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Relocation of office protested

by Shelly Miller

The Marist Special Services Program is unable to give students adequate service because of its new location, according to Diane Perreira, director of special services.

"It's a terrible inconvenience. I don't think our needs are being met," Perreira said.

The program, which provides tutoring and counseling services for students with physical and learning disabilities, was moved to the former Health Services office in Champagnat on Dec. 3 to make room for a new faculty and staff dining room.

Perreira and Special Services Counselor William Brinnier said the main problem with the new location is lack of space. This limits privacy and confidentiality for students, as well as limiting the number of students who can occupy the office at a given time.

Deborah Bell, assistant dean of student affairs, said she agrees that the new location provides inadequate space. Bell said she is working with Gerard Cox, vice president for student affairs, but added that she does not expect a change in the near future.

"It's really a dead end issue because of the unavailable space on campus," said Bell. "I would recommend Special Services being moved if any available space came up."

Cox was unavailable for comment.

Several Special Services students have expressed unhappiness with the move.

Graduate student Don Partridge, a Special Services student from Poughkeepsie, started a petition in early December criticizing the new location.

"It's a good cause I'm standing up for and I plan on taking as many steps as possible," said Partridge.



Junior Ray Ruckel "squeezes" his way into the Office of Special Services. (photo by Marc Marano)

tridge. "I see great value in this program. It's been a great support for me."

According to Perreira, the lack of privacy in the new office hinders her ability to make students feel comfortable.

"A lot of those students are very conscious of how other people see them," said Perreira. "They need privacy and I can't, with a whole lot of comfort, make that guarantee."

She added that the office is too small for its students. "If a wheelchair student comes in the office, nobody else can come in," she said. "There's just no place to move."

The lack of space is also dangerous to visually impaired students, she said.

Perreira said she fears losing students because the program will not be able to work with them as effectively.

"Most students felt the move was a slap in the face," said Perreira. "I'm afraid the new students coming in won't have the advantages available to them that students did before the move."

Senior Jonathon Kiselik, a Special Services student from Livingston, N.J., said he agrees that the new location of the program

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Secretaries unionize; Negotiations continue

by Denise Wilsey

Negotiating teams for the Marist administration and the newly unionized Secretarial Clerical Association will resume their long-stalled negotiations in early February, according to representatives of both groups.

Negotiations were temporarily suspended after the SCA voted on Dec. 17 to affiliate with the Communication Workers Association, Local 1120, just four days after Vassar secretaries also elected to affiliate with the national union.

The Marist secretaries have been working without a contract since July 1 of last year.

The vote for unionization was 55 to 15. The SCA has a total membership of about 80, according to SCA leaders.

The five-member SCA negotiating team had notified all SCA members two weeks prior to the affiliation that a vote was to take place. Absentee ballots were made available for those who could not attend the evening meeting Dec. 17.

The vote came immediately after a three- or four-day attempt by the administration to prevent the affiliation. From Dec. 13 through Dec. 17 a series of meetings were held between administration officials and SCA members.

Administrative actions included a "twelfth-hour proposal" on Dec. 13 presented by John Lahey, executive vice president, to be withdrawn at 5 p.m. that day, small group meetings with cabinet members and various SCA members, and a mandatory meeting Dec. 17 with President Dennis Murray, cabinet members and all SCA members, both part-time and full-time employees.

The proposal from Lahey would have given the SCA its salary request but called for the secretaries to agree not to unionize for two years.

Galleher said the SCA members believed unionization would enhance the group's negotiating position.

"The longer negotiations continue, the increasingly adamant we become about fairness in wages and benefits and administration is increasingly more difficult to bargain with. It had just gone too far. We felt a lack of respect and power," Galleher said.

In speaking for the administration, Anthony Cernera, acting president for college advancement, said: "We accept their decision. They have the right to affiliate and we do not challenge that right. We look forward to working with the

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Police probe student reports of missing mail

by Paul Raynis

Even with the questioning of several Marist students and the reported sighting of two students near a number of open mailboxes over the winter intersession, Town of Poughkeepsie detectives say they are still going nowhere in their search for missing mail.

The investigation, led by Town of Poughkeepsie detectives, began in early January when a Marist student reported mail and money missing from her key-lock box in the Champagnat Hall basement.

Since then, three other missing-mail claims have been made.

Less than two weeks later, at 2 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16, a Marist security guard found approximately 10 combination boxes open as he patrolled the Campus Center mail area. Nearby were two Marist students.

According to Joseph Waters, director of safety and security, the guard, Al D'Alessandro, asked the students for identification. They complied, and were allowed to leave. D'Alessandro then contacted Supervisor Dennis McConologe.

McConologe contacted the Resident Director on duty, Cham-

pagnat Hall R.D. David Yozzi. D'Alessandro, McConologe and Yozzi then went to the students' separate rooms in Champagnat Hall, and according to Yozzi, both said they knew nothing about the open mail boxes.

The initial investigation in early January was headed by Paul LeCompte of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police. After the Jan. 16 incident, Town of Poughkeepsie detective Jim Hamburger took over.

Hamburger said his investigation has brought no leads, just more question as to whether mail is being stolen at all.

The boxes of the four students who have reported missing mail, he said, are all in different areas around the Campus Center post office. Thus, he said, he finds the odds of a person or group of persons being responsible for the thefts very unlikely. Even more convincing, he said, is that there were no cases of tampering or forced entry on the reported boxes.

In some cases, Hamburger said, it seems to be a simple case of the mail never reaching Marist. One

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City man arrested in safe theft; police seek second suspect

by Len Johnson

A City of Poughkeepsie resident was arrested last week in connection with the theft of a safe from the college activities office on Oct. 28, and a second suspect is under investigation, according to Town of Poughkeepsie Police Detective David Howard.

James Miller, 40, of 94 Garden St., was arrested on Jan. 23 and charged with third-degree burglary and third-degree grand larceny, both felonies. He is being held at the Dutchess County Jail in lieu of \$1000 bail.

Police would not identify the other suspect.

The theft took place between 12:40 and 8:20 a.m. on Oct. 28 in the Campus Center office of Teresa Manzi, assistant director of college activities.

The safe contained approximately \$1,000, as well as keys to classrooms and Campus Center offices, according to Betty Yeaglin, director of college activities.

Police recovered the safe two weeks later at an undisclosed location. Its door and contents were not found.

No money was recovered at the

time of arrest, Howard said.

Howard said the other suspect was not a Marist student or staff member. "I know that no students were involved in the theft, nor was anyone presently or then working for the college," he said.

Howard said that because the thieves apparently knew where the safe was, he has not ruled out the possibility that someone familiar with the Campus Center building may have been involved.

The second suspect, he said, has been difficult to find because he has been out of town for some time.

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appropriate (representative) people in a constructive and positive fashion."

SCA members had been considering the option of affiliation with an outside union for at least four years but seriously started looking at specific unions in October, Galleher said.

The vote was made after 31 weeks of unsuccessful negotiations with the administration. The last seven weeks of active negotiations included a requested federal mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Albany.

Prior to its affiliation with the national union, the SCA had been officially recognized by the National Labor Relations Board as an in-house union, according to Elizabeth Jaycox, elected chairperson of the SCA and secretary in the Division of Science.

The clerical workers are not the first Marist group to affiliate with an outside union. Maintenance and dining hall workers are members of the Local 200 General Service Employees Union, AFL-CIO.

The administration's two year salary offer that included the no-unionization clause would have given secretaries for the first year an increase of 4.5 percent retroactive to July 1 and then an additional 4.5 percent from Jan. 1, 1985 to June 30. The increase for the second year would be 4 percent on July 1, with a second 4 percent added on Jan. 1, 1987.

In addition, the administration offered to do a salary survey of secretarial levels.

"We agree that the offer was what we had wanted in terms of money. But money is not the only issue here. We didn't think that we were being taken seriously and we felt with an outside union behind us we would have more power," Galleher said.

Cerera would not comment on why the financial terms of the "twelfth-hour proposal," were not offered earlier in negotiations.

According to Jaycox, SCA members have seen a history of difficulties in negotiating with the administration for salaries and the SCA members no longer trust the administration because officials do not respect the SCA as a group.

"If there had been any problems of mistrust in the past, we hope to start improving communications and trust on campus," Cerera said.

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student, he said, claimed to have been missing mail when in fact it either hadn't been sent or the sender hadn't made notice of how long the mail would take to get here from abroad.

As for the two students sighted near open boxes, Hamburger said there's simply nothing that points to their involvement other than the fact that they were seen somewhere near the boxes. Hamburger also pointed to an inconsistent witness account of the sighting as a major drawback in pursuing the incident any further.

"All we know now is that we've been told by students that they're missing mail," he said. "Nothing at this point suggests that mail is being stolen from the Marist campus post boxes."

Hamburger said the investigation will continue.

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will prevent it from functioning as effectively as it has in the past.

"The program has grown in the few years I've been here," said Kiselik. "However, due to the location, we're now back to where we were four years ago."



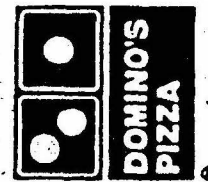
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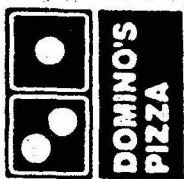
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Alumni director wants open door

by Sue Hermans

The new director of alumni affairs wants to see a relationship develop between current students and Marist alumni.

Susan Rexer, who filled the position vacated by Bryan Maloney in October, said her door is always open to undergraduate students who want to discuss specific career ideas with Marist grads already in the field. She added that one of the functions of the alumni office and the alumni chapters in New York, Boston and Philadelphia is job networking.

Before coming to Marist, Rexer, 28, was information officer for the Minnesota Department of Education for three years. She served as assistant editor for the MDE monthly newspaper, coordinated the internal communications program and organized a variety of events.

Rexer said she hopes to sponsor enough events throughout the year so there is something to appeal to every alumni. She plans to introduce more cultural and educational events to complement the sporting events which are held now.

She also wants to get new groups of alumni involved with the college, especially women.

The alumni chapters located

around the country serve mainly as social organizations for the Marist graduates involved, Rexer explained, but their existence is of real benefit to the college.

"We want the alumni to stay involved and interested because any success to those grads is a success to the school," Rexer said. "A group that is successful adds to the prestige of the college and its appeal to the community."

Although Rexer took the position Jan. 2 and is still feeling her way around, she said she feels right for the position. She is able to get along with all types of people, a necessary ingredient for success in such a people-oriented job, she said.

Maloney was alumni director for six years before taking a similar post at Manhattan College last fall.

Prior to working for MDE, Rexer was a news assistant for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune. She also worked as a radio news reporter and a television production assistant.

She graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth with a degree in communication and political science.

Rexer lives with her husband and three dogs in Hyde Park.



Susan Rexer

Roommates remember Butera

by Christine Petrillo

Anthony Butera's roommates remember him as a bright kid who loved school.

Both were with Butera when he was involved over winter vacation in an auto accident that later claimed his life.

