

Branches of Student Government



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The Student Government

"Legitimacy in the Student Government" was one of student body president Jim Raimo's main campaign goals last year and, according to Raimo, he has achieved that goal. "I think that the student's feel that this year's student government has achieved the legitimacy I want it too," says Raimo.

The student government has accomplished a lot of things that Raimo feels were necessary, such as class elections, positions on the judicial board, financial board, and many others that are appointed.

the many clubs on campus is that there are not enough on-campus people involved."

There are two things that Raimo feels that serve a large part of the student government and the C.S.L. (Council of Student Leaders) and that is the problem of off-campus life. In the near future he hopes to rectify that. According to Raimo, the Board of Trustees of the college has approved a plan to build on campus housing for upperclassmen. "A lot of the leadership of campus activities are lost because many of the people live off campus."

While many of the problems center around the activity fee, Raimo feels that the Board of Trustees and the administration are more concerned with immediate problems such as alternate food plans, a Campus Center that everyone can enjoy, and a liquor license that can be used by all.

Raimo says many of the problems that the student government has been having center around the fact that most people think the members of the student government are elite and they do not feel that way. "We are just people who are concerned about Marist College and we hope that other people join us in our concern," says Raimo. "We want to help the students and do not want to waste student money."

While he has accomplished some of the

goals that he proposed for himself, he has also met some obstacles which he hopes to conquer. "I hope to get a lot more people involved next year so we can train them to do the things that the student government does," says Raimo. Some of the suggestions that have been "kicked around" include the payment of members of the C.S.L. to stay a few weeks after the semester at Marist to learn just what their jobs entail.

Some of the future plans for the student government include the possibility of a "River-Weekend" and a training program for the clubs and the people who will take over the clubs. "We are going to have to plan this year for next," says Raimo.

We are just people who are concerned about Marist College and we hope that other people join us in our concern.

Many of the accomplishments of the student government, are the direct result of student participation, but, Raimo also feels that many of the students are not getting as involved as he thought they would. Says Raimo, "a large part of the problem with

One of the problems that have come up in recent years with student government has been the cost of the activity fee at Marist. While the tuition has gone up in recent years, the activity fee hasn't and that is a problem.

College Union Board

By Christopher Hogan

Marist students may be riding camels and elephants and listening to John Hall next semester if the College Union Board (CUB) gets what it wants, says CUB president Tom Shine.

The CUB is a student-run committee that attempts to provide social and cultural entertainment for Marist students.

Shine says that the CUB is attempting to attract camels and elephants from a company that rents different types of animals. Also, the CUB is currently trying to get music entertainers John Hall or Livingston Taylor to perform in the Marist Theater. Hall costs approximately \$1500 and Taylor costs about \$2500. Shine says that the concerts (two performances) would be held in the Theater because the McCann Center causes security and acoustic problems.

"Nuclear Awareness Weekend" will come to Marist on January 30 when CUB will present the movie "No Nukes" and try to get President of the Musicians for United Safe Energy, Sam Lovejoy. Other possible CUB events may include Roller

Skating Day, a Winter Carnival, if Poughkeepsie gets enough snow, and a February dinner concert.

Scheduled events are the Rondo Dance Theater on April 8, coffeehouses with both Marist and public talent, and a lecture once every three weeks.

Shine says that there may be less social mixers in the future due to the rising popularity of the Foolish Fox Pub.

Shine says that the "Pub" is currently taking away most of the Marist crowd from mixers and CUB and other student clubs find it risky to sponsor mixers.

"It's a risky proposition," he says. "We have to compete against the Pub and it's up to the clubs to put up most of the money." Currently, there have been three mixers this semester, according to Shine, and there were many more at this time last year.

"People should realize that these events are here for them and not just for kicks," says Shine. "They should try and not go off campus and support them. We're always available to help out groups, but they haven't approached us yet."

Student Academic Committee

By Marybeth Kearney

"We're here," stated Lisa Arcuri, president of the Student Academic Committee, "to serve the students. Professors Don't always know what students want, and the departments need student input."

The twenty-seven member Student Academic Committee (SAC) is comprised of representatives from each major, as well as two committee affairs representatives, Valerie Costa and Georgia Issacs. One of their most important goals is to reestablish the SAC as a well known and serviceable organization on campus. "Lack of organization, no campus image, and the presidential changes," were all setbacks, says Arcuri.

