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Academics, faculty win; food, Library lose in poll

by Bill Johnson

The Library and the food service received the most negative reactions in the student survey conducted during registration last semester. At the same time, students praised Marist academics and their classmates.

The results of the 83-question survey were released this week, and Executive Vice President Mark Sullivan said that although he was pleased with the number of positive responses, there were no big surprises.

In 62 of the 83 categories, more than one-half of the 2,136 respondents indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied.

The survey required students to decide whether they approved of a given item by indicating they were "satisfied," "very satisfied," "dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied." A "not applicable" response was also included.

The top five scores, according to the combined percentage of "satisfied" and "very satisfied" responses, went to:

—Fellow students, in class: 85 percent approval; 11 percent disapproval; 4 percent not applicable.

—Marist academically: 82 percent approval; 15 percent disapproval; 3 percent not applicable.

SPRING 1989 REGISTRATION SURVEY

SOME OF THE CATEGORIES	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NOT APPLICABLE
LIBRARY Adequacy of collection	34%	63%	3%
CAFETERIA Quality of meals	14%	53%	33%
HOUSING Process for room assignment	41%	30%	29%
SECURITY Fairness of policies	49%	40%	11%
GENERAL Marist academically Marist socially	82% 58%	15% 23%	3% 19%

Positive includes "Satisfactory" and "Very Satisfactory" Responses.
Negative includes "Dissatisfactory" and "Very Dissatisfactory" Responses.

approval; 3 percent not applicable.

—Fellow students, socially: 82 percent approval; 11 percent disapproval; 7 percent not applicable.

—Faculty availability out of class: 81 percent approval; 15 percent disapproval; 4 percent not applicable.

—Admissions publications: 78 percent approval; 9 percent disapproval; 13 percent not applicable.

—Admissions, communication availability: 78 percent approval; 11 percent disapproval; 11 percent not applicable.

—Service provided by Admissions: 74 percent approval; 11 percent disapproval; 15 percent not applicable.

—Marist campus appearance: 74 percent approval; 24 percent disapproval; 2 percent not applicable.

The five worst scores, according to combined percentage ratings of

"dissatisfied" and "very dissatisfied" responses, went to:

—the Library, adequacy of general collection: 34 percent approval; 63 percent disapproval; 3 percent not applicable.

—quality of cafeteria meals: 14 percent approval; 53 percent disapproval; 33 percent not applicable.

—physical appearance of classrooms: 48 percent approval; 50 percent disapproval; 2 percent not applicable.

—the Library, adequacy of collection for your major: 40 percent approval; 50 percent disapproval; 10 percent not applicable.

—the Library, study space: 51 percent approval; 46 percent disapproval; 3 percent not applicable.

—registration procedure: 52 percent approval; 46 percent disapproval; 2 percent not applicable.

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Alarms, lines mar registration

by Maureen Kerr

After fire drills, long lines and closed classes marred registration this week, Marist officials admit weaknesses in the system and will try to improve it for next semester.

Registrar Judy Ivankovic said crowd control, partly caused by fire drills, was the biggest problem with the new registration process that ended yesterday.

Each night of the 11-day registration, the lines formed earlier until 100 freshmen camped outside of the Lowell Thomas Communications Center in the wee hours of a frigid Tuesday morning.

Security let the students in Lowell Thomas at 3:20 a.m., two hours before it said it was going to.

To complicate matters, two fire alarms went off last week and some students refused to abandon their place in line.

"In the beginning we thought the fire drill was humorous," said Ivankovic. "My assistant said to me, 'I thought we thought of everything.' After the second fire drill, we decided we had to do something."

When Ivankovic started giving tickets to students as they came in the door, fewer people were cutting in line, she said.

However, Marist officials are looking into more long-term solutions.

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Cold as ice: Freshmen M through Z

by Bill Johnson

Kevin Nelson showed up for class early at 11:15 — quite a bit early.

It wasn't an 11:25 class Nelson was waiting for. It was Monday night, and Nelson, a freshman, was first in line to camp outside the Lowell Thomas Communications Center to register for spring courses on Tuesday.

They're the freshmen M through Z's. Real or imagined, fear over the availability of leftover course offerings caused 100 of them to camp in near-zero-degree weather on the registration line, trying to be the first among the last to choose their classes.

Anticipating few course openings, the second half of the last group — students like Rich Willoughby and Chris Vandal and Lara Wiczyzinski — said their plight necessitated the drastic action.

"If we want to get classes, we have no choice," Vandal said.

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Letter case still open as reward is withheld

by Patrick W. O'Hara

The six cast aluminum letters that were stolen earlier this fall from the stone wall in front of the school were recently returned by two non-students seeking a reward, according to Joseph Leary, director of safety and security.

Although Marist officials announced a \$500 reward for the return of the letters and information about the theft, security was not satisfied with the "ludicrous" explanation given by the two men, who said they were at Skinner's Bar before the theft, and did not grant the reward, Leary said.

Security believes that the two men who returned the letters were not actually the thieves, but men solicited by the thieves to collect the reward and end the investigation, Leary said.

Leary said that it is still believed that the actual thieves are Marist students.

Marist security has turned its investigation over to the Town of Poughkeepsie Police, who are still investigating the theft, Leary said.

With the cooperation from local police this year, "eventually someone will get arrested. But this has to stop," Leary said.

The letters spelling MARIST, valued at over \$2000, were yanked from the sign located in front of the Gate House on the weekend after labor day. They were returned to campus security the last week in October, Leary said.

"This was not a prank," one Marist official said. "This was a well thought out, calculated theft."

The 10-inch letters were mounted on the stone wall sign facing Route 9. The sign was erected in 1980 when Marist officials closed the entrance in front of the Gate House and built the existing entrance near the Lowell Thomas Communications Center, according to Anthony Campilii, vice-president for business affairs.

Lowell Thomas photo exhibit to open



This photo, taken by Lowell Thomas Jr., shows the Dalai Lama of Tibet at age 14. "Out of This World Revisited: Rare Photos of Lowell Thomas' 1949 epic journey to Tibet" will open Sunday in the Lowell Thomas Communications Center with a reception from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit will be open until March.

Survey

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—Security, fairness of policies: 49 percent approval; 40 percent disapproval; 11 percent not applicable.

Although student opinions represented in the survey generally held a consensus, scores were split for some categories.

Ironically, while students on the meal plan overwhelmingly criticized the food, a slight majority of them also said there wasn't enough of it being served. Thirty-one percent approved of the quantity of food, 35 percent disapproved and 34 percent said the meal plan didn't apply.

Student opinion was also split on dormitory maintenance. Thirty-seven percent approved; 36 percent disapproved and 27 percent said college housing didn't apply to them.

Other student services received fair to good ratings. In the "financial aid, communication with students" category, 41 percent approved, 25 percent disapproved and 34 percent said not applicable.

Student government and college activities received relatively low disapproval ratings but high not applicable ratings, indicating a lack of student interest. Approval ratings for various categories under student government and college activities ranged from 51 percent to 63 percent; disapproval ratings ranged from 11 percent to 19 percent; and not applicable ratings ranged from 25 percent to 33 percent.

As an extension to course evaluations, President Dennis Murray called for the survey to analyze the the rest of the services the college provides for its customers, the students.

Sullivan said the college's senior administrators are considering how to improve the items within their departments which received unfavorable reviews.

Sullivan said he plans to conduct the survey every year to measure the changes in student opinion in key areas. He said he expects to see a positive change in the negative reviews on classroom condition after renovations in Donnelly Hall, the Lowell Thomas Communications Center and the completion of The Dyson Center.

Sullivan and Poris said the survey has some weaknesses. Mandatory participation, while necessary to ensure a near complete sample, could have lead to bias or apathy on the part of some respondents, Sullivan said. They also said the survey, while comprehensive, may have tried to include too much.

Students were required to submit the completed survey in order to register for this semester's courses.

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After Class

Holiday Happenings

Winter Wonderland

Put on your dancing shoes. The College Union Board and Student Affairs are sponsoring a Christmas Semi-formal on Friday night. The 10 p.m. dance will center on the winter wonderland theme. The cost is \$2.

Christmas Spectacular

The Marist community is invited to a Christmas luncheon sponsored by the Commuter Union. Local schoolchildren will also attend the event which begins at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Fireside Lounge.

Midnight Mass

The Marist community will celebrate its annual midnight mass on Saturday in the chapel. All our welcome.

Entertainment

Andy Williams

Singer Andy Williams will perform at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center on Friday, December 15. Tickets cost \$23.50 and are available at the box office or by calling 454-3388.

Pepsi-Marist Classic

Basketball fans can watch the return of the Pepsi-Marist Classic at the McCann Center this weekend. Howard University will battle Columbia University Friday at 6 p.m. At 8 p.m., Marist plays the University of Vermont. The consolation and the championship games will be played at 6 and 8 p.m. respectively.

21 Club

The 21 Club will gather in the River Room at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Making the Grade

Poetry Contest

Attention all poets, start writing. The deadline for the American Poetry Association Contest, with a \$1,000 grand prize, is December 31. For more information, call (408) 429-1122.

Scholarships

The Coors Brewing Company is awarding scholarships to 100 sons and daughters of American veterans. Applicants must have at least a 3.00 GPA. Call 1-800-49COORS for more information.

