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Marist, developers discussing plans for shopping mall

By Rick

The Marist Board of Trustees and Finco Development Corp. are currently discussing construction plans for the Marist Village shopping center, according to Edward P. Waters, vice president for administration.

Marist Village, which is to be located at the north end of campus, will be owned by Marist and rented to privately-owned businesses such as book stores, restaurants and clothing stores.

"We are negotiating with Wendy's and with another quality food restaurant to come to the site," said Samuel Finnerman, president of Finco.

"We also would like to see things such as a drug store, a video store, a cleaner's and a barber shop go in and give it a 'neighborhood shopping center' type of feeling."

Although Marist will make a profit from Marist Village, the college will be exempted from paying taxes on the revenues.

"The stores in Marist Village should be there for student benefit and should not compete with the private sector," said Waters. "Marist must remain an arm's

length away from business since it is a nonprofit organization."

Finnerman said he does not anticipate any problems and expects construction to begin in the spring of 1988 and be completed by late fall of 1988.

Negotiations with Poughkeepsie officials are underway concerning zoning and site plans, according to Finnerman.

Although Waters stressed that plans for Marist Village are still in the developmental stages, he said the mall will probably be built from about 50 ft. south of the Yakup Getty Station on North Rd. to the area just south of Dutchess Bank.

The Route 9 entrance to the Gartland Common Apartments will remain intact, according to Waters. The bank may undergo some minor changes in design or be torn down, he said.

The land where Dutchess Bank is located is owned by Marist.

The gas station, which stands in the southern part of the proposed building site, will be torn down when construction begins, according to Waters.

The land where the gas station is located is leased by Marist College from Trison Co., the parent company of Finco.



Gerard Gardner with President Dennis Murray at Gardner's going-away party last week. (Photo by Alan Tener)

After 13 years, Gerry Gardner decides to hang up his hoe

By Tim Besser

A young man was flirting with a girl on the Marist College campus some time back. He offered to pick her a bouquet of flowers from a nearby garden. He felt a tap on his shoulder and turned around to see Gerard Gardner standing there. The flowers stayed rooted in the ground.

Gardner offered him a bit of advice: "You pick one of them flowers and I'm going to put you in a tree somewhere," he said.

From 1973 until his retirement last month, Gardner was the grounds supervisor at Marist. A New York City native and U.S. Army Ranger in World War II, he was in charge of everything from removing snow from the roads to removing squirrels from the dorms.

Now, at the age of 62, he and his wife are trading the winters of the Hudson Valley for the warmth of Arizona.

Gardner, who grew up in the South Bronx, got his first taste of

horticulture while a student at the Bronx High School of Science.

He was walking to school along Jerome Ave. when he stopped to help an elderly man who was selling potted plants. It became a daily ritual and he soon became an apprentice to the Italian merchant. He worked for between two and three years for 50 cents an hour during the Depression to perfect his trade.

"He would always ask me what kind of sandwich my mother had given me," Gardner said. "Say I told him ham and cheese, he would go to the garden and pull out a

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Ghost stories come to haunt a new class of Marist frosh

By Ken Foye

Halloween is coming early to Marist, and some students are already starting to tell ghost stories.

The stories involve the ghost of a Marist student murdered in 1975 and the spirits of deceased Marist Brothers, buried near what is now McCann Center. "I saw a ghost in my room," said freshman Justin Meise of Fairfield, Conn., as he stood near the spot where he said the image of a young woman peered at his sleeping roommate in the early hours of Sept. 22.

"I went to bed at 1:15 (a.m.), woke up about 1:30 and saw this girl standing there," said Meise, who lives in room 104 in Leo Hall. "I thought it was this girl I knew."

"I said Hi, how ya doin,'" said Meise. "Then I leaned over to give her a little play-kick, and my leg went right through her."

"I didn't believe in ghosts when I saw it," Meise said. "I didn't even know about Shelley

when I saw it."

Another Leo first floor resident, Dan Bowman, said a group of fourth and fifth-floor residents told him of a similar encounter. "They heard a noise on the sixth floor and went upstairs to see what it was," said the Staten Island, N.Y. native, "and they said they saw Shelly dribbling a basketball on the floor."

Shelly Sperling, a freshman Science of Man student at Marist, was shot and killed in the dining hall on Feb. 18, 1975 by a distraught man she had befriended, according to Brother Joseph Belanger.

Stories about the ghost of Sperling haunting the campus have been told for several years, said Belanger. Most accounts concern the ghost roaming Leo Hall, though Sperling lived in Sheahan while at Marist.

The latest series of ghost stories reached a climax last week when a Leo basement resident, who asked not to be identified, said he fled his room

after he saw the mattress on the top bunk bed moving.

"I was lying in bed, and the bed above me starting moving up and down," he said. "There was nobody else in the room."

Barrie Daneker, resident assistant of the Leo basement floor, dismissed the ghost stories. "I think it's a bunch of bull," he said. "It's the old freshman rumor about Shelley, who never lived in Leo Hall."

Other students told about a ghost taking a shower in Champagnat Hall and the sinks in a Sheahan Hall bathroom mysteriously being turned on at once.

"I was up on the ninth floor of Champagnat the second night here," said Jeannine Apadula, a freshman from Yonkers, N.Y. "I walked into the bathroom and a shower turned on."

"You know how there are dry spots where your feet are when you take a shower? Well, we opened the curtain and there

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Feds to fund philosophers

By Matt Croke

The philosophy program has received a grant of \$56,360 from the National Endowment for the Humanities which will provide for the improvement of the foundation course for the Core/Liberal Studies curriculum.

Money from the grant will be used to hire a full-time philosophy professor, to provide research time for the present faculty and to hire consultants, according to Dr. Peg Birmingham, the project director.

"Western philosophy has not been able to couple technology and environment with the discussion of ethics," said Birmingham of the belief that ethics centers around man alone.

Currently, "Introduction to Ethics," the foundation course, centers around man's values.

According to Birmingham, students lack a sense of being part of their world. Including ethics as a basic part of their education is meaningless unless they step out-

side their private views and include themselves as part of the world, she said.

There are no universal guidelines for the development of ethics, said Birmingham. Man and the environment are integral in the development of ethics, she said.

"Some people want results, but we're more interested in asking questions," said Birmingham of the NEH grant.

Birmingham said that she was not sure what the answers to the questions will be, but when the year is over the faculty will have a better understanding of ethics.

A better understanding translates into a better course for the students, said Birmingham.

The work of all those involved will be presented in formal papers that explain their findings and propose new reading lists and teaching strategies, according to Birmingham.

The new course structure will be used during the 1989 spring semester.

Editor's note: Page Two will list the details of on- and off-campus events, such as lectures, meetings and concerts. Send information to Michael Kinane, c/o The Circle, Box 859, or call 471-6051 after 5 p.m.

Workshops

Faculty Social: The Student Affairs Office and mentor Richard Roder are sponsoring a faculty social tonight at 7 p.m. in the second floor lounge of Champagnat Hall.

Personal Computers: The Computer Society is sponsoring a personal computer workshop in the Lowell Thomas Communications Center computer room on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Hunger Walk: The Black Student Union, Campus Ministry and Circle K are sponsoring a Crop Walk for World Hunger at noon on Sunday. For more information, call ext. 275.

Relationship Skills: The Housing Office is sponsoring a workshop and luncheon on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. This event will be held on the 4th floor of Leo Hall.

Entertainment

Foreign Films: There will be two foreign films shown on campus this week. "Argent de Poche" will be shown tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in D245. On Saturday night, "Virgin Spring" will be shown in D245 at 7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night: Comedians Vinnie Mark and Steve White will be performing tonight in the River Room. The performance, sponsored by the College Union Board, begins at 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.

Moses at Marist: Tomorrow at 9 p.m., CUB is sponsoring a performance by Denise Moses in the Fireside Lounge.

Benefit Show: A show to benefit the Raphael Mark Scholarship fund will take place tomorrow night at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center. The show features the music of Pete Seger. Call the Civic Center at

454-5800 for more information about the 8 p.m. show.

The Bodeans: The Bodeans will be performing tomorrow night at The Chance. The show begins at 10 p.m. For information, call 452-1233.

Gershwin by Request: A presentation of the music of George Gershwin's music will take place tomorrow night at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie. The show begins at 8 p.m. For information, call the Bardavon.

Beatle-Magic: Saturday night at 9 p.m., the original cast of "Beatlemania" will present a concert featuring the best music of the Beatles. The concert, sponsored by the CUB, will take place in the theater. Admission is \$5.

Philharmonic Orchestra: The Hudson Valley Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Mid-Hudson Civic

Center. For information, call the Civic Center at 454-5800.

Peter, Paul and Mary: Peter, Paul and Mary will be performing tonight at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center. The concert begins at 8 p.m. For more information, call the Civic Center at 454-5800.

The Beat Farmers: The Beat Farmers will be in concert Saturday at The Chance. The show begins at 10 p.m. For more information, call The Chance at 452-1233.

Wrestling: The World Wrestling Federation comes to the Mid-Hudson Civic Center on Tuesday. The show starts at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call the Civic Center at 454-5800.

"Fire and Rain": Next Thursday, CUB is sponsoring a performance by Dave Binder in the River Room. Binder, who masterfully imitates James Taylor, will begin his show at 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.

Ghosts

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was no one there, but there were these two dry spots that looked like feet."

Sheahan resident Kim Cunningham of Bogota, N.J., told of a bathroom becoming full of steam from the sinks being turned on simultaneously.

"It could have been a joke, except that it happened so fast," she said.

Between 1909 and 1953, 48 deceased Marist Brothers were buried near the site of the McCann Center, completed in 1977.

"The field next to McCann used to be a gully," said Belanger. "When they built the arterial (the section of Route 9 near Marist's south entrance), they had to put the fill somewhere."

The dirt removed from the construction site was used to fill the gully, said Belanger. Disinterment would have been too expensive, said Belanger, so the Marist Brothers cemetery was covered over.

A memorial next to the McCann Center bears the names of the brothers buried near the site.

"People have said these ghosts of the deceased Marist Brothers have been roaming the campus," said Belanger.

Belanger said he does not believe any ghosts are haunting any part of the campus. "It's absolutely crazy," he said. "I believe immaterial beings exist, but not these ghosts."

