



# CIRCLE



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in its merriment to honor one of its members. A fitting honor it was for it was not based on a single performance or even those of one or two years. Rather it was founded upon the contributions of one individual over a period of four years through his active participation in a total of eight plays.

"Awarded to Dennis J. Feeney for outstanding artistic achievement in the dramatic arts"

Thus read the inscription upon the plaque presented to Dennis expressing the devotion which he has shown to the Guild since the beginning of his college career. It is perhaps the only tangible remembrance he possesses of his efforts to advance our school's dramatic reputation but, as Dennis said, "Grateful memories of such people as Mr. Britt, our Director, are the true rewards of his association with the Theatre of Marist College."

This award is the first in a series to be presented by the Guild and in Dennis Feeney it has found a truly worthy recipient. To Dennis, as a very good friend and a fellow actor, I, on behalf of the Theatre Guild and Marist College offer our sincere thanks and congratulations for a job extremely well done.

by Jim Sullivan

During the dinner party immediately following the final production of *The Wall*, the Theatre Guild paused

## Middle East Lecture

The third Intercollegiate Day of the International affairs clubs of the area colleges was held at Vassar College, May 5, 1965. The Fleur de Lis of Marist, headed by its President, George Gelfer, attended this last in a series of three meetings. The whole idea of Intercollegiate Day is to provide a forum for the discussion of the major areas of international affairs.

The introductory speaker at this event was Mr. Richard Willy of Vassar College, who gave a general background on the Middle Eastern situation. His basic point was that the problem in the Middle East, as in other under developed areas, is one of modernization. These nations must modernize in order to exist in the 20th century world, according to Mr. Willy. The importance of this modernization to the United States is the fact that it will bring prosperity and stability to these nations. With a stable Middle East, Western Europe could be more secure. The valuable oil resources, which keep the nations of Western Europe going, would be safeguarded in a more stable Middle East.

Mr. Willy contended that the United States policy in regard to this modernization is based on an error. He believes that modernization is not

an economic problem alone, as the United States tends to believe, but more of a political problem. He suggests that the State Department should begin to support nations that have a strong one-party system, which maintains control of the military. He used the Soviet Union and China as examples of this type of control. Mr. Willy contends that these two nations have advanced significantly in recent years because of their strong one party systems.

Mr. Willy's second assertion was that these underdeveloped nations, particularly in the Middle East, needed a strong central government in order to organize the people on the large scale necessary for fast modernization. He suggested that communism was not the only answer to a strong one-party system. A party with a strong emotional ideological appeal and a program of social reform could easily fill the needs of these nations, Mr. Willy contended.

In the discussion that followed this introduction, Marist College students brought out various issues ranging from the past history of the governments in the area to the various aspects of the type of monolithic government, as advocated by Mr. Willy.

## Philosophy Awards

The following students have been awarded Honorable Mention in the First Annual William H. Martin Essay Competition in Philosophy:

- Mr. Roland G. Antonelli
- Mr. Cornelius A. Freer
- Br. John Gonyea, F.M.S.

These students will be forwarded a check for five dollars (\$5) each. There were no awards for first and second prizes in this year's competition.

## PHI ALPHA THETA

The National History Honors fraternity Phi Alpha Theta will soon have a Marist chapter, the History Department recently announced. Mr. George Skau, who has been a member of Phi Alpha Theta at Manhattan College is now accepting applications for membership in a Marist chapter.

Phi Alpha Theta, which has over 230 college chapters, publishes a nationally recognized scholarly journal called *The Historian* and awards cash grants for the best papers submitted to it. Also, the national organization of this society awards graduate school scholarships to its members and con-

ducts a free of charge placement bureau. Election into Phi Alpha Theta is the highest nation-wide academic award open to undergraduate students.

The scholastic requirements for membership in Phi Alpha Theta are the completion of 12 hours in history, a 3.0 grade average in all history courses, and a 3.0 cum. average for any 2/3 of all non-history courses taken.

