



THE CIRCLE

Dean Cox says frosh shape up

by Christopher Hogan
Co-editor

Approximately 504 freshmen (64 percent) received grades more than a 2.0 cumulative index at mid-term of this semester, says Dean of Students Gerald Cox. Cox says that he cannot announce estimates on the entire student body.

The Higher Educational Opportunity Program and validation students (those given special consideration for admission this semester), approximately 70 students, were not computed into the approximate figures due to error, says Cox. He added

that 16 to 17 percent of the freshmen received less than a 1.5 cumulative index and he did not know how many freshmen received more than a 3.0 index.

"I'm not sure, there might be other groups missing," Cox said about the two groups not included in the figures. "We will have it all worked out at the end of the week."

"This is the first indication of your encounter of what college is like," said Coordinator of the Freshman Program Father Richard LaMorte at a meeting held Tuesday attended by about 350 out of more than 500 freshmen.

"If you don't have it together by Thanksgiving, forget it," LaMorte said before mid-term grades were distributed.

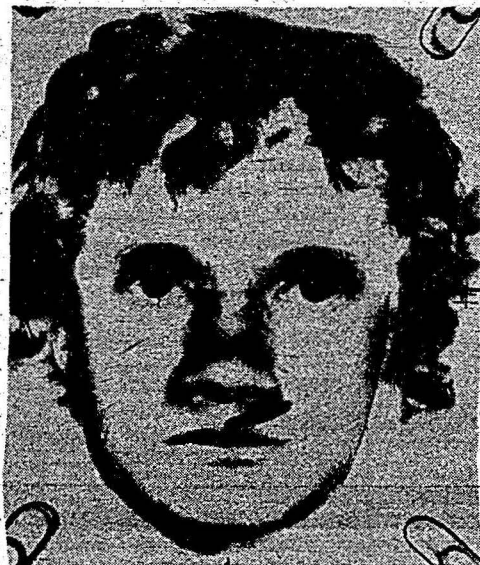
"The grades collectively give you nothing to be ashamed of, but some definitely have to be improved upon," Cox said to the freshmen. "Your class has begun to make its mark and its impression on the campus."

LaMorte added that the Inter-house Council has planned five programs for this semester concerning how to change courses and register, note taking, time management, and exam preparation for

freshmen. He added that these programs are also available for upperclassman.

According to Marist's academic requirements, freshmen must have an index of 1.7 at the end of two semesters to avoid academic probation. Last year, 202 freshmen and 36 transfer students had less than a 2.0 index. Cox said the current mid-term grades are a "significant change."

Cox told the freshmen that tutoring will be provided for those who want help. He added that those who do not want help do not have to utilize the service.



Vandals caught

by David Ng
Co-Editor

Two Marist College students have been placed on probation, and a third will probably face probationary measures as well, following three unrelated incidents of vandalism in the dormitories, according to Gerald Kelly, director of housing.

Two glass doors, in Sheahan and Leo Halls, and the window pane of a study booth on Champagnat Hall's ninth floor were broken by students during the weekend of Oct. 12-14, the weekend before mid-term examinations, said Kelly. Cases of vandalism in the dormitories had been reportedly low this semester as compared with previous years.

The cost of replacing the doors will be met by students responsible for the destruction, said Kelly, and the third student who is responsible for breaking the glass window will most likely also pay.

"Alcohol was the root cause in everyone (except when Leo Hall's front door was broken) of those instances. Each of those individuals were under the influence of alcohol," said Kelly.

He also said there has been petty damages in the dormitories during the previous weekend and the first weekend since midterms. Other minor cases of vandalism include ripping off elevator warning signs, littering, punching holes in walls, and general uncleanness. The cost of many of these type of damages will only run about \$5.00 in materials, according to Kelly, describing the petty vandalism as "Mickey Mouse."

"There is just a lack of courtesy for the common areas," he said.

There tends to be a sense of general untidiness in the dormitories, except for Benoit and Gregory Houses where only 32 students live in each residence, during weekends because the school does not employ weekend porters to clean the bathrooms and common areas such as lobbies, elevators, and game rooms, said Kelly. The residence advisor staff have been asked to remind the resident students to have more concern for their living quarters.

Police have rape suspects

by Jim Townsend
Sports Editor

Police have suspects but as of yet no arrests have been made in the investigation of the attempted rape on campus on October 12, according to Lieutenant Charles Mittelstaedt of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police.