SAC published a brochure which was distributed at the beginning of the semester listing the representatives and their purpose as "an effective line of communication to

the faculty and administration" for students. To achieve this they are working on setting up meetings between the faculty and students of each major. They began with Science of Man and Arcuri feels it is both successful and promising.

Reevaluating the library with hopes of extending weekend hours, improving the conditions for study, such as heating, and reviewing the books and resources available for research are other plans of the SAC. They also check the bookstore for availability of books at the beginning of each semester. Concerning internships, Arcuri states the need for a director over all internships for organization and to work with the present faculty advisors.

Pinpointing her first priority, Arcuri said, "We hope that the services SAC provides will be taken advantage of by the students."

Judicial Board

By Alexandra Corcoran
Staff Writer

When people are charged with a breach of regulations, many of them do not realize that they have options. They can accept the charge and the results or they can appeal it to the College Judicial Board. "The opportunity is there, but people don't know about it," says Brian Lambeck, Chief Justice of the Judicial Board.

The College Judicial Board is a seven member board consisting of 3 students appointed by the Council of Student Leaders, 2 students elected campus-wide, 1 administrator and 1 faculty member. The students who presently reside on the Board are Brian Lambeck, Doug Cullen, Noreen Mills, Patty Walsh and Tom Shannon. At the end of the year, the members of the Board are reviewed and it is decided whether they will continue another term.

The jobs of the College Judicial Board are many. According to the Student Handbook, the Board will hear disciplinary problems referred to it by the Student Arbitration Board and/or college administrators and will hear those disciplinary problems over which the respective Student Arbitration Boards have no jurisdiction. All deci-

sions made by the Board are reviewed by the Dean of Students Affairs. The Board serves as a recommending body to the Dean.

The right to appeal is not automatic says the College Handbook. "Most students have not realized what options they have because they have not read the Handbook," says Lambeck. It has a great amount of information," he added. The Board has a say in what goes into the Handbook. They review and advise changes. They suggest improvements to the Council of Student Leaders and the Dean of Students.

The College Constitution lists other jobs that the Board has jurisdiction over. When one wants to appeal his Financial Board allocations, he brings it to the Judicial Board. The Board decides when a student official is to be impeached. They also oversee campus elections.

The Board recently had two meetings. One held Friday November 21 and the other Monday November 24. They basically were for organizational procedures and for discussing new ideas. "The Judicial Board is set up so students can have a fair hearing concerning their cases," says Lambeck.

Commuter Union

by Loretta Kennedy

The Commuter Union is "an organization representing the commuter students whose main function is to keep the students informed of the various opportunities here at Marist" says Joe Smith, Commuter Union President.

"Lack of feedback" was the major problem in getting the Union off to a good start this semester says Smith. With a Commuter population of 1,000, Smith's goal is to open the lines of communication between the students and the campus activities.

A recent survey taken of some 50 commuter residents revealed that the students just don't know what is going on. "The students are unsure of how to join clubs" says Smith. He wants to change that.

Earlier in the semester a free buffet sponsored by the Commuter Union was available in the Pub. Although the event proved successful, Smith says that the majority of the students in attendance were previous boarders of the college. He feels there is a distinction between the commuter

student that never lived on campus and the commuter student that has lived on campus before. "Previous resident students tend to stay more in touch with the events on campus" says Smith. His goal is to involve more students that have never lived on campus in campus activities.

Smith finds his job "pretty tough" due to the lack of organization he encountered when accepting his position. He feels that he has "had this semester to plan for next" and hopes to see some improvements in the days to come.

Some of the plans Smith has been working on for next semester include: having WMCR piped into the Coffeeshop in Donnelly Hall, posting and updating weekly events, and the possibility of implementing some sort of mailboxes for the commuter students. He also foresees the continuation of putting flyers on cars which he feels "has worked" this semester.

Smith says that students are currently meeting to plan for next semester and he hopes that they will be successful in their endeavors for the Spring semester.



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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.

"Another Beer"

Dear Editor:

From one of those who was in the "group" that frequented Frank's, it's sad to see it pass. When there were curfews at Marist you could always get "another beer" at Frank's and

make curfew skipping the wrath of Brother Paul.

