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Student feelings mixed over Clinton's visit

by **S.J. RICHARD and ANDREW HOLMLUND**

The limousine sped passed Marist so quickly many students were not altogether sure what they had seen.

Inside the long black car was President Bill Clinton on his way to Hyde Park last Friday afternoon to deliver a speech at the Haviland Middle School.

Many Marist students stood outside in the bitter cold hoping to catch a glimpse of the commander-in-chief.

David Strong, a sophomore, was one of these students.

"I went out there and thought he'd be there, but I ended up waiting 30 minutes," said Strong from Albequerque, N.M. "I saw the figure of his head. I saw his car and heard his voice."

However, Strong was more amused by the crowd of students gawking at the motorcade than the actual event itself.

"Everyone standing out in the cold and getting excited when a police car passed by made me chuckle," he said.

Other students were plainly disappointed.

Leigh Harper, a sophomore from Oxford, Conn., said he stood out in the cold for nothing.

"It was a joke," he said. "It was just a big hype for nothing."

Damion Barton agrees.

Barton, from North Salem, N.Y., was disappointed after waiting for two hours outside just to see Clinton wave.

"I thought it was a big waste of time," said Barton, a sophomore.

While some were clearly unhappy with their fleeting glances of Clinton, other students found humor in the drive-by.

Cliff Delaney, a junior from Bridgewater, N.J., thought that it was a wonderful opportunity for Marist and the crowd.

"It was a cool thing to happen for Marist," he said. "It was very beneficial to the school because the President recognized Marist even though it's a small school."

Unlike many other students, Delaney said he did not mind that Clinton did not stop at Marist.

I was surprised to see Bill Clinton's head at 40 mph," said Delaney. "It sort of looked like Barbara Bush."

Chris Canane, also a junior, said he was pleased with his citing of the President but pointed out what he sees as the reason many other students were discontented.

"The school (Marist) made it seem as if he was going to stop," said Canane, from Vernon, Conn. "The school over-blew it."

Senior Margie Moran, a graduate student residing on North Road, was especially excited to see the motorcade as her housemate, Janine Vitagliano, was driving some of the Washington press corps behind the limousine.

She and her other housemates stood outside holding signs. One said "Hi Bill" the other "Hi Janine."

But she too said she was surprised how fast the cars drove northward along Route 9.

"We realized it was him after the fact," she said. "Everything happened so fast."

The lasting impression of many students is of the speed with which the cars passed them.

Kara Capone, a freshman from Orange, Conn., said it was a moving experience.

"It moved me," she said. "But the only thing that was really moving was his car."

Seniors Krissy Andreason, Laura Whittle, Joe LaBar, Katie Cox, and sophomore Krissy Aquero (middle) display a Clinton banner along Route 9 on Friday, in preparation of the President's motorcade.

Circle photo/Kristen McDade

Campus ministry reacts to the debate over condoms

by **PETER DONALDSON**
Staff Writer

Through continual discourse, new light may be shed upon an old argument.

The discussion over the availability of condoms on campus has caused some people to debate the issue and others to become tiresome over it.

"After you read 132 articles on the subject, you only read the headlines and go on to something else," said Sister Jeanne Hamilton, director of campus ministry.

Father Luke McCann, the college chaplain, declined further comment saying he already cited his feelings and beliefs on the issue in a letter to the editor in the Feb. 18 issue of the Circle.

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— Sister Jeanne Hamilton

Sister Hamilton said even within the Christian community, opinions on condoms may differ slightly.

"Cardinal O'Connor has said clearly that he does not want it taught in schools that way," she said.

Sister Hamilton also said Cardinal Lustiger, Archbishop of Paris, preferred that people would not have intercourse outside marriage, but if they are, then they have a moral obligation to use a condom.

"We have two prominent, well-respected church leaders saying two things that are not entirely opposed to each other, because they are both saying that the ideal is to have sexual relations only in marriage," she said.

For the religious community, it is not a question of whether or not condoms should be more accessible, but whether or not Marist should adhere to a higher ideal in preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.

For Sister Hamilton and other members of the Christian religion, the ideal is clearly to remain chaste.

"Chaste does not mean celibate," she said. "Chaste means you use sexual powers properly."

Sister Hamilton said we should be teaching self-control and that proper use of sexual powers is right and better for people.