"He was very involved in intramurals and clubs and activities," said roommate Mike Nolan, of Farmingdale, L.I.

"He was a big supporter of Marist basketball and went to most away games this season," said his other roommate, John Miller, of Bullville, N.Y. "He was an easy going guy and easy to live with. We're really going to miss him."

Butera, a 19-year-old sophomore majoring in computer science at Marist, died Jan. 13 after spending two weeks in the hospital. Butera, also of Farmingdale, was heading for a day of street hockey games with Nolan, Miller and other friends on Jan. 31 when the accident occurred.

Nolan and Miller, both 19, were with Butera in the car at the time of the accident.

"Tony and Mike had just picked me up," Miller said. "As we were pulling out of the driveway onto a major road, a car hit us on the driver side door where Tony was. The car was knocked across the road."

The three were taken to different hospitals, and Miller and Nolan were released within two days. Butera was listed as semi-conscious and remained in the intensive care unit at Nassau County Medical Center. He suffered broken ribs and a collapsed lung. Part of his other lung had been removed as well as his spleen.

Butera remained on a respirator until the Saturday before he died. At that time, he was placed on an oxygen mask. His roommates remember him being conscious the entire time.

"He could speak to us some days and other times he would write things down," Nolan said.

Miller said the cause of death was unclear, but that it was probably due to the lung that collapsed and an abscess that developed.

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Ryan plans busy semester for new CSL

by Gina Disanza

Restructuring the Student Academic Committee and Judicial Board, finalizing the financial readjustment plan for housing, and studying the attitudes of the Marist community are among the plans for the Council of Student Leaders this semester, said President Suzanne Ryan.

Since the resignation of Student Academic Committee Chairperson Patricia Clarke, the committee has been run by junior Amy Price and senior Robin Little, with Price as acting chairperson and Little serving as Academic Affairs Committee representative. The two will continue in these positions until students elect new CSL Officers in March, said Ryan. She added that the SAC is looking for represen-

tatives from each major to complete the restructuring of the committee.

Ryan said that there will be a task force, headed by Judicial Board Chairperson Todd Wysocki, to modify and reassess the Judicial Board and alleviate the confusion which currently surrounds its proceedings.

Additionally, Ryan said she hopes to finalize the financial readjustment proposal for students who were inconvenienced by housing problems last semester.

"Basically, it (the proposal) fell apart," she said. "It lost speed and did not get to the administration fast enough, so now they are unclear on it."

Another CSL plan for the semester is to conduct a study to determine what motivates the student body.

"Everyone can hold pizza parties and socials, but I don't know if that's what the students really want," Ryan said. "Times change and attitudes change, so if we can find out what the students care about, we can do our job better." She added that she would like to see increased attendance at the weekly CSL meetings, which are held on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in CC-269, so students can address the council personally on what they feel to be important issues.

Ryan also said that Dean's Convocation Day, scheduled tentatively for Tuesday, April 15, will be much different than Convocation days of the past.

"It will be called Students' Day this year, and it will be a day devoted to careers and career development," she said. "The day will not be a holistic world view as

it has been in the past, but instead it will be a hands-on, career-oriented workshop."

Ryan also said that the process for electing next year's officers is scheduled to begin with petitioning on March 3. Campaigning is tentatively set for the week of March 17, with a candidate forum on March 24. Elections are planned for March 25 and 26.

Ryan said that in looking back on her first semester as CSL President, she feels she was successful.

"I didn't meet all my goals, but that does not mean I'm abandoning them," she said. "I did accomplish a lot in a short period of time, and since it's not the end of the year yet, I still look to make future strides for the student body. I want to remain an agent of change at Marist."

Marist alumnus can write his own future

Editor's note: Marist's 8,300 alumni represent a diverse group of men and women. This week marks the beginning of a new Circle series that looks at some Marist graduates and the paths their lives and careers have taken since leaving campus. Some of the people to be featured here have gone on to success in business; others have made careers in social services, the media and elsewhere. They come from a variety of classes and majors. Collectively, what they have in common is Marist — and their own interesting stories.

by Sue Hermans

Larry Striegel loved baseball so much as a boy that he went to Shea Stadium every day. As he watched the game, he thought about how to get into the stadium every day for free.

"I knew I couldn't be a player, and I didn't know about umpires," said Striegel, 28. "I didn't want to be a grounds keeper or a peanut seller, so I decided the only thing left was to become a sportswriter."

Striegel, a 1979 Marist grad, didn't fulfill his early ambition to hang out in the dugout, but he did pursue his interest in journalism. He is now a reporter for the Poughkeepsie Journal.

But his route from the childhood

dream of being a reporter to the reality of deadlines, editors and a desk in the news room was not a direct one. Among the paths Striegel followed after college were volunteer work in rural Georgia, a summer in Ireland and a stay with

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a group of priests and brothers in Appalachia and the deep South while he himself prepared to become a priest or a brother.

Striegel interned at the Associated Press in New York for two semesters during his junior year at Marist. He often tagged along with the more experienced reporters and said that the internship was excellent training.

Striegel began working full time at the AP two days after graduation in May 1979. But the pressures of working a New York City beat began to take a toll and he found himself questioning his choice of a career. In September 1981 he left his position as night city editor at the AP, and moved to Georgia to live with a priest.

It was community work in a town of 6,000. For eight months he

refereed kids' football games, taught reading to the retarded, organized fund raising drives for the poor, and wrote for the local weekly paper.

He spent the following summer hitchhiking throughout Ireland with a friend and decided in the fall to live with the Glenmary Home Missioners, a group of about 100 priests and brothers in Ohio who perform their missionary work in the rural South where there are few Catholics. He also began working toward a degree in religious studies at the University of Dayton. But Striegel never stopped writing — he wrote for the campus paper, the Flyer News. "I couldn't get away from newspapers," he admitted.

In the summer of 1983, Striegel began working as a copy editor for the Dayton Daily News. It was a difficult summer for him, he said, and at the end of it he decided to leave Glenmary and return to journalism full time.

He had just completed his master's degree at Ohio State University in August 1985 and was looking for work when Mimi McAndrew, city editor at the Poughkeepsie Journal, called with a job offer. McAndrew was Striegel's journalism professor at Marist. "She was a good teacher, and it seemed like it would be in-

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Larry Striegel

A new look

With the start of the spring semester the Circle staff has taken our own advice. We have looked back. And we now look forward.

We are proud of our accomplishments last semester in reporting the news as accurately, fairly and as timely as possible. Still, we will strive to maintain that quality and to further develop the paper in other aspects.

We have started with design changes to update the paper cosmetically.

But, as usual, there is more to it than meets the eye.

The changes are illustrative of the newfound perspective, innovation and spirit we've developed.

A new look brings with it a new opportunity to keep moving in the right direction. A fresh view of the paper and the Marist community will enable us to better define our job and to continue to do it well.

We are proud of our initial changes and look forward to a challenging semester.

We hope you will like the changes too.

Room for changes

In early November, President Dennis Murray said that although space on the first floor of the Campus Center will be used for a faculty dining room, students will benefit from the current renovation and reassignment of campus offices. No doubt, the formation of the Personal Development Center was a positive move.

But trying to squeeze Special Services into Health Services' old office was not.

Last week a petition was being circulated to protest the drastic cut in the space and to request the office be moved to a more appropriate location.

Special Services is currently forced to deal with lack of sufficient space for disabled students who can not even turn their wheelchairs around in the office, noise distractions from dorm activities and complications in maintaining confidentiality in the small office.

Murray said in November that the installation of the faculty dining room is "in the best interest of the campus." Were there no alternative locations to consider? Would not locating the dining room in the basement of Fontaine and allowing room in the Campus Center for Special Services be a better option?

Special Services is not the only group on campus that says it needs space. Student leaders say they are concerned about a significant need for more club and activity space.

In addressing the student government leaders and club presidents at a meeting last week, Cox said he understands that the students need more than just classroom and dormitory space.

However possible plans to open more space up for students seem hinged upon the completion of the Lowell Thomas Communications Center. Cox said that space in the basement of the building might be used for music rooms, for example.

But some student leaders believe that the right to claim space in the Campus Center should have never been taken away from the students to begin with.

After finding out about the plans for the faculty dining room, Chuck Hall, president of the Emergency Medical Service on campus, sent a formal letter to Cox (signed by other student leaders) requesting space in the Campus Center for student use.

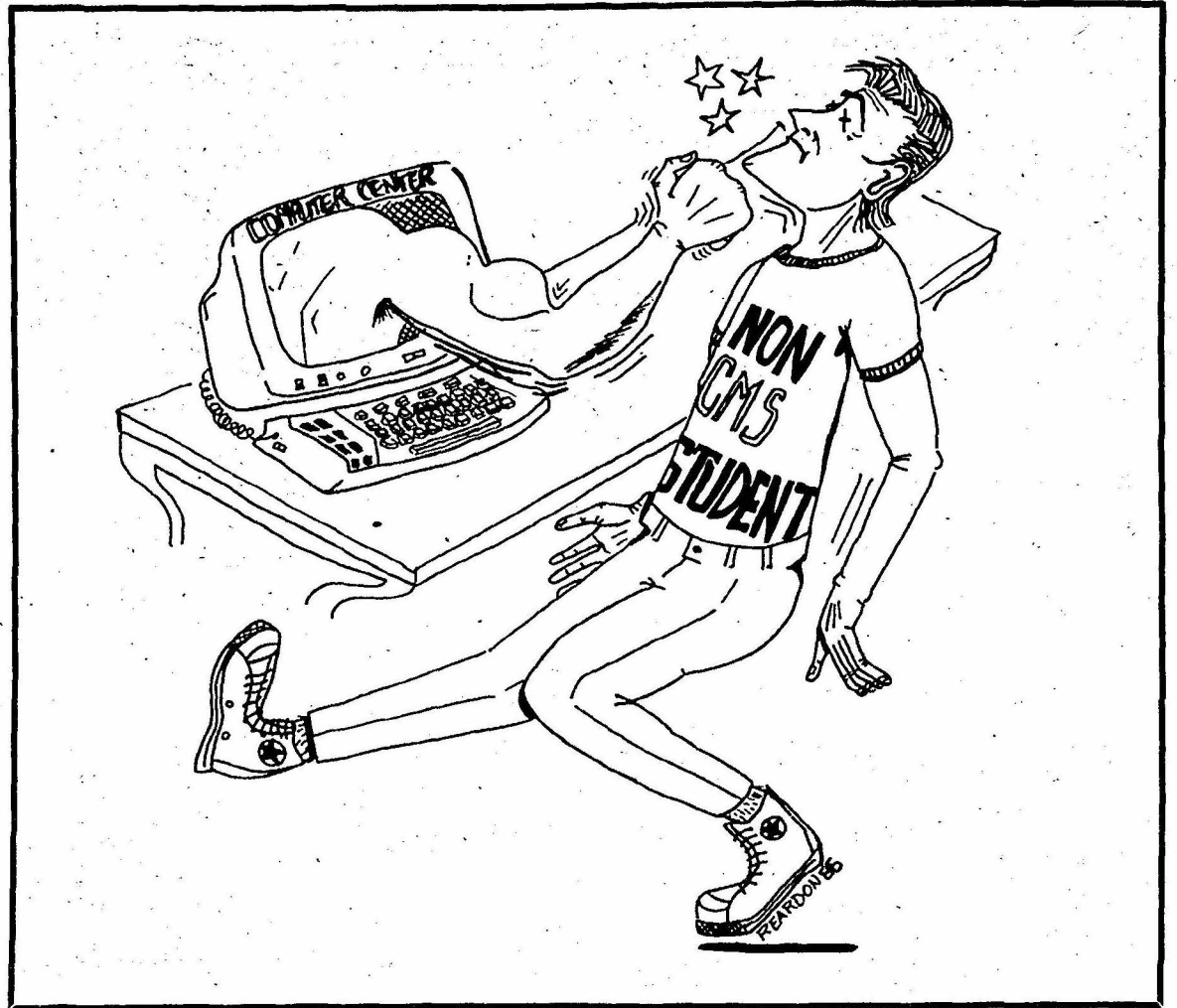
While Murray had said earlier in the year that the installation of the new faculty dining room would allow the students to have sole use of the Candlelight room in the cafeteria, this is no great gain for the students. Clubs and activities have already been using that room for some time now.