I appreciated The Circle's thoughtfulness in paying tribute to a place with "respect."

Kevin P. McIntosh, '69

A Former Fan

To the football team,

Okay, so you had a tough season. No one's blaming you for that. But that's no excuse for the unbelievable harassment a couple of you gave a young woman in the Marist Pub just three days before the Thanksgiving holidays. No excuse at all. Here was this girl minding her own business, and buying a couple of beers to celebrate a new band she just got in. Then two or three guys on the team start abusing her left and right for no apparent reason until the poor kid had no choice but to fight back.

Come on, guys. Three guys

against one girl? Talk about lack of class. I don't think Coach Mike Malet would have been too proud if he saw what was going on that night. That kind of behavior gives Marist a reputation it doesn't need, or deserve.

Let's put it this way...How would you like it if someone did that to your girlfriend? Think about it.

Shocked and disappointed,
A Former Fan

Ed. Note: Although it is not the Circle's policy to withhold names, in this circumstance it was felt an exception should be made.

Special Tradition

Lights are blinking on the ninth floor windows. The squeaky voices of Melvin and the Chipmunks are soaring through the halls of the dormitories. Circle K is sponsoring a clothing drive for unfortunate people. Yes, as the song goes, "tis the season to be jolly."

Christmas is very different in the dormitories of Marist College. It comes almost two weeks early, the lounges are decorated, and there are people in them each night talking and laughing with each other. The atmosphere is certainly friendly. Along with the tree and the lights and the Christmas caroling comes a very special event-Kris Kringles.

Tomorrow each person in any of the dormitory facilities that wishes to participate, will pick a Kris Kringle for themselves. This has always been a tradition at Marist. For the next week, students will leave their "Kr-

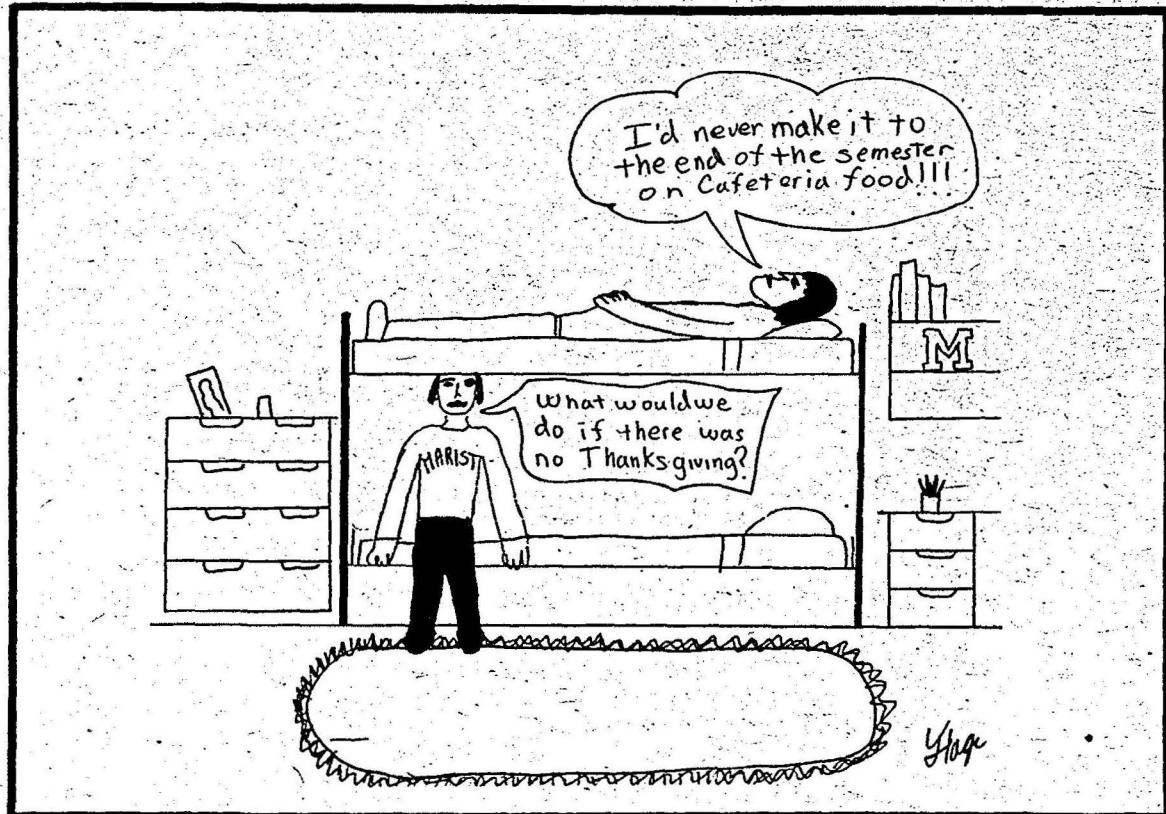
ingle" notes that inform them of certain "antics" they should perform. Upon performing them one will be rewarded-usually with a candy-cane or a little trinket. The Kringle will remain anonymous to the Kringle-ee, which is half the fun. There will be students slinking around corridors, leaving notes and fleeing with the hopes of not being detected all week long. At the end of the week, there will be house parties and each student will get to meet their own Kringle. Presents are exchanged when Santa comes and the whole evening is usually great.