Some members of the Christian faith see God not as an unmerciful entity who punishes humans severely, but as a loving parent who acts out of love to protect the in-

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False rumor connecting Playboy and Marist
Sexual activity stat haunts 'Backtalk'

by **KRISTINA WELLS**
Staff Writer

One of the programs showed on Marist College Television, a debate show called "Backtalk," apparently has filled the college with rumors which seem to be unfounded.

The subject discussed during a segment aired during the third week of February dealt with condoms and Marist College.

Gina Becconsall, producer and director of "Backtalk," said she has been confronted by administration about a comment made on the show which was not substantiated.

"There was a comment made on the condom show that Playboy magazine had stated that Marist had the fourth highest number of sexually active students in the nation," she said.

From that show, rumors began circulating.

"Dennis Murray's secretary called me and wanted to know where the information had come from. Administration is going crazy about it," said Becconsall.

In addition, Becconsall also said the show aired for one week and that the Marist administration did not even catch the comment until the second to last day the program was shown.

The Circle contacted Murray's office Friday and was told that he was working on the Clinton visit and was unavailable for comment.

A spokeswoman for Playboy magazine, Elizabeth Norris, said that a story dealing with Marist and sexual activity never ran in the magazine.

"There is absolutely no truth to that. In fact, it is probably wishful thinking," Norris said.

Irrizary insisted that the article may exist. He said, "I'm still waiting to talk to someone who read the article, supposedly."

Irrizary said he could give no further information pertaining to the factuality of the rumor.

"Greg (Maxim,a senior from Clinton, Conn.) and I have no comment until we can get a copy of the article (in Playboy). We are going to send a copy to Dennis Murray and to all the students," said Frank Irrizary, a senior from Queens, N.Y.

Despite not wanting to comment, Irrizary said the administration reacted to the show.

"We finally got a reaction from administration. The communication barrier is not as large between the students and faculty now. There are times when the administration enacts policies and the students need to be aware of them. That is what 'Backtalk' does," Irrizary said.

Maxim, who appears regularly on 'Backtalk,' said the show's main purpose is to form some sort of communication between the students and the administration.

"They don't want to see eye to eye. The administration doesn't want to face the problem and the students don't want to see the implications of condoms on campus. The show made them both more aware," Maxim said.

Both Irrizary and Maxim said President Murray is waiting too long to take measures to allow condoms on campus.

"If President Murray doesn't want to deal with the problem that afflicts the Marist community as a whole, then I hope he can rest easy at night with his conscience knowing that there may be students having unprotected sex, thus increasing likelihood of the possibility of STD's being spread," said Irrizary.

Maxim said if Murray waits any longer to give the go ahead to have condoms on campus, he will be killing the students at Marist.

"Everyday President Murray waits to put condoms on campus, he drives another nail deeper into the eventual coffins of the student body," he said.

Becconsall said the Marist administration cannot ignore the fact that students are sexually active.

"All you hear about is people hooking up every weekend. The administration can't ignore the fact that this is a sexually active campus. That's why we are known as Mattress College," Becconsall said.

Becconsall said even if the rumor about sexual activity at Marist were not true, the alleged statistics would not surprise her.

"The stats would definitely not surprise me. Our nickname, Mattress College, says it all. The school is so small that it is almost inevitable," she said.

She also said she does not think the condom policy will change.

"Since this school was founded by Marist Brothers, the policy will never change. I don't think allowing condoms on campus will make Marist look like it is promoting casual sex, but rather it makes the school look more student oriented," she said.

Maxim said Marist isn't the only school with a large percentage of sexually active students.

"Wherever there are sexually active students, there are bound to be problems with sexually transmitted diseases. Abstinence is not an option at Mattress College," he said.

Referring to administration reaction to "Backtalk," Maxim said, "It's a typical Marist example of persecuting the messenger and avoiding the message."

'Groundhog' should remain in hibernation

I was at home on Saturday afternoon with nothing to do, so I decided to go to the movies. Usually, going to the movies is a cure for boredom. To my surprise, after sitting through "Groundhog Day", I have learned to appreciate the boredom I was so quick to try and get rid of. I think director Harold Ramis (who made a small appearance in the movie) should wait until he gets a decent script before making a movie.