The alleged attack occurred about 1:00 a.m. when a female upperclassman, whose name was not released, was walking alone back to her dormitory, says Joseph Waters, director of security. The alleged rapist attacked the woman near the Leo gate entrance with a pocket knife and threatened to rape her, according to a memo released by Waters.

The alleged attacker was frightened away when he heard voices walking down

the road from Sheahan Hall to the Leo gate.

This is the first attempted rape on campus, says Waters. There were two alleged incidents of harassment over the past two years.

In order to attempt to stop this kind of attack again, Marist Security has set up a telephone number that any woman walking alone on campus can call and the Security person on duty will accompany the girl to their dormitory, says Waters. Waters added that a number of females have already called the number, 471-1822 to get assistance.

Police got a description of the alleged rapist from the female. He is said to be a caucasian, between 5' 10" - 6'2", with blond hair. The memo says he weighs

approximately 190 to 200 lbs., age 20 to 25, the only noticeable mark on his face is a one inch scar over his left upper lip.

Police say they would like any information on the attempted rape to be directed to either Waters or Detective Mittelstaedt of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police.

Waters said that a composite sketch of the attempted rapist will be posted in the dormitories.

Two officers resign

by Dianna Jones
Feature editor

Two Security supervisors resigned this October according to Joseph Waters, Director of security and safety, totaling seven Marist Security supervisors who have resigned this past year.

William Donnelly, a former Security supervisor, said low pay and poor conditions are two main reasons he resigned after working two days at Marist. Donnelly, 50, who retired from the New York Police Force after 23 years of service, is the fourth supervisor who resigned due to low pay. Frank Duff, Michael O'Hara, and Joe Poluzzi have also resigned this year due to low pay. Charles Powers resigned in October and Waters accepted Edward Purcell's resignation this semester because Purcell was allegedly drinking while on duty.

"If they want competent people they have to pay them more," Donnelly said

about the large turnover of supervisors at Marist.

Donnelly added poor conditions which caused security problems led to his resignation. Poor lighting and Marist Security's lack of control over who came on the campus were two problems which he cited.

"Lights have gone out in some areas and have not been fixed for months," says Donnelly. There are some very vulnerable areas especially for girls walking around at night.

Powers was not available for comment. Waters said he would not discuss the two resignations.

"When a person is employed here it is a personnel matter," Waters said. "Both Bill Donnelly and Charlie Powers left of their own free will. As a manager I don't feel free to discuss why they resigned and I'm not going to."

Grad rules set

by Marisa Simone
Staffwriter

The major considerations for graduation in 1980 are completion of any required courses in the major field of study, an overall cumulative index no lower than 2.0, and a cumulative index of at least 2.0 in the major field, says Assistant to the Registrar Eileen Shaw.

January 1980 graduates were informed of any remaining requirements during the summer, and at present, the registrar's office is attempting to notify May 1980 graduates, says Shaw.

"January 1981 and May 1981 graduates are to be informed during Spring and Summer 1980, giving students two semesters in which to complete their requirements instead of the one they've received in the past," said Shaw. "I am trying to accelerate this timetable to the point that, by Fall 1980, I am working with

the May 1982 graduates, thus bringing the period of notice to three semesters before graduation."

Seniors are also being notified if they need additional credits in liberal arts and sciences to bring them up to the required minimum for their degree designated by the New York State Board of Regents' guidelines. All required minimums will be outlined in the 1980-81 college catalogue.

The class of 1980 is the last graduating class at Marist to which core requirements do not apply. However, all students are urged to consult their faculty advisors for counsel regarding requirements, availability and sequence of courses, individual strengths and weaknesses. According to Shaw, "it is the responsibility of every student to know his own requirements as outlined in the catalogue for the academic year in which he was admitted."

Students set to poll

by John Mayer
Staffwriter

One hundred and thirty Marist College students have volunteered to interview Dutchess County voters after they exit voting booths next Tuesday in an effort to predict the outcomes of three major races and to find out why voters voted the way they did.

"If the poll is correct, Marist students (working on the project) will be the first to know who won the elections," said assistant professor of political science Lee Miringoff, who is directing the poll for the second consecutive year.

Miringoff added that for ethical and practical reasons the results of the poll will not be released until the booths close. However, after that time the results will be made available to anyone, and will be discussed by students and himself on WKIP radio election night beginning at 9 p.m.