This is something unique, that Marist, because it is not a very large school has the pleasure of indulging in. It can be fun, or it can be torturous. But, it just seems that when the "Christmas spirit" is here there's no reason why it should be anything less than delightful. HO! HO! HO!

Thank-You

This issue of the Circle is being underwritten by the Student Government. There originally was not going to be an issue due to the fact that the Thanksgiving vacation interfered with the deadlines of the paper. Because there was interest expressed by various members of the Student Government and the editorial board of the Circle that there should not be a two week interlude between editions, a "deal" was made. The

"deal" was the Circle would give the Student Government publicity and they would pay for the issue. So here it is: the Special Student Government issue. We, the Circle Staff, are very proud to have been offered the opportunity to recognize the most important student group on campus. We would personally like to thank the members of the Student Government for their support.



Missed Opportunity

To the Editor:

On the afternoon of Tuesday, November 18, all but five members of the Marist College community missed an opportunity. The Office of Special Services sponsored a panel discussion, organized and conducted by disabled students that afternoon. Those who were there thought it was, perhaps, the best panel in our two-year history of sponsoring them. Those who were not there will continue to have questions and doubts about the disabled students with whom they deal on a daily basis.

I don't know any disabled students, you say. I doubt that is an accurate statement. At least 125 students currently enrolled at Marist have some sort of a disabling condition -- 7 percent of the Marist student population. What about faculty and staff members? We have no way of knowing how many are disabled in some way.

Being a member of a panel discussion about disabilities is a responsibility that requires courage on the part of every participating student. To open themselves publicly to questions, to discuss topics they would probably rather not discuss, requires overcoming obstacles in themselves.

On Awareness Day 1981 during the International Year of the Disabled Person, those five disabled students will try again. Maybe this time they will fight less obstacles, like snow, stairs and their own fears. On Wednesday, April 15, five disabled students will present another panel discussion. We don't give up easily; neither do they. What obstacles will the Marist community overcome so that it will participate next time?

Sincerely,
Diane C. Perreira
Director

Senior Trotters

By Ed Giltenan

In the fall of 1977, the Marist cross-country team was loaded with freshmen. Three runners emerged from this talented group and went on to become stalwarts of the Marist Cross-Country Team. Today, Ron Gadziala, Paul Welsh, and Matt Cole are the only runners remaining from that 1977 freshmen squad. It seemed only appropriate that they should wind up their careers as the top three runners of 1980's cross-country team.

The trio first came together in 1977 when they were the top freshmen on the team. Cole, from Bishop Ford in Brooklyn, ranked number 3 that year. Gadziala, from G. Ray Bodley in Fulton, ranked number 4. Welsh, from St. Mary's in Manhasset, ranked number 5. Together they represented the finest freshmen combination in Marist's history. The future looked very bright for the trio.

1978 was Marist's first year in Division II. Gadziala started the year on a tear and wound up as the number 2 man behind junior Jerry Scholder. Cole was number 3 and Welsh number 5. With junior Dennis Goff providing consistency at number 4 it looked as though Marist had a good chance to qualify for the Nationals. However, a foot injury ended Gadziala's season. Marist, competing without Gadziala, finished 8th in the qualifying meet. Cole recalls that, "Even if Ron had his worst race of the

season we still would have qualified." Needless to say, the team was very disappointed. Despite this, cross-country was named as Marist's "winningest" team in 1978. This designation was a great source of pride to the members of the team. Cross-country, after all, is not the most popular of sports and often goes unrecognized.