Bill Murray ("Caddyshack" and the upcoming "Mad Dog and Glory") is Phil Connors, a weatherman for a Pittsburgh television station. Every year, Phil is sent to Punxatawny, Penn., the home of "Punxatawny Phil," for the Groundhog Day festival. This is the most exciting time of the year for the people of this small town and everyone gathers around to see if there will be six more weeks of winter.

Phil, on the other hand, is very eager to just do his report and leave. He doesn't know that leaving is not going to be that easy.

Phil is accompanied by his producer Rita and his cameraman Eddie. Andie MacDowell ("Hudson Hawk", "Greencard") is Rita, who Phil is trying to become romantically involved with. Chris Elliot (from the short lived television sitcom "Get a Life") is Phil's sidekick cameraman. Elliot's role really is pointless and it seemed like he was put in the story for no reason other than driving a van and holding a camera. If he was given the chance, he could really add some comedy to this film.

The Reel Story

Jennifer Giandalone

MacDowell, in my opinion, doesn't belong in a comedy and was cast solely because of her looks and not her talent.

To get to the point, Phil finds himself stuck in the same day.

Groundhog Day is repeated over and over and over again. Every day, he tries something different to win Rita's affections. He realizes that he can't die and can do whatever he wants without facing the consequences. He uses this to his advantage.

That's it. We see the same scenes repeated constantly with only some slight changes. It just never seems to end. I know there are people who would like to do some things over again but this is ridiculous.

The movie has its moments and will make you laugh. These moments don't last very long though. After seeing the same thing five, six, or in some cases seven times, it gets to be a little too much. The jokes become old and you can predict exactly what will happen. There is nothing enjoyable about a predictable movie. It is even less enjoyable if the movie is supposed to be predictable.

Harold Ramis ("Stripes", "Baby Boom") and his writers tried to make Phil divert his attention away from Rita to more serious matters. He would go around town trying to prevent accidents which would cause people to get hurt. This "guardian angel" attitude came after an incident with an old homeless man. Phil's encounter with this man is the only part of the movie that gave it any real substance.

The script was very basic and didn't really go anywhere. It was a weak attempt at a comedy that could have been a lot better. Without Bill Murray's expert comedic touch, the movie would have put me to sleep.

Believe me when I tell you that staying home flipping through television channels will be more exciting than this movie. If you insist on seeing a Bill Murray/Harold Ramis movie, go to the video store and rent "Ghostbusters" (part 1 or 2) or "Stripes." "Groundhog Day" is one movie that I could not handle watching more than once. Now that I think about it, seeing it once was one time too many.

Headbangers unite: metal rids itself of spandex

Slam the lid on the casket, metal is dead.

The days of sword and sorcery from the likes of Dio, Slayer, and Black Sabbath are over, thankfully. Rising up out of the ashes are a new breed of bands with more talent, originality, and punctuality.

No, I'm not talking about Geffen's latest marketing sensation, the frightfully horrible Jackyl, or Dream Theater's progressive wanking, but a number of bands that offer plenty of headbanging, genre-bashing, and something to think about. Call it the "thinking person's metal."

Heavy metal has always been an interesting phenomenon, though, since its inception in the late '60s, early '70s. Stereotypically associated with teenage boys, it has never seemed to go out of style, always with a strong fan base. And somehow, it's always a detriment to society, acting as a scapegoat for parents who can't responsibly raise their children.

In your ear

Dana Buoniconti

Helmet, Nine Inch Nails, and Ministry are certainly a left turn from the poncy leather machismo of Judas Priest. Helmet fuses metal crunch and spatial textures, executing riffs and time changes like a drill sergeant. Their latest album, "Meantime," was the best metal album of last year.

Nine Inch Nails, the baby of Trent Reznor, isn't my cup of tea, but their brand of industrial thrash sure catches a lot of people's fancy. Reznor plans to release a follow-up to the "Broken" EP in late spring or summer.

Ministry is one band beyond description, and they have to be seen live to be fully appreciated. (They totally stole the show from the Red Hot Chili Peppers at Lollapalooza 2.) Led by the always dapper Al Jourgenson, they mix jackhammer rhythms with screaming guitars and twisted samples to create a sonic feast for the senses. "Psalm 69" is a definite keeper.

Grunge kingpins Soundgarden and Alice In Chains, though overhyped beyond belief, are also paving the way for the new kids on the metal block.

