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Editors may merge Circle and Outlook

By Dianna Jones and
Mary Ryan

A meeting between Dean Gerard Cox and editors from the Outlook and the Circle is scheduled today to discuss the possibility of a merger between the two papers.

The Circle and the Outlook may be merging because neither paper can survive unless there is a merger, according to Circle Editor Chris Hogan and Outlook Editor Dave Shaw. The merger is not due to financial difficulties, but rather a lack of

staff to put out a weekly four page paper, according to Shaw and Hogan.

Also, Jim Townsend Circle sports editor is the only possible editor as of now, but he says he will not be editor unless a co-editor is appointed. Hogan says he will not be editor next semester, Dave Ng co-editor of the Circle, and Shaw are trying for 15 credit internships for next semester.

Ng is the only editor who is having second thoughts about a possible merger.

"I think what they're doing in the long run is best for the college but not the best thing for the Circle," said Ng. "To me although the Circle is just a name, it

represents 12 years of being the only newspaper on campus. Change is one thing but killing something off is another. I've been involved in the Circle for five semesters. It has taught me a lot and I hate to see it go. It may not be right but it's what I believe in. What I say and what I believe in shouldn't matter. I'm not going to be here."

In September the Circle severed relations with the class because of clashing views on journalistic style. Co-Editors Hogan and Ng dropped their internship credits and continued as editors of the Circle as an extracurricular ac-

tivity. Since that time the Circle has been running as a four page paper rather than the regular eight pages, because of a shortage in staff caused by the severed relations.

The Outlook was established last semester as a bi-weekly newspaper to give a new outlook on the campus. The Outlook was founded because some students thought the Circle was only giving a negative view of the campus. It wanted to give a more positive view. This year, under the editorship of Shaw the Outlook has become a bi weekly feature paper, focusing each issue on a specific topics.

James Rowe to speak

by David Ng

Co-Editor

James Rowe Jr., who worked with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and former Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, will speak about his experiences in working with the federal government at Marist College Saturday, according to Vincent Toscano, assistant dean of learning resources.

Rowe was an administrative assistant to President Roosevelt during 1939-1941, as the United States began preparation for entering into World War II. He later worked as a personal secretary for Holmes after leaving the White House. Rowe later

acted as an adviser to the American prosecuting team at the Nuremberg trials where officers of a defeated German army were tried for war crimes.

Rowe is one of many guest speakers scheduled to appear at the 10th symposium on the era of America's chief executive during the world war and depression, said Toscano. The symposium runned with the help of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, according to Toscano, is the only one of its kind in the nation.

The symposium, scheduled to start early Saturday morning, is expected to draw 150-200 students, teachers, and scholars, said Toscano.

Radio supplies bought

by Marisa Simone

Staff writer

Approximately \$10,000 of the government Title III grant, which Marist received last year, has been used to purchase new radio broadcasting equipment and to refurbish two classrooms, according to Sue Lawrence communications instructor.

The equipment, which was ordered by the Communication Arts department during the summer, includes a tape deck, a cassette deck, two turntables, and a console, says Lawrence. The two classrooms, located on the first floor of Donnelly Hall behind the computer center, were recently sound-proofed, she added. Lawrence and part-time faculty member Ed Mulvey, who is the technical advisor

for campus radio station WMCR, worked together last week to connect the equipment, and to set up what Lawrence called "an instructional lab" for the Radio Broadcasting class which she teaches this semester.

"The equipment is for instructional purposes only," explained Lawrence. "It is not for use by WMCR."

Lawrence says she hopes that the wiring will be completed soon, and that the lab will be in full use by next semester, when Mulvey will take over the Radio Broadcasting class.

"It's been strange teaching students about radio broadcasting without the proper equipment," she said. "I'm just glad we have it."

Fire alarms tested

by Mary Ryan

Staff writer

Seventeen out of 18 fire alarm bells in Champagnat Hall worked when tested last Tuesday (October 31), says Joe Waters, director of security. The bell that did not activate was located on the second floor, east wing, according to reports from Marist Security.

