossly unprepared for the school. Moreover, it could pinpoint the level of instruction incoming students would need to become proficient writers.

Once in the writing program, students should not be allowed to graduate from the curriculum until they have passed the proficiency exam and have clearly shown they are capable writers.

The program should concentrate on molding the students into clean — not necessarily brilliant — writers rather than being concerned about passing a student with a "C."

Across the curriculum, teachers need to stress that strong writing skills are crucial to success. A number of students never realized that until they tried to get good jobs or internships.

The Marist imponderables

Some things at this college defy reason. Call them the Marist imponderables. From the humorous to the questionable to the ridiculous, the idiosyncrasies with which we live give us a candid glimpse of who we are.

Did you ever notice that the bushes along the road between Donnelly Hall and the McCann Center are shaped like M's? Maybe it's a subliminal recruitment strategy. Nature calls prospective students. "Come to Marist," the shrubbery whistles.

Another perplexity is the lights in President Dennis Murray's office. They never go out. Why, is he always there? Does his spirit hover over the campus like a guardian angel? Dr. Murray once said the lights stay on for security and because Greystone is a symbol of the college. Perhaps the lights are used by Security to spot freshmen smuggling beer into Marian Hall.

How many of you know there's a bathroom in the basement of the Lowell Thomas Communications Center? From the outside, it still has nothing to identify it as such. The concealed commode exists under the assumption that those who need it will find it. Bathroom patrons will search for it

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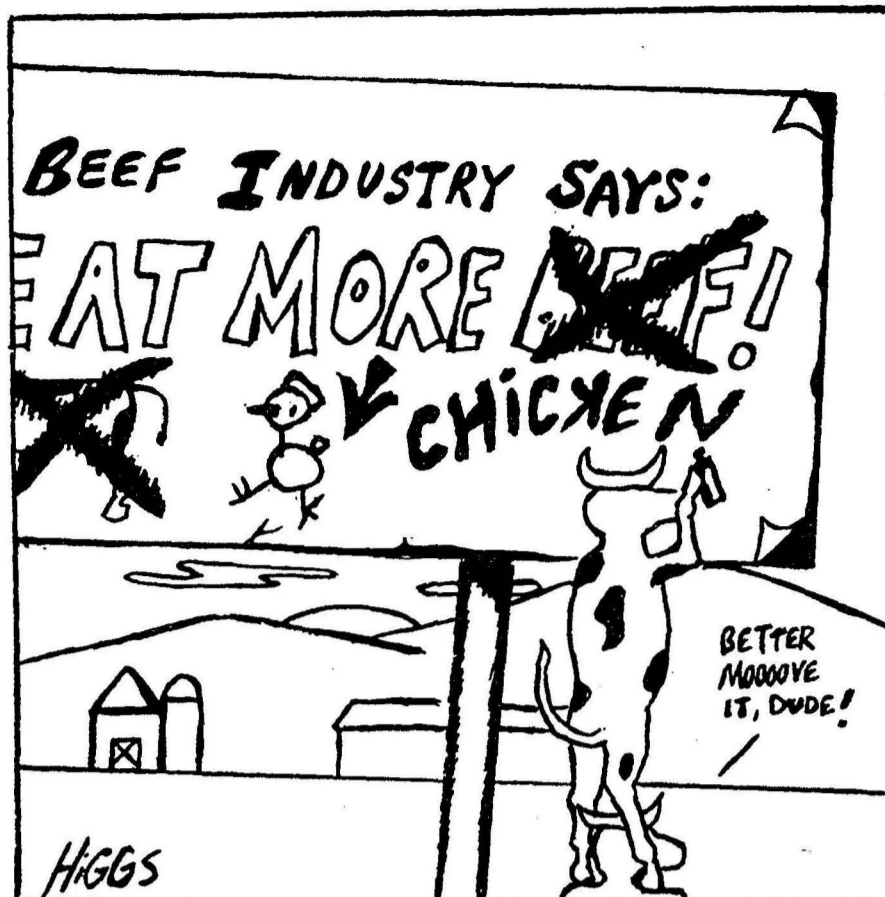
Bill Johnson

with the divining rod they carry with them always. (The bathroom is near the elevator and has a light switch outside the door, by the way.)

The answers to these queries may lie buried in the Greystone root cellar, itself a Marist mystery. Chances are the explanations are not as interesting as the questions, as knowledge of ourselves may come not from being told, but from asking.

Correction

Last week's edition of Editor's Notebook incorrectly said the squirrels that were occupying one of the North Road houses made it out alive, but three or four of them didn't. Some of them were trapped and killed. It is not known how many may have made it out alive.



Filling out a ballot for a free Nicaragua

After spending all that money, shaking all those hands, kissing all those babies and still losing the election, outgoing Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega must be scratching his head saying, "Maybe I should've used a wheelchair and



Paul O'Sullivan

Thinking between the lines

Ortega may be waiting for this to happen.

But when was the last time you heard of a Central American government peacefully handing over power to the opposition after it forcibly took power? It doesn't happen too often, and, if every-

gone for the sympathy vote."

But while it would be foolish to think President-elect Violet Barros de Chamorro won because of a physical handicap, it would be just as unwise to assume that Ortega lost simply because the Nicaraguan people just don't like him anymore.

In fact, Ortega's behavior after his defeat shows just why he remains popular in Nicaragua, and how he's been misrepresented in this country for a long time.

The truth is that Nicaraguans don't see Ortega as the slobbering, power-hungry dictator that many in the United States see him as. To the Nicaraguans, Ortega is still the man who helped overthrow the U.S.-backed dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979.

Americans who observed the elections said many Nicaraguans told them that they voted for Chamorro not because they thought she was the better candidate, but because they felt that an Ortega victory would mean that the United States would continue the economic sanctions it imposed in 1985.

When the elections didn't go his way, Ortega, as commander of the armed forces, could have pulled the magic disappearing ballot box trick, performed so often and so well in Central American elections, and said that the election did not count.

But Ortega resisted that urge and let the elections stand, accepting defeat gracefully. In promising to turn over power to the newly elected president, Ortega put the interests of the nation ahead of his own personal interest in maintaining power.

Granted, there are many reasons for him to do this, and not all of them are noble. Chamorro's coalition ticket is so widespread and diverse that many are predicting it won't be long before the different factions start squabbling and tear the coalition apart.

thing goes as planned, Ortega deserves a lot of credit for allowing the Nicaraguan people to decide their own fate.