(Students who wish more information about Phi Alpha Theta should contact Mr. George Skau in Room 209 of Donnelly Hall, the History Department office.)

## La Maison Francaise

by Ray Stewart

On the night of April 29th in Leo Lounge Bro. Joseph L. Belanger proposed a new project to the interested students who came to the meeting. The purpose of "La Maison Francaise" is to promote student usage of fluent French and to foster an interest in French culture. This project might be of special interest to students wishing to attend graduate school.

Bro. Belanger received his M.A. at Middlebury College in Vermont. Middlebury is one of the best language colleges in the U.S.

The proposed set-up is to have a half of a floor in Champagnet Hall for the exclusive residence of the project. Those who accept the challenge must promise not to speak anything but French in that area. This section of the dorm will be equipped with a shortwave radio, French records, and literature.

The requirements for admission to the floor are 1) to be an upperclassman, 2) to have had at least College level French or the equivalent.

We, the Circle wish that this project be successful and become a permanent part of Chapagnet.

## Literary Club

Evidence of Marist's youthful vitality can be found in the continuous emergence of new clubs and the renovation of old ones on campus. The Literary Club is a combination of the two. A literary club of sorts is in existence, but its functions have been reduced to publishing the college literary magazine, "Mosaic". However, with the aid of the enthusiastic freshman class and a core of interested upperclassmen and student-brothers, the Literary Club is planning on an expanded program next year. The club intends to revitalize the "Mosaic" and to hold literary discussion groups approximately once a month. There might also be opportunities for small groups of students to get together to discuss their own work.



Brother Linus Foy's lecture "Game Theory for Fun and Profit"

## Football Club

The Marist Football Club initiated its first spring practice last week in what hopes to be the start of a successful football team. Coach Ronnie Levine, who played at Cornell, organized the 6:15 AM sessions, hoping to bring out the interested students and give them the basic fundamentals they might lack.

Planning to play with a two-platoon system, Coach Levine had divided his squad into two groups, most of his plays off a "split-I" offensive, he looks to power plays for his strength. Defensively he used a five-man line, shifting to a four man line against the pro-style offense.

The Football Club fund raising drive is heading into its final spring moments. Highlights of its drive were the associate membership certificates sent to parents and friends, a \$50 donation by the Marist Associates, and a \$125 donation by the class of '68. Club president Bob Finn expects that Poughkeepsie will back the team at the gate if the club can hurdle the first financial barriers and field a team with full equipment early next fall. Presently he's very optimistic, and has scheduled a number of games, both home and away, to prove it.



## BATTLEGROUND: MARIST

by Joe Towers

In order to discourage repetition of offenses and to maintain fairness in the administration of penalties the college will, in the future, give points to students for various violations. When a student has accumulated a total of 9 points during the school year, he will be placed on STRICT CAMPUS, for a weekend. When he reaches 18 points he is placed on probation. When he totals 30 points his case is reviewed by the Board of Discipline and he is liable to suspension or expulsion.

**A Strict Campus:** When a student is placed on strict campus for a weekend he may not leave the campus from 6:00 P.M. on Friday night to 8:00 A.M. the following Monday. In addition he is confined to his room from 8:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. each night of his campus.

Following is a chart showing offenses and their respective number of points:

Alcoholic beverages on person or in Room .....	36 points
Under the influence of Alcohol .....	36 points
Deliberately missing Mass on Required days .....	36 points
Violation of a strict campus .....	18 points
Insolence or insubordination .....	18 points
Absence at room check .....	1-18 points
Taking shower after check .....	6 points
Improper dress .....	3 points
Improper (vulgar or obscene) language .....	3 points

It is a serious offense for any student to have cans or bottles (even empty) of intoxicating beverages in his possession on campus or in his room.

**Improper Language:** All profanity, cursing, excessive vulgarity, and obscenity in speech are considered unworthy of Catholic college students.

All Catholic students are required to attend Holy Mass in the college chapel on Sundays and Holydays. (Offenders liable to 36 points.)