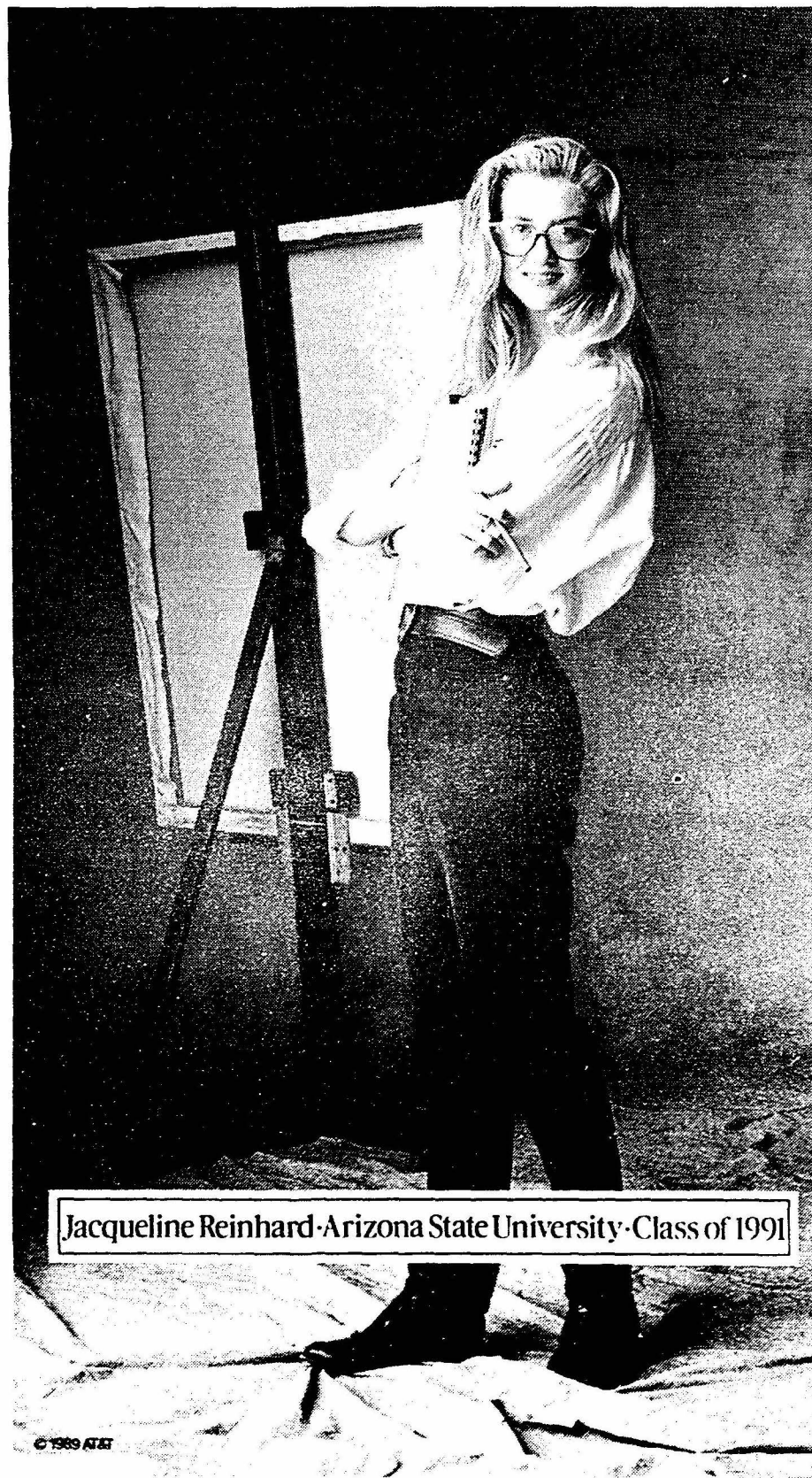
Internships

Marist students majoring in business or communication arts have an opportunity to work and study in London this summer, thanks to a program sponsored by the Fashion Institute of Technology and the State University of New York. Cost for tuition, housing and meals for the six-week program is \$2,977. Airfare is not included. For more information, call Dr. Arthur Winters at (212) 760-7705.

Attention

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Spring changes planned for Library

Student body may pay for Library's missing books

by Michelle DeBlasi

More than \$12,000 could be taken from the student body's pocket at the end of the semester unless all outstanding overdue books are returned to the Library and this policy is strictly enforced.

More than 2,500 books, with due dates ranging from two weeks to 10 years ago, await return to the Marist Library, according to computerized overdue lists kept on file at the Library's circulation desk. A handwritten update shows that over 400 books are overdue this semester alone.

With a charge of \$35 for each book not returned, the cost amounts to over \$75,000.

The Library's policy allows students to borrow books for a two-week period, suspending privileges if books are overdue. But it does not send warnings till the student has kept the books for five additional weeks and it does not fine students.

As a result of this lenient amnesty policy, "people tend to keep books late" past the two-week due period, said Meghan Farley, a student assistant at the library.

Library officials plan to implement a new policy by next fall, said John McGinty, Library director.

Under the new plan, students will be fined 10 cents per day for each book, McGinty said. And when the fine reaches \$10, library privileges will be suspended until books are returned, McGinty said.

If the books are not returned after one month, a bill for \$35 for each book plus a \$10 processing fee will be sent, McGinty said.

These policies will apply to faculty, staff and alumni as well as students, McGinty said.

To make these restrictions easier to abide by, books will be loaned for a longer period

— eight weeks instead of four, McGinty said. And books can be renewed for an additional four weeks, McGinty added.

Library officials agree the current system is slow and inefficient. Some students discover their privileges have been suspended before they receive a warning, said Farley, a senior from Bloomingdale, N.J., a four-year Library employee.

In addition, students sometimes claim that they have received an overdue notice for a book already returned or one they never checked out.

Student Library assistants said students must find the book on the shelf — which they had previously returned — before their account is cleared.

Many times students cannot find books because they are often improperly shelved or waiting to be reshelved, assistants said. In such cases the Library often has to take the word of the student.

Students who fail to return overdue books may be billed up to \$45 per book, prevented from registering for classes or kept from graduating.

Last spring, about 75 students were stopped from graduating because their library record was not clear, said McGinty.

These measures are necessary out of fairness to students, McGinty said.

Approximately 27,000 books — a third of the Library's collection of 90,000 volumes — are circulated each year, with some books being checked out as frequently as nine times a year, McGinty said.

In addition to the planned policies, the Library has begun to take steps to keep books more accessible to students.

For the past year, the public has no longer been permitted to borrow books. Previously, anyone could check books out by simply

Research made easier — software to be installed

by Jennifer Becker

Marist students will be able to locate materials in the Library by using computers, as early as next semester, as a result of the IBM Joint Study Program.

DOBIS, one of the programs on the \$10 million hard and software package, will give students access to all materials found in the Library, said John McGinty, library director.

The students can research sources by author, title, subject, publisher, call number and abstract. To broaden the research area, one can give just an abbreviation of the word — such as "psych" instead of psychology.

Students can also specify materials after a certain date or request microfilm materials only.

DOBIS is a worldwide product that is used mostly in Europe. The system is in use at Oxford University and other leading colleges in Japan, Italy, Spain and Sweden. It is also used by Emory University in Georgia and the Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn.

"The system is not as popular in the United States," McGinty said. McGinty said only four or five other institutions have this system in their libraries.

According to McGinty, the system's benefits outweighs its unpopularity in this country.

The system will allow students more efficient access to materials and an increase in the quality of the bibliographic information available, said McGinty.

DOBIS is an integrated library system that will enable a student to see if a reference has already been checked out of the Library. If so, they can request to reserve the material for a later date.

Students can begin their library research at home. According to McGinty, students with a modem can dial direct access once the system goes "live."

To be "live," fiber optic cables must be installed from Donnelly Hall to the Library. Ten terminals and printers will also be installed in the Library.

showing a driver's license, McGinty said.

"But then we (the Library) had problems tracking down books" that outsiders had lost, stolen, or forgotten, said Aaron Ward, student assistant.

A Marist identification card must be presented to take out books, but student assistants said, ID's are easy to come by. The Library issues student ID's.

In the past, student assistants said, people who came to the library asking for a

replacement ID were not asked to produce any identification to prove they were a student.

The person would then be issued an identification card with the said name and ID number, but with their picture on it.

These fake ID's could be used to take out books and could leave the person with charges if they are overdue.

Now, assistants must verify the person is a student with a driver's license.

As finals approach, computer crunch hits

by Debra McGrath

As the fall semester nears completion and term papers pile up, pandemonium is erupting in the computer centers.

Despite a minus 40 wind chill factor, Christine Burvenich came to the Donnelly Hall Computer Center Sunday night, only to find herself waiting behind three other students to use an IBM Personal Computer.

Although several mainframe terminals available were available, Burvenich said she didn't know how to use the mainframe.

"If I knew how to use it, I would!" Burvenich said as her eyes opened ever wider.

Burvenich's situation is not isolated. For many Marist students, who don't know how to use the mainframe terminals, finding a PC is becoming increasingly difficult.

So why this sudden computer crunch?

Marist has about 109 computers — personal computers and mainframe terminals — for its 4,085 students. If only half of all Marist students used the computers, that would mean one computer for every 19 students.

Students said that's too few computers for too many students. But the administration, although acknowledging the need for extra computers during midterms and finals, said the number of computers is sufficient during the semester and each year more computers are added to the program.

Computer center officials also advised students to learn how to use the mainframe terminals.

Karen Flowers, information center manager, said Student Aides in the computer centers are willing to assist students who have questions about the mainframe. "That's what they're here for,

that's their job," Flowers said.

Flowers also said the campus bookstore sells three guides to working the mainframe.

But students still said they'll stick by the PCs for various reasons. Some students said the mainframe was just too complicated to use while others said they prefer the printer on the PCs.

Marist will upgrade the mainframe printers, according to Carl Gerberich, vice president of information systems.

Computers were moved from the PC Support Lab to the upstairs of the Donnelly Hall Computer Center in order to make them available to students 24 hours a day, according to Gerberich.

But for disgruntled students, the recent improvements in the computer centers just aren't enough.

Kevin Lawler a junior from Dansville, N.Y., is particularly hard-hit by the crunch. Also waiting in line on Sunday night, he's been using a PC all semester for his software development class. And this wasn't the first time he's waited.

Lawler said the Lowell Thomas Computer Center hours are limited, especially on the weekends. "Lowell Thomas closes at 5 p.m. on Sunday. What happens if you work?"

During finals week, the hours in the Lowell Thomas Computer Center may increase and Lowell Thomas 211, the journalism room, may be open for student use, according to Flowers.

Ultimately, though, the solution lies in more computers. In June, IBM will donate \$2 in cash or \$5 worth of equipment for every \$1 an IBM employee or spouse gives to Marist. Marist will most likely choose the equipment and use it for the student facilities, according to Gerberich.

Visionaries



Circle photo/Nathan J. Robinson

"Destruction and ruin of the rainforest," by Bill Stolpe. The Visions of Peace Contest, sponsored by Campus Ministry, displayed art works in the Campus Center this week.

But in the meantime, here are a few helpful hints to finding a computer.

— Go early. In Lowell Thomas, computers are available at 7 a.m.

— Try in between meals. The computer centers usually clear out then.

— Learn how to use the mainframe terminals.

Cold freezes study habits of students

by Jennifer Del Grande

It appears that when the cold weather hits the Marist College campus, it puts a freeze on the way some students usually handle their schoolwork.

"I've been cutting a lot of my afternoon classes," said junior, Anthony Triolo. "It gets dark so early, and it just seems unnatural to be in class — I hate it."

Junior James Rowan has noticed the increase in student absences as the cold weather approaches.