Ortega has gotten a reputation as a dictator in the United States to a large degree because he subscribes to Marxist ideals and receives support from the Soviet Union and Cuba.

But one must remember what Nicaragua was like before the Sandinista revolution in 1979. Somoza's amazing knack for making American economic aid suddenly appear in his Swiss bank account was only one of the abuses the U.S.-backed dictator indulged in.

Once the Sandinistas got rid of Somoza, did the United States expect them to trust Americans immediately?

The United States has won a great victory in the Nicaraguan election. It now has the opportunity to right many of the wrongs it has committed against the Nicaraguan people over the past decades.

But the Bush administration must learn from the mistakes made by its predecessors. The contras — who count many former Somoza lackeys in their ranks — are not the answer to the problems of Nicaragua. Even President-elect Chamorro favors their disbanding.

If the United States cannot openly support Daniel Ortega (which is understandable, considering his political leanings) it must at least recognize that despite the recent election, he is the most popular figure in Nicaragua. The United States cannot simply ignore him because he is out of office.

Remember that if things do work out in Nicaragua, there will be more elections in the future.

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

Corrections

Articles in the Feb. 22 and March 1 issues of The Circle misidentified Craig W. Fisher, assistant professor of computer information systems and president of the Poughkeepsie Chess Club. He is a U.S. Chess Federation certified tournament director.

An article in the Feb. 22 issue of The Circle regarding former Marist Brothers reported inaccurate information about Jephtha Lanning, chairman of the Division of Arts and Letters and a former Marist Brother. He is married but does not have children.

The next issue of The Circle will appear March 29.

The other side of the Canterbury tale

*No, it's not heaven,
it's what you make it*

by PAUL LAWRENCE

"Hell's waiting room." This how Canterbury was described in last week's "Editor's Notebook" in The Circle. Add to that "penal colony" and a "jungle." The article also described the living conditions at Canterbury, and it didn't have much if anything good to say about them. In fact, it advised any students living there next year to bring their own "plunger, screens and hot water heater."

I would like to point out that every college apartment in Canterbury was equipped with screens at the beginning of the fall semester, and if they don't have screens now it is because the students have removed them.

In addition, each unit coordinator has a plunger if needed, although this is usually only a problem when feminine sanitary articles are flushed down the toilet. Although the hot water situation is not perfect, it is as good as the hot water situation on campus, which I dare say isn't perfect either (unless you enjoy being scalded every time the toilet is flushed).

In regard to the cats at Canterbury, I have to say there is definitely not a shortage of them (okay, there's a lot), but Canterbury maintenance has begun trapping them (in a humane manner) and there are definitely fewer of them than there were in October. Besides, they don't bother you unless you start feeding them, so don't feed them.

There are bugs at Canterbury, truly, but the majority of the apartments are insect-free. In fact, most of the apartments that have bugs are inhabited by slob, so of course there are going to be bugs there. I had bugs in my room in Champagnat, but I never

called it a jungle.

The editor is right when he says the rule for sophomores to live in Canterbury (written permission and 2.5 GPA) is designed for survival of the fittest. After all, only the more mature student can survive Canterbury.

It's not an infantile dormitory atmosphere designed to take care of your every need like you were helpless child; out there you have to do things for yourself. Let's be honest, most sophomores just aren't mature or responsible enough to do these things on their own.

I know that when I was a sophomore I probably would never have cleaned the apartment, never done the dishes, never cooked a real meal, and never done any homework because I'd been drinking beer, eating Doritos, and watching HBO and MTV. And you know what? I probably would have had bugs.

The fact is, Marist does have a housing problem, but Canterbury is not the problem. There just isn't enough room on campus for all the students that are accepted by the college. And the point remains that most of the students who live in Canterbury now like it there.

It comes down to this: Canterbury isn't a bad place to live, but if you hate it so much then do something to make it better. You have two choices: either get involved and be supportive of what housing is trying to do in Canterbury, with programs like Canterbury Jam and Allsport Night, or do something about your complaints through student government or Resident Student Council.

It's either that or shut up, because I for one am too nauseated by your whining to listen to it anymore.

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by MICHAEL J. PROUT

In the March 1 issue of The Circle, there was an article in Editor's Notebook entitled, "You left home for this?" Please allow me to share a few facts with you regarding college housing — Canterbury Garden Apartments, in particular — because, judging by your article, you obviously don't know too much about it.

Fact: The majority of cats in Canterbury have been trapped, safely and humanely, by Canterbury maintenance.

Fact: Anywhere you live is a potential for a bug problem. Canterbury has its own contract with a pest control company which sprays regularly, and incidents are handled quickly by Housing staff when reported.

Fact: There is no reason to "bring a plunger, your own screens and a hot water heater" with you if you move to Canterbury. What makes Canterbury's toilets different anywhere else? Did you bring a plunger when you moved into Sheahan Hall or Champagnat Hall? All Housing staff members have plungers for student use when asked.

Why bring screens? Have you ever been to Canterbury? In September 1989 all apartments were fully equipped with screens. If they tear, they are fixed by maintenance when reported.

Hot water heaters? Canterbury has hot water just like your home. It also runs out of hot water just like your home.

Fact: Canterbury also has free cable television and Home Box Office.

Fact: There are students who really do enjoy living there.

One final thing: Canterbury is not "hell's waiting room," as you stated. Don't knock it until you try it.

Michael J. Prout is a sophomore criminal justice major. He lives at Canterbury.

Editor's Note: The author of the article mentioned in this viewpoint lived at Canterbury last year.

Everyone's guilty of thoughtless remarks

by MANNY MERCADER

"How many Marist students does it take to screw in a light bulb?"

"Two, and they both get credit for it."

Being a student at Marist College, I realize there are many prejudices between Marist and Vassar, all of which stem from ignorance. The joke I referred to was told at a lip sync at Vassar in front of many students, some of whom attend Marist.

The emcee of the event asked the audience if there were any Marist students present. The few Marist students did not raise their

hands and the emcee proceeded to tell the joke. The audience began to laugh and giggle, but did they know what they were laughing at?

Jokes like the above are unnecessary and pointless, especially with the tension that already exists between our schools.

In light of the recent events at Vassar, regarding the sit-in at the main building, I think remarks like the above joke are very hypocritical. Most Vassar students haven't the slightest idea as to what Marist life is about, yet they choose to joke and laugh about it.

