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Dr. Eugene Best.

Best Receives Research Grant

By Rhoda Crispell

Dr. Eugene Best has just received a two month research grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for study at the University of California at Berkeley.

The topic of study will be "Civil Religion in America," Directing the participants will be Dr. Robert Bellah, Professor of Sociology and Comparative Studies at Berkeley, who wrote "Civil Religion in America."

Dr. Best expects a very interdisciplinary program. Four of the twelve participants are in Sociology, four in Religious Studies, and four in interdisciplinary programs.

In the 1950's Will Herberg of Drew University argued that the traditional religions of America (Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Judaism) are just different ways of affirming commitment to the American way of life.

In 1967 Dr. Bellah identified the phenomenon called Civil Religion. He believed that Civil Religion transcends Protestantism, Catholicism, and Judaism. According to Dr. Best, it has its own beliefs, rituals, sacred scriptures, saints, holy days and churches. An example is our belief that Americans are the chosen people, and illustrations of our sacred scriptures are the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Our saints include Lincoln, Kennedy and King. Thanksgiving and Memorial Day are our holy days and in school we learn a ritual of allegiance and loyalty.

In "The Broken Covenant" Bellah says that the values of community expressed in the Mayflower Compact have been lost in the course of American History.

Dr. Best's specific topic will be the role of judges and lawyers as priests and prophets of America. When Constantine established Christianity he gave prophets the function of maintaining law and order in the Christian community, stated Dr. Best. In the puritan northeast there was a

close relationship between the preachers and magistrates.

As religion became pluralistic American politics became increasingly secularized and was uprooted from religious traditions. Yet throughout American history, our cultural world view, our notions of right and wrong, have been the concern of judges and lawyers who are now the spokesmen for the religious community. An example is the current argument about the beginning of human life in relation to the abortion issue. Lawyers and judges had a key role in determining the norms of right and wrong in this traditional religious question in the trial of Dr. Kenneth Edeline.

Religious questions are becoming civil questions. The priests in our pluralistic society are those who are trying to maintain the status quo, and the prophets are those who challenge the status quo, adds Dr. Best. Lawyers and judges answer these civil questions. Lincoln, a lawyer, is considered America's greatest theologian and he had no church. Clarence Darrow, an atheist, fought for freedom and equality for many years. In American Civil Religion he was a prophet fighting for the sacred freedom and equality for minority groups.

In the Catholic tradition a priest, at confessional, is like a judge. Protestant ministers articulate the world view in their sermons.

Dr. Best special interest in this research topic stems from his earlier experience as a candidate for Town Justice of LaGrange.

Last summer Dr. Best received a grant to go to Columbia University to study South Asia for eleven weeks. At the end of that period he wrote a paper entitled "Civil Religion in South America."

"I expect this seminar will look at the American Civil Religion from the perspective of theology, history, anthropology, and sociology. I'm really looking forward to it." Dr. Best feels that this program will help him in teaching American Culture I & II next year.

Foy Holds Answer Session

By Susan M. Dunderdale

Despite the fact that the tuition increase of 9 percent will affect all Marist students only two students came to the question and answer meeting with President Foy on Tuesday.

The meeting was set up for the students benefit so that they would be informed as to why the increase was approved. Although the decision to increase tuition cannot be reversed, the students would have had the opportunity to see where their money is being spent and why. In response to one of the students statements that money should be spent on campus and not on trips for student-protest demonstrations Dr. Foy said that efforts are being made to cut out "frills". He also added that there is going to

be a cut back in trips to conventions for faculty. All departments are being asked to consider carefully how they spend their allotted money. But even with these cutbacks tuition had to be increased because of increases in costs of commodities such as electricity, water and salaries which must be brought to an acceptable level.

Despite the large increase in tuition the administration does not anticipate a drop in enrollment because students cannot meet the costs. The sum of \$110,000 is being set aside for upperclassmen who can prove a financial need and therefore with this increased aid the actual increase for the student will not be that much.

It was also mentioned that if students do not feel they are

getting their money's worth from a course for whatever reason they should let the department chairman know. On the other hand it was agreed that if a professor is providing a worthwhile course that should be made known also. This way promotions and rehiring will be made to insure the best education for the student's money.

Unfortunately because of such poor attendance, neither the administration nor the students were able to reap the full benefits that the meeting could have provided. Many Marist students will be paying the increase and not understand why they are paying it and the administration will be spending student money without a clear idea of what the students want or need.

Committees Select Residence Staff

By Joan Stegenga

The screening of 83 students applying for next semester's resident staff began last January. Official notification of all positions was given on April 15.

