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Bush's budget will cut Pell grant aid for some students

by **CAREY ALLABAND**
Staff Writer

Twenty-five percent of Marist students who currently receive Pell Grants will not be eligible to receive the federal grant next year if a proposal in President Bush's budget goes through, according to Christine McCormick, assistant director of financial aid.

The proposal would require all Pell Grant recipients to maintain a 2.0 grade-point average every semester in order to be eligible to receive the grant the following semester.

The proposal will not apply to incoming freshmen, whose eligibility will be based on need alone and not high school grades.

The current policy of Marist, which is spelled out on page 224 of the college's current catalogue, allows students until the end of their second year to bring their cumulative grade-point average up to a 2.0 before losing their federal financial aid, although students with below a 2.0 may be put on academic probation or subject to dismissal before the end of their second year.

Students who lose their federal financial aid have the option of requesting a one-time conditional waiver which allows them to continue receiving their aid for a semester under certain circumstances approved by the director of financial aid.

Bush's budget would also give an extra \$500 to Pell Grant recipients who are in the top ten percent of their high school class and in the top 20 percent of their college class.

The extra funds needed would come from the money that was given to students who no longer qualify under the new proposal.

For the 1990-91 school year a total of \$2 million was awarded in Pell Grants to more than 1200 students at Marist and 1,075 have already been processed this year, according to McCormick.

Corinne Schell, acting director of

Not Fooling around



Circle photo/Phil Gaylor
Freshman Todd Schmidt and junior Maryellen Dealleaume perform in Neil Simon's "Fools" which was put on by MCCTA last Thursday through Sunday.

financial aid, said the purpose of the grant is to help economically disadvantaged students and this proposal would change the direction of the grant away from need and more towards merit.

The proposal could eliminate as many as 61,000 college students eligible to receive the Pell Grant, according to the education department.

Students had mixed feelings about Bush's proposal.

Grace Liu, a senior communication arts major from Syracuse, N.Y., said this proposal would take away the opportunity of students to attend college who would not be able to afford to go otherwise.

However, Adrian Zajac, a freshman from Poughkeepsie, said the proposal will promote achievement by putting pressure on students to make the grade in order to receive federal aid.

The Pell Grant Program is a federal student aid program designed to provide needy students access to a college education.

Students eligible can receive anywhere from \$250 to \$2400 under the Pell Grant. This is determined by a specific Pell Grant formula based on the students' financial needs, the college's cost, the student's enrollment status and the payment schedule as issued by the U.S. department of education.

TKE appeals

Fraternity fights for Meet Market

by **MEGAN MCDONNELL**
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Judicial Review Board last night decided whether or not to grant an appeal to Tau Kappa Epsilon members, who claim they were not given due process when what would have been the fourth-annual Meet Market was cancelled Feb. 17.

TKE President Ed Ryan, Meet Market chairman Pat Reilly and Student Body President Matthew Thomson Monday presented their cases to Judicial Review Board Chief Justice MaryEllen Rozecki and Academic Advisor John Doherty, who then consulted five of the seven board members to find — or not to find — grounds for TKE's appeal.

Rozecki, who cited a conflict of interest, as well as one board member who is in TKE, stepped out of the voting process to ensure a fair hearing, according to Thomson.

The Meet Market, a fund-raiser which auctions off male and female dates to the highest bidder, was cancelled because the fraternity allegedly failed to follow all nine directives, or rules for the event, assigned to them by the Council of Student Leaders.

Ryan said Tuesday that if the appeal is granted and they win their case, the fraternity will reschedule the event, which was originally scheduled for Feb. 18, for later this semester.

According to Ryan, TKE had to appeal within 48 hours of receiving a letter from CSL, which told them the event was cancelled.

"This is an appeal to go against CSL's decision," he said. "We have a good case. There was no vote, and by due process, it should have been voted on and investigated."

However, Thomson had said last Monday that there was no vote because the decision to cancel the event was the enforcement of the original agreement between CSL and the fraternity.

"I don't know what they're try-

ing to prove," he said yesterday. "I feel that there's no justification for an appeal — we followed all procedures."

According to Thomson, Gerard Cox, dean of student affairs and Peter Amato, assistant dean of student affairs, said Tuesday that they agree.

"They don't think TKE has grounds for an appeal either," said Thomson. "If they (the board) do find grounds, there's something wrong."

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Many students back cancellation

by **JOHN C. NIEDZWIECKI**
Staff Writer

Students interviewed last week displayed mixed emotions regarding the cancellation of the annual Tau Kappa Epsilon Meet Market.

The fund raiser originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 18, was cancelled by the Council Of Student Leaders (CSL) due to discrepancies brought up by the Black Student Union, the International Student Union and the Marist College Women's League.

A number of people had gone to Bob Lynch, director of student activities, with complaints about the event, according to Matt Thomson, president of CSL.

Many students interviewed said they thought the event was degrading and classless and were glad the event was cancelled.

"Personally I find the event degrading to anyone that chooses to participate," said Meggan O'Conner, a senior from Caldwell, N.J. "The idea of putting myself up for sale disgusts me and I am glad the event was finally put to rest."

"In a school the size of Marist there is no room for opposition to any student activity," said Jen

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Five years later, guard recalls husband's murder

by **DONNA SICLARI**
Staff Writer

Betty Kayiira said she feels safer being a security guard than being protected by one.

"I had 10 bodyguards at one time but I feel safer at the security desk (in Lowell Thomas)," she said. "I never enjoyed the political life."

Kayiira, who now works as a security guard in Lowell Thomas, recounted her feelings about the day in 1987 that changed her life from a happily married wife, to that of a widow.

Five years after the assassination of her husband, Andrew, a political leader of Uganda and a former Marist professor, Kayiira said Marist has helped her through her difficult times and has become like another family.

"Marist was therapeutic for me then and it still is now," she said. "There are people here with lots of compassion."

Andrew Kayiira, who taught

criminal justice at Marist in 1984 and 1985, was killed during a political upheaval in Uganda on March 6, 1987 by 10 gunmen — some dressed in military uniforms.

Kayiira had returned to his native Uganda to become minister of energy in 1985 after the invitation from the country's president, Yoweri Museveni.

He was arrested in early October 1986 on a charge of treason and held in awful conditions without a trial for nearly four months before his release in late February.

Kayiira was reportedly released because of a lack of evidence but was killed days later.

He was an advocate for a democratic form of government in Uganda and was probably assassinated because political officials feared he would gain too much power, his wife said.

Kayiira's death shook the Marist community and left his widow only one place to return.

"It (Marist) was like a part of what Andrew left me," she said.

Kayiira, who is now 38 and



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whose six children range from 12 to 22, said coping with the death of her husband was traumatic but the Marist community gave her great support.

"The school took the trouble to get me here," she said. "I've grown with the college and I am very happy."

With tears in her eyes, Kayiira describes her husband's brilliance

and the important mark he made on his nation.

She said that he had a trusting quality that drew people to follow him.

Kayiira said that the Ugandan people did not see what good he could have done and their greed and ignorance killed him.

"Andrew is a hero now more than he was alive," she said.

"Now, the people see what a great man he was. It was a great loss to the nation."

She said that she too did not have the political eye to realize the important work he was doing and only saw that his position was dangerous.

"I guess I was selfish but sometimes I just wanted a husband," Kayiira said.

However five years later, Kayiira said she understands that her husband's risky political lifestyle was his calling and his death was not in vain.

There are some people born to do great things and Andrew Kayiira was one of those people, she said.

"When he first died, I only saw it as a loss," Kayiira said. "But, now my eyes are open and I see the great cause he died for."

The past five years have been painful and she and her children miss her husband very much, she said.

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Chase serious and invisible in 'Memoirs'

By BRIAN MCNELIS

Invisibility has always been an intriguing idea and the subject of a number of films. The darker side of this idea is once again the subject of a new movie entitled "Memoirs of an Invisible Man," based on the novel by H.F. Saint.

The film stars Chevy Chase and Daryl Hannah with Chase playing the invisible man of the title.

In the beginning of the film, Chase is already invisible and he narrates the story in flashback. He plays a corporate stockbroker who lives a boring and mundane life with no family to speak of.

This situation changes, though, when a freak accident at a scientific laboratory where he happens to be makes him invisible. Soon he is on the run from the government, which wants to use him as a spy.

The rest of the film details his attempts to dodge the government goons and find a cure to his invisibility. Along the way he manages to fall in love with Daryl Hannah.

The film's visual effects, which are its



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highlight, are excellent. Chase disappears, literally and very convincingly. Director John Carpenter does not overdo the effects — a very wise move.

During most of the film Chase is visible. He becomes invisible only when we are looking at him through the eyes of another character. One neat trick occurs when Chase eats and the audience actually sees the inside of his stomach — one of the film's funniest moments.

Chase does an admirable job in the lead role. He makes his character very sympathetic and believable. Like so many recent

movies, the main character undergoes a change by seeing himself through the eyes of others. The role is not easy for someone in Chase's predicament, but he pulls it off well. His role represents a departure of sorts for Mr. Chase.

For anyone who is familiar with Chevy, his usual work mainly consists of slapstick and one-liners. He has become the master of this style, as was proven by his box office success with the "Vacation" pictures and the first "Fletch."

In this film, though, he gets away from this style and concentrates on his acting. Surprisingly, this works well for him and he seems comfortable with it. You will see his usual clowning around, but not nearly as often as you would expect.

As Chevy's love interest, Daryl Hannah has never been more beautiful than she is in this film. She, too, does a good job with her character — especially when you consider that she is acting with thin air in many of her scenes. Her shock and bewilderment when she realizes what has happened to

Chase is very realistic.

Sam Neill is on hand as the evil government agent relentlessly pursuing Chase throughout the movie.

The only problem with "Memoirs of an Invisible Man" is that the plot is too slow. It takes too long to develop and just when you think things are going to pick up, something happens and things slow down again.

This happens throughout the movie as the audience waits for something to happen; nine times out of ten the film doesn't deliver.

The excitement when things do start to pick up is simply not there. It seems as if everyone is just going through the paces, and the element of spontaneity is definitely lacking.

Overall, I give "Memoirs" high marks. It contains good performances and the effects which are needed in a movie like this. The plot could be more exciting and developed better, but this does not detract too much from the film as a whole.

Eight-year-old area movie star enjoys the life

by MARC LIEPIS

It's not every afternoon that a Marist student can claim to be meeting a movie star...much less in our own back yard, Hyde Park, N.Y.

Yet, Hyde Park native Joseph Mazzello indeed is a star despite being only eight years old.

Mazzello has a new movie out called "Radio Flyer." In it, he plays the gentle Bobby, a small boy who is abused by his stepfather and plans an escape with his older brother, Mikey, on the wings of their homemade airplane, the Radio Flyer (yes, it's made from a wagon).

According to Mazzello, he started his acting career because "my sister was doing it, so I wanted to do it."

He said he plans to stay with ac-



ting until it isn't fun anymore. But does Mazzello do movies strictly for fun?

"Well, no," he answered sheepishly.

His father clarified saying, "He (Joseph) likes show-BUSINESS."

And for Mazzello, movies are becoming a kind of business. He has appeared in the movie "Presumed Innocent," as Wendell, the boy whose mother put his head in a vise and he also had a part in the TV movie "Unspeakable Acts."