Another incident of this nature occurred one evening when I was spending time at

Vassar. One student mentioned that she was riding in a taxi whose driver attends Marist. The student said Marist was an inferior school because a cab driver was able to take classes at Marist.

This remark was unfair and degrading not only to the driver, but to Marist College as well.

From my experience, I realize that Marist students make generalizations about Vassar students as well. But instead of mentioning every remark, I choose to remind both schools of the damage that ignorant marks of any degree can inflict.

It is terribly hypocritical to make derogatory remarks about Marist College in

a public place when it appears that Vassar students are so quick to take action against any remark that they deem offensive.

Finally, for two schools that have so much to offer, it seems that we are not taking advantage of our resources. The intercollegiate ignorance has to stop or both of our schools will suffer.

Jokes will always happen and someone will always be offended. However, next time a situation of that nature arises, be sure you have a firm idea of what you are dealing with.

Manny Mercader is a sophomore majoring in political science.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Warm thanks

Editor:

We would like to thank students and faculty at Marist for their donations to the Graduate Psychology Association's first Christmas fund drive. The items were given to the Salvation Army

who appreciated everything donated to them during this cold season we had.

Robin McInerney
Jennifer O'Hearn
Graduate Psychology Assoc.

Forehand return

Editor:

I feel compelled to reply to the letter written by Aaron Ward on Feb. 22, one part of which concerned the tennis program.

It is not an unusual situation to have the same coach for both the men's and women's intercollegiate tennis teams, since the NCAA provides for two distinct seasons i.e., women's tennis in the Fall, men's tennis in the Spring.

I would say that Marist College would be in good company with

schools such as Colgate, Fairleigh Dickinson, Mount St. Mary's (Maryland), Villanova and Pittsburgh to name a few that have the same coach for both the men's and women's tennis teams.

I trust that Mr. Ward did not realize that this was not unusual when he wrote his letter. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with him about his concerns.

Eugene Doris
Director of Athletics

Letter policy

The Circle welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be typed and signed and must include the writer's phone number and address.

The deadline for letters is noon Monday. Letters should be sent to Bill Johnson, c/o The Circle, through campus mail or dropped off at Campus Center 168.

The Circle attempts to publish all the letters it receives but reserves the right to edit letters for matters of style, length, libel and taste. Short letters are preferred.

by MARK ALDRICH

Despite this page's recent international flavor, it's time to examine some issues that are a little closer to home.

Once upon a time, students actually regarded school as a place in which to study, a fact no one at the school seemed to mind. Now, however, with schools basing their reputations on more basketball, bigger buildings, and less parking, this fact is easily forgotten. In this climate, education becomes the least of a college's virtues.

Although we are now two months removed from the following incident, it is very pertinent. College security reserves the right to close any building as they deem necessary. There's no problem with this (who would mind being asked to evacuate a burning class?), but to close a building as a punishment for cracking the books leaves a bit to be desired.

During finals last semester, the Library was scheduled to be open extra hours for the somewhat important purpose of studying. Late one night, though, a few rowdies

disrupted activities there and left, leaving Security little choice but to close the place down well in advance of the posted closing hour. This accomplished nothing except make those students actually utilizing the Library abandon their studies.

The matter was further compounded by Security's insistence in making certain absolutely no one was in the Library complex. Although the Learning Center is an established part of the campus, and is, in the words of its director, "there to be used", three fairly well-regarded students were chased from the facility, simply because they were studying.

This one specific incident is not meant to reflect on Security as such. Security is here only to stand up for school policies, both official and unofficial. The climate of those policies discourages pursuing an education.

The fact students can be forced to stop studying, within officially allotted hours, because of potentially disruptive, and at last report unpunished, students, is pitiful.

This reflects an academic climate here where students can have books

knocked out of their hands out of a concern they're studying too much. It brings to mind a picture of administrators announcing we should, "stop that studying thing and have more fun!"

With the many distractions at school, it seems it is very easy to forget why we're here. An excellent education is available, but sometimes it seems we can only achieve it over many obstacles. Although no one wants an education handed to them, it is an often heard comment here that to get that excellent education, one must push aside too many rocks.

All the frequently heard complaints about Marist are basically about these obstacles. To an extent, of course, we can chalk these institutional difficulties up to "life experiences." Such incidents as described above only create a feeling that our institution is not here for us.

When academics become secondary to the trappings of a school, we need to take a long look once again at why we're here.

Mark Aldrich is a senior majoring in communication arts.

Closing the door on our academics

In Brief

Apartheid foes win President's Awards

In honor of Black History Month and Nelson Mandela's release, two prominent leaders in the fight against apartheid received Marist's President's Awards in a ceremony held last week.

President Dennis Murray presented awards to the Rev. Jacob Maleke and Bishop Sigisbert Ndwandwe during the ceremony which featured a musical tribute

to Mandela.

Maleke, the archdeacon of Soweto, is a visiting scholar-in-residence at Marist and part of the governing council of the Diocese of Johannesburg.

Ndwandwe, a visiting professor at Marist, is the Bishop of Johannesburg and has worked with Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Tickets available for senior activities

The 21 Society, senior picnic, booze cruise and the senior formal are a few of the activities which have been planned for Senior Week.

The senior class will begin its activities with River Day on April 20.

"There will be food, beer, the WPDH Boom Box and maybe games and a band at River Day," said Carl J. Marinaccio vice president of the Senior Class.

The tickets for River Day went on sale the week of February 19 and the tickets will go on sale again on March 23.


The tickets for senior week will go on sale March 19, there is limited tickets for every event except the senior formal, said John Downey, senior class president.

During the ticket sales, there will be voting for teacher of the year.

Senior week will begin on May 14 with the 21 Society. On Tues-

day, there will be a picnic and Night Bowling at the Hoe Bowl. Wednesday will feature a brunch and a booze cruise. There will be two boats, one at 3 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m. and the cost is \$26 for an open bar with food.

Thursday is the senior formal at the Villa Borghese. Friday is graduation rehearsal and the Baccalaureate which begins at 5 p.m. The week finishes with graduation on Saturday, May 19.

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In Brief

Singers turn in a medal performance

The Marist College Women's Chorale won a gold medal for their performance at the Classical Intercollegiate Women's Glee Club Association's annual competition, held at West Point on Feb. 24.

A total of 90 women from seven schools competed in the tournament hosted by Marist. Each group was required to sing Thomas Weelkes "Come My Dearest Jewel," in addition to two songs of their own choosing, to be eligible for a medal.