Waters says "this malfunction will be turned over to the Security Systems Installers which services all fire alarm systems in the dormitories."

According to Waters, "the system is functioning much better than at the beginning of the semester."

"We conduct a fire alarm test once every two weeks and the past three or four

tests have proven successful," says Gerald Kelly, director of housing. "The shortcoming with the present system is that it only rings for 45 seconds," added Kelly. He says, "the ideal system rings until it is manually reset."

Both Waters and Kelly say the system is adequate but they are still looking to update it.

Waters added that he met last week with Anthony Campilli, business officer to present a proposal to purchase a fire alarm system for Benoit House, Gregory House, the library, Fontaine Hall, and the chapel.

"There is no way of knowing how long it will take to begin the work, it's pending Mr. Campilli's approval," says Waters.

Students pick winner

by Christopher Hogan

Co-editor

For the second consecutive year, approximately 130 Marist students polled 1.14 per cent of the local population on Election Day and predicted the winner of the Dutchess County Executive race.

Within eight hours Marist students polled 712 citizens and said at 9:05 p.m. of Election night that 54.6 percent of Dut-

chess County would vote in favor of Dutchess County Executive Lucille Pattison. The final election results tallied that 54.52 percent of the voters picked Pattison over Glenn Warren.

"The poll gave Marist students the opportunity to get involved with the community and integrate reality and theory with applied skills," said Assistant Professor of Political Science Lee Miringoff.

Student leaders working towards goals

by Dianna Jones

Feature editor

While the Interhouse Council and College Union Board presidents are taking steps to fulfill the goals they set before the semester, at midway point in the semester the presidents of Student Government and Commuter Union say they are still learning the ropes.

"I didn't plan anything in the beginning of the year," says Joseph "Mongo" Cann. "I just wanted to see what was happening and work with it from there. I wasn't completely educated to be in the office of president. I didn't know the fine details, but I knew it was a way I could get off my duff and help out."

Cann said he had to start from scratch on budget allocations because he didn't have any records to work with from last year. He is presently working on club charters which stress the need for faculty

advisors and the recruiting of freshmen, he said.

Marianne Stearns, Commuter Union president says, "the trouble with the Commuter Union is that it wasn't fully organized when I took office. Time just slipped away in the spring and nothing was organized."

Stearns said she is now working on a questionnaire to find out what the commuters want from the Commuter Union. No definite plans have been made as far as social events because, "I want to leave it up to the commuters this year," says Stearns. "Once we get set on a course of what the commuters want then we'll take action, if they want social events then we'll have them."

After she receives results from the survey she says, "I expect to find out a little more than what I know."

The main objective among some of the student leaders is to "broaden out a

little," according to College Union Board President Jim Kelleher.

"In the past we had say five different departments working in five different directions," says Brian Schmidt, interhouse council president. "Now we're trying to work together, hopefully setting an example for the future."

Interhouse Council is working with the Student Academic Committee and the Lecture Series Committee to bring Marist College professors into the dorms. The first lecture will be with Dr. Gregory Kilgarriff, assistant professor of economics. This is one way they are meeting their objectives, according to Schmidt, and added that it also succeeds in creating more interaction between the students and the teachers.

"This way the students get to know the teacher outside the classroom, and the teachers become more aware of the dorm situation," said Schmidt.

Other innovations this year are dinner concerts, and dinner theaters which combine various committees in the C.U.B., according to Kelleher and he added, "We set up a calendar last spring and we've accomplished every event on the calendar except for a sports trivia contest which never got off the ground."

As Interhouse Council President, Schmidt also made plans to monitor the freshmen dorm to see whether it works or not. As a resident advisor for an all freshmen floor in Sheahan Hall he says he gets a sense of some of the problems that arise. He also gets feedback from resident advisors and representatives at Interhouse Council meetings.