"Radio Flyer," however, was his

favorite because "Lots of things were really fun about it," he said. "I got to do things I don't really get to do in real life."

With such an atypical lifestyle, however, Mazzello said he sees no difference in the way he is treated by his peers despite being a movie star before reaching double digits.

Mazzello has met several famous people, but his father — also named Joseph Mazzello — said the eight-year-old star has trouble remembering some of the names.

"I've met Tom Hanks and what's his name..." said the young Mazzello. "Mel Gibson," added his father.

After picking my jaw up, we found out that Oscar nominee Jodie Foster met Mazzello the other day because, according to Mazzello's father, "she wanted to see him because she liked him so

much."

Yet, movie stardom is not all hob-nobbing with the rich and famous. Mazzello spent five-and-one-half months in California shooting "Radio Flyer" doing among other things, his own stunts.

His parents visited him in shifts. "I went out for the second half of the shoot and my wife went out

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As for school, during this past September to February grind, Mazzello said he had a private tutor, adding with his gap-toothed grin, "They take it easy on me."

So what does the future hold for this new found eight-year-old star?

Mazzello said his ideal role would be in "some baseball thing." For now, however, he said he has a movie in the works with Belgian kickboxer/movie star, Jean-Claude Van Damme.

Yet, celebrity or not, Joseph Mazzello is still just an eight-year-old boy.

After a while, it became clear the

sharp-witted, charming young star had had enough of the interview. The television over my shoulder, playing "Tiny Toons Adventures," and the realization that maybe he had homework to do started taking away more and more of his attention (I mean, can you blame him?). Besides, even movie stars have book reports to do.

'Flyer' is fantasy...or is it?

by MARC LIEPIS

Imagination and fantasy are some of the things that make our childhoods memorable and magical. I question, however, whether or not it belongs in a movie about child abuse.

"Radio Flyer," the new film from director Richard Donner ("Superman", "Lethal Weapons 1-3", "The Goonies" and more) starts out promising enough with an uncredited cameo by the ever-charming ("Bonfire of the Vanities notwithstanding) Tom Hanks reminiscing about his childhood, and his brother, Bobby (played in the flashbacks by Joseph Mazzello



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of nearby Hyde Park—see interview elsewhere in the paper).

The movie begins with the two brothers' mother (played by Lorraine Bracco of the excellent "GoodFellas" and the forgettable "Medicine Man") going to California after their father has left them.

Hanks' youthful alter ego, Mikey (Elijah Wood, whom some may remember from Barry Levinson's "Avalon") and his younger brother Bobby share funny dialogue and portray a real loving bond as brothers. They, with their dog, Shane, are totally entertaining.

The emotional drama kicks into high gear when Mom (Bracco) meets a "wonderful" guy who makes her feel great but spends more time popping open beers (a

strongly recurrent image in the film) and beating up the sweet young Bobby. He is called "The King" and is rarely seen in full view. He is always shot from a "kids-eye-view" in shadows. This effectively sets the King (Adam Baldwin) up as a truly frightening presence in the film, a real-life monster, unlike the ones that Mikey and Bobby dream up or watch on TV.

The film follows the two actors (who bury child-star-fave Macaulay Culkin, a/k/a "the five-million-dollar midget" in the acting department) through their attempts to escape the horror of the King (that Mom never really sees) through fantasy. Such attempts include sending away for a "Monster Repellent Brew" recipe from the back of a monster magazine, Mikey's listening to a talking buffalo's advice about Bobby and culminate in the building of an airplane out of the boys' beloved Radio Flyer wagon.

It seems that the screenplay by David Mickey Evans is confused as to what it wants to be...because it doesn't accomplish all its goals. It succeeds on the level of telling a tale of nostalgia and the magic of childhood, brotherly love, and the true importance of a promise.

Evans and Donner also score high marks on their portrayal of the horrific true-to-life plotline of child abuse.

This, however, takes us four-fifths into the movie. Where Evans' and Donner's "Flyer" crashes is in the ending. For those of you intending to see this movie, I will do my best to keep the ending a secret.

Donner, a most able-bodied director, has been in the fantasy business a bit too long and seems to take the fantasy route when the real one is far more appropriate.

The high-fantasy ending is tempered by Tom Hanks' admonition, "History is in the mind of the

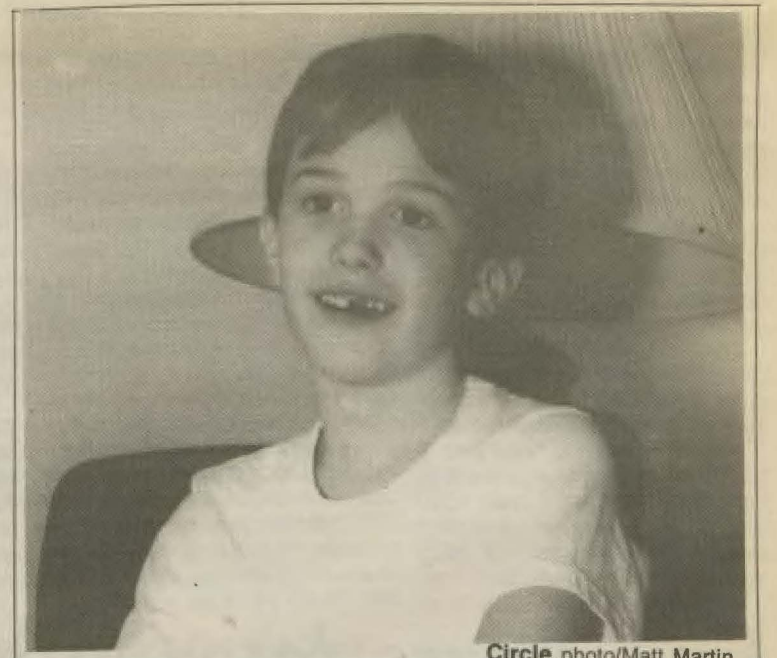
teller. The truth is in the telling." The whole movie features voice-over narration by Hanks. Figure out the meaning of the statement yourself. Suffice to say, however, that half of the people I saw "Flyer" with were unsure of whether the ending was real or fantasy. (I'm dying to be specific, but for your sake, I won't. Somebody get the violins!)

It just seems totally inappropriate to end on a pseudo-high note and then start the credits with a child abuse hotline number. Which movie is it? I'm not sure and I question whether the general public and children, who will undoubtedly be attracted to this movie, will be able to tell the difference between the harsh and emotionally-wrenching reality that is child abuse and the fantasy escape in "Radio Flyer."

All I ask for is balance. Is "Radio Flyer" a look at a dysfunctional family and the way that the brothers cope? Is it about escaping through fantasy? Is it just nostalgia with these big issues thrown in to make it an "important" film? I don't have the answers, and unfortunately, neither does "Radio Flyer."

All of the performances, specifically the two young brothers (Wood and Mazzello), are outstanding and affecting. The looks on these boys faces in the wake of the violence of their stepfather will touch you, as will the tearful goodbye before the maiden voyage of the Radio Flyer.

Performances and the charm of the two boys aside, the ending places "Radio Flyer" in the SMALL SIZE BAG O'CORN—you could get by without seeing this one on the big screen. However, if you shaved the last ten minutes off or changes them to fit the rest of the movie, you'd have a rating of a MEDIUM SIZED BUCKET O'CORN.



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Honors program up for vote—again

by S.J. RICHARD
Assistant Editor

The faculty will vote March 6 to institute an Honors Program at Marist, a proposal that was turned down in spring 1990.

Under the proposal, students would have two programs to choose from: Honors in Liberal Studies or Honors in the major, according to an ad hoc committee-on-Honors memo outlining the proposal.

Some students would be invited into the program as incoming freshmen. However, those who may not have outstanding high-school records, but "blossom at college," may be recommended for the program by their professors, said Dr. Constance Elko, chairwoman of the ad hoc committee on Honors.

Students would also be able to apply to the program; however, the specific criteria have not been set at this time, said Elko.

If the proposal passes, it will probably not start until spring 1993, and will only include the honors Core-courses because the details in each major still need to be worked out, said Elko.

"It all depends on how quickly we get all the wheels turning on the specifics," said Elko.

Students pursuing the Liberal Studies path would need to take four honors-level courses in the following areas: fine arts, foreign languages, history, literature, mathematics, natural sciences, philosophy/religion and social science, according to the memo.

Students participating in Honors in Liberal Studies would also be required to take Honors Ethics and upper-level honors courses, which consist of honors sections of courses regularly offered, upper-level courses, and honors special-topics courses, according to the memo.

The memo also said that students would need a 3.0 overall grade point average, and have a minimum of 45 credits to take the upper-level courses.

This makes sure that all the honors courses are not taken at the freshman level, said Elko.

Honors courses would not be limited to those students in the Honors Program. The instructors and the Director of the Honors Program would decide if a student outside the program was eligible to enroll, according to the memo.

Students must have a cumulative gpa of 3.3, an honors gpa of 3.0 with no honors grade below B, a minimum of 60 honors credits, and have completed all requirements for the course of study to graduate from the Honors Program, according to the memo.

However, the details of the proposal are subject to change if it is passed.

The class of 1995 would be the first participants in some of the Core courses, but they may not be able to finish the program in time to graduate in it.

However, they will be able to get the "experience and challenge" of honors courses, said Elko.

Elko said she has received no negative feedback, but there is a philosophical split in the faculty.

"Some believe Honors should be in the major, and others believe it should be distinct from the major," said Elko.

However, Elko said she thinks the proposal will pass because it allows students to "go both ways."

According to committee members, only forty-one faculty members attended a meeting Feb. 14 to discuss the proposal, which left the committee unsure of the position of the rest of the faculty.

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Connors, a senior from Ridgewood, N.J. "If certain groups are opposed to the activity, then it should not take place, it will only separate the student body instead of unite it."

Many students interviewed said they felt that Marist was not willing to compromise with TKE to find a happy medium.

"I can understand why some people would think it is insensitive during Black History Month," said Bart Steinhorn, a senior from Manhattan, NY. "I think it is un-

fair to TKE though if Marist does not let us have the event at a latter date."

"If TKE changed the name and the time of year they had the Meet Market, I am sure less people would be offended, and that way Marist and the fraternity would both be happy," said Michelle Edwards, a senior from Ridgewood, N.J.

Other students interviewed said they thought Marist was infringing upon their freedom of choice by cancelling the event.

Some club presidents express reservation over new rating system

by J.W. STEWART
Staff Writer

The Council of Student Leaders has instituted a new club-evaluation system that has sparked complaints from club presidents about the importance of members' grade point averages.

Student Body President Matthew Thomson said the idea of closely monitoring clubs came up last year when some clubs did not follow procedures like handing in event-evaluation forms, communicating with college activities, or staying true to the club's mission.

"Student government felt powerless," said Thomson.

The new evaluation system, which will help CSL identify clubs that need help, as well as name its Club of the Year, is based on a 55-point rating sheet and a 45-point essay.

The rating sheet is divided into 11 major categories, which include the number of activities sponsored by the club, communication between the club and its faculty advisor, the unique programming it brings to the Marist community, and whether or not the club has been disciplined.

Club presidents said that the overall system is a smart idea, but most disagree with the gpa

requirement.

"I'm not so sure I agree with grade point averages being a consideration in the club grading-system," said Matt Corcoran, president of the Marist College Television Club. "I think it's kind of nitpicking."