Anthrax, possibly the best thrash band around, is unique because they have a sense of humor, as well as a social conscience. Their new album, with new singer John Bush, should hit the streets in April. Keep an eye peeled for this one.

And King's X, one of the most underrated, underappreciated bands in the world, deserves a bigger audience than it currently has. The group sometimes gets compared to Rush, but they're more metal, with psychedelic elements and killer harmonies thrown in.

Check out their third album "Faith, Hope, Love by King's X."

It's nothing short of incredible.

Lately, it looks like the masses are catching on to some of the bands I've detailed above, and that's a good thing. Metal doesn't have to be stupid, and it can certainly be more challenging than the moronic blandness of Metallica, Megadeth, or Motley Crue.

Unfortunately, I can't have KISS in it's heyday. What I can have is smart, thrashy, headbanging metal.

'Crying Game' surprises critic with twists and turns

The thing I hate about being a critic is trying to sum up the movie afterwards. Although I enjoy a good film, I sometimes lose something in the writing process. But I recommend this movie to anyone who likes a good surprise.

Neil Jordan's "The Crying Game" has been playing exclusively in New York City for the past two months. As much as I tried to go down and see it, I was unable to catch the movie and feared I would have to wait for it on video.

But since its Academy Award nomination for Best Picture, Miramax finally decided to distribute it nationwide, much to my, and hopefully everybody's, pleasure.

"The Crying Game" stars Steven Rea as a member of an IRA group that kidnaps a British soldier. Forest Whitaker ("Good Morning, Vietnam") is the kidnapped soldier who befriends Rea while they both await a life or death decision from Rea's leader. The scenes between these two characters are the strongest and most involving moments of any recent movie.

Neil Jordan, writer and director of "Mona Lisa" and "The Crying Game," has always been a master of delving into the lives of two people who are in some sort of relationship.

In "Mona Lisa," it was between a cab driver and a prostitute. Here, it involves the two soldiers, and later, Whitaker's girlfriend and Rea.

Jordan does a fine job of juggling complex subject matters and yet, trying not to give any of the plot away, manages not to offend anyone in the process. In fact, the movie is packed with very humorous moments, even when the situation is a bit more than weird, which is a good combination to have in order to keep the audience from shying away from the plot.

Critic's corner

Kraig DeMattels

Jaye Davidson is Dil, the desire of both Rea and Whitaker, who hooks onto Rea and never lets go. This brings the story to another level where we do not understand the "why's" or "how's," but the relationship as a whole. Rea has gone to Dil as a protector, but has grown to care and love Dil to the point where he cannot leave her under any circumstances.

Enter the antagonists: the other members of the IRA group Rea left behind. Unsure of his loyalties, they want him to do a next-to-suicidal assassination of a prominent judge. As an assurance, they threaten to kill Dil if he does not go through with it.

This all may sound like the standard action movie, but the one thing you should not pay attention to are the commercials. They show all the action scenes of things blowing up and people being shot, but those are the least interesting scenes of the movie. This is a story about friendship and loyalty; the dialogue and the camera draw us into that, but with social ideologies and humor.

Personally, I do not think "The Crying Game" will win Best Picture ("Unforgiven" will), but it will be one of those movies that critics will praise and by word of mouth, develop a big following.

Besides some technical and legal problems toward the end of the film, and the constant playing of the title song (sung by Boy George of all people), "The Crying Game" delivers some shocking surprises that people will want to talk about, but shouldn't, so as not to spoil it for those who haven't.

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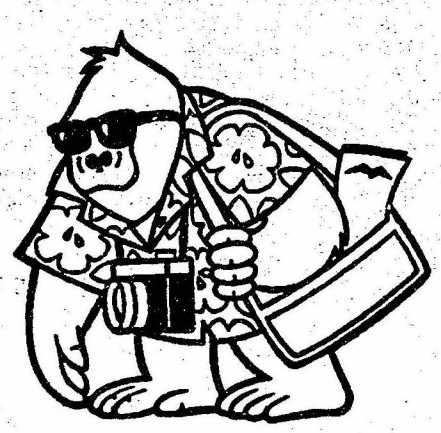
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Volunteers take advance team to Hyde Park

by **CAROLINE JONAH**
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For many Marist students, President Clinton's visit to Hyde Park last Friday was their first political experience.

For some, that experience was lining the sides of North Road waiting for Clinton's motorcade.

For a few Marist students, Friday's political experience meant working with the White House Advance Team coordinating the event.