Points from three judges were accumulated.

DorothyAnn Davis, director of choral activities, said the 21-member Marist club came close to receiving a perfect score of 270 points.

Worcester Polytechnical Institute, from Massachusetts, also won a gold medal.

The Marist group chose to perform Brahms' "Song from the Fingal Caves" with two horns and a harp, and "Ride the Chariot," by vKronas. No soloists were allowed in the competition, said Davis.

Housing decision nears: priority reigns

Have you got your priorities straight?

If so, the number of points you accumulate this year will help you get on-campus housing for next year.

Once again the college will be using a priority point system to determine housing for the 1990-91 academic school year, and the process for students will follow in steps.

Students who have turned in their campus involvement cards have completed the first step of the fall 1990 room selection process. The cards record the activities and clubs in which each student participated, in order to give priority points for the campus involvement category.

The Fall 1990 Room Selection Process packet, which was sent out on February 19, outlines the procedures involved in applying for housing. The packet contains information on the deposit deadline, dates for information meetings on the various types of housing, as well as a description on the types of housing that are available.

As in past years, priority points will be used to help determine where students will reside.

Points are earned through three categories: academics, campus involvement and residence history. Each year, points are calculated for each student in these three areas to make up each student's priority point total.

In the area of academics, students earn points based on their grade point average and their current year

in school. Students can earn between zero and seven points for their grade point average.

The area of campus involvement is based on each student's participation in campus activities.

There are four areas that students can earn points from in the campus involvement category, according to Bob Lynch, assistant director of college activities.

These areas include participation in a club, playing for a varsity sports team, participation in the intramural program, and serving as a campus volunteer.

Each area is worth between zero and three points each, with only one point being awarded per semester for intramurals.

The maximum number of points that can be awarded for campus involvement is eight.

The final category is residence history. In this category, students can be awarded as many as 16 points based on their room damage, disciplinary history and room condition. Points can also be subtracted in this category for excessive room damage and disciplinary history ranging from written warnings to suspension.

The group priority point average of the person or persons you choose to live with will determine your chances of living in the area of your choice, according to Lynch. The number of priority points accumulated also effects the order in which requests are reviewed, he said.



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In the Division of Management Studies, the problem is less acute.

Four full-time instructors will be hired into that division, three because of replacement and one because of expansion, said Jack Kelly, the divisional chairperson.

"As a part of the budget process each office knows how many people it can hire and you have to put in a request for a new line. You also have to make a case for your request and the difficult budget decisions are up to the president's cabinet," said Kelly. "Anyone will say they're understaffed. Four or five new lines are authorized for next year, and additional requests are under consideration."

Other divisions are not experiencing much of a problem at all.

The Division of Humanities is hiring one philosophy and one political science instructor, according to Richard Atkins, the divisional chairperson.

The Division of Computer Science and Mathematics is hiring one replacement in both computer science and computer information systems and a visiting professor in mathematics, said Onkar Sharma, the divisional chairperson.

One new position will be added in the Division of Social and Behavioral Science, vanderHeyden said. A second new position is under consideration to expand the graduate program in that division, he said.

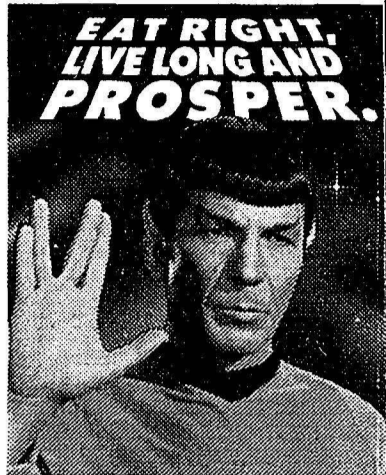
George Hooper, chairperson of the Division of Science, said there is "no urgent need to add faculty" in that division, but that some new faculty will be hired in the environmental science program as part of the strategic plan.

There are 140 full-time faculty this year, vanderHeyden said. There are about 170 adjuncts, or

part-time instructors, he said; the precise number is uncertain.

"We need faculty throughout the college in several areas; the question is whether or not it's within our budgetary contribution," he said.

vanderHeyden said he especially wants more faculty so the graduate program can expand and more faculty can do research.