In 1979, their junior year, the trio underwent some changes. Cole left to study abroad and did not compete at all. Gadziala fulfilled his destiny and became the team's number one man. Welsh experienced some late-season sickness but still provided consistent performances as the number 4 man. Once again, the main objective was qualifying for the Division II Nationals. As fate would have it the absence of a top runner (Cole) would again prevent Marist from qualifying. Marist finished in 5th place, only 17 points off the mark. The one bright spot was Ron Gadziala qualifying as an individual.

1980 brought Gadziala, Welsh and Cole together again as seniors. On November 1st at the National meet Marist again missed qualifying by 17 points. Paul Welsh says, "That day was the most depressing moment of my four years on the team."

Despite the disappointments there were many great moments in those four years. Gadziala, Welsh, and Cole exit as they entered, at the forefront of Marist Cross Country.

Sis Boom Bah

By Barry Lewis

They are baseball, hotdogs, apple-pie and Chevrolet all wrapped up into one. They cheer us on in our hour of need, getting their message across better than any postal service. An institution that has been along the sidelines of basketball courts and football fields for many years. If you haven't guessed by now, they are CHEERLEADERS, and here at Marist we have nine beauties.

"This is the third year that we have had cheerleaders at Marist, and it is without a doubt our best," said co-manager Donna Stratico. "The girls are dedicated and are more into practice and games than any other year. They really want to play a part in helping our players to victory."

Appearing at all the games on Leonidoff Field, the home of the Marist football squad and a trip to Pace University to cheer on the Red Foxes in the rain and cold, our girls are more than just appearing at games, they've made a difference. "I really want to thank the cheerleaders for coming out to games, especially the one at Pace, and just helping us along. They kept the fans going and really did inspire us," commented head football coach Mike Malet after a recent game.

Wearing socks, a skirt and a sweater, the girls add no more if the weather gets cold, remarking that "if the players must perform in their uniforms in all weather, so should we." The trouble it took to just get sweaters is a strong reason why the girls

take such pride in their attire. "We receive the minimum amount of money, and it's just not right. Last year the Varsity Club's donation was hardly anything, and we had to buy our entire uniform. Between shakers, socks, letters and blumers and other clothing, it can cost a girl up to \$80. We shouldn't have to pay a damn thing." Cheerleader Jane Rosenthal adds, "we are cheerleading for the school, not for ourselves. The players don't have to pay for their uniforms, so why should we. We just aren't appreciated or supported by our fans." Another cheerleader, Eileen Deacie says, "all the fans yell to us 'Give it up', and it's not fair. We work very hard, and deserve some respect."

No one can doubt the work of the girls, who practice 18 hours a week before each game. There must be a steady coordination, with everyone starting and ending each cheer at the same time. Also needed to cheer is a constant combining of coordination, neatness, good looks, a continual smile and a loud voice for all to hear. As Marist has grown athletically on the court and field, so have the amount of girls coming out for the squad. Last year only 8 girls tried out, while this season 14 girls had to be cut. While all this is seemingly fine, every girl expressed the hope that eventually guys (yes you men), will try out to become cheerleaders.

Cheerer Jacqui Kain feels that it's up to each girl to keep the crowd going. "We have a lot of school spirit to cheer on the guys, and we each take pride in getting the people in the stands to help us out."

High on Sports

By Mike McCarthy

Hoop Hype

The Marist College basketball team is making a full fledged, no holds barred attempt to present themselves as a Division I basketball team. Whether or not the team itself can play in that echelon is still in question, but the "public relations division" of the team is certainly major league. A "professional type" yearbook is on sale to fans, complete with player descriptions and pictures and coaches assessment of each athlete on the team. There is even a compilation of Marist Mens basketball lifetime records for you trivia buffs. The pre, during, and post game hype is also unparalleled for the 1980-81 season. Beginning with a basketball clinic at South Hills Mall before the season began and leading right into the cars, hamburgers and cash prizes that will be given way at the games,

the Marist "extracurricular" season looks to be of championship caliber.