Last Tuesday, the Marist Institute of Public Opinion coordinated a meeting where students were assigned a work schedule with the White House Advance Team.

Students who didn't work with the advance-team, and who were eligible — at least 21 years old with no past driving convictions — were assigned positions as drivers in the motorcade.

All volunteer positions were drawn by lottery due to the huge number of students who wanted to participate in the event.

Tom Kirwan, a junior, was one of the students chosen to work with the advance-team.

"I went to the meeting and I was lucky enough to be picked," he said.

On Thursday, Kirwan and Chris Vandel, a Marist senior, worked at the Haviland Middle School making preparations for the visit. On Friday, Kirwan and Vandel coordinated a shuttle that drove ticket holders from the Roosevelt High School to the Haviland Middle School.

Kirwan said one of the best parts about his job was helping other people.

"There was a guy with two kids, who was promised tickets, but wasn't on the list," Kirwan said. "All he wanted to do was get his kids in to see the president. Being able to give him tickets was great, rewarding and it made me feel good."

Kirwan also attended Clinton's speech Friday afternoon.

"I respect him a lot more," he said. "And he's the only real politician I've shaken hands with."

Rebecca Bowes, a freshman from Bay Shore, N.Y., was also impressed by Clinton and the coordination of the event while working for the advance-team.

"It was exciting," Bowes said. "It's amazing how a person who was on so many television screens across the country was right in front of me."

Marc Mele, a sophomore from Burlington, Conn., worked with the team on Wednesday and the day of the event.

Mele was impressed by the overall operation of the event, but was quick to give credit to the Marist students.

"They (the White House Advance Team) seemed cool under a lot of pressure," he said. "But without the volunteers, they would have been in trouble. They didn't have the body-count to get the work done."

Mele also said it was important to volunteer in able to not only help, but see what really goes on at an operation like this.

"He's president now," Mele said. "I ought to support him to get things done."

Jim Sullivan, a sophomore political science major, worked with the White House Advanced Team Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Sullivan said it was interesting working with the White House staff and "enjoyed the build-up and preparation" of the speech.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Sullivan took applications for press credentials and took phone calls from the general public. On Friday, he distributed the press passes before the speech.

Sullivan said he enjoyed working with the Advance Team, because he was able to get real experience that isn't possible in a classroom.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity," Sullivan said.

GPA may count more if point system changes

by **DAWN MARTIN**
Staff Writer

With next semester's housing forms on the way, there may be a change in the priority point system which would focus more points towards grade point average, according to Jim Raimo, director of housing and residential life.

Raimo said the decision has not been finalized.

The Student Affairs staff said they decided the grade point average should be more important in deciding how many priority points a student should get.

There would no longer be priority points given out because of class year, the staff added.

The new system would mean students could get eight priority points for getting above a 3.5, according to the Student Affairs staff.

Presently, a 3.8 is the standard.

"It was so difficult previously for people to get a certain amount of points for gpa that very few students made it to that range," Raimo said.

Raimo said with the older system, gpa points did not count as much because it was so difficult to get a high enough gpa to get a good number of points.

"I think by emphasizing the priority points a bit more with the gpa, it gives kids a good goal to shoot for and it gives them a few more points," Raimo said.

He said he hopes students would get the feeling that housing has put some extra consideration towards academic performance in its priority point system.

"At least a student can feel that the main reason that they're here for, academics, is going to get a little higher preference, little higher points as opposed to all the other categories," Raimo said.

Nella Licari, the student body president, said this new procedure may motivate students because priority points will no longer come from a student's class year.

"For juniors and seniors, if they want a place on campus, this will be more incentive for them," she said.

Licari also said it may give the students, who have a higher gpa, a better chance of getting placed in the housing facilities of their choice.