The Central Committee, comprised of six seniors appointed by Director of Campus Life, paper screened the applicants. Based on four evaluations of each person and a set of criteria, the Committee made 34 recommendations to dormitory houses. The recommendations were directed to the houses indicated as first choice on the applications. The Staff Screening Committees chose the Resident Coordinators (R.C.s) and Resident Advisors (R.A.s) from these names. If they needed a wider selection, names were submitted to them on the basis of applicant's second choices.

Interviews with the Central Committee were eliminated this year. The Committee made a thorough objective analysis of each applicant and gave their names to the Staff Screening groups. The only interviews during the entire process were conducted by these screening groups. They questioned candidates about their philosophy

towards dormitory living, norms, and enforcement. Their selections were given to Fred Lambert, Director of Campus Life, for his final approval.

Outside of those leaving Marist this May, all but two members of the present resident staff reapplied for next semester's positions. They were evaluated by their floor, R.C., and Housemaster. Fred Lambert made a recommendation to the Staff Screening groups based on these evaluations. None of the students had to go through the Central Committee in reapplying.

In Champagnat Hall the R.C.s selected were as follows: Donald Augustine for House IV, Kevin Cavanagh for House III, Ray Murphy for House II, and Peter Wilderqutter for House I. This will be Peter's second year as House I's coordinator. The starting salary of these positions is \$1000.

R.A.s chosen for House IV in Champagnat are as follows: Greg Tracy, Jim Gillen, Kevin McGhee and Kevin Wolff. In House III they are, Paul Monar, Karen Robbins, Cathi Harvey and Louis Graziano. Those for House II are, John Carberry, Anne Cullinane, Bill Dunlevy and Tom Lynch. The singles from first floor have been moved to the

fourth floor east side and are under John's advisorship. In House I, Eric DePercin is R.A. for the first floor which will be a bi-racial wing. The house's other R.A.s are Kathy Walsh, Karen Loughlin, Leslie Spingstun, and Charlie Bang. Karen is the first girl to be assigned to a boy's wing in Champagnat. Beginning salary for Champagnat R.A.s is \$600.

Joseph Dempsey and Americo Lluveras were hired as Leo's R.C.s. Virginia Albano was chosen as R.A. for the fourth floor boys. Valarie Bellarosa was given R.A. on sixth floor, John Blue on fifth, Michael Nugent on third, Carmen Ramos on second, and Kevin Bliss on first. R.C.s and R.A.s in Leo both receive \$900 as beginning pay.

The position of R.C. was dropped in Sheahan through a decision of their House Council. The R.A.s selected for the dormitory were Maureen Brey, Dennis Gurski, and Pete Pless. Starting salary for Sheahan R.A.s is \$850.

Fred Lambert said that the choices for Gregory and Benoit Houses R.C.s are still being appended. Beginning income for these positions is \$1200.

Committee To Prepare Report On Funding

By Rhoda Crispell

Dr. Roscoe Balch's Citizen's Committee has received a \$750 grant from IBM to prepare a report on their findings and recommendations on mass transportation.

Last spring Dr. Balch held a historical preservation seminar. Specifically, the seminar investigated the Poughkeepsie railroad station.

The MTA had proposed the demolition of the station, and planned to build a smaller one

further south. Dr. Balch thinks that railroad traffic is increasing and that Poughkeepsie is the logical place for such a station.

The purpose of this Committee is to reaffirm the need for local mass transit with facilities for the entire county.


According to Dr. Balch, the Citizen's Committee is the only citizen's group concerned with the full range of mass transportation in the Poughkeepsie area.

The group is hopeful that their May 12 presentation to the City


Manager will encourage him to carry on discussions with various businesses.

The committee is in negotiation with the MTA, Amtrack, the Department of Transportation, and the Dutchess County Transportation Department for the development of a full rail of mass transit in the Poughkeepsie area.

Additionally, the Committee hopes to rehabilitate the station within two years, and develop a parking lot west of the station



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Letters To The Editors

Suggestions

Dear Editors,
Newspapers are a powerful force for justice. The rise of democracies was paralleled and abetted by the rise of newspapers. Newspapers inform readers of current events and, more importantly, they shape public opinion to rally behind positions and causes which appear to the editors to be of fundamental importance.

It appears to me that your articles and editorials are missing some of the events and causes which most intimately touch the lives of all your readers.