Corcoran also said that the gpa section is biased toward clubs with naturally high gpas, like honor societies.

"I think some of the requirements might be a little too stringent," said junior Julie Shrider, the president of Circle K. "I think gpa should come into consideration when you're an officer, but I don't think it should be such a large consideration, because just about everything else on the sheet is one point."

The point scale for the gpa section ranges from 0 points (below 2.0) to 3 points (above 2.51).

Senior Liz Murphy, president of the revitalized Communication Arts Society, said: "If they're going to monitor gpas, just keep an eye on those who are on academic probation, and not the club as a whole. It shouldn't have to affect the entire club."

Claire Dolan, president of the Literary Arts Society, said she agrees with Murphy.

"If I had to voice one objection, the gpa would be it. I don't see how

a low gpa should affect the club overall," said the senior from Hopewell Junction, N.Y.

Former Financial Board Chairman Ray Roy said he is against the whole club rating-system.

"All this is more bureaucracy that won't be followed," said the senior from Latham, N.Y.

John Federico, the current financial board chairman, said that he is one of the few club presidents who likes the total package.

He said: "The system is very fair. It makes it so that there is a clear-cut distinction between good clubs, great clubs and mediocre clubs. The system is not here to penalize — they (clubs) are getting recognition for their achievements."

Thomson and Student Body Vice President Jen Smith, who also worked on the new system, said they expected questions about the new rating-system, particularly regarding the gpa section.

"The gpa helps us determine those clubs that are special. It's not an area you can be hurt by because there's too much else that gets figured into it (the rating sheet)," Thomson said.

"That essay is your chance to show you're something special if your gpa is not," he added.

Security Briefs

by RICHARD NASS
News Editor

An out-of-state resident was arrested last weekend after he allegedly tried to gain access into a campus dorm by using a Marist identification card that wasn't his, according to J.F. Leary, director of Safety and Security.

Neil Hermasen, 18, of Landsdown, Pa., was taken into custody by Town of Poughkeepsie police on Saturday at 1:25 a.m. after he

refused to identify himself to campus security officers, Leary said.

Hermasen, a non-Marist student being charged with criminal trespass in the third degree, tried to enter Champagnat Hall but was refused entrance because the entry officer noticed that Hermasen's face was different from the one on the ID card he had in his possession, said Leary.

Hermasen, who attempted to use Champagnat resident Jake Reardon's ID card, was taken to the security office for questioning. There, he refused to identify himself, according to Leary, who

said Reardon is not implicated in the crime.

After Hermasen refused to identify himself, a security officer called the police, Leary said.

Hermasen was given an appearance ticket for the class-B misdemeanor — which is usually punishable by paying a fine — and must appear in court next month, according to Town of Poughkeepsie court records.

Leary said he doesn't know how Hermasen obtained the ID card or what he was doing on campus at the time of his arrest.

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However, Ryan said that their appeal, of which the results were not available before press time, included letters from two female freshmen, refuting allegations that Reilly harassed them while recruiting participants for the event.

This alleged harassment, which involved solicitation of the event in dorms, was against the rules, according to CSL.

"We've also been sympathetic to the Black Student Union," Ryan said. "Pat (Reilly) met with them Feb. 13, and I met with them Feb. 14."

BSU, a 30-member campus organization, was offended by the principles of the event, especially during Black History Month, as they related too closely to slavery, according to President Zenia Credle.

However, Thomson said the fraternity was not sympathetic to CSL's decision.

"The appeal letter was very personal, and directed towards me," he said, "and I'm not taking that lightly."

"This is one of the biggest non-alcoholic events on campus," said Ryan. "We are trying to provide something good for the school."

Students criticize ATM service on campus

by JENN JOHANNESSEN
Senior Editor

It was Friday night, and Matt Bourne had a hot date — until the campus automated-teller-machine spit his card out, defeating his hopes for an exciting weekend.

Taking his card back in disgust, Bourne stomped back to his dorm, hoping his roommate would have a few bucks he could borrow until the bank re-opened Monday.

"It's kind of like a race to the ATMs on Fridays to see who can get their money out before all the money is gone," said Bourne, a freshman from Glendale, N.Y. "You feel stranded without any money, and I don't have a car so I can't get to another machine easily when the ones on campus breakdown."

The ATMs that were at All Sport and St. Francis Hospital were removed in August and December of last year, which, according to bank officials, was the result of "lack of use."

Since then, the on-campus ATMs, located in Donnelly Hall and at the Bank of New York, have seen a surge in use.

According to Dominick Mazza, branch administrator of the Mid-Hudson Savings Bank, "The activity of the machine in Donnelly Hall has increased considerably and we are aware of that, but unfortunately we sometimes do not have the parts that need to be replaced when it breaks down."

"When we had a machine at the St. Francis Hospital, we used to send students there when our machine broke down at the bank," said Sue Maio, branch manager of the Bank of New York. "The machine we have now is obsolete. It is difficult to get parts for it."

The managers of both banks say that they are doing the best they can.

"We load up our machine (with money) daily — almost hourly," said Maio.

For security reasons, neither bank could disclose how much cash is put into their machines.

Disgruntled students said that the banks are not doing enough, and that they can almost predict when the machines aren't working.

"Since I commute to campus, at lunchtime I eat at either the Dyson Cafe or Donnelly, and when the ATMs are not working I almost starve to death because I can't buy

anything," said Hillary Simon, a senior from Fishkill, N.Y.

Some students suggested other possibilities to improve campus banking-services, such as putting new machines in Dyson and Campus Center.

"On Saturday nights I never have any cash when I need it," said Peter Timpone, a senior from Woodstock, Vt. "I think they should put another one in Campus Center, and service them over the weekend."

Even with attempts to service the ATMs regularly, both banks claim that there is a lot more to an ATM than just putting money into it.

Bad weather, telephone lines out of commission, and cards that aren't from the bank that owns the machine, are just a few.

"For example, during the Globetrotters exhibition game a few weeks ago, the security guards would not let our service team in to fix the machine," said Mazza.

Vandalism has also caused a number of problems for both banks.

Mid-Hudson Savings Bank has a camera monitoring transactions, and is looking to "prosecute individuals who vandalize the machine."

"In one instance the screen was punched out of our machine and it took that much longer to get it repaired," said Mazza.

Keeping the machines in working order can only benefit both the banks and the students.

"There's no sense in having the machine if it's not reliable," said Mazza. "It's not doing us any good if its not being serviced."

Although there are problems, there may be relief in sight for students and their rejected ATM cards.

This week, the Bank of New York expects to receive a new state-of-the-art machine, and Maio said he hopes there will be no more problems with the new machine.

"Mid-Hudson Savings Bank is committed to keeping the machines serviced and open at all times," said Mazza.

Hey, it's your move!



Circle photo/Phil Gaylor

John Pacot (left) of the Marist Chess club plays Chuck Ogden of the Army Chess team last Saturday. Pacot won the game but Army won the overall tournament.

Marist employee hopes to write, direct movie scripts

by CARLA ANGELINI
Staff Writer

Along with the usual paper clips and scissors one might find in a typical desk drawer, you can expect to see a copy of the script for "Lethal Weapon" or the latest hit movie or TV show in Janet Lawler's desk.

With those scripts you may also find some samples of her comedy writing.

Lawler, a 1985 graduate of Marist who is Marist's AV/TV Operations Manager, said she has always loved TV and movies.

Since she was 12 years old, Lawler, a Hyde Park resident, said she wanted to be a screen writer.

It was not screen plays that gave Lawler her professional writing credit, however, it was her comedy writing.

After watching Joan Rivers as the guest host on "The Tonight Show", Lawler said she decided to send Rivers some jokes.

For each joke Rivers chose to use, Lawler said she would then be paid.

Lawler said she also sent jokes to Rodney Dangerfield.

Lawler recalls Dangerfield paid for her and her mother to go to Atlantic City to see him perform and that he used two of her jokes in the show.

"If it gets a good laugh, it's a great feeling. But if it's a flop, you want to crawl into the ground," Lawler said.

Most comedians write their own jokes, but if they do buy a joke it is strictly theirs and the free-lancer can't sell it to anyone else, Lawler said.

Lawler is no longer writing for comedy.

"Writing a joke for Joan Rivers isn't like writing the great American novel, but it was a start," said Lawler.

Now, despite her better luck with comedy, Lawler said she likes drama and spends an hour or two a day writing scripts.

She said she watches shows like the "Golden Girls" to get ideas and then goes to work on a script for

a 30 minute show, which is 35 pages.

Looking to the future, Lawler said she thinks about moving to California because she said it helps if you are working in the same environment.

"A script that says L.A. is a lot different than one that says Poughkeepsie," said Lawler.

Lawler said she also gets ideas from scripts of movies and TV shows.

Her dream, she said, is to sell a screen play and maybe direct a movie.

Aside from script writing, Lawler said she likes being at Marist.

She is presently co-advisor to the Marist TV Club and said she enjoys working with students.

Since scripts are not guaranteed to sell or pay a great deal, "You need something else to pay the bills," said Lawler.

Marist College Admissions Intern Information Night

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- panel discussion by past interns and Admissions staff
- question and answer period
- explanation of the application process
- viewing of the multi-image presentation

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New Marist program studies area economy

by FRANCIS CECATIELLO
Staff Writer

The college community, the public, and businesses in the Hudson Valley will soon have access to economic and demographic information and analysis in the Hudson Valley region from the Marist College Bureau of Regional Economic Research.

This bureau is part of a federal program and is designed as a state data center through a contract with the New York State Department of Economic Development.

Dr. Ann Davis, the program's director, said she and the people involved in the program are trying to get a better picture of the economic situation in this area.

"There's really no group of economists who are trying to figure out the structure of the economy of this region," said Davis.

In addition to building and expanding the economic knowledge of this area, the program is also concerned with the development and preservation of the region's unique economic resources, Davis said.

For example, although IBM is globally downsizing, they are reinvesting in some of their high-tech facilities in the Hudson Valley, which could have a positive effect on the economy of the region, said Davis.

Stewart Airport, which has just opened as a commercial and international airport, also will probably continue to draw firms to set up operations in the Mid-Hudson area, said Davis.

Another factor the Marist College Bureau of Regional Economic Research will analyze is the recession and its effect on this area, according to Davis.

"We are trying to analyze if the recession is getting better or worse," said Davis. "There are

some threats on the horizon and we want to understand how to build on our strengths and maintain the economy in the future."

Another purpose of the project is to figure out how Marist College impacts the community economically, said Dr. Gregory Hamilton, an economist and faculty member who is also working on the program.

The program wants to find out where students spend their money, how much is spent, and on what types of things, Hamilton said.

The program also wants to analyze the impact of the entire Marist College community, including faculty and employees, on the Mid-Hudson area, said Hamilton.

According to Hamilton, the project is also trying to analyze trends and patterns in the local economy.

With the use of statistical analysis techniques, those in the program want to see if the Hudson Valley is going for or against state and federal trends and how New York City relates to the Hudson Valley, said Hamilton.

The program uses federal and state data and applies it to the Hudson Valley and also works with employment data from 1975-1991, he added.

This data will be stored on the mainframe for the use of students and faculty, said Davis.

According to Davis, the program has also started to do press releases on the state of the regional economy for the public.

Grants are being sought by the program from the State Department for Economic Development and from the Federal Department of Education, Davis added.