Cox also said at the meeting that he is trying to free up classrooms 248 and 248A in the Campus Center for student lectures, meetings and activities.

The administrative decision to install the new faculty dining room in the Campus Center has been made. Or so it seems. But the seemingly lack of concern for student input has aroused questions from the students. Once again the need for communication between student affairs administration and the students has surfaced.

Cox has agreed to address the student leaders regularly at club presidents meetings on any issues of student concern. This should allow the representative students to get answers for their questions, as well as give input on future issues.

However, while there seems to be room for change with student-administration communication, Special Services' still need both room and change. What will be done about this?



the real world

Reagan is a wimp

by Carl MacGowan

First off, a lot of people have been asking me about Donald Manes and Bernard Goetz. I have no idea why. With Manes, I couldn't care much less. Whether it's a scandal, a tragedy or a case of media hype, it shouldn't be a surprise. That's New York City.

As for the murder charges against Goetz being dropped: To tell you the truth, I care even less than I do about the Manes affair. As somebody has pointed out, it is deliciously ironic that Goetz has benefited greatly from the same Byzantine judicial incompetence that he was railing against in the first place.

Sanctions? Is that all Ronald Reagan can come up with to take care of Muammar Kaddafi?? Sanctions and maneuvers off the coast of Libya?

Whatever happened to the Ronald Reagan of old, the Reagan of 1980, the one who wasn't going to let America get kicked around anymore by a bunch of Arabian ***** and cowardly terrorists? Oh, sure, he talks tough, but it just amounts to name-calling. He called Kaddafi "irrational" and "flaky." If I were Muammar, I would be shaking in my boots.

The fact is, terrorists like Kaddafi are still in control. The U.S. pulled off that mid-air interception of the Achille Lauro gang, and Reagan said that would teach terrorists a lesson. So what happens? Two months later, a couple more Americans get shot in an airport!

Abu Nidal — who is this guy? Never mind. Just send a hit squad

for his head!

We've got to take a hard line against these thugs. We're dealing with a guy who can't even spell his own name! He doesn't know whether it's Kaddafi, Quaddafi, Khadaffi, or Smith. And we can't even find the guts to smash his puny little country to bits.

Two years ago, we managed to find a worthy opponent just our size. So we pulled off a stupendous military victory over Grenada. Well, now it's time to move up a notch and do some serious butt-kicking. Like the song says: "... to the shores of Tripoli!"

But good-old Ronnie Reagan is so concerned about the Americans left over in Libya. He doesn't want them to get hurt during an invasion. Isn't that nice? Well, I say, being arrested for sedition isn't good enough for them: If they want to be Libyans, let them die like Libyans! Same goes for the Europeans over there. No sense holding up a good bloodbath on account of some traitors! Send the troops tomorrow!

And this goes for the rest of the mid-east, too. The fact is, those seven Americans held in Beirut have all been hostages longer than the 444 days the Iranian hostages were in Tehran. One of the seven has been reported to have been killed. What is Ronald Reagan doing about it? Nothing! Unless he's doing something like his South African constructive engagement.

Let's face it, once and for all: Ronald Reagan is a wimp. Pure and simple. No better than Walter Mondale. He's a lily-livered, yellow-bellied, ferret-faced, thin-skinned, bleeding-heart, turn-the-

other-check, inky-binky, dippy-doodle, quiche-eating, hyphen-mongering, no-good, cold-footed, flower-sniffing wimp. And his limousine is probably made in Japan.

This country was founded on strong men making strong decisions and sticking by them. This is the land of Teddy Roosevelt, for God's sake! Now here's Ronald Reagan, too scared to attack Nicaragua, or Lebanon, or Afghanistan, or Angola. Not man enough to turn Libya into a parking lot, which the world could always use a few more of. No wonder so many of our young boys idolize this Madonna character!

What this country needs, what this country demands, is a president who's not afraid to put his words into action. Who isn't content to scratch his nose, get his ass examined, and wave to the cameras. We've had enough of that. It's time for the main event.

Forget the anticipated casualties, innocent civilians — innocent civilians, my foot. I've seen many civilians, but I ain't seen an innocent one yet! What's more important, anyway? Our national pride or a few dozen Arabs decomposing in the Sahara?

We need a leader who's not afraid to use his military — the finest group of professionals in the world, no matter what anybody tells you — to show the world who's boss; who's willing to sacrifice a few of his own in order to save America's heritage; who doesn't think twice about using force in a desperate situation. We want a real man!

Bring back Jimmy Carter!!!

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The great American disease: Amnesia

by John Anderson

Remember a couple of months ago, people were starving to death in Ethiopia? Well, guess what? They are still starving. But that doesn't matter anymore because apartheid seems to be the hip issue now. Everyone seems to have jumped off the Ethiopian bandwagon and caught the last train to South Africa.

Remember when the Marines went to Lebanon? Yeah, we were going to solve all of their problems too. That is, until 175 (or was it 178) of them were killed. We all know who Leon Klinghoffer was,

but I doubt anyone can name one Marine who was killed. Now *that* was a hot issue — for about a week.

Live Aid, Farm Aid, Concerts for the People of Kampuchea (where?), No Nukes, and the Concert for the Peoples of Bangladesh were all pretty noble gestures. Granted, they raised millions of dollars and saved millions of lives. I applaud them. But, so what? Now they are forgotten issues. At the time, they were *hot*. People couldn't get enough of it. But given time, they all faded into obscurity.

And why is this? Why does this happen? It is because people forget

too easily (although we don't like to admit it). It is because we have turned into problem chasers. Once a problem appears to be too overwhelming, we go on to the next. It's the United States to the rescue! Hey, sorry all you starving people in Ethiopia, human rights are being violated. Catch you on the flip-flop, or when public opinion is in your favor again. But hey, you can't expect us to stay on the same issue for too long....it gets boring. Who knows? Six months from now apartheid may be forgotten. Those are the breaks in a problem world.

No. Those are *not* the breaks. There is no reason why a problem shouldn't be solved, that is, if we

just stick with it long enough. If Apartheid is the issue now, then so be it. Six months from now I don't want to hear people say, "Oh yeah, apartheid, that was in South Africa, right?" Let's not forget the issue for once. Go ahead. Be hip. Wear your red arm bands....Just don't forget why you're wearing them.

Now I can think of many issues that should take precedent over South Africa. How about our own oppressed? The American Indian. Don't tell me they have a fair shot at the American Dream. They don't. Have you ever seen a reservation? I doubt it. What about *our* homeless in the streets? Right here

in Poughkeepsie. And what about *our* starving? — where? — in Appalachia, in New York City. If you look hard enough, you will find them.

I'm sorry. It's selfish of me to want to solve the problems in our own home first. I know. It is our duty as a God-fearing nation to be the good guys of the world. Well then, let's do it. Let's go out there and solve the problems of the world. But before we do, let's find a cure for a disease that plagues everyone in the United States — amnesia.

John P. Anderson is a communication arts professor here at Marist.

Debate on USSR: A writer's response

Editor's note: The following letter was received by Dr. Casimir Norkeliunas from New York Times writer David Shipler. It is a response to a letter written by Dr. Norkeliunas. A copy of that letter appeared in *The Circle* Dec. 12. Dear C. Norkeliunas:

Thank you for your letter of Nov. 11. You're quite right that I should have made the point explicitly that ethnic Russians account for only about half the Soviet population, and I regret not having done so. Of course, I did so repeatedly in my reporting from Moscow and in my book, *RUSSIA: BROKEN IDOLS, SOLEMN DREAMS*. But that is no excuse for having neglected that important fact in my magazine article.

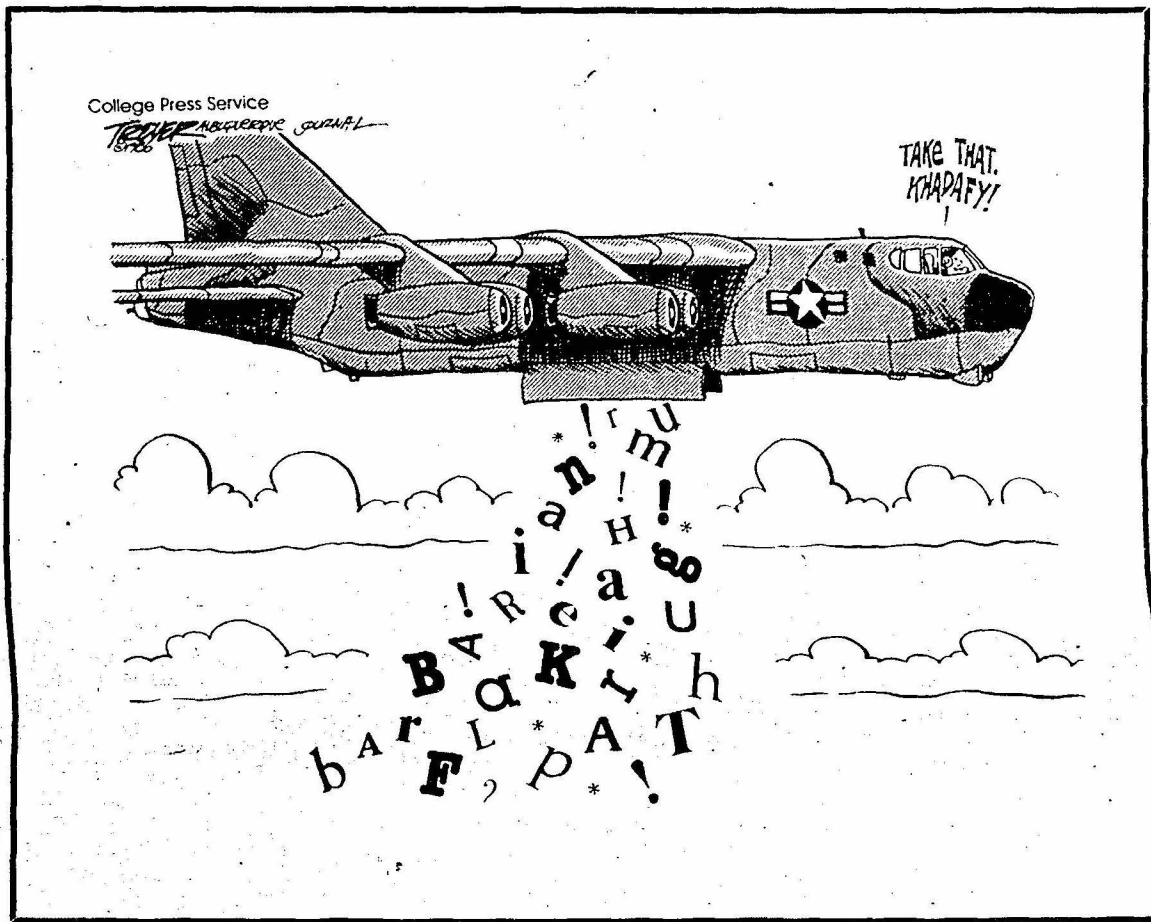
As for the convention of using "Russians" to refer to Soviet citizens, that is a matter of New York Times style, which follows the colloquial usage in the United States. Usually, where ethnicity is an issue, we try to make the situation clear. But I am afraid that