One of the major critical events of this year has been the searching and agonizing study of a solution to financial distress at Marist College. The Academic Affairs Committee, the Student Academic Committee, the Faculty Policy Committee, (and its ad hoc Campus Life Committee), together with administration and staff have all been grappling with this enormous problem since September. The AAC, in a preliminary document dated January 10, 1975, concluded that the major contributor to financial viability at Marist College is top-quality academics. Consequently, the AAC with the SAC has been devoting all its time and energy to the study of those avenues leading most directly, surely, and permanently to academic excellence. One of the major avenues under consideration is honest student evaluations of courses and teachers, and the SAC is currently working closely with the Academic Dean to guarantee valid evaluation. Such evaluations will enable the Dean, the AAC, the SAC, the FPC, and the CFD (Committee on Faculty Development) to then decide and establish better policies for excellence at Marist and, consequently permanent financial viability. Reports on the work of

these committees, it appears to me, should be regular features of the CIRCLE.

It is presumed you know that the Faculty Policy Committee has petitioned the administration for a minimum and automatic across-the-board increase of 16.7 percent, plus a 2 percent pool for merit increases. It is also presumed you know that any increase in expenditures is predicated on concomitant increases in your tuition. Now, in the normal course of present day events, tuition must certainly go up in order to enable Marist to continue its intellectual and educational mission. The quibble cannot be with the increase. However, do you editors and your readers believe in automatic, across-the-board increases for all teachers, without exception, even for those, few indeed but real, who are known to be considerably and habitually unsatisfactory? Are students ready to see themselves now pay these unsatisfactory teachers presumably more than \$75 per credit instead of the present \$68, without an editorial yell? (Many students, showing clear cause, have received tuition remissions in the past. Marist is by no means profiteering.) Several of my colleagues and I are against automatic across-the-board increases, even for the cost-of-living. We believe increases of all kinds should be predicated on merit. Nobody should be afraid of evaluation. This educational cause and financial concern, it appears to me, should be of paramount importance to the CIRCLE editors and to the Student Government which appoints them.

One of the most knowledgeable groups on campus concerning academics is the Student Academic Committee. Consequently, the SAC should have a guaranteed column in each CIRCLE edition in which to bring to the attention of the readers, all matters of educational import. The editorials, furthermore, should add their weight to the SAC positions. Faculty meetings

and colloquia are open to students; matters discussed therein are of vital concern to students. The CIRCLE should announce these and urge students to attend. (A faculty meeting is scheduled for April 22 and a colloquium for April 25.) Evidently, such reporting presupposes commitment to quality education on the part of the editors and of the Student Government; it presupposes vital interest in the intellectual life of Marist.

These are a few of the thoughts that run through my mind as I reflect on recent editions of the CIRCLE. There is really so little time in life to work for people that it is a pity to see so much time, energy, and student money go to waste. The editorial on Manipulation has appeared to many of your readers, wrongfully it is supposed, as a mere personal vendetta against Dr. Xavier Ryan. Now, Dr. Ryan is the one faculty member at Marist who in the opinion of several hundred students, alumni, and colleagues, has been the single greatest force for the improvement of education, intellectually and residentially, at Marist College in the past three years. This vicious editorial has indeed made many of your readers sincerely question your commitment to educational excellence at Marist, thereby also questioning the validity of a hard year's work by AAC, SAC, FPC, CFD, and administration and staff. Is it these groups, in fact, that have been misdirecting time, energy, and student money? One wonders about latent anti-intellectualism on the part of the editors, or at least of the one primarily responsible for the present spate. I suggest, Irene, that at least you, if not both you and Greg, sign up for one of Dr. Ryan's courses, jump into the intellectual swim, and find out firsthand what the man is really like rather than rest your opinions on misinterpreted sources.

Fraternally,
Dr. Joseph L. Belanger

Forfeit

Students on this campus have once again forfeited their rights as students of Marist College to be effective in securing a voice in this institution.

This has been clearly exhibited by the fact that only three students attended the recent meeting with President Foy regarding the tuition increases, only three students have submitted their names for positions with the College Union Board, only 186 students voted in the recent constitutional election, only two students have submitted their names for Student Government positions, and representation by department reached its lowest level in submission of names for the Student Academic Committee.

Although it is late in the semester the CIRCLE editors would really be interested in knowing why these practices occur, just what is going on on this campus, what type of identity are Marist students searching for, and why aren't students interested in giving their time to become involved in these very necessary and worthwhile activities?

It cannot be that all the Marist students are that much into their work, that they do not have time for these activities, it cannot be that Marist offers so much to the students in terms of facilities, it cannot be that all the students are satisfied with the condition of the college in terms of academics and social interaction and it certainly cannot be the fact that there is little or nothing to become involved in.