At present, the program has two student employees and is looking to expand the number of student employees and also want to organize internships in the program, said Davis.

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Transfer process set for revision

by CAREY ALLABAND
Staff Writer

An ad-hoc committee is working at proposing a method that would make the transferring process into Marist less complicated and more beneficial for incoming students.

This ad-hoc committee is composed of Donna Berger, executive assistant to the vice president of academic affairs, Carol Vari, director of transfer admissions, Susan Hamburger, associate registrar, Eleanor Charwat, executive director of the school of adult education.

The committee is looking to revise five areas in the transfer process and they are credit evaluation, registration, orientation, housing and financial aid.

This revision, done as a result of increased national interest in transfer students at colleges and universities, is part of a report called "Setting the National Agenda: Academic Achievement and Transfer," which is sponsored by the American Council on Education.

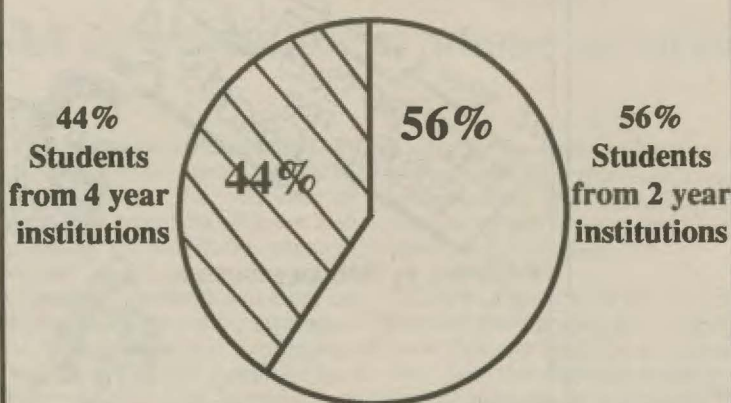
The report has called for increasing opportunities for transfer students who are leaving two-year institutions to attend four-year schools.

In the 1991 fall semester, 138 students transferred into Marist and in the 1992 spring semester, there were 30 transfer students.

Fifty-six percent of fall transfer students left two-year institutions and 44 percent transferred from four-year institutions, according to Vari, who is also assistant director of admissions.

One of the main areas the committee is working to improve is in

Transfer Students: Where they come from*



Fall 1991 Transfers
According to statistics from the admissions office.

credit evaluation of transfers.

The committee hopes to put together a program which would look at a student's entire academic record at a previous institution instead of a course-by-course evaluation, said Berger.

A course-by-course evaluation compares a course taken at another institution to a similar course at Marist and evaluates it to determine if the course credits are transferable.

This proposed program would allow those students who already have an Associates Degree in Science or Arts, to enter Marist as juniors. In the past, students have lost credits in the transferring process and have been forced to lose a semester.

The committee is looking at a policy that would resemble the New York State University's system which allows junior transfers from two-year institutions to maintain their junior-standing. These transfers would also be eligible to receive a bachelor's degree in four semesters while taking a full course load.

The committee is also looking to

improve the registration process by making it more flexible to students. Under these improvements, students would be able to register for two to three weeks in June and August, instead of the one day allotted to them in these two months.

On this day, students are scheduled for half-hour scheduling appointments.

The committee hopes to offer more on-campus housing to transfers. This past year, 99 percent of transfers were housed in Canterbury Garden Apartments, according to Vari.

Transfers successfully lived in Champagnat two years ago, but because freshmen admissions increased, transfers were moved to Canterbury, said Vari.

In the area of financial aid, the committee is considering setting up a buffer for transfer students.

This buffer would allot funds to transfer students only because, according to Vari, college funds tend to be depleted by freshmen before students transfer into Marist.

Transfer students, for the first time last semester, also received an orientation program. In the past, transfers came in the day before classes and registered.

For business interns, it's 3.0 GPA or else

by PETER TIMPONE
Staff Writer

The mandatory grade point average of a 3.0 needed for business majors to intern gives the student something to strive for and also acts as a screening device so the Division of Management Studies can send out their best students to intern, according to John Kelly, chairperson of management studies.

"We believe that the internship should be an honor's situation," said Kelly.

Kristen Anderson, a senior business major from Oxford, Conn., whose gpa is 3.14, said she did not think this is fair.

"There are many students who have learned a lot but don't have a 3.0 gpa," said Anderson. "This does not mean that they are not qualified to function in an office."

According to the Center of Career Development and Field Experience, there are currently 172 students interning from Marist; twenty-nine of these students are business majors and 103 communication majors.

"The communication internship is not looked on as an honors program," said Bob Norman, associate professor of communications.

The 2.5 gpa requirement for the Division of Arts and Letters is just above the minimum of a 2.0 gpa set by other schools for their internship programs, said Norman.

"We feel that with the academic credit the student is receiving from the internship the gpa should be a 2.5," said Norman.

According to Brother Cornelius Russell, assistant professor of accounting and faculty advisor for interning business majors, the reasoning behind the 3.0 gpa requirement is because the students are going out and representing Marist College.

"Students should uphold the reputation of Marist," said Russell.

According to Russell, the policy is successful because the students are well received at their internships and speak highly of the institutions they worked for afterward.

Ryan McEntee, a senior business major from Breezy Point, N.Y., said that he went through the Division of Arts and Letters to get his internship because his 2.7 gpa was too low for the Division of Management Studies.

"Marist doesn't take into consideration that students do other things," said McEntee. "I have a couple of different jobs as well as school work."

According to Desmond Murray, assistant director of field experience, as far as he knows there has been no discussion in changing the requirement, but if a student wants the internship and does not have the grades he can speak with Kelly about obtaining one.

There must be some flexibility in the program, if a student had a 3.0 gpa and has a legitimate reason for their poor grades then he can receive a waiver allowing him to intern, said Kelly.

Communication students as well as other majors with gpa's below 2.5 are also allowed to apply for internships.

"I seek out the reason why the student's gpa is below average from their teachers and other sources," said Norman. "After this, I make a judgment on giving them the waiver or not."

"Some students just don't qualify," said Murray. "I tell them to study more and improve their grades."

Civic Center hit by recession

by ERIN MEHER
Staff Writer

At a time when the recession is affecting everyone, the Mid-Hudson Civic Center is feeling the pinch of the economy as tours have been cancelled and audiences are smaller.

The Center's business is, however, on the rise, said Cathy Vodrazka, event booking coordinator at the Civic Center.

The effects of the recession are wearing off, but slower than she would like them to, said Vodrazka.

Vodrazka said the Center started to notice some changes in September 1990 when concert activity was at a low for a few months.

The Center booked the World Wrestling Federation on Oct. 1, 1990 and didn't book another "ticketed event" until Andrew Dice Clay on Nov. 3. A ticketed

event is a big act designated to bring in money to pay the Center's bills.

In February 1991, the Center put on its third show in a five-month period. The shows were booked by Magic City Productions which is a promoter for the Center.

The Center is a not-for-profit organization which must cover 80 percent of its expenses, and when there are no shows to bring in money, bills cannot be paid, according to Vodrazka.

Vodrazka, who has been at the Center for four years, also said they have 10 full-time employees handling the work of 15 people because the Center cannot afford a larger staff.

Along with decreases in audience size, fewer bands are touring, which makes it harder to book shows.

Ratt, a rock group and singer Debbie Gibson have cancelled their tours and their shows at the Center.

However, these shows were the least of the Center's worries, according to Vodrazka.

The Center usually makes more money when it co-promotes shows, but this was not the case this year when it lost \$9,000 from the "Bugs Bunny Show" and \$4,000 with its own promotion of singer Tom Jones.

Vodrazka said she noticed a lot more families doing things together which has had a direct affect on the money brought in to the Center.

"The family is going back to its own unit," said Vodrazka. "Doing things together alleviates the thought of being in a recession."

Proof of this trend lies in the popularity of the family show "Double Dare" and the Circus which have both sold out tickets this month at the Civic Center, according to attendance records.

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After minutes of quiet thought, she admits the hardest part since his death has been the loneliness.

But, she believes that God has prepared her for this.

She said there were many times when Kayiira was alive and he was away from the home because he was so involved in the fight for democracy in his country.

In fact, she said her faith in God has also helped her through her challenges in life.

She said she attributes her positive outlook on life and her cheerful personality as a gift God gave her in her time of need.

"When I cried a lot, I started seeking God but now I see that He was seeking me," Kayiira said.

Although she has never lost the love for her native Uganda, she is still fearful to return there because

of the unsolved murder of her husband.

She said there have been no convictions in Kayiira's death and so she must continue to talk about Uganda's government with sensitivity.

Kayiira said: "I remember and long for the beautiful environment in Uganda. But, I don't feel safe there. I do not know who are my enemies."

In 1990, Kayiira met with the Ugandan president, Yoweri Museveni, in the United States and questioned him about his involvement in her husband's murder.

While he did not deny being involved with her husband's imprisonment, Museveni did not tell her "the end of the story."

"I still hold him responsible," Kayiira said. "I've always had the

feeling that he knew what was going on."

Kayiira said she doesn't miss her high profile lifestyle and finds her job with security enriching because it involves working in an academic environment and interacting with faculty and students.

Some students, especially international ones, often come to her for advice or simply just to talk, she said.

"When students leave my desk happy, it is more than money for me," Kayiira said.

Although she has no plans to leave Marist, Kayiira cannot be certain of what lies ahead in her future.

"From my past experiences, I know my life can easily change," she said. "So, now I live day to day."

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Freedom of speech, just watch what you say

*Is the Meet Market the latest casualty
in the war of political correctness?*

Tau Kappa Epsilon's Meet Market may or may not be dead.

The annual fund-raiser, involving the auctioning off of dates to the highest bidder, was cancelled by the Council of Student Leaders because TKE allegedly failed to comply with its stipulations that would have made the event more socially conscious.

The stipulations involved, among other things, including a personal biography of each student auctioned, circulating literature on date rape awareness and requiring all dates to be held at an on-campus function.

Supposedly, the fraternity, which last year raised \$1,700 at the event, did not comply with all the rules and as a result, the Meet Market was cancelled.

Some cheered, calling the event insensitive and offensive in the least, and racist and/or sexist at worst.

Some jeered, defending the Meet Market as clean, college fun with no malicious intentions and nobody getting hurt.

Yet, some people said they would be hurt. Some women said it was degrading. CSL said some students were coerced into being auctioned off. And the Black Student Union said the event had connotations of slavery, inappropriate during Black history month.

In America, a situation like this is not all that uncommon, especially on a college campus. The First Amendment right to free speech is always being balanced against the fundamental rights not to be bothered or infringed upon by another.

Lately, however, a weight called political correctness has tipped the scales in a manner against the First Amendment.

Recently, in Berkeley, Calif., the name of the Columbus Day holiday was changed to All-Indigenous day. After all, native Americans were on this continent before any European. Of course, some people protested, calling this change anti-Italian.

Some short people have taken to referring to themselves as vertically-challenged and a certain liberal-arts women's college now spells "freshmen" as "freshmyrn," to avoid having the m-e-n in the word.

It's ironic. The First Amendment basically protects minority opinions. Think about it. The people in the majority don't need protection because, well, they are in the majority. It's the voice who stands alone and whispers something against the status quo that needs protection from the masses.