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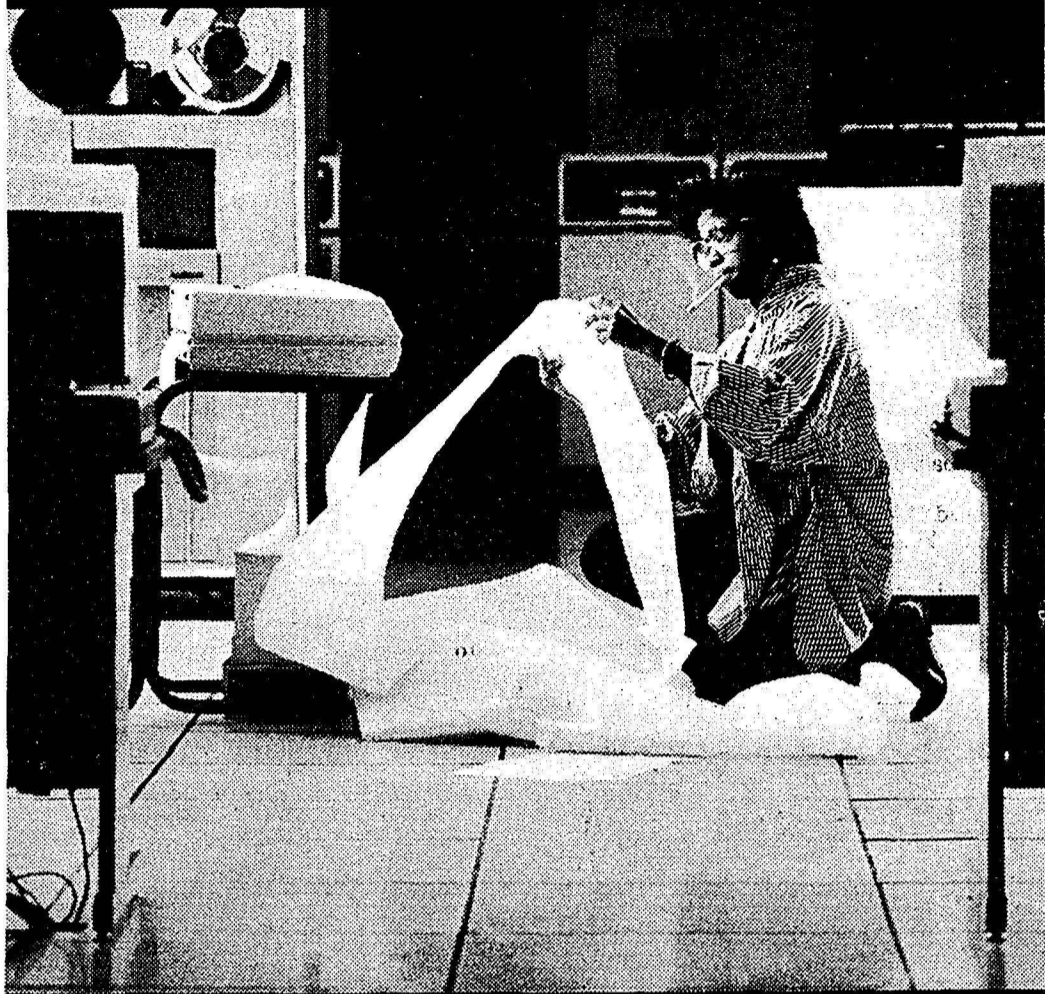
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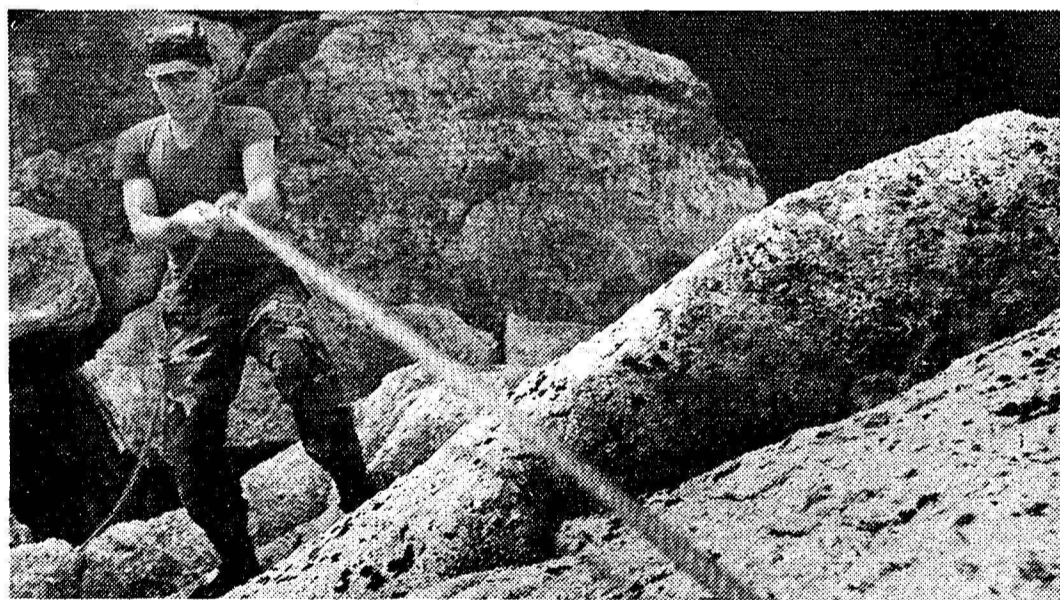
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Spikers have tough tourney

by **JIM DRESELLY**
Staff Writer

This weekend, the Marist men's volleyball team lost three matches compared to only two wins, but player/coach Tom Hanna couldn't be happier.

The Red Foxes travelled to Southampton, Long Island for the Southampton Clam Dig Invitational Volleyball Tournament on Saturday and walked away with a third-place finish among the eight-team field.

After losing to Southampton on Friday night (4-15, 15-3, 15-6, 15-12), Marist rebounded Saturday to defeat Adelphi (15-4, 13-15, 15-4) and Pace (15-4, 15-2).

Against Adelphi, junior Terry Hosmer led the Red Foxes with a team-record six aces. Anthony Azara, Marist's backup setter, added 10 assists.

Hanna paced Marist against Pace, with nine kills, two blocks, and two assists.

These two victories set up a match with eventual tournament champions SUNY-Cortland.

SUNY-Cortland dominated the Foxes, 15-4, 15-10, in a somewhat one-sided affair. Marist's record was good enough, however, to earn a spot in the semi-finals against

host and tournament runner-up Southampton, who only hours earlier had displayed a superior offense in defeating Marist handily.

This time, Marist did not fall as easily.

After losing the first two games, the Red Foxes stormed back to tie the match at two games apiece, forcing a fifth and deciding game. This fifth game, however, belonged to the Colonials as they took the match, 15-13, 15-11, 11-15, 4-15, 15-6.

Hanna had 24 kills and two blocks and senior setter Herman Pietrera contributed a team record 34 assists in a match that lasted over two hours.

Hanna, who was named to the All-Tournament team, praised his team's effort against Southampton.

"After what they did to us the night before, that we could go in there and defensively do an incredible job against them showed a lot of character," Hanna said.

The tournament left Marist with a record of 8-7 — already two more wins than had all last year.

Marist travelled to Bard Monday night, results were unavailable as of press time. Marist's next home game is March 24 at the McCann Center against Lehman and Mount St. Vincent's.

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high with 16 points. Monica O'Halloran added 15, and Danielle Galarneau put in 12.

In turning in a fine all-around game, Galarneau led the team in rebounding (10), assists (5) and steals (4).

Both Marist and FDU shot an identical 42.9 percent from the field.

The difference in the game was made at the free-throw line.

The Lady Red Foxes went to the charity stripe 32 times, making 20.

In Marist's second-to-last regular season game played Feb. 27, the team easily defeated Cornell University 74-62.

Galarneau sparked the team with 20 points and 8 rebounds.

The Lady Red Foxes ended the season winning their last nine out of 11 games.

Marist is undefeated against both of their possible playoff opponents this year. They defeated FDU, 78-74 and 66-55 and they beat Wagner, 61-58 and 57-52.

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from the field. His 37 steals were third best on the team. A mid-season slump hampered his play late in the season and the fifth-year senior was never able to get on track and perform as well as he was expected to do. He did lead the team in assists, however, with 102.

