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Water quality advisory lifted after turbidity incident

by TIM MANSON
Staff Writer

After much confusion, the water quality advisory for the city and town of Poughkeepsie was lifted.

The advisory, which warned people with weakened immune systems to boil their tap water or drink bottled water, was posted because of increased turbidity, or cloudiness, in water leaving the

water treatment plant, due to heavy rains in upstate New York two weeks ago, which deteriorated the raw river water quality.

The problem, according to *The Poughkeepsie Journal*, was that a Poughkeepsie radio station had announced that all residents of the city and town of Poughkeepsie should boil their drinking water.

John Glass, chief of engineering at the Dutchess County De-

partment of Health, said this was never a major problem for the general public.

"There was never a general boil water advisory," said Glass.

The advisory suggested that only immune deficient residents should boil their water in order to protect them against possible infection by water-borne organisms, such as cryptosporidium.

The initial reason for the advisory was because the turbidity

level of the water was between .4 and 1.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU), according to Glass. The national standard for water turbidity, set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) three years ago, is .5 NTU.

The standard had been 1.0 NTU previously, but it was changed after a number of outbreaks of cryptosporidiosis, the worst case being Milwaukee in 1993 when the peak turbidity was 1.7 NTU

and more than 400,000 people fell ill.

According to Glass, NTU is the measure of suspended matter in water, but is not entirely accurate in determining whether there are actually contaminants in the water.

"For a test like a bacteria test it's easy. You can get the results in 24 hours. But cryptosporidium

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Circle Photo/Diane Kolod

Pictured above is one of six giving trees on campus. Despite an early lack of student response, the project is picking up. Still, several items need to be bought to supply local families with the Christmas gifts Marist promised them.

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Students push for more campus lighting

by MICHELLE BRAMICH
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) wants to shed more light on Marist campus.

Student Body President Pat Mara said Marist needs more lighting. He asked for increased lighting at a Student Life Committee to make campus safer.

According to Mara, the areas that need the most lighting are the north entrance of Donnelly by the fashion department, the Grado, which is the Sheahan parking lot and driveway towards Donnelly, the gravel path from Leo to the McCann center and behind the Old Townhouses.

"These areas are so dark that they pose a threat to any individual walking in them at night," said Mara. "The first time I ever felt afraid on this campus was walking home from Donnelly in that pathway towards Lowell Thomas this year because of the darkness."

Tom Daly, director of physical plant, said he had requests over his past seven years from the Safety and Security Committee for more lighting on campus, but the funds were never made available.

"I was recently authorized to put two lights at the north entrance of Donnelly by the fash-

ion department," said Daly.

According to Daly, every light costs \$3,000. He said the two lights are on order, but he did not know how long it would be until they were in place. He estimated this would take about 12 weeks.

Mara said the lack of lighting will always be a problem due to insufficient funding.

"This issue has been on-going for the last four years that I have been here," said Mara.

According to Mara, this year is different because the Student Life Committee is aware of the problem. He said the past SGA senators failed to bring this issue to the administration's attention.

Students have split opinions on this matter. Junior Michele Araneo, who works nights in Donnelly, said Marist needs more lights at the north entrance of the building.

"It is really dark in that pathway. I've seen people stumble on the sidewalk because they couldn't see where it was," said Araneo.

According to junior Alicia Ross, there is not a problem with the lighting on campus.

"Personally, I've never felt unsafe here. I think they've done a good job with lighting because they've put up more lights since I've been here," said Ross.

Marist participates in World AIDS Week

Peer educators stress education and awareness in fight against AIDS

by KARA FLYNN
Staff Writer

One moment of silence stood for the millions of people infected with and affected by the HIV virus.

The HIV/AIDS Peer Educators prompted a campus-wide moment of silence from 1:15 to 1:16 p.m. on Dec. 2. This moment marked the 15th anniversary of the official recognition of AIDS as an epidemic in this country.

This moment also marked the beginning of World AIDS Week, a week dedicated to educating students about HIV and AIDS.

Hem Borremeo, lower Champagnat mentor and co-advisor to the HIV/AIDS Peer Educators, said the group aims to raise awareness and educate about the virus.

"This is an important topic to

talk about because as a population of young adults, it comes as no surprise a lot of peers are sexually active," said Borremeo. "College is a time of experimenting in a lot of different things. It's all about making choices and being responsible about our choices."

From Dec. 2-6, HIV/AIDS Peer Educators also honored World AIDS week by displaying an information table in the student center. Students there could receive information and ask educators questions.

Debra Alfano, a HIV/AIDS Peer Educator said on-campus events raised her awareness of HIV and prompted her to join the group.

"I went to the Ryan White lecture and a presentation on rape. They made me realize the reality of HIV," said Alfano. "It blew my mind when I saw the statistics."

Alfano, a freshman said she

witnessed much carelessness on and off campus.

"I saw a lot of irresponsibility on campus, and I didn't know if students were ignorant or just didn't care," said Alfano. "That is why we have to educate."

According to Alfano, the group plans to further educate students next semester.

They hope to create a newsletter, which will be distributed throughout campus and have planned demonstrations showing staggering AIDS-related statistics.

Alfano said the group needs to work on methods of awareness.

"We have put up posters and displays which are geared to our generation and have an impact," she said. "We're not just waiting for it to happen. We're out there working, especially on pub-

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Approximately how many hours do you sleep on an average night?

Less than 4 hours: 23

5-7 hours: 123

8 or more hours: 36

The Circle conducted an unscientific poll on Nov. 21- Dec. 7. One hundred eighty two students were asked this week's question.

National & World News Briefs



from the Associated Press

NATO to set roadmap for admitting new members

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - The NATO allies plan to create a roadmap for admitting new Central and East European members while assuring Russia the expansion is not aimed at Moscow, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Monday.

On his last foreign trip, Christopher said the 16 allies at a meeting Tuesday would schedule a summit next summer to trigger expansion of the 47-year-old alliance and authorize Secretary General Javier Solana to open formal talks with Russia.

Making it clear that NATO would go ahead and admit former Russian allies despite complaints from Moscow, Christopher said he hoped Russia would accept expansion.

It is an open secret that Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary would be taken in, probably in 1999, possibly with Romania and Slovenia as well.

What irks Moscow is NATO's plan to include some of Russia's former allies and the possibility the alliance may move troops and weapons even closer to Russia's borders.

U.S. Health Department unveils ad campaign promoting shots for children

WASHINGTON (AP) - A new Health and Human Services Department advertising campaign is intended to make sure that children are being properly immunized against deadly diseases.

The aim of the program, HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said, is to prompt parents to doublecheck with doctors if they have lost track of how many shots their children have received.

While about 75 percent of all U.S. children have received proper inoculations, nearly a million American 2-year-olds lack proper vaccinations.

It takes up to five visits to a health care provider to get the shots needed to vaccinate against polio, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, meningitis, chicken pox and hepatitis B.

The ad spots, which have been prepared in both English and Spanish, will go to more than 1,800 television stations, 8,000 radio stations and 15,000 publications.

Boutros-Ghali gives Iraq permission to resume oil exports

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali gave the OK today for Iraq to resume oil exports for the first time in six years to buy food and medicine for its people.

Iraq was barred from selling oil after President Saddam Hussein's soldiers invaded Kuwait in August 1990, triggering the Persian Gulf War.

Boutros-Ghali submitted a report to the Security Council saying the long-delayed "oil for food" plan was ready to begin.

Iraq will be permitted to sell \$2 billion worth of oil every six months to buy food and medicine for its people.

Before the invasion of Kuwait, Iraq exported more than 3 million barrels per day. At current world prices, Baghdad would be allowed to export about 580,000 barrels a day.

First four women offered admission to Virginia Military Institute

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) - One of the first four women accepted to Virginia Military Institute may instead go someplace else, even though her mother had a role in the lengthy court case that opened VMI's doors to women.

Lauren Wagner still wants a military education, but she's really more interested in the Air Force Academy.

VMI, which does not emphasize aviation, is her backup choice, she said.

Her mother, attorney Eileen Wagner, filed a friend-of-the-court brief in 1993 on the VMI case on behalf of a group of women attorneys.

That brief argued that the school should not be allowed to remain all-male if it continues to rely on public tax dollars.

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed in June, ordering VMI to admit women.

After contemplating going private, the VMI governing board voted in September to comply with the court's order.

Christopher urges Serb leader to accept election results

by BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - Threatening a new economic squeeze, Secretary of State Warren Christopher Monday urged Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to accept opposition election victories and open talks with his opponents.

Christopher said Milosevic should show the same kind of flexibility that led him last year to negotiate peace terms for Bosnia.

"Milosevic's position at the present time is self-defeating and he should recognize the importance of accepting the election results," he said. "Having a dialogue with the opposition is in his own interest."

Christopher also said the United States could choose to reimpose economic sanctions against Yugoslavia

that were dropped in exchange for Milosevic's cooperation in forging last year's Dayton peace accords.

Other sanctions remain in force, including U.S. opposition to international bank loans for Serbia, freezing some assets and not sending an American ambassador to Belgrade.

Christopher gave no sign at a news conference the Clinton administration would give its direct backing to any political rivals in an effort to bring down Milosevic, the target of sustained demonstrations in Belgrade.

"What we are saying is that if he does not clear up his act he will be in a deeper hole," said a senior U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said the U.S. would continue to put pressure on Milosevic.

"Clearly pressure works in Serbia, and

we'll just have to keep the pressure on and see what we can accomplish," he said.

Christopher and top advisers are here for NATO's annual winter meeting. Plans to expand eastward toward Russia's border is the liveliest topic up for consideration.

The 16 allies also are expected to call on Milosevic to ease up. NATO is directly involved in the Balkans, especially with its peacekeeping force in Bosnia.

The Serbian leader had refused to accept election results in Belgrade that were a setback to his rule. He has shunned political foes. And he has closed two popular independent radio stations that covered the massive daily protests against him.

The Serbian Supreme Court ruled Sunday against opposition parties who say they were robbed in recent elections.

FBI asks for public's help in Olympic Park bombing case

by RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) - The FBI Monday asked the public for help in identifying the voice of the man who called to warn police of the bomb just before it went off.

The FBI offered a reward of up to \$500,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bomber or bombers, Deputy Director Weldon Kennedy said.

"We've made a lot of progress in this investigation, but we still continue to seek the public's assistance," he said.

Meanwhile, NBC reached a settlement today with lawyers for security guard Richard Jewell, who for three months was considered a suspect in the bombing, over comments made on the air by news anchor Tom Brokaw. Details were not released.

At the FBI news conference, investigators also displayed a replica of the knapsack that contained the bomb, and asked for witnesses or photographs taken in the park shortly before the July 27 attack that might help identify the person who carried it.

Kennedy said that the FBI firmly believes that someone has a photograph of the bomb being carried into the park, Kennedy said.

Kennedy played a recording of the 911 call received by Atlanta police about 22 minutes before the bomb exploded.

"There is a bomb in Centennial Park. You have 30 minutes," a man said slowly and calmly during the 13-second call.

A transcript of the call was released shortly after the bombing but the audio tape was withheld until today.

"If anyone believes they recognize the voice of the person ... please call," Kennedy said.

Kennedy announced a toll-free telephone number - 1-888-324-9797 - for the public to call with tips.

The bomb exploded during an early morning concert in Olympic Centennial Park. One person was killed and more than 100 were injured. A cameraman rushing to the scene died of a heart attack.

Kennedy said the bomb was heavy, more than 40 pounds, and was carried in a green, Army-style knapsack, which was left beneath a bench next to a sound tower in the park.

Because someone nudged the pack, causing it to fall on its back, the explosion went straight up, he said. Had the force of the blast gone outward along the ground, it would have caused many more casualties, Kennedy said.

"We would have seen a higher number of casualties, and many, many more people injured or killed than what we had."

Kennedy said it was possible for one person to have planted the bomb and made the 911 phone call.

"The time factors are such that it's possible one person did both," he said. "But ... it could also have been two people acting in concert."

After nearly three months as the only named suspect, Jewell, who first pointed out the knapsack to officers, was cleared by the government on Oct. 26.

Jewell had been put under suspicion on the possibility that he fit a known psychological type - someone thirsty for recognition, often by law enforcement, who creates a crisis so he can defuse it and become a hero.

FBI Director Louis Freeh said months ago there were other suspects. They have been described by law enforcement sources as linked to some private militia groups, but no arrests have been made.

Kennedy declined to comment today on any militia connection.

Russian voters overwhelmingly reject nuclear plant

by GREG MYRE
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) - Russian voters handily turned down the government's bid to finish a partially constructed nuclear power plant in their impoverished rural region, in the first referendum of its kind.

Results of the referendum, announced Monday, mean Russia's Atomic Energy Ministry will not be allowed to complete the project, which was halted after the 1986 nuclear catastrophe at Chernobyl in Ukraine.

Residents in Kostroma, 250 miles northeast of Moscow, had feared a nuclear plant would drive away the tourists who steadily stream in to enjoy the region's clean lakes and woodlands, said Karen Richardson of Greenpeace International.

The environmental organization had helped residents put the issue to a referendum, the first time Russians had the opportunity to vote on a nuclear issue.

"Obviously, we're very pleased about this," Richardson said. "It shows that when people have a choice, they don't want nuclear power."

More than 80 percent of voters opposed the plant in Sunday's referendum, according to Russian news agencies. Final results were not available.

Security Briefs

* On Dec. 7, Security observed a female student entering Leo Hall carrying a Gingerbread House taken from the cafeteria. Security asked student to give it back and the house was returned to the cafeteria. The case has been turned over to student affairs.

* On Dec. 8, at 11 p.m., a female student from the Mid-Rise slipped on a wet floor and injured her left knee. She was transported to St. Francis. She is okay.