Today, many of the groups who are at the head of this move towards political correctness are, in fact, minority groups — the same people the First Amendment was designed to protect.

Part of this can be explained simply by understanding minority groups are involved more in the political-correctness debate because they have more reason to be. For example, how many times have you heard of a professional sports team named the "Atlanta Caucasians?"

Obviously, there is every reason to promote sensitivity and thoughtfulness, which often is lacking especially when dealing with minority groups.

But heightening sensitivity at the expense of free speech and free expression isn't a wise trade. No one will argue the Meet Market isn't insensitive.

Anybody could see how it is. While the Meet Market may qualify more as an action — which is different from speech — cancelling, and, in effect, suffocating the Meet Market, not only is dangerous, but it goes against the principles of higher education.

Benno Schmidt Jr, president of Yale University, said "A university ought to be the last place where people are inhibited from expressing ignorance or even hate, so long as others are left free to answer."

Is cancelling the Meet Market "inhibiting expression?" Perhaps.

Is the changing of the name from the Meet Market to the Meet Marist Market — one of CSL's stipulations — an example of political correctness? Most likely.

Changing the name does not change the event and cancelling it because it connotes racism or sexism won't stop racism and sexism.

However, one positive thing may be resulting from this situation.

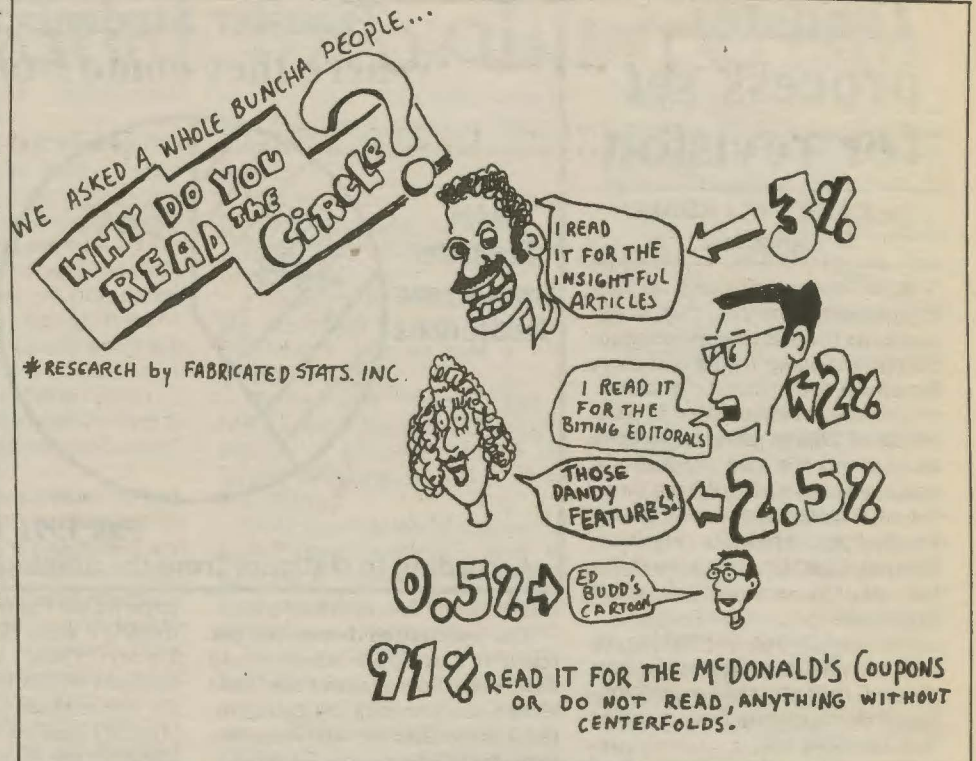
The Meet Market can be used as a means to raise racial and sexual awareness. Meaningful discussions have already arose and higher levels of thought have been provoked. This enlightenment is what higher education is all about.

Yet, the idea of stifling expression or speech, whether or not it's offensive, is repulsive. And there's a danger in getting so caught up in our politically correct world that we work ourselves into a frenzy.

The danger of political correctness at Marist is simple. The student body, which is quite homogenous already, may, upon entering the very heterogeneous world, fear what they say, will somewhere, somehow offend somebody.

As a result, our students will exercise a form of self-censorship. The result: the liberties and free-thinking ideals that come with free speech, not to mention a liberal arts education, suffocate under self-restraint.

There's no crime in making people stop and think that what they say could affect or hurt someone else, as is the case with the Meet Market. That should be common sense and common courtesy. No, the danger isn't that people will stop and think; it's that they will stop thinking.



Races heat up

by MARK MARBLE

With one primary and one-and-a-half caucuses already behind us, the Presidential race is finally starting to get a little interesting.

It was getting a bit nauseating hearing about Bill Clinton's sex life, not to mention his old love letters to the draft board, every single night on the news.

Now, with some real results in, the race is once again worth taking a look at.

In New Hampshire, the Republican voters sent George Bush a powerful message via the old-fashioned "protest" vote. Bush chose to do some campaigning up there, but never bothered to address his rival, Pat Buchanan, by name.

He decided to ignore Buchanan, as if he were nothing more than a pesky mosquito, and go on his merry way. The voters, however, didn't ignore Buchanan and didn't take too kindly to Bush's pompous attitude.

The voting turnout was, in effect, 47 percent anti-Bush (37 percent Buchanan, 10 percent others).

Pat Buchanan will not get the nomination, nor does he really believe he will. He doesn't have to. Buchanan's goal is to force George Bush back to the more conservative right, or else risk the defection of this conservative block of voters to the Democrats in the Fall election.

Buchanan, who is unfairly called anti-semitic because he often takes anti-Israeli positions, is setting himself up as a power-broker at the Republican convention.

He is also getting great publicity and experience in case he wants to really seek the nomination in 1996.

The most interesting thing about the Republican race is the emergence of Dan Quayle as something other than a joke for the first time in four years. The Bush team has finally figured out a significant role for Quayle to play in the administration.

While George Bush avoids direct confrontation with Buchanan, Quayle, a legitimate conservative, attacks Buchanan's policies.

Dan Quayle can get away with criticizing Buchanan because he is, at heart, a conservative with conservative interests in mind.

Quayle is also less likely to alienate this valuable block of voters as a whole. Com-

pare this to Bush, who is currently on shaky ground with the conservative vote already. Bush would have risked further alienation by unleashing the same criticisms Quayle has done. Keep up the good work, Dan.

The Democratic picture is as muddled as everyone expected it to be.

Clinton's closet full of skeletons caused the Arkansas governor to fall from first to se-



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cond in the New Hampshire race. But he did make a bit of a comeback by managing to pull within 10 points of Paul Tsongas by the time the polls closed.

Tsongas is a very lackluster candidate, but he is apparently also a sincere politician. Great. Just what the Democrats need. I thought they wanted to win the election this time.

Tsongas' lack of personality, coupled with the question of "Is he electable?" will probably spell ultimate defeat for the former senator from Massachusetts.

This will leave the nomination for Big Bill Clinton, assuming his closet of skeletons is now cleaned out.

The lack of a clear front-runner also has everyone wondering whether any other candidates will enter the race. Besides Mario Cuomo (and God, I don't want to say anything else about him for a while), the other candidate mentioned most is Lloyd Bentsen from Texas.

Bentsen could be a good candidate because he isn't a liberal. If he had been the nominee in 1988 instead of his running mate, Michael Dukakis, he might have won.

No matter though. The race will continue to heat up in the next few weeks and somewhere, somehow the Democrats will find a nominee. (Maybe Walter Mondale's available?)

Mark Marble is the political columnist for The Circle.

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Admissions 'on the road'

Editor:

As the countdown to graduation begins, I look back at my four years at Marist and see a lot of good times, and a lot of great experiences. One of the most memorable learning experiences I had was my internship with our own Admissions Office.

Along with the fifteen credits I received, I had the opportunity to educate others, as well as myself, about the place I've called home for the past four years.

Traveling extensively throughout the Northeast, I talked about Marist with guidance counselors, prospective students and their families, and even to some alumni who just wanted to catch up on what has been going on here.

Not only did I meet with Admissions counselors from all over the country, but I made some strong friendships that will last

me far beyond my career at Marist.

If this type of experience sounds like something that interests you, I definitely recommend that you think seriously about it. The three months you spend "on the road" will teach you more than you ever imagined. It's a tremendous experience for anyone in any major.

To get more information about the Admissions Internship program, contact Carol Mulqueen in Greystone, ext. 3226, or just stop by the office. Also, on March 4 there will be an Admissions Intern Information Night, 7-8 p.m., in Dyson 110. We encourage sophomores and juniors to attend. Hope to see you there!

Wendy Tilton Senior Admissions Intern, Fall 1991

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student input critical to evaluation of phone services

Editor:

The Telecommunications staff was disturbed by the article in the Feb. 20, issue of The Circle. Mr. Trupiano stated previously unreported student concerns about Student Telephone Services on Marist campus.

Student Telephone Services (STS) has been in existence since August 1991, when students first received telephone service on campus.

The initial STS policies and procedures were determined based on information obtained from other colleges with similar systems. The staff in STS has since been observing, learning, and evaluating Student Telephone Services, to fine tune the telephone and billing systems to best serve our customers.

For example, this semester we raised the credit limit from \$50 to \$100 to reduce the frequency of necessary payments. We are also planning to extend the payment period from 8 days to 2 weeks.

Students' feedback and input are critical in the continuing evaluation of STS policies and procedures. Norma, the Student Telephone Services representative, is available as the first level contact for students to raise questions about the services provided.

She is excellent at researching those questions and concerns raised by the students. Norma really cares about the students and providing the best possible service to the students. She can also direct the students to the next levels of support to further research questions and concerns. It is therefore, most important for our customers to come to or call Norma about any questions or concerns.

Lastly, a remark on the accompanying photograph. We certainly hope that the students at Marist don't treat their Rolmphones as the picture suggests. It is provided to enhance the quality of residence life on Marist campus.

Always remember, anyone can call x4357 for HELP or x4400 to talk to Norma for assistance with your telephone and/or long distance account.

Timothy P. Lawton, Marist Telecommunications Analyst

'Everlasting memory of Marist'

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to speak for all graduating seniors: Thank you Kelly Lagan and Bob Lynch for producing a yearbook that I will actually be able to take home with me when I leave Poughkeepsie after graduation.

Throughout the Feb. 6 article written by J.W. Stewart, it was obvious to see the hard work and dedication Kelly Lagan, editor-in-chief, had to produce a tangible memory of our four years here.

Although I have not seen the Reynard yet, there is no doubt in my mind that through her efforts, along with those of Bob Lynch, this will be one of the best yearbooks in Marist College history.

Hopefully, it will be an inspiration to the upcoming classes so that they too will dedicate their time in making an everlasting visible memory of Marist.

Laura M. Perutti, senior

'Giving in to environmentalists — a small price to pay'

Editor:

I would like to respond to the article about Settembre's by Amy Crosby in the Jan. 30 1992, issue of The Circle.

Since the four years that I have been a student at Marist, I have had numerous unpleasant experiences with Sam Settembre and his staff at Settembre's. There is nothing worse than being greeted by a frowning person in the food business, it ruins your meal.

On almost every occasion that I have been in Settembre's, I had rarely seen a smile on the faces of Sam and his wife. If you can't smile out of genuine goodness, at least smile for the fact that you are an owner of a gold mine, rich from Marist students.