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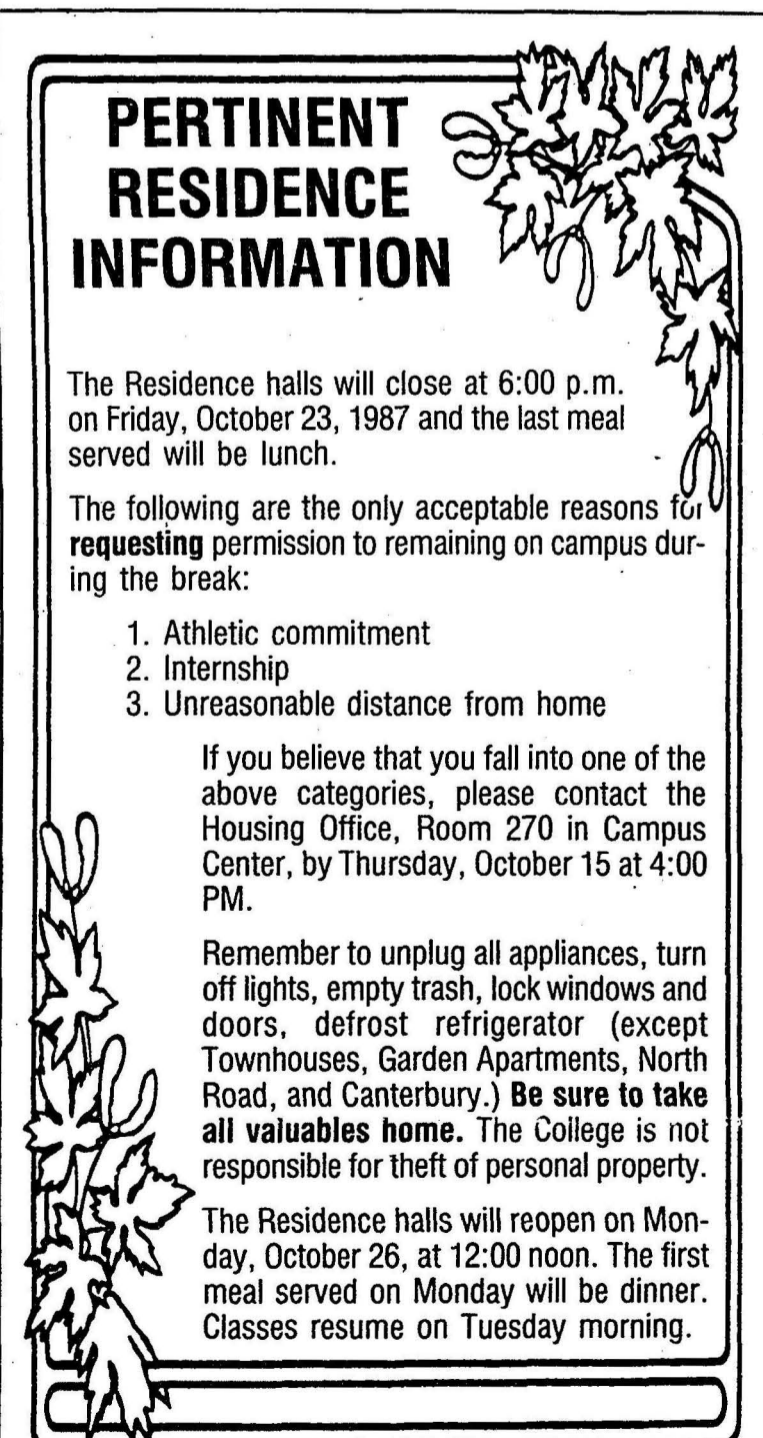
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1. Athletic commitment
2. Internship
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If you believe that you fall into one of the above categories, please contact the Housing Office, Room 270 in Campus Center, by Thursday, October 15 at 4:00 PM.

Remember to unplug all appliances, turn off lights, empty trash, lock windows and doors, defrost refrigerator (except Townhouses, Garden Apartments, North Road, and Canterbury.) **Be sure to take all valuables home.** The College is not responsible for theft of personal property.

The Residence halls will reopen on Monday, October 26, at 12:00 noon. The first meal served on Monday will be dinner. Classes resume on Tuesday morning.

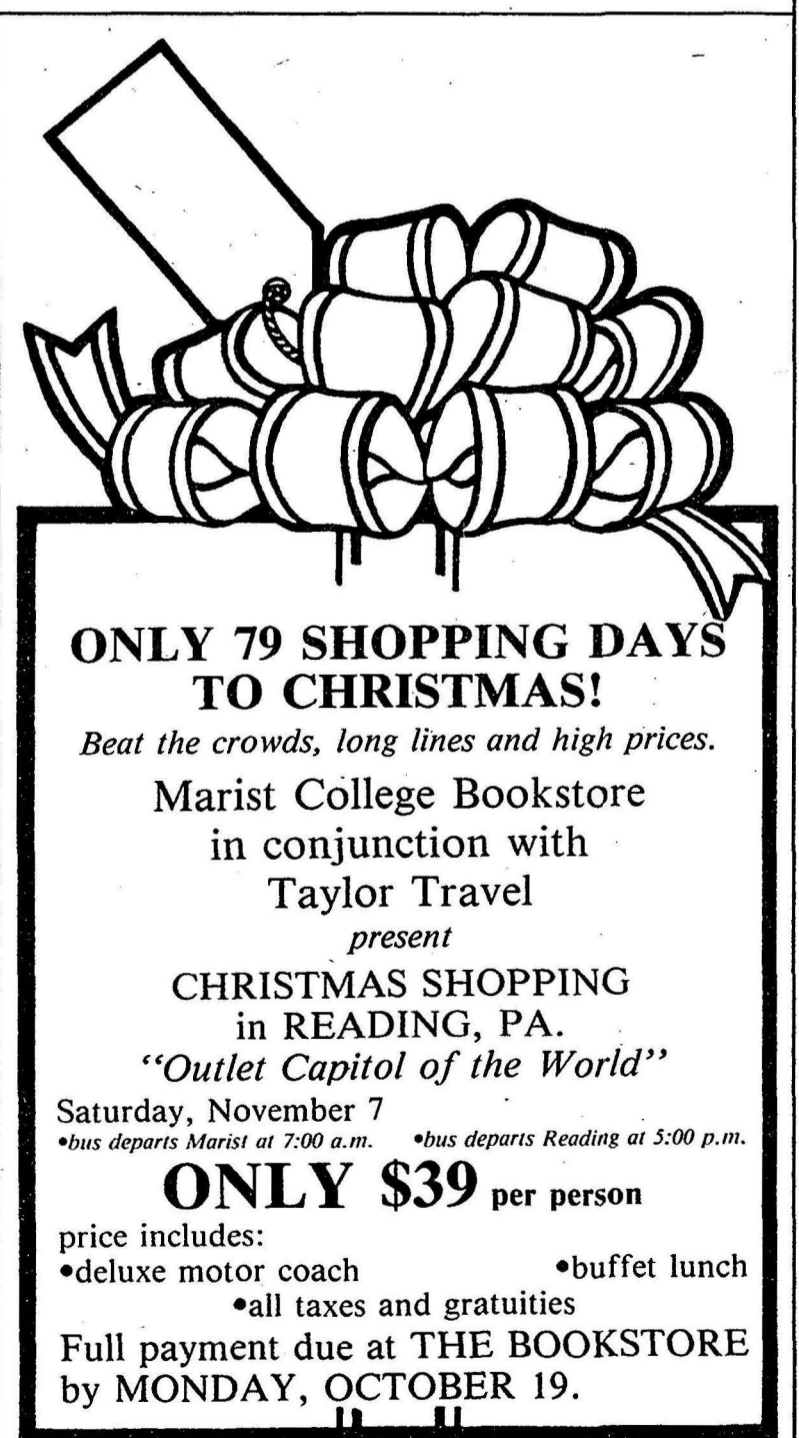


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Marist to host computer buffs

By Karen Cicero

Watch out IBM. Over 125 northeastern computer buffs will invade Marist and the Wyndham Poughkeepsie Hotel on Oct. 16-17 for the third annual Eastern Small College Computer Conference.

The conference will feature a presentation by Marist faculty member Dr. John T. Ritschhoff who will speak on the educational lessons in graphics and liberal arts. His colleagues reviewed his paper and granted him the honor of representing Marist in one of the five sessions planned.

The opening session, featuring Richard Austing of the University of Maryland, will begin on Friday, Oct. 16 at 1 p.m. at the hotel.

Austing will discuss the process of updating computer literacy for the information age. An IBM special presentation and a banquet also highlight the first day of the conference. Diana Gayeski, of Ithaca College, will deliver the banquet address.

On Saturday, the conference will move to the Lowell Thomas Communications Center. President Dennis Murray will welcome the guests and send them to three concurrent sessions and a luncheon.

Robert Sadowski, conference chairman, and his wife Barbara will deliver the closing address. The Sadowskis, both former Marist faculty members, led the steering committee which coordinated the event.

"This is not just a computer science conference, it's the application of computer science in education. This is why it attracts so many quality students, professors, and administrators," said Onkar Sharma, Marist's representative on the committee.

Sharma also said that it was quite an honor for the college to host such an event.

Donna Berger, executive assistant to the academic vice-president, agreed with Sharma that this does bring distinction to the college.

"It's a very nice thing for the college to do," said Berger, who helped coordinate the conference.

She also noted that this year they tried to improve the quality of the conference by adding a hotel atmosphere and using the Thomas Center.

Marist's John Higgins: On the job for his kids

By Lauren Arthur

John Higgins came to Marist with the intention of staying here for three weeks — 15 years ago.

Higgins, known officially in the Marist community as a housekeeper, is much more than that to the generation of alumni who lives he touched — to them he is "Mr. Marist," or the "Mayor of Marist."

Born "more than a few summers ago in Brooklyn," Higgins said he is looking forward to Alumni weekend because he'll get a chance to see his kids — however many of the thousands show up.

Over the years he has given a generation of Marist students everything from flowers and birthday cards to advice and understanding.

In return, students have expressed their appreciation by dedicating the 1983 Reynard yearbook to him and, most recently, by inducting him into the Alumni Association as an honorary member.

Until a few years ago, Higgins'

territory was Champagnat Hall, and most would agree that he was far more than the man who took care of their dorm.

"I was always impressed by how he would know when everyone's birthday was," said Jeanmarie Magrino, an adjunct professor and 1985 graduate of Marist. "In a dorm like that, he was never too busy to take the time to talk to you, and he still remembers me now. He really cares about people."

Joan Gasparovic, director of the annual fund, claims that Higgins is invited to more weddings and christenings than anyone she knows. "When I get calls from alumni they always ask about him," said Gasparovic.

"I get invited to so many that I can't go to all of them," Higgins admits. He then smiles as though he were the father of every bride and groom. In a sense, he is.

And like a father, Higgins is ready to "get tough" with his kids when they need it. In a stern yet friendly voice, Higgins admits to "giving students hell" when they

needed it.

Lisa Arthur, a 1985 alumna, remembered how Higgins continually yelled at her for riding the elevator in bare feet. "Once," said Arthur, "he took me off the elevator and walked me back to my room and made me put on my shoes."

He spoke of the time he purchased carnations for all the girls in the block of townhouses he took care of. One girl cried because it touched her so much, he said.

Sharon Consentino, a 1985 graduate, referred to Higgins as someone who always had time for people, and remembering each face. "If he didn't remember your name, he'd just call you doll," said Consentino, "no matter how busy he was."

Outside Adrian Hall a student passes, and in his best Irish style greets Higgins, "top of the mornin' to you sir." Catching a glimpse of his bright orange and white attire complete with hat, he returns, "hey there, twinkles." The student chuckles at the comment

Ex-offender reaches out to others

By Mike Grayeb

Abdul Lateef Islam was released from a maximum security prison 7 years ago — but he keeps going back.

Islam hasn't been convicted of additional crimes. To the contrary — he currently travels to five prisons in New York State — preparing ex-offenders nearing the end of their prison sentences for the transition they are about to make to the world outside the facility.

The feelings and frustrations they feel — he felt.

Islam remembers very clearly being an inmate at the age of 21, sitting in a prison cell — realizing that he had wasted his life to that point. Yet his advice for other ex-offenders is to put the past behind them.