given the way the American tongue works, we are all stuck with the term, with all its fuzziness and inaccuracy.

I'm not sure that either you or I can be very categorical about what the majority of Soviet citizens would do if there were free elections. And unfortunately, we are not about to find out. But I do think you engage in your own stereotyping — not maliciously, to be sure — when you assume that the majority would vote the Communists out of office. I think that you underestimate the enormous degree of political change that has taken place in the last 45 years. But that, as I tried to make clear in the article, is only my impression from four years of living there. (You also exaggerate the importance of Islamic fundamentalism inside the Soviet Union, in my opinion.) But everyone is entitled to his view, and I think you're as wrong as you think I am.

Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,
David K. Shipler



Liberal arts and the real world

by Albert Stridsberg

For several decades, undergraduates have shown a preference for taking so-called "real-life" or practical courses, rather than the classic liberal arts subjects. Not only do they choose to "major" or "minor" in such subjects, they attempt to take as many of them as early as possible in the college sequence, delaying or actually avoiding the basic subjects.

Paradoxically, these students report that:

(1) The real-world information is confusing, ambiguous, ambivalent, and...above all, too abundant for them to follow. Access to newly emerged computer data-bases compounds this problem.

(2) Many of these students expect to learn the routines and procedures of the "practical" disciplines by rote. They are shocked and resentful when they discover that — because of the rapid generation of new information and new concepts (frequently adapted, with a slight lag, from the classic regimens) — they are expected to assemble, for themselves, the deck of intellectual structures required. This, of course, is normal in real-life situations.

(3) The information explosion is obviously an element which compounds their problem, as it does that of anyone teaching at the college level.

(4) Computer technology and data-base proliferation should make more knowledge available to them, in more concise forms. It does not appear to do so, because:

(a) As indicated by poor vocabularies, imprecise spelling (a sure indication that they do not know the real meanings of the words they attempt to use), and poor grammar, many of them are not capable of precise thought. (Their visualizing abilities, in the creative sense, seem equally limited.)

'It is a poorly kept secret that the current academic product (students) is increasingly rejected by the real world.'

(b) They do not understand presentations of business and communications theory, because they have not been properly exposed to classical theories derived from the liberal arts, upon which practically all business and scientific concepts are based. Hence, they have difficulty perceiving in any real depth the significance of the "real-world" material.

Popularization of basic ideas in various instant-management volumes (best-sellers like "In Search of Excellence") play some role in bridging this gap, but encourage conceptual faddism and, yet again, imprecisely employed jargon.

(5) Many students have been taught, on the secondary level, to look for the *one right way* to do things, which they expect to play

back like parrots. This has led to their remarkable intolerance toward alternative approaches. Their reliance (insistence) on demonstrating rote learning as a measure of their abilities, and their rejection of well-documented techniques of creative thinking.

Meanwhile, it is a poorly-kept secret that the current academic product (students) is increasingly rejected by the real-world, be it political, economic, business, or scientific, because of (a) inadequate preparation, (b) poor training in reasoning skills, and (c) what might be described as a basic disorientation in their values.

This is clear in two recently reported trends: (a) the search by such organizations for students with thorough liberal arts grounding, as opposed to a repertoire of rote-learned business/technology courses. (b) the effort, by these business and governmental organizations to take over, on the graduate level, the responsibility for training such new employees — effectively taking the job of real-life exposure out of the hands of conventional colleges and graduate schools.

(It is common knowledge that the larger advertising agencies, media organizations, and big corporations are seeking English, History, and foreign-language majors whom they can train in terms of their direct needs, rather than re-training fuzzy-thinking technically-educated applicants whose heads are stuffed with obsolescent information and faddist concepts which impede creativity.)

Some of us take refuge in the ivory-tower approach, sticking to our own narrow areas of intellectual specialization. Is this an abdication of our responsibility to establish the relationship between such subjects and an outside world? Others of us, in the attempt to relate to the real world, find ourselves teaching pop courses, trying to entice students to make the connections with the liberal arts context for themselves. All too frequently, it is necessary to retreat to rote learning, for lack of any better means to verify some sort of learning. Is this not also an abdication of responsibility?

Four questions can be raised:

(1) **The issue of holistic knowledge:** Are we so preoccupied with our own "real worlds" (parenthetical-

ly, the world of philosophy is certainly as real as the world of marketing, is it not?) that we do not adequately perceive how the various real-worlds fit together? And hence, are we even in a position to pass along such perceptions to our students?

(2) **The issue of synchronization:** Have we really succeeded in finding adequate ways to make our courses interlock, fitting them together in synergistic patterns which enhance our students' abilities to learn?

(3) **The issue of sequence:** Does a laissez-faire attitude permit students to enroll in so-called

real-life subjects prematurely, before they are mentally prepared to benefit from the information offered in such courses?

To what extent must we ensure (if necessary enforce) a continuing dialogue between classical and practical courses over the four years of undergraduate college?

(4) **The issue of creativity:**

Are we making an adequate effort to encourage and enhance genuine creative thinking in a structured way? Both in specific courses on this subject (not disguised as creative writing, art, or dressmaking), and as formal study units built into the conventional courses?

On this last score, the input of real-world information (whether it be about Nicaragua, advertising for new Campbell's soups, or comparison of alternative word-processing programs) seems to produce startling response from ge-

ninely creative students. It also encourages appreciation of innovation among the less creative, defeating their blind insistence on rote learning and their search for the Only Right Answer. Above all, it encourages the entire community toward greater tolerance of ambiguity, the occasional confusion involved in the incubation of new ideas, and the uses of non-conformity in constructive ways.

Albert Stridsberg teaches advertising at Marist.

Jason and the Scorchers' southern inferno

by Ken Parker

Since their inception, Jason and the Scorchers have been labeled everything from southern rock to country-punk, cow-core to roots-rock.

Guitarist Warner Hodges settled the issue.

"It's just three-chord rock 'n' roll coming from Nashville, Tenn.," he said. "It's real loud and rambunctious."

Fusing the urgency of punk and the aesthetics of country, Jason and the Scorchers have stumbled upon a sound that is uniquely their own. Their authenticity can be attributed to roots founded in the country tradition. As a youngster Hodges travelled with his parents who were session musicians for Johnny Cash and Lefty Frizzell. Drummer Perry Baggs and bassist Jeff Johnson are natives of Nashville.

Playing out the traditional rock 'n' roll storyline, lead singer Jason Ringenberg left his Illinois home, with guitar in hand, in search of a musical career. He met Johnson and Baggs in Nashville,

Hodges was added, and Jason and the Scorchers were formed.

After blazing a trail through the clubs and honky-tonks of the south, the band was signed to Praxis Records, an independent label in Nashville. Their first album, *Fervor* was soon released.

With good press and word-of-mouth spreading like wildfire, the Scorchers soon found themselves

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signing a contract for EMI-America Records. All this in less than five years — a relatively short amount of time for a young band.

In a recent telephone interview, Hodges went on to explain the realities that major label support has brought them.

"There's *definitely* a lot more pressure now. We had to realize that we're now playing hardball."

Hodges said. "We're trying to take radio space from a Bruce Springs-

teen. But on the positive side, it's been a maturing process for us."

Jason and the Scorchers' songwriting strength lies in their versatility. Although Ringenberg's compositions comprise the main thrust, the other members also contribute. In fact, each musician penned at least one song on their EMI-America debut, *Lost and Found*, last year.

"We basically got our record deal from Jason's songwriting skills and our live show," said Hodges.

That live show has made believers out of those who doubted whether the band could match the intensity of their in-studio efforts.

Taking their music one step further, the Scorchers move as if the stage itself was on fire. And just when a song is about to crumble around them, Hodges' guitar brings it back together.

"Our shows are very energetic," said Hodges. "We've headlined most of them rather than work as an opening act. Not a lot of bands will let us get on their stage and do what we do in front of their fans."

In describing the band's quest



Southern rock goes haywire. Left to right Warner Hodges, Perry Baggs, Jason Ringenberg, Jeff Johnson. (photo courtesy of EMI/America)

for success Hodges said, "We're not a one-hit-wonder band. I don't even know if we'll have hits. But right now we've got to break out of this cult-status thing."

Jason and the Scorchers are currently in the studio working on a way to break out of that mold. Their next album is due for a spring release and although Hodges is evasive about specifics concerning the album, he does feel a change of pace may be the result.

"There will be quite a few surprises," said Hodges. "I'm a little scared going into this new album. A lot of new directions will be explored this time around."

From the first note of a Scorchers record it is evident that Nashville and the music the city has produced over the years has made a lasting impression on their craft.

"Here in Nashville everybody either plays guitar, used to, or is going to," Hodges said. "As a guitar player, I've been to Los Angeles and to New York and it's just as competitive here."

"But it's strange, you really don't meet anyone who was born here," he continued. "Most move to Nashville for the business."

So how does a loud rock 'n' roll band fit into a city known for the soft crooning of George Jones and Tammy Wynette?

"At first they ignored us, but now we're sort of the cool thing right now," Hodges said. "I guess it's because we stuck around long enough and they realized we wouldn't go away."

If Jason and the Scorchers can apply that same determination to the rest of the country, success is only a matter of time.

music notes

by Anthony DeBarros

It's that time of year when record companies break their winter silence with a drove of new releases, and artists touch their bags and head for the road. Keep your ears tuned to "Music Notes" for the latest album news, concert tips and rock 'n' roll information. This week:

— **Bob Geldof** and his band, The Boomtown Rats, will have a record out in June. No word as to what label it's going to be on. The Rats parted company with Columbia last year.