"Up till now we haven't been able to come up with any suggestions because we've been waiting for grades, "Father LaMorte is starting to do a study on freshmen mid-term grades," says Schmidt.



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Support the RA

The structure of the housing office, with its full-time residence directors and part-time student residence advisors, was cleverly pieced together before school started so each component of the system from Dean of Students Gerard Cox's office to the glass-encased room of the Champagnat RA would support each other. It was put together with the idea that members of each level on the housing staff would support each other. The concept, itself, is basic and easy enough to understand but, as with all structures, it has problems.

Although each member of that system has incredible responsibilities to carry out, whether it be deciding to dismiss a student from the dormitories or asking someone to lower the noise level of their stereo, it is the student residence advisor who is usually the visible symbol of college's authority in the residence halls. As Gerald Kelly, director of housing, adequately describes, the "RA is on the firing line daily. They have a difficult task."

In short, RA's are caught in the middle as they attempt to do two things: be both an administrator - however part-time - and a student. The two titles do not seem to sit well together; current events and political history have almost made the two natural nemesises. And to ask one person to accept both roles is handing out internal conflict. But, it is one that the RA's knowingly accept when they asked for the job and began to understand as they went through staff training. Outside of

the paycheck, what reward they claim at the end of their tenure will be the significance they assign to opening doors early in the morning, listening to some bewildered freshman, and ignoring vulgar threats made by some students with the smell of booze on their

They are the most vulnerable elements in that system of supports. If not caught under fire from fellow students who live next door or across the hall, they might come under fire from the administrator above. It is one of those jobs if done right, someone should be complaining - and it should be the students who are having the norms spelled out for them.

The RA's do have the toughest part of maintaining and expressing the values and goals of Marist College. And they, more than others, need greatest amount of support from the administration.

In parts, that support is being devoted. However, there is that ever nagging simple "communication" problems. Improper communication between two parties sometimes does more to distort reality than fantasy. It leaves someone thinking maybe something hasn't been done or nothing will be done. Monday's night meeting of the housing staff hopefully dealt with the confusion and restore open lines between the student and the administrative sectors of the system. For even the perception of 'no support' will needlessly isolate the RA.

Around in circles

It started last May when Mimi McAndrew left Marist College and vacated her position as journalism instructor and Circle intern advisor. Since then, the Outlook and the Circle, have trimmed its staffs to minimal numbers. No one seems to care whether Marist College has a newspaper next semester.

Editors from The Outlook and the Circle have agreed that the best solution to the problem is to combine efforts and try to publish a new newspaper next semester. But even now, with the hope that a united effort may be exerted into a new publication, one has to wonder whether the problem has been solved.

At one time the Circle was an eight-page weekly consisting of a staff of approximately 25 students from the journalism class who were required to submit an article for the publication every week. The Circle was able to publish eight pages of worthwhile news to the Marist community and within the past three years has published three special issues of more than 28 pages.

Now the Circle is a four page weekly headed by co-editors not receiving internship

credit with no hope of a forthcoming special issue. No one has expressed interest in assuming the duties of the editorship next semester for the first time in Circle history.

The journalism class is not obligated to write for any publication and both the editors and the Circle have talked about the possibility that there might not be a newspaper at Marist in the future.

The possible forthcoming merge between the Circle and The Outlook is not an answer to the problem. It is only a temporary action that the three editors feel they must take to try and keep the student's right to know the facts alive on campus.

The solution can only be solved by the administration. Hire a new journalism teacher who can work with the campus newspaper editors, re-unite the new publication with the journalism class, and provide some incentive for Marist students to get involved in journalism. Then, maybe, it might not be too late to save the journalism program at Marist College.

Readers Write

All letters must be typed triple space with a 60 space margin, and submitted to the Circle office no later than 6 p.m. Monday. Short letters are preferred. We reserve the right to edit all letters. Letters must be signed, but names may be withheld upon request. Letters will be published depending upon availability of space.