**Dormitories:** Radios, phonographs, and musical instruments that are too loud may be confiscated until the end of the semester.

Students should be properly attired in the halls, especially when going to and from the wash rooms!

**Night Check:** Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be checked at 11:00 P.M. Sundays through Thursdays and at midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Seniors are checked at Midnight Sunday through Thursday and at 1:00 A.M. on Fridays and Saturdays.

New rules? No! These rules were taken from a sheet of "General Regulations, 1964-65 Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland."

Foolish? Ridiculous? Immature? Call them what you will, these rules definitely show us something about ourselves. The administration has given us the privileges and the responsibilities they feel we are capable of handling. But remember this, these have been given and they can be withdrawn.

With the new and beautiful Champangat Hall being opened in September let us determine to prove to the powers that be that we are capable of assuming even more responsibility. If we don't we just might get a sheet labeled "General Regulations, 1965-66 Marist College (Based on Mount St. Mary's)!!

I wish to thank the entire student body for the support and yes, criticism too, which they have given me for this column and for the newspaper as a whole. I would like to offer a special thanks to Mike Ward, without whose help this article would not have been possible.

## Have You Earned Your Diplomas?

by John Hart FMS

A sudden roar of motors, the smell of exhaust fumes, the taste of dust in one's mouth, and swiftly moving blurs of color on the road, the Indianapolis Speedway? No. Marist College at the end of a class period.

You wonder, when you notice all these things, exactly what it means to have a college education nowadays. Everybody wants one, it seems, so they have to go through the formality of spending four years at some institution of "higher learning". And, if they're "good" little boys, and attend just enough classes to be under-dercut; do the minimum amount of work required; copy enough term-papers from textbooks or other "students'" essays; and do the minimum amount of cheating that becomes necessary, due to lack of study; an excess of dialogue at the local tavern and a general disregard for learning, they get their reward: a little scrap of paper that entitles the bearer to affirm emphatically that yes, he has gone to college and received a degree.

And that's exactly what he's received; a degree—no more, no less. To what end?

Certainly not that of becoming educated, nor of becoming oneself. College has become a necessary evil to such attendees (and we do not accuse all of our students of this heresy of bad works), a means to acquiring a little scrap of paper which says that they have acquired more knowledge and maturity, but which does not really mean it.

Where is our quest for knowledge, where is our original thinking, where in other words, are those who are really profiting from their four years here, who are interested in improving their knowledge and personality? Where are those who do not just attend classes and do the minimum amount of work, but go deeper (into "deep depth" as D.D. would say) and explore areas of their own interest?

On June 6th of this year Marist's Seniors will solemnly march forward and receive their diploma. Of them we wonder. How many are receiving a diploma which means that they have put something into their years at Marist in order to get something out of them?

And how many of them are receiving only a little scrap of paper?



The Scene -- A dirt road many miles from Marist, Bob Johnson poses with his abductors moments before they drove off leaving him there. (Mr. Johnson's shorts courtesy of retouching department)

## MOURNING ABDUCTION

by Al May

At 5:30 A.M. on May 6, twelve shadowy figures crept unseen through the third floor corridor in Leo Hall. They stopped at one of the doors. They knocked. The door was then opened by a semi-conscious, semi-dressed sophomore class president.

The twelve then poured into the room and a yell of, "Hey Ed! Help!" resounded through the quiet halls. A second later Bob Johnson and his roommate Ed Keane found themselves on their beds with six men on top of each of them. In another second they found themselves gagged and bound with belts and bathrobe cords.

The second phase then went into operation. Six of the abductors carried Mr. Johnson down three flights of stairs and out to a waiting car while the other six detained his roommate. When the first six were in the car, the rest of the clandestine group ran from Bob Johnson's room and out to a second waiting car.

The two cars then sped (if you can consider a forty horse power Renault with eight people going up-hill speeding) from the campus. Eleven miles away they stopped on a secluded dirt road. Here Mr. Johnson was relieved of his cramped position under four men and was set upon his own in the informal attire of his underwear, a pair of sneakers, and a blanket.