* Also on Dec. 8, at 3 p.m., someone smelled gas behind Townhouse C. Central Hudson Gas Valve. Maintenance went out to check it and called the Central Hudson Gas Company. It was fixed by 4:40 p.m.

The Weekend Weather

Today:

Chance of rain or snow south. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 35 to 45.

Friday:

Considerable cloudiness. A chance of flurries and sprinkles. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 35 to 45.

Saturday:

Chance of rain or snow. Lows 30 to 35. Highs in the 30s.

Sunday:

Chance of rain or snow. Lows 30 to 35. Highs in the 30s.

Source: Associated Press

Circle K helps children, one penny at a time

by BEN AGOES
Staff Writer

Marist's Circle K club reached out to area children recently, literally helping them one penny at a time.

The club teamed with the Marist Liberty Partnership Program to organize a penny drive on campus to help "at risk" children in Poughkeepsie and Kingston.

Marist is the host institution for the Liberty Partnership Program, which is primarily funded by the New York State Education Department.

According to Rob Wright, director of Marist's Liberty Partnership Program, the program helps students in grammar and high school who are struggling with their home environment, shyness, peer pressure, or any factors preventing them from doing their best.

Wright said Liberty Partnership provides counseling and academic tutoring throughout the day to its students, but recent state budget cuts forced the program to scale down its services.

"The state is having problems all around, and Liberty took a \$45,000 cut," Wright said.

The program had to eliminate after-school snacks, which Wright said he believes led to decreased attendance. The program, he said, can now only afford to offer snacks once a month, not every day.

According to Peter Amato, associate dean of student affairs and Circle K advisor, food is an important incentive for some Liberty Partnership students.

"When these kids get home, there are no snacks for them, so the [Liberty] snack is

something nice between lunch and dinner," he said.

Amato recommended that Liberty Partnership contact Lisa Annor, Circle K president and Mid-Rise resident assistant, to help raise money to offset the state's budget cuts.

Annor said she immediately liked the idea.

"I think [Liberty Partnership] motivates the kids to do some academic achievements," she said. "Some people just need that little push to get them up, and I believe it keeps kids off the streets."

Circle K raised \$334 with the penny drive, which Annor said is only the beginning.

Wright said he was pleased with Circle K's support.

"We are very grateful to Marist students. It was a good amount of money raised through student efforts," he said.

Amato considered the penny drive a success, and he said the real work started after the collection.

"They had hundreds and hundreds of pennies that they spent hours wrapping," he said.

According to Wright it is important that Liberty Partnership and Circle K continue to help local children because the five-year-old program has proved to be a success.

He said Liberty started with 25 students, and out of those still in the program, 15-20 are expected to graduate high school this year.

"I would say that is a very good success rate," he said.



Circle Photo/Diane Kolod

A May 1998 groundbreaking date has been set for the construction of the new library, which will replace the existing facility pictured above.

Library fundraising continues, as groundbreaking date is set

by LEAH SHELTON
Staff Writer

All that is standing between Marist and a new library is \$6.7 million dollars.

According to Shaileen Kopec, vice president for college advancement, a total of \$10 million dollars is needed to reconstruct the library.

Kopec said Marist has already raised some funds.

"We've already raised 3.3 million through gifts and pledges," she said.

The funds have come primarily from trustees and other contributions, Kopec said.

"We are conducting a trustee campaign to raise \$700,000," she said. "We hope to have \$4 million by spring."

All avenues of funding will be pursued, including private donations, money from government and alumni, as well as from the regional business community. Marist is actively seeking a lead donor to give a multi-million dollar contribution. This donor, according to Kopec, will have his or her name on the library.

"This is a campaign to get funds to go into the library," Kopec said. "It is a very ambitious gift to achieve."

A May 1998 groundbreaking date has been set for the new library, according to John McGinty, library director.

The new facility will consist of three floors, instead of the existing two. More seating will be available, as well as more areas designed for group study, McGinty said.

McGinty said he hopes the new facility will enrich the academic environment at Marist.

"We're trying to build on teaching and learning culture at Marist... faculty/student interaction, a hands-on approach," McGinty said. "A new building will allow that, and we are trying to get the building to be actively used."

The existing library is inadequate, according to McGinty, because there is not enough study and stack space. There is also old plumbing, inadequate infrastructure, too few periodicals, and not enough digital library access.

A September 1999 goal has been set for the completion of the new library, according to McGinty.

Kopec said the funds will be in place by then.

"We hope to have the majority of funds raised by September 1999," Kopec said.

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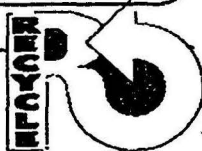
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Poetry sought for national contest

Sparrowsgrove Poetry Forum is offering a grand prize of \$1,000 in its new Distinguished Poet Awards poetry contest. Thirty-four other cash awards are also being offered. The contest is free to enter and open to everyone. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but it is not required to enter or win the contest.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. The contest closes Jan. 31, 1997, but poets are encouraged to submit their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Fall 1997 edition of *Treasured Poems of America*, a hardcover anthology to be published in August 1997. Prize winners will be announced March 31, 1997, and all prizes will be awarded promptly.

"Our contest is especially for new and unpublished poets seeking a forum that enables them to share their work," says Jerome P. Welch, Publisher. "We are looking for sincerity and originality in a wide variety of styles and themes. Many of our contest winners are new poets with new ideas."

Poems should be sent to Sparrowsgrove Poetry Forum, Dept. N, 609 Main St., P.O. Box 193, Sistersville, WV 26175-0193.

Date rape prevalent on college campuses

by JILL GIOCONDO
Staff Writer

One in four college women have either been raped or suffered attempted rape, and 84 percent know their assailants.

The peer education group, People Educating Other People in a Learning Environment (PEOPLE), spread these statistics to students in an effort to educate about and prevent rape. PEOPLE began this fight with Date Rape Awareness Day on Dec. 4.

Jamiee Nardiello, treasurer of PEOPLE, said the day was a success.

"Date Rape Awareness Day is to make people aware and to prevent rape," Nardiello said. "Date rape is more prevalent than people think."

On this day, the group set up a table in the student center to give out pamphlets and hand out questionnaires. They also

played a video of an Oprah show on rape on college campuses. Students were able to obtain sheets of statistics that showed how prevalent the crime is.

Melissa Ruot, secretary of PEOPLE, said there was a positive response to the table.

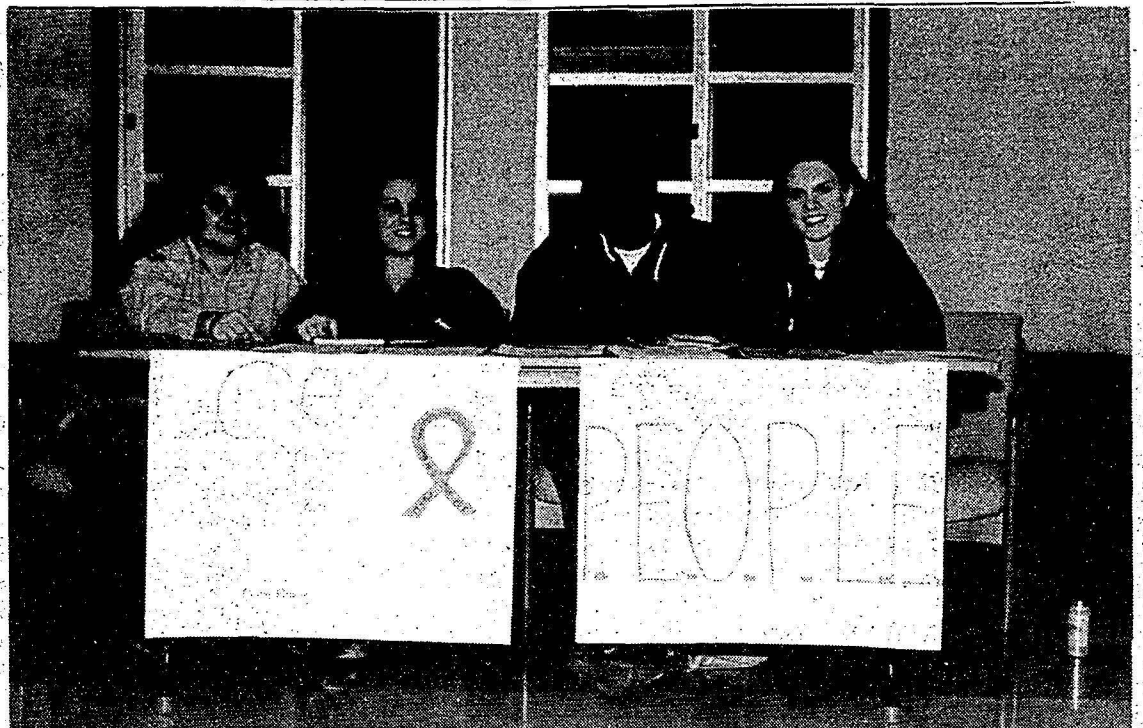
"A lot of students came by to see what the table was about," she said. "We need to be more aware as a community, because this problem does exist, especially here at Marist."

Donna Nastasi, a junior, said the day was very informative.

"I thought that the Oprah show was very powerful. I never realized how prevalent it is on campuses everywhere," Nastasi said. "I noticed that it was mostly women speaking out about the subject, however."

Nardiello said both women and men need to be educated on the topic.

"A lot of women share their feelings on date rape, but many men



Circle Photo/Julie Marshall

PEOPLE hosted a date rape awareness table last week. Pictured from left to right are Melissa Ruot, Debbie Gargano, Darren Valdes, and Cory Durdovic.

think it is a taboo subject," she said. "Men need to realize what date rape really is, and what they can do to prevent it."

Nardiello said the questionnaires were handed out so that men and women could give dif-

ferent points of view on the topic.

"We want to put together a show on date rape, but we also want it to appeal to everyone," she said. "We received good input from men on their thoughts on the topic."

Ruot said the group will be holding more awareness days like this one.

"There are a lot of issues that people our age need to be more aware of," she said. "Date rape is just one of them."

Students encourage AIDS awareness

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The members of the group plan to be trained by AIDS Related Community Service (ARCS), which will enable them to speak at junior and senior high schools in Dutchess County.

Keri Mica, Marist junior and member of the organization, said she hopes to bring the ARCS training into the dorms.

"Once we do get educated, we can go out and touch students," said Mica. "I don't think students take it as seriously as they should, and a lot of them don't think it can affect them."

Mica, a social work major, said students come to her when they have questions, mostly about being tested for HIV.

"Students stay away from the whole testing thing because they are scared," said Mica. "I think there should be a workshop about how you should be tested."

Borremeo said the organization exhibits what Marist College tries to achieve.

"By trying to raise awareness, we build a community of good examples of what Marist College students can be," said Borremeo. "We are reaching our goals by trying to reach out."

Water turbidity no longer problem

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does not respond to chlorine disinfection, so in order to test for it, you need 1,000 gallons of water, and it takes two to three weeks to get the results."

Glass said that because of how long it would take to have the water tested, the Dutchess County Health Department had to post an advisory as a precaution, despite his belief that there is nothing wrong with the water.

"There were never organisms measured in the finished water," said Glass. "The chances are very small for passing organisms, and there is no threat to the average person."

Jane O'Brien, director of health services at Marist, said she

agrees with Glass about the severity of this problem.

"If there was a little heavier concentration of organisms in the water, it won't do anything," said O'Brien. "Someone who can't fight anything- someone with a depleted immune system, HIV, AIDS, someone who has chemotherapy, or tends to have a low white blood cell count- for them it was advised that they may want to boil their water or drink bottled water."

Sophomore Monica Barratia said she is tired of hearing about problems with the water around the area, and she thinks more should be done to make the water cleaner.

"It's ridiculous that we have to deal with all these water problems all the time," said Barratia."

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Giving Tree project blooms, despite its rocky beginning

by KRISTIN RICHARD
Editor-in-chief

More students than usual attended mass on Sunday, and they had more than usual to celebrate.

Sunday's mass was the annual Giving Tree ceremony, and the altar was loaded with packages of toys, clothing, and even a bicycle.

The Giving Tree is in its sixth year at Marist, and it is a chance for students and faculty members to share the spirit of Christmas with local families by buying clothes, toys for children, and household necessities.

The Giving Tree committee collected "wish lists" from 28 families in the area who could not afford to buy gifts this holiday season. The lists consist of five needs and five wants for each member of each family.

The requested items are then written on paper ornaments and hung on the six Christmas trees around campus, located in Dyson, Donnelly, Lowell Thomas, the Student Center, and the Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

Students and faculty members take the descriptive portions of the ornaments to attach to the packages they buy. They place the other halves in the drop boxes next to the trees.

The wrapped gifts are then dropped off in Lowell Thomas. The deadline is tomorrow, and the sorting of the presents will begin Saturday.

According to Tabitha Zierzow, Giving Tree coordinator, student response to the project was poor until last week.

"Some students complained that the presents were not needed, such as a \$35 bottle of perfume for a 38-year-old woman," Zierzow said. "But, I don't think that's unreasonable when all of the other presents she asked for were clothes for her baby."

Zierzow said the Giving Tree committee took student complaints into consideration and put more "needy" items on the trees. Since then, response has picked up.

So far, 30 percent of the ornaments have been taken from the trees, as compared to 35 percent last year.

Some of the remaining gifts will be supplied from the Giving Tree budget, and SGA recently donated \$500 worth of gifts to the project.

Several clubs and organizations also contributed to the giving tree project this year, including the Mid-Rise RSC, Kappa Lambda Psi, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Circle K, and Alpha Sigma Tau.



Colin McCann is a resident director on the North End of campus.