"Everyone cuts their 8:15's," Rowan said. "Nobody likes getting out of bed that early in the cold."

But some students find the cold weather works to the advantage of their study habits. Junior Christie Ingrassia has proven that the numbers on the thermometer have something to do with the numbers on her test papers.

"My grades were bad at midterms because we had that Indian summer, and I was always outside," Ingrassia said. "I hate the cold weather, but it does help my grades because I stay in and study."

Then there are those who, "weather" or not they see the chance, just won't take advantage of the opportunity. Juniors Keith Simons and Lisa Morgan know that the cold weather gives them no excuse.

"When it's cold, everyone is inside and it's hard to concentrate with your friends around all the time," Morgan said.

"When it's cold out, I'm forced to stay inside to study," Simons said. "I'm inside, but I get bored, and I procrastinate, and end up playing Nintendo anyway."

Marist ups, downs: frosh perspectives

by Jenn Johannessen

Smash, trash or transfer? As the fall semester comes to a close, freshmen gave friendliness a thumbs up, trashed strictness and academics received mixed reviews.

Overall, however, Marist received a thumbs up by its newest students, with the small, quaint and "friendly atmosphere" ranking highly.

"It's not like you meet someone and never see them again," said Michele Rubis, a communication arts major from Monroe, Conn.

Patrice Selleck, from Peekskill, N.Y., said it was easy for her to adjust because she felt like she was at home.

The strictness of Marist policies was also a big issue among freshmen.

Jim Haggarty, an English major from Hauppauge, N.Y. felt that, "the alcohol policy should be a 'close door policy.'" He also felt that it's not right for a student who is not drinking to get written up for being in a room where there is alcohol.

"(This) school is like a prison, the administration is willing to make the rules, but they are not willing to listen to suggestions," said Jeremy Senecei, a communications major from Cranston, R.I.

Some freshmen also felt their freedom is extremely restricted.

"I feel like I'm stuck in high school again; this is not what I thought college would be," said James Macari of Brooklyn, N.Y.

"The more things change, the more they stay the same," said John Suzuki of Forest Hills, N.Y. about the expansion of Marist.

"The administration is ignoring the basic needs of students," he said. "There are too many people in the cafeteria and students have no options."

Academically, many students praised Marist and said it possessed a challenge for them.

"(Marist) is not too bad, even though it's more work than I've ever had before," said Jen Terenzi, a communications major from Old Lyme, C.T.

Rene Bennett of East Haddam, Conn., did not think Marist was as competitive as it is, and expected it to be like more like life in the movie "Animal House."

Many Freshmen felt that the key to success at Marist was getting involved.

Nicole Gellela, a crew team member and Debra Smith, a participant in the recent production of Jesus Christ Superstar, both agreed that it is good to get involved in different activities, because they've met a lot of people.

School spirit was generally down-rated. Kami Cray of Jeffersonville, N.Y., said the campus has a "negative internal image," meaning the students and faculty are always putting Marist down.

"Marist is not going to work unless the students and faculty want it to," said Jonathan Banzaca of Orange, Conn.

The grand hoop season

by Wes Zahnke

There's a certain magical feeling when you walk into the gym and hear those leather balls bouncing on the hardwood floor.

You smell the sweaty, musty aroma and you immediately feel comfortable and your mind is at ease.

You nonchalantly scrutinize the competition and try to find an open basket to warm up on.

You confidently yet coolly pull off your sweats, stretch a little bit and get ready to commence the battle.

You know who the regulars are; they know you. It's time to settle a little something on that court.

Basketball season has always held a special place in my heart, and it always will. Hoops is hoops.

Some refer to it a religion, others as recreation, however I tend to view it as a combination of both.

Just going down to the gym and relieving stress and tension with a little physical activity thrown in is beneficial to everyone. Healthy mind, healthy body.

Now I must admit that it's a bit more difficult to get down to the gym as you get a little older. Different circumstances and events tend to deter one from the promised land.

Not that late night parties have



Wes Zahnke

A day in the life

anything to do with it, but certain outside interferences do tend to sidetrack one from one's primary objectives.

I would recommend playing without a hangover, whenever possible. If you do not heed my advice, you'll feel like 10 pounds of manure shoved into a three pound bag, when you leave the court.

It is now three on three season in the intramural league. The competition is fierce, and with the starting time at 9:30 p.m., chances are very good that you won't come to the game hung over.

But, you might come to the game with a chip on your shoulder, as many of these teams do. It's a shame, but some jerks have to put on the tough guy routine and be total morons on the court.

Many of these guys have severe emotional problems and they should seek counseling. As the prolific coach at Princeton said in last

year's NCAA tournament: "Basketball doesn't build character. It reveals your true character."

Bogdan Jovicic, recently appointed director of intramurals, and his staff of referees are doing an admirable job, under difficult circumstances.

You'll always run into problems with the refs, but those are the breaks, you just have to roll with them.

The battles can get heated, and they do. Hats must go off to the refs, because they put up with more garbage than a barge on the beautiful Hudson River.

I remember the first time I heard someone flatulate on the court. It made me wonder if Bob Cousy had ever resorted to such devious tactics.

Many people tend to think that you need to get the best equipment in order to win. I say hogwash.

Anyone that would pay \$170 for a pair of sneakers doesn't belong on the court. I prefer the cut or ripped off sweats with a cheap pair of Nikes or Chuck Taylors, a grubby old Bob's shirt, soaked in two weeks worth of B.O. and a tacky bandana.

This way, one doesn't have to resort to flatulation to keep defenders away.

Long live hoops!

Register

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tions. Possible alternatives include: — Randomly choosing 100 students to register within a designated time slot.

— Holding registration on Saturday so it does not interfere with classes.

In addition, a priority system will be installed to make the next registration more fair, according to Dr. John Kelly, chairman of the Student Information Systems Task Force.

This semester, students registered according to grade level and the first letter of their last name.

"We will have to change the priority system, and we will," said Kelly. "We were unable to get the priority system installed in time for spring registration."

Kelly said the new registration system, now 30 percent installed, is now not capable of computing the specifics such as priorities and pre-requisites.

The new priority system, will be determined by academic leaders, Kelly said. Such factors as academic credits and major and minor requirements will determine priority, he said.

Ivankovic said the new registration system has its advantages, especially letting the students immediately know their schedule for next semester.

"If a section is closed," said Ivankovic, "we can try right at the terminal to get the student into something else."

Although Ivankovic said she was worried about the number of courses, she said there were enough to go around.

Jeptha Lanning, chairperson of the Division of Arts and Letters, said classes were added in "Organizational Communication," "Mass Communication," and "Interpersonal Communication" to meet student demand.

"If I feel we have to add another section or two we will," said Lanning. "We've endeavored to take care of the student needs. I think it's worked out."

Camp

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A group of the first arrivals played football on the lawn to keep warm. Others lay under blankets, making occasional trips back to the dorms to get hot chocolate. Another student nursed a beer.

When asked if they knew how cold it was, a huddle of female students, pressed against the window wearing everything that might make them a little warmer, cried, "Don't tell us!" It was down to 10 degrees by 1 a.m.

Security personnel have kept students out of the building until around 5:30 a.m. so the housekeepers could clean it. Dennis McConologue, the shift supervisor for the Office of Safety and Security, said he sympathized with the students but couldn't let them in because he didn't have adequate coverage for the building. He later gave in.

Lara Wiecezynski found an open door on the side of the building. Wiecezynski — she was number 7 on line — considered alerting her classmates to the hole in the dam, but she thought the better of it.

"I'd lose my place," she said. "That sounds very selfish, I know, but that's the concern here." She warmed up for a minute, bundled up again and returned to the cold. Security locked the door behind her.

It was shortly after that when McConologue decided it was just too cold to let the scene go on. The 70 or so remaining freshmen jammed through the door, cheering salvation and sighing relief.

The Lowell Thomas gallery became a ski lodge. Students peeled off an average of three layers of clothing each, turned up the radios and lay in the warmth.

Around 3:30 a.m., a disc jockey from WPDH dedicated a song to them: "Cold as Ice," by Foreigner.

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Housing and credits plague new transfers

by Yolanda Lynch

A growing reputation and strong educational departments are the two major reasons why approximately 200 students transfer to Marist each year, said Carol Vari, coordinator of transfer admissions. But the transition is not always easy.

Transfer students face a "strict credit evaluation," and housing conditions in the off-campus Canterbury Garden Apartments. Because students are not within the college environment, said Vari, adjusting to college life at Marist is somewhat difficult.

Transfers receive credit only for grades better than a C- and courses comparable to Marist's liberal arts program, she said. Those students who come to Marist may go from junior standing at their previous school to having only a sophomore status here.

Transfers are at a disadvantage, when it comes to housing. The priority point system, the standard used to determine student housing, does not allow transfer students to equally compete for on-campus residence because they start from a freshman status. Therefore, most transfer students are placed in Canterbury housing throughout their education.

Despite similar obstacles, each year students around the country transfer from colleges or universities to continue their education at a school better suited to meet their needs.

In January of 1990, Marist will be the new school for about 45-60 transfer students, mostly from Dutchess and Ulster Counties, who join the 132 fall transfers currently attending Marist said Vari.

Marist's growing recognition can be attributed to the Lowell Thomas Communications Center, Division I sports and the developing Dyson Center, Vari said.

Students are transferring here because strong programs are offered in business, communications and psychology, she said.

Transfer student Charles Lightner, of Manhattan, N.Y., said he heard Marist had a good Special Services program as well as a communications department. He said he also learned to adjust to living at Canterbury.

"Off-campus housing forced me to be more independent and has been a good experience because it's the real world," said Lightner, a senior. "I think you become more independent off-campus than if you were to stay on campus because you are outside the security of the (Marist) nest egg," he said.

Vari has proposed to the Marist College Cabinet a plan to set up a specific transfer committee that would evaluate transfer credits and housing needs for students.

Vari said about 50 percent of Marist transfer students come from community colleges like Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Nassau and Suffolk.

Students from area colleges such as SUNY New Paltz, Mount St. Mary, Bard and Vassar Colleges have also transferred here, Vari confirmed.

Twenty former Marist students are returning said Judy Ivankonic, registrar, because they are now able to meet tuition costs or because they realize, "the grass isn't always greener on the other side."

Money, freedom pull students off campus

by Laurie Aurelia

Chris Ferina decided he just could not come to school again this year without bringing his cat, Critter.

Since Marist housing policy does not allow pets, Ferina, a senior from Ronkonkoma, N.Y., decided to move off campus.