Sovereign immunity

To the editors,

Word has reached my distant ear of an allocation system within which clubs are instructed to earn one-quarter of what the student government decides they are worth. My years at Marist College gave me, if nothing else, some valuable experience in the polemical art, so I feel that I owe to my alma mater one last use of that art, this time gratuitously.

I can understand the motive behind the new system. In fact, when I was involved in student government I once proposed, not publicly but to a substantial number of persons, the possibility of a voluntary, student-initiated increase in the activity fee so as to make adequate allocations. This proposal was not well received,

so I became convinced that, as a representative of a constituency, I ought to abandon it. A new approach to the same scarcity has now been taken, and I can appreciate that.

However, the same bird who brought to me the news of the new system also informed me that the student government had exempted itself from that requirement. This is absurd, and unfair to everyone other than the C.S.L. itself. Certainly, the student leadership at Marist is in no such exalted position as to be able to invoke a doctrine of "sovereign immunity." Be fair, Joe, Jim, Brian, change that ridiculousness!

Sincerely Yours,
Christopher C. Faille, alumnus

Cleaning thanks

To the editors,

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon and the residents of Benoit House want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Marist Maintenance Crew for the fine job they have done in helping us make Benoit House more like a home.

As a result of our experience we would like to convey to the Marist community that by cutting down on damages and working with maintenance we have a better place to live. We stand only to gain by this!

Sigma Phi Epsilon & Benoit House

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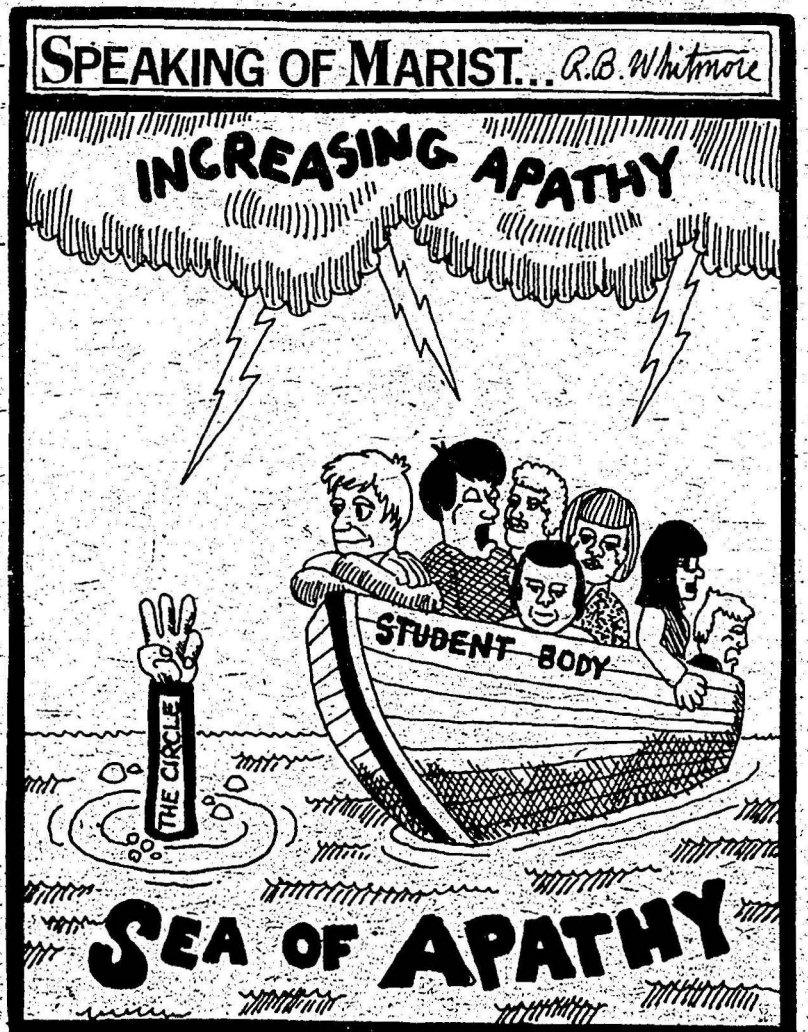
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Thanking you,
Michael Bishop



Gridders win final game

by Jim Townsend
Sports editor

Highlighted by a 90 yard kickoff return by Lou Corsetti to open the second half, the Marist College football team won their third game of the season 27-22 over the Manhattan Jaspers.