Circle photos/Julie Marshall

Profile: Resident Director Colin McCann

by JACQUE SIMPSON
Feature Editor

Working in bookstore, teaching art to emotionally challenged children, and being a resident director are just a few of the many hats which Colin McCann wears.

McCann, a native of Red Hook, attended SUNY Plattsburg to pursue a degree in Communica-

tions. While there he decided that he wanted to be a part of the decisions which affect the living situations of residents. Thus, this began his career in residential life.

As a freshman, McCann was hired as an orientation leader. After having experience helping students acclimate themselves to college, he decided to apply to become a resident assistant. McCann was the youngest on a staff of seven. He was a resident assistant for three years at SUNY Plattsburg.

After graduation from Plattsburg, he began work for SUNY Morrisville for four years as a resident director. But, he says after four years his time there seemed to reach a plateau.

McCann left SUNY Morrisville, and moved to Albany, where he began work in a small bookstore.

Discontented with this he moved back home, and pursued his interest in Marist. A position opened, and he then joined the residential staff as a resident director for Gartland Commons.

"This has been an excellent experience thus far."

He says that he likes working with the junior and senior population, and he enjoys the opportunity to use his creative talents in programming.

A particular problem which McCann encounters as a resident director is the unique experience of living at work. He says, "Living at work is sometimes taxing. When do you take off the tie?"

He says that students always see him as the resident director, and not just Colin McCann.

Finding peers on the campus, other than other resident directors and mentors, is sometimes difficult. As a group, the resident directors try to fill up personal time with one another's company.

Some residents do not understand that resident directors have some of the same concerns that they do.

"If the heat goes out for you, then the heat goes out for me, and that makes us all upset. I'm

going to do what I can do to get that heat back on."

Gartland Commons, being a population of mostly juniors and seniors is much different from the freshman dorms. McCann described Gartland Commons as an eclectic group.

What McCann likes about Gartland Commons is that "Behind each door is a group of six and sometimes seven individuals, that are very unique in each apartment, that are right next door to each other, can be so different. It's a very eclectic population, with many different personalities."

He would like to see the development of a common area in Gartland Commons to bring residents together.

Although, Gartland Commons does not have a common area, residents manage to keep in touch, whether it is leaving their door open, or a friendly game of touch football across the grassy knoll between apartments.

According to McCann, a training manual cannot always give you all of the right answers. Much of the training comes from observation and communication. Being a resident director involves listening, and learning as one goes along.

McCann said his staff of resident assistants has a great balance this year, which helps when coming upon obstacles.

"I think that this is the best staff that I've had in all of my years of doing this. They all have individual strengths and weaknesses. But, as a group they support each other really well."

Programs that residents can look forward to next semester involve some resume writing sessions and possibly a relaxation technique program.

McCann would also like to try some spiritual program, and a discussion of religions. He says that religious programs are lacking. "It's one area of programming that's kind of missing campus wide."

In his spare time, he likes to write. Currently he is working on a novel of vignettes with a friend, entitled "Rugged in the '90s."

A celebration at the Dutch Cabin



by JOSIE INALDO
Food Babe

"Oh, the weather outside is frightful..." Christmas! Christmas! How I love this season! Santa, I just know you're out there. If you get a chance, I'd like the CD boxed set of 'Amadeus', a new white silk scarf, a New Year's trip to England, Pierce Brosnan with a bow attached, dinner at the CIA, and world peace.

This time of year is very special to me; gift shopping, decorating, baking...finals, projects, papers due.

Oh my, I have never experienced so much stress and plain hysteria these past few weeks, especially with capping.

This past week was my capping presentation; the accumulation of all our labors. (We counted and totaled 65 hours and 45 minutes in group time this semester...I'm not a math genius but that's almost THREE FULL DAYS!)

So, what does our group do when it's all said and done? Spend MORE TIME TOGETHER, of course. This time, in celebration. Knowing full well my status as the 'food babe', we went out to eat.

I took my group; Alycia,

Jackie, Brian, and Sophia to the Dutch Cabin for dinner. (I drove. Do you really think I'd pick up the tab?)

We were a rowdy bunch that night. Sophia was finished her last presentation of her college career and I was simply giddy that capping was over.

The Dutch Cabin is located around the corner from the Beechtree Grill, across the street from Vassar. The Dutch Cabin offers a great bar and Mexican food. We chatted over a bottomless basket of nachos with really spicy salsa.

For drinks, I had a Diet Coke and the rest of the bunch had bottles of beer. One would think they had the better deal in the beverage area but think again.

I had a straw with the paper wrapper majestically twisted around. This little work of art produced many 'ahhs'. (Anything could have amused us that evening.)

My capping group has been following all my trials and tribulations in my column and now had the honor of being my dining partners.

I got ridiculed the whole evening with questions like, "Josie, how are you liking the ambience? Does it have it enough? How is your food? Are you enjoying yourself? Why didn't you bring Amie, your roommate?"

These questions stopped when the food arrived. I ordered a shrimp chimichanga with monterey jack and cheddar cheese, sour cream, lettuce, tomatoes and guacamole (\$8.75).

A chimichanga consists of the aforementioned ingredients or a variation of similar items such as chicken or beef, rolled in a tortilla and fried.

It looks like a huge egg roll and was really good.

The rest of my capping group incidentally had the same meal-chicken quesadillas (around \$4.75).

Quesadillas are cheese filled flat tortillas that can include chicken, beef, shrimp or steak.

Sophia also included broccoli in her meal. They also offer many other Tex-Mex entrees, such as fajitas (around \$9-11.00).

We discussed the ordering of sizzling fajitas just to grab attention at a restaurant. (People always seems to turn around and look to see what the fuss is all about, isn't that just like human nature?)

The Dutch Cabin may be a bit far away to go drink with your friends.

But I do find the atmosphere welcoming and intimate. I hear you can always get the nachos and salsa, even if you're only ordering drinks.

The food is your run of the mill Mexican fare, nothing extraordinary. The cost of the food was fair.

But when you factor in your drinks as well, the meal came about to ten dollars with tip included.

The setting is casual and warm, hence the name of the establishment. The Dutch Cabin is worth going to and I give it three forks out of five.

Peer support groups help students in crises

by CHARLOTTE PARTRIDGE
Staff Writer

There are people ready to help you. Marist College has several peer groups coordinated by the Counseling Center that are prepared to help students. The Peer Advocate Volunteers is one such group.

Roberta Staples, director of counseling services, works with students who are certified with New York State for dealing with crises. The advocates are a section of the Task Force for Sexual Awareness and Prevention.

"We are advocates for the victimized student. We try to get sympathetic volunteers," Staples said.

Another peer group for students to turn to is the Peer Support Line, which began under Brother John Nash. The support line began almost three years ago.

Peer Support Line presently consists of about 60 participants. The line's hours are from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. all week, except Friday and Saturday.

"It is an anonymous and confidential service. We have no way to trace the calls," Nash said.

The leaders of the Peer Support Line are Jill Dontigney, Gayle Gregory and Dennis Kennedy. Students involved with the Peer Support Line have made announcements on MCTV and have a homepage on the web.

From the Peer Support Line came the idea for the Peer Mediators. This group is trained by Yvonne Poley and Andrea Rapheal-Paskey, who are on staff for the Counseling Center. This group tries to alleviate conflicts that arise in students' lives.

Brother Nash is also involved in the Peer Alcohol Program, which will begin next semester. It takes a total of three semesters of training to become an active member in the Peer Support Line, Peer Mediators, and the Peer Alcohol Program.

Nash is currently working with the psychology faculty to get students three elective credits for training. This has yet to be approved.

Nash said many college students are looking for help improving their lives, and therapy at the Counseling Center is a good answer.

"College is the last chance to conveniently make major changes in your life," Nash said.

Jacque's recipe of the week

Peanut Butter Cookies:

For double the peanut flavor, add 3/4 cup of chopped peanuts to the dough.

1/2 cup margarine or butter
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar or 1/4 cup honey
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Sugar

Oven 375*

In a mixing bowl, beat margarine and peanut butter with an electric mixer on medium to high for 30 seconds. Add 1/2 cup of flour, the sugars, the egg, baking soda, baking powder, vanilla. Beat until thoroughly combined. Beat in remaining flour. If necessary, cover and chill dough until easy to handle.

Shape dough into 1 inch balls. If desired, roll in additional sugar. Place two inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten by criss-crossing with the tines of a fork.

Bake in a 375* oven for 7 to 9 minutes or until bottoms are lightly browned. Cool cookies on a wire rack. Makes about 36.

Chocolate-Kiss Peanut Butter Cookies:

Prepare as above, except do not flatten with a fork before baking. Immediately after baking, press 1 milk chocolate kiss into each cookie.

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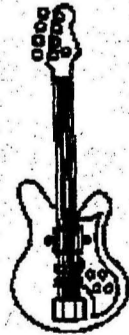
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The categories will cover: Best news story, best feature story, best in-depth or investigative story, best sports story, best opinion piece, best composition or essay, best research paper (no less than 6 pages, no more than, best literary essay, and best non-fiction poem

Winners in each category will have their piece published on a special section of the SPJ home page. Also, one grand winner will receive a gift certificate. The fee is \$3 per entry and entries are due by **March 21, 1997**. Entries must be accompanied with a cover sheet.

Look for further information and details around campus. Cover sheets and drop boxes will be located in the faculty mailroom of Howell Thomas beginning next semester.

In addition, there is also a national SPJ writing contest. The entrance fee is \$7 for SPJ members and 14 for non-members. For more information, contact communications professor Randy Hayman



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Editorials

Santa Claus really does exist

Since I was younger, a burning question has played on my mind; Who is Santa Claus?

When I was young, I would stay awake as long as possible, trying to catch a glimpse of the wonderful man who brought me really great toys to play with. I never got to see him, of course, but I felt like Santa Claus was the greatest man ever, next to my dad.

As I got a little bit older, I got a little nervous.

The kids at school started to spread a rumor that this wonderful man did not exist.

I was crushed. Santa DID exist. Who else would have brought me that Cabbage Patch Kid, or my favorite stuffed animal?

Burdened by this nagging doubt, I confronted my mother on the subject and demanded to know who Santa really was, and if he existed.

After pausing a minute, my mother told me that Santa was everywhere, that he existed in my heart and that he was what the true spirit of Christmas was.

My eight year old mind took all of this in, but I still was not sure if I felt any better. This ambiguous answer left me completely confused. Did the guy exist or not?

After that year, I realized that my parents were actually the ones who put my favorite stuffed animal under the tree, but Santa Claus did still exist.

He did not come down the chimney, or eat the cookies I left out, but he put a childish, innocent hope into everyone's lives.

Santa allows everyone to believe there is goodness out there, and maybe a little bit of magic.

I do not think you have to celebrate Christmas to believe in Santa, either.

He is a symbol for everyone of the innocence of childhood, when we did not question, but just accepted.

I think that everyone should hold onto the vision of Santa Claus, and not question where good things come from.

After all, my parents never did know where that Cabbage Patch Kid came from.

Stephanie Mercurio, News Editor

Semester's end: a chance to reflect on time

Here it is the end of the semester already. It seems like just yesterday we were moving in. Time really does go by quickly.

Time seems to control my life. Sometimes I am so wrapped up in getting the next thing done before I run out of time, that I do not stop to see how everything is going. Thus, at the end of the semester, I like to step back and reflect on my experience. Sometimes it does not seem like there is enough time to do everything. Time is the one thing that humans do not have control over. Even in this great age of technology, with high-speed computers, satellite communication and mass production, the rate that time moves cannot be changed. It remains constant, ticking at a steady pace.

Time can actually serve as a motivation. It inspires people into action to help them finish a task or achieve a goal. The time that human beings spend on the earth is such a small fraction of eternity. This past semester, I took a class on the Bible taught by Father Luke McCann. I thought it was a really interesting class because it got me thinking about human being's role in the world. One of the things he stressed is the fact that God sees time differently. Where humans mark time with seconds, minutes, hours, and days, and years, God sees time from eternity to eternity. He sees the whole show going on at once.

The fact that we have a limited time on this earth forces us to make the most of it. Each moment must be treasured and must not be wasted. Every decision people make is important. If they make the wrong one, they cannot go back and do it differently. Although sometimes I wish I could back and do things differently, I realize I have to learn from my mistakes and try to do things differently the next time.

Also, in class recently, he said something to the effect of "Someone's in charge of this whole shooting match." I took this to mean that even if events appear to happen randomly and with no purpose, there is some kind of plan to things. For thousands of years, people have had faith that there is some kind of a plan. Many people who have come before us were faced with some of the same problems and decisions that we have to deal with. They also reflected on their mistakes and thought about the future.

Is there some kind of plan? I think there is, but only time will tell.

Michael Goot, Managing Editor

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Quote of the week

"It's nice to be important, but it's important to be nice"



Letters to the Editor

'Marist parents' are just too strict

Editor:

As I complete my first semester freshman year at Marist, there is one thing that has begun to outrage me. Although Marist has provided me with a great group of new friends, a good education, and an overall pleasant atmosphere, I have a hard time with spending this kind of money to be treated as if I have Marist parents watching my every move.

I realize the rules placed upon freshmen, or first year residents, are in place to ease the transition from high school to college, but many of these rules are more strict than those I had living with my parents.

At times, I feel as if I am on a high school trip and cannot have girls in my room. Also, I do not like the fact that if we are drunk and sent to the hospital, our parents have to be phoned, and they also get sent a notice if we are written up for anything.

As 18-year-olds, the country recognizes us as adults with the right to vote, get married, have a job, and live on our own as taxpaying citizens without the burden of our parents.

Yet, Marist denies us many of these rights to be independent and let us live our own lives and deal with the consequences by ourselves, or with our parents by choice.