While we do realize that there is a certain percentage of students who have become involved to make Marist a more workable place, we argue that these students are being spread too thin, because other students are not carrying their own weight. In nearly every editorial this year we have spoken of or at least mentioned the word community, and at this point we feel that there does not exist a real community here at all. In a community we feel that those who can, do and that others do what they can, but there still exists that common denominator that everyone does something. And that is clearly not the case here at Marist.

What leaders we do have have spread themselves so thin that they no longer have enough hours in the day to do the things that they want to do, what with meetings overlapping meeting after meeting. When jobs get done, it is because of the work of these few people, not because many students gather to help. However, it is ironic that whenever criticism occurs - and it very often does - it is usually from those students who had the opportunity to do something but didn't.

If students want changes, they have to work for them. We urge students to get involved through such activities as Student Government, The College Union Board, and the Student Academic Committee, to name just a few. The CIRCLE sincerely hopes that students will begin to actively participate in the Marist Community.

Thank-You

This is the last issue of the CIRCLE for 1974-75 and there are many thank yous and congratulations to be said to many people.

The CIRCLE would like to extend best wishes to Dean Richard LaPietra who will soon leave his position of Academic Dean and to Dr. Louis Zuccarello who will replace him. We would also like to congratulate all newly appointed departmental heads, the new residence staff, and those faculty members who will be on sabbatical next year.

There are a number of thank yous in order for a great many people. We thank the people in the Introduction to Journalism class for their contributions to the CIRCLE, and Mr. Robert Norman who taught them. Tom McDonald, Advertising Manager, Greg Welsh, Business Manager, and Al Adolphi, Photographer are also to be thanked for their time and effort. In addition, we wish to thank all people - faculty and students - for their contributions, especially Father Leo Gallant, Tom McTernan, and Linda Franco.

To the seniors leaving us we would like to wish the very best in the future.

At this time we would like to thank all those people who contributed to the Marist community at large.

Finally, to all students, we extend best wishes for good luck and good grades on final exams. Enjoy your vacation!

Reflections

Dear Editors,

One year ago last February, a good friend of mine and myself sat down and talked about writing a proposal for a house that would allow science majors to have a place to live and work. I wrote some ideas down and last summer I spent a good part of my spare time formulating those ideas into a proposal as an application to one of the small houses, not just Benoit specifically. I gave it to Fred Lambert and he approved it, however, no one else did. Many people thought it was a great idea but few were willing to join. That was last semester. This semester the whole idea was revised and included more than just science majors; it was open to other majors as well. The idea was good; the approval was there and we had the people now. We then proceeded to apply for the house and the outcome need not be retold. Everyone knows fairly well just what happened, and if they don't they probably don't care anyway.

One year of hard work and many sleepless nights went into that idea. It's all over now, but I

would like to leave you with a passage that I think will be important to all of us at one time or another:

"We have learned history more thoroughly than the others. We differ from all others in our logical consistency. We know that virtue doesn't matter to history, and that crimes remain unpunished; but that every error had its consequences and its venets onto the generation. Therefore we concentrated all our efforts on preventing error and destroying the very seeds of it. Never in history has so much power over the future of humanity been concentrated in so few hands as in our case. Each wrong idea that we follow is a crime committed against our future generations. Therefore we have to punish wrong ideas as others punish crimes. We were held madmen, because we followed every thought down to its final consequence and acted accordingly. We were compared to the inquisition because, like them, we constantly felt in ourselves the whole weight of responsibility for the super-individual life to come. We resembled the great inquisitors in that we persecuted the seeds of evil not only in men's deeds, but in their thoughts as well. We

admitted no private sphere, not even inside a man's skull. We lived under the compulsion of working things out to their final conclusions. Our minds were so tensely charged that the slightest collision caused a mortal short-circuit. Thus we were faded to mutual destruction.

I was one of those. I have thought and acted as I had to; I destroyed the people whom I was fond of, and gave power to others I did not like. History put me where I stood; I have exhausted the credit which she accorded me; if I was right I have nothing to repent of; if wrong, I will pay."

From Arthur Koestler's
Darkness at Noon

If I haven't learned anything from this, and I have, I've learned this much.

I would like to close this whole ordeal on my end anyway, by saying thanks (something I haven't heard in a year) for all the time everyone gave to the proposal. And special thanks to Danny, Charlie, Jimmy, Tim, Rich, Marie, Jim, Bob, Ernie, Greg, and Steve for putting in their time and putting up with me.

Mike D'Elia
A member of the perverbial
Sheahan Group

Code 99

By Fr. Leo Gallant

Man occupies planet No. 3 of a quite obscure star which is located some 30,000 light years from the center of the galaxy. In our galaxy, some 10 billion stars exist while one hundred thousand million billion appears to be a conservative estimate for the number of the stars in the whole universe. Some scientists estimate the age of the earth as 5 billion years, the sun 10 billion, the universe 27 billion. Man's position in the universe equals nothing.