— Would you believe that **Black Sabbath** is still around? One time Deep Purple member Glenn Hughes is the new vocalist, and the band's new LP, "Seventh Star," is due out soon. Tony Iommi is the only original member left.

— The new Firm album, "Mean Business," is out and it's hot. Look for the Firm to tour the United States beginning March 15.

— Sorry to report the death of former Thin Lizzy bassist **Phil Lynott**. He passed away on Jan. 4 at the age of 35.

— **Lloyd Cole** and **The Commotions** have sold 165,000 copies of their second LP, "Easy Pieces." That figure is well ahead of sales for their debut album.

— HBO is going to air "Farm Aid" later this year. The cable firm reportedly paid Willie Nelson \$400,000 for rights to the footage.

'The Color Purple'

by Maria Gordon

In "The Color Purple," an adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, Whoopie Goldberg makes an impressive film debut as Celie Robinson, a poor black girl in early 20th century Georgia.

Celie is a victim of her low self esteem and of the men in her life. She always believed what others said about her. She placed more value in others' opinions and lost her freedom of choice.

In the beginning, Celie takes the abuse, but the women she encounters advise her to stand up and fight for herself. She tells her sister Nellie that all she knows is "how to stay alive."

What significance does staying alive have if you have to suffer every minute you live?

As Celie becomes more educated, she hides herself in books from the misery of her life. Sophia, her daughter-in-law, and her beatings in a marriage, or in a family, do not settle deep rooted problems, yet she advises Celie to kill Mister.

The aggressor first gains more

control. "You ought to bash Mister's head open and think about heaven later."

The only way for Celie to be free is without Mister in her life. She cannot walk out, but three times she came close to cutting his throat, only to be stopped.

Shug Avery is Mister's mistress, played by Margaret Avery. She befriends Celie and watches over

reel impressions

her. She sings her a song about sisters. "Life's going to run you around, but nobody can steal your stuff away."

It just lays dormant, however. Other women coax her to break loose and we see the strong independent woman that has been festering for years.

"I might be black...poor...ugly, and a woman, but dear God, I'm here." She won't be torn down again.

"The Color Purple," produced and directed by Steven Spielberg, is a great visual film, but it doesn't fulfill its potential. The beginning tends to drag, and the characters throughout the film are left underdeveloped, especially the females.

We don't angry because Celie doesn't fight, we feel for those who tried and lost.

"The Color Purple" is humorous, and horrifying, portraying the undying will to survive. It is violent, both mentally and physically. It should have been called "The Color Red," because we see Celie bleeding many times, and tempers are always hot.

"The Color Purple" signifies resurrection. Celie died a little every day she lived. It is appropriate that the day she broke away from Mister was Easter Sunday. Celie's belief in God kept her strong.

She knew somehow God would give her strength. The conflicts between men and women; blacks and whites; parents and children; and religion and sin make "The Color Purple" although lacking in intensity, a movie worth seeing.

Begin the beginning...again

by Julia E. Murray

It happens every vacation, especially the long ones. Sure, it was nice to be home, but you were getting a little bored. Even school was starting to look good by comparison. That is, of course, until you remembered all the little rotten things you'll have to do when you get back.

The first stage of your return was packing the car. While you tried to cram a month's worth of clean clothes, 15 Christmas presents and a stereo into the back seat of a Nova, your mother called off a list of things she KNEW you forgot, and your father frisked you for car keys.

The trip was fairly uneventful, but once you got out of the car, you were in for it. While you wanted to go talk to your friends, whom you hadn't seen for four weeks, your parents seemed to be laboring under the ridiculous notion that you were supposed to be helping them unpack the car. For some reason they often get rather vocal about it.

Once the car was unloaded and everything was in your room, you

had to prepare for the momentous task of finding your bed. There are those people who feel that you should put your whole room in order on the first night, but why strain yourself?

You have an entire semester to put things away before you have to pack them all up again. The first few hours back at school should be

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spent talking to your friends and ordering out for pizza.

Unless you had an 8:15 on Tuesday, your first concern was probably financial in nature. Did you have enough money to buy books, or was the bank lobbying rubber checks at you? If you did have to deposit money, and it was in the form of a check, you faced yet another hassle — surviving the first week or two of school with no books or notebooks.

Get ready to borrow sheets of

paper from everyone within a five-desk radius, sit in the back of the classroom so the professor can't see what you aren't writing and, above all, keep your head down.

The surest way to get called on in class is to look like you've already finished taking notes and you're actually listening to the lecture. Before you know it, the teacher will foolishly assume you know what he's talking about.

Of course, in some courses you don't have to worry about not having a book, because the book isn't there to buy. If only a few old copies are available, either make some new friends or prepare to flunk a few quizzes.

If there are no copies of the book available, don't worry about it. Sit back and enjoy. For curiosity's sake, see what lengths the teacher will go to in order to get the books, and preserve not only his sanity, but his syllabus.

All in all, the first week or two of the semester are interesting, to say the least. They are chaotic and frustrating, but they're over with soon enough. Then you have some real fun — the rest of the semester.

this week

FILMS:

The second foreign film to be shown this semester is titled "Winterlight." Directed by Ingmar Bergman, it tells the tale of a hopeless search for love which forces the main character away from human contact. Personally depressed by life's hard knocks, a minister is incapable of consoling and counseling a parishioner and considers suicide as a solution. "Winterlight" will be shown tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in D245. There is no admission charge.

CONCERTS:

Tonight at 8 p.m. the Mid-Hudson Civic Center will present comedian Steven Wright. Known for his deadpan humor, Wright has appeared on the Tonight Show numerous times and will soon write and perform in his first motion picture. Tickets are available by calling 454-5800.

Hailed as "the new Dylan" when he debuted in 1979 with his autobiographical album, *Alive on Arrival*, Steve Forbert will appear at the Towne Crier Cafe in Hopewell Junction tomorrow evening. At press time tickets were still available for the 11:30 p.m. show.

Several more shows have been added to Bill Cosby's stand at Radio City Music Hall. The new dates are: March 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m., March 8 at 2:30 p.m. and March 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25, \$30, \$35 and, in general, too expensive.

Laurie Anderson will bring her performance art to the Beacon Theater on March 2. Tickets go on sale Sunday at Ticketrons.

The March 2 appearance of Marcel Marceau at the Bardavon has been cancelled due to illness.

SPORTS

The women's basketball team will go up against Monmouth College tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the McCann Center. The men's team plays at home against Wagnor, Saturday at 3 p.m. The Culinary Institute of America will oppose the Marist hockey team Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center.

campus america

C.I.A. Probe Convinces Harvard Dean to Resign

Nadav Safran says he'll quit as head of Harvard's Center for Middle Eastern Studies because he had accepted CIA money to hold a conference on Islamic fundamentalism, but hadn't reported the grant.

In all, Safran accepted some \$152,000 in CIA-funds.

Education Groups Join to Condemn Accuracy in Academia

Seven major education groups — including the Association of Governing Boards, the American Assoc. of Community and Junior Colleges, and the American Association of University Professors — have jointly issued a statement saying AIA's classroom monitors "will have a chilling effect on the academic freedom of both students and faculty members."

AIA sends students into classrooms to try to find and identify "liberal" and "radical"

professors.

The education groups noted the monitors' only qualification is a professed agreement with AIA's ideology, and contended a professor's "performance is best judged through peer evaluation by skillful professionals."

San Diego State Vetoes Bans On Campus Smoking, Cycling, Skateboarding

SDSU President Thomas Day vetoed a University Senate measure that would have banned smoking on most parts of campus, reasoning prohibiting smoking in private offices was "too intrusive."

Day also vetoed senate measures restricting bicycles to roadways and completely banning skateboarding on campus, citing technical problems with the proposals.

The Crisis, Part II: Students are Avoiding Ag Schools

Enrollment at Cal-Davis' Agriculture School dropped by 20

letters

Snowball

To the Editor:

I looked out my Champagnat Hall window and noticed it was snowing outside. I knew this was a good snowfall; one that would leave a blanket of packable snow on the ground. I also knew that later tonight the students of Marist College would come out of their dorms onto the blanket of white and begin packing snowballs to heave at their fellow students. A snowball fight did occur, but I observed something else that night which both surprised and scared me about Marist students, and human beings in general.

It started as a fight between the freshmen of Leo Hall and the upperclassmen of Champagnat Hall. It began innocently, with the girls and guys of Champagnat Hall engaging in friendly battle with the girls and guys of Leo Hall. Slowly, Leo Hall began to advance and the frustrations on my side began to mount. I began to hear some very disturbing remarks, such as "Put rocks in the snowballs," and "Let's tackle one and punch the **** out of him." Then came another remark: "Throw rocks at them; forget the snow." I looked around at this time and noticed most of the girls had gone inside. This had turned into some sort of war. I went inside at this time and went to sleep wondering who would be hurt tonight.

There will be more snowball fights this year. I will not participate in any of them. Before my eyes a friendly snowball fight turned into an ugly scene of rocks and personal injury. Many of my fellow students will say snowball fights are fun. I agree, but not about the snowball fight I just described. A small war had occurred that first snowfall, a scary, dangerous war. If Marist does not teach me anything else, it has taught me a valuable lesson on human nature.

G.B.S. Champagnat Hall

Dissatisfaction

To the Editor:

For all you unsatisfied students: We Marist Abroad Students in Paris decided to write a letter to give you our impression of Europe and Marist. We regularly receive The Circle, which is usually most enjoyable. The Circle is our main contact with our Alma Mater. However, upon reading these week

after week, we have discovered that the majority of the articles are complaints about what hasn't been done; what has been done, but without your knowledge.... Marist can't be all that bad or you wouldn't continue to spend the remainder of your four years there.

Being away from the campus, and in such a foreign culture, we realize that things aren't so bad over there on the Hudson River. If you have been reading Christine Klein's column, "A View from Abroad," you will begin to understand the different lives we are leading this year. We actually miss the noisy dorms, only walking downstairs to do laundry, already-cooked meals that you know the contents of (well, most of them anyway), a language everyone speaks and understands....

Maybe every student should spend their junior year abroad to discover what you really do have in your own back yard. Like Dorothy said, "There's no place like home."

Nicole M. Thew

Disapproval

To the Editor:

Better late than never! I must congratulate Joe Conera, Brian O'Keefe, Kevin Otto and all those on campus actively involved in the fight against apartheid. It should never have been difficult to decide "whether 'tis nobler in mind to suffer the slings and arrow of outrageous fortune, or to take arms against a sea of trouble," that sea of troubles being the very waves of apartheid.

Students on campuses throughout the nation are firmly standing, voicing their disapproval of the cruelties and bloody injustices being inflicted upon blacks under the racist South African institution of apartheid. Now Marist has finally spoken, and I believe that it's better to speak late than not to speak at all.