But what of the team itself? Are they ready to go Division I? only on the court situations can tell but once again you, the fan, are being asked to do your part. If Marist is trying to show people that they can play ball with the big guys then we have to show that we're behind them. "It is my goal to bring competitive Division I basketball to the Mid Hudson Valley," says 14 year coach Ron Petro, but it won't be easy. His goal is also to instill a sense of pride for Marist students to have for their basketball team. And, the role that the fan has in helping reach this goal is obvious. So let's see how far these guys can go, and lets see it from the stands!

Frostbite Regatta

Rowing against some of the toughest teams in the country in the Frostbite Regatta, the Marist effort was paced by a phenomenal effort by the Varsity Lightweight boat. By finishing the race in 4:48 the lightweights defeated highly touted Princeton by 1.8 seconds and Georgetown by two seconds. Other schools competing in the race were USMC, Rutgers, Penn and LaSalle.

Head crew coach Andrew Meyn, who was on vacation during the race, says "I'm very proud of this boat-it did exceptionally

well. It's phenomenal to think that Marist could compete against and defeat fine schools like Princeton. You're talking about some of the cream of the rowing world in the country."

The Varsity Heavyweight 4' boat "represented themselves well" says Meyn, "With a little more diligence they could have excelled."

The women's boat finished the head of the Charles River race with the second fastest time among small schools in that race.



Schlitz 3 on 3 winners.

Campus Announcements

THURSDAY, December 4

- 11:00 a.m. COMPUTER CENTER SEMINAR: Stareport to Flexible Reporting - D180
- 11:20 a.m. Ski Club Meeting - CC348
- 11:20 a.m. Lecture by Milton Tischman - Fireside
- 3:35 p.m. COMPUTER CENTER SEMINAR: Using SPSS - D100
- 5:00 p.m. LIFE IN THE SPIRIT, 6th session - Byrne
- 8:00 p.m. Lecture by Marist graduates on Accounting sponsored by Accounting Society - Fireside

FRIDAY, December 5

- 9:00 a.m. Psychology Undergraduate Conference - Campus Center
- 2:30 p.m. Alcohol Awareness Seminar - Details to be announced
- 2:45 p.m. Lecture sponsored by Sigma Zeta: Dr. Thomas Murray of the Hastings Institute speaks on "Doing Better: Ethics of Performance Enhancing Drugs in Sports" - D243
- 8:00 p.m. Basketball: New Paltz - Home
- 9:30 p.m. Christmas Dance sponsored by CUB, admission \$.25 - Dining Room

SATURDAY, December 6

- 1:00 p.m. Swimming: Long Island U/C.C.N.Y. - Home
- 4:00 p.m. Women's Basketball: West Point - Away
- 6:15 p.m. Mass - Chapel
- 8:00 p.m. Basketball: Manhattanville - Home

SUNDAY, December 7

- 11:15 a.m. Mass - Chapel
- 2:00 p.m. High School Doubleheader: Roosevelt vs. DeMatha and John Jay vs. St. Agnes - McCann
- 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. Film: REEFER MADNESS, sponsored by Senior Class, admission \$1 - Theater
- 7:00 p.m. Football Awards Dinner - Pub

The Circle K Club is holding a Clothing Drive during the month of December. Please donate any old clothes you might have. Look for posters for more details.

Congratulations from Marist Circle K to Nancy Fitzpatrick for winning the trip to Walt Disney World and a ten speed bicycle from the Arthritis Foundation for her efforts in the Hike/Bike last October.

Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. Special presentation of "The Draft and National Security" with special interest to all those 18 and 19 years of age that must register. In the theater.

Resident Advisor applications for September must be filed by Dec. 15. Applications are available in the Assistant Dean of Students Affairs Office.

A bus will be available free for anyone wishing to attend, "Handel's Messiah" at West Point on Sunday, Dec. 7 featuring the Marist Chorus and West Point Chorus. Contact the College Activities office, extension 279.



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Marist Faculty at Conference

By Veronica Shea
Staff writer

Marist College faculty was well-represented at the Sixth Annual Mid-Hudson Modern Language Association Conference. Directed by Dr. George J. Sommer, the conference was held in the Champagnat Campus Center on December 1 and 2. Chairpersons of the different sessions included Marist's own Augustine J. Nolan and Eugene C. Best, and among the papers presented were those of Mary Keelan and J.R. Roland Belanger, f.m.s.