A total of fourteen freshmen then arrived back on campus very happy and contended now that their week of hazing eight months before had finally been avenged.

## SPIRIT OF

### 1965 - '66

by Thomas Simmons fms

Repetition, it has been said, is the mother of learning, and it can be said that harping on the threadbare topic of school spirit has borne its fruit of belaborment. The Circle has been criticized as a sounding board for this theme, but the overall effect that has been achieved has justified the means.

The "Spirit of Marist" is a collective term for the individual personal involvement and interest in affairs both on and off campus. The "Esprit de Corps" is presently at its apex after a tedious year long upward climb. Now that the year is drawing to a climax, certain questions should be asked: Have I done my fair share this past year to make Marist a better college, and if you respond in the negative, now is also the time to make definite resolutions.

Neither should one permit his enthusiasm to ebb during the summer. It should not be packed away and forgotten to a later date.

Interest and participation by all means makes for a better environment. The physical plant is not everything, but coupled with the student's spirit, Marist can be a better campus to live on in '66. By continuing the spirit of '65 over into next year, we will not have to be faced with this monotonous theme one more time.

## AIR RAID

The class of '68 has started preparing to welcome to these hallowed halls next years three hundred bewildered freshmen. The new Frosh will meet with many experiences which will bring back many "nostalgic" memories to us veterans. However, members of the new hazing committee promise us several unique surprises. Returning once again will be the perennial rock, beanie, and signs.

Special care will be paid to see that the search for the foxtail is successful next year.

To cope with the enormous incoming class, a thirty man hazing committee has been inaugurated with ten alternates also appointed. The committee has announced that the judges for the Kangaroo court are now undergoing crash courses to forget everything they ever learned in law. All were hand picked for their reputations as stone-hearted sadists who have a lust for revenge. Best of luck and sincerest condolences to the class of '69.





OUR TOUGHEST OPPONENT !

Editorials are generally reserved for criticism. For a change of pace, We of Circle would like to devote this editorial column to the members of the Spring Weekend Committee for a job well done.

## LETTERS

Mr. Robert W. Finn  
President,  
Marist College Football Club  
Dear Mr. Finn,

It is obvious that a good deal of thought, planning and plain hard work has been devoted to the enterprise brought to my attention yesterday when my support for the Marist College Football Club was solicited. This was interesting to me, as it provided unexpected confirmation of an opinion which I expressed shortly after the recent mid-term grading period. During the pep talk to my French students, I remarked that if only a fraction of the enthusiasm, imagination and effort which I had seen displayed around the campus in connection with socials, elections and other student activities were devoted to the basic purpose for which we are all a Marist College, namely the pursuit of higher learning, then this institution would be well on its way to the achievement of that excellence to which we are, theoretically, committed.

I applaud the members of the Football Club for getting up early in the morning—a practice to which I myself have been devoted for many years—and for the self-discipline of training and hard physical exertion, of which so many Marist students are in obvious need.

In what way, however, does the Football Club differ from the Crew, the Sailing Club, the Soccer Club, the Golf Club, the Dramatic Club and the other student organizations through which the extra-curricular interests of the student body of Marist College find expression? All of these appear to me equally worthy of encouragement and support; none appears to merit a special place.

In setting up the goal of bringing inter-scholastic football to Marist, I fear that your group has yielded to the lure of the spectacular and flashy aura which has come to surround football as it is today—commercialized public entertainment more than traditional sport, the professional money-making aspect having contaminated even the intercollegiate

game in so many institutions. Expensive to launch, even more expensive to maintain, I doubt that this game is worth the candle.

From a practical standpoint, haven't you underestimated the financial burden involved in your project? I fear that the program you have in mind will entail far greater expenditures than those you mention, and which are in themselves substantial.