Manhattan scored on their first set of downs on a one yard plunge by their running back but then Marist took control.

Marist scored on their first two sets of downs. The first touchdown came on a ten-play drive which included two passes to running back Tom Eisele. Quarterback Jeff Hackett dove over from the one yard line to give Marist a 7-7 tie.

Hackett scored again on a one yard run, capping a 13 play drive which began after linebacker Dave Whelly intercepted a Bob Annunziata pass at the Marist 31 yard line, the conversion was no good and Marist led 13-7.

"We had a sluggish first quarter but put together a good offensive and defensive game," says head coach Mike Malet. Malet was particularly impressed with the play of Bob Keller and Jeff Hackett who were playing in their last college game. Hackett, who ran for two touchdowns and passed for another, has been in contact with many professional teams, says Malet. He was also impressed with Jeff Springsteen, a freshman and John Lennon and Lou Corsetti, sophomores who each had two interceptions.

After Corsetti's kickoff return to open the second half, Marist scored again after Manhattan fumbled and it was recovered by Lennon on the Manhattan 40 yard line. Three plays later Hackett threw a 30 yard

touchdown pass to Tom Cooney. The conversion was ruled no good because of an ineligible receiver downfield and Marist led 27-7.

St. John's came back by scoring twice in the fourth quarter. The first came on a 35 yard touchdown pass.

Marist had another chance to score after an interception by Corsetti which gave Marist the ball on Manhattan's 40. Marist drove down to the Manhattan six yard line but three incomplete passes to tight end Jim Piersa stopped that drive. "It could have easily been 34-14 but we wanted to get Jimmy a touchdown," says Malet.

The final Manhattan score was helped by three penalties, the big one being a pass interference call on an interception by Marist. The interception was called back and Manhattan scored on a one yard run by its quarterback.

Manhattan had one more chance to score but an errant pass was intercepted by Lennon and Marist had its third victory.

This final home game also marked the end of another career for someone involved in Marist football. Football director Steve Van Buren will not be coming back as director next year. Throughout the years, Van Buren handled the fund raising for the team.

Coach Malet says he is enthusiastic about next year's team. "We have a strong nucleus for next year's team as well as six or seven games at home next year," says Malet. Malet also added that there were about 40-45 high school seniors at the game and some of them expressed an interest in playing for Marist.

Harriers finish second

by Chris Egan
Sports writer

The Marist cross country team capped a successful season Saturday as it finished second out of twenty teams in the New York State Collegiate Track and Field Championships in Binghamton, New York.

The Running Red Foxes scored a total of 104 points for the race, losing only to Fredonia State which scored 52 points. Fredonia State had been ranked in the top ten of all New York state schools.

Ron Gadziala, who will run in the cross country national championship meet Saturday in Riverside, California, finished third in the race with a time of 26:21.4 for the five mile course. Gadziala finished 41.4 seconds behind Tom Dalton of Siena who won the race and set a course record in the process.

fourth-eighth. Mark Wickham and Joe Burleski, who did not figure in the team's scoring, finished sixty-fourth and ninety-seventh respectively.

Coach Rich Stevens was pleased with the results, calling it the team's "best race of the year." Stevens says "I figured we could get second place if we ran well as a team, which we did." He adds it was "the highest we ever finished in this meet."