Buy Myles Connolly in his book "Mr. Blue", has the main character on a roof top looking up in the sky and saying:

"I think my heart would break with all this immensity if I did not know that God himself once stood beneath it, a young man, as small as I. Did it ever occur to you that it was Christ who humanized infinitude, so to speak? When God

became man he made you and me and the rest of us pretty important people. He not only redeemed us. He saved us from the terrible burden of infinity. My hands, my feet, my poor little brain, my eyes, my ears all matter more than the sweep of these constellations. God himself, the God to whom this whole universe speckled display is as nothing, God himself had hands like mine and eyes and brain and ears. Without Christ we would be little more than bacteria living on a pebble in space. Because of him, I can stand here under this cold immensity and know that my pulse beats and acts and thoughts are of more importance than this whole show of the universe. Only for him I would be crushed beneath the weight of all these worlds. Only for him, I would tumble dazed into the gaping chasms of space and time. But Behold! Behold! God wept and laughed and dined and wined



and suffered and died, even as you and I. Blah for the immensity of space! Blah for those who would have me a microcosm in the meaningless tangle of an endless evolution! I'm no microcosm! I too am a son of God!"

My whole life at Marist is dedicated to instill in everybody a sense of greatness, of self-confidence, discovering joy in self, not needing to go further than self to find everything. In this last column I give thanks to everyone who made life beautiful for me at Marist, my Jewish friends, my Christian friends, all my people. I say "my people" because I dare to consider myself your shepherd.

Sabbatical Given To Norkeliunas

by Julie Schott

Casimir Norkeliunas, German and Russian teacher, and head of the Modern Language Department, has been granted a sabbatical leave for the spring semester of 1976, during which time he plans to work on a translator training program for the college, and complete the thesis for his Doctorate.

Mr. Norkeliunas, who began teaching German and Russian language at Marist in 1963, has since introduced history and literature courses in the department.

He feels that by completing his

thesis, which is on Myth and Symbol in the Poetry of Jury Baltrushaitis, a member of the Russian Symbolists Movement, he will enrich his courses, since the topic is directly related to Russian literature. Mr. Norkeliunas will work on his thesis in England where his wife will be teaching on a teachers exchange program.

Also during his sabbatical leave, which he defines as "academic refreshment," Mr. Norkeliunas plans to travel through Europe with his family and will return to Marist in July of '76.

Announcements

Attention Juniors! The Institute of International Education has announced the opening of the 1976-77 competition for grants for graduate study or research abroad in academic fields and for professional training in the creative and performing arts. It is expected that approximately 550 awards to fifty countries will be available for the 1976-77 academic year. Applicants must be United States citizens at the time of the application who will generally hold a bachelor's degree before the beginning date of the grant and in most cases, will be proficient in the language of the host country. Selection is based on the academic and/or professional record of the applicant, the validity and feasibility of his or her proposed study plan, his or her language preparation and personal qualifications. For more information, contact Maurice Bibeau, the Fulbright program advisor at Marist in rm. D209. It is strongly suggested this be done before the end of the semester since the applications must be submitted by mid-October.

Students are once again asked to submit papers to the next edition of the Academic Quarterly. Please submit a papers to Dr. George Sommer in Fontaine Hall or Mary Snyder, Gregory House.

Final Notice to All Seniors!!! There is still time to sign up for the dinner dance. Payments in full \$35.00 per couple must be paid by Wednesday May 7. Those with a balance of \$25.00 per couple must also be paid by this time.

Seniors partaking the Senior Week Festivities are requested to fill out the coupon appearing in this week's CIRCLE. Please return all coupons by Friday May 9.

Students are also reminded to return all library materials to local college and public libraries before leaving for the semester. Think of the next person!

The College Bookstore will be buying back used textbooks starting on Tuesday, May 6, through Thursday May 8. The bookstore will be open for this purpose from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Books will be bought back regardless of whether they were used on this campus or not.

Students are once again reminded by the editors of the CIRCLE to return all books and library materials to the library before leaving for the semester. Failure to do so will result in the Business Offices holding of Spring grades.

The office of Career Development will be open for regular business during the summer hours. Graduating seniors are welcome to continue using the office. Also, according to Larry Snyder the summer months would be an excellent time for underclassmen to drop by the office to familiarize themselves with him and the facilities.