"You can't give the guy's life back or give back the money you took — it's done," he said. "Now you have to get on with your life."

When Islam completed an 11-year sentence at the maximum security Green Haven Correctional Facility, located about 20 miles east of Marist, he wanted to help change the recidivism rates.

"I did a lot of growing up in prison and there were a lot of guys that helped me and pointed me in the right direction," Islam said. "So I left prison with the feeling



Lateef Islam (Photo by Tom Rossini)

that I owed them something — the guys I left behind. I left with a desire to somehow find a way to pay that back."

Islam, 38, was granted parole in 1980 after he applied for a college education at Marist. Although he initially had no real aspirations of graduating, he gradually developed a sincere interest in his education. He graduated in 1984 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice.

Then, Green Haven officials offered him the position of academic counselor at the facility, and he accepted.

At first, Islam was concerned that his friends — the inmates he'd

known for years — would ask him to bring drugs or other contraband into the facility. However, none of his fears were realized.

"They had a certain respect for me that they wouldn't put me in that position," he said.

As academic counselor, Islam showed inmates by example that it was possible for them to pick up the pieces of their lives after being released. But Islam, better known as "Lateef," wanted to do more.

He began to set up workshops within the facility that would prepare for release those ex-offenders who were nearing the end of their sentences.

Such "pre-release" programs include financial aid workshops for those ex-offenders who are interested in attending college and "transition to street" sessions for those who would rather go immediately into the job market.

Islam realizes there are numerous problems with the pre-release programs, and he is trying to change them.

Most of the pre-release programs last less than 90 days.

"For a guy that's been in the institution for 20 years, there are things in that man's psyche that you can't even begin to understand in 90 days," he said.

For that reason, Islam said he is working to expand the duration of

the programs to at least a year. He is also working toward forming programs that include the ex-offender's family members, so they too can be prepared.

He believes community awareness programs are essential in the pre-release process as well.

"People hear that guys in prison are going to college and they beef about it," he said. "But this guy is gonna get back out. Would you rather meet him in a dark alley with a degree in his hand, or a gun in his hand?"

However, as quickly as Islam's enthusiasm and involvement in the pre-release programs grows, the recidivism rates of the ex-offenders in his programs are slow to change.

"It's the most frustrating thing in the world to see a guy come out and two weeks later hear that this guy is back upstate," he said. "That happens more times than not."

Still, he remains determined. He believes that commitment and sincerity will pay off in the end.

"Some ex-offenders don't want to have anything to do with the penitentiary, and that's understandable," he said. "It was a traumatic experience and some of those guys can't go anywhere near a prison after they've been released."

Class spreads word on water conserving

By Maureen McGuinness

Jeff Hunter's homework was to go take a shower.

Hunter, a junior from Herkimer N.Y., is in Dr. Andrew Molloy's Environmental Issues class. One objective of the class was to find out the amount of water used in campus showers.

Hunter calculated that eight, 15-minute showers in his apartment used 80 gallons of water a day, or 10 gallons per shower.

Molloy would like to see Marist install washerlike devices in the showers that could cut down on the amount of water used per shower without a noticeable difference.

The installation would save money and more importantly conserve water.

The device itself costs between \$2 and \$3. A plumber working slowly could install five in an hour and would charge around \$20 an hour, Molloy said.

The school would also be charged less for sewage, Molloy said. Molloy said that everyday ac-

tivities use more water than you realize. For example, brushing your teeth can use between five and ten gallons of water if you leave the faucet running. Turning off the faucet while you are brushing, uses only about a half gallon.

Water is becoming a political issue, Molloy said. There are battles between New York City and the rest of the state over the common water of the Hudson River.

One of the problems with New York City's water system, and many public systems, is that they reward those who use more water by charging them less.

Molloy said, "The more water you use the cheaper it gets. That is a counter conservation billing process."

New York City is just starting to install meters but is running into problems, Molloy said. They would have to put them in all at the same time so that everyone starts paying at the same time.

"The amount of water that exists is unchanging, but less and less is becoming fit for use," Molloy

said.

As water becomes more polluted the expense for purifying it goes up, Molloy said.

In Europe they only purify water for drinking to cut down the cost, Molloy said. There are faucets marked non-potable, meaning you can't drink it, but you can use it to wash.

Pollution isn't just from industry, believes Brigitte Barclay, Environmental Director for Clearwater.

Lawn products, oil on the road and from cars, pesticides and other home products are known as "non-point" pollutants. Running into the water and seeping into the ground affects the aquifers.

"Non-point may be just as significant as those being released from companies," Barclay said, "everyone is responsible."

In some cases Barclay said there is not enough information on a substance so engineers are told to use their best professional judgment on dumping into the water. "Toxic contaminants and car-

cinogens get in the water because no one knows what will happen," Barclay said.

Improvement over the past twenty years can be noticed in this stretch of the Hudson, commented Barclay.

Up until 1979 there were PCB's being released in the river by General Electric in Ft. Edward, New York. Fishing was affected in the area, causing health advisories for different species of fish.

Class C categorizes this stretch of river, allowing fishing, swimming according to Barclay. The level of discharge is also determined by the category.

The Poughkeepsie Water Works checks the water five times a year for PCBs and other toxic organic materials.

The question of water is highly important and Barclay urges people to become active.

Barclay said: "Become involved in groups that put pressure on the state."



John Higgins

(Photo by Chuck Fetterly)

and walks on.

A mentor as well as friend, Higgins reveals insights of students past and present. He speaks with the confidence and concern that 15 years of experience has given him.

"I just want you kids to make me proud of you," he said.

Through his own experiences, he has come to appreciate education and insists learning is a "stepping stone for bigger and better things."

"I know in my heart and in my soul," he said, "that with that little certificate, a few more doors are open for you kids."

He leans over and with hushed words explained he is not just talking about success and diplomas. "You don't get wisdom overnight, you get it from daily living," he said. "You're accumulating wisdom that you will pass on to your children someday."

Breaking the bubble

They're back.

Yes, it's that time of year again; that one weekend every fall when people you thought you had forgotten about burst into your dorm reminiscing about "the good old" days at Marist.

Alumni weekend is upon us, and the Marist bubble is about to be punctured by hundreds of newly-established citizens of the "real world."

They'll spend hours with you "remembering" times that may have happened only last semester as if they happened twenty years ago. And some of them will even try to reclaim their old table at Skinner's.

But no matter how much they fit back into the Marist scheme of things this weekend, your likely to notice that something's different about them.

They've changed. They've become... real world people.

Some of them will have that serious "real world" look about them. They'll be wearing matching socks and they'll wonder how Marist students can survive on three hours of sleep a night. They'll tell you about their job and their new BMWs.

Some of them will have that confused "real world" look about them. They'll tell you that they should have failed a few courses so they could stay at Marist longer and enjoy the "simulated reality" of college life. The won't want to tell you about their job. And they won't have a BMW to speak of.

But no matter what's become of them since they graduated, they'll tell you that there's more to life than Marist College — something that's too easy to forget after a few years of "afternoons only" classes, Fridays off, and all night parties.

We may not want to hear that, but they've got a point.

There's a real world out there, and no matter how good or bad things may seem at Marist, we're all going to have to face it sooner or later.

So instead of turning off your ears when an alum starts telling you about life on the outside, give them a chance — take some advice from someone who's lived life outside of the Marist bubble.

letters

Soccer fight

To the Editor:

This is in response to Annie Breslin's article, "Hold the Punches" which appeared October 1 in the Thursday Morning Quarterback. Miss Breslin seemed mighty offended at a fight that broke out during the Marist-St. Francis (NY) soccer game. I am not trying to justify the fight but here are some reasons why it occurred.

First of all, the referee was very unfair, most of the calls he made were biased towards St. Francis. This may have had something to do with the fact that St. Francis and the referee both made their trip from Brooklyn. The frustration mounts.

Next, a St. Francis player throws an elbow with the intention of shattering somebody's face. Somehow the elbow is sidestepped, but the St. Francis player is determined and spits on the player he tried to decapitate earlier. Stay calm, it's only spit.

Next, a Marist player finds

himself on the ground next to a St. Francis player who is standing up. The Marist player realizes how dangerous this can be and tries to stand up but he is now being kicked at like a soccer ball.

Stay calm you say? After all it's only a body. What would you have done? Would you have turned over on the ground and let yourself be kicked? Would you stand by and watch as your teammate is being kicked? No, I don't think so. That's enough.

There are a myriad of other instances that occurred in the soccer game, I've named only three. The point I'm trying to make is that sometimes you have to fight.

There are certain codes of decency that St. Francis didn't follow that made the "scuffle" inevitable. As I said earlier, I do not justify fighting but sometimes you find yourself in a situation where there just isn't much of a choice.

Gerard Sentochnik
Marist soccer team

Internships

To the Editor:

Now is the time for juniors and seniors who are considering internships in Washington, D.C., through American University's Washington semester or up in Albany with the state legislature to apply.

Applications are available in my office (Fontaine 315) and are due back to me by October 16 for internal review. Students are also re-

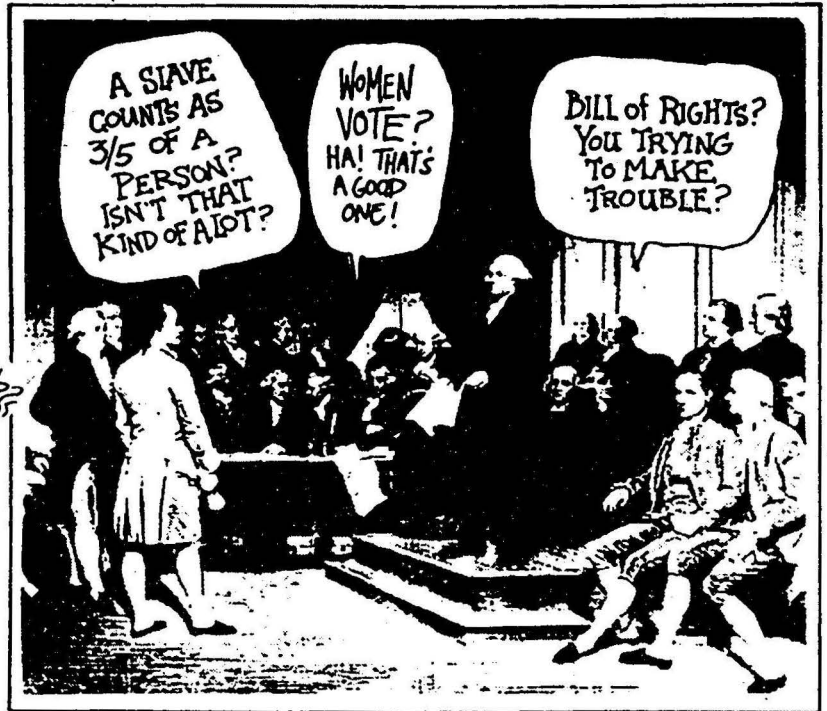
quired to interview with me before the final (internal) cuts are made.

If there are any questions, students can come see me during my office hours (M, W 1-2 and T, Th 1:30-4) or call me at ext. 234.

Also, students interested in local governmental internships should see me as soon as possible.