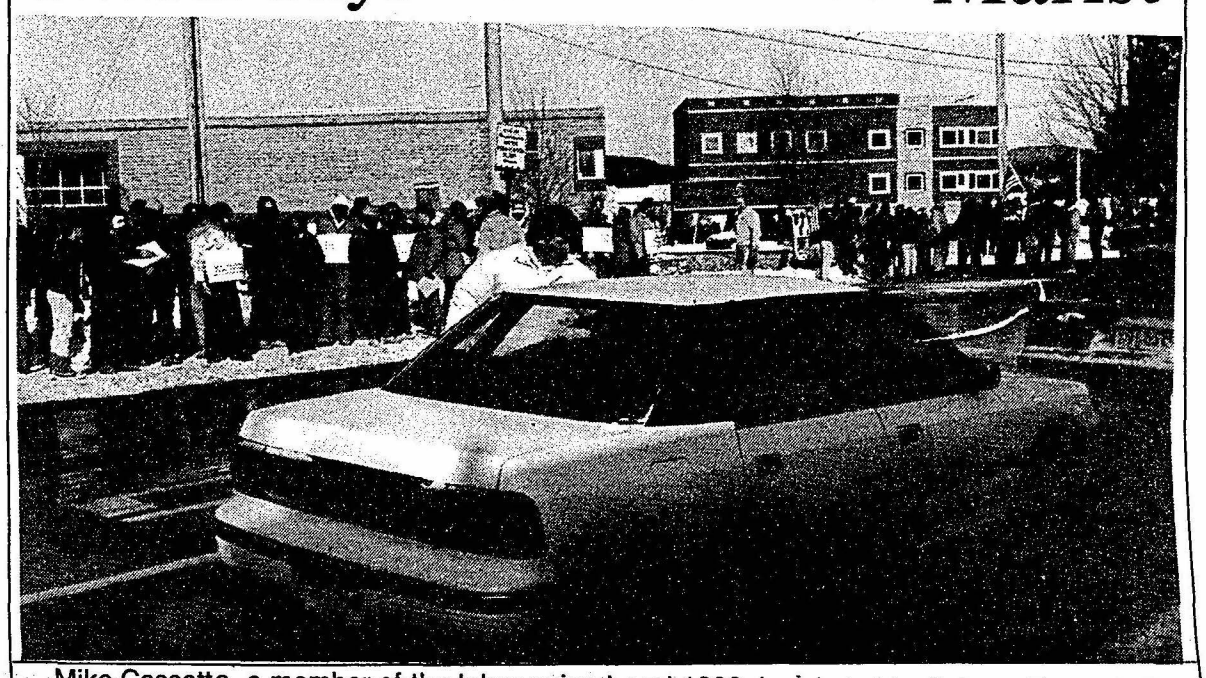
Raimo said they want to try to make the priority point system to be fairly well balanced, between the other categories like gpa, discipline, activities and the other numerous things points are where points are given.

The staff wants to get some more points to go towards academic performance to reward the students who are doing well in the classroom, Raimo said.

Raimo said if this procedure goes into effect, they will look at the results at the end of the year and see if it was a success.

"We'll certainly see at the end of the year looking at how many points people got, and how many points people got gpa wise, to see if people got a lot more points for gpa, a couple more points, or if it actually ended up that they didn't get any more points," he said.

Union says "no fair" to Marist



Mike Cassetta, a member of the labor union Local 1000, hands out leaflets on Route 9, Friday morning.

Cirlce photo/Dom Fontana

by **DOMINICK FONTANA**
Senior Editor

There were approximately 150 local union members, most of who were out of work for months, handing out leaflets late last week stating Marist College is paying sub-standard wages, with no benefits, to non-union employees working on the $27 million construction project.

The president of the Dutchess County Billing and Trades Council, David Kellogg, said the union workers were "exercising their freedom of expression," handing out the leaflets to passing vehicles, especially those entering and exiting the campus.

Fred Paolucci, a business agent for the carpenter's union, Local 203, said the current construction workers were not going to reinvest what they made back into the county's economy, which hurts the area financially.

"We feel Marist is not being fair to Dutchess County workers," said Jim Malcolm, the recording secretary of Local 203. "We want to keep the jobs here (Dutchess County), and we're not getting a fair shake."

The Dyson Center was completed in August 1990, after 10 months of construction, and union members were hired in this case.

Malcolm said he worked on the Dyson and Donnelly buildings nearly three years ago, adding that Marist received a good product in a short time.

"Most of theses guys have been here (union members) for close to 30 years," said Tom Coy, a member of Local 203, who was standing at the north entrance handing out flyers. "The reason why we're all here is because we want local jobs for local people. We need the money."

When a maintenance service truck drove into the north entrance early Wednesday morning, some union members began to mumble to each other that the men in the truck were non-union workers.

The men were employees of Henne Property, Maintenance and Management Services, salting the icy asphalt around the Bank of New York.