I urge you all to continue in your protestations against the modern-day slavery called "apartheid" until you knock it dead. Further, be warned that remaining silent about what's taking place would not be much different than supporting and sanctioning it.

May your conscience and courage remain.

James E. Pitt

percent since 1977, and a new Cal study attributes it to students' "misperceptions" of what careers they can enter with agriculture degrees.

Students were unaware of genetic engineering, plant science and aquaculture options.

In a measure of attitudes, students focused on farm economic problems, and associated words such as "hard work, boring, male, blue collar, and insecure" with the profession.

Boston U. Displays Martin Luther King's Transcripts

BU archivists said they recently found the grade transcripts for King, who got a philosophy doctorate from BU in 1955, while they were transferring past records to microfilm.

King, it turns out, never got less than a B.

BU will display the transcripts at its library in honor of the new federal holiday celebrating the slain civil rights leader.

Mail call

To the Editor:

Sincere thanks are extended to the readers of The Circle who helped to make the recently-completed 1985 Christmas Mail Call by far the most successful ever.

Mail, which poured in from every area of the country, was sorted into more than 600 bundles and sent to hospitals, chaplains, USO's, ships, remote Coast Guard stations, Armed Services YMCA's, embassies, and to many individual units all across the U.S. and around the world. These cards and letters brightened the Christmas season for many thousand of our military personnel.

Thanks again to all who took part.

Lee Spencer Director

Friends

To the Editor:

The Community Friends Program of the Mental Health Association in Dutchess County announces its Spring Training Session for new volunteers to begin on February 25 and 26.

A person recovering from a mental illness often has a special need for a friend. A Community Friend is a trained volunteer who works one-to-one with a recovering person who is living in our community to offer friendship, support and encouragement. Register for free ten-hour training program, choice of morning or evening sessions, at 485-9700, x-565.

Mental Health Association

Death

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Butera died in I.C.U.

A funeral mass was held Jan. 17 by his church priest. The priest was assisted by The Rev. Benedict of Marist College. Butera was buried that same day in St. Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale.

A memorial mass will be celebrated here at Marist.

"A notification will be sent out this week to all members of the Marist Community and in particular the sophomore class," said Sister Eileen Halloran.



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Bars cope with new law

by Lynn Sprague

This Saturday marks two months since the drinking age changed and according to local bar establishments, the owners have had a decrease in business and an increase in responsibility for both the bar and its patrons.

"Business has changed, even though January is always slow, said Rick Wilson, an officer in the Dutchess County Liquor Association and owner of Wilson's Country Tavern, Creek Road, Poughkeepsie. "We had a decrease in business of about 18 percent," he said.

On Dec. 1, the state of New York changed the drinking age from 19 to 21 in order to cut the amount of deaths in car accidents caused from drinking and driving.

In response, local bars have had to change their policies to adjust to this new change.

"With the college right across the street, we could expect the kids up until 4 a.m.; now we close at 2 a.m.," said Patty Cox, a bartender at Skinner's on Route 9. "Now we get Jazz bands instead of rock bands, and we save on the pitchers and glasses that use to be stolen," she said.

"Besides closing earlier, we have had to lay off three employees and have other employees work double shifts. We had also been maintaining stricter cover at the door," said Henry Gordon, who resigned from Skinner's two weeks ago after being in the bartending business for 10 years.

In making changes, bar owners

are mixed in the merits of implementing non-alcoholic teen nights for 15 to 19 year olds.

"We will never take part in teen nights," said Ginger Mancuso, manager of The East Side on Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. "None of the teens have any kind of identification, and teen nights are bringing them into a bar atmosphere too soon," she said. "The trend that I see is people coming out earlier, having a few drinks and then stopping about a hour or two before leaving," said Mancuso.

Rick Wilson from Wilson's Tavern said he thought the teen nights were a great idea. "The bar scene for under 21 is safer for kids because they are supervised," he said.



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Improv Boston makes the audience the joke last week in the Theater. (photo by Marc Marano)

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'Hidden' disabilities: How Marist offers help

by Donna Hood

He is not in a wheelchair. He is not blind. He is not deaf. Yet John Smith is considered a disabled student.

Smith, whose name has been changed for this story, is just one of a group of students who are Marist's "hidden" disabled. Their disabilities are not obvious, but they're eligible for help from Special Services, a support group for disabled students.

For Smith, the disability is dyslexia, a learning disability. "I came to Marist specifically because of Special Services," Smith said. Smith has severe problems spelling and reading due to his disability. He uses Special Services on a regular basis.

In a recent count, the Office of Special Services identified approximately 114 disabled students, about 20 of whom are noticeably disabled. Special Services identified an estimated 85 students with hidden disabilities.

Students with learning disabilities make up the largest group of hidden disabled, according to Diane Perreira, the director of Special Services. "People never see them," she said. "Most people think only of the wheelchair users when they think of the disabled. They don't realize that people with learning problems and internal physical problems need help too."

Perreira estimated that only 60 of the total 114 disabled students make use of Special Services. "Use of our services is entirely voluntary," she said. "The student is informed of their eligibility upon acceptance to the college. Then they are free to request services."

Of the 45 students with learning disabilities, Special Services provides help for about 25 on a regular basis, according to Perreira. For these students, Special Services provides readers, typists, notetakers, academic aides and tutors. Untimed testing facilities are also available if necessary, Perreira said.

Special Services employs approximately 40 students to aid both the

physically handicapped and learning disabled.

Special Services employs two consultants who specialize in working with the learning disabled. The consultants work on an individual basis with the student, according to Perreira.

"The consultants are a big help," Smith said. Smith sees them regularly for help with writing papers, reading and understanding text materials more fully. According to Smith, he reads on about a ninth grade level, but is able to do college-level work with the help of the consultants.

Special Services also provides counseling for the disabled. Counselor Bill Brinnier offers personal, academic and adjustment counseling.

Brinnier said that students with learning disabilities often suffer from low-level chronic depression. "These students put tremendous amounts of effort into their schoolwork and often get no reward," Brinnier said. "This affects their self-concept and self-esteem." Brinnier received his master's degree in psychology here at Marist.

Students suffering from epilepsy, heart condition, asthma, back injury or visual or hearing impairments are also considered to have "hidden" disabilities. "These are students who may have some difficulty with academics due to their condition," Perreira explained.

In addition to personal assistance, Special Services also provides equipment for use by the students: The students may borrow hand held magnifiers, cassette tape recorders and Braille equipment. A closed circuit television and a reading machine are available in the library. Typewriters are also available.

Both Perreira and Smith agreed that the faculty are very cooperative in making special accommodations for disabled students. "The teachers are great," said Smith. "I have never had a problem in requesting extra testing time." Smith takes most of his exams in the Special Services office,

where he is allowed a longer period of time to accommodate for his disability.

"On an individual basis, the teachers are quite cooperative," Perreira said. "The faculty members must understand that learning disabled students are not dumb; they just need extra help."

Perreira explained that most instructors are not aware that they might be working with disabled students when they are first hired. "Some of them come to us and ask how to deal with a particular student," she said.

Perreira commented that she hopes someday she will be able to meet with the entire faculty and talk about learning disabled students. "If we could make the faculty aware of the disabled students that they will be working with, it would be a great help." She went on to say that the faculty are very accommodating, however.

Special Services operates through the help of a \$100,000 annual federal grant. Students such as John Smith pay an extra fee for the services, depending on the services provided.

Students may not necessarily use Special Services for their career at Marist. The purpose of the program is to provide services which will allow the disabled student to eventually function independently, according to Special Services.

Don Partridge, who is now completing the five-year master's program, said he used Special Services in his freshman year. "After that, I was able to complete my work on my own," he said. Partridge now works for Special Services, helping other students. Partridge is legally blind.

Both Partridge and Smith agreed that many "hidden" disabled would not be at Marist if not for Special Services. "Many students with learning disabilities or other problems come here simply because they know Special Services is here to help them," said Partridge.

"I couldn't succeed without them," Smith said of Special Services. "And I know a lot of other students couldn't either."

Student gov'ts to end?

by Susan Calhoun

AUSTIN, TX (CPS) — University of Texas students are up to their old anarchic ways again.

Some of them hope to abolish their student government for the second time in five years, and there are signs that, in the process, they may help feed a reform wave now washing over student governments nationwide.

Schools as diverse as Notre Dame, Washington, Swarthmore and Minnesota — among dozens of others — have been grappling recently with measures to restructure, weaken and, in some cases, get rid of their student governments altogether.

It wouldn't be the first time.

Five years ago, reformers at Texas, Georgia, Virginia, Clinch Valley College, Oklahoma, Arizona, Arkansas and Maryland, among other campuses, moved to dissolve all or parts of their campus governments.

In most cases, reformers argued the governments were ineffective or meaningless. They actually succeeded in abolishing governments at Texas and Georgia.

At both those campuses, administrators eventually helped rebuild student governments.

But now at Texas and some other campuses, reformers are at it again.

In October UT sophomore Richard Munisteri, along with a handful of fellow members of Young Conservatives of Texas, sued UT President William Cunn-

ingham and Student Association President Scott Scarborough for using SA's mandatory student service fees to endorse certain Democratic candidates for state office.

Before long, the controversy grew into an abolition movement that collected some 700 signatures to get a dissolution measure on the next campus ballot.

Munisteri now says his groups — CRAP (Committee to Retire Aspiring Politicians) and STOMP (Students Tired of Manipulative Politics) — will "just sit on the issue" until spring.

"It took four years to get the issue of reinstating the SA on the ballot. It took two weeks to get the issue of dissolving it on the ballot," Munisteri says.

Such interest seems to be spreading.

Students for a Better and Balanced Education (SBBE), composed primarily of College Republicans members, tried to weaken New Mexico's student government by drastically reducing its budget last fall, hoping to deny school funding to gay and ethnic groups.

While the Republican effort lost by a 10-1 margin, it did increase voter turnout in the subsequent campus-wide election.

And though New Mexico's student government's vote of confidence was strong, it was singular. At many schools, talk of reform and reorganization usually reflects a serious lack of confidence.

At Notre Dame, members of the Hall Presidents' Council tried dissolving the Student Senate because "it doesn't get anything done."

One-fifth of Bradley University's student senators resigned because their organization was "travelling down the wrong road."

The University of Tampa recently formed committees to reorganize the student government and its constitution. A Villanova junior, charging "the current government is inefficient and stagnant," is fighting to eliminate two vice presidential positions as part of a major reform proposal.

To forestall discontent, Brigham Young's student government has a hotline to let students air complaints and a "Student Body President for a Day" contest, giving students a chance to learn firsthand how their system works.

Swarthmore Student Council co-President Reijen Naidoo is proposing drastic changes in his organization, and one SC member says student awareness of the issue is "fantastic."

And, as happened five years ago, dissatisfaction with student governments is also showing up in increasing numbers of absurdist candidacies.

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14 students help poor

by Mary Ann Dolan

Fourteen students, members of Campus Ministry volunteered their services early this month to work at Anawim House, a parish-based community in Otaway, Ohio.