JoAnne Myers, Ph.D.
Political Science
Internship Co-ordinator

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By Don Reardon

The brawny blob sat on the seawall with several of my fellow female life guards seemingly admiring him. He spoke as I approached. "This lanky mess is going to save me if I'm drowning?"

I answered: "This lanky mess won't have to save you if you stay out of the water."

"Huh," he grunted, "I could use your leg as a toothpick."

"I could use your brain as a filling, perhaps we both need a trip to the dentist," I said.

The one-sided battle of wits began.

The lifeguard dames didn't know whether to side with him because he had lots of impressive fat, muscle and all around body cheese or with me because I was the lean and hip co-worker they saw each day.

He looked at his left bicep and then his right, casually jiggling each for confidence.

"How's about we step down on the beach and I punch you in your eye 'till it falls out?" he said grabbing my pencil-like neck (I guess that makes me a pencil-neck?).

I'm six feet, 130 pounds; he is a fullback for U MASS Amherst. Enough said.

"Look," I said with cool confidence, "if you beat me up, which we both know you can, you'll look like a real ass to all the skirts on this beach."

"Wow, tough guy," they'd say. "He can pick on a little skinny wimp and display to everyone just how much character he has."

My line worked and the girls began jeering the steroid blob. He rolled away.

For the first time in my life I thanked God for hanging so little flesh on my trembling frame. I was saved by my own emaciation.

Only recently have skinny guys enjoyed the social recognition they deserve.

The advantages of being a wimpy guy far outweigh the assets of being cattle-like.

Do skinny guys get bald and fat shortly after college graduation or at any time in their life? — No.

Do skinny guys have a fetish about mirror gazing? — No.

Do skinny guys sweat a lot? — No (a big plus for those few, nutty, crackers, bonkers, crazed girls who have an aversion to offensive odors.)

Skinny guys take up less space. From a comfort standpoint, think of Marist beds.

How many times have skinny guys saved the day?

Think back to the Brady Bunch. Greg and Peter are stuck in Sam's

(Alice's boyfriend/lover, though they never showed that side of Alice) meat freezer.

The vent in the door looks to be three inches by three. Our hero Peter "count my ribs" Brady squeezes his Ethiopian body (No ethnocentrism intended) through the crevice thus saving Mr. Fat-n-Groovy Greg.

The list of skinny heroes has grown to include names like PeeWee Herman, Michael J. Fox, The "Edge" of U2 fame, any muppet, Dustin Hoffman, Peter Tork of the Monkees, David Bowie and of course, Arnold Horshack of "Welcome Back Kotter."

Skinny guys, stand proud — but be careful of a strong wind, and don't turn sideways or we won't be able to see you.

(Don Reardon is the skinniest member of the Marist College cross country team — Now that's skinny!)

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Breaking down the barriers

By Michael Buckley

Interaction between faculty and students in a college setting has always been an important aspect of providing a quality education. In some areas, Marist excels at this. By keeping class size small, for example, faculty and students can deal on a more personal level with each other. However, I feel there is a genuine need for more interaction.

Outside of the classroom or an office, there is really no arena in which a student can relate with faculty. Several students have expressed to me a desire to meet with professors in other areas. When was the last time you saw a teacher in the cafeteria? With the exception of Dean Cox and Peter Amato, rarely is a faculty member seen.

The faculty dining room is strictly off-limits to students, even by invitation. In fact, one professor told me of an occasion where another professor invited a student to lunch. This created a mile uproar. The professor was mocked for most of the year for allowing a student to intrude upon these "sacred grounds."

I recently asked another faculty member why this was so and the response was, "I want one place where the animals can't follow me." I hope this is not an indication of how most faculty feel.

For this reason, it was rather impressive to see Dr. vander Heyden in the cafeteria during the first week he served as Academic Vice President of the school. It is a pity that more faculty do not follow the example he set. For even in a noisy

cafeteria, students and faculty could discuss important intellectual and social issues on a more personal level.

Some might ask the question: "Can students and faculty actually relate in an open atmosphere?" I believe it is entirely possible.

"Even in a noisy cafeteria, students and faculty could discuss important intellectual and social issues on a personal level..."

Interaction does not only have to come in the form of discussion. Wouldn't it be beneficial if these two groups could associate together at some kind of campus event. Granted, some faculty members do involve themselves in campus activities, but this is only a small minority.

Last year, Dr. Birmingham held a discussion on a philosophy paper she had written. The discussion took place in a very relaxed setting. There were no classrooms, no offices, and none of the usual formalities that separate the two groups.

No one was required to attend,

yet some 50 to 60 students participated in the discussion. Isn't it time we had more of this?

It is understood that student interest in these programs is not always high. I believe this is due to the fact, though, that students are often intimidated by faculty. I am in no way suggesting that faculty members deliberately intimidate students, but I believe the intimidation stems from the lack of interaction between the two.

Maybe through increased interaction, we as a college community could break down the barriers that sometimes seem to exist between us. If both students and faculty are willing to exchange ideas more freely, both groups could benefit.

Of gods, heroes and saviors...

Editor's note: The following review of the book "Myths: Gods, Heroes, and Saviors" was submitted by Eugene Best, Professor of religious studies.

By Eugene C. Best

Grant Biallas his assumptions or not, and he succeeds admirably in achieving two of his principal aims. One is "to help us become aware of the gods, heroes, and saviors in the various religious traditions."

The other is "to show that myths can help us grow into wholeness, where each small self is gradually replaced by a larger self engrossed in religion's mysteries."

To achieve these aims, he searches for "some new and potentially illuminating slants and insights into our selves through the comparison and juxtaposition of myths" (Preface).

Biallas writes well, and once he moves beyond his first two theoretical chapters, his new slants and insights are intriguing, though ambiguous. A reader might be tempted to breeze through chapter One, "Myths and Self-Awareness," and even skip parts of chapter Two, "Myth and Religion," but should resist the temptation.

Here Biallas explains his indebtedness to scholars of myth Mircea Eliade and Joseph Campbell, and states his basic reliance on the founding father of the modern psychology of religion Carl Gustav Jung. Chapters three and four deal with gods, five through nine with heroes, and ten through twelve with saviors. An "Epilogue" recapitulates the psychological focus on the book.

A valuable addition is a bibliography of general works used throughout, and of works mentioned in each chapter. Chapters end with good "Review Questions" and some "Discussion Starters," usually quotes from various authors. These are frustrating, in as much as the author's specific work or the source of the quote is never identified. The book has an incomplete "Index."

Jung certainly had important and valid insights, namely that the individual unconscious identified by Freud expresses itself collectively through archetypes, and that ultimately the unconscious is both in touch and one with God or Ultimate Reality. This unconscious what Biallas identifies as gods, heroes, and saviors (you are those!), and sees symbolized in the religious myths of the world.

And so Biallas reworks these major myths: creatino by P'an Ku (China); Adam and Eve; Maui, the Hawaiian who introduced disorder into human affairs; the childhood

of Siddhartha Gotama, the Buddha; the vision quest and temptation of Jesus in the desert; the heroic quest and task of the Hindu incarnation of the god Vishnu, Rama; Rama's gentle and unfailingly dutiful wife, Sita; the god of evil, Ahriman, from the Persian tradition of Zoroaster; the meaning of death in the Babylonian (Iraq) Epic of Gilgamesh; and the Egyptian return to life after death of Isis and Osiris.

Juxtaposed and contrasted with each of the above major myths, but dealt with in less detail, are other myths from the Aztec, Bantu, Greek, Senegalese, Japanese, etc., etc. religious traditions. We even learn more here about Arthurian myths of the Grail, and Dante's journey through hell to purgatory and paradise.

Surely the book is "liberating, helping us to go beyond the confines of our personality, our family, and our culture," another of Biallas' major aims. But will it help Christians, as he expresses the hope, to better "understand their own religion and bring a deeper integrity and fresh commitment to their own faith?" He did not help me here, but quite the contrary.

Perhaps this is because I question Biallas' assumptions, and I am reluctant to grant them. Some he states, e.g.: "I am convinced that all world religions share a common essence or common source in the human psyche," and "It makes no sense to say that one religious myth is 'better' or 'truer' than the other." Some assumptions he implies, e.g.: that the myths and symbol systems of historic and modern religions (to use Bellah's terms from his classic article on "Religious Evolution") are basically no different from those of archaic and even earlier primitive religions; that the myths have primarily personal and not equally societal implications; that the religious myths all contribute to human wholeness, *pace* Marx's stricture against this opium of the people; and finally that myths rooted in history can and should be treated the same as others which may not be factual.

This book can serve well as an introductory study of one facet of world-wide religious phenomena. It is valuable as a study of the psychological function of myths and of their existential impact.

Unfortunately Biallas leaves the impression that the existential truth of a myth alone matters. But then, are there no criteria by which the historical truth of some myths may be judged and treasured? And if contrasting versions of the same myth be told, which version is to be judged existentially true, and how?

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



The Cult finds its sound in roots of rock

By Derek Simon

The Cult comes from England, a place where rock has become a dirty word. A place where most people prefer to pretend they never listened to the likes of AC/DC and Led Zeppelin.

Any rock prior to punk is considered dinosaur music and those "in the know" spend their time grooving to soul and jazz when, if truth be told, they would rather be thrashing about.

The good thing about The Cult is that they not only admit their influences, they revel in them.

Bredging up the ghosts of rock's past is nothing new for this band. It started out playing something

called "positive punk," then became a gothic band, and is now playing metallic riff-rock reminiscent of Humble Pie and Cream, as well as the aforementioned Led Zeppelin.

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The members of The Cult have never made a secret of their affinity for Led Zeppelin, a fact that has made them extremely unpopular with the British music press, though this is now changing.

Rock music prior to 1977 is considered very "un-hip" over there. It was sacrilege for The Cult to admit they liked Led Zeppelin because the British music press had burned their Led Zep shirts years ago. It was like digging up an old skeleton.

But a change in the band's musical style came as a big surprise to the legions of somberly garbed "alternative" fans that bought their last album, "Love."

The change is that it's sound came about as a result of the band's disappointment with an early version of their latest album "Electric." They were looking for a new direction but were unsure where to find it.

Then Rick Rubin came along. "Electric," produced by Rubin, is as lean and mean as his work with the Beastie Boys. The "Love" album, the band's first stateside release, also had hard-rock elements, specifically the wailing guitar playing of Billy Duffy and the mournful vocals of Ian Astbury.

These vocals gave the impression that Jim Morrison had returned from the grave, but these elements were submerged in an overall wall of sound.

Another reason for the change was the band's desire to reach more people. They found themselves stuck in the alternative ghetto, with a small devoted following but lit-

tle chance for future growth.

What some critics have seen as bandwagon jumping is really The Cult's desire to strip away the pretensions. Upon coming to America, the band discovered there were a lot of people who were into the same ideals and attitudes that they were, but were being turned off by the clothes, their imagery and their guitar sound.

With The Cult leading to a horde of new British groups who are reaching back to rock's roots (e.g. Zodiac Mindwarp and the Love Reaction, Gaye Bikers on Acid), sales of leather goods are way up.

Sales of razor blades are way down. Rock bands are becoming rock bands again.

Textbook moviemaking

By Ken Hommel

While the "Saturday Night Live" alumni continue to dominate

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the film industry with comedic and escapist fare, one member seems to want to establish himself as a serious actor.