There will be a Senior Class Cocktail Party in the New Dining Room on Friday May 2 from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Distribution of the 1975 Reynard will begin tomorrow, Friday, May 2. If you have not paid in full, the balance must be paid before picking up your copy. If you have not yet reserved a copy you still have time to buy one. You must have your receipt when picking up your copy. Please see Mike Maloney, Reynard Editor for further details.

Final Exam Week begins this Monday 5, The CIRCLE editors wish everyone Good Luck with their finals and extend our best wishes for a pleasant summer.

Group Returns With Honors

By Bob Nelson

The Marist College delegation to the National Model United Nations conference returned last Saturday with a third place honorable mention award. This means that the delegation placed in the top fifteen colleges, of approximately a hundred and fifty colleges represented. The awards were determined by secret ballot, with each delegation given one vote, consisting of five recommendations for best college in the Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc). Marist thus ranked close to such delegations as U.S.L.A., Indiana University, and Georgetown who were rated in the top ten colleges. The Marist students who participated were assigned to

various committees so as to maximize the strengths of the delegation. Fred Eberlein, delegation co-chairman, was assigned to the Political and Security Committee in the General Assembly (G.A.). Wayne Kezirian represented Marist in the Legal Committee, while Joe Gigliotti handled the Social and Humanitarian Committee. In the General Assembly conferences, Bob Baulch was assigned to Multinational Corporations, Julius Hajas to World Disarmament, and Rod Lemon to Raw Materials. In the Economic and Social Council, Bob Nelson, delegation co-chairman, was the representative to the Committee on a New Economic Order; Basil Charlemow was on the Food Commission, and Kathy Brennan

was assigned to the Population Commission. Fred Eberlein and Julius Hajas were elected spokesmen of the Afro-Asian bloc in their respective committees, while the resolution on international development assistance sponsored by Bob Nelson was passed in the plenary session of Ecosoc.

In the three years that the Political Science Club has sent a delegation to the Model U.N., at no time has it been so successful both in the passage of bills, the election of students to important positions, or in overall delegation ranking. By representing the African nation of Zambia, it was felt that the delegation had a head start in the awards selection, due to the active leadership of the real Zambia in the United Nations.

Reflections On "George M"

By David B. Livshin

The Marist College Theatre Guild brought a bit of Broadway to campus with their highly entertaining presentation of GEORGE M.

The production moved rapidly through the two hours thanks to expert direction by Suzanne Deak, and superb choreography by Maureen Brey, Chris Seman, Moira Coffey, Garey Waters and Carol Emmel. As George M. Cohan, Fred Ashley, a newcomer to the stage, was nothing less than fantastic. Ashley danced,

production with the self-confidence and assuredness of a thoroughbred. In the Saturday night performance he nearly brought the house down with his heel clicking and fancy dance steps.

Not enough can be said about this production, with its simple but effective staging, excellent musical direction, the rapid pacing of the dance numbers, and its most effective costume design.

With George M. the Theatre Guild has truly outdone itself.



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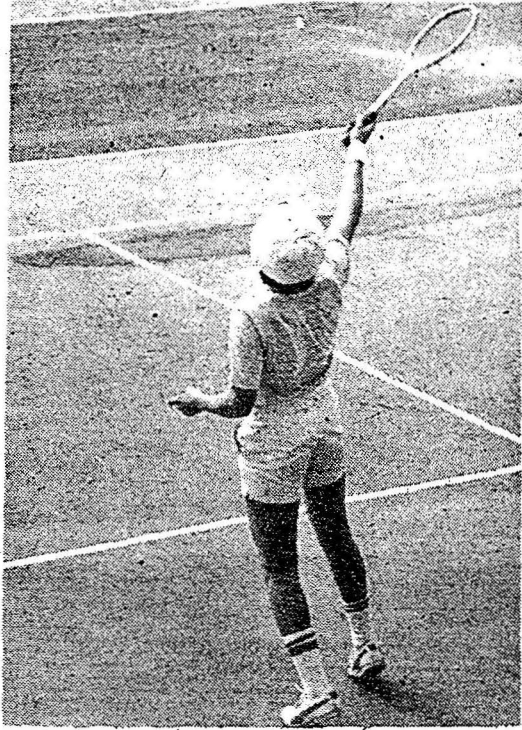
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Ernie Arico on the courts.

Marist Tennis Outplays Bard And Kings

by Thomas McTernan

There was a lot hanging on the net when the Marist tennis team faced Concordia here yesterday. At stake was the championship of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, a title that Marist has won the past two years. Both teams entered the match with 3-0 league records.

The match would also determine whether the Red Foxes can end this season with a winning record, after a 5-5 finish in 1974. Last week they routed Kings (8-1) and Bard (9-0) to boost their current mark to 5-5. Marist closes out the 1975 season at home Saturday against Quinnipiac.