"In my own apartment, I'm allowed to have pets, there are no alcohol restrictions and no closing procedures," Ferina said. "I also feel more responsible now because I've learned what it's like to have to pay my own bills — and pay them on time."

Ferina is one of several Marist students each semester who, for one reason or another, have chosen to withdraw from campus housing and go out on his own.

Of the approximately 3,000 full time, undergraduates currently enrolled at Marist, 2,052 are either living on campus or in the Canterbury Garden Apartments, a housing complex located 5 miles from campus.

Of those students currently residing in on-campus housing, 1,763 had paid their \$75 room deposit as of Nov. 24, 1989, to reserve their room for next semester, and only 20 students had officially withdrawn from college housing, said Jim Raimo, assistant director of housing.

Students who do choose to move off campus cite a variety of reasons for their decision. The most common reasons are money (it costs almost \$4,600 a year to live on campus), a desire for more freedom and, for students living in Canterbury, the inconvenience of commuting to and from campus, said Raimo.

Contrary to popular belief, the number of withdrawals are quite equally divided between students living on campus and students living in Canterbury, said Kelly D'Arcy, resident director of Canterbury.

"Most of my requests from Canterbury residents are from people who wish to find a vacant spot on campus because they don't like travelling back and forth," said D'Arcy.

Only one student from Canterbury has completely withdrawn from housing this semester, said D'Arcy.

Several students found that economically, it is more sensible to live off campus.

"I pay a large part of my college expenses, and I've found it's much cheaper to pay rent," said Carl Marinaccio, a senior from Brewster, N.Y. "I save close to \$1,000 a year by living off campus."

Although money is an important factor for some students, others, like Ann Marie Caputo, a senior from Staten Island, N.Y., were not happy with their on-campus living arrangements.

"I was tired of being isolated from my class when I was living on campus. My first year here, I lived on the only freshman floor in Champagnat Hall and my second year I was assigned to Benoit while the rest of my class was in Champagnat," said Caputo.

"Since I didn't like the cafeteria's food, I didn't take full advantage of the meal plan and the expense hardly seemed worth it. Off campus, I get more for my money, I live with my friends, and I enjoy the independence," she said.

Biting sarcasm migrates South

Back in 1974 a man by the name of Lorne Michaels put together a team of four men and three women for a late-light comedy show. After a few years all of the original seven comedians left the live Saturday night show for bigger and better things. However, the controversial show remained and now, 15 years and numerous cast changes later, Saturday Night Live is still a huge success.



It's a little known fact that ...

Ed McGarry

The trademark of S.N.L. was and is that nothing is sacred.

Whether the issue was political, social, religious, racial, ethnic or whatever, the Not Ready for Prime Time Players found a way to make fun of it. No one was safe, not the President of the United States, nor the average "Joe" right off of the street. The humor was sarcastic, gross, humiliating, and often questionable. All of this is what made S.N.L. so popular.

People like Chevy Chase, Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy and Billy Crystal have Michaels to thank for their own personal success.

But the purpose of this article is not to reminisce about "Saturday Night Live" because we have all seen and heard enough about that lately. The purpose of this article is to talk about the new.

You see, Lorne Michaels has

done it again.

This time Michaels looked beyond New York, Los Angeles or Second City in Chicago and headed "Down Under."

And his findings were just as good.

Now, thanks to Michaels, you can watch five young Australian comedians on Home Box Office every week. Since late summer, HBO has been airing the half hour comedy show "The Kids in the Hall" yet it has gotten minimal notoriety. Well, it is time that people started taking notice because the young men are good and the show is hilarious.

"The Kids in the Hall" is not just S.N.L. with an Australian twist, mind you. There is none of the dark, perverted sometimes disgusting humor. Instead, the humor is very straightforward and

very simple.

Their skits include such things as a young man running off to become an Indian girl leaving by simply saying to his mother, "see ya," to people feeling sorry for a man-eating shark because it feels guilty after it mauls them. Nothing complex or challenging, just basic dumb humor.

Music is also the target of spoofs including a music video entitled "The Dave's I Know" with the classic lines: "Some of them are Davids, but most are just named Dave. All of them have hands, but they come from different moms."

If these five young men can continue to produce this type of mindless, exaggerated, sarcastic humor they may be around for a long time to come. And maybe, they will be the next group of Belushis, Murrays and Piscopos.

In the meantime, they are just a group of guys whose names you don't even remember. But who knows, maybe in the year 2004 you will be able to turn on the TV and watch the 15th Anniversary of "The Kids in the Hall."

And maybe, just maybe, it will be funnier than that other comedy show.

Ed McGarry is The Circle's entertainment columnist.

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Take a number

To anyone standing in front of the Lowell Thomas Communications Center at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, the sight of nearly 100 freshmen lying on the ground in near-zero-degree weather would have been laughable if it weren't so stupid.

Why did so many students take such a drastic step to secure a place in line for the final day of registration before add/drop? These M through Z freshmen feared the courses they wanted or needed would be closed by the time their turn came to register.

Regardless of whether their worst fears were realized, it's clear this system is seriously flawed.

Two fundamental changes in the registration procedure have created the havoc of the past week: the lack of a system to assign courses by proper criteria; and a shabby first-come, first-served method without adequate provision for orderliness.

Under the old system, students dropped off their registration forms and the Registrar's Office took about two weeks to process the forms on a merit basis. A student's total number of credits, grade point average, prerequisites and major and minor requirements were among the factors considered — none of this nonsense about fighting for a place in line in the middle of the night.

The only benefit of the new system is immediate enrollment. But how important is that? For hundreds of students during the past week, that convenience was mitigated by long lines, futile attempts even by seniors to get their choice of classes, and for some, a night in the cold.

Marist officials say the new computer system used for registration is only about 30 percent installed, so it can't perform every function yet. A method that could not perform the task adequately should not have been used.

We've come to realize that everyone can't get what he or she wants in registration, but there are varying degrees of acceptability. This system is unacceptable.

Even if the new method of determining who gets what isn't as good as the previous one, a few simple things could have been done to improve the situation.

Instead of leaving students to huddle in the pre-dawn cold like refugees in a bread line, why couldn't someone have handed out tickets at an earlier time, as was done for last year's senior formal?

To their credit, the administrators in charge of registration acknowledge the system's shortcomings and have said they will improve it next time.

The unfavorable procedure, too, was made worse by students who overreacted. Not all of them had to sleep outside. Underclassmen generally don't have such narrow options that they can't wait until the following semester to take a course.

Worse still were the fire alarms. That kind of disruption achieves nothing.

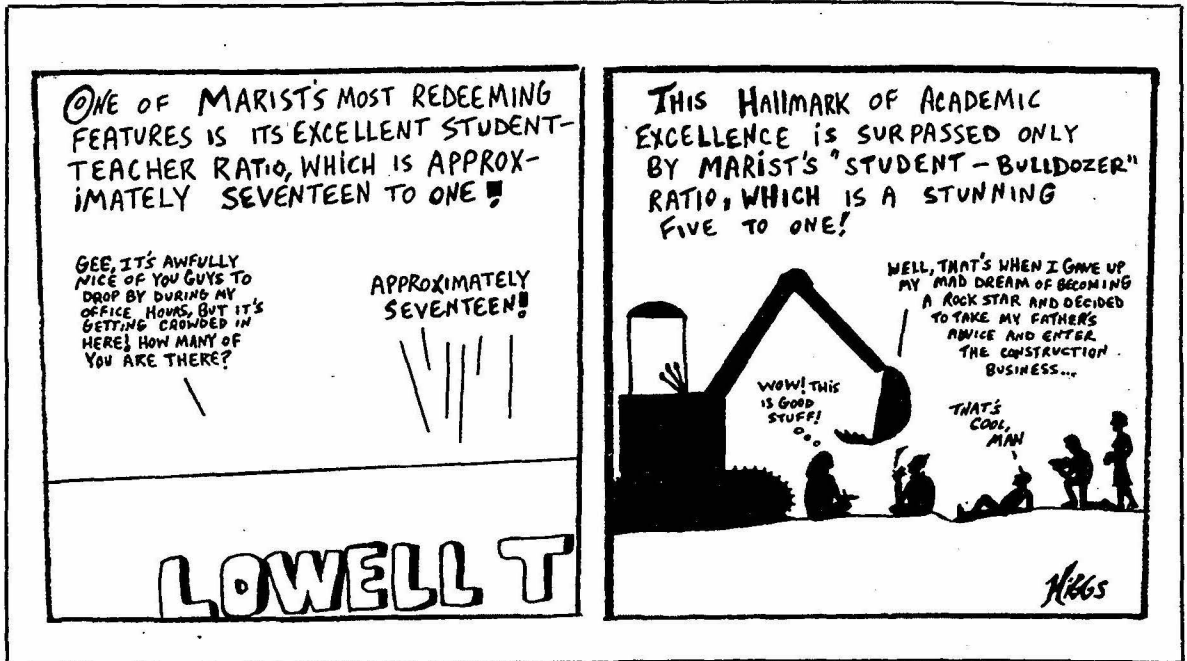
While many students have an uncertain future to look forward to as amendments to the system follow, this year's seniors have special reason to be glad they don't have to deal with it anymore.

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Justice and Iran-contra continue to be strangers

If justice is indeed blind, then late last month she got her eyes gouged out.

Yes, while millions of Eastern Europeans were striking a blow for freedom and self-determination, justice was having a tough time in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

On November 24, Federal District Judge Claude M. Hilton dismissed all criminal charges against Joseph Hernandez, the former C.I.A. station chief in Costa Rica who was indicted in the Iran-contra affair.

Hilton ruled as he did because Attorney General Dick Thornburgh had decided to block disclosure of classified information that Hernandez had requested for his defense. Thornburgh justified his action by saying that public disclosure of the secrets would result in "serious damage to the national security of the United States."

Hilton ruled that Hernandez could not prepare an adequate defense without those restricted documents. As a result, the case against Hernandez was dismissed.

But Hilton's action raises questions beyond the guilt or innocence of Hernandez. The Bush administration's interference in the cases against the accused Iran-contra conspirators has ensured that, either way, justice will not be done to any person involved in the scandal.



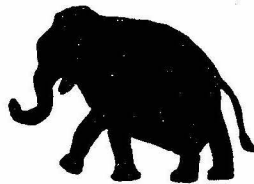
Paul O'Sullivan

Thinking between the lines

Just how important can these secrets be? By letting this information remain hidden, the Justice Department has ensured one of two things: either someone who has broken the law has been allowed to go free, or someone wrongly accused of a crime has not had the chance to vindicate himself. Either way, a fundamental aspect of America's justice system is violated and degraded. Is any secret worth that?