It is no wonder considering that his older brother John took Hollywood by storm ten years ago that Jim — now James — Belushi is looking for an identity of his own. In "The Principal," he fails to make the grade.

I don't recall anyone from high school who wanted to spend two minutes with a principal never mind nearly two hours watching one.

What we have here is a reshaf of every urban high school comedy-drama from 1955's "Blackboard Jungle" to 1984's "Teachers" to the current Ed Asner series, "The Bronx Zoo." Belushi is, well, Belushi — funny, loud and well-meaning, but indistinguishable from every other character that he has played. Remember "Young Sherlock Holmes?" Maybe, this should have been titled "Young Ed Asner." This is textbook moviemaking.

There were enjoyable moments such as Belushi's pursuit of his ex-wife's lawyer while swinging a baseball bat at the attorney's car or his attempts to get the antiquated faculty of his school to care enough to teach the "unteachables." (Hey, maybe there's a better title!)

One moment of unintentional humor comes from Belushi. While reading a student's essay to himself, complete with a voiceover of the student, Belushi stops and looks around the room while the voiceover continues reading.

Rounding out the cast is my nominee for the "Michael Caine Workaholic Award" — Louis Gossett, Jr. Unfortunately, Gossett continues to do films unworthy of his Oscar-winning caliber. Gossett, who last bombed in "Iron Eagle" and "Enemy Mine," plays a security guard who doesn't seem to do anything but sit around and give Principal Belushi advice. I expected Gossett's character to be more ferocious and vigilant.

Also wasting our time is Rae Dawn Chong as the stereotypical teacher who cherishes her underachieving class and helps the special students. It's a shame that it takes an attempted rape scene to remove her from most of the movie's end. When she returns, she adds nothing to the story.

Belushi takes on the school ganglords and, singlehandedly, turns this comedy-drama into an

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**the
alternative
top 10**

By Jeff Nicosia

OK, so you read my column last week and you said, who is this moron? Yeah, well, anyway, here's this week's babble.

1. **The Replacements — Pleased To Meet Me — Sire Records** — This album simply confirms my belief that The Replacements are the best pure rock 'n' roll band in the world. Listen to this album and see them live — you'll become a believer.

2. **Shop-Rite Ice Tea — (Price varies) — Cheap, good and a nice shade of toxic brown.**

3. **"Scab-ball" — Various NFL stadiums** — Personally I think it will be amusing to see how Joe Lee Smith from Poughkeepsie Bible College will do this weekend. Guys like you and me playing the Meadowlands — doesn't sound bad to me.

4. **UB40 — Rat In The Kitchen — Virgin Records** — I know this isn't a new album (their new live album has all the excitement of a Gordon Lightfoot concert) — But I listened to it yesterday — damn it's good. Clean sound, crisp horns and super smoothness. Probably one of the all-time reggae greats.

5. **Berties New Music Night — Thursdays 10 p.m. -? — Liberty Street, Poughkeepsie** — Good music. A place to dance and wear black clothes. What more could a punk want? 18 to get in, 21 to drink.

6. **Marist Soccer Team (4-2-2) — Impressive.**

7. **Whirling Dervishes — Tan — WM Records** — Do you like Aztec Camera, Psychadelic Furs or Steely Dan? Check out the title track. Mellow vocals combine with a nicking guitar. Cool stuff.

8. **Rock Over London — Monday Nights 10-12.** When else can you hear The Cult, Housemartins and Erasure on WPDH?

9. **Internships** — Seriously, if you can hook yourself up with one do so. One of the few things at Marist that is as good as the catalog says.

10. **The Cure — Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me** — It's about time lead singer/song writer Robert Smith cheered up. This album has more bounce and humor than the group's previous attempts. Could you imagine what the Smiths would sound like if they took this approach?

Lameless — WLIR — (Boring, Predictable, Blandness — remember the last time they played the Exploited, condom ads designed to scare us sexless, ALF, being forced to become computer literate. Nuff said, Later.



Students enjoy the food and music at the fall version of the Community Unity Barbecue which took place last Friday. (Photo by Bob Davis)

Slightly off campus

(CPS) —

— In 1985, the University of Georgia endured a long, embarrassing public trial for effectively fixing the grades of some football players so they could remain eligible to play.

Since the UGa, like a number of schools, has strained to tout the accomplishments of its "student-athletes" — athletes who also do well in class — loudly.

So it convinced the Atlanta Journal-Constitution to run an Aug. 30 feature on player Kim Stephens, who in his fourth year already has earned an undergrad degree in math and math education and is working on his masters in business administration.

For a photo to accompany the article, Stephens posed in front of a chalkboard on which he had written a quadratic equation.

He wrote it incorrectly.

— Carnegie-Mellon University's entrant in the Pennsylvania chess championship in late August played its matches by phone connection to the tournament site at the Penn State campus in State College, Pa., beating 76 opponents

and winning the championship.

But, to tournament sponsors' chagrin, the entrant turned out to be a computer named "Hitech," programmed by CMU computer scientist Hans Berliner.

The chess association has refused to recognize Hitech as the winner, tersely noting in a press release that "computers aren't human and can't be champions."

— The National Association of College Stores, which from its office in Oberlin, Ohio, tracks sales at campus bookstores, reported in its most recent bulletin that it expects the following items to be big sellers among students this fall:

The Couch Potato, "a soft brown pillow (that) is on everyone's 'must' list to keep the TV watched while classes are in session," Corona Beer t-shirts, a \$25 alarm clock shaped like a softball that you turn off by hurling against a wall, no-smoking neckties and hairstyles with "the 'Les Miserables' waifish look," described as something that "takes lots of mousse to achieve the uncombed, ringleted, mussed look."

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Gardner

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weed and put it on the sandwich then tell me to eat it. I was always afraid a dog had just gone on the weed."

Reflecting on his years at Marist, Gardner was proud of his service.

"People come to the Hudson Valley and they go to the Vanderbilt estate and to the Roosevelt estate and see the gardens. I wanted them to say 'If you think they are good you should see Marist.' It would have been my crowning achievement," he said. "I didn't miss by much."

Although Gardner enjoyed his work at Marist he said he faced some problems in the beginning.

"When I got here we had four guys and a working foreman, that's 25-acres-a-person," said Gardner. "Plus we didn't have very good equipment."

"They were trying, but having 20 brothers mow the lawn isn't the same as paying someone a salary," he said. "When I came aboard everything jelled. I was good for the school and the school was good for me."

As well as working with the land, Gardner also had a chance to work with the students.

"Sometimes it was a good thing I was there," he said. "There was one student, who has since graduated, who was going with a girl from the school. He was carrying a bottle of booze and screaming and cursing. I said, 'Marty, what the hell is wrong with you?' He said 'These girls, you go with one for two years and now she ditched me.' Well, I got him calmed down and took him to his room. Three days later he saw me and said he had a new girl. Honest to God, he married this girl and he is happy as a lark."

While in the Army, Gardner served in the Pacific theater and was part of the force that liberated the Philippines. For his actions in that campaign he was decorated with the third highest medal the U.S. awards, the Bronze Star.

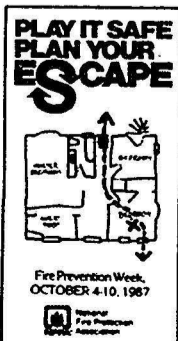
"We did a lot of damage in the service, it hurt me bad, it hurt me deeply," he said. "I wasn't proud of it. I volunteered for it. Maybe this is my way of paying back."

Movie

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Eastwood-like showdown adventure. No wonder Gossett once asks him if he thinks he's Dirty Harry or something.

Wait for cable for this one. Seeing "The Principal" is much like being sent to the principal's office for mischief: it's good for some cliched lessons and a few laughs but you wouldn't want to be seen there. I'll expect better from "SNL" alumni Billy Crystal and Christopher Guest in Rob Reiner's next project "The Princess Bride."



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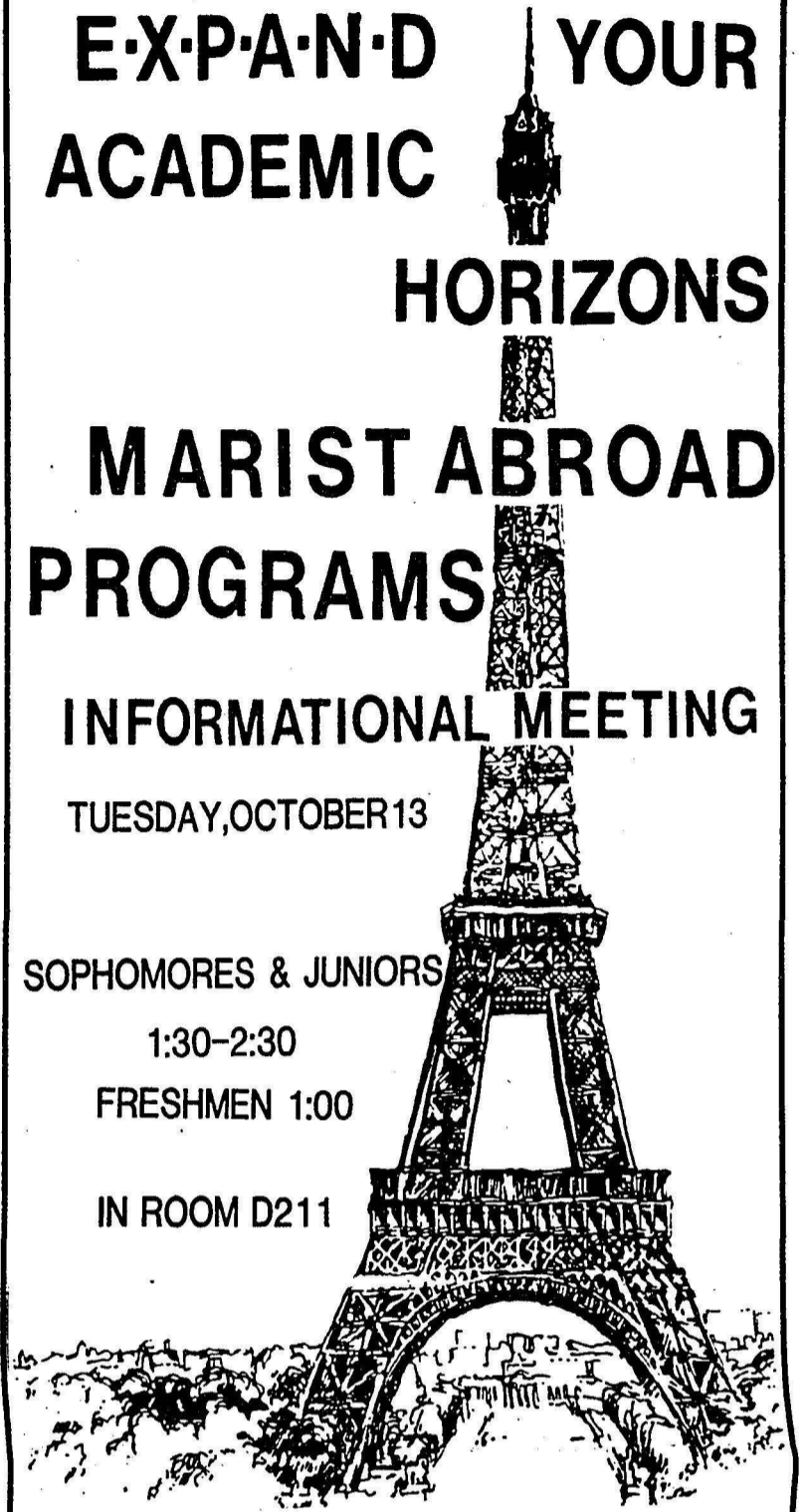
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Abroaders reunite to celebrate 25 years

By Aline Sullivan

Nancy Baker and Patricia Begley will spend Saturday evening reminiscing about a year that has in one way or another changed their lives.