I realize that some rules have to be made to keep order and protect Marist from lawsuits. However, I do feel many of us are responsible enough to recognize when we have to do work and when other people can be in our rooms.

I also feel students should have the choice about telling their parents about their actions. As adults, we should have the right to make this choice. What gives Marist the right to tell them? Are they paying for us to be here? No, I am.

Personally, I have never dealt with these situations myself, but I have seen my friends go through this and the turmoil it causes at home. It is all a result of Marist and its methods of denying freshmen our freedom.

In these last few months, I have to come to love Marist and the opportunities it has offered me, but I cannot give any praise for many of the rules placed upon freshman residents.

Maybe Marist officials and the security personnel should place a little more emphasis on the education and safety of its residents, and not the bogus rules that I did not have from Mom and Dad, but got from the \$18,000 I spent to come here.

David Brandon, freshman

Volunteer...and you will sleep better at night

Editor:

We are a senior communications capping group that has concentrated our group project this semester on Marist's volunteer opportunities on campus. Our group's main goal is to bring awareness of volunteerism to the Marist community. Some of the volunteer opportunities we have encountered are peer support line, the learning center, special services, campus ministry, fraternity and sorority volunteerism, and the escort service.

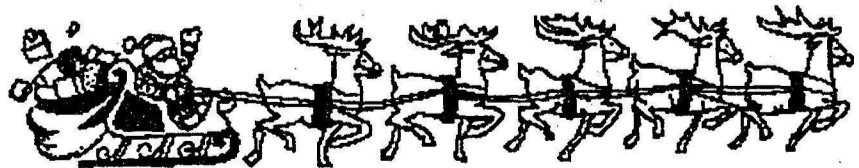
During the holiday season, make it a point to take time out to think of those individuals who are not as fortunate as you and I. We are trying to take our project one step further than merely receiving a grade. We created a brochure consisting of all of the volunteer opportunities on campus and their contact numbers. This will be available in the Student Activities Office.

Now, it is up to you, Marist community, to offer a helping hand by getting involved in one of the many volunteer opportunities on campus.

Lend a hand through volunteering. You will sleep better at night. We promise!

Christopher Rawls, Gina D'Angelo, Melanie Feliciano, Jason Geise, Kirsten Hatchins, Patrick Treanor, and Gina DeDominici

Good luck on finals and have a Happy Holiday Season!



What a long strange trip it's been

Meg and I were on a quest for those little cone-shaped party hats. Our search ultimately took us to the local CVS. I was home in the suburban town of Teaneck, NJ. Most of you do not know Meg, me, or Teaneck, but that should not be much of a problem. There was also a guy in that very CVS's lot that really did not fit the picture. Hence, my story. He was a frail greying man clad in a tie-dyed shirt and green cotton pants. He was approaching passerbys, though he may as well have been bald, robed and passing out plastic poppies. People walked by swiftly, as if he was a Hare Krishna at JFK.

Meg and I had ended our search of the drug store in vain, and were debating a trek out to the ever so distant "Party Box." This debate was terminated by the fellow in the handicapped space. As we drew closer, he gestured us to join him between the yellow lines on the pavement. We complied.

"Would you guys help me out? My car ran out of gas over in Hackensack. I walked up here to get some money from an old friend up the street. Could I just get a lift back to my car?" Meg glared at me as I debated giving this guy a lift. I replied, "Well, so long as you don't kill us or anything."

"Nah, man, I'm for peace. Look..." He revealed tattoos on his arms an legs with rather very intricate depictions of tranquil scenes, all with an obvious Grateful Dead motif.

We let him in the back of the station wagon and adjusted every mirror so our hitchhiker was in full view. "You guys are too much. I really mean it. Thanks a lot. I'll remember you." As he began his monologue, I somehow doubted that he would remember us.

"I have to go to the Hackensack Courthouse tomorrow," our glances at the mirrors intensified. "You know, the damn cops have no sense humor."

I dared ask why he was going to court. He continued his monologue, "I'm out on bail for selling acid at the Dead Show at Giants Stadium last summer. Cops got no sense of humor. Told 'em that too. I had 5,000 hits on me and they took it all. I hate the east coast, man. Don't even have a licence. Fifteen years driving and I never got so much as a ticket. I live out in San Francisco."

He directed us to a gas station by the courthouse, and we stopped the car. "You guys are too much. If you're ever in Frisco, look me up. Hey, you guys smoke? Trip? I haven't got any extra cash on me, but how about some weed, a couple of hits of acid, I've got some PCP too." Of course, we politely declined. He vanished into the Hackensack night.

No, the old fellow wasn't a Hare Krishna. Though, I suppose it could be said that he did have an affinity for poppies - or wait, no. That would be opium, wouldn't it?

Tara Quinn is The Circle's humor columnist

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year



Years from now, when I think back on 1996, there will be several images burned into my mind.

There was Bob Dole's tumble off of the stage that made everyone wonder if maybe he is a Kennedy, Pat Buchanan's "nastier, rougher" campaign, the FBI's storming of a little cabin in the woods to find the one guy in the country crazier than Ross Perot. (That was the Unabomber, by the way, not Crispin Glover.)

Peace in the Middle East has been a notion that rises and subsides more frequently than Space Mountain, while peace in the Balkans seems about as likely as a full-scale media blitz for "New Formula Crystal Pepsi: Now Even Clearer." China's human rights record is about as likely to see improvement as the ratings for the Warner Bros. network, yet the United States still helps them out, like the drunken uncle that the rest of the family has to support.

It suffices to say that the world is not exactly a fun place right now. But, here we are at the end of another semester, at the end of another year. We all know that we will manage to get through all of our work, and will soon be home sitting in front of a warm fire (or almost as warm television screen) with family and friends, gorging ourselves on homemade holiday food, and greedily tearing open our packages as we hope that we get everything we have asked for.

Just what is our obsession with ignoring everything that goes on around us and just concentrating on ourselves? Well, I think that we do this because we have to. We cannot dwell on all of the misfortunes of others in order to plunge into the depths of despair.

Christmas is traditionally the time that even the most miserly among us open their hearts wide, and open their wallets almost as wide and will donate money and help the less fortunate. But, I do not see that same kind of generosity as I have in the past.

I find this ironic, considering that the last couple of years have been economically difficult for many Americans, and we are supposedly in the midst of a full-fledged economic recovery. Now, some people find it hard to believe that economic indicators could be wrong, but I understand that is a possibility.

That would be much preferable to my initial reaction that as people are getting to have more money on-hand again, they are more reluctant to part with it. This may be because it is still technically early in the holiday season. Although, I will chalk it up to the fact that "It's A Wonderful Life" is only on TV once a year now. I think that has severely diminished our holiday spirit.

One of the best indicators here at Marist is that this is the worst year for The Giving Tree. I know some organizations give the hard sell, and ask for assistance. They are the ones that some people find the least tolerable, but, it really is a good program, and a lot of the things on the tree are very inexpensive, especially if you get some friends to help you pay for the gift.

Think back on all the Christmases you have ever had. Was there ever a single year where you did not have anything under the tree or in your stocking? Was there ever a year where you did not have a tree or a stocking? In all likelihood, most of us have never had things that rough, and, any of us who did should understand the disappointment associated with not being able to have something.

I have always hated any organization or person that tried to make me feel bad for what I have. But, there is nothing wrong with feeling bad for those who have not been as fortunate as I have.

So, when you are out buying that Tickle Me Elmo for your baby sister, or some game for the Nintendo 64, just take a moment to do a little something for someone that you do not even know. The person may never thank you in person, but, they will certainly be grateful. And, who knows, you might even feel better about yourself.

Christian Bladt is the opinion editor for The Circle.



The River's Edge by Chris Joseph Laline

We are getting pretty close to the point in the semester where a number of thoughts are racing around our heads.

Exams and final papers seem to be beating most of our other concerns but in my eyes, and I believe in the eyes of most in the Senior Class, it is a really close race with what we have come to know as the perils that await us in the fresh warm air of May.

I guess finding a job and all that good stuff about making money, establishing yourself and becoming the most ruthless and powerful person in the world, is coming our way in just five months, and it is this feeling that is starting to slowly make some of us breath a little faster.

But what is really weird about this whole feeling is the fact that I am not and never have been that worried about these

things at all. These matters are not resting as heavily on my mind as I guess they should be. I guess all I have been thinking about lately is how I am going to fix what I have broken over the past three and a half years in just one final semester left here at Marist.

I do not want to make this sound too sloppy, but when it comes down to it, after everyone has finished complaining about how rough we have it here and we stop cursing ourselves or our parents for being here, I think to myself how much I like being on this campus by the river's edge.

When I started writing this column back in September, I had no idea what the hell I was doing. I did not know what I would write about, but I did know that I wanted to have something that could show students that maybe, just maybe, life here is and will be all right. It is always a given

1996: The Year of the Moderate



In 1996, the United States of America continued down yet another path towards new territory.

In 1800, Thomas Jefferson began an end to federalist-dominated government and ushered in the beginning of strong representative rule. Andrew Jackson, in 1828, returned the focal point of politics to the many implied powers of the president. Abe Lincoln and the Republicans that followed paved the way for capitalism to seize control of America.

In 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt began an era of government domination in the private sector. Presidents who followed maintained a war-time economy by fueling the Cold War and "policing" in Vietnam. In 1992 (and continued tenaciously in 1996), Bill Clinton has begun the era of the Moderates.

We have seen an explosion in the art of popular democracy in our time. Originally, our founding fathers intended to model a new government in a free world based on the ground-setting governments of ancient Greece. But, the combination of large and uneducated populations led the Framers to take a less "democratic" approach to government. What resulted was a government for and by the people, yet necessarily detached from the inner workings of the institutions that ruled them.

Representatives took the concerns of their constituents to Washington D.C., but they acted in the best interest of the nation even when contrary to the constituency's whims. The president had little, if any, tie to his wide domain of constituents, and the office hovered in an aura of dignity and separation.

Today, technological breakthroughs in communication and advanced research in the art of public relations has brought the opinion of each citizen into the forefront of national policy making. Thomas Jefferson would be proud to live in this world; the biggest concern of today's presidents is the people.

Popular democracy thrived in ancient Greece because the small population could gather and voice opinions. Now, the United States has returned to the roots of its conception, and elected officials bend over backwards to respond to the factions that pay for their campaigns. They aim to please the audience that will rally behind them the strongest.

What has resulted is the next wave in politics - the wave of the 21st century. If you read my first column of the semester, you are well versed in the concept of the Moderate Party. Bill Clinton is a card-carrying member of the Moderate Party because he exhibits all the characteristics of a middle of the road, "I'll respond to whatever the voters want," president.

Clinton began his presidency with staple moves of a liberal administration: his stand on gays in the military, a complex and costly health care proposal, and several ill-fated attempts at executive nominations, like Lani Guinier and Jocelyn Elders (both openly considered to have views contrary to the mainstream ideals).

However, Clinton has sung the chorus of traditional, conservative administrations by advocating the shrinkage of government, and pushing (successfully) conservative legislation like NAFTA that badly hurt his relationship with most blue collar, die-hard democrat supporters.

Bill Clinton should be hailed as a good leader in our complex and modern world, and I think the next four years will yield a stronger move towards the "middle of the road" politics. Governments and politics, like most other long-standing institutions that take on lives of their own, grow and change with time. Clinton advocated change each time he ran for president.

The American people got what they asked for, and Clinton will be remembered as the barer of a new age in politics.

Bill Mekrut is the political columnist for The Circle.

that a newspaper will concentrate on what is wrong with a situation, but I just wanted to show what was right in the lives of the people I go to school with because we spend too much time beating ourselves up over the dumbest things.

In trying to write that one positive column a week, I always search myself for answers to what goes on around here. I usually find myself starting to feel lost, already missing the school before I have even checked out of here.

I start thinking about people I have not seen since freshmen year and wish I had made a better effort to stay friends with them. I start to think about the people I did become close with but have not talked to in a while because of some falling out.

I think about the teachers who think I am a complete a fool because I just refused to do any of the papers on time or study for the tests because I thought that this information would get me nowhere in life.

I was wrong, and some of the

grades reflect this thought process.

I think about these things all of the time, especially now when I am figuring out a way to make amends and put some type of closure to everything I have screwed up over the years.

I guess what I am trying to say is do not leave this place with any regrets. This goes for everyone who will be approaching graduation at some point in the next few years.

Over the Christmas break, just think about these things because college will never come your way again.

You should just grasp onto whatever it is you have here because we let too many aspects of life here slip away from us.

Just remember that it is probable that we might never see any of these people again, so I will just leave you with that and hopefully if my thirty-year-old car, affectionately known as the Cat or the Bobcat, can get me home and back again, I will be talking to you soon.

SGA NEWS

Hello and Good-bye (temporarily) to Marist College

Hi everyone. This is Adrienne Janetti, vice president for Student Life in my second and last letter to the Marist community. I will be spending the Spring 1997 semester in Geneva, Switzerland, and my position in the Student Government Association will be filled by sophomore Joe Verderame.

I just wanted to make the Marist community aware of some of the accomplishments and issues that SLC (Student Life Council) dealt with this semester. One of our major issues was commuter representation, and I am happy to say that for the first time in a while, the position of vice president for commuter affairs was filled. Talmadge Court was supposed to have a representative on SLC, but that did not happen, due to scheduling conflicts.

SLC is currently in the process of formulating a survey on dining services, in coordination with Joe Binotto, which should be distributed next semester. The North End RSC (Resident Student Council) and Gartland RSC are investigating the possibility of obtaining a postal drop-off box for that area of campus, and security concerns such as poor lighting and the likelihood of obtaining security beepers are also issues that will continue to be on the agenda of SLC for next semester.