In the article Sam says that we as consumers of his product, should have respect for the fact that "this (the pizza business) is how he makes his living."

Well if Sam was so concerned about his business, he may have considered the requests of his main customers (students) as more important. I do not think it is too much to ask for Mr. Sam Settembre to replace styrofoam products with recyclable products.

His excuse that it was "expensive" to replace these products needs to be reevaluated. If it weren't for the location of Marist College and its hungry students, Settembre's would have filed Chapter 11 a long time ago and Sam and his family wouldn't be able to afford closing the store over the summer months.

Giving in to the requests of Marist students, and any environmentalist for that matter, is a small price to pay.

Ellen Miglino, senior communication arts major

A tour by any name is not the same

by **AMY ELLEN BEDFORD**

"Tours: Welcome to the Real Marist," printed in last week's Circle, detailed some of the more outlandish experiences of Marist tour guides. These included witnessing embarrassing posters, empty cans of beer and a flashing episode. What if Marist really did have a tour exposing the "real" Marist? I imagine the beginning of it would go a little some-thing like this...

"Welcome, high school seniors and your parents. We at Marist are happy that you show interest in our school. The tour today starts at the southern end of campus with the McCann Center."

"The McCann Center is home to almost every sport imaginable. Yes, we have basketball. No, Rik Smits graduated. If you boys and girls are lucky, you may receive an athletic scholarship. This grants you up to ten pairs of free Reeboks and exempts you from four years of classes."

"Come now, up the hill. These buildings, Leo and Sheahan Halls, are freshman dorms. Let's take a look inside (this is begging to sound like an episode of "Mr. Rogers"). The washers and dryers are located here in the basement. This boy right here is Freshman Rick. Freshman Rick is washing his sheets for the first time since September and doesn't understand why his roommate has moved in with his girlfriend."

"Oh, a question from a parent. What was that, ma'am? A 'no cohabitation' rule at Marist? I don't know what you are talking about."

"Also here in the laundry room is Freshman Michelle. She is complaining that this is the sixth time her laundry has been stolen right out of the washer. Freshman Michelle, maybe if you didn't brag at every party about all the Victoria's Secret apparel you own,

maybe the men of Leo Hall wouldn't feel compelled to steal it."

"Going upstairs to the actual rooms, we enter the first floor, a male floor. Note the thick, strong and unmistakable aroma of body odor. This floor will always smell like this. Also note the dress code enforced here (practically no clothing, or bathrobes), the vandalized doors, walls and bathrooms, and the loud stereos."

"This closed door here enters into the room of Freshman Mike O'Farrell and Freshman Marc Leipsis, who will one day grow up to be big, bad columnists for The Circle. No one really knows what they're about, but people often hear Mike's voice, apparently rehearsing, "He shoots, he scores!"



Why are we the only ones laughing?

"Things are different upstairs on the floors housing women, but not by much. The odor here is one of flammability: hairspray mixed with perfume. Something about these floors always inspires maintenance to check the acoustics. The noise levels of voices, at all hours, are often deafening and are known to cause permanent ear damage."

"Our tour continues with Cham-pagnat Hall and the Dining Hall, up the path to your left. I hope you've enjoyed the 'honest approach' tour, and will submit your applications when, hey, wait a minute, where did everyone go?"

Amy Ellen Bedford is The Circle's humor columnist



Student Government update

By **NELLA LICARI**

As part of the "Nova Spiritus" of Student Government, CSL made a goal back in September to provide more communication between Student Government and the student body.

With the establishment of the SGA in April, it will reinforce this goal. This direct line of communication is vital for our existence to serve you better.

Every organization has different feedback channels. Sometimes these channels are not used properly and the concerned voice falls on deaf ears. As your student leaders, we are here to help you.

We have seen that it's hard for students to voice concerns. This year we have tried to change the communication system so the feedback loop can function properly.

"The Circle" is a vital concern of CSL. Not only does it provide you with informative stories relating to student issues, but it contains interviews with various CSL Representatives.

"The Circle" is important to student government because it covers a wide variety of student issues so students can become better informed. The student newspaper is our best communication tool to reach all students at Marist.

Another medium, MCTV, also does a weekly pseudo-McLaughlin Group talk show entitled "Back Talk."

The show features a panel of students debating issues pertaining to students.

Matthew Corcoran, president of MCTV and

director of "Backtalk," has come to CSL with the idea of having a State of the Campus Address. The Student Body President will have the opportunity to talk directly to students on important issues. This is a great step in making you more aware of what's going on in Student Government. These shows air on Channel 12.

Do you have any suggestions that will allow more communication between CSL and the student body? Would publishing the minutes and agenda in "The Circle" be a way to improve our communication system? Please let us know what you think. Mail your suggestions to: Nella Licari, PR Director, Student Government, CC. **NO SCHOOL CUT CAMPAIGN**

On Thursday, Feb. 20, members of Kappa Lambda Psi and Tau Kappa Epsilon assisted in the Phone Campaign to stop education cuts. Eight phones were set up outside the student gov't office for students to voice their opinions to legislators concerning budget cuts. More than 250 calls were made. Thanks to Chris Rowan, a member of Kappa Lambda Psi who organized this Phone Campaign.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NEXT WEEK! Petitions due today by 5 p.m. in the student government office.

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Editor: 'Marist...the heights of apathy'

As I read the article by Michael Dauerer, which responded to an editorial by Wilson Briggs; a prison inmate, I was again reminded on how relieved I am to be graduating in May. I am embarrassed for this student and his willingness to subject the entire Marist community to his blatant ignorance and insensitivity.

I am surprised that through reading the inmates one editorial, without any prior knowledge of his background, Dauerer was able to make sweeping generalizations on the inmates history and reason for

being incarcerated. Obviously, Dauerer has little to no idea for the reasons behind the prison system and rehabilitation.

However, through four years of dealing with this type of ignorance, I have no patience, interest or willingness to educate an ineducable detriment to our society. College is a place for a mentally challengeable person not mentally incapable. It is good to know that Marist has reached the heights of something, too bad it is apathy.

Jason Millard Senior

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Desmond Murray honored for volunteerism

by APRIL M. AMONICA
Staff Writer

On Sunday, for the first time in the eight years Desmond Murray has lived in Poughkeepsie, he said he felt like he belonged.

"I really felt like I was part of the Poughkeepsie community. I always used to feel like an outsider," said Murray, assistant director of field experience and affirmative action officer at Marist College.

The Social Action Committee of Poughkeepsie's Beulah Baptist Church lauded Murray and nine other community leaders at the Fifth Annual Black Achievers Awards this weekend.

"It was the icing on the cake," said Murray of his award.

Murray, honored for his youth incentive efforts, said it means a great deal for his volunteerism to be praised by the black community.

"It's important to recognize our own and tell them we appreciate their efforts," said Beulah Baptist

Church pastor, the Rev. Jesse Bottoms.

Other black Dutchess County achievers include: Paula Lynette Bradley, Law Enforcement; Lillie M. Cooper, Personal Achievement; Joseph E. Davis, Politics; Bishop Addie B. McClinton-Watterson (deceased), Religion; Joseph Nathan McRae, Education; Rev. Wallace Porter, Civil Rights; Lorraine M. Roberts, Education; Thelma Usher, Youth Worker; and Jim Watts, Business.

Bottoms suggested the awards idea to the 10-members of SAC, one of Beulah's volunteer auxiliary groups.

"They ran with the idea," Bottoms said.

Recommendations from church members and past achievers determine the winners who are then awarded a plaque for their outstanding community involvement, said Sarluta Anderson-Davis, SAC chairperson.

From the beginning, Murray was considered a "shoe-in", said Modele Clarke, Marist's editor of

college advancement and associate pastor at Beulah.

Clarke, a former communications teacher at the State University of New Paltz, taught Murray in one of his journalism classes approximately 15 years ago.

Even then Murray brought a strong sense of conviction to any position he held, Clarke said.

"He was never satisfied sitting in the bleachers. He was most comfortable in leadership positions which is a trait that carried over to his adult and professional career," said Clarke.

Murray is also involved in Simba, an organization founded by community professionals and grassroots activists in Poughkeepsie. Simba orients black youths to their culture and provides male leaders for kids who come from predominately female-headed households, Murray said.

Every Saturday for the past year, seven area men serve as role models for Simba's 27 members, Murray said.

"We do it because we care,"

Murray said. "We want to help save the black culture and teach these youths how to become men," he said.

Murray dedicated his award to the late Alex Haley, author of "Roots," at Sunday's awards ceremony.

"I want to thank him for bringing the plight of our people to television," Murray said at the awards ceremony.

Murray said "Roots" had a tremendous impact on society because it attracted one of the largest viewing audiences in television history.

It showed the world that we all have ethnic roots we need to discover in order to better understand ourselves and our fellow members in society, Murray said.

Haley's television mini-series inspired Murray to take a greater interest in his own family tree and pass cultural information on to his 19-month and 5-year-old sons.

"Raising a family is my greatest personal achievement," Murray said.

Murray, born in the Bronx, first came to the Mid-Hudson region as a communications student at the State University of New Paltz, he said.

After working at "The Black American" newspaper in New York City, his first reporting job, he moved on to a position at "The Poughkeepsie Journal".

Murray is currently a member of the Journal's advisory board on multi-cultural affairs which suggests ways local reporters can better address minority issues.

"Our suggestions are taken strongly," Murray said.

Murray also resides on the board of directors for the Dutchess Mental Health Association and volunteers reading time at Samuel Morse Elementary School in the City of Poughkeepsie.

According to Murray, he has always been involved in volunteer work.

"We continue to do those things in life that we enjoy. This is my calling," Murray said.

Students react to the Tyson trial verdict

by MARK STACKOW
Staff Writer

When former heavyweight champion of the world Mike Tyson decided to join forces with manager-promoter Don King some time ago, Larry Holmes, another former champ, dubiously predicted Tyson would be dead or in jail within five years.

It's four-and-a-half years and one convicted rape charge later, and Mike Tyson is on his way to jail, but no one knows for how long until Judge Patricia Gifford hands down her sentence next month.

Tyson was convicted on one count rape and two counts of deviate sexual conduct and could face three to six years of a maximum 60 year sentence.

Most Marist students are treating the case separately rather than drawing large conclusions.

"Tyson was found guilty based on evidence of the case, not because they had to make up for the Kennedy decision," said Kathleen Rhodes, a sophomore from Providence, R.I.

"An article in Sports Illustrated hinted Tyson was going to be found guilty because there was no dancing or moonlight, and the at-

tack occurred about 30 minutes after they met," said Mark Fragola, a freshman from Killingworth, Conn. "Does this mean that a dance would have changed things?"

A group of ministers petitioned to have Tyson's sentence suspended because they said he means too much to the black community, and others are angered, as in the Hill-Thomas trial, that a black woman would go against a hard-working black man.

Marist students says it is less a racial or economic issue than a legal one.

George Camacho, a junior criminal justice major from Hopewell Junction, N.Y., has no interest in the trial's sideshows.

"It's ludicrous that anyone who has a lot of money thinks he can get out of jail," said George Camacho. "No one is above the law."

Ironically, the Tyson trial decision came two years to the day that Tyson suffered his worst boxing defeat when a 42-1 underdog named James Douglas knocked him out.