ANDY LAKE — B

Lake was one half of the dynamic duo off the bench for the Red Foxes. The redshirt freshmen averaged 8.5 points per game and three rebounds per game in a non-starting roll. Reached double figures 11 times while shooting 49 percent from the field and a team leading 81 percent from the free throw line. One of the best athletes on the team, Lake was able to give the team a boost coming off the bench. He hit a mid-season slump but was able to work out of it. There is room for improvement taking into consideration that Lake still has three more years left. Lake was named to the NEC's all-newcomer squad.

ROD HENDERSON — A-

The other half of the dynamic duo off the bench. A junior college transfer, Henderson was instrumental in the success of the Red Foxes this year. Averaging eight points and four rebounds per game, Henderson did so many other things that do not show in the statistics. Henderson has great court sense. He knows how to make the big play and so many times this year, he would sacrifice himself to make the play work. Was third in assists and second in steals on the team. Henderson added a lot of character to this team in his role as the sixth man.

TED SHARPENTER — B-

Nagging injuries hampered the senior's final season, yet he was able to help out the team by averaging 6.8 points and three rebounds per game while averaging 14 minutes per game. Sharpenter reached double figures seven times with a season high 17 against Mount St. Mary's. Sharpenter's role varied from an outside shooter to a post man, or what was ever needed at the time — overall, a solid year to end his career with.

GEORGE SIEGRIST — B

A productive season for the team captain who hails from Hyde Park. Siegrist started the first 25 games of the season and averaged 4.7 points and three rebounds per game. Siegrist set career highs in both scoring and rebounding. His 15 point/11 rebound performance against LIU established two new career highs in those categories. Much of his work goes unnoticed. A physical player inside, Siegrist could be seen often on the floor drawing a charge or diving into the press table for a loose ball.

BOBBY REASBECK — C

Many thought that Reasbeck would have the same kind of year that Reggie Gaut had because the two

REPORT CARD 1989-90 Red Foxes

Coaching	A
Chris Bautista.....	A+
Curtis Celestine.....	A-
Paul Faber.....	Inc.
Tom Fitzsimons.....	D
Reggie Gaut.....	B
Rod Henderson.....	A-
Andy Lake.....	B
Joey O'Connor.....	B-
Steve Paterno.....	A
Bobby Reasbeck.....	C
Ted Sharpenter.....	B-
George Siegrist.....	B

held similar roles last year but Reasbeck saw only seven minutes per game. Reasbeck gave a solid effort all year and stepped up big defensively in the last game of the regular season when he was assigned to cover scoring threat Kevin Booth of Mount St. Mary's. Nagging injuries bothered him throughout the season as well.

TOM FITZSIMONS — D

Losing Fitzsimons to academics mid way through the season was a big blow to the Red Foxes. Not having the extra man on the bench was crucial considering the injuries on the team. Fitzsimons showed signs of improvement from last season when he averaged three points and 1.5 rebound per game earlier in the season. Fitzsimons' role next year will be important because he will be called upon to contribute in the post. Hopefully, the academic problems won't hinder that.

PAUL FABER — INCOMPLETE

The first-year sophomore only saw action in nine games this season. Ankle problems were a hindrance for him. If what happened against LIU in the final minute (two points, three rebounds) is any indication of what is to come in the future — look out.

CHRIS BAUTISTA — A+

What else can be said for someone that washes his own uniform? The team manager became a member of the Red Foxes when the team was short bodies and he approached coach Dave Magarity about his dressing up for the game in case of foul trouble. Bautista played in three games, scored two points and pulled down three rebounds. While suiting up for the games, he was not lax in his other duties, though. He is usually the first one to the game and the last one to leave. He deserves the grade.

Scoreboard

Basketball Men's

NEC Final
Robert Morris 71
Monmouth 66

Women's

Marist 78
FDU 74
Record: 18-9 overall; 12-4 league
Next game: Fri. vs. FDU
6pm (NEC Tournament)

Hockey

Marist 10
Monmouth 0
Marist 4
Wagner 1
Record: 14-4 overall; 9-1 league
Next game: tonight vs.
Pace (A)
(MCHC Tourney)

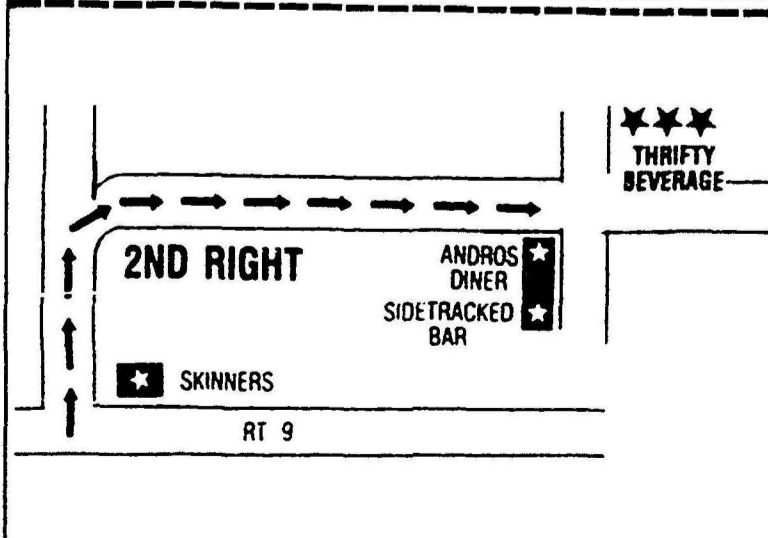
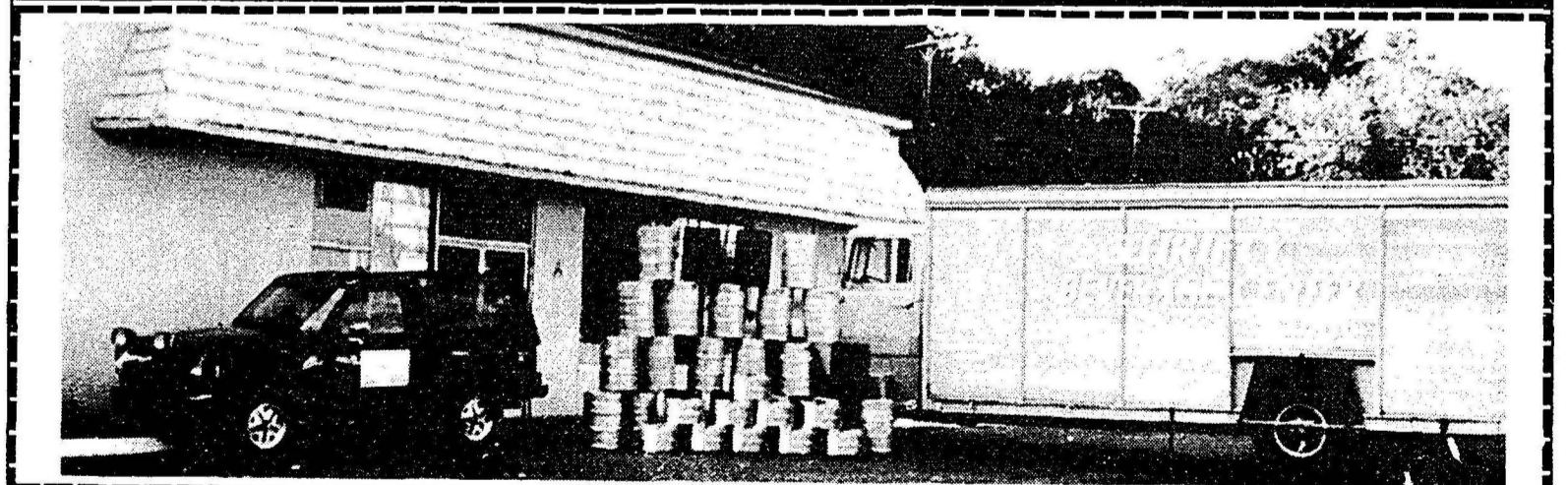
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Icemen ready for tournament

by JAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

For the second year in a row, the Marist hockey team is heading into the playoffs off an impressive season.

The major difference this year, according to defenseman Steve Waryas, is the team is ready this year.

"We are really pumped up for this year," he said. "We are definitely going for it."

Since the Red Foxes won their division this season — the Empire division of the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference — they were given a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

They travel to New Jersey tonight to take on Pace University at the Mennen Arena in second round action. Pace downed Wagner 7-3 during Tuesday's first round.

"We have to beat Pace," Waryas said. "They're in our conference — we can't let them win."

Marist beat Pace twice during the regular season, registering 6-2 and 7-3 decisions over the Setters.

"They're gunning for us — they really want us this time," Waryas said.

Last year, the Red Foxes lost in the first round of the tournament to New York University — a team they had beaten during the regular season.

If the Red Foxes beat Pace tonight, they would move on to face the fourth place team of the Garden division — the highest division of the conference. The fourth-place team had not been decided upon as of press time.

After Sunday, there will be four teams left in the tournament and they move on to a double-elimination segment to determine the champion.

Marist is heading into the tournament off two wins last weekend — a 10-0 win over Montclair on Saturday and a 4-1 win over Wagner Sunday night.

In Saturday's game — the last home game for the Red Foxes this season — Marist clinched first place in the Empire division with a 10-0 mercy-rule win over Montclair.

"We were already hyped up for the playoffs," Waryas said. "But we've also improved a lot since the beginning of the season."

The Red Foxes, who had downed Montclair 6-4 earlier in the season, were led by forward Scott Kendall's four goals.

On Sunday, Marist traveled to Bayonne, N.J., and came away with the win over Wagner.

Even though Marist had wrapped up first place, it still had something to prove, according to Waryas.

Marist lost to Wagner in its first game of the season 7-4. The Red Foxes were winning 4-2 at the end of the second period but an incident involving fans and security at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center prompted police to clear the stands between the second and third periods.

Scott Brown scored two goals for the Red Foxes and Kendall and Pat Corbett each added one.

Marist finishes the regular season with a 14-4 record overall, 9-1 in the conference.

Lady cagers finish season

by CHRIS SHEA
Staff Writer

The Marist women's basketball team concluded their regular season last Saturday with a 78-74 victory at Farleigh Dickenson University.

The team finished the year 18-9 overall, and 12-4 in the Northeast Conference — a five-win improvement as compared to last year's finish of 13-15. This is also the first time a Ken Babineau coached team finished above .500 at Marist.

The Lady Red Foxes now must

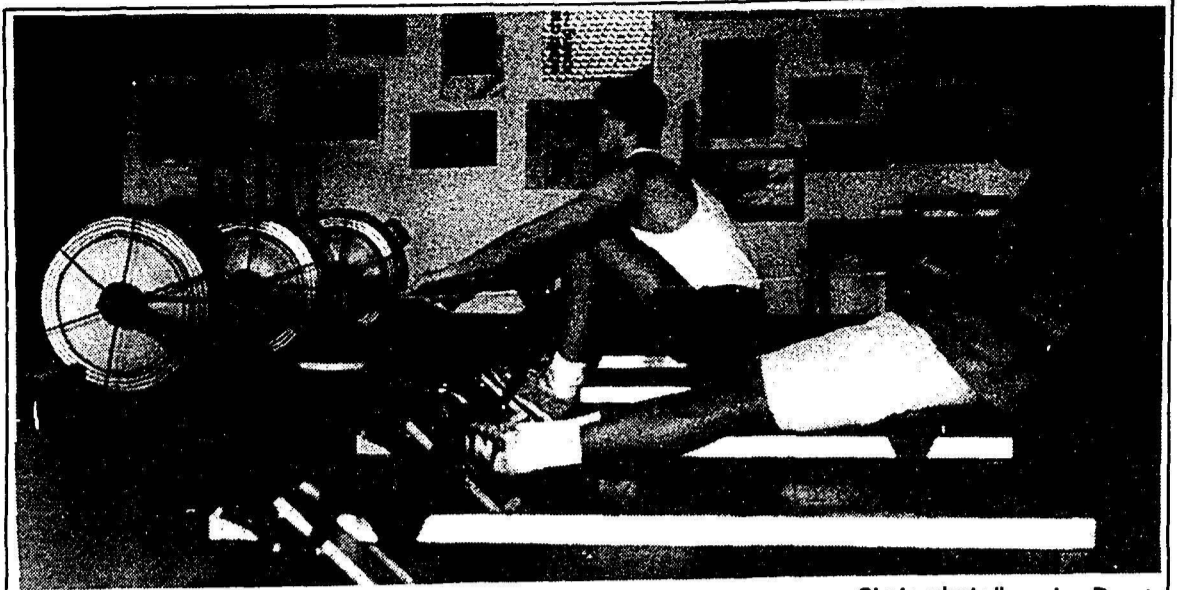
wait to see who their Northeast Conference tournament semi-final opponent will be. Marist has a bye in the first round of the tournament. They will play the winner of the FDU-Wagner game held this past Tuesday. Results of that game were not available at press time.