RSC programming was quite successful this semester, with activities ranging from Halloween haunted houses, trick-or-treating for local schoolchildren and a party, the Assassin game, a Great Adventure trip and movie nights. That is just a small sample of the numerous activities the RSCs sponsored.

I am proud to say that SLC and the individual RSCs have all been involved in giving back to the community this semester. Each RSC is sponsoring a family or an individual for the Giving Tree project, and several members of SLC participated in the Hunger Walk as well.

SLC sent ten delegates from both RSC's and SLC to the 1996 NEACURH (North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls) conference held at the University of Maine, November 1-3.

This is a conference of all the residential life organizations in the Northeast region of the US. Marist received two prestigious honors at this conference, the first being the Most Spirited Delegation Award, and the second being the appointment of Joe Verderame on the Regional Board of Directors of NEACURH as the parliamentarian chair.

Marist is now an affiliated member of NEACURH and its nation-wide organization, NACURH (National Affiliation of College and University Residence Halls). This membership leads to the possibility of Marist hosting the NEACURH conference at some point in the future, as well as opening up amazing resources to Marist College for programming and residential life ideas or issues.

One of our biggest fund-raisers during the course of the semester is the Support Basket program. During finals, we distribute care packages to students. This program is very popular, and this semester we received approximately 650 orders from parents. As a reminder, Support Baskets can be picked up outside of the Activities Office from 12-5, Wednesday, December 11 and Thursday, December 12.

In conclusion, I have every confidence in Joe when I officially hand over the reins of SLC. I would like to thank numerous people for their hard work and dedication this semester to making SLC a productive organization. Steve Sansola was a wonderful advisor. Bob Lynch, Linda Muhlfeld and the Activities Office were indispensable during the craziness of Support Baskets. Jim Raimo and Joe Binotto added their valuable input to the issues that SLC was discussing.

My SLC members were a great crew, and I hope they continue to work as well for Joe as they did for me. I especially would like to thank Sam Johnson and Chris Oertel for the amazing work they did as advisors to the NEACURH conference. Thank you also to the NEACURH group, Stag, Salsa, Hooch, Goober, Mouth, 4-Corners, and Steamy for making NEACURH a fantastically fun and educational experience for me.

A final thank you goes out to SGA members and SGAs. I am sorry if I forgot anyone, and if I did, then please accept my gratitude. I wish everyone the best of luck on finals and for the next semester. I know Joe looks forward to working with and for the Marist community in the spring 1997 semester. Good luck and good-bye!!!

Sincerely,

Adrienne Janetti

Vice President for Student Life 1996

Bring your concerns to student government

Dear Marist Community,

As the semester draws to a close, it is always positive to take a look back and recognize your accomplishments. In student government, your student leaders are working hard to improve the quality of life on campus: From scheduling the major programming acts, like Jewel, to chartering new clubs on campus, SGA is working on issues that affect you.

Throughout the semester, we in student government have been striving to ascertain those issues that concern you the most. Many issues have been addressed in *The Circle* and many others we have heard by word of mouth. However, this truly is not enough. I strongly urge any of you reading this letter to bring your concerns to Student Government; we want to do nothing more than focus on those problems and find solutions for you.

In conclusion, I would like to wish every last one of you a happy holiday season. Good luck during finals week and have a safe trip home. For those of you seniors that have finished your capping class this semester, congratulations! For those of you that have it next, good luck! And a special "thank you" to Adrienne Janetti for all of the hard work and dedication she has put in throughout the year in SGA. I wish her the best of luck in the future. Again, happy holidays to all and see you next semester.

Erik J. Molinaro
Student Body Vice-President

Come celebrate the holiday season...

An Evening of
Candlelight
Lessons and Carols

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Saturday, December 14, 1996

6:45 p.m. Instrumental Program
7:00 p.m. Program

Marist College Chapel

English seniors show their expertise

by AMIE LEMIRE
A & E Editor

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the Cabaret, the English capping class held a festival showcasing their many talents.

Senior capping students displayed their projects, which ranged from one-act plays to an interpretational video questioning, "What is Art?"

Festival producer Clifden Kennedy said of the evening, "It started out as a suggestion, a way to show our work. No one really knows what English majors do, so this was a way to show to others what exactly it is we do."

He added, "The important thing is the student's own initiate. I'm very proud to be able to share this with the Marist community. Hopefully, next year's students will continue this tradition."

The festival commenced with Opening Speaker Matt Dombrowski, who pondered the plight of the English student. His speech was both humorous and thought-provoking.

Dombrowski believes the festival is the start of an annual rite. He said, "I hope the festival went well, because it would do the major and the school well if it continued and became a tradition."

Each performance was introduced by Karen Landry, dubbed "The Musical Minstrel" for the night. She wrote and sang her own songs to complement her fellow students' acts, singing titles like "The Chaucer Review Song" and a funny number

about English majors' feelings about the current curriculum, sung to the tune of "Do You Hear the People Sing?" from Les Miserables.

Other notable performances included Chris Laline's one-man soliloquy entitled, "Hemingway in Paris." Laline recited about 15 minutes of material, and through his words, actually brought Hemingway to life, if but for a moment. Choosing not to microphone his voice, Laline began his soliloquy in a small voice that threatened to waver, but as he continued, his words gained strength and authority.

Tom Privitere and Todd Stallkamp produced a videotape proposing to change the English syllabus to include two new courses, with one class teaching production skills such as stagebuilding, lighting, and makeup. The other class is a Shakespeare course, encompassing all his works. Together, the two courses would work together, teaching English students not just the word alone, but the skills needed to share its vision, namely a full-scale theater production.

Another English major named Jennifer shared a heartbreaking story of personal tragedy. Her voice was clear and strong, and very brave.

Chandler Owens and Amy Howard made a very original videotape, questioning the concept of art in the modern era. "Art in '96" paired compelling, sometimes disturbing images to sounds; the impact of the video comes from the choice of sights

and sounds, and the way in which they are joined. For example, images of concentration camps were put to sounds of laughter. The result was jarring and attention-grabbing; it fully absorbed the audience.

A group of English students called the Children's Literary Group combined their sources and talents to create a Children's book of stories. They also made a videotape, with capping students reading their stories aloud. The children's faces were alight with laughter as their teacher read one English major's story to them.

The final group of the evening were four English students who read aloud their own poetry. Clifden Kennedy, Chandler Owens, and Gina Trapani all shared their own words with the audience. This was one of the best moments of the evening; live performances take away the protective barrier that videos provide. Trapani read a beautiful, lyrical poem in a light, whispery voice even as her hands shook holding the paper.

The English Capping Class Festival was a huge success, bringing out English and non-English majors alike, as well some faculty members.

English major J.D. Lewis thoroughly enjoyed the evening. "I thought that the presentation was great," Lewis said, "It blended traditional and contemporary elements; every time you thought you knew the direction it was going in, it turned and slapped you in the face....phenomenal."

TV industry narrows ratings plan, critics balk

by JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - TV shows would be lumped into six broad categories to guide parents in deciding what programs are suitable for their children to watch, under a TV industry ratings plan outlined by broadcasters Tuesday.

The ratings would include categories of "TV-G," suitable for all audiences, to "TV-M," for mature audiences only, under the plan described by broadcasters, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The system would also flag children's shows, using a "K" rating.

The plan is being fine tuned, broadcasters said, cautioning that there may be changes to the ratings categories and their descriptions before a final ratings system is unveiled next week.

Short of a major overhaul, children's advocacy groups and others who have opposed this approach are not likely to be satisfied. They contend that the proposed system is too vague and would give parents little help in deciding what their children should or should not watch.

Kathryn Montgomery, president of the Center for Media Education, a children's advocacy group, said she does not like the proposal, particularly the "TV-PG" and "PG-14" ratings.

"Parents don't know why a show gets one of those ratings. Is it just because a little saucy language was used or because there was a lot of disturbing, graphic violence?" she said.

Montgomery likened the TV ratings plan to having a vague food labeling system.

"There may be something harmful in the product, but doesn't say what it is," she said.

The TV industry has said it plans to begin rating broadcast, cable and public TV shows by January.

News and sports programs would be exempt from the ratings. One of the biggest issues the TV industry is trying to re-

solve is which programs will be entitled to the news exemption.

Under the proposed plan, shows would be rated using the following categories: "K," material suitable for children of all ages; "K-7," material suitable for children 7 and older; "TV-G," material suitable for all audiences; "TV-PG," parental guidance is suggested; "TV-14," material may be inappropriate for children under 14; and "TV-M," for mature audiences only.

Specific definitions of each ratings category are being worked out. But broadcasters said a "TV-PG" rating would mean "the program may contain infrequent coarse language, limited violence, some suggestive sexual dialogue and situations."

The rating "TV-14," would mean programs may contain "sophisticated themes, strong language and sexual content." The rating "TV-M" would mean the

program may contain vulgar language, "graphic violence and explicit sexual content."

TV shows on broadcast television are rarely expected to carry the "TV-M" rating, broadcasters said, pointing out that the rating is intended to flag more explicit shows like ones shown HBO or Showtime - cable channels that people specifically chose to buy.

Before taking effect, the TV industry's final ratings plan must

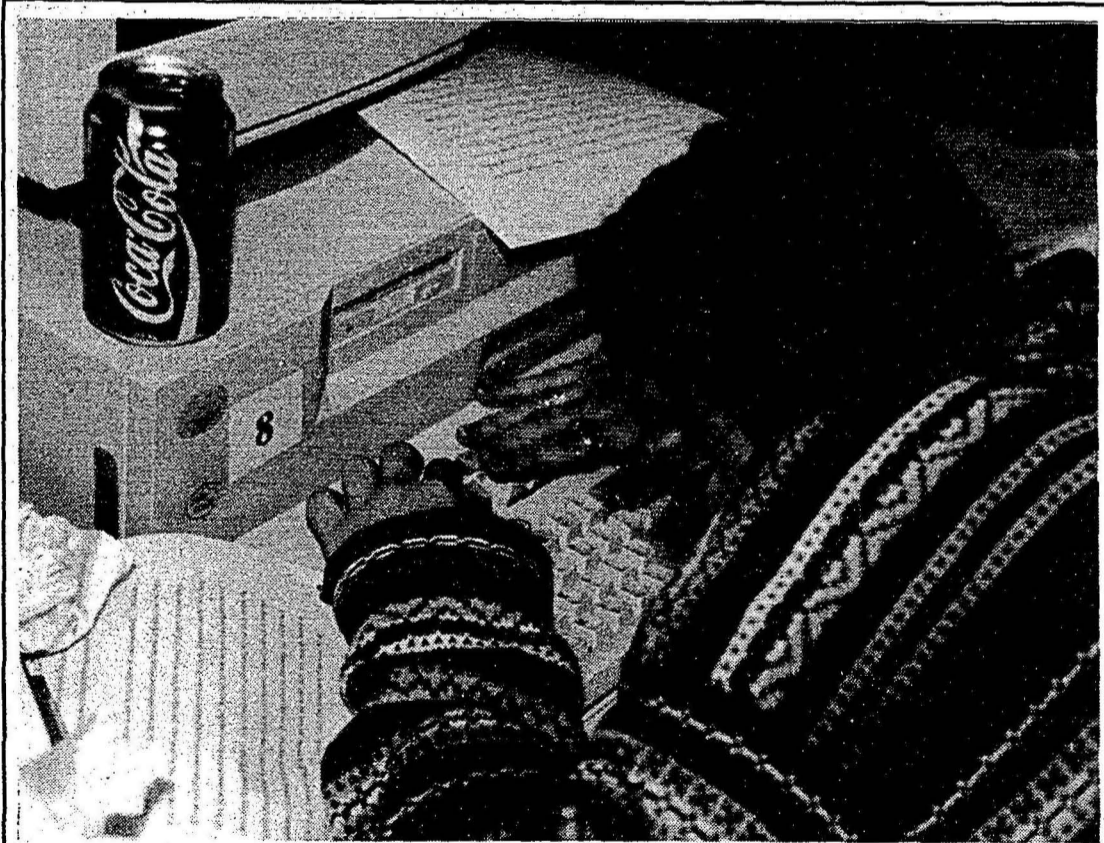
be approved by the Federal Communications Commission. Critics hope to win changes in the regulatory process.

Children's TV activist Peggy Charren said people will not be satisfied with the proposal.

"Parents are going to scream bloody murder," she said.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who wrote legislation calling upon the industry to rate programs, said he wants a system that gives viewers more information about a program's content, including sex, violence and language.

"Parents want to know is it violence or is it sex? But if it is all in one huge category, it is fairly useless," he said.



Circle Photo/ Julie Marshall

Sleep deprivation is a fact of life for many Marist students. Our poll this week (see page 1) indicated that only 32 of the 182 students surveyed sleep 8 or more hours each night.

Read **THE CIRCLE** every Thursday next semester!!

Marist bands to perform Christmas concert

POUGHKEEPSIE — The Marist College Concert Band, Jazz Band, Woodwind Ensemble, Flute Choir, and Handbell Ringers will combine talents during their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m., in the Nelly Goletti Theater in the Student Center on the Marist campus.

The bands will perform selections from Mozart, Wyle, Bizet, Tchaikovsky, Handel, Liszt, Haydn and others, under the direction of Arthur Himmelberger.

The concert is free and open to the public. For further information, contact the Marist College Music Department at (914) 575-3000, ext. 2142.

A guide to some of the best movies this holiday season

by Amie Lemire
A&E Editor

Okay all you guys out there, be warned. The giant "money machine" also known as the Entertainment business wants as much of your money as possible this Christmas season. That's why they've planned a chock-full holiday movie season this year, guaranteed to milk you of all your hard-earned money from grandma & grandpa, if you're not smart.