Races for Dutchess County executive, Mayor of Poughkeepsie, and Town of Poughkeepsie supervisor were chosen to be polled this year because these were the only ones Miringoff thought to be "wide" enough to provide an adequate sample.

He added that special emphasis will be placed on the race for Dutchess County executive between Democratic incumbent Lucille Pattison and her Republican challenger, assemblyman Glenn Warren. The poll will ask the voters for their assessment of the two individuals. It will be used to study how each candidate is doing among various groups of voters, identified by age, sex, political party and different regions in the county, says Miringoff.

This year Miringoff says he is hoping to predict the races within the statistical margin of error for polls, which is plus or minus three percentage points from the actual outcome.

Last year all 14 races studied were accurately predicted, with the results coming within two percentage points of the actual outcome, says Miringoff.



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Brotherly love

To the Marist Community:

Although words cannot begin to express our feeling of remorse over the loss of our brother, Ambrose Verlin, we, the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon, believe it is necessary and appropriate to bring the circumstances of this unfortunate accident to the attention of the Marist community.

A family is never the same after one of its members has been prematurely taken from this life.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity will grieve for many years over our brother's death for, in many ways, Bernie Verlin defines our fraternity.

Virtue, diligence, and brotherly love are three principles for which every brother of our fraternity strives; Bernie had already achieved these goals. He always had a smile for a friend, and everyone was his friend. He

knew how to have a good time, and he knew when to work. Most important of all, he was not afraid to show his love for others.

Bernie became the victim of poor highway planning on the part of the town of Poughkeepsie and the state of New York, and poor judgment on the part of an allegedly intoxicated driver.

We hope and pray that justice will be seen through in this case, but, of course, that would still be poor compensation for our loss.

We would like to conclude this letter with a plea to the entire Marist community: if you are walking along Route 9 or Route 9G after dark, be extra alert of the traffic, and, if you have been drinking that night, please, for the sake of God, do not drive.

Thank you,
The brothers of
Sigma Phi Epsilon

To "Bernie"

Bernie,

If we ever told you how you touched us with joy and happiness, you would have flashed that boyish grin and shrugged your shoulders. If we ever told you about the strength you gave all of us when we needed leadership and guidance, you would have blushed and walked away. If we ever told you, Bernie, how much we loved you and respected you for your hard work

and determination, you would have laughed and just passed it off.

Bernie, you touched us with joy and happiness. You gave us strength when we needed leadership and guidance. Bernie, we loved you, and respected you for your hard work and determination. We will miss you, Bernie, but you will always be with us.

Your Brothers.

Good and evil

It was once said of law: For good, return good. For evil, return justice.

The college's office concerned with dormitory life might benefit from that thousand year old quote. It reflects the individualistic manner in which some problems of discipline might be resolved and yet how a level of objective fairness can be maintained.

The cases of reported vandalism were seemingly low early in this semester until the weekend before mid-term examinations. Some upperclassmen noted that Marist College was taking a more academic atmosphere; it was beginning to appear more like a place of higher learning than a site of greater partying. It seems almost foolish to point out that doors remained on their hinges, windows stayed unbroken, and walls were left intact, after weekends. But there was a time not too long ago when there was recklessness in the three major dormitories, places we call our own, when damages were plentiful.

That's history now, and that is where it should remain. All indications, the freshmen dormitory concept, stricter guidelines for behavior in the buildings, and tougher job descriptions for the residence advisory staff, suggest Marist College is issuing the hardline: Shape up. And if the dean's office

finished the second half of that cliché command, ... OR ship out, vandalism might altogether cease.

But that would be perhaps extreme, even if it is effective, for college is the place where mistakes will be made - and more importantly - forgiven. However, something should be done now before more vandalism occurs. These fears of disrespect and childish behavior in the dormitories may be prematurely unfounded but should not go unchecked.

As Gerald Kelly, director of housing, and Gerald Cox, dean of students, would probably agree that the major cause of vandalism, however major or minor, is the liquid called alcohol.

For the majority of those who live on campus - at least we would like to believe - alcohol is something that can be responsibly handled and, perhaps except for a slight hangover the morning after, there really is no damage done. It is part of our cultural make-up to have a social drink now and then. But for few, alcohol is an instrument for leaving behind the pressures of college, daily life, and even the pressure of having pressures. And in this instance, the destruction is greater to the dormitories, and to the individual.