There are so many ways to "boost" and support Marist College at this stage of its young development, in my opinion—and the most fruitful of these, I think, is for the student body to do everything in its power to create here an academic community characterized by the motivation, excellence of intellectual achievement and personal distinction of its members. Then the fame of Marist will spread far and wide, without needing the superficial type of advertising generated by football victories—or defeats. I am for keeping football in its place one fine sport among many other fine sports—and for the reasons I have outlined I am not responding to your special appeal.

Yours sincerely,  
EDWARD H. GERMANN,  
Associate Professor.

Mr. Edward H. Germann,  
Associate Professor, Marist College  
Dear Mr. Germann,

Your letter was well received by the membership of the Football Club. We were grateful for the well deserved praise given to the player members for their morning sacrifices. Primarily, your letter was enthusiastically studied because it contained constructive criticism, and this can only benefit the campus, the Club, and the individual students.

Yet, there is an essential point that might be clarified concerning club activities. Soccer, Crew, Basketball, Track, Sailing and Golf are varsity sports. They are teams which come under the direct auspices of the Athletic Department, and ultimately the administration. They are financed by the administration, and their needs are satisfied when possible in a yearly budget.

The desire for football is coming from the student body. It is not a varsity sport, nor ever will be at Marist. It is much too expensive to enter on a full-time collegiate level which would possibly lead to the superficiality you speak of.

In club football, the emphasis is on the game, not the notoriety brought to Marist by big-time competition. It is giving the football players at Marist and a number of other colleges in the Metropolitan area a chance to play America's greatest sport, and to learn the virtues of sportsmanship and teamwork taught on the gridiron. Club Football will never achieve the state where commercialism will replace playing the game.

Club Football is not financed by the Administration. We must raise the money necessary to "get off the ground" in the variety of projects underway at the present time. We approached the faculty for Charter membership, because they are every bit a part of Marist as the student body.

In any event, we respect your opinion, and are grateful that you thought enough of us to explain your position. We remain

Very truly yours,  
The Marist College Football Club  
Robert W. Finn,  
President.

Dear Editor:  
I have been most pleased with the Circle, its clean make-up, its clear competent reporting, good sports page, and interesting features. It came as a rude shock, then, to find the paper letting itself be used as a vehicle for one of the shabbiest weapons in the armory of cowardice, the anonymous letter. The item signed "Unanimous" was typical of the species. A vague public purpose thinly veiled a malicious personal attack. After knifing his primary target, Unanimous went on to attack some administrator but so vaguely that his strictures might apply to any of five men. An "in-group" may have known which victim was intended but for the average reader, five men had been smeared. Even hiding in the dark, Unanimous lacked the courage to be specific and confined himself to broad hints which the imagination of the reader might suitably

embroider.

Police states depend absolutely upon secret and anonymous informers and allow themselves to be used for all kinds of personal and private purposes as part of the price for tyrannical power. But all who claim freedom must accept the obligation to maintain it. The Supreme Court has recently upheld the right of the accused to know and confront his accuser in even the pettiest of courts. Responsible newspapers do not give the anonymous letter house room and for good reason. A newspaper is the court of public opinion. In that court, the accused must have his rights as well as the accuser.

May I urge the Circle to speak out fairly and responsibly but boldly in your own voice. Leave anonymous vilification to its fit and proper medium, the latrine wall.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Roscoe Balch

Dear Editor

The recent demonstration in Washington, D.C., against the policy of our government once again reminds us of the potential of the student. This so-called student protest was sponsored and financed by "leftist" groups surrounding the colleges. The college communities around the country have used their positions of trust to spout their own views on politics without identifying them as personal opinion. These men have the right to their own opinion and they have the proper podium outside of the classroom. Many of the students who march in these so-called peace protests or freedom marches are in for a sad awakening. They accomplish little that is of lasting value. Most experts agree that our social problems, which have been building for over 100 years will not be wiped away by legislation, marches or the death of two, five, or five hundred students.

With the summer coming on many of our students will find that they have plenty of spare time. I urge our students to be wary of rash decisions to protest the evils that plague mankind. They should remember that Rome was not built in a day and that they can't tear down a society in a decade.

Sincerely,  
John Skehan.