While the "A" team was finishing second, the "B" and "C" teams competed in the Collegiate Track Championships at Van Cortlandt Park, New York.

Marist finished ninth out of nineteen teams in the "B" with 286 points. Dennis Martin was the team's top finisher as he finished the course in 27:44, Gary Wiesinger was second and Rich Schenkewitz finished third.

Booters finish 6-8-1

by Jim Townsend
Sports Editor

In an unexpected occurrence, while both teams were yelling for the game to continue, the officials called last week's soccer game against Montclair State because of darkness. The score at the end of play was 1-1.

Marist had plenty of chances to score but could only score once on a goal by Knut Roald. Paul Meseck and Julio Rostran had chances to score but both shot wide in the

game against Montclair.

The Montclair goal came with :09 left in the first half as goalie Rich Heffernan saved the ball but it slipped away.

Andy Homola replaced Heffernan to start the second half and made a couple of excellent saves but Marist couldn't score and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

The soccer team ended their season with a 6-8-1 record after a 3-1 victory over C.W. Post, Tuesday. Oyuino Larssen scored twice and Joe Bilboa once to insure the Marist victory.

High on Sports

By Jim Townsend

Different views but one game



Kevin Rolleter

There are many ways that a college athletic career can end. This weekend was the last college football game for two of Marist's players...but yet the game was so different for both.

You could tell the pain and the agony for both players. One was the pain and agony associated with playing the game, and the other was the agony of not being able to play in your last college football game because of an injury suffered in an earlier game.

Standing on the sidelines with his crutches and sock over the cast on this cold November afternoon was Kevin Rolleter, a starting senior offensive guard, who had chipped a bone in his foot in the Siena game. In his eyes you could see the determination of a man, who had never played a game of football in high school, and how much he really wanted to be part of the teams 27-22 victory. Rolleter had become such an integral part of this team, which has 51 members who are either sophomores or freshman. Rolleter was an inspiration to this team. He worked hard to get to the point he wanted and when he got there, he worked even harder.

The other starting senior on the of-

fensive squad was Jim Piersa. Piersa had been the starting tight end since his first game four years ago. He had gone through seasons in which the offense relied on one member, wide receiver Ron Clarke, to an offense that did not have any "stars" but worked together as a unit.

In his eyes you could see the years and how much they meant to him. This was the end of an athletic career that saw him as one of the most dependable players on the team. To start in your first college game and then to end a career are to important parts of college athletics. You could see the determination of this athlete when, with Marist down close to the Manhattan goalline, quarterback Manny Loperolo threw three times just out of the reach of Piersa.

On this day, when many of the players had family in the stand and many of them were also aware that this was football director Steve Van Buren's last game, it seemed so ironic that a touchdown was just out of the reach of one player while a chance to play in his last college game was out of the reach of another because of an injury.



Jim Piersa

Women's crew sweep races

The Marist College women's crew team won its race in the novice "four" race, beating second place finisher LaFayette by 3.5 seconds, then returned to the water 40 minutes later to also win its varsity "eight" race at a crew regatta held at Maritime College, Throgs Neck, N.Y., as rain fell steadily throughout the Saturday meet.

Rowing in rough waters, the men's varsity team finished second in the varsity "four," 2.7 seconds behind winner Maritime College. The light-weight eight-man shell, rowing in the varsity division, placed third in its race three seconds behind first place Merchant Marine Academy.

The freshmen men's team were last in its two races of the day.

Maureen Heiser, Beth Rossi, Eileen McCann, Nancy Colagrossi, and coxswain Kathy Hayden combined for the Marist

win over four other schools with a time of 6:05 for the 1600 meter course. They were joined by Debbie Drop, Eileen Gilfedder, Monica Finnigan, and Alison Kleinsoj to win the varsity race at 5:50 beating out three schools.

"The women's crew team represented us well," said head coach Andrew Meyn, "and I think Sharon Mallett (the women's coach) did an outstanding job."