Some solid ground

As James Daly, director of admissions, noted in September when the sixth consecutive record freshmen class crowded onto the Marist College campus, "It's good news for Marist. If you're investing time and interest, it would be bad news if we weren't in this situation. The value of your degree would go down."

As the colleges and universities near a decade of declining enrollment when many schools will be forced to close, it should come as a reassuring statement to the students here, especially the senior class as they race to meet post-graduate life armed with a diploma as evidence of being college educated. That piece of paper, easily ruined by a spilt cup of water, is only a symbol of Marist College. Therefore, if Marist should somehow disappear in the undertow of small colleges folding in the 1980s, the paper becomes a symbol only of something which once existed. It doesn't mean a lot.

However, Marist seems it will weather the lean years of declining enrollment better than most colleges. Two admissions counselors who work for different schools outside New York state commented Marist would survive through the next decade without any major problems.

The college has had the foresight to predict a dim outlook for small young colleges in this approaching decade long before it was

fashionable to read about in technical educational bulletins. Former President Linus Foy saw the trend and the college was alerted. The school upgraded its admissions office and took a more aggressive style in looking for the next freshmen class; the search often started as the present freshmen class was just finishing their first midterm examinations.

The Admissions Office has learned quickly that college educations will become more the marketable product in the 1980s rather than the traditional memories of the same education in the 1960s. Even its slogan printed on the bumper stickers, "A Bridge to Success," is well-aimed for the high school graduate who is concerned with what happens after college graduation - as many other admissions counselors noted during the college fair Monday night in the James J. McCann Center.

The school's curriculum is strong in the fields of business, accounting, and communication arts, all basically vocationally minded areas of study. And, as witnessed this semester, there seems to be a general crack-down in all areas of student life. The analogy used by Dean of Students Gerald Cox was the two kingdoms on campus, social and academic, would be combined and ruled under one office.

SPEAKING OF MARIST... R.B. Whitmore



Harriers finish eighth in regionals

by Chris Egan
Sports writer

The Marist cross country team, ranked ninth in the latest NCAA Division II Northeast poll, continued its strong showing by placing fifth in the Northeast regionals and missed qualifying for the nationals by seventeen points.

Ron Gadziala, however, finished eighth in the meet enabling him to qualify for the National NCAA Division II meet on

November 10th in Riverside, California. He ran the 10,000 meter course at Philadelphia's Belmont Plateau in 32:44.4 and became Marist's first cross country runner to qualify for a national championship.

The Running Red Foxes finished the race with 155 points, barely being edged by Lowell University's 138. Edinboro State finished first, Indiana University of Pennsylvania was second, and Shippensburg State was third. Only the top four

teams qualified for the nationals.

Coach Rich Stevens says this was "without a doubt Ron's best race ever for us," and the team as a whole ran well also. He points out that if the team had beaten four more men it would have qualified.

Stevens says a protest was filed against Edinboro State because according to the official NCAA handbook it had been declared ineligible for regional or championship competition. He says he contacted the NCAA, which told him

Edinboro's eligibility had been restored before the meet.

Marist also finished a respectable eleventh in the University division of the Intercollegiate American Amateur Athletic Association (IC4A) championship last Friday at Sunken Meadow Park, New York.

Gadziala again was Marist's top finisher, running the five mile course in 25:31.2 for eighth place.

Gridders lose to Pace 22-0

by Jim Townsend
Sports editor

Despite fine defensive play by the Marist football team, Pace quarterback Bob Woodward led his team to a 22-0 victory over the Red Foxes.

The loss drops Marist's record to 2-5. Their next and final game of the season is Sunday against Manhattan at home.

Marist was without offensive tackle, Kevin Roletter, who chipped a bone in his foot against Siena and will be out for the season. Running back Jim Dowd also was not available for the game and Fritz Krach was injured on Marist's sixth play of the game and taken off the field by an ambulance.