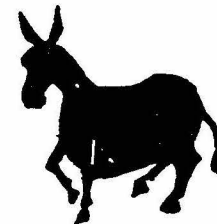
Some would argue that the keeping of these secrets is necessary to protect the lives of intelligence agents. This is one of the arguments used in the Iran-contra case, that many members of the American intelligence community and their operatives would have their covers blown if some of this information got out.

If this is true, then of course we owe it to these people to keep the secrets that protect their identities. These individuals put themselves in enough danger for their country without America's courts putting them even more in jeopardy.



Thornburgh justified his withholding of documents on the grounds of national security, that the disclosure of these secrets would do irreparable harm.

But how are we to know if this is true? The same argument was made against the publication of the Pentagon Papers in the early 1970's. When they were published, the moon did not turn into blood and the seas did not boil over. In short, America survived.



But if this truly is the reason why Thornburgh and the Justice Department want to keep this information hidden, then the

methods they are employing are, to say the least, questionable.

Look at the facts: The Iran-contra scandal is a potentially embarrassing situation for the Bush administration, yet it is a member of that administration who is deciding what information gets out and what information does not.

Isn't there a conflict of interest there? As long as one of the president's men sits in judgment of what information about Iran-contra is safe for disclosure, then there will always be the appearance of a cover-up, even if no cover-up exists.

If the Bush administration really wants to resolve the Iran-contra affair with justice, then it must relinquish its power to decide what information gets out and what information remains hidden.

This does not mean that all information about Iran-contra should be released to the public. There is no doubt that there is some sensitive information involved that is better left undisclosed. Perhaps a group that has less of a vested interest in Iran-contra should decide what is dangerous and what is not. Certainly the Senate Intelligence Committee has the knowledge and the bi-partisanship to ensure that the job will be done correctly.

The dismissal of the case against Joseph Hernandez only goes to show that there is still much cleaning up to be done with regard to the Iran-contra scandal. Unfortunately, it will not be until the Bush administration removes the blindfold it has imposed on the rest of the country that justice will truly be done.

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

The last issue of The Circle will appear Dec. 14

Taking sides on the gun control controversy

by Theodore Moy

To some people's surprise, it would be unusual for a student to write the following viewpoint, especially during a time when crime is steadily increasing. However, I would like to let everyone know what Congress is trying to do to our personal security.

The issue that is being questioned is gun control. Although most students, faculty, staff and other citizens may not care for firearms, this issue could affect all in the years to come. A bill is being proposed in Congress to ban more than 270 different kinds of firearms, from assault rifles to pistols.

This bill, in a way, frightens me because I myself will be applying for a pistol license after I reach my twenty-first birthday. One may ask, "What do you need a gun for? What use will it serve, other than what it is intended for?"

My response is that a gun is like a fire extinguisher; you use it only for an emergency. No, I'm not planning to act as Charles Bronson or any other vigilante (although I do live in New York City).

All I am doing is protecting myself and my

family if the police cannot. I am also starting a rather expensive hobby of target shooting as well. Some may think that firearms are a waste of money, but it's better to purchase them now because they may not be available later.

First of all, many people think getting rid of all handguns will reduce the murder rate in America. This is absolutely not true. There are thousands of other ways to end a life; a gun is just an accessory. Even if guns are totally banned in the United States, criminals will find other ways to reach their goals.

This bill that is being reviewed by Congress has been proposed by Senators Howard Metzenbaum, Paul Simon and Ted Kennedy. What they want to do is to ban numerous weapons, especially those with large magazines. (A magazine is what holds the bullet in place, usually having a reserve from seven rounds up to 90 or more.) All senators have stated a ban on:

- most assault rifles; magazines with capacities of more than 10 rounds.
- pistols which can hold more than seven rounds. Many today, especially the 9 millimeter pistols, can hold up to 15 rounds.
- most semi-automatic shotguns.

— some semi-automatic rifles. As a matter of fact, the senators want a ban on all semi-automatics; only bolt action rifles would be allowed.

It seems as though Congress wants only 6-shot revolvers or 7-shot magazines for pistols, low capacity bolt action rifles and cheap shotguns to be in our possession. They are, in fact, violating two constitutional amendments: the second amendment, which gives citizens the freedom to bear arms to protect themselves; and the first amendment, the freedom of speech.

One fact I have to point out is that this bill will benefit only the police. Now that drugs are becoming like gold in America, drug kingpins, pushers and suppliers have increased their firepower to protect their treasure (or to kill those who give bad deals). I have a great deal of respect for all policemen who put their lives at stake every day during this plague. I believe that all police should have the equivalent firepower to those who are a threat to society.

Instead of going through all this hassle, paperwork, complaints and refusals, I think that an alternative method should be used, because the ban is obviously not going to

work. This is what I think should be done:

—Have careful screening of all citizens who want to purchase any kind of firearm. Having a waiting time of at least two or three weeks for an investigation is fair.

—Everyone must apply for a license prior to the purchase of a firearm.

—Require all to purchase locks for firearms to prevent accidents.

—Require the purchase of special insurance.

—Agree to use the weapon for only two purposes: target practice and self defense, only if assaulted by another armed person.

So, if one thinks that the gun situation is out of hand, wake up! Only about 26 million Americans possess guns legally. There are only so many policeman and military personnel to serve the country. There are not enough for each household to be protected by one policeman.

Let these senators know how you feel (as I did). Write to them about the anti-gun law concern. The senators can be reached at this address: United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

Theodore Moy is a junior business administration major.

Letters to The Circle

Seiler's survey

Editor:

On Oct. 30 Seiler's conducted a survey in the dining room. The results of this second survey have shown us that although there is still room for improvement, there has been a big improvement in the student opinion of the food service program.

We are extremely pleased by this improvement, and we are committed to working to make your program even better. We will be responding to specific requests in a letter that will be in the dining room.

This second survey has also shown us that the students are very concerned about the condition of the dining room late in the meal periods and about the cleanliness of the dishware we supply. We are taking immediate steps to resolve these problems.

Please continue to use the comment cards in the dining room. The feedback is a big help.

Robert H. Palmer
District Manager Seiler's

Thanks

Editor:

For two dozen underprivileged youngsters from the Beacon Community Center, November 17 may have been the start of a dream come true.

That day, the kids spent most of the afternoon here as "little freshmen," learning what college is all about and what it takes to become a college student.

The visit meant a lot to those youngsters, and it gave them a most important message: stay in school, study hard and you could be here for real.

But the visit couldn't have happened without the eager support and the unselfish efforts of many members of the Marist community who participated in making the day a particularly eventful one for the kids.

A special word of thanks and recognition is due to the following Marist students and staff. International Student Union members, Interdip, Martin, Colleen, Gin, Robert, Willie, Eliana, Ikuko, Michelle, Paul and Reggie, planned the visit and acted as the youngsters' chaperones and "faculty."

Thanks are also extended to

Chris DelGiorno, the assistant director of admissions who help the kids set their sights on applying to college; Janet Waller and Anna Volino of the Media Center, along with students Mike Rodia, Mike Cadieux, John Jones and Rich Pfeifer who put the kids on "prime time."

Thanks also go to Karen Cicero of The Circle who initiated kids into the mysteries and wonder of newspaper editing; Joann Behnake of the Information Center who arranged the use of the Lowell Thomas computer facilities and Susan DeKrey and James Kullander who let the larger community in on the event.

Thanks are also extended to Sigma Phi Epsilon for the use of their video equipment and for editing the tape record of the visit; Linda Drusik of the Registrar's Office who made sure classrooms were available for the kids and Jay Stricker of Seiler's who provided juice and cookies at the end of the day to refresh the happy kids.

To all of you: thanks and good work!

Philip Kohkin-Youritzin
Community Service Program

Computers

Editor:

Twice in one day last week while I was attempting to use a computer in the Lowell Thomas Communications Center, I was removed because classes had to take place. I would not have minded moving if the classes had been large, but these classes were only 10 to 15 people in size. Why can't the computer room be shared, allowing those people already in there to finish their work?

I went over to Donnelly Hall, which was a waste of time, of course. The generous amount of computers on this campus is outrageous, but the number of terminals wasted by classes with such small numbers is equally outrageous. Is the knowledge passed in these classes so sacred that no other people can be present when it is taught? I think not!

Why not make those terminals available to those people already there? Wow! What a revelation!

Steven McDonough

For those who care enough to drive to the record store ...

'Twas two weeks before Christmas and all through the school, all the students were sinking deep into the pit of misery and despair that casts a shadow of gloom on the month of December...

Finals, you say? No, finals are a walk in the park compared to what happens when they're over. When you go home for break you realize the true meaning of Holiday Hell. There are four days left until Christmas and you haven't started the exhausting ritual of Christmas shopping.

Many people are disgusted by the crass commercialization of Christmas. Others abhor the rampant consumerism that diminishes the true joy and meaning of the season. Some of us simply hate shopping.

My advice to the first two groups: give people on your list nothing but your love and admiration in place of any meaningless material possessions. My advice all the people who'd rather not be hated by their family and friends: suck it up, you're going shopping.

By now you may be saying to yourself, "Hey, what's this clown



Kieran Fagan

In your ear

up to? He's supposed to be the music columnist and all he's doing is dishing out unsolicited and completely unmusical advice!" Bear with me a moment as I strive to become relevant.

When you hit the shopping warpath this season, you'll be tempted to tear through many different types of stores. You'll save a lot of time and aggravation if you do all of your shopping in a record store. Sure, this severely limits your choices for gift ideas, but you can do without all the hassle and I've got to talk about music somewhere in this column.

One of the joys of gift giving is choosing just the right gift to match someone's personality, interests, and needs. But when there are four

shopping days left, who the hell cares? If you can hit the mall and get out in under an hour, you're all right.

For this purpose, I humbly offer gift suggestions for all the music lovers on your list. For the sake of convenience, I've grouped them into distinct personality and interest categories.

— People who like rock, but not too loud: I'd go with almost anything by Van Morrison, The Beatles' "Abbey Road," Cat Stevens' "Teaser and the Firecat," Stanley Jordan's "Magic Touch," (well, that's actually jazz) and "Court and Spark" by Joni Mitchell.

— People who thrive on perpetual depression: Anything by Roger Waters — especially his Pink Floyd work, Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, the Smiths (talk about gloomy), a good portion of Peter Gabriel's music, Morton Downey Jr.'s solo record (it really exists — a depressing thought in itself).