Never fear, I am here to help! I will give you the inside scoop on what movies are coming out this season, what to watch, what to avoid, and when they are due to hit the big screen. That way, you will be fully prepared for the full-scale onslaught that has already begun at a theater near you.

Okay, as you've probably already figured out, there are a couple blockbusters slotted to debut during Christmas vacation. You can determine the "blockbuster" movies from all the rest in the pile by the trailers—a.k.a. those fancy, flashy, quick-cutting commercials that try to entice you into seeing them; if the trailer is well done, your interest is piqued and you find yourself saying aloud, "God, I can't wait to see that!"

However, if the trailer is bad, you already know what the outcome of the movie will be, or you find yourself saying aloud, "What the heck was that all about?! Pass the Advil."

Anyway, the predicted holiday blockbusters include "SpaceJam," "Star Trek: First Contact," "One Fine Day," and "The Evening Star."

The first two on the list are already bona-fide hits; and I predict that the latter two will share the same success. If you've



George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer co-star in the romantic comedy, "One Fine Day."

never heard of "SpaceJam" or "Star Trek: First Contact" then you must live under a rock. Whether or not, they are good movies is not the point; the success of a movie more often lies in ticket sales and marketing tactics.

"One Fine Day" stars George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer as single parents who somehow find the time to fall in love. With a mild PG rating and such squeaky-clean co-stars, I see FAMILY MOVIE all over this one in flashing neon letters. Well, on the other hand, it's also non-offensive enough to be a good First Date movie; as there's nothing worse than being out for the first time with someone new, and then subjecting yourselves to full-frontal nudity.

"The Evening Star" is the sequel to perhaps one of the most beloved mother-daughter movies of all time: "Terms of Endearment." The new addition brings back Shirley MacLaine and Jack Nicholson from the original movie, as well as calling in Juliette

Lewis, Scott Wolf (Bailey, from "Party of Five"), and Bill Paxton. Girls, 'tis the season to do a good deed—take your mothers to see this. Go during a matinee or on bargain night to save the dough, but believe me, you'll make your mom's entire month. (also, it makes a cheap-but-meaningful Christmas gift!)

And as for the rest of the 40—yes, count them—40 movies that are coming to theaters soon; here is a rundown list. Okay boys and girls, buckle your seatbelts; this is not a test.

The weekend of December 13 premiers "Mars Attack" which stars Jack Nicholson, Tom Jones, and lots of special effects. Tom Cruise continues his "can do no wrong" winning streak with "Jerry Maguire" co-starring Kelly Preston as Cruise's nymphomaniac girlfriend.

Also, "The Preacher's Wife" opens this weekend. Denzel Washington is an angel in desperate need of A.A., as he is sent down to earth to help out Whitney Houston—who actu-

ally ends up helping whom remains to be seen.

And Oscar-winner Kevin Spacey makes his directorial debut with "Albino Alligator" which pairs Matt Dillon and Gary Sinise as crooks who hold a bar, and all the patrons inside, hostage.

On the weekend of December 20, it's the one every male, ranging from age 10 through 30, has been waiting for...huh, huh. Yes, it's hard to believe someone actually made a feature film about these two, but on this hallowed day "Beavis and Butt-Head Do America" opens up nationwide. Let's just hope that it doesn't suck too much, if you know what I mean.

Wes Craven, the godfather of horror films, has a new one called "Scream" opening this weekend as well. Starring a bevy of beauties—Drew Barrymore, Neve Campbell, and Courtney Cox, it is being marketed as a "horror comedy" (huh?)

And, the aforementioned "One Fine Day" premiers as well. How-

ever, if you are seeing this one for its First Date aspects, rather than its' family wholesome goodness, then make sure you go to a late show, or else you're going to be sandwiched between crying babies, rowdy pipsqueaks, and parents checking their watches every five minutes.

The one I'm waiting for is "Marvin's Room." It has a stellar cast: Meryl Streep, Diane Keaton, Robert DeNiro, and of course, my beautiful boy Leonardo DiCaprio.

And Andy Garcia is back on the big screen in "Night Falls on Manhattan," yet another movie about dirty dealings in the Big Apple.

Christmas day opens the eagerly anticipated "Evita." Tickets are already on sale, so if you want to be included, contact your local theater.

John Travolta is cementing his comeback with "Michael," an angel who plays matchmaker to William Hurt and Andie MacDowell. "The Evening Star" opens, so start stocking up on Kleenex now.

And what can I say about Oliver Stone's new film, except, "Oliver, what are you thinking?!" Yes, his latest one chronicles the life of Larry Flint, the publisher of *Hustler* magazine; and his stripper wife, played with sensitivity and tenderness by Courtney Love. I bet you can't wait for this one! Line forms to the left.

Nicole Kidman stars in "The Portrait of a Lady," with John Malkovich, under the exquisite direction of Academy award-winner Jane Campion. And, get ready for this, Kenneth Branagh has created a 4-hour, word-for-word adaptation of "Hamlet." It might actually take less time to read the Cliff's Notes, no?

Well, there you go...everything you could possibly want to know about the holiday movie season. God bless and pass the popcorn.

Two to rent when you are bored during Christmas break

by Amie Lemire
A&E Editor

If you are like most college kids I know, by the second week of Christmas vacation, the thrill of home-cooked meals and free laundry has long since dissolved into daily nagging sessions with parents, not to mention heated debates over missed curfews and messy rooms. By the third week, you've made up a chart counting down the days until you can finally return to the blissful freedom of school.

Well, if you suffer from that affliction, fear not. I have two movies guaranteed to hold your attention, the kind that you'll be talking about long after the final credit leave the screen. These films are razor-sharp, with finely-drawn characters and breathtaking cinematography. While one takes place in the grimy city of Glasgow, Scotland, and the other

is set in the chilly landscape of Minnesota, they both have one grisly element in common: murder.

If you haven't figured out what two movies I'm talking about, then I guess you must not be the cinephiles (translation: big-time movie buffs) that I am. No worry, I'll let you off the hook. Of course I'm talking about "Shallow Grave" and "Fargo." These films are twisted and wicked, a wonderful combination in my opinion.

Okay, let's tackle "Shallow Ground" first. Released in 1994, it had great success overseas, but didn't receive the enthusiasm it so rightly deserved here in the U.S. It is a deliciously evil little flick about the ties of friendship and greed among a trio of single, swinging Scots. Alex, Juliet, and David are snotty, yuppie flatmates looking for a fourth to share their enviousness, sumptuous, Ethan Allen apartment.

The threesome are bitchy and ruthless, taking great pleasure in screening potential roommates on the topics ranging from movies to music to sexual habits. They skewer each candidate, taking sheer joy in rejecting every new loser. No one, it seems, is cool enough.

However, someone does. The suave, self-assured Hugo receives group approval and moves in at once. However, no sooner does he unpack his bags than he is discovered naked and dead by his three roommates.

While Juliet checks for a pulse, Alex rummages around Hugo's belongings. And as Juliet heads for the phone to call the police, Alex finds a suitcase under the bed, stuffed to the hilt with money. And at this point, the film takes off.

Okay, I know what you're thinking. And yes, this has been done before—corpses buried, money stolen, and friends betrayed. But

"Shallow Grave" puts a devilish spin to it. Trust me; you've seen it before, but never like this. Understand?

Sharp-tongued Alex and lofty Juliet can't wait to start spending the cash, and they can't understand why David is slowly losing his mind. (Oh, David, by the way, lost a nasty little bet, and won the dubious honor of severing off the corpse's hands and feet).

Timid, wallflower David is turning into an angry psycho, locking himself up in the attic; he drills holes in the flooring to spy on Alex and Juliet.

Ewan McGregor makes a lovely Alex, sarcastic and biting, complete with feathered hair that would make Adam Curry proud. Alex is loud and obnoxious, and his mind works like its on an espresso high. Kerry Fox is Juliet, a character who tries for confidence, but falls closer to bitchiness. However, don't un-

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10. "Tattva"—Kula Shaker

9. "All Mixed Up"—311

8. "Blow Up The Outside World"—Soundgarden

7. "Bound For The Floor"—Local H

6. "Lady Picture Show"—Stone Temple Pilots

5. "#1 Crush"—Garbage

4. "The Distance"—Cake

3. "What I Got"—Sublime

2. "Don't Speak"—No Doubt

1. "Swallowed"—Bush

'Fargo' and 'Shallow Grave': two chilling suspense films from two different worlds

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Jerestimate her; Juliet loves her friends, but she loves herself more.

Christopher Eccleston rounds out the trio as David Stephens. In the beginning, he allows himself to be pushed around by Alex and Juliet; strangely, it isn't until after his grotesque finishing off of the body that David begins to grow a backbone of steel.

By the end of the film, he's changed so much that his so-called friends barely recognize him. It is the transformation of David that is so chilling about "Shallow Grave."

The thing that makes "Shallow Grave" so good is the final scenes which reach out for you in a chilling grip. There is a jaw-dropping finale, reminiscent of "The Usual Suspects"—the kind of butt-kicking movie endings that make you break out in uncontrollable goosebumps. That is the sign of a really good movie.

Okay, I blabbed quite a bit about that one, so let's move on with "Fargo." Well, what can I say about this movie, besides...IT ROCKS! Everything about "Fargo" is superior, from the direction to the actors to the landscape to the plot. Bravo!

Okay, I must admit that the Coen brothers are an acquired taste; either you like the works of Joel and Ethan Coen, or you don't.

Either you dig their use of dead-pan humor and lust for blood, or you find them weird and gross. (in the film world though, they are gods).

This is the deal: Jerry Lundergaard is a desperate man. He owes some people a lot of money, and he has now way of coming up with the cash. Even if you've never seen "Fargo", you know Jerry. Played to perfection by William H. Macy, Jerry has his back to the corner; he's a sneaky little fellow who really



William H. Macy shines in "Fargo," and Ewan MacGregor chills in "Shallow Grave."

wants to save his own butt, so he comes up with the perfect plan to have his wife kidnapped so her wealthy father will fork over a sizable ransom. After paying off the kidnapers, Jerry will have close to a million dollars.

Jerry's first mistake was believing that his half-baked plan would actually work; his second was hiring such stupid thugs to perform the deed. Steve Buscemi and Peter Stormare play the two kidnapers, and they are the epitome of night and day.

Buscemi's character Carl Showalter is a fast-talking loudmouth—all talk, no show. In contrast, Stormare's character Gaerd is silent, but deadly. Carl talks a lot of trash—in fact he talks like he's on speed—but he's a bit squeamish. Gaerd says about 15 lines the entire movie, but his look says it all; he can get it done, and god help who tries to stand in his way.

As the body count rises, the police call in the bigwigs to find out what's going on. Enter Marge Gunderson, the very clever, very pregnant Brainerd chief of police. Blame it on her pregnancy, but Marge doesn't move too quickly; T.J. Hooker she's not. In fact, no one in Brainerd moves quickly.

The movie, which takes place in the frozen region of northern Minnesota, has a distinct small-town feel. The dialects, the Midwestern cheerfulness, the hometown good-

ness of Brainerd and its residents is overwhelming. Phrases such as "oh yah," "ah jeez," and my personal favorite, "yer dern tootin'" are quite commonplace.

Even as Marge goes about investigating a mass homicide case, she continues her daily routine, completely unruffled by the recent string of events in her usually quiet hometown. She can uncover three dead bodies in the morning, and still remember to pick up some nightcrawlers for one of her husband's fishing trips.

Everything about Marge is calm, methodical, unruffled. Frances McDormand is excellent in her role as the expecting police chief, and she'd better be. In real life, McDormand is also known as Mrs. Joel Coen. (Talk about nepotism!)

Marge is the epicenter of "Fargo"; everything travels back to her. She can find clues, track down killers, and have time for an in-between meals snack, without batting an eyelash. In a small-town turned upside-down by senseless chaos, Marge has control.

William H. Macy is superb as Jerry Lundergaard. He is multifaceted; he can be a sniveling, slimy double-dealer one moment, and a desperate, lost soul the next. I had an instant dislike of Jerry from the first scene—a

cheap, dirty car salesman, how could I not?

However, thanks to Macy's superb acting ability, the duality of Jerry is fully realized.

"At times, my heart went out to him; I could feel his despair. He's trapped in a job he hates, as well as under his father-in-law's thumb; he has sharks breathing down his neck, while his back is against the wall.

The landscape of "Fargo" is bleak, frozen, dismal—similar to that of a few certain characters. There are a lot of outside scenes, where you can see nothing but white straight to the horizon.

The cinematography is exquisite, breathtakingly beautiful and desolate at the same time. Each shot gets the most meaning as possible.

In another perfect scene, the camera is shooting from overhead. Initially, I didn't know what I was looking at; it just

looked like a bunch of black splotches on a white screen. (I actually thought it was wallpaper, or something). Then, at the bottom of the screen, Jerry's forlorn figure is seen slowly trudging through the snow to his car, which sits alone in the parking lot. It's a wonderful scene, so brilliantly depicting Jerry's life, as well as foreshadowing what's to come.

The appeal of "Fargo" is its irony. The idea of a brutal string of murders taking place in such a picture-perfect Midwestern town, and the local neighbors' reaction, (or rather, lack thereof), is wonderful. Also, the pairing of maniacal Carl and murderous Gaerd is right on.

But, of course, the heart of the movie is Marge. Whether she's chasing suspects with revolver in hand, or chowing down with her co-workers at the local buffet, Marge is always sweetly, calmly, nonchalantly, a step ahead.

So there you go, kids. My two picks for "How to Save Yourself From Boredom this Christmas Vacation." My only advice? Don't watch "Shallow Grave" by yourself, and give "Fargo" a real chance. If by chance, you've already seen it and didn't like it, try again. You just probably didn't get it. Happy Holidays, and see you in '97!