They will be reunited with other Marist alumni who have all shared a similar experience when they gather for the Marist Abroad Program's Silver Anniversary dinner.

Baker and Begley will have plenty of fond memories to look back on as they recall the year of 1972 in which they left their familiar Marist surroundings and spent ten months studying in Paris, France.

Their husbands, Bill Baker and Vincent Begley will not be left out of the conversation. They also participated in the MAP. Baker, a '72 graduate of Marist went to Paris, France in 1969 to study French at the Institute Catholique. Begley, a '70 graduate attended Manchester

College Oxford in Oxford, England to study drama.

The MAP was founded in 1963 by Brother Joseph Belanger and was under his direction until 1979 when Dr. Jephtha Lanning replaced him.

Although Vincent Begley was not the first Marist student to go abroad, he was the first to go to Oxford. While in England, he wrote a column for The Circle titled "Open A New Window." It dealt mainly with the experience of living, studying and traveling in another country.

"Marist was unfamiliar with Oxford's program, so that made it a little different," said Begley.

The Oxford program is run on a tutorial system where the student meets three hours a week with his tutor.

"This is very different from the classroom experience because you have a lot of work to do on your

own time," said Begley. It is not as structured, but it is a real learning experience."

Begley's wife Patricia also differed from the norm. She opted to live in a house with a French family rather than in a dorm where other American students, including Baker, were staying.

"I wanted to experience the total French culture, not just part of it," she said. "By living with a family I was completely submerged in their lifestyle."

Although she did not live with the other Marist students she did travel and attend class with them.

"I think it was great that Marist allowed me this opportunity (to live in a home) because I gained not only self-confidence but a real sense of independence," she said.

Nancy Baker, on the other hand, chose to live in a dorm for the ten months she studied in Paris.

"I think I had a totally different

experience than Patty because my dorm was very strict," Baker said.

From the scheduling procedures and the paying of every shower taken, to not being allowed to ride the elevator down stairs, Nancy said she wouldn't trade the year she had in France for anything.

"The rules and customs were typical of a French dorm, and I just had to get used to them," Baker said. "Besides those few inconveniences though, the whole experience was something I will never

forget."

For these two couples the opportunity to reunite and relive their experiences in a foreign country is an opportunity they feel they cannot let pass. They are just a few of the many expected to attend the dinner Marist is sponsoring for the MAP 25th year anniversary.

The dinner is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 at Coppola's Restaurant in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Teachers poorer despite raises

(CPS) — Despite 5 straight years of salary hikes, college teachers are a little poorer than their colleagues of 10 years ago, the Center for Education Statistics said last week.

Inflation, the center — the data-gathering arm of the U.S. Dept. of Education — said Sept. 17, has eaten up the salary gains of all college faculty members nationwide except some of those teaching at private campuses.

Inflation outran faculty salaries during the 1977-1981 school years by such a wide margin that college teachers' buying power in 1986 was 3-to-6 percent lower than it was in 1976-77.

The center's report also shows that colleges continue to pay faculty men "considerably" more than women, giving male full professors \$4,600 more than women in 1976-77 and \$4,500 more in 1985-86.

The average faculty member,

regardless of rank, makes about the same in constant dollars as 10 years ago: \$32,400 in 1985-86 compared with \$32,600 in 1976-77.

The center also found the gap between faculty salaries for public and private universities continued

to widen.

While public campuses paid their teachers 4.9 percent less than private campuses paid their faculty members in 1976-77, the difference had grown to 9.1 percent in 1986-87.

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Off campus

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Campus stores nationwide, meanwhile, sold \$1 million worth of Domino Pizza Noid t-shirts during the first 5 days they were offered. Coming soon: Pizza Noid dolls.

— To oppose the nomination of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee grad student John Jarvis as the student rep on Wisconsin's systemwide Board of Regents, UW-Madison campus students have recorded a song called "Like A Regent," set to the tune of Madonna's "Like A Virgin."

The lyrics accuse Gov. Tommy Thompson of being a "weinie," and contend Jarvis would "vote Tommy Thompson's line" as a member of the board.

"I think it's humorous," Jarvis said.

— Two local off-campus groups — the Hillsborough Street Merchants Association and the University Neighborhood Planning Council — have voted to ask North Carolina State students not to be so kind.

Students and faculty members apparently give money to vagrants often enough to have won the campus a reputation as a charitable place that, in turn, has attracted more vagrants to the area.

But some of the vagrants use the money to get drunk, can be abusive to passersby and cause customers to avoid the businesses across the street from the campus.

"It's a social problem," said NCSU spokesman Al Lanier who hopes to channel students' largesse into local charities and soup kitchens comfortably distant from the business district.

Professors to debate quality of education

By Joseph O'Brien

Are your professors closing your mind?

That question will be at the heart of next week's Dean's Convocation Day debate when two teams of Marist professors argue the question of whether higher education is closing the American mind.

The debate will begin at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday in the Theater following a half-hour reception in the Campus Center.

As in years past, classes will be canceled from 9:35 to 2:20.

This year's topic is based on the controversial new book by Allen Bloom, a University of Chicago professor who has severely criticized America's colleges and university. The topic was chosen by Marc vanderHyden, vice president for academic affairs.

"Marc vanderHyden was reading the book over the summer and thought it would be a good topic," said Donna Berger, executive assistant to the vice president for academic affairs.

Dean's Convocation Day is a yearly occurrence at Marist design-

ed to bring the Marist community together, according to Berger.

In past years the event consisted of speakers at the McCann Center and some years attendance for all students was mandatory. As student interest diminished, organizers opted for a debate format.

"We thought the debate format would be of interest to students and teachers alike," Berger said.

Last year's debate was a success, Berger said. "We filled the theater. We even had overflow into other rooms with television monitors."

The debate will be moderated by

Jim Springston, assistant professor of communications, and will feature the six faculty members chosen last year by the graduating class as the Teachers of the Year in their divisions.

Taking the affirmative position will be: Roscoe Balch, professor of history; Robert Vivona, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science; and Robert Grossman, assistant professor of marketing.

Joseph Bettencourt, associate professor of biology; Dorothy Hill,

assistant professor of social work; and Jephtha Lanning, chairperson of the Division of Arts and Letters, will take the opposing side.

After the formal debate, follow-up questions will be asked by four Marist students: Mike Buckley, a sophomore and captain of the debate team; Mercinth Brown, a junior; and Yvette Shabazz and Dennis Creagh, seniors.

A luncheon in the cafeteria will follow the debate for all those attending.

Other groups use Marist computer system

By Rich Donnelly

They're not students, faculty or administration, but they have the same right to access the Marist College computer center. They're external users — organizations that rent computer services from the college.

Like all users, they can sign-on to the IBM computer system every day from 8 a.m. to midnight. But unlike most other users, they don't have to show up at room 250 in Donnelly Hall to operate the terminals.

"They have their own dedicated (phone) line to use," said Wendy Whiteley, the operations manager at the computer center. "They can dial into the system and create files. Some do statistical reports, some run monthly billing. They can do

it at any time, whether students are using the system or not."

Whiteley said the number of external users has dwindled over the last few years. In 1982 there were about 15. Currently, there are five external users.

Many of the former external users have found it convenient and economical to acquire their own computer. That's how Marist got into the business of renting the services of its IBM computer.

Marist was a renter, but, due to increases in user rates, it decided to buy a computer in 1979. The school has had external users since.

"It started out that we needed some extra revenue. We were small when it started," said Whiteley. "The trend has been to get non-profit organizations involved."

Three of the five external users are non-profit.

"We haven't pursued it in a long time. The college administration has to decide and see if they'd like to have more external users."

In 1982, external users paid Marist about \$200,000 a year — nearly enough to pay for the computer hardware that was in use at the time.

Whiteley declined to speculate on revenues from current rental charges.

"We're probably breaking even. We're basically charging them what it costs us for paper, printing time, and the time the system is used."

Dutchess Golf and Country Club is one of the five current external users and is satisfied with using the

computer center, she said.

The club uses the computer for monthly billing, general ledgers and merging of accounts, according to David Shaw, club manager.

"With the investment of a printer and everything, it wouldn't be cost effective for us to own a computer," Shaw said. "We have

a modem. We call in one day a month, do the work and pick it up the next day."

Shaw said the club doesn't use the computer to calculate handicaps. But it does run a program that keeps tabs on much money the members of the club are spending at the clubhouse.

Plagiarism accusations on the rise

(CPS) — Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.) may have been embarrassed by revelations that, as a student in 1965, he cheated on a law school paper, but cheating remains widespread on American campuses today, various sources say.

Thirty to 50 percent of all college students say they've cheated during their academic careers, researcher William Raffetto found in a Carnegie Commission report in 1985.

Duke, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Georgia universities, among others, reported increases in the number of accusations — though not necessarily offenses — from the 1985-86 to the 1986-87 school years.

At Duke, accusations of cheating increase when individual professors take steps to curb academic dishonesty, said Dean of Student Life Sue Wasiolek. Twenty-three students were charged with cheating during the 1986-87 academic year, she said; 14 were charged the previous year and 12 were accused of cheating during 1984-85.

The increase is not due to a campuswide, organized crackdown, Wasiolek said, but because individual faculty members have become more aware of the problem.

On Sept. 17, Biden — a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination — admitted that he'd turned in a paper as a first-year law student at Syracuse University in 1965 that included 5 pages lifted directly from a published law review article.

Biden also misrepresented his academic record during a recent campaign appearance, according to Newsweek. Biden reportedly said he graduated in the top half of his law school class, but actually finished 76th in a class of 85. Biden reportedly also said he attended law school on a full scholarship, but actually received a partial scholarship based on financial need, the magazine said.

When caught in 1965, Biden convinced the law school to let him take the course again.

"I did something very stupid 23

years ago," Biden said in a Washington, D.C., press conference last week.

But Biden might not have been allowed to retake the course if he

was a student today.

Schools, in fact, are more vigilant in watching students these days.

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Apartheid protest planned at colleges

By Mike O'Keefe

(CPS) — As a nationwide series of planned anti-apartheid protests approaches in October, activists expect the pressure on campuses to sell their shares in firms that do business in segregationist South Africa will be more intense than ever.

This, the activists note, is the first protest season since the Rev. Leon H. Sullivan called for U.S. businesses to withdraw from South Africa.

In 1977, Sullivan authored the Sullivan Principles, a list of civil rights that companies agreed to respect among their South African employees, regardless of color. Scores of colleges, unwilling to take the financial losses of selling their shares in the firms, adopted policies requiring the companies to comply with the principles.