— Those who need a good laugh: Any Osmond record, Hank Williams Jr.'s single "My Name Is Bocephus," the Rutles album (a

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Dubliners question how much America knows about education

Some Irish (and many Europeans, I'm told) seem to think that all Americans are rich, have a Jaguar and a jeep in the driveway, a swimming pool in the backyard, and comparatively less education.

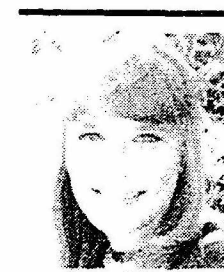
I'm the first to dissuade them, since I'm not rich, I don't drive a Jaguar, and I can't take a dive off my back steps. But that's where the argument stops.

It's the education part that I get stuck on. They may be right about that one. Europeans seem to know as much, if not more, about American history and politics than a lot of Americans do, myself included. And we probably don't know half as much about Europe.

One time a student relayed parts of Ronald Reagan's speech during his visit to Ireland in 1980 — verbatim.

Another one bet me he could come up with the names of all 50 states quicker than I could. He did. I couldn't think of Nebraska fast enough.

OK, so maybe these would only be helpful for Trivial Pursuit or Final Jeopardy. But it says something about our educational system. It's a scary thing when a



Ilse Martin

Dateline: Dublin

foreigner knows more about your country's politics than you do.

Our problem may arise from the "American Dream" syndrome, and college students' aspirations of having lucrative professions.

In other words, maybe American students are concerned with studying only so they can get jobs. But are we so caught up in going to school for a career that we can't look past our resumes at the rest of the world, let alone the rest of the country?

I remember watching a national television program last year about education in the United States. It was discouraging and embarrassing to hear high school seniors' answers to basic, fundamental

historical questions. One girl thought the Holocaust was a Jewish holiday.

What's going to happen a hundred years from now when someone asks an American high school senior what Apartheid is? The capital city of South Africa?

Ironically, education is relatively cheaper in most of Europe — about twenty-five percent cheaper than the average private college in the United States.

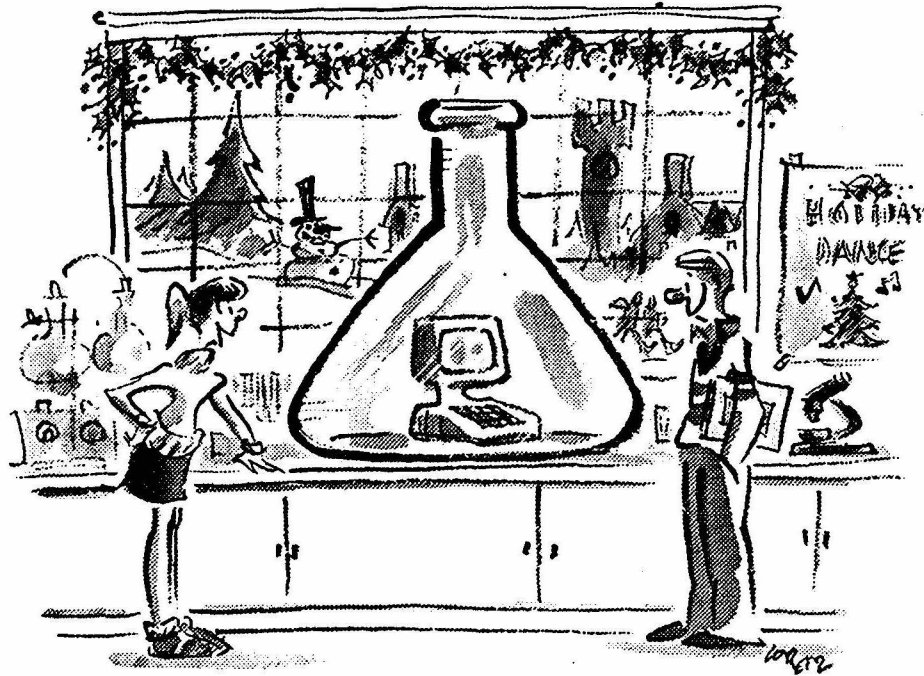
Western Europe is much smaller than the entire United States and surrounded by many languages, cultures and governments. A hefty percentage of its citizens are bilingual. And the breadth of their knowledge is extremely apparent.

They are better exposed to a greater number of political philosophies than we are. In Ireland alone there are at least six with strong followings: Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, Sinn Fein, the Green Party, the Labour Party, and the Worker Party. And all have daily press attention.

Even with the breakdown of the Wall in Germany recently, and in anticipation of the approaching

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"I've finally discovered the formula for taking the late nights out of lab class..."



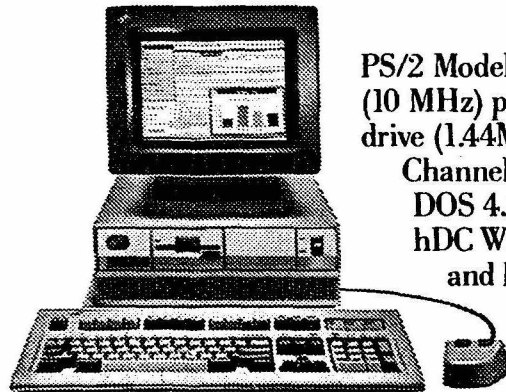
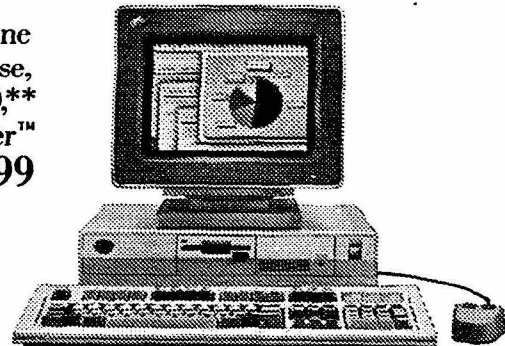
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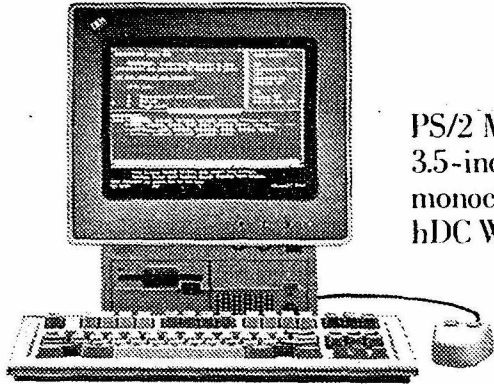


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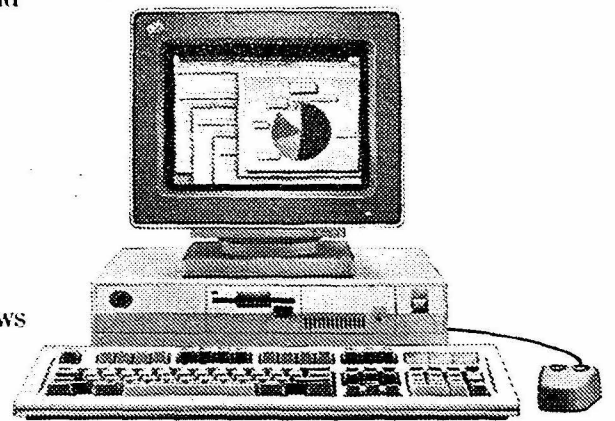


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hilarious Beatle's parody), and either Kingdom Come album (unintentionally hilarious Zeppelin ripoffs).

— People who need a few good reasons to hate the 1970's: Absolutely anything by the Village People, the Saturday Night Fever soundtrack, Ringo Starr's solo records, Yes's "Tormato" album (art rock reaches new heights of bombast), and any Osmond record.

— People who try to like classical music: I don't know much about classical music, but Ravel's "Bolero" seems nice. And I suppose the soundtrack to "Amadeus" couldn't hurt. After that, you're on your own.

— People who like New Kids on the Block: Don't buy them anything. Just get them a clue to life. (This also applies to fans of Menudo, Tiffany, Connie Francis, and country music).

— Those who want something loud: I guess any Metallica will do, Fishbone's "Truth and Soul," "Gretchen Goes to Nebraska" by King's X, The Clash's first album, "Gun Shy" from the Screaming Blue Messiahs, and (for nostalgia buffs) Iron Butterfly's "In A Gadda Da Vida."

There's the list. I tried to narrow all types down to these carefully researched categories. You should find that most of the people on your list will easily fit into one of them. If not, don't sue me.

For you readers who don't celebrate Christmas, you should feel free to use this guide for your Hannukah shopping or for any other religious winter holiday in which gifts are exchanged. If you are an atheist, try it for birthdays. But I can't promise you anything. Whatever shopping you do, try and remember what it's really all about.

Kieran Fagan is The Circle's music columnist.

Ilse

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1992 deadline of the converging European Community, college students are constantly confronting current issues in debate forums — and the auditoriums are always packed.

The attitude is not career oriented; it's knowledge oriented. Ask ten third-year Trinity students what they want to do after graduation, and eight will probably tell you they haven't a clue. Ask ten Marist juniors and eight probably already have a job lined up.

It seems more Europeans want to learn, instead of feeling they have to learn. And because of that, the college atmosphere is more casual and students have a higher self-motivation.

It's not that they don't think about careers. Ireland is one of Europe's poorer countries, followed by Greece, Portugal and Spain. And in some cases, there is a drive to learn that may stem from a desire to leave the country, to find more beneficial working conditions in countries like West Germany and Belgium.

But that desire in itself requires a strong education, above and beyond a particular vocation. They need to know about international affairs, economics, history, and another language to get a job in another country.

So what? you might say, I don't have to worry about working in another country. But therein lies one of the problems: excuses for why we shouldn't do something. Are we always taking the easy way out? Are we secure in knowing that as long as we have a college degree we can find a decent job?

Education isn't always the most interesting thing in life, but it is one of the most important. It helps us understand why we exist, who we are, and where we are going. We should consider ourselves lucky that we have it available to us.

Ilse Martin is a foreign correspondent for The Circle studying at Trinity College in Dublin.

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End of Fall Semester Closing Procedures for Resident Students

The College Residence Areas will close on Wednesday, December 20, 1989 at 10:00 pm. The last meal served on Wednesday will be dinner. During the time period of Friday, December 8th and Monday, December 13, 1989 all students must sign-up with their R.A. or U.C. for a room inspection checkout. This room inspection will take place after your last exam and when you are ready to leave.