The odd fact is that Desiree Washington feels pity for Tyson, and said she would not have pressed charges if Tyson sought counseling.

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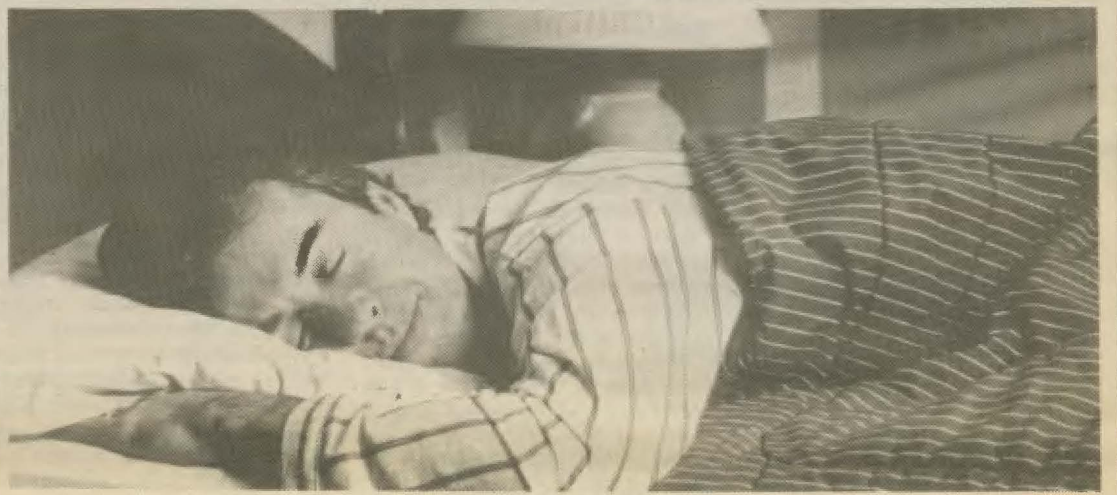


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Colleges to release crime stats in September

by **RICHARD NASS**
News Editor

"Is the campus safe?"
The one question that undoubtably arises from a prospective student or a concerned parent during a campus tour or a freshman orientation seminar will finally be answered in the tradition of Joe Friday — with just the facts.

The facts will be available thanks to a federal law that will take effect on Sept. 1, 1992.

The law, known among college administrators as the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, will require colleges with federal student-aid programs to publish an annual security report, which must be made readily available to prospective students and employees, and current students and employees.

For the last two years, administrators have

been working on a plan that will clearly present the information to those parties who are interested, according to J.F. Leary, director of Safety and Security.

A three-page fold-out brochure will contain information on how to report a crime, whom to contact in case of an emergency,

agencies.

Leary said he does not view this as a major problem at Marist.

"We have the information available to distribute," said Harry Wood, vice president for enrollment, who favors the new law, passed by the Senate and the House of Represent-

ations.

If a college fails to meet the requirements it risks losing their eligibility for federal aid.

"I think publishing this information would be an advantage to us because the numbers here are so low," said Wood, who believes the low crime figures may enhance enrollment.

The only crime which is of any substance at Marist is burglary, according to Leary, who says the crime is generally an act committed by one student against another student, and is the result of someone forgetting to lock a door.

On a national level 80 percent of campus crimes are committed by in the same manner and 95 percent of these crimes are drug or alcohol related, according to 1990 Congressional findings.

"I feel we will compare very favorably to other colleges, as long as they have kept their reporting as legitimate as I have," said Leary.

Colleges with federal student-aid programs will be required to publish an annual security report, available to all interested parties.

a section on safety, and a statistical report of on-campus criminal offenses.

Crimes covered in the brochure will be murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor-vehicle theft, said Leary, who has been working with the admissions office on the project.

The release of statistics will not include student-related crimes that happen in fraternity houses, off-campus housing, city streets or other places where campus security of-

tatives on Nov. 8, 1990.

The current plan is to have the brochure available to students and employees on campus and mail it to interested applicants, according to Wood.

Other information that may not appear in the brochure but must be disclosed to those interested includes, complete campus security procedures and the enforcement authority of security personnel, including their working relationship with state and local police

'Ace' bartender witnesses the many antics of Marist and Culinary students at Skinner's

by **CHRISTINE URGOLA**
Staff Writer

Every weekend upperclassmen from Marist migrate to Skinner's Bar and Restaurant on Route 9 to meet friends and indulge in their favorite drinks.

Behind the bar making these drinks you will find a man every customer knows by name and face — Ken "Ace" Peabody.

Well-known by many Marist students, Peabody has been a bartender at Skinner's Bar for about five years.

Before Skinner's, Peabody bartended for five years at other bars and drove a limo twice a month to make ends meet.

"I enjoy bartending because I meet a lot of nice and different

types of people," said Peabody.

Amongst the crowded and smoke-filled room Peabody can be found talking with customers from behind the bar as he hands them pitchers of draft beer, and rapidly mixes drinks such as Long Island Iced Teas, Sea Breezes and Tequila Sunrises.

Peabody, a resident of the City of Poughkeepsie, said he has seen some pretty funny things on the weekends — both good and bad.

"A couple of years ago on a Sunday night two girls started to strip right on top of the bar. I'll never forget it," said Peabody.

Besides seeing a lot of crazy things Peabody said he has heard an earful of stories, including a lot of gossip.

The most common stories Peabody said he hears are those

concerning broken up relationships, and what the distraught couple should do.

"I try not to give advice on problems, just guidance," said Peabody. "I do not like getting involved."

The best part about being behind the bar according to Peabody is that the owner of Skinner's gives him much freedom in making his own decisions when he's behind the bar.

Peabody said he meets new people from Marist and The Culinary Institute of America every night so he never gets bored.

The worst part about bartending, said Peabody, is when 15 drunk people are sitting at the bar discussing their problems, listening to them and still having to serve them.

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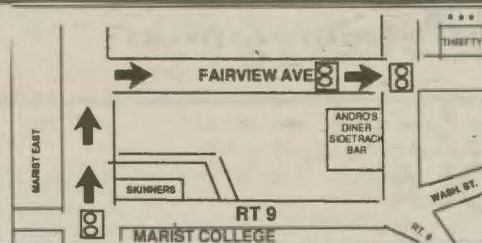
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Red Foxes win, up NEC record

by J.W. STEWART
Staff Writer

Kris Collins met up with some old friends this past weekend, but did not have much of a chance to talk about old times.

Collins, the senior center for the women's basketball team, battled it out with Long Island University's Belinda Strong and Cammie Williams in a reunion of former Mitchell College teammates on Saturday.

Strong and Williams combined for 30 points and 29 rebounds (22 alone from Strong) but Collins and the Red Foxes had the last laugh as Marist fought its way to a 57-51 victory. Marist also won last Thursday against St. Francis (NY), 78-62.

After the game, Collins had ice on her knees, a smile on her face and said she had a few good memories of playing against two people who helped Mitchell win back-to-back New England Junior College Championships.

"At first, it starts off as fun but when it gets down to crunch time, everyone just goes off," said Collins, who finished with 14 points and 11 boards. "Belinda and I hammered each other down the stretch. It just boils down to who wants to win."

And Marist (7-5 in the Northeast Conference, 8-15 overall) knew it had to beat Long Island after losing to the Blackbirds in Brooklyn earlier this season.

The story for Marist in the first half was not Collins, however. It was fellow senior co-captain Claudia Butler.

With Marist trailing 10-4 early, Butler led a 16-3 blitz by scoring eight points on two layups, two foul shots and a running one-hander. When she was finished, Marist had its biggest lead of the half, 20-13 with 6:44 remaining.

"It was a catfight," said a tired Butler. "That's usually not our style. We wanted it and we were aggressive and that was the key. We weren't going to come out and lose."

The Red Foxes only led by one at halftime, 24-23, and that disappeared immediately as LIU (4-9 in the NEC, 10-14 overall) scored the first nine points of the second half to lead again by eight.

Junior Charlene Fields, who only had two points through the first 20 minutes of play on 1-of-3 shooting, caught fire in the last 20 minutes to give Marist the lead for good down the stretch.

Fields knocked out a three-pointer, a jumper and two foul shots in the span of a minute to finish with 16 and help seal the comeback.

Marist Head Coach Ken Babineau said he was pleased with his team's inspired play.

"It was a game we knew we needed," he said. "All the baskets we made down the stretch were big buckets. The kids showed a lot of heart and a lot of composure."

Marist made up for being destroyed in the rebounding category, 51-35, by sinking six of its last eight foul shots to provide the final margin of victory.

Last Thursday, Marist was faced with the proposition of trying to shut down St. Francis (NY) scoring machine Clare Guerriero or just



Circle photo/Matt Martin

Women's basketball Coach Ken Babineau uses all his emotion to instruct his team during a timeout in a recent game.

out-gun her. The Red Foxes chose the latter and dismantled the Terriers, 78-62.

Guerriero scorched Marist for 29, but received no scoring support from her teammates as the Terriers remained at the bottom of the NEC with a 0-13 record. St. Francis is just 1-22 overall.

Marist gained the lead less than three minutes into the ballgame and never looked back. The Foxes used a 16-4 run in the last 10:22 of the opening half to take a 38-20 halftime lead.

Freshman Mary Lightner carried the offensive load in the first half, hitting three treys to accounting for nine of her 10 first half points.

Marist's lead never dropped below 12 in the second half, but

Babineau felt it necessary to call three time outs and reorganize his offense, which had been shooting poorly.

Babineau switched from a perimeter offense to a low-post offense and the results were instantaneous.

Freshman Lori Keys got on track after Marist's second timeout and scored six straight points in the course of 55 seconds to keep the Foxes flying.

Keys was quick to thank the person who helped her to 17 points and nine rebounds.

"The reason I scored so much was Kris Collins' passing," she said.

Fields and Lightner both finished with 13 and the final score look-

ed like a rout, but Babineau said the scoreboard was not indicative of the ballgame.

"We didn't play one of our better games," he admitted. "We made some mental mistakes and were sloppy in the second half."

He added: "We might have taken them too lightly. They play a helter-skelter game and we got dragged down to that level."

Keys said she agreed.

"I still think we made mistakes we shouldn't have. We had too many turnovers (25) to a team like this," she said.

The women are on the road for two games before returning home next Thursday. Marist visits Wagner tonight and Monmouth on Saturday.

Athletes of the Week



BRINK HARTMAN

Hartman led Marist to a second-place finish at the Metropolitan Conference Championships with two record-breaking performances. He won the 200-yard backstroke in a time of 1:52.77 which eclipsed his school record and broke a conference record. The senior also finished second in the 400-yard individual medley with a new school best of 4:08.83.



JEN VONSUSKIL

Vonsuskil posted two personal bests in the CTC Championships last weekend. The junior placed third in the 5,000-meter race in 18:34 and completed the 1,500-meter in 4:58, good for fourth place. Vonsuskil also ran the anchor leg of the 4x800 meter relay which finished fourth.

Minors may come to Beacon

by ROBERT LANIER
Staff Writer

Minor league baseball in Dutchess County used to be a dream. However, five businessmen have taken steps to make that dream a reality.

The sight is Beacon and the possibility is strong.

The businessmen, including Dutchess County resident Pete Wyso, are backing the idea which could field a team as early as the 1994 season.