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Youth movement poses problems for hoops



Sports With Smitty

This past weekend, the Marist College basketball team played host to the Pepsi-Marist Classic at the James J. McCann center. However, Marist was not much of a host. Playing on their home court, the Red Foxes finished in fourth place. Now, fourth place does not usually sound so bad. Too bad only four teams participated in this tournament.

In the opening round, Marist took on Lafayette College on Friday night and basically was embarrassed in front of their own fans. In the first half, Marist played decent and was able to hang with the Leopards, only trailing by five at the half with the score at 32-27.

In the second half, Marist was trailing by 13 with 7:20 left to play and started to make a nice comeback. With 5:24 remaining, Marist was able to cut the lead to seven. Not bad. They then fell to inexperience. They ran into big trouble. Stupid mistakes were the main culprits that killed Marist due to their youth.

The main problem was on the defensive end of the floor. "Our big problem is that we can't stop anybody from scoring," head coach Dave Magarity said. Well, yes coach, that could be a big problem.

Lafayette employed a zone defense which totally blew the Red Foxes minds. This caused all sorts of problems.

What we must remember is that Marist is extremely inexperienced. The team is full of talented basketball players but many have very limited or no minutes at Marist or Division I for that matter. With only one returning starter in Randy Encarnacion, Marist will continue to struggle in pressure situations where experience is vital.

Looking at Saturday night, Marist made great improvements. They still lost and it was not pretty by any means but the defense really stepped it up. They only allowed 53 points to be scored in a game that went into double overtime. On the other

hand, they only totaled 51 points and continued to struggle to offense. As Magarity said, the breakdowns are due to a lack of experience and is something he will have to clear up.

Everyone keeps harping on the inexperience excuse and this is understandable but this reasoning only goes so far.

With the teams that Marist has played so far, holding a 0-4 record is close to embarrassing. Lafayette was comprised of a freshman and four sophomores as the starting squad. They were a good, disciplined team for being so young. Marist needs to follow their example. They need to become a team-quickly.

Marist will start their Northeast Conference competition soon and they will need to step it up. It appears that the team needs to gel- they need to be a team. This team concept needs to be applied overall but specifically to the defense. They look like a bunch of individuals playing one-on-one in the school-yard that keep getting beat-badly. They need to bring it inside to the hardwood and play team basketball.

The Classic gave Marist a bit of a reality check. It dropped them to 0-4 and showed that they really do need to get to work. It proves that they were not just unlucky in the first two games of the year.

This tournament showed them that if they do not get their act together on offense and defense- total team play- any caliber team will be able to hand them a beating.

Magarity summed this team up adequately.

"We have a long road ahead of us," he said. "It's not going to get any easier. It's going to be tough every time out, no matter who we play."

At least the team is aware of reality. Now, all they must do is work through this adversity. Hard work will pay off- eventually. If the Red Foxes are willing to subscribe to this hard work, they will be worth watching.

The fans are not usually interested in waiting for the team to "gel." They want good basketball all the time. Hopefully, Marist will be working overtime or the cheerleaders will be out of work.

Chris Smith is the Circle's Sports Editor

Indoor track

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things to come. The Manhattan Invitational will feature several other teams from the MAAC—the conference that Marist is in the process of joining.

This season, the Red Foxes will participate in both NEC and MAAC meets, but, by next fall, the conversion will be complete, and they will compete exclusively in the MAAC.

In the few weeks before winter intermission, Colaizzo said he plans to take the first steps towards his ultimate goal.

"Right now we're just getting our feet wet, and seeing where everybody's at, so I can give them workouts to do over the break," he said.

Colaizzo said the team is looking towards the NEC Championships in February.

"We hope to do better than we ever have before," he said. "We have more people competing in more events. This gives us an opportunity to score more points."

Hoops

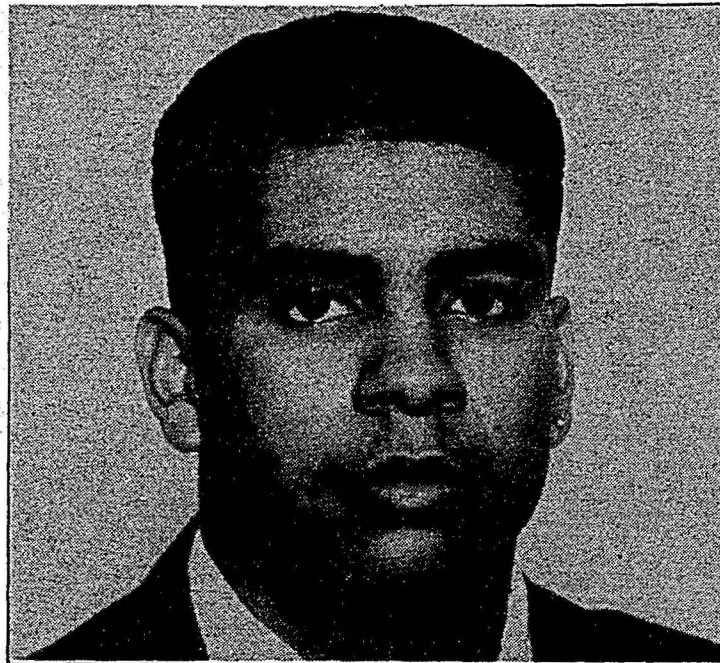
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confidence and performed well.

"A true team bounces back, steps up, and does what is asked of them," she said.

The Red Foxes took on Siena on Tuesday night. Results were unavailable at press time. The Red Foxes will compete in the Florida International University Holiday Classic Dec. 28.

A Closer Look At ...



Randy Encarnacion

Team: Basketball

Class: Senior

Hometown: Guttenburg, NJ

Major: International Business
Minor: Spanish

Favorite TV Show: Married with Children

Favorite Music: Spanish

Favorite Food: Pork Chops with Rice

Most Memorable Moment: When Marist made it to the NIT

Favorite Aspect of Marist: Diversity

Worst Aspect of Marist: Parking regulations

The National Scene

by Marty Sinacola



In 1992, Jimmy Key, then a Blue Jay, pitched the World Series clinching game for the Toronto Blue Jays against the Atlanta Braves. Before the next season's first pitch was thrown, he had signed with division rivals New York Yankees.

Fast-forward to 1996 if you will. Jimmy Key, then a Yankee, pitches game six of the World Series, and gets the win, much like four years previous. To ensure his performance, he did the same thing to the Yankees what he did to the Blue Jays. He jumped ship to a division rival, this time to the Baltimore Orioles.

What is this world coming to when nobody is loyal enough to stay with their team? In Jimmy Key's case, he not only jumped teams, but did so to division rivals, twice.

This brings me to the issue of loyalty. What brings a man to jump ship to another team? I can understand Alex Fernandez and his desire to go back home and play for his hometown team. It is one thing to have a good reason, what I consider to be a reason other than money, than for purely financial reasons.

Think about it, if Jimmy Key didn't care about money, what reason would he have for going to the Orioles. He is just coming off a season in which he won a world championship for the Yan-

anteed from the Red Sox or else he'll sign with someone who can give it to him like the White Sox or Yankees.

Don't get me wrong, the Red Sox not signing Clemens would be the worst move since selling Babe Ruth, but I think myself, as a Red Sox fan, would take it easier if he signed with the White Sox and not the Yankees. If he signs with the Yankees, you might as well rip out my heart, as well as the heart and soul of the Red Sox.

The bottom line is loyalty is a two way street. While players get lambasted for leaving and not being loyal, so too must owners be held responsible. How can we blame the players for not being loyal and leaving their teams for more money? The owners are not loyal either.

Take Mr. Clemens as an example. If I am the owner of the Red Sox signing Clemens is a no-brainer. I am loyal to Mr. Clemens and give him whatever he wants. If I am not loyal in this sense, how can I expect the player to have the same loyalty towards me.

The answer is simple, I can't. Just a little message to the Red Sox, be loyal and give Roger what he wants.

kees. He contributed a great deal, especially in the second half of the season, when nobody even expected him to play a quarter of the season.

If he didn't care about money, he would be still playing for the Yankees, getting ready to defend the world championship, but instead he took his show on the road to the hated Orioles.

This brings me to the Roger Clemens situation. Clemens is a free agent and he is considering leaving the only team he has ever played for, the Boston Red Sox. Mr. Clemens is first on the all-time Red Sox list of starts, strikeouts, innings pitched, and is tied with Cy Young for most wins and shutouts. Tied with Cy Young!

He is the greatest pitcher in Boston Red Sox history, without question. Here is a player who himself has changed the Sox philosophy from having a team of right-handed power hitters to that of trying to have a team of great pitchers. He is the greatest pitcher in Red Sox history, a hall of famer, and the best pitcher of our time, and he might leave. For what good reason would this be?

Clemens wants four years guar-

Men's swimming and diving faces tough competition

by PHILLIP WHITE
Staff Writer

The men's swimming and diving team's defeated Colgate at a dual meet with Yale and gained valuable experience in preparation for the last four meets.

Junior Chris O'Connor said the atmosphere of the meet was intense.

"This meet went well and it gave the image of a championship race," he said.

Marist swam against Yale University, which is ranked in the top fifty in the country for its swimming program.

Coach Larry Van Wagner said the team focused on the team it thought it could beat.

"We knew that Yale was going to be a tough competitor and we

knew that we could not contend with them, so we concentrated on Colgate," he said.

Marist ended this meet with a winning score of 28-20 over Colgate. Yale scored a total of 372 points for the entire meet. Yale won because it has an enormous amount of swimmers and diversity on their team. It could enter as many four swimmers per race, and they all placed and scored points for Yale.

Van Wagner said besides the goal of defeating Colgate, which Marist had done last year, he wanted this meet to be a learning experience.

"I think that it is educational for any team to compete against a team that is better than them so that they can learn from that team and see how that team competes," he said.

Marist did have a few standouts. Sophomores' Craig Chatlos and Griffin McNeese, as well as juniors Chris Blackwell, Michael Murphy and Chris O'Connor helped the Red Foxes beat Colgate. Blackwell placed second in the one-meter dive and fifth in the three-meter dive.

Sophomore William Brennan said the meet was a positive learning experience.

"This meet will help us prepare for the MAAC Championship, and this meet gave us time to watch Yale and educate ourselves on how to swim better," he said.

With the Red Foxes nearly finishing the first half of their season with a 6-1 record, Van Wagner wants his team to focus on winter intercession practice and the four dual meets still

ahead.

These last four meets will be a mixture of winning and losing teams. Van Wagner said he considers the first two meets, which will be against St. Peter's and Loyola, to be easy victories. However, the last two meets, St. John's and Fordham, will pose a threat of difficulty.

Van Wagner said there was a rationale behind the scheduling of these meets.

"I strategically placed these last four meets so that it would prepare us for the season and championship ahead," he said.

Van Wagner said he feels that this practice is so important because it will help the Red Foxes realize their goals. In addition, it will strengthen and condition them emotionally, mentally and physically for the season ahead

of them.

Brennan also said the practice during the intercession is important.

"The winter intercession will mentally prepare the team for the season and it will make both the swimming and diving teams stronger, if we concentrate on these next three and a half weeks of practice," he said.

Van Wagner said he is looking to his sophomores and juniors to lead Marist this season and to give guidance and leadership to the freshmen.

"I expect my sophomores and juniors to lead the freshmen and the team this year because they have won two previous MAAC Championships and they know how to win," he said.

Bulls suspend Rodman for two games over TV profanity

CHICAGO (AP) - The Chicago Bulls suspended Dennis Rodman without pay for two games Tuesday, citing his profane language in a television interview following the team's loss Sunday to the Toronto Raptors.

The Bulls said in a statement that the suspension would go into effect immediately, with Rodman missing Wednesday's game against Minnesota and Friday's game at New Jersey.

Jerry Krause, the Bulls' vice president of basketball operations said Rodman's actions were a disgrace to the organization.

"Dennis' use of foul and abusive language and the embarrassment he caused the Chicago Bulls

organization by subjecting young children and loyal fans to his profane outburst cannot and will not be tolerated," he said.

Krause said the suspension was designed to make a statement.

"We condemn in every way what Dennis said and the words he used," he said. "This suspension, which will cost Dennis \$104,878 in salary, speaks out about our concern."

Krause said that the team would donate the \$104,878 to charity.

In an profanity-filled diatribe after he was ejected Sunday night in Toronto, Rodman criticized both league officials and the

NBA front office. He said NBA referees were being kept "in diapers" by NBA Commissioner David Stern.

A local cable channel ran the interview without editing out Rodman's profanities.

Krause said the players should understand that the referees have a difficult job to do.

"We expect Dennis and all of our players to respect the job they do and to act in accordance with NBA rules and decent behavior," he said.

Rodman was suspended by the NBA for six games last season after he head-butted an official during a game.

Women runners prepare for indoors

by DAVID MCBRIDE
Staff Writer

Head coach Phil Kelly is just going to try to do what his team does best. And that's run distance.

The women's indoor track team specializes in running the middle distance events, and that is where Kelly said he hopes to score most of his points when his team competes.

"We coach the events that we can score in," he said.

The team is strong in distance running, while it has trouble scoring points in sprinting events and in jumping.

This is due to the fact that Marist just does not have the facilities to practice well in the jumping events.

Kelly also said Marist does not have the support staff to maintain a top-rate track program.

"We don't have any field or strength coaches," he said. "While most colleges will have numerous track and field coaches, Marist has but two: a men's coach and a women's coach."

The reason is Marist does not have sufficient facilities to accommodate the jumping events. For example, Marist doesn't have a jumping pit.

Kelly said the team travels to West Point one a week to receive

a proper practice.

The women's strong events should be the 5,000 meter, the 3,000m, the long jump, and the high jump.

Kelly said the team could also do well in other events.