After your last final exam, your room must be cleaned, inspected by your RA/UC and vacated immediately thereafter. Extra garbage bags will be available from your Residence Director. (Please take all garbage outside to the dumpsters.) Students who have an evening exam must leave their area no later than 10:00 pm. See your RA/UC for local instructions. Remember, any student who requested a room change for the Spring Semester or is withdrawing at the end of the Fall Semester, must clear their room completely of all personal belongings! Students will be contacted during the January Break by the Housing and Residential Life Office with notification of their new room assignment if a change was made. **NO motor vehicles will be permitted to drive up to residence facilities for loading due to fire safety concerns.** All students must make arrangements to carry their belongings to the parking lots to load their items.

Those students who rented a college refrigerator and are transferring, withdrawing, or participating in an internship, must return the cleaned and defrosted refrigerator to the Housing and Residential Life Office, Campus Center room 270 by Wednesday, December 13, 1989. Otherwise, refrigerators may be left in your room.

The College assumes **no liability** for lost, stolen or damaged items left in student's rooms. Be sure to take **all valuables** with you. If you are interested in off campus storage service through a local private agency, please stop by the Housing and Residential Life Office for details.

Students who will not be returning to Marist College Housing for the Spring 1990 Semester due to disciplinary concerns, academic dismissal, or voluntary withdrawal and still have personal items in their room must remove them prior to the start of the spring semester. The Housing and Residential Life Office has arranged two days when students can return to the College to pick up their belongings. These dates are Thursday and Friday, January 18th and 19th, 1990 between 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm. Please stop in to the Housing and Residential Life Office so we can assist you in getting into your area and complete any necessary paper work.

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For the Spring Semester, the Residence Halls will reopen on Sunday, January 21st at noon. The first meal served will be dinner on Sunday. The first scheduled class of the Spring Semester is Monday, January 22nd at 8:15 am. Please plan your travel arrangements accordingly!! **No early arrivals will be approved.**

Intramurals may receive new schedule

by Dan Massett

With all the changes that Marist has done to improve the look of the campus, the changes are not stopping there.

The next set of changes is apparently coming from the intramural office.

Beginning in the first week of the spring 1990 semester, the intramural office will be sending a questionnaire out to all students asking them what changes they would like to see in the program, according to Bogdan Jovicic, special assistant to the athletic director.

The questionnaire will ask students which sports programs they want to add and which ones should be dropped from the intramural program, said Jovicic, who is in charge of the intramural department.

"Maybe we are missing something in the program, the questionnaire will help us find out what," Jovicic said.

Jovicic said he is also looking to extend the flag-football and volleyball seasons into the spring semester — previously, both sports had been held only in the fall semester.

"Maybe we would get some people playing football and volleyball in the spring that didn't play in the fall," Jovicic said.

One sport Jovicic said he is looking to add is soccer — he said he believes that soccer is the sport of the 90s.

"For the first time the U.S. has qualified for next year's World Championships in Rome," he said. "And in 1994 the U.S. will host the World Cup."

Jovicic said he believes awareness of soccer will increase in this country because of America's involvement in the World Cup and said he did not think Marist students would be any different.

Marinelli

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from Clinton, N.Y., not only has had help from Marinelli as a trainer, she also feels comfortable about looking to him for guidance.

"Glenn is a really nice person to talk to," she said. "He's honest and he'll kid around with you, and he'll always say 'hello' to you when he sees you walking through the hall."

"I've gone to talk with him about a lot of things, like picking out classes so I can get my coaching certificate."

Positive feedback like this from students, is just part of what kept Marinelli here since 1980.

"I didn't mean to stay here this long," he said. "But I moved here and got married to someone who lives in this area. A few years ago we had a child so we've stayed."

"You don't mind staying if things are good and they are progressing."

Throughout Marinelli's time as trainer, things have progressed and he has been a major part of it — including the assisting with the plans for the new trainer's room.

"(Marist) is a small college," he said. "We're Division I, but we're not a big time school like some other schools. You get a different kind of ethics, you get kids that are decent, easy-going — you don't get any real egotistical type people."

"(Marist athletes) understand a little bit more," he said. "Our athletes aren't going to go on to professional careers, and that's not on their minds so it makes it a little nicer. You get an athlete that cares about things and gets involved."

Lady Cagers at .500 mark

by Chris Shea

The Marist women's basketball team soundly defeated Concordia College in its home opener Monday night, evening off its record at 2-2.

Jennifer O'Neil scored a game high 18 points as the Lady Red Foxes sprinted out to an 18-2 lead to start the game — finishing the game with a win of 95-52.

Claudia Butler notched 15 points in just 17 minutes of action from the point guard position. Monica O'Halloran also added 13, as every Marist player scored at least 2 points.

The Lady Red Foxes dominated the boards — outrebounding Concordia 59-37. Jennifer Staton, Lisa Chmielewski, and Danielle Galarneau each pulled down a team-high 8 rebounds.

Marist opened the regular season at with a 70-67 win against William and Mary in the opening round of the Seton Hall tournament.

Mary O'Brien nailed two free-throws with 10 seconds left to ice the game. O'Halloran led the team in scoring with 13 points. Nancy Holbrook hit four 3-pointers, a new tournament record, to contribute 12 points to the win.

Coach Ken Babineau called the win "a great team effort."

"At one point in the game we were behind by seven. It was our depth and intensity that allowed us to come back," he said.

As intended, Marist's defensive pressure paid off.

William and Mary shot only 37 percent from the field and they had turned the ball over 22 times.

In the finals of the Seton Hall tournament, however, the Lady Red Foxes ran into an overpowering Seton Hall team.

"They were a big, talented team that totally took us out of our game," said Babineau.

Marist lost to the Lady Pirates 63-47.

Marist made just 16 of 58 attempts from the field (27 percent), and was outrebounded by 19.

The Lady Red Foxes actually outscored Seton Hall 32-30 in the second half but the Lady Pirates dominated 33-15 in the first half.

O'Brien led the team in scoring with 14 points and was named to the all-tournament team. O'Neil was the only other scorer to reach double digits with 10 points.

Danielle Galarneau and Kim Smith-Bey were high rebounders with seven and six respectively.

On Nov. 28, the squad travelled to face the University of Richmond. Marist stayed close for most of the game — within seven or eight points — against a team ranked nationally in the top 40.

"I felt this was our best effort of the year so far," Babineau said. "Richmond is that good."

Galarneau led the team in points with 11, and rebounds, with 10.

Marist will now go back out on the road to face Columbia University in the team's last game before the holiday break.

Hartford Tourney

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Steve Paterno, who scored just four points in the game, and Rod Henderson each hit baskets to put the Red Foxes up by one.

After Jonathan Raab sank two free throws to put the Dragons up by one, the game belonged to Henderson and O'Connor. A three pointer from Henderson put Marist up 71-69 with 1:22 left.

However, Lehman again hit a three pointer with :09 seconds remaining to even the score at 72-72.

O'Connor then took the in-bounds pass and traveled the length of the court before scoring his game winning basket as time expired.

"I wanted (O'Connor) to take it to the rim and he did," Magarity said of the game-winning shot. "It

was a great shot — Joey has earned the respect to take a shot like that, he is our leader out there."

The bench and the team's defense were two keys to the victory.

Lake and Henderson came off the bench and scored 12 points each, as the Marist non-starters outscored the Drexel non-starters 29-9.

After defeating Drexel, Marist moved on to the championship round against the host team — the University of Hartford.

The Hawks used a strong inside game and solid defense to come away with the 68-67 victory to grab the championship.

With :21 seconds remaining, O'Connor had a chance to tie the

game at the free throw line. O'Connor missed the first attempt and made the second making the score 68-67 Hartford with :21 seconds left in the game.

Marist had a chance to win the game, but missed two shots in the final seconds.

Both Henderson and O'Connor were named to the all-tournament squad.

In the Red Foxes' second game of the year and in what Magarity called "one of our biggest wins in a while," Marist defeated George Mason University by a score of 77-71 on Nov. 27.

The Red Foxes opened the season with a 104-65 victory over Mt. St. Vincent over the Thanksgiving break.

Crew coach finds home in boathouse

by Elizabeth Masterson

Nathan Strong remembers the first night he slept in his three-room apartment inside the William Martin boathouse.

"I remember lying in bed and I heard this tremendous crash," he said. "At first I couldn't figure out what it was, but I realized it was the trains connecting. Now I don't even hear them."

Strong, Marist's assistant crew coach, is also the most recent tenant of the 25-year-old boathouse.

Finished on Thursday, Nov. 5, 1964, the William Martin boathouse recently celebrated its anniversary.

But to Strong and his six-month-old puppy, Zia, the Martin boathouse is home.

At first, when Strong took the position as assistant crew coach just last fall, he said that his new living quarters "didn't quite meet my expectations."

Strong said that with some paint, wallpaper and assorted pieces of furniture, the boathouse soon became home.

Strong and Zia are not the first to live inside the Martin boathouse.

Larry Davis, head varsity crew coach, and his wife lived inside the boathouse for eight years just prior to Strong.

Davis explained that before the McCann Center, the site of Marian Hall was the old gymnasium but because of the gym's small size, the boathouse provided practice space for a variety of the Marist sports teams.

Plans for a celebration to honor the anniversary of the boathouse fell through but Davis said he hopes to organize an alumni event in the spring.

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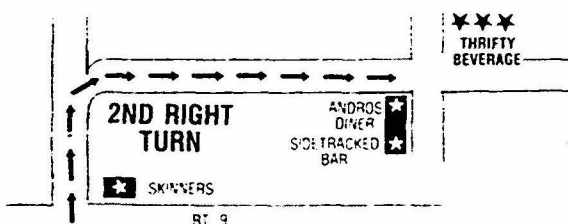
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Cagers open with three wins Men net runner-up spot in Hartford Hawks tourney

by Mike O'Farrell

HARTFORD, Conn. — Four games into the season, some may be surprised that the men's basketball team's record stands at 3-1.

"Right now we believe in ourselves and are trying to show people what kind of basketball we are capable of playing," said Marist coach Dave Magarity.

After opening the season with two wins at home in the McCann Center, the Red Foxes traveled to Hartford, Conn., where they took part in the Hartford Hawks Unlimited Tournament.

In the opening round of the tournament, Marist defeated Drexel Dragons in what may have been the most exciting game of the entire tournament.

A well balanced attack and tremendous defense allowed the Red Foxes to come away with a 74-72 overtime victory.