Mrs. Keelan's topic was, "Bernadine of Siena: The Dissemination of a Dice-playing Diatribe Through the Continent and England." It focuses on Bernadine of Siena's Church of Evil Man and Women, which is the "church of the cursed of evil, prophesized by David, and directed toward souls given over to dice-playing." She explains, "I've had a long-time interest in the concept of game and play in literature." Her doctrine deals with the literary relations between France and England. Thomas Vesce, a colleague who is familiar with her work, invited her to submit an abstract of her work to Dr. Sommer.

Brother Belanger was asked by Dr. Sommer to speak on his paper, "A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Camus," a shortened version of his presentation in French given at Marist in 1976. Albert Camus was baptized a Catholic, but early in his life he rejected all sense of religious discipline. Both his work in French literature and an interest in the future of religion attracted Brother Belanger to the works of Camus. The author's earlier writings recognize a problem in the world, and those following of-

fer a solution to it.

According to Brother Belanger, "Albert Camus always saw the positive, not the negative, life rather than death, and the present instead of the past." Belanger relates this philosophy to his own, since he observes that "the future of true religion is bright, but the future of religious systems is dark." He sees Camus as a tremendous force in youth, and he enjoys instructing students on the topic. Brother Belanger taught a weekend course on Camus' literature and describes it as, "The best thing I've ever done."

Formation of M.L.A.

By Loretta Kennedy
and Marybeth Kearney

The National Modern Language Association (MLA) developed in 1884 when twenty scholars of language and literature met to discuss their reading, research, and scholarship.

The MLA has expanded greatly since 1884 and presently the members number more than thirty thousand. Through its expansion over the years the MLA has come to be divided into regional associations.

The Northeastern MLA has nearly five thousand active members. It hosts an annual conference which embraces some hundred and fifty sections in which about 450 papers are read. Due to the complexity of this conference and the inability to attend each section, Dr. George Sommer, Professor of English decided to develop a "mini-MLA" conference.

After discovering that there were many sections in his particular area of interest

SPECIAL ISSUE

Since this is the season to be giving, it seems only natural that the Circle be a recipient. This week's edition is being paid for by the Student Government. It is not really a fancy Christmas present-rather a good Public Relations move for all involved.

The Circle has opportunity of not pushing itself into debt because the Student Government has graciously offered to fund this issue. The Student Government is quite happy because they are receiving recognition for their various branches. So, read on and find out all about the Student Government and its functions.

that he was unable to attend at the 1975 MLA conference, Sommer decided to contact other professors and see if they would be interested in forming a "mini-MLA." His response proved positive and on the Monday and Tuesday following the Thanksgiving recess of 1975 about one hundred persons gathered at Marist for the first Mid-Hudson MLA conference and began a tradition for the years to come.

This year again, the conference was held the Monday and Tuesday after Thanksgiving recess in the Campus Center. Visitors filled the Gallery Lounge and all adjacent rooms to hear 119 papers and two panel discussions on film studies, and rhetoric and composition. Topics ranged from Chaucer and Shakespeare to Italian and Spanish literature and special areas such as "Literature and Crime" and the "Literature of the Catskills and the Hudson River." Papers covered literature in conjunction with other major areas of study and even the Hudson Region itself.

H. Clifton Wilson Reelected

H. Clifton Wilson, president of Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp., has been re-elected to a second two year term as chairman of the Marist College Board of Trustees. Wilson was elected by the 23 member board at its annual meeting.

Appointed as vice chairman of the board for a two year term was James A. Bitonti,

director of manufacturing with IBM corporate headquarters in Armonk.

Other new officers are Donald P. Love, former owner and president of Love Oil Corp. and independent financial consultant, secretary, and Dr. John E. Tessieri, vice president of Texaco, Inc., treasurer.

Selected to serve another board term were: Jesse Bontecou of Clinton Corners; Robert Dyson, president of WEOK and WPDH; John J. Gartland Jr., attorney with Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea; Roy C. Ketcham, Ketcham Motors; and Bro. Anthony M. Iazzetti, principal of Marist High School in Chicago.