Yet in June the Philadelphia minister and civil rights leader, frustrated by the South African government's unwillingness to dismantle apartheid and its mounting violence, called on firms to stop trying to make the best of a bad situation, and to pull out of the country altogether.

The announcement effectively left campuses that endorsed the principles without an investment policy.

Fifty-nine of the nation's biggest campuses had adopted the Sullivan Principles, the Investor Responsibility Research Center in Washington, D.C., says.

"It's hard to say what will happen," said Dartmouth College spokesman Alex Huppe, adding Sullivan's call "has escalated the (Dartmouth Board of) trustees' concern, in terms of direction. It does add fuel to the discussion." "Sullivan's comments definitely will put pressure on schools to divest," said Josh Nessen, the student coordinator of the American Committee on Africa.

Anti-apartheid efforts on American campuses began in 1963, but were never much of a force until this decade.

As recently as 1984, Nessen's group would piggyback anti-apartheid rallies with more popular causes like disarmament in order to draw crowds.

But in January, 1985, without much prodding from Nessen's group, anti-apartheid sit-ins and demonstrations suddenly exploded on dozens of campuses, and the momentum built to involve as many as 100,000 students in April demonstrations.

Since then, however, the crowds and intensity of the campus movement gradually have dwindled as trustees began to sell their schools' shares and confrontations with conservative student groups, who regularly began to vandalize protest shanties at Utah, Texas, Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, North Carolina and other campuses, sapped activists' energies.

Nessen, though, hopes Sullivan's call will start an anti-apartheid revival during the weeklong teach-ins and rallies his group has planned on during October.

Nessen's group was finishing plans for the October rallies, and was unable to say how many campuses will be involved. Last October, activists on about 60 campuses joined the protest.

Sullivan's call for divestment, he said, "removes another pillar from the argument of investment. I think a lot more schools will feel more pressure. There's less justification not to divest."

"I'm sure the Board of Trustees will consider Rev. Sullivan's statements," said Ron Sauder, a spokesman for Johns Hopkins University, which uses the principles to guide its South African investments.

The University of Pennsylvania, according to spokesman Fred Richards, already has moved in the same direction as Sullivan. Penn's trustees, he said, plan to sell their stocks in companies that do business in South Africa if those firms don't pull out by June, 1988.

Students anti-apartheid activists welcome Sullivan's change of heart, although they say his call for divestment has come too late.



Adult students were given a place to go between classes last week with the opening of the Adult Student Lounge in Marist East. (Photo by Allison Robbins)

U Mass continues crackdown on racists

AMHERST, MASS. (CPS) — The University of Massachusetts continued its crackdown on whites who foster racial tensions on the campus Sept. 18 when it suspended a white student who broke the windshield of a black student's car.

The student, whose name was not released, was suspended for a year.

The suspension grew out of a May 14, 1987, incident at which Theta Chi fraternity members reportedly shouted racial slurs at 3

black students as they walked to their cars, and then threw a rock through the windshield.

Theta Chi members said they were retaliating because one of the black students had urinated on one of their cars, but the black students denied the charge.

By May, racial tensions at the UMass campus were running high, due to an Oct. 1986, brawl in which 5 white students beat up a black classmate.

In mid-September, UMass of-

ficials disciplined some of the white students involved in last fall's incident, making them take "sensitivity" courses.

Many other campuses — including Tufts, Pennsylvania, The Citadel, Maryland, UCLA and Michigan — suffered confrontations between black and white students during the 1986-87 school year, and virtually all issued statements during the summer promising to install some kind of palliative measures for 1987-88.

Feast or famine for education

ARLINGTON, VA. (CPS) — The last 7 years have been either "years of famine for education" or a "fat harvest" for it, two leading politicians told the American Association of School Administrators.

In a Sept. 16 speech to the administrators convention, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd (D-W.V.) said that, though the celebration of the U.S. Constitution's bicentennial was moving, "how much more positive it would have been for the future of

our country if this ceremony had been the culmination of 7 years of plenty rather than 7 years of famine for education."

Byrd went on to blast the Reagan administration's proposals to cut

federal education funding during the last 7 years.

But U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett followed Byrd to the podium, and contended, "This is not famine. This is fat harvest."

Baseball

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the Tigers are a clear choice to take the series and advance to the World Series.

Detroit is superior both offensively, where they were third in the league in batting average (.273) and first in homers (224), and on the mound, where Tiger pitching collectively gave up close to four runs per game, while their Twin counterparts allowed almost a half-run more. Detroit also has a stronger starting rotation featuring Jack Morris, veteran lefty Frank Tanana, ex-Met Walt Terrell and late-season acquisition Doyle Alexander, whose nine consecutive wins in September helped Detroit grab the pennant from the clutches of Toronto.

The National League Championship Series: San Francisco vs. St. Louis might be a little more interesting. However, this year St. Louis is totally overmatched, considering the Giants' excellent statistical season. Although the Cardinals' team batting average was 14 points higher than the Giants, San Francisco hit 100 more home runs than St. Louis, and was second in the league only to the Chicago Cubs. The Giants also dominate in pitching, as their earned run average (3.66) topped the majors.

With a starting rotation that includes former Cy Young Award winners Rick Reuschel and Atlee Hammaker, and a bullpen stocked with quality relievers like Scott

Garrelts and Don Robinson, the Giants should do away with the pitching-poor Cardinals with little difficulty.

This season's playoffs, with their clear-cut winners and less than exciting participants, should be boring to all but those die-hard

baseball fans that just love watching a game, any game. And, despite all I have said, I am one of those fans. My only question is

this: If the playoffs are going to be that boring, what is this year's World Series going to be like?



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By Annie Breslin

The Marist College women's swim team needs a miracle — and it needs it fast.

Head Coach Jim Billesimo resigned early this semester to assume a full-time coaching position at Montclair State. His new position is an improvement without a doubt. Montclair is a reputable program and compared to the part-time position he held at Marist, it's definitely a step up.

Good for Billesimo — not so good for the program he left behind.

Marist is currently advertising a position available for a part-time head coach. The trouble is, it is not easy to fit this bill.

Because it's a low-paying job, Marist needs someone who already has a good income and a job that leaves afternoons from 2-5, and Saturday mornings free for practice. He's also got to be a swimming enthusiast capable of running a Division One program comprising 18 women — and all this on short notice.

The women will begin competing Nov. 4, when they travel to Vassar for a dual meet. Any coaching change this close to competition will hinder their training and their performance.

In short, Marist is looking for a miracle.

In hot water

Enter Larry VanWagner. Marist aquatic director, men's head coach and an all around concerned type of guy, he has taken the helm as temporary women's head coach.

The two teams began weight-training programs and the women began aerobic workouts Sept. 8, in preparation for the upcoming season. On Sept. 25, official workouts began — crowded workouts, but supervised workouts just the same.

VanWagner now coaches 36 people at one time. He would normally be supervising only 18 men. Couple this with his administrative duties and he's really got his hands full.

Capable hands they may be, but if the situation doesn't change soon, someone is going to suffer.

There have been reports of dissension within the team, particularly among the freshmen, but VanWagner says attendance has been good at practice and he doesn't feel the athletes are at any great disadvantage.

But the freshmen, most of whom were recruited by Billesimo, are at a disadvantage.

They arrived at Marist to find their coach packing his bags. Then they're told to share coaches with the men until something can be arranged. They've been here four weeks now, and still nothing has

been arranged. Doubts are beginning to surface.

It is difficult enough to make the transition from high school to college living and training — this situation only worsens the blow for them.

But, the situation isn't as bleak as some of the swimmers make it out to be. VanWagner has been involved with coaching both sexes for 10 years. They're not exactly on their own.

The inconvenience they suffer now may pay off later, when a permanent coach is hired.

If the team is to endure, a lot of people will have to get their priorities straight.

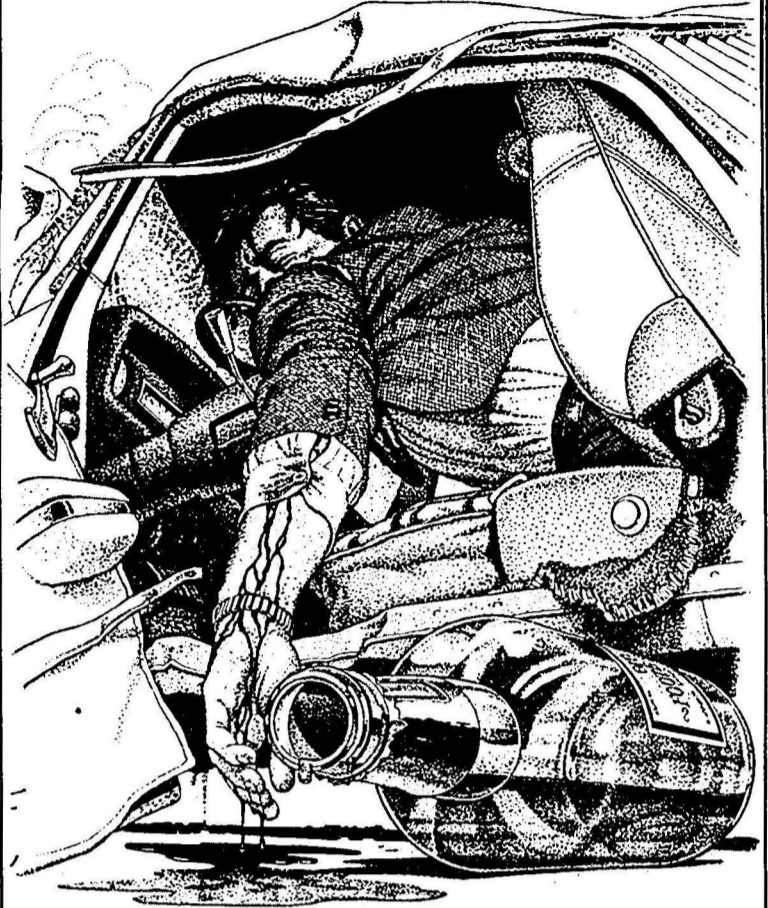
Marist has to realize that the women's swimming program is recognized and deserves consideration.

Last year's team, the best Marist has seen since Billesimo initiated the program in 1983, finished second in the Metropolitan Swimming Conference — with only eight swimmers.

This year's squad boasts 18 swimmers. Things can only get better.

The women also need to make some adjustments in the meantime. Conditions remain far from ideal, and nobody is denying it.

If things don't improve soon, the team could suffer. But if it overcomes these obstacles and succeeds in spite of them, it will reap all the rewards it deserves.



DON'T Drink and Drive

commentary

By Charles Barillari

Ten years from now, when fans look back to the 1987 Major League Baseball season, they will see what has been one of the most uneventful and dare I say boring, seasons of the past few years. And unfortunately, the level of excitement brought by this season — minimal at best — will carry over into baseball's post-season classics, the playoffs and the World Series.

For most, the 1987 baseball season has been a big disappointment. The Mets, chosen by experts to win the division for many years to come, struggled most of the year and finished a poor second to the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League East. The Cardinals, who last year finished in fourth place, started off strong. They overcame a late season pitching slump and pulled out a division title with only four days left in the season. The Houston Astros, only a half-game out of first place at the All-Star break, crumbled in the second half of the season to finish well below .500. The San Francisco Giants, underdogs from day one, won the division just one week before the season ended in the poor National League West.