Rowing for the men in the "four" were Jim Foley, Bill Graham, Ken Wohl, Joe Fox, and coxswain Rich Romshottel. The team completed the course in 6:04.7 and finished ahead of three schools.

The eight-man team consisted of Eric DuPont, Tom Masterson, Frank Kosochowicz, Jim Raimo, Paul Pless, Dom Caalabro, Joe Verilli, Mike Lanza, with Kathy Grady as the coxswain. The team's third place time of 5:25 placed it ahead of Iona and LaFayette.

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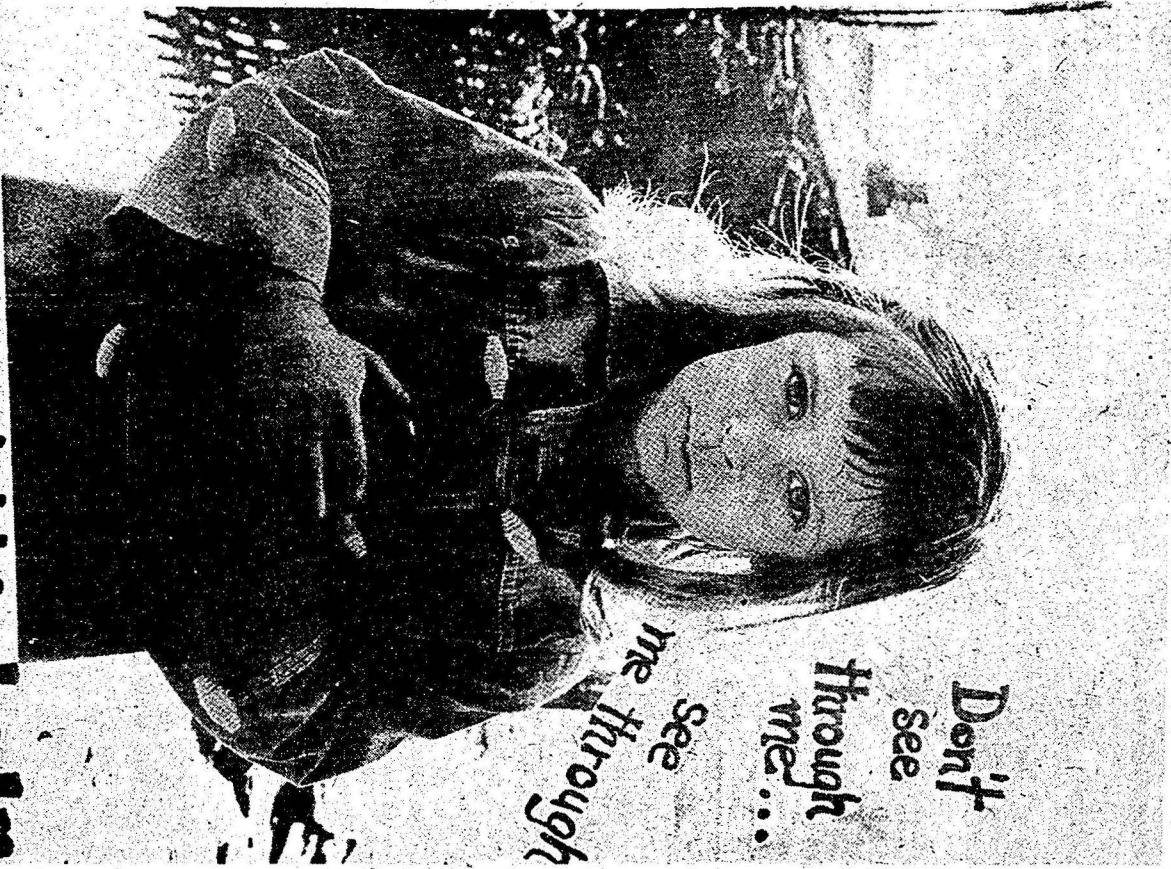
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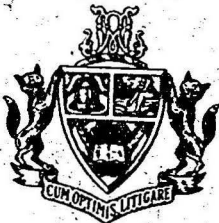
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Advisors discuss staff problems

by Christopher Hogan and
David Ng

Co-editors

Housing Director Gerald Kelly met with nearly the entire housing staff in a closed meeting Monday night to discuss the administration's handling of some disciplinary problems and "friction" between members of the staff, according to a number of resident advisors (RA's) who attended the meeting.