Taking five of six singles and all three doubles, the Red Foxes had little trouble with Kings last Wednesday. In singles, Steve Carberry topped Bruce Bleich 6-0, 6-4; Jay Metzger defeated Rick Stotz 6-2, 6-2; Ernie Arico held off Rick Thomas 6-4, 7-5; John McGraw beat Steve Miller 6-1, 6-4 and Mike Fornaci downed Steve Kohler 6-2, 6-4. The only Marist

loss came when Gary Hartz rallied for a 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 decision over Larry Stenger.

On Friday Carberry blanked Dan Josephs 6-0, 6-0 to lead the Red Foxes in the sweep over Bard. It was the most impressive performance of the season by Carberry, the team's number 1 player who has been a disappointment this spring. He now stands 5-5 in singles play.

In other singles matches, Fred Kolthay won over Alan Bigelow 6-4, 6-2; Metzger edged Hank Resin 6-4, 6-3 for his fifth straight win; Arico ripped Ray Herman 6-1, 6-3; McGraw blasted Al Kimmel 6-0, 6-1 for his ninth win in ten outings; and Stenger outplayed Rich Blackshaw 6-2, 6-2.

After the shutout, the team's second of the campaign, coach Ron Petro remarked, "I'm surprised. Bard has had strong teams in the past, but we really outplayed them this time."

Looking back over the season, Petro said, "It's a shame that we had all our tough opponents so early in the season. We are really

playing well now."

He added, "We never came this close to Vassar (6-3) and almost beat New Paltz (5-4) for the first time ever. We lost 8-1 to New Haven but all matches were close. I'm only disappointed in the losses to Siena (8-1) and Kean State (5-4)."

Losing only Carberry to graduation, Petro has high hopes for next year's team but feels that they need a strong number one player who can win. Juniors Kolthay and Arico will be back but neither player with much consistency this year. Metzger, a sophomore, has been improving constantly and could move up next season. McGraw, whom Petro referred to as "the spark-plug" enjoyed a most successful spring in his first season as a regular. Petro also feels that several newcomers could break into the top six next spring.

Saturday's finale with Quinnipiac begins at 1 p.m. on the Marist courts.

High On Sports

by Thomas McTernan

McGRAW NAMED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

John McGraw, a sophomore from Island Trees, has been named Marist College Athlete of the Week for the week ending April 26.

McGraw, who plays in the fifth position on the tennis team, won all three matches over opponents from Nyack, Kings and Bard to improve his season record to 9-1.

NOTES FROM THE SPORTS DESK:

Joe Cirasella, a senior who was player-coach of the golf team, was named Marist Athlete of the Year Tuesday night. Cirasella also was a standout forward on the Red Fox basketball team...

The women's tennis team shut out Bard 4-0 Tuesday. The women, who were rained out with Vassar last week, close out their initial season at home against Ulster Community College today... Mike Hart (37 points) and Earl Holmes (33) sparked the Marist basketball players in Sunday's 95-84 win over Danbury State Correctional Institution...

The track team defeated York, Siena and Kings at New Paltz Tuesday to complete the best season with an 8-3 record. Fred Kolthay set a new record in the two-mile (9:41), placing second. First place finishers included John Vandervoort in the 440, Dave Schools in the intermediate hurdles and the mile relay of Jim Gillen, Schools, Steve Van Kuren and Vandervoort...

The women's crew lost to Rhode Island during the President's Cup regatta over the weekend. However, men's coach Bill Austin points out, "They had so many new girls on the team that they were forced to row at a slower rate in order to give the newcomers a chance to develop."

A FINAL NOTE: Any sportswriter will tell you the value of people who provide information and ideas for columns and articles. With this in mind I would like to thank the following people for their help in keeping me abreast of the latest in Marist sports: George McCutcheon, Vito Aprigliano, Ron Petro, Ed Conlin, Rich Stevens, Bill Austin, Jeff Behnke, Mike Secone, Jim Cassaro, Vinnie Caruso, Tom McDonald, John Vandervoort, Lorraine Conklin, Doc Goldman, John Tkach, Glenn Malaspina, Al Adolfi and Marie Kelly. The contribution of these and others to the Marist sports scene is greatly appreciated.