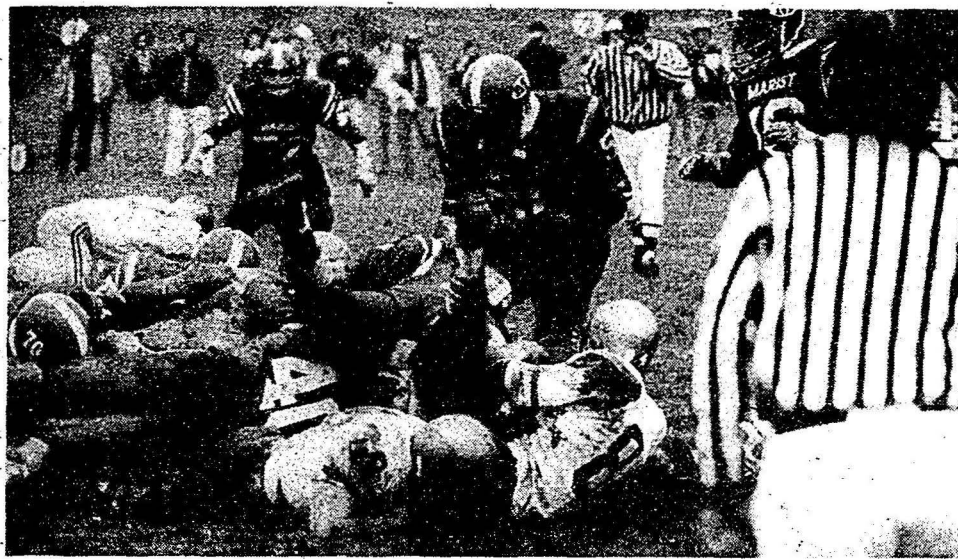
"We pulled out all the stops but just didn't cash in on our opportunities, when you play a team like Pace you only get a couple of chances," says head coach Mike Malet. On their first set of downs Marist

seemed to be stopped but faked the punt as Manny Lopergolo took the snap from center and ran 15 yards to the Iona 24-yard line but they failed to score.

Neither team moved much in the beginning of the second half as the only Pace threat was stopped by an interception by Kevin O'Connor.

After the interception by O'Connor, Manny Lopergolo took over for starting quarterback Jeff Hackett. "Jeff wasn't moving our offense so I put in Manny," says Malet. Lopergolo didn't move the offense so Hackett came back in on the same set of downs. During that set of downs Marist again pulled another "trick" play as they quick kicked on third down.

On Pace's next possession, they moved down to the Marist three yard line on second down but Marist's goal line defense held and Pace had to settle for a field goal. They went into halftime leading 3-0.



Marist defense stops Pace runner at goal line.

Booters beaten by Union

by Jim Townsend
Sports Editor

The Marist College soccer team dropped to a 5-7 record as they lost three out of their last four games, the last loss coming against Union College when Union scored with :11 left in the game.

Against the State University of New York at Binghamton on October 17 the Red Foxes scored first but Binghamton came back to win 2-1. In a game marred by penalties, Marist also missed many scoring opportunities.

The next home game was against Union

College on October 27. Marist again scored first as Ed Isaacson opened the scoring but that was the only goal that Marist scored. In a game that had coach Goldman arguing with the officials on a couple of occasions, Marist again had problems scoring. Many of the Marist's shots went wide or were stopped by the Union goalie.

The game was tied 1-1 at halftime and was that way the entire second half until Union scored on a header past goalie Rich Heffernan. Marist had controlled the play until the goal, having a number of chances

in the last minute of play but were unable to score.

In the 12 games that the soccer team has played this season they have outshot their opponents 284-172 but have been outscored 21-17. The seven games they have lost this season were by a total of eleven goals with the biggest defeat coming at the hands of Davis and Elkins College of Virginia 6-2.

The leading scorers on the team are Oyvind Larssen with seven goals and Matt Lovecchio and Julio Rostran with two goals and two assists each.

Gadziala qualifies for nationals

by Chris Egan
Sports writer



Ron Gadziala

Two years ago Ron Gadziala entered Marist College and joined the cross country team. He was a good runner in high school but wasn't heavily recruited by coach Rich Stevens. However Gadziala, now a junior environmental science major, has done something no other Marist cross country runner ever has, to qualify for the NCAA Division II Nationals, on November 10 in Riverside, California.

Gadziala qualified for the nationals by virtue of his eighth place finish in the NCAA Division II Northeast regional at Philadelphia. His time of 32:44.4 for the 10,000 meter course was only 36.4 seconds away from the winner of the race.

Gadziala says he was surprised that he qualified for the national championship, and Stevens' training program has helped

him improve throughout the year. "I had a slow start this year but I was constantly improving," he says. "A weight training program was also helpful for cutting down on sickness and building up strength," says Gadziala.

The team's record went above .500 for the first time when Gadziala ran his first very good race, at home against a good Southern Connecticut State squad among others. He finished third in that race in which his own Marist course record was broken by teammate Paul Welsh. Since that point, the team's record has risen to 14-6-1 and Gadziala has been the team's top scorer four times.