"We should do well in the 800 right up to the 5000," Kelly said.

Marist is competing in a league with many other formidable schools. Kelly said Rider, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's and Fairleigh Dickinson will be pretty strong.

But still, the team's expectations are high this year. Allison Murray, who participates in the 800 and the 1500, would like to see Marist finish either second or third, if not first. But more importantly, she just wants her team to do their best.

Kelly said he hopes that his team can finish in the top half of the league and that his players can set personal bests. And after their first event, Dominique Pino set a new indoor record at the long jump. She broke the previous record with a jump of 17'53/4".

Coach Kelly also believes that his new members will further help to better the team.

"(With the) new freshmen, we should be a lot stronger," he said.

The team finishes its play this weekend, before restarting again in January.

Robinson hopes to hang on one more year, go out a winner

by MARY FOSTER
AP Sports Writer

GRAMBLING, La. (AP) - With his team dogged by scandal and a losing record, 77-year-old coach Eddie Robinson wants one more season, a 56th year at Grambling, and a chance to go out a winner.

"Then that's it. Then, I'll walk away as a coach. If I win, fine. If I don't, well, then I'll feel OK that at least my concerns had been considered," Robinson said in an interview published Tuesday in The Ruston (La.) Daily Leader.

However, Grambling president Raymond Hicks wants Robinson, college football's winningest coach, to step down and assume a vice president's post.

Robinson's wife told The Associated Press on Tuesday that her husband hoped to meet with Hicks to discuss the situation. Hicks returned Tuesday from an out-of-town meeting and said that, while he had met with

Robinson, he denied demanding the coach's resignation.

"Coach Robinson and I have met and discussed his future role at the university, but I have not issued any ultimatum. To speculate on the outcome at this time would be inappropriate," Hicks said in a statement issued by the school.

Last week, Hicks sent Robinson a letter conveying his wishes, then informed him in person that he wanted the coach to relinquish his job.

"He called Eddie into his office and told him what's what," Robinson's wife, Doris, told the AP.

Robinson has a record of 405-157-15 with only seven losing seasons. However, four have come in the last 10 years and, for the first time, he has had consecutive losing records.

Last April, the NCAA began investigating allegations of rules violations in the football program. And last month, four players

were arrested and charged with the dormitory rape of a 15-year-old girl after Grambling's homecoming victory against Alabama State.

Robinson, regarded as one of college football's best teachers, sent more than 200 players to the NFL, including Doug Williams, the first black quarterback to start in a Super Bowl.

Hired in 1941 at what was then Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute, Robinson initially worked as coach, trainer and bus driver before transforming the school into one that played before sellout crowds in the nation's largest stadiums. He coached 54 teams in 56 years, with play interrupted for two years by World War II.

Grambling won its first black college national championship in 1955. In 1960, in its second year as a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, the Tigers won the first of 17 SWAC titles.



Basketball captures last place in the Pepsi-Marist Classic

by CHRISTOPHER SMITH
Sports Editor

As the McCann center was filled with various men's basketball teams this weekend battling to walk away at the top of the Marist-Pepsi Classic, the Red Foxes crawled away with their tails between their legs.

The Red Foxes fell to 0-4 on the season by virtue of a 53-51 loss to Charleston Southern in a double overtime consolation game on Saturday evening.

Yale wound up winning the tournament with a 77-72 overtime win over Lafayette, the team Marist lost to in the opening round, 76-63.

In Marist's opening game with Lafayette on Friday night, the Red Foxes were led by forward reserve Bryan Whittle who scored 13 points in 24 minutes while going 2-for-6 from the field.

The Red Foxes struggled on offense, shooting 29.4 percent from the field as a team. Head coach Dave Magarity said this was not characteristic of his team.

"Our shooting from the field was just pitiful," Magarity said. "We are usually a pretty good shooting team. I don't know what happened."

The fact that Whittle was the leading scorer shows the inexperience of the team.

The Marist team only has two seniors on the roster in Randy Encarnacion and Lucas Pisarczyk. They both only acquired six points on the night.

Magarity is well aware of this inexperience and youthfulness of his team.

"We're just not a good team right now," Magarity said. "We have a lot of problems and weaknesses that are hard to hide. The team is really struggling to figure out its identity."

"I thought we could overcome the inexperience but it's just not happening. Our players just need to come to the realization that it's time to get back to work."

On Saturday, the Red Foxes hosted Charleston Southern, who lost to Yale in the opening round.

Marist played much better defense in this game in which they only allowed Charleston to score 53 points in a game that went to double overtime.

The defense was tight on both ends of the floor as the score at the half was 18-17 in favor of Charleston Southern.

The game was sent into overtime when Encarnacion hit one of two foul shots with 52 seconds left in regulation. The score remained 44-44 until time expired and an extra session was required.

With 9.1 seconds remaining in overtime, Bobby Joe Hatton was fouled and hit a pair of free throws to tie the game at 49 a side. The game was carried into a second overtime period.

The Red Foxes could not outlast the Buccaneers as Errol McPherson was fouled with 1:16 left on the clock. Hatton attempted a running one-hander with 3.1 seconds which did not go and a follow up shot rolled off the rim. The final ended up at 53-51.

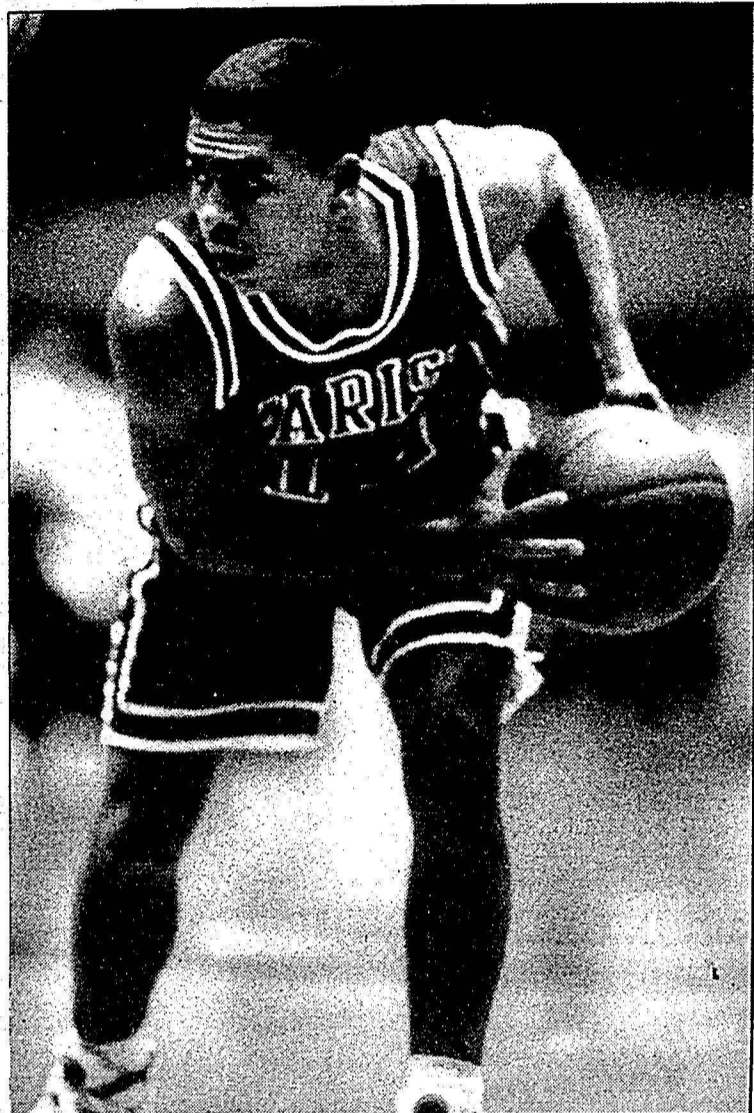
Magarity said he felt the way the game went was up to Charleston Southern.

"It came down to their inability to put us away," Magarity said. "They were up 11 points at one point in the game."

"I really feel tonight was a positive statement for this team, competing the way they did," Magarity said. "We made positive steps but there is an empty feeling walking away without a win."

Magarity also said he was pleased with the defensive play but was confused with what happened on offense.

"The defense was where it should've been from the beginning," he said. "The rebounding jumps out at you. Out-rebounding a team by 22 and losing, is just nuts."



Senior guard Randy Encarnacion trying to decide what to do next.

Women's basketball drops two in the Carrier Classic

by CHRIS JETTE
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team lost two straight at the Carrier Classic and their record now stands at 2-3.

The Red Foxes defeated the Lady Knights of Army 76-56 Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Head coach Ken Babineau described the game as intense.

The Red Foxes were able to overcome a shaky first half, to a dominant second half, which determined the outcome of the game. The Red Foxes shot 44 percent in the second half and used a very effective full court press to force 30 turnovers from Army.

According to Babineau, the team, "met the challenge of a physical team and rose to the occasion."

However, the Carrier Dome was not as welcoming to the Red Foxes as the hardwood was at West Point.

The Carrier Classic featured Marist, St. Peter's, Colgate, and the host school Syracuse. Although Marist lost both of their matches, they played without two of their top scorers, Stacey Dengler and Jean Marie Lesko.

In the first round, the Red Foxes lost to St. Peter's College 66-51. St. Peter's, who is predicted to win the MAAC this year, had four of its starters in double digits, including guard Patty Marchese, who scored a game high 22 points. The Red Foxes were led by Beth Shackel, who had 13 points and seven assists. Liz M. Dougall was able to chip in 12 points, while freshman Car-

rie Ciancone had 11 rebounds.

Despite the loss, Babineau said that the Red Foxes made a positive statement towards their future MAAC opponent considering Marist had to start three freshmen because of the absence of Dengler and Lesko.

The consolation match pitted the Red Foxes versus Colgate University. Marist dropped this contest by a score of 61-59. The game was close throughout, but in the end the Red Foxes fell a little short. The Red Foxes were led by Shackel and MacDougall, who had 12 and 11 points respectively. Freshman Sabrina Vallery also played well, scoring 8 points and grabbing 8 rebounds.

However, the offense struggled a bit without Dengler and Lesko in the lineup. While both Colgate and Marist were both struggling offensively, both shooting around 35 percent for the game, the difference came down to free throws.

While neither team was impressive from the free throw line, the Red Foxes shot 56 percent, while Colgate shot 57 percent, the difference was two more made free throws by Colgate.

Despite the loss, Babineau said he was proud of how the team played defensively.

"There was a lot of positive emotion," he said.

However, Babineau also said the team had trouble scoring and finishing plays.

"There were some off nights for a couple of girls," he said.

Assistant coach Norinne Powers said the Red Foxes played with an overall

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Men runners sweep 3000 with top four spots

by STEVE WANCZYK
Staff Writer

The men's track team began its final season in the Northeast Conference at the Fairleigh Dickinson University season opener with some fresh talent to the team.

The Dec 6, New Jersey meet helped each of the participating teams get a jump on the indoor track schedule.

Colaizzo said he thought the meet went well.

"It went all right," Colaizzo said. "It was your typical first meet."

In the 3,000-meter run, the Red Foxes' results were anything but typical. Marist completed a sweep of the first four positions in the long-distance event. Ben Hefferon, Mike Melfi, Pete Startz and Pat Casey finished first, second,

third, and fourth, respectively.

Startz, a freshman, ran a personal best time in the FDU 3,000 meter.

Colaizzo said Startz performed well.

"Pete had a great cross-country season, and a pretty good meet down at FDU," he said.

Startz is only one of five notable newcomers to this year's track team. According to Colaizzo, Steve Palmer, Tom Henry, and Brian Jingeleski are also freshman who are expected to make "good contributions". Jingeleski is a pole vault specialist, which means Marist will be able to compete in the event, something that had not been done by a Red Fox in recent years.

Also junior John Reid joins the team, and will run competitively

for the first time in his college career. Colaizzo said he hopes to see good results from him as well.

Last winter, Marist did not compete for the team title in the NEC, but there some individuals that had standout performances. Mike Melfi placed third in the conference in the 5,000 meter, and Eric Deshaies broke the school record in the 55-meter hurdles. Both runners return for this season.

Captains Eric Bergman and John Lasker will also provide veteran leadership for the improving Red Fox squad. The team consists of 31 athletes of whom 20 to 25 travel with the team.

On Saturday, Marist visits a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference school, in a preview of

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Women swimmers improve to 4-1

by CHRIS O'DONNELL
Staff Writer

A youthful women's swimming team is off to a strong start against formidable competition.

The Red Fox swimmers improved their record to 4-1 this past week with a dominating win over Fairfield University. The team also put in a strong showing at the Yale Invitational by placing third against stiff Ivy League competition.

The Red Fox swimmers took over the meet at Fairfield by dominating the diving section of the competition.

Freshman Jennifer Nafus said that although the team dominated, they did not really have

any fast times.

"As a team, we did not really perform that well," Nafus said.

"But it was good enough to get the victory."

The following meet at Yale University presented some strong Ivy League opponents which included Yale and the University of Pennsylvania, along with Colgate.

Nafus said that finishing third was good considering what the team went up against.

"The meet really showed how good you were against strong competition," Nafus said. "There really was a championship atmosphere."

With the fall semester ending, the Red Fox swimmers are excel-

ling. This is a surprise considering the team is very young, with a majority of the swimmers being freshman and sophomores. The only setback for the young team with only four seniors is that they lack depth with 17 swimmers instead of the usual 22 swimmers.

Sophomore Jennifer Jaeger said that the lack of depth could be their achilles heel during the season.

"The lack of depth could hurt us during duel meets," Jaeger said.

With the winter intercession approaching, the Red Fox swimmers will not have a meet until Jan. 10 when they travel to Bear Mountain to take on Army.