Senior point guard Joey O'Con-

nor connected on an off-balance baseline jumper as time expired to give the Red Foxes their third straight victory of the year.

That win raised the Foxes' record to 3-0 — equalling the best start ever by a Marist team dating back to the 1987-88 season.

Marist led by three points at the half, limiting Drexel's scoring sensation Todd Lehmann to just two points.

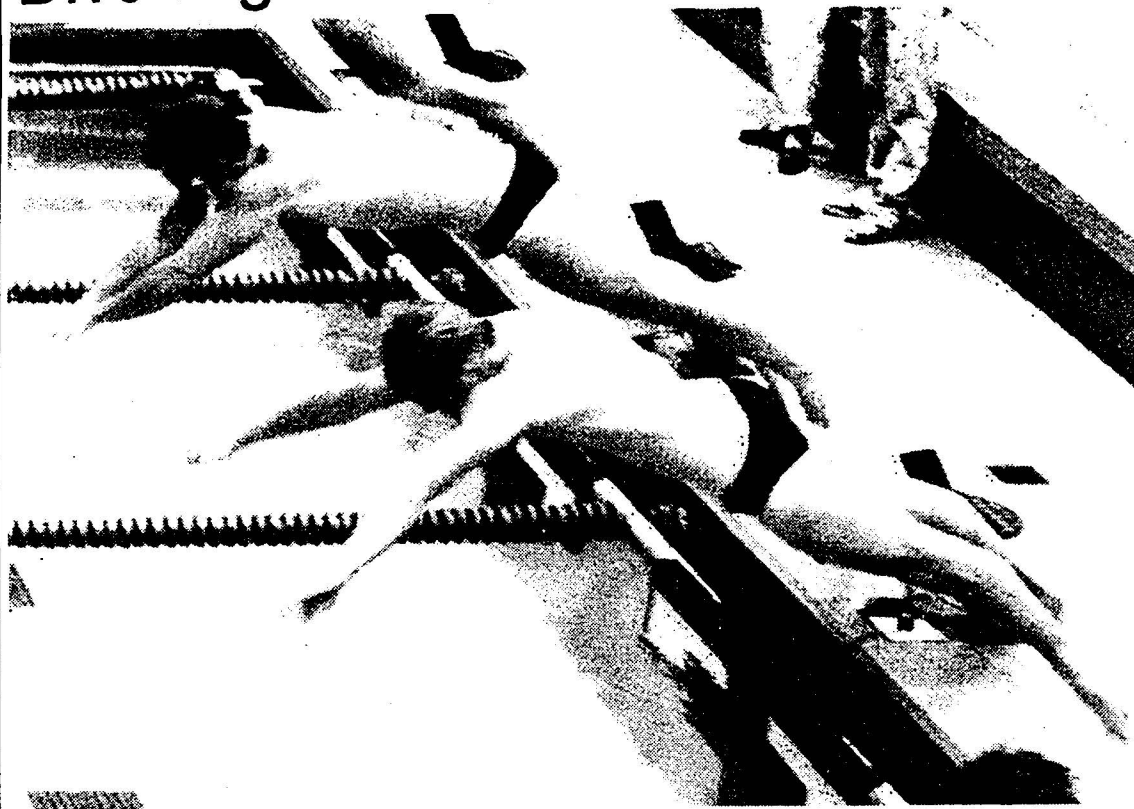
However, Lehmann finished the game with 29 points — scoring 27 points in the second half — connecting on seven of his eight three point attempts.

Andy Lake hit a three-point basket from the corner with just :31 left in the game to put Marist up by three. However, Lehmann came right back at the other end and tied the game with a 3-pointer of his own.

Lehmann began the overtime period with another three-pointer.

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Dive Right In



Circle photo/Lynaire Brust

Bryan Charles heads into the water on his way to capturing second place in the 50 freestyle in a recent meet at McCann.

Trainer enjoying 'new home' at McCann

by Suzanne Fagel

It is 4:30 p.m. and the McCann Gymnasium is filled with men in shorts and tee-shirts racing up and down the courts.

Basketballs are being passed from player to player and the humid air is filled with buzzers sounding and rubber soled sneakers screeching against the floor.

If one of these athletes suffers an injury, just 25 feet away is a haven of whirlpools, bandages, and Head Athletic Trainer Glenn Marinelli.

Marinelli is in his ninth year as Marist's trainer, helping student athletes prevent and rehabilitate their sports-related injuries.

Marinelli, a 32-year-old from Enfield, Conn., learned about athletic training almost by accident.

"I was injured when I was in high school and the injury wasn't handled properly," he said. "After that a friend of mine was talking about the training program at Springfield College and I thought it sounded interesting. So I applied and



Glenn Marinelli

he applied. I got accepted, and he didn't."

After getting his bachelor's degree at Springfield, Marinelli went to graduate school at the University of Virginia so he could make athletic training a career.

"I really enjoy this job," he said. "I'm not at a desk from 9-to-5 and I get to be right out on the field with the coaches and the players. For me, it really gels as a job."

"Caring for the athletes as far as their injuries go is pro-

bably the biggest thing we do," he said. "Just being able to treat them when injuries happen or preventing them before they happen. Preventive, is the thing we like to do."

The existing training room, which looks like a cement bunker directly offset from the main gym, is a new addition from this last summer and the newness is amplified by the smell of fresh, yellow paint which had just been applied last week.

"To get the room functional so we could move into it — the plumbing, the electrical work, the office being built, the carpet, the tile floor — it cost about \$17,000, but it needed to be done," Marinelli said.

Marinelli almost looks like a student himself, as he sits comfortably in his new environment.

"Glenn treats everyone the same," Brian Ierardi. "He has a really good rapore with kids this age because he doesn't look down on them."

Laura Trevisani, a senior

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'Classic' returning following absence

by Mike O'Farrell

After a two-year absence, the Pepsi-Marist Classic will return to the McCann Center Friday night.

The University of Vermont, Columbia University and Howard University will join Marist in the quest for the championship. Marist, which is hosting the tournament for the fourth year, has never lost the championship.

The first game, which starts at 6:00 p.m., has the Bison from Howard up against the Columbia University Lions.

Competing in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Howard compiled a record of 9-19 overall last season. The top returner for the Bison is Skip Bynum. Bynum, a 6-foot-2-inch junior guard, averaged 13.7 points per game last year.

Howard also has juniors Tyrone Powell and Guy Owens back from last year's squad. Powell and Owens averaged 12.3 and 12 points per contest respectively.

The Lions, representing the Ivy League, finished 8-18 overall while going 4-10 against conference foes.

Playing out of the North Atlantic Conference, the Vermont Catamounts will be the opening round foe for Marist. The game will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Vermont finished 6-21 last season while compiling a conference record of 4-14.

Kenny White, a sophomore guard, is the leading returning player for Coach Tom Brennan. White averaged 11.2 points per game last year.

Kevin Roberson is the leading front court player returning for this year.

Marist comes into the tournament sporting a 3-1 record.

Marist is the favorite on paper, yet coach Dave Magarity is not overlooking their tournament foes.

"We can't get complacent," he said. "We need to take one step at a time. We believe in ourselves."

The action begins Friday night at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The losing teams from the opening round will meet on Saturday night at 6 p.m. in the consolation game and the winners will meet in the championship game at 8 p.m.

Marist basketball — who would have thought..

Well, four games into the season and the men's basketball team is 3-1.

Surprised?

Who would have thought that after crushing Division II Mount St. Vincent the Red Foxes would come out and upset George Mason and Drexel before losing to the University of Hartford — a game which Marist had plenty of chances to win.

Many people had thought that at this point of the season, the Foxes would be 1-3 going into the Pepsi-Marist Classic.

Of course, coming out of the Classic, the same people figured Marist would be 3-3.

It's no big secret that the home team would like to win its own tournament and as a result, doesn't invite the most powerful teams to participate.

But did Marist have to make it so obvious?

At the Hartford Hawks Unlimited Tournament last weekend, the University of Hartford at least invited some competition.

Granted, having the Hawks play the Brown Bears in the first round seemed like a guarantee to the final. The Bears were 7-19 last season.

Each of the other three teams had more than 10 wins last season — the Red Foxes were 13-15, Drexel was 12-16 and the Hawks were 15-13.

So the Hawks seemed to realize that once they reached the final, the winner of the Marist-Drexel game would not be a pushover.

And the Red Foxes weren't.

In fact, they had a chance to win — putting up two shots in the final seconds of the game. The first was blocked and the second was off the mark and Marist lost 68-67.

The magic that helped them beat Drexel 74-72 the night before just wasn't there on Saturday.

As a result, the Hartford Hawks walk away winning their own tournament — but not without sweating it out.

If Marist doesn't win the Pepsi-Marist Classic this weekend, or has to sweat out the win, someone's



Jay Reynolds

Thursday
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Quarterback

job is in deep jeopardy.

In the first round Friday night, the Red Foxes face the Vermont Catamounts.

Last season the Catamounts were 6-21.

Nothing wrong with that — Marist wants to reach the championship game and probably could with four players on the floor.

In the championship game, Marist will face either the Columbia Lions or the Howard Bison.

Columbia, who's basketball team has not had much more success than the football team, was 8-18 last season and finished in seventh place in the less than powerful Ivy

League.

Howard is probably the best team visiting Poughkeepsie this weekend — and they were 9-19 last year.

But looking down the Bison's schedule, their record is justified by the tough schedule they play.

Losing to Bowie State, Fayetteville State, Wright State, Bethune-Cookman and Coppin State will take its toll on any team.

The Red Foxes do not appear to have the toughest weekend ahead of them — perhaps an early Christmas gift?

Some may wonder how the following fits in a sports column, but the obvious connection to Marist basketball is the justification.

It may not seem like much to most people at Marist — but that's probably because no one could listen.

With the exception of part of the staff of WMCR, not too many people realized that Marist had its own radio station at the Hartford Civic Center to broadcast the Red

Foxes' two games there.

The University of Hartford was the only other school that sent its station to the games. But being at home, it was not that far of a travel.

Neither Drexel or Brown brought their station — making Marist's presence on press row rather impressive.

It was the first time the station had done a live broadcast of that sort from outside the McCann Center.

Sure, it's great to have an on-campus station that jams and rocks, but when people can not listen because of the time and effort involved in rigging up a radio, it is a shame and takes some of the importance out of a landmark broadcast of that nature.

In the future, it would be great to have the entire Marist community — including those off campus and in Canterbury — able to hear "Live from the Hartford Civic Center..."

Jay Reynolds is The Circle's sports editor.