The latest of those four times was in the IC4A Championships at Sunken Meadow Park, New York, when he finished eighth, leading the Running Red Foxes to a respectable eleventh place finish.

Gadziala says he enjoys the longer races

because "I have more endurance than speed. I like the long hillier courses." His race in the Northeast regional was on a course the same length the one in California will be.

As for goals for the meet, he says he would like to make the top twenty five runners and make the All-American team. "I just want to run my best race and see where it takes me," he says. "Whatever happens-happens."

"Cross country is something I enjoy doing," he says. "I find it a challenge to go out and keep running. During the off-season I run a lot, and I must have run around 800 miles during the summer."

Longer races, like marathons, are not out of the question but he says "I'll probably wait until after I get out of school and have time to train. I ran one marathon two years ago but I think I will wait before I try for another."

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Urban takes detour

by Christopher Hogan
Co-editor

After 105 miles running and a swollen knee with sore tendons and ligaments, sophomore Resident Advisor Jon Urban could not run anymore for those who could not walk.

Urban, who began running a 275 mile trip from Boston to Marist on October 18 hoping to raise funds for the handicapped, was forced off the backroads of Massachusetts due to pain in his legs.

"We ran on backroads that weren't really set up for ultra distance running," says Urban. "We turned back to my hometown in Connecticut (Stratford) and talked to my old high school coach. He referred me to a doctor who said 'I shouldn't run.'"

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Enrollment squeeze nearing

by David Ng

Co-editor

As colleges and universities enter the 1980's, a decade of expected declining enrollment in freshmen classes, establishing more career orientated curriculums and strengthening existing academic programs seem to be the remedy for surviving through the tighter student market, according to several admissions counselors who represented their schools at the James J. McCann Center during a college fair Monday night.

Because of the declining birth rate and the end of the 1960's "Baby boom," it has been reported that there will be fewer high school seniors to enroll in college during the next decade, forcing many colleges to close, according to reports in educational magazines. And many colleges are attempting to deal with that problem now by reshaping their curriculums to attract more students.

Pat Barrett-hitz, an admissions counselor from Ohio University, says schools will probably develop more vocational-type of curriculums, training college students for specific jobs after graduation.

Job Conscious

"High school graduates are very conscious about the job market. They like to know what's going to happen after graduation," she said. Barrett-hitz, a fulltime admissions counselor hired by the university to recruit exclusively from the Westchester County area, said as a result her school is maintaining and refining its programs in health and the sciences, more career-minded fields of study.

She added that Ohio University currently has good backing and there has been no present change in its admissions policy.

Gene O'Connor, the counselor from St. Bonaventure University, said "The national trend is not as bad as it appears to be," and added that schools without a unique product, location, and tradition, will probably suffer most. He said his school has already begun looking at possible enrollment problems in the 1980's and will recruit more from junior colleges.

However, one source who has worked in admissions with different colleges for six



Colleges and universities are upgrading their recruiting methods as the 1980s near and a decline in the number of college freshmen is expected to force many schools to close.

years said it will get "dirty" in the next decade. He explained that will not be a gradual decline but it will be very sudden. Nearly all of the counselors claimed their schools had good enrollment figures this past September.

"Colleges will lower their standards and try to make it look like they (admissions standards) are the same," the source said.

While other colleges are gearing for the smaller number of college freshmen in the next few years, Amy Helbic, admissions counselor from LeMoyne College, said her school has no apprehension. LeMoyne being a Jesuit school, she explained, will always draw a certain segment of the population.

"There is a lot of talk but no one is too nervous," she said. LeMoyne may have to cut back on its freshmen class because of the lack of housing, she added.

Catholic University of America, established in 1887 is even concerned with expected decline in enrollment. Kathi

Ford, one of its admission counselors, said the school expects a decline in enrollment over a three year period although this semester the school had a record number of freshmen admitted.

Ford said a school like Catholic University, that has enjoyed a strong sense of tradition and a good reputation, must "do away with certain myths" about the school. She said most people perceive the university as enrolling only Catholics while it actually recruits students from all backgrounds.

Big schools nervous

Schools like Yale University will also share similar problems because most people see them as places for the wealthy or highly intelligent students, said Ford.

The college night fair was organized by the Marist College admissions office and included approximately 100 colleges or universities, some as far from Florida and Vermont.