Under the direction of Sister Eileen Halloran, director of campus ministry, and Sister Margaret Gaffikin, assistant director of campus ministry, the students did volunteer manual labor which is needed to help the Anawim House survive as a self-sufficient community, Halloran said.

"Manual labor is an important part of our spiritual life. It helps us to realize, in a very concrete way, that when we work, we continue the work which God began," said Mary Kay Hummel, religious instructor at Anawim House.

According to Gaffikin, this community is located in a welfare area, where much of the population is unemployed. "Anawim House is trying to develop some spiritual guidance for this area by providing a place of worship," said Halloran.

Even though this community is self-sufficient, there was a lot of manual labor work to be completed, according to Halloran. The community officially has only seven members. The Marist students contributed their services in any manner that was necessary, she said.

Striegel

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interesting working for her," he said. He recently wrote a front-page story about a car-train accident in which all three of the car's passengers died. He saw the aftermath of the wreck before the bodies were removed, but said the experience of seeing the tragedy so close up and hearing the eyewitness accounts did not affect him emotionally.

"You guard yourself from letting things like that sink in, because you could sink with them," he explained.

But Striegel said a reporter cannot remove himself totally from the people and events he writes about. "If you can't put yourself in the shoes of another person, you may not do a very good job," he explained.

Striegel, a Poughkeepsie resident, is assigned the city beat. He covers Poughkeepsie Town Board meetings and writes about topics such as local elections, traffic studies, area development and layoffs that affect local families. He admitted that some of the topics he covers can be mundane. "It's the scoops that keep you charged," he said.

One recent scoop involved uncovering information proving that a Republican being considered for a Town of Poughkeepsie comptroller never earned the college degree he claimed to have. The candidate subsequently admitted that his claim was false and removed himself from consideration for the position.

Striegel said he had mixed feelings about exposing the man's lie. "I feel crappy about disgracing someone," he said. "The guy wanted to be a public servant and hold the purse strings for the Town of Poughkeepsie. People need to know they can trust someone in that position with their tax money."

Striegel acknowledged that reporting on so much of the bad in life can make one cynical. "I still trust people while remembering it's a weird world, and you have to be open for that," he said.

Although Striegel said that five years from now he would still like to be a reporter — perhaps at a bigger paper — or sit at the copy desk. But he realizes he may be wrong.

"Even now I don't know that news writing is definitely what I want to do," he said.

"The day began at 8:00 a.m., and didn't end until 4:30 p.m.," said Deirdre Phayer, a freshman from Richmond Hill. "We did such jobs as painting rooms in the retreat house, fixing fence lines and clearing pasture," said Marta Powers, a junior from Nanuet, who was on her third work retreat of this nature.

According to Powers, the work was very tough, but after it was completed it gave them a sense of accomplishment. One job in particular that Powers remembered was that all 14 students had to move 2 tons of gypsum board for

the retreat house. "It required a lot of team effort," said Powers.

According to Halloran, this trip to Anawim House gave the students a "lesson in rural America." "I was never exposed to such poverty before," said Phayer.

According to Gaffikin, this was an experience in selflessness. The students donated \$30 each for room and board and gave up a week of their winter break.

"This is our second trip to Anawim House and our third winter trip," said Halloran. In the summer, the students spend a week working with migrant farmers in Georgia, according to Halloran.

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Spare fans the ads

by Brian O'Connor

It's over. Thank God it's over. It was a senseless beating. Continual driving and ugh, I'd rather not have to think about it again. It was this past Sunday and things were generally horrible. One drive after another, it was an assault unequalled in Super Bowl history.

No, I'm not talking about the game. Yes, the Bears did squeak by 40-something to not-quite-as-much. I'm talking about the advertising. It was a senseless beating of the American public. NBC went Super-nuts with time allotted for commercials. I think McDonald's was on the screen more than the Patriots' offensive unit. That McD.L.T. thing seemed to completely dominate the opposing commercials.

At the start of the game, around 5 p.m., one of the guys who was watching with me said that it would not be over until 9 p.m. I said that it was impossible for a football game to last four hours. But I forgot about the commercials.

Silly me, what was I thinking? Had I not watched past Super Ad events on NBC? Anyway, on it went.

And Herb, that crazy cat who abstained from Burger King, finally showed up. He stumbled his way into the hearts of beef eaters nation-wide. But let's face it, folks, this Herb is one person they probably banned from all fast food joints for being a clod. You know the kind with the napkin stuck to his heel, spilling the food from his tray and causing deep belly laughter when he rises from the booth with a mashed french fry stuck to the seat of his pants.

The only reason Herb finally went to Burger King is because they let him. It probably had something to do with that "have it your way" stuff.

But more blitzing happened. It just refused to cease. Coke fought with Pepsi and RC got in the act, too. RC was the only one to use a commercial 150 million people hadn't seen prior to the game.

UPS decided to outclass all the other overnight freight companies with the first nationally televised "serious" shipping commercial. UPS broke the honor code among

big-time freighters and did a stint of about a minute long without at least cracking the mandatory smile.

But that wasn't enough. UPS repeated it time and again, flaunting the fact they did it and spent over six million in the process.

Timex got in the act by creating the world's largest underwater watch. Rumor has it that it cost so much to manufacture the giant digital, and film the commercial,

Thursday morning quarterback

that Timex didn't have enough money to buy a full minute of NBC's air time. Timex settled with as much time as they could buy when they pooled three weeks of coffee money from all its plants. I think the commercial was about 38 seconds long.

I don't know what Timex wanted to prove with an ad campaign like that. But I don't know what the Patriots were trying to do by gaining only negative yards in the first half. I hope Timex can find some blue whale with a large wrist that needs a watch. Then at least its campaign will break the tie with the Patriots for least successful on Super Sunday.

But between ads there was a game played, or at least something that resembled a game, if a good pummeling and all-around thrashing constitutes a game.

Here are some facts that may ease the aching and bruised pride of the Patriot fans. The year 1963 was the last time the Bears made it to a championship game; so too with Patriots. The Bears beat the Giants, but don't pay any attention to that. The Patriots lost to San Diego by the score of 53-10. The Patriot's defense is getting better: The red, white and battered only let up 46 this time around.

This year's Super Bowl brought in 2,400 journalists. That's 400 more than Reagan and Gorbachev got at their November talks.

Other reasons the fans of the Pats can sigh easier include: no one

was killed by the Chicago defense, no one was knocked unconscious by the frig and the Bears only scored 10 points illegally.

Yes, one field goal was kicked very late in the first half. As a matter of fact, it was seven seconds into halftime. Also one long pass to the Pats' 1-yard line, that resulted in a touchdown, was caught out of bounds. But we shouldn't argue with the rules, whatever they are.

Also happening between ads for the back ends of pick-up trucks, more McD.L.T.'s and NBC's "Peter the Great" was a final reason for Patriot lovers to wipe the last tears of stinging defeat from their eyes, cheeks and necks. It is also a fine reason to ring out the tears from your red jerseys.

Walter Payton did not score. We are not sure how it happened, or rather, didn't happen, but Sweetness never landed in the end zone.

The man of many headbands gave the pigskin to Sweetness quite often, but he did very little with it — as compared to his teammates, not the Pats. The Bears did everything with that pigskin that Payton didn't. They did it all, including dancing at halftime and selling hot dogs in the lower sections.

The frig blasted 36 inches into the record books, the quarterback (I don't want to use his name because he was on television enough the two weeks before the rampage) also scored. But Sweetness did not.

Payton had carried the team all season, and the ten seasons before. He had broken all the records and even helped cut a record with the Shufflin' crew. But Sweetness did not score.

Rejoice, Pat fans, Rejoice! Because when you read headlines like, "Glitz Blitz Sacks Pats" and "Boston Massacre" and "No-Match Pats Soundly Thrashed," you can sit back and smile to yourself knowing Walter Payton did not score.

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| Loyola | 4-3 | 9-7 |
| Robert Morris | 4-3 | 7-9 |
| St. Francis (PA) | 4-4 | 6-10 |
| LIU | 2-6 | 6-12 |
| St. Francis (NY) | 2-6 | 6-10 |
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St. Francis (Pa) at Towson St.

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FDU at Loyola
LIU at Delaware St.
Wagner at Monmouth
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Fox trail

103 fever. He went home to nearby Clairton to recover and returned for the Robert Morris game to see limited action. Miro Percarski played with the flu and assistant coach Steve Eggink is also under the weather... The trip to Pennsylvania was also a trip home for Coach Matt Furjanic and Sports Information Director Bob Bordas. Those two, in addition to Wade, had many friends and family members at the Robert Morris game, 120 Marist fans in attendance at Robert Morris. Furjanic was not happy with practice times

at Robert Morris. So the team practiced at two local high schools in secrecy to the Colonials. Sto-Rox High, Saturday's practice site, is Bordas's alma mater... Two school records were broken in the women's swim meet finale. Amy Schilling broke the school record in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 27.27, and Chris Manning is now the current recordholder in the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:46.41. The women finished its dual meet season at 6-4... The women's track team finished third

while the men finished seventh at the Cardinal-Classic. Peter Pazik broke a meet record with a time of 8:34.8... Tickets are currently on sale for the Marist-FDU showdown at Madison Square Garden. Tickets are \$10, and you must see Curt Hawks at the McCann Center. Remember, the nightcap matches two top-ten teams in St. John's and Syracuse. Rumor has it that the doubleheader is sold out. So get your tickets now. Both games could be for first place in the respective conferences...

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Hockey

Peel described goalie Whitehead's performance as "super" and complimented Graham, a senior co-captain, for his scoring ability and leadership.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle facing the team at this point is a reduced roster. Three veteran players.

Dom Coppola, Mike Fitzpatrick and Tom Rosenberger, left the team for various reasons before Christmas, and freshman Rob Goyda is out for the season after suffering a broken collarbone in the Stony Brook game.

The Red Foxes traveled to New

Jersey to beat William Paterson on Super Bowl Sunday, 8-6. Graham led the attack with his second consecutive hat trick. Marist was scheduled to face the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (King's Point), a team it came from behind to beat 4-3 in the season's first game, at home last night.

Nation's leading scorer opposes Marist on Sat.

by Dan Pietrafesa

The Marist men's basketball team will have its hands full at the McCann Center Saturday at 3 p.m. when they take the court against Wagner in a crucial conference game.

The reason for worry is that the nation's leading scorer, Terrance Bailey, is coming to town. He is also the team leader in steals (3.1 per game) and has 48 assists on the season.

Marist entered the week's action with a 4-3 conference (9-9 overall) record while Wagner entered the week with a 4-4 conference (8-10 overall) record.

Both Marist and Wagner are coming off 2-1 weeks. The Foxes and Seahawks beat Long Island University but lost Saturday to conference opponents. Marist lost to Robert Morris while Wagner was a victim of St. Francis (NY).

Marist and Wagner have also faced Villanova and St. John's. The Foxes did have the better success losing by less than 20 to both while the Seahawks fell 85-62 to the Wildcats and 85-55 to the Redmen.