The plans were developed by the five-man group last spring, but the idea was introduced to Beacon politicians in September.

Since September, Beacon has organized several steering committees to investigate the financing of the stadium, the area's zoning laws and other facets of the operation which will effect the city.

Beacon was the primary choice

of the group for several reasons. The designated site, Memorial Park, is easily accessible to Route 9, Route 9D and Interstate 84.

Secondly, Beacon and the surrounding area creates a suitable environment for a minor league baseball player, according to the group.

Also, the team calling Beacon home may be either a Mets or Yankees farm club which would provide railroad or motor access to each team's professional stadiums.

Two other teams which have been mentioned to call Beacon home are the new expansion teams, the Florida Marlins and the Colorado Rockies. The teams, which have not begun competition, still lack a farm club sight.

How realistic is this idea?

"Very realistic," said Bill Leith, a member of the coordinating committee. "These guys have done their research and they are ready to

go."

If the dream becomes a reality, Dutchess County is expected to benefit greatly.

The stadium even creates the possibility of the NCAA Baseball Eastern Regionals to be played in there.

"The Regionals are currently played in Maine, which doesn't always please the coaches from the South," said Leith. "In talking with an NCAA representative, the sight would most definitely be considered for future Regional tournaments."

The new field is planned to replace the present field in Beacon, creating a problem for the Beacon Baseball Leagues.

"The (Beacon) League would be taken care of first, before the construction of the stadium," Leith said.

Track in CTCs

Jennifer Von Suskil couldn't believe it.

"You guys are lying to me, aren't you?" the talented junior runner said to coaches Phil Kelly and Pete Colaizzo after her fourth-place finish at the CTC Championships 1,500-meter run last Sunday.

Her coaches weren't lying about the time she had clocked. Von Suskil had just run her second personal-record time in the span of 24 hours with a 4:58 clocking in the 1,500. This came on the heels of her third-place personal record of 18:34 in the 5,000 run Saturday night.

Highlights for the men's team included sophomore Dave Swift (third in the 5,000), senior Matt Murphy (personal records in the 1,500 and the half-mile) and junior Dwayne Edwards (fourth in the triple jump).

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Mermen second at championships

by ANDREW HOLMLUND
Staff Writer

The men's swimming team finished in second place this past weekend at the Metropolitan Conference Championships in Kings Point, N.Y. Glassboro State, Marist's toughest opponent all season, won the event by compiling 1,062 points. Marist finished with 958.

Despite finishing second, Marist broke six school records including Brink Hartman's 1:52.77 seconds in the 200-yard backstroke.

The senior not only shattered his old mark by 4.6 seconds, but he also became tops in conference, beating Rob McNalty's time of 1:55.58 seconds established in 1989.

On the first day of the tournament, Chris Prauda led the Red Fox charge by winning the 50-yard freestyle while Hartman and Tom Bubel finished second and fourth, respectively, in the 200-yard individual medley.

Day two saw Hartman and Bubel score high again, this time in the 400 yard medley. Hartman finished second while Bubel finished fifth.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, freshman Ron Gagne nabbed a fifth-place finish. Prauda and Brett Arnold placed second and fifth, respectively, in the 100-yard backstroke.

Prauda garnered top honors in the 100-yard freestyle and Gagne completed the 200-yard breaststroke in fourth place.

Hartman followed with his record-breaking feat in the 200-yard backstroke, and teammate Brett Arnold came in fifth.

Despite not repeating as champions, Head Coach Larry VanWagner said he was pleased with his team's performance — especially the first-year swimmers.

"It was very gratifying to see the freshmen respond so well this season," he said. "They have made incredible improvement since the beginning of the season."

"Out of all 16 schools in the conference, our graduating class showed the most improvement and had the greatest effect in the conference championships the past four years," he said.



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Senior Chris Prauda celebrates his victory in the 50-yard freestyle at the Metropolitan Swimming and Diving Championships.

Red Foxes lose 8-4; streak halted

by TED HOLMLUND
Staff Writer

The streak is halted at eight. On Sunday, the men's hockey club was defeated by Southern Connecticut State, 8-4.

Marist now has an overall record of 10-2-2.

Junior Scott Brown led the Red Foxes attack with two goals.

Juniors Mike Flynn and Ed Sherako chipped in with a goal apiece to balance Marist's charge.

Head Coach Bob Mattice said that one of the reasons the team did not play well was due to the fact that the team played a soft schedule over the last five or six games and was not prepared to play a tougher Southern Connecticut squad.

"I don't like making any excuses, but the schedule we got is ridiculous," he said. "We've succumbed to the level of the teams we've played."

This year the Metropolitan Conference changed the divisional structure of the league.

Last year, teams were placed in divisions based on their record from the previous year.

This year, the teams division placement is determined by region — not by record.

Prior to the Southern Connecticut game, Marist outscored their opponents 64-8 winning four out of those five games by way of the mercy rule.

The mercy rule comes into effect when a team has a ten or more goal lead after two periods or before the end of the game.

Last Saturday, the Red Foxes defeated Western Connecticut State 12-2 by the mercy rule.

Junior Tom Schleif led the Marist attack with three goals, notching the hat trick, and adding two assists.

Juniors Sherako and Brown chipped in with two goals apiece to balance the Red Foxes charge.

Although Marist won, it lost the services of sophomore forward John LLOYD.

LLOYD has a dislocated elbow and is most likely out for the season.

Mattice said that losing LLOYD is really tough for the team.

"We've really got three guys in the league that are superstars (Brown, Walker, and LLOYD)," he said. "The loss of any of these three guys is devastating."

Cagers fall to LIU, drop to sixth in NEC

by MIKE O'FARRELL
Sports Editor

With just two games remaining in the regular season, the men's basketball team is still fighting to get out of its mid-season slump.

The Red Foxes have lost seven of their last eight games and have dropped to a sixth-place tie with Long Island University in the Northeast Conference.

Marist has an overall mark of 8-17 while posting a 6-8 record in conference play.

Tonight, the Red Foxes travel to Staten Island to due battle with conference rival Wagner College. Marist won the first meeting between the two teams.

Last Saturday, the Marist skid continued.

Long Island came north to Poughkeepsie and spoiled the Red Foxes' farewell party for team manager Chris Bautista and players Rod Henderson and Tom Fitzsimons. The Blackbirds won 72-65.

The first time these two teams met, Marist came away with a 103-85 victory.

However, Long Island Coach Paul Lizzo said he did not want to play another up-tempo game with Marist.

"We didn't want to play their style," he said. "I think Dave (Marist Head Coach Dave Magarity) was a little surprised with that." Magarity agreed.

"Yeah, I was surprised," the sixth-year coach said. "We were geared for a fast-paced game and then we became to conservative offensively."

Conservative or fast-paced, the Red Foxes didn't shoot well enough to win.

Marist connected on just 24 of 64 field goals and made only 12 of 22 free throws.

Rod Henderson and Andy Lake combined to hit just three of 23 shots from the floor.

The Red Foxes, who have lost eight games by four points or less, once again showed their inability to win a close game.

Trailing by seven points at the half, Marist tied the game 51-51 with 5:39 remaining.

However, Long Island went on a 10-3 run over the next four minutes and for all intents and purposes, the game was over.

A three-pointer by Tom Fitzsimons brought the Red Foxes to within two, 64-62 with 55 seconds remaining but the Blackbirds made eight of 10 free throws to seal the victory.

"It was a lack of making plays," said Magarity. "Nobody stepped up and that is a problem. We haven't done what's necessary to win the close ones — someone has to step up."

"Right now, we are playing well enough to lose close."

Izett Buchanan echoed the coach's words.

"It seems like we are playing hard to be in it for the last five minutes and then nobody is stepping up and making the big plays," the sophomore said. "It can be corrected, it's just a matter of making it happen."

Last Thursday, the Red Foxes dropped yet another close game, losing to St. Francis (N.Y.) 69-66.

Although the Red Foxes did come up empty in the final minutes, the turning point of this game was in the first half.

After falling behind early, Marist went on a 15-0 run to get right back in the game.

However, when the run ended, so did Marist's intensity in the first half.

"They changed the game in the last five minutes of the first half," Magarity said.

"We had intensity but then we lost it after our run," said Buchanan. "I'm not really sure what the problem was."

"It was a very methodical game," said Magarity. "This team has got to learn that they can't make the same mental mistakes and that there are going to be teams that aren't going to run with you."

The Red Foxes end the regular season Saturday at Monmouth.

Cagers need to step up and win big games

Five weeks ago, the men's basketball team was playing for first place in the Northeast Conference.

Five days ago, the men's basketball team was playing for position prior to the NEC post-season tournament.

Tonight, the men's basketball team will be playing for pride.

Throw out first place, throw out fourth place. Heck, you can even forget about seeing the Red Foxes in the McCann Center again this season.

Hold that thought, you may be able to see Marist at home one more time. (That is, if you really wanted to.) If it loses its last two games, the team may host the pitiful play-in game against the worst team in the conference.

Remember the day when Marist had won seven of its last 10 games, *upping* its record to 7-10 overall?

Red Fox Fever was running wild and thoughts of last year's 6-22 record were forgotten.

However, over its last eight games, Marist has gone a dismal

1-7, dropping to 8-17 overall and 6-8 in the NEC.

Now, with two games remaining — against much-improved Wagner and always dangerous Monmouth — 8-19 is looking realistic.

What happened?

Eight games ago, Marist lost a one-point heartbreaker to Fairleigh Dickinson.

Things just haven't been the same since.

When this season is finally over, the loss to FDU will be remembered as the turning point of the season — the mental turning point.

"We were in a position to have a nice year and everything was looking good and then all of a sudden FDU hits," said Head Coach Dave Magarity. "That game has had a lasting effect on us. There is no question this has become a mental thing."

What would happen after that game would determine the character of this team.



MIKE O'FARRELL

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Good teams are able to turn a devastating loss into something positive.

Bad teams never forget them.

Close games are nothing new for the Red Foxes. After all, Marist has played eight games that were decided by four points or less.

The difference between a good team and a bad team?

Marist is 0-8 in those games.

Maybe "bad" is the wrong word. Maybe not.

Magarity put it best.

"We are playing well enough to lose close," he said.

It's not as if the Red Foxes haven't been in games — they just haven't been able to prove they can win the big game.

If Marist is unable to break out of its slump and win a big game, forget winning the remaining two games because they aren't going to be easy games — at least in Marist's favor.

The excuse of being an inexperienced team or losing Fred Ingles at the beginning of the year just doesn't cut it anymore.

Sure, Ingles went down with a season-ending injury, but it was after he was sidelined that the team went on its winning streak.

Sure, Izett Buchanan and Dexter Dunbar are only sophomores, but each has played in over 50 Division I games.

This team doesn't need one person to step up, it needs everyone to step up.

It is not as if Marist has no chance in the NEC tournament.

That just isn't true.

The Red Foxes have shown they can play with anyone in the Northeast Conference — especially if they play on the road.

Marist has a 3-3 NEC road record while posting a 3-5 conference mark in the McCann Center.

However, without proving to the rest of the league — and more importantly to themselves — that it can win the big game, this team is going nowhere.

Until this team realizes it must play a complete game to win the championship, the only way it will win the title is if the game ended after 35 minutes.

One way for Marist to solve its problem is by scheduling Prairie View.

Then again, forget it, too much pressure to win.

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