THIS WEEK IN MARIST SPORTS (May 1-11)

- Thursday, May 1 - Women's Tennis - vs. Ulster CC - home - 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 3 - Lacrosse - at Fairfield - 2 p.m.
- Tennis - vs. Quinnipiac - home - 1 p.m.
- Crew - vs. Trinity, Wesleyan, Williams at William's - 1 p.m.
- Sailing - Hartley Cup - home
- Track - CTC Championships - at Kings Point - 10 a.m.
- Women's Crew - vs. William's, Wesleyan - at William's - 2 p.m.
- Sunday, May 4 - Sailing - Hartley Cup - home
- Friday, May 9 - Crew - Dad Vail Championships - at Philadelphia - heats
- Saturday, May 10 - Crew - Dad Vail Championships - at Philadelphia - finals
- Sunday, May 11 - Women's Crew - EAWRC Sprints - at Middlefield, Conn.

Until September 1975....

Lacrosse Ends Season

by Thomas McTernan

It was supposed to be a confrontation between the top two pointmakers in the Knickerbocker Lacrosse Conference. But Bruce Neville turned it into a rout and FDU-Teaneck followed suit with a 12-6 victory over Marist Saturday.

Neville, a 6'5", 250-pounder who was drafted by the N.Y. Giants football club, scored five goals and assisted on another. Kevin McGhee, second in scoring in the conference, was played very tight throughout the games and was held pointless. "They

were ready for him," coach Jeff Behnke declared after the game.

FDU jumped off to a 6-0 lead in the first period and increased the margin to 9-1 by the half. "This was the best team we've seen all season," said Behnke, "they were big and strong and used their weight effectively."

Attackman Jim McCue led Marist with three goals while Gregg Stent tallied twice and midfielder Doug Hampel added the other.

Sophomore defensemen Jim Bohren and Tom Quinn both did a good job of checking the powerful FDU attack.

The Red Foxes took a 4-4 record into yesterday's final home match with York. They will then close out their most successful season ever Saturday at Fairfield.

It will be the final game for seniors Doug Hampel, Jim Cassaro, John Tracy and Mike Gentile. Hampel and Cassaro, co-captains along with McCue, have started every game in the four-year history of Marist lacrosse. Hampel is the all-time leading scorer for the team while Cassaro has been the "core" of the defense.

Winds, Water Force Regatta Postponement

by Thomas McTernan

Strong winds and rough waters forced the 13th annual President's Cup regatta, scheduled for Saturday, to be postponed until Sunday at 6:30 a.m. But for both heavyweight crews, it was virtually a cancellation.

Holy Cross and Washington, the only other schools entered in the varsity and J.V. heavyweight races, were unable to stay until Sunday. So both Marist crews had to race as unofficial entries in other races which they easily won.

"It was unfortunate, especially

for those who were competing in their last home race," said varsity coach Bill Austin, referring to seniors Jim Browning and Bob Sneed. He did add, "It could have been worse; there might not have been a race at all, the conditions were so bad."

The most exciting of the races that were held was in the varsity lightweight division, where Rhode Island upset Marist by two feet. It marked the first time R.I. has ever beaten a Marist crew.

It was also the crew's first loss of the season. "They've done an outstanding job considering they had to rebuild the whole boat," Austin pointed out. Only Jim Hoyle and Frank Hoover are seniors on the boat that includes six freshmen.

The only official Marist win was in the freshman fours.

The other senior on the team is Kevin O'Connell who paired with Kevin Sommar for a second-place behind Manhattan.

This Saturday the Marist oarsmen travel to Williamstown, Mass. to meet Trinity, Wesleyan and Williams. Trinity is the strongest of the three, having defeated U. Mass earlier this spring. The Dad Vail championships will be held next weekend in Philadelphia and Austin remarked, "I think we should make the finals in all races we enter. A good race against Trinity should help us attain our pre-season goal of qualifying the varsity heavyweight for the first time."

Attention!

SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES

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Clambake - Wed. May 14, 7-12 p.m. No. in party

Cocktail Party - Fri. May 16, 9:30-12 p.m. (parents and friends invited) No. in party

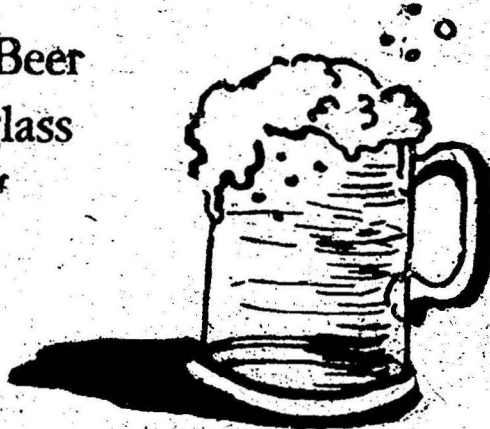
Champagne Brunch - Sat. May 17, 11:30-1 p.m. (parents and friends invited) \$4.00 per person. No. in party

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