The Minnesota Twins, with the best home record in both leagues, easily won the even poorer American League West. However, the Twins also had the worst record in the league on the road and were inferior to their opponents in almost every statistical category including runs scored, batting average and homeruns. In any other division, including the National League West, the Twins would be stuck in second place, no fewer than three games out of first place.

The only real excitement came out of the American League East, where the Toronto Blue Jays and the Detroit Tigers fought for the pennant right up until the last day of the season.

Coming back from a three-and-a-half game deficit with one week to play, Detroit capitalized on a Toronto seven-game losing streak and took the pennant race into the final weekend, where they swept the Jays and won the East.

That's not to say that the final series, Toronto at Detroit, wasn't exciting. Any time a division isn't secured until the last day of the season, there has to be some excitement. But both the Jays and the Tigers lack the following that a team like the Yankees, or more recently, the Mets, would have if they'd been in contention and going to the playoffs. This year's championship series, the Cardinals vs. the Giants in the National League and the Tigers against the Twins in the American League, just won't have the "punch" that the previous series have had.

Even though Detroit, St. Louis,

San Francisco, and Minnesota are large cities with an obvious interest in baseball, just how many people outside of Detroit are Tiger fans — excluding Tom Selleck? The same goes for the Twins and the Giants. The Cardinals might have a few fans outside of St. Louis but definitely not as many as the Dodgers or Yankees.

The American League Championship Series: The Detroit Tigers against the Minnesota Twins. Boring, at least for everyone outside of Minnesota, Detroit and the book-making industry. Actually, it's sad that this year's series will be as dull as everyone expects, especially after last year's exciting series in which the Red Sox came back from a three-game deficit to beat the Angels. With four games in the Metrodome, one would think that Minnesota has the advantage, but

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Despite recent losses, Goldman denies slide

Edwards' return to play sparks emotion in squad

By Paul Kelly

Sixteen days ago, the Marist College soccer team's record was a spotless 4-0. Today, it is 4-2-2.

After a 2-1 overtime loss Saturday to SUNY Oneonta and a rare scoreless tie Thursday against Fordham, the Red Foxes are winless since a decisive 2-0 victory over ECAC Metro foe Robert Morris Sept. 19.

A slide of sorts? No way, says Marist Head Coach Dr. Howard Goldman.

"We're playing very good teams," said Goldman. "Fordham and St. John's were undefeated coming in. St. Francis was a fluke. We should be 7-0-1 right now."

"What's the worst thing that could happen?" said Goldman. "We could get hit by a truck on Route 9. We're not going to create a vaccine for AIDS if we win a game. We have to put it in perspective."

Marist will visit Colgate Saturday and travel Wednesday to the University of Hartford.

Against SUNY Oneonta Saturday, the rough, physical nature of the game manifested itself during Oneonta's winning goal. As an

Oneonta player lofted a corner kick toward the Marist goal late in the first overtime, another Oneonta player grabbed Marist goalkeeper Joe Madden's shirt, preventing him from leaping toward the encroaching ball.

The ball floated just inside the crossbar and into the net.

Tom Haggerty scored Marist's only goal. Despite the loss, the game marked the return of the Red Foxes' scoring sensation Mark Edwards, who played during the overtime session. Edwards missed three games after fracturing his cheekbone Sept. 16 against Army.

Goldman gave Edwards explicit instructions to avoid all contact against SUNY Oneonta, especially during situations where the ball could be headed. Edwards was injured when an Army player's elbow struck him during a heading play.

Edwards' return gave the team a welcomed emotional lift, said Goldman. "They (the team) would have been more happy to see him start but I'm not going to take any chances with him or the rest of the season," said Goldman.

If the rest of the season mirrors the first five weeks, Marist booters will be hardened overtime veterans



Sophomore midfielder Greg Healy shines in Marist's losing effort last Saturday.

(Photo by Tom Rossini)

during late October and early November. Five of the Red Foxes' eight games have seen more than the regulation 90 minutes of action. Marist has a 1-2-2 record in overtime contests.

Extra minutes worry Goldman.

"We're not finishing (plays) in regulation time," said Goldman. Against Oneonta, poor midfield play during overtime maligned the Red Foxes' offense.

Injuries have contributed heavily to Marist's suspect midfield play.

Haggerty, Greg Healy, Kevin Segre, J.B. Bettencourt and Charlie Ross have been hindered recently by injuries. Goldman is pondering some lineup juggling to compensate for his growing casualty list.

Hoop tryouts

The Marist men's basketball team is looking for a few good men — a few more good men than that is.

With official practices for the 1987-88 basketball season beginning in just one week, the men's basketball coaching staff is looking to add a little more depth to the rapidly changing squad.

On Oct. 15, 16 and 17, team tryouts will be held at the McCann Recreation Center.

Applications can be picked up at the basketball office in McCann Center. All applications must be in by Oct. 13.

Red Foxes stopped by FDU, go 0-4

By Chris Barry

Despite a stellar defensive performance by noseguard Chris Keenan, the Marist College football team dropped its record to 0-4 last Friday night, losing 10-0 to FDU-Madison in front of a record 3,069 people at Leonidoff Field.

The Red Foxes will try for the season's first win Saturday at 1:30 p.m. when they host Siena for the homecoming game.

Strong defensive performances by the Red Foxes and FDU kept scoring at a minimum Friday, until an FDU 1-yard touchdown run ended the game 19 seconds early. A first-period FDU field goal started the scoring with just 2:49 remaining before halftime.

"Defensively we played well, but offensively we have to get a lot better," Marist Head Coach Mike Malet said.

Malet said inconsistency is hurting his young club. "One week we have a good offensive game and the defense is shaky," he said. "Then the next week it is the other way around."

"If our offense played the way we played against St. John's last week, it would have been a different ball game," Malet added.

Malet could hardly blame the defense for the fourth-quarter mishap which put Marist away for good. When the Red Foxes fumbled an FDU punt, the Jersey Devils wound up comfortably deep in Marist territory.

Just over one minute remained and FDU lead by three as the two teams dug in for an exciting goal line stand.

On first and goal from the 5-yard-line FDU tried running the ball up the middle but running back Alex Munns was met rudely by Keenan, the senior All-America prospect.

On second down Fred Christensen, who had earlier stopped FDU's closest threat with an interception, nailed the FDU ball carrier for a 5-yard loss.

A pass-interference penalty left FDU inches from Marist's goal line. Munns then squeaked past Marist's defenders, leaving Marist 19 seconds away from inevitable defeat.

FDU's Craig Cicardo completed 11 of 18 passes for 126 yards and Munns added 64 yards on the ground.

Keenan, who was named to the ECAC weekly honor roll, led both teams with 21 tackles, while Brian Cesca and Joe Hagan each added 10 for Marist.

Malet praised Keenan both on and off the field. "Chris has done an excellent job all year long for us and not only on the football field," he said. "He is a great captain."

The two teams combined for a total of 204 yards in penalties including FDU's Eric Veres being ejected for pushing the referee and a bench-clearing fight late in the game.

Marist's running Brennans redefine 'brotherly love'

By Paul Kelly

In an upstairs room in Townhouse C-5, Steve and Kevin Brennan are discussing a muffler cap attachment for Steve's MG sports car. Initially, the banter is docile.

Steve brushes aside younger brother Kevin's suggestion that the muffler cap should be placed on the MG. Kevin, fervently reading an auto manual, persists. After an increasingly heated exchange, the conversation ends.

Welcome to fraternal challenges, Brennan-style.

The Brennan brothers, senior Steve and freshman Kevin, have

Rain prevents

X-C from racing

Poor traveling conditions caused by heavy rain and snow forced the Marist College men's and women's cross country teams to skip the Hunter College Invitational Sunday in the Bronx's Van Cortlandt Park.

The men's team will travel Saturday to Rochester to face Colgate and host University of Rochester. Marist lost to Colgate 23-33 three weeks ago at Colgate.

brought their continuing clashes, playful and heated, to the Marist College cross country team this season.

The result? Good tidings for the Marist cross country program. Eighteen-year-old Kevin has been the second Marist finisher in two of three races and 21-year-old Steve was second, third and fifth man.

The competition between the brothers began in the Brennan's Mount Kisco, N.Y. household. While Steve was earning All-County cross country honors during his senior year at John F. Kennedy High School in Somers, N.Y., Kevin began running on the freshman team.

As Steve continued his career at Marist, Kevin began to carve his own niche in J.F.K. cross country annals. He earned All-County and All-Section One honors, and immediately the conflict began.

"During high school, he knew all my PR's (personal records) and I knew mine," said Steve. "We always compared times to see who was better."

Even Steve and Kevin's parents got involved. "As soon as I'd come back from a race I'd check my newspaper clippings," said Kevin. "Mom and Dad would be laughing."

Kevin arrived at Marist this season in questionable shape yet still finished his first race as the Red Foxes' second man. Steve, who trained diligently all summer, was third.

You can bet Charlie and Diane Brennan were laughing in Mount Kisco.

"Kevin called to tell about the race," said Steve. "I'm the last to call because I don't want to talk. It's good fun, nothing serious."

FDU hands netters first defeat

By Don Reardon

The Marist College women's tennis team split two matches last week defeating Western Connecticut State Monday, and falling to Fairleigh Dickinson on Friday.

The netters serve off against Fairfield and Vassar at home this week and travel to Bridgeport Friday.

"Psychologically, the girls didn't seem like they were up for Friday's match as much as Monday's," said Coach Terry Jackrel.

"F.D.U. is probably at or near the top of our conference, so we didn't do that poorly," she said. "We'll take them next time."

His younger brother's success hasn't ruffled Steve. "Right now he's kicking my ass pretty much," said Steve. "I thought it would bother me more because I was training and he wasn't but my enthusiasm for him overtook my anguish."

Kevin laughed. "We're closer because we feel the same pain and the same workouts," said Kevin. "We share everything."

However, the brothers didn't

laugh when discussing mutual criticism. "Sometimes I'd get on his case because he ran a bad..." said Steve. "I never f---ed up in high school," said Kevin.

"You never f---ed up in high school?" said Steve, his voice raised a few decibels. "No, I might have been sick but I didn't run bad," retorted Kevin.

Steve shook his head in amazement. The Brennans were at it again.

For the lady aces the next time will be October 17, at the E.C.A.C. Metro Conference tournament at St. Francis of Pennsylvania.

Despite the F.D.U. loss, Jackrel commended the winning efforts of sophomore Jennifer Nacif and freshman phenom Deidre Higgins.

"Deidre and Jennifer each won their matches quite easily. Their level of play has improved with each game," said Jackrel.

Jackrel said the squad hasn't been able to put in adequate court time due to foul weather.

"Playing indoors on the McCann surface is just not realistic," she said.

Coach Jackrel also said team captain Joelle Stephenson's play has been diminished by a recent hernia operation.

"Joelle normally has an excellent serve; unfortunately in one of her games she stretched the scar, thus she's been playing with pain."

Stephenson echoed Jackrel's sentiments.

"The scar is inflamed," she said. "I cannot run quite as well as I'm used to, but I should be O.K. in time for the tournament — I hope."

Jackrel said despite Stephenson's condition, she continues to be a dominant player on the local circuit.