The teams were also in action last night. Marist played a big game down at Fairleigh Dickinson while Wagner played a home non-conference game against Brooklyn College.

Bailey, a junior guard who is a possible All-American and future National Basketball Association player, entered action this week averaging better than 28 points a game.

Disregarding a 15 point performance against FDU, Bailey has averaged over 32 points a game in the other eight of the last nine games.

He scored 29 points in leading the Seahawks to a 79-75 victory over the Foxes down at Wagner earlier in the month, but the Foxes must contend with other Seahawks in order to obtain a victory.

Andre Van Drost returns to the team after sitting out the past three semesters being ineligible to compete. In a recent game against LIU which saw Bailey score 38, Van Drost had nine assists and no turnovers in over 30 minutes of action.

According to Wagner Coach Neil Kennett, the first half of the 105-83 victory over LIU was the most flawless and best the team has played in his four years of coaching.

Guards like Bailey and Van Drost are the kind of guards that beat Marist earlier in the year.

Art Redmond will not be seeing action Saturday due to a broken leg suffered in the St. John's game. The 6-6 forward, who averaged better than 16 points and six rebounds a game last year, was the top returning player for Wagner.

However, the seventh leading rebounder in the nation, Largest Agbejemsin, will give the Foxes trouble under the boards. The 6-7 junior averaged 11.2 rebounds a game as of January 18.

In order for Wagner to win, they must stop the Marist twin towers. Sophomore Rik Smits has been hot in January. He has topped 20 points in each contest this month to raise his average up near 20 points a game which has earned him the conference player of the week twice this month. Smits has also been a force on the boards grabbing near 10 rebounds a game now.

Until the flu slowed him down last week, Miro Percarski had been

soaring after a slow start. He has had a couple of 20 point games also and has been a force on the boards. **Robert Morris 74, Marist 68**

The Colonials used perimeter shooting to snap a Red Fox five-game winning streak.

The Foxes were one for 12 from the outside while the Colonials were 19-33 from the same distance.

Robert Morris also used the free throw line to its advantage down hitting 16-18 from the charity stripe down the stretch.

Smits led the Foxes with 22 points but went only nine for 19 which is well below his 63 percent field goal percentage for the season. Ron McCants chipped in 15, seven for 11 from the field, in his best outing of the season.

Marist 72, St. Francis 54

Rik Smits scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in leading Marist over St. Francis (Pa.).

Marist used a 23 to three spurt in a 11 minute span in the second half after the Red Flash scored the first five points of the half to take a 34-30 lead.

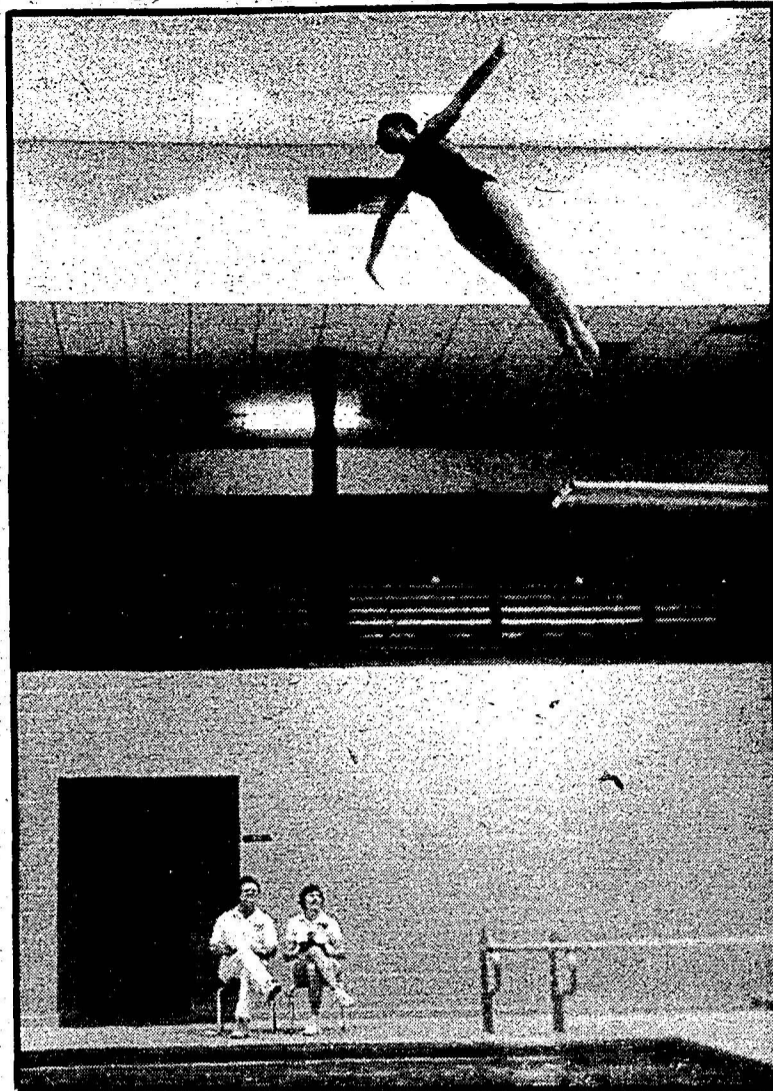
The team won the game with Smits playing 22 minutes and Percarski playing sparingly with the flu.

Marist 80, LIU 73

Marist used a three offense of Drafton Davis, Carlton Wade and Ron McCants to help the Foxes overcome an early 25-14 deficit and defeat the Blackbirds for the first time on Long Island.

The lineup change enabled Marist to take a 36-30 halftime lead due to an aggressive defense causing turnovers by the Blackbirds.

Smits and Percarski led the Marist attack with 23 and 21 points respectively while L.I.U.'s Andre Ervin led all scorers with 30 points.



Freshman Lisa Burghacker raises some eyebrows in recent competition. (photo by Mike Patulak)

Swimming coaches become image gurus

by Bill DeGennaro

Winter intersession is, to most students at Marist College, synonymous with a break from the studies and atmosphere of campus life. For the men's and women's swimming team, it means two weeks of intensive physical and mental training.

According to coaches Jim Billesimo of the women's team and Larry Van Wagner of the men's team, the athletes returned on Jan. 6, in order to maintain their stamina and to improve their present abilities.

Both coaches held meetings the first day in order to set goals for the intersession training and the Metropolitan Championships. Billesimo said he was confident from the beginning of the two week practice. "The girls seemed to be very in tune with what we were hoping to accomplish," he said.

Van Wagner said the men's team also picked up the beat. "This was the most successful winter we have ever had," he said. "The enthusiasm was very high and the students were capable of realizing the advantages they were getting out of it."

Since the men's team had four dual meets remaining, and the women only their Metro Conference Championships, the two teams met together each day for a half-hour of mental training.

Each afternoon, the first half-hour of practice was used to listen to mental training tapes. The tapes were meant to introduce team members to self-image psychology and the ten aspects of personality which may enable each swimmer to be successful.

Self-image psychology, according to both coaches, is based on the premise that individuals cannot become faster or more proficient swimmers until they first believe in themselves.

Van Wagner said that the tapes

concentrate on the individual, not his competition. He said: "We're talking about the individual competing against himself, not the person in the lane next to him. Just his lane and just his performance."

Billesimo said that the ideas of self-actualization and visualization are also important in the swimmers' attempts to realize their potentials. "We want the swimmers to prepare themselves the night before. To swim it correctly in their minds," he said.

Billesimo is quick to make a comparison between the success of two of his swimmers at a recent meet with the training and preparation over the winter intersession.

On Jan. 17, in a meet at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, sophomore Debbie Noyes and senior Nancy Champlin set new school records.

Noyes, of Binghamton, N.Y., who established a new school record in the mile swim, said she feels that the results of the training over the winter intersession can be seen in her performance at the RPI meet. "I was out of the water for three weeks before intersession practice. The intense training really helped me to get back into the shape I was in when I left," she said.

Champlin, from Scotia, N.Y., who set a new school record in the 200-yard freestyle, said she felt that the practice was unusually tough, but would be beneficial in preparing the team for the conference championships. "I think that the intersession practice got us thinking of ourselves as a team and helped in getting the team to work together," she said.

Van Wagner, speaking for himself and Billesimo, said of intersession training: "It's imperative, if we are going to be competitive at all, and realize any self-improvement, that the school allow us to bring back the swimmers for these two weeks."



Marist skaters (in white) face off with Stony Brook last week during another comeback win. (photo by Maureen Hickey)

Hockey ices Stony Brook

by Ken Foye

The Marist men's ice hockey team started the new year on a positive note when it defeated SUNY-Stony Brook 8-4 last Wednesday at the McCann Ice Arena. The victory gave the Red Foxes a 4-3 Metro Conference record, and a 4-4 record overall.

The game, Marist's first in over a month, was closer than the score would indicate — at least during the first two periods. The visitors took a 3-2 lead into the locker room at the end of the second frame. Tim Graham provided both goals for Marist, and Greg Whitehead kept Marist in the game with strong goaltending. But the game turned into a mismatch during the third period.

The Red Foxes scored six times during the final period for the victory, the second time this season

that the team has trailed in the third period and come back to win. Graham, Marist's leading scorer, scored one of the six for a hat trick. Other Marist players starring on the scoresheet were Craig Thier (1 goal, 1 assist), Neil Lucey (1 goal, 1 assist), Curt Hawkes (2 assists), and Bill Drolet (2 assists).

The Red Foxes will face the Culinary Institute at home Saturday night at 9:30.

Coach Jim Peelor said the third period outburst wasn't due to any desperate locker room pep-talk on his part. The win, he said, came simply from players sticking to their positions and from outstanding goaltending.

"We've got to play positional hockey," Peelor said. "If we do that, we can play with anybody in the league, and that's what we did tonight."

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fox trail

by Dan Pietrafesa

It was a loss to St. Francis (NY) that got the men's hoop team going. The team blew a late lead in losing by a point to the Terriers. The Marist men's hoop team is playing now like the fans have been expecting them to play. All it took was experience for the team. The Foxes won five straight games before the loss to Robert Morris Saturday. Three of those victories were road conference wins against the likes of St. Francis (PA.), Monmouth and Long Island University. However, the ECAC Metro has been a conference for the home teams...The victory against LIU was the first in history for the Foxes at the home of the Blackbirds...The Foxes will have a week after Saturday's Wagner game to prepare for their next game which is a home game against LIU... The Foxes will open up February with the easier schedule compared to FDU. The Knights will open the month with road games against Monmouth and Loyola and then will come home to play a tough Utica College team, while Marist opens the month with home games against Wagner, LIU and Monmouth and a road game against St. Francis (NY)...Wagner lost to St. John's by 30 points earlier in the season, while Marist outplayed the Redmen for a half in their 14 point loss... The Pennsylvania flu hit the men's hoop team on its trip to the Keystone state last week. Carlton Wade missed the opportunity to play by home at St. Francis (Pa) when he had a

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