In the FDU game, Nancy Holbrook led the team in scoring with 21 points, 12 of which were from three-point land.

Four Marist players reached the double figure mark.

Kim Smith-Bey tied her career

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Circle photo/Lynaire Brust

On Saturday, nearly 40 Marist students will head to Indiatlantic, Fla., for spring break — not for sunbathing and beer, though.

Instead of spending the week training inside, like crew members Jay Murray (foreground) and Sean Kaylor were recently, the team will spend a day traveling by bus to Florida, then begin its three-practices-a-day routine.

Each day will consist of two practices in the water and one on land before returning on March 16.

For crew coach Larry Davis, who leaves Friday in order to transport the team's equipment, this will be his seventh trip to Florida in his nine years at Marist.

Each team member contributes between \$250 and \$275 to make the trip possible. The remaining cost is covered by the team's budget and team fundraisers — the Power Ten Raffle and the American Cancer Society Row-A-Thon.

Of course, a trip to Disneyland on the way back will give the team a chance to relax from its demanding schedule — it is spring break, after all.

Season's over; grades are in...

by MIKE O'FARRELL
Staff Writer

By producing a respectable 17-11 record this season, the men's basketball team was able to quiet many preseason critics.

Undersized, and at times undermanned, the Red Foxes gave a solid effort every game en route to a third place Northeast Conference regular-season finish.

As Marist students take exams and wait for their midterm grades, it's time for the Red Foxes to receive their final report card:

COACHING — A

The job that Magarity and his assistant Jeff Bower did this year was excellent. No one would have guessed that this team could have won 17 games in two years — never mind one. Marist coach Dave Magarity and assistant coach Jeff Bower deserve a great deal of the credit for the success of this team.

When former assistant coach Tim Murray left for Iona early in the season, there was more work for each, as a replacement was never named.

Surprisingly, the efforts of Magarity were overlooked as he was not voted NEC Coach of the Year — an honor which many thought would have been his. The award instead went to Robert Morris' Jarrett Durham. Magarity, who finished his fourth year at Marist, did a fantastic job of making a group of underachievers overachieve.

STEVE PATERNO — A

The junior led the Red Foxes in scoring by averaging 14 points per game. Scoring in double figures in 21 of 28 games, Paterno tallied 20 or more points six times with a season high of 28. One of the top defenders on the team, Paterno also grabbed four re-

bounds per game. He shot 45 percent from three point range while leading the team in minutes played (943). Started all 28 games for the second straight season. Was third on the team in steals (38) and his 29 blocked shots were good enough for second on the team. He was also named to All-NEC second team.

REGGIE GAUT — B

Gaut started all 28 games this season after seeing only limited action last year and averaged 11 points per game while shooting 50 percent from the floor. A solid defensive player, Gaut led the team in steals with 46. He was the second leading rebounder on the team, pulling down 4.8 boards per game. A grueling off-season helped get Gaut back on track this season and should be helpful to prepare him for his senior year.

CURTIS CELESTINE — A-

The senior had his first injury-free season and he made the most of it by starting all 28 games. Forced to play the center spot, Celestine averaged 10 points a game while shooting a team high 55 percent from the field. Celestine became a rebounding machine late in the season. Averaging eight rebounds a game, the senior notched double figures in rebounds five times while pulling down a career high 17 rebounds twice. Much of his performance went underrated, but without his inside play, the Red Foxes would not have won 17 games.

JOEY O'CONNOR — B-

At the beginning of the season, O'Connor was touted as the Marist "go to" guy. Starting all 28 games, the senior point guard averaged eight points per game. O'Connor ran the floor well for the Red Foxes yet he was only able to shoot a mere 38 percent

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It's just too big not to have some truth

Say it ain't so, Jim.

It seems like just yesterday you, this little hyper, Italian coach, was jumping up and down because your team had just won the national championship in college basketball.

Now you're hopping mad.

You can't seem to come to grips with the accusations made of the North Carolina State basketball program under your tenure.

Believe what you want, Jim.

The accusations seem to be too wide-spread to all be false, and I don't think this is a case of throwing mud against the wall to see if it will stick.

The State Bureau of Investigation, the FBI and a grand jury do not get invited to look into cases of mudslinging.

North Carolina State University basketball coach Jim Valvano said recently that he would leave his post if the school wants him to.

It all began with a book by Peter Golenbock, *Personal Fouls*, in which numerous NCAA violations at N.C. State were outlined.

Since then, the last year or so has been nothing but hell for Valvano and his program as the problems have mushroomed into NCAA probation and criminal inquiries in two states.

The SBI in North Carolina has said that it's conducting a formal investigation into what it calls "substantial allegations" of point shaving.

Can you blame Valvano for saying he would leave if he were asked?

It's a little more complicated than that, though. Attorneys from both Valvano's side and N.C. State met over the weekend to talk money — lots of it.

Valvano's contract includes a \$500,000 buyout clause if the school fires him without cause. Valvano, on the other hand, must pay N.C. State \$500,000 if he leaves for another Division I job or an NBA job.

Valvano apparently wants the money just for leaving — whether he is fired or resigns.



Jay Reynolds

Thursday
Morning
Quarterback

Valvano is scarred for life.

If I were Valvano, I'd be quick to come to some kind of agreement and high-tail it out of there while I still had my health.

Everyone has something they love to do.

Hank Gathers died doing what he loved to do.

Why he died may not be known for a week or so when the autopsy is released, but everyone tries to speculate and then say "what if..."

The chief of cardiology at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Dr. Enrico Veltri, says the lesson to be learned from this is that an irregular heartbeat could be "a harbinger of sudden death."

Brilliant deduction, doc.

Gathers was aware of his condition since he collapsed during a game Dec. 9.

He was aware of the consequences, and he took the risk and it was his choice.

He did it because he loved it. Marist President Dennis Murray

sent a letter to Loyola Marymount's president expressing his condolences.

"We had the pleasure of seeing (Gathers) play against Marist last year and know first-hand what a truly remarkable athlete he was," Murray wrote. "We at Marist join the Loyola Marymount community in mourning the loss of this fine student-athlete and will offer a mass in our college chapel in his memory."

In a 131-107 won over the Red Foxes on Dec. 28, 1988, Gathers scored 39 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. He finished the season as the nation's leading scorer and rebounder — only the second person in NCAA history to ever accomplish that.

But he loved it.

Jay Reynolds is The Circle's sports editor.