This was the first time the 23 student advisors, three dormitory residence directors, the assistant to the director of Champagnat, and three freshmen mentors had met with Kelly since August when the group underwent staff training.

Maureen Kenney, the RA of the women's wing on sixth floor Champagnat Hall, resigned from her position Monday night but said it was because she "needed a change." She explained she has been an RA on the sixth floor for two semesters which is the longest time any RA has been there in the past three years.

Two other members of the housing staff also discussed the possibilities of their resigning. Champagnat's eighth floor RA Dave Shaw and Gregory House Residence Coordinator David Powers said there is a possibility they may resign next semester. Shaw, a senior communication arts major, said he hopes to receive a 15-credit internship next semester off campus. Powers, a senior, who has worked for the housing office two years, said his resignation is because of "personal problems."

However, their resignations do not seem related to any of the problems discussed at the closed meeting.

"There was a question of whether RA's were being backed up the administration," said Shaw. "There was a question of whether the RA's have the backing. I think there was a lack of

communication." Shaw added that some RA's would "like to see a couple of people (students) get out" of the dormitories while the advisors were "getting frustrated" because they didn't see any disciplinary action taken by the administration.

The RA's had different perceptions on how the administration was dealing with students who had violated disciplinary norms and the administration perceived the RA's knew what actions were being taken, said Kelly. During the meeting each individual case of discipline was discussed and the actions of the administration explained, added Kelly, the director of housing whose job is indirectly related to discipline.

Powers, who currently has worked on the housing staff longer than any other student, said the dean of student life's office would take certain actions and RA's did not receive feedback on what actions were taken.

Friction

"There could have been friction and some personality conflicts," said Champagnat RA John King.

"It would be idealistic if you had 100 percent of your staff happy," said Bob Lynch, assistant residence director in Champagnat, and added probably 97 percent of the staff is satisfied with being RA's.

Tony Drakeford, residence director of Champagnat Hall and the largest student staff at 17, said those who claim there is tension on the staff are those who aren't satisfied with their jobs. He explained that things need time to work out and those RA's who complain don't understand that.

The housing staff also discussed an unrelated incident of "serious nature," according to Kelly, when a Champagnat male student allegedly entered a coed's room on Champagnat's sixth

floor where Kenney is the resident advisor.

Although the coed did not press charges against the alleged intruder, he has been banned from the building, according to Kelly.

Drakeford said the incident was a case of "misunderstanding" and pointed out there were several conflicting reports from the students involved about what actually did happen.

"He was at a bad place, at a bad time," said Drakeford who was named director of Champagnat during the summer. He added the housing office had to "take some action and that was the only justifiable way."

Kenney said the incident which occurred on her wing did not influence her resignation.

No easy job

Kelly had said on a different occasion that RA's have a "difficult" job and described them as those members of the staff who are on "the firing line" on a daily basis.

The RA's have received "verbal, physical, and psychological" abuse over the past few years, according to both Lynch and Powers. Lynch said the meeting was to help reassure the RA's that they have support from the housing and dean of student's offices. Powers said the RA's need support from the administration when they enforce the college's guidelines for behavior in the dormitories. Kelly has said the job description for the student advisors are more specific this year and the regulation tougher to enforce.

Drakeford has said before the student residence staff is under a certain amount of peer pressure from their fellow residents. "It's what is here. It's what helps to see if they can deal with the situation."

"In the long run, they (RA's) are still students," he said.