"They've got a lot of balls handing out those papers today," said Andrew Badger, a Poughkeepsie resident who was throwing salt down. "If you're out of a job, then go look for another one."

BSU pleased with February sponsored events

by **PATRICIA FARRELL**
Staff Writer

While some members of the Black Student Union said there is a general lack of support from the adminstration during most of the year, they did say overall they were pleased with activities during February, Black History Month.

"I think they did a good job this month in particular with guest speakers, comedians and African American events, but there has been a lot of red tape as with any club here during the year," Sophia Thomas, vice president for the BSU said.

Thomas, a junior from Brooklyn, said there have been problems working with the administration, in particular with funding. She said although the administration has not always been fully supportive, the Activities Office has worked with them to schedule guest speakers and they have even received support from Student Government.

Sheila Meyers, secretary for the BSU, agreed that there has not been a lot of cooperation from the administration which she said is due to a lack of communication.

"I hope we can get more cooperation from the head office and a more open mind from the administration," Meyers, a sophomore from the Bronx said.

Meyers said she does not see as much support from the administration at Marist in regard to Black History Month compared to the involvement the administration at her high school from home has.

"I don't see as much involvement here as compared to high school," Meyers said. "Maybe it's because of mixed communication between us and the administration. In high school, it (Black History Month) was like Christmas to us."

Throughout the month there has been guest speakers, a dance sponsored by the BSU, vendors in the Champagnat breezeway, and round-table discussions on black topics.

Theresa Hardaway, public relations chairperson for the BSU, said she wished more people had attended the activities during the month. She added that with the new officers this year, she believes that the BSU is improving.

"This year especially, everyone has done a great job. Everyone has really been getting their job done and I think the BSU is getting even better now," Hardaway, a junior from the Bronx said.

She said that personally she has not had any problems with the administration this year, but she remembers how there seemed to be a "lack of trust" from the administration at one of the on-campus events they had. She said if the administration just supported them a little more, there wouldn't be any problems.

Many said that the BSU has proved to be a rewarding experience for them and has given them a sense of leadership and a closeness with many other black students on campus.

"The BSU has definitely lived up to my expectations," Meyers said who heard about the club even before she came to Marist. "I was invited up for the Cultural Dinner Dance when I was in high school. It was a good chance for me to meet a lot of people and not only get a feel for Marist but a chance to get involved in the Black Student Union."

The annual Cultural Dinner Dance, which is scheduled for April, is the biggest event of the year for the BSU.

Thomas said not only has she seen an improvement with the BSU on campus but with other organizations.

"We have a lot more people of color on our campus this year," Thomas said. "I think the BSU is not only getting better, but the Hispanic club." Thomas added that many people never knew there was a Hispanic club and more people are now becoming aware and involved.

"This year our main goal is to try to get more people in the community, neighborhoods and other colleges involved and to talk about their issues and concerns," Thomas said.

Clinton economic plan: will America buy it?

by **KIRELL A. LAKHMAN**
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If there is one thing that President Bill Clinton proved with his visit to Hyde Park Feb.19, it is that enough media savvy can sell even the most risque ideas.

Indeed, in typical Uncle Bill fashion, Clinton last week made his rounds across the nation pitching his much debated economic plan.

The two-day, three-state blitz of High School speeches, Town Hall meetings and McDonald's pit stops seemed to leave some Americans dazed, others nervous and a few scratching their heads. But when the smoke finally cleared over the weekend, Clinton managed to pull away with impressive approval ratings.

True, news studies such as the combined Time magazine-CNN poll found Clinton's proposed plan receiving thumbs-up from over 62 percent of Americans. With early response so positive you would think the President can now sit back and wait for the final OK from the boys and girls on Capitol Hill.

However, pundits nationwide and Republicans in Congress are making it clear that it will take more than political savvy and a public willing to try anything to pass the plan.

For example, local official criticize Clinton's proposed energy tax. Specifically, a tax of this nature would raise families' annual bills for gasoline, home heat and electricity by more than $500.

Rep. Gerald B. Solomon, R.,C-Glenn Falls, broke those figures down to an estimated 18-cent increase on the price of gasoline per gallon.

Other lawmakers, quick to brand Clinton's plan as simple political powder-puff punches, are ready to censure the whole thing.

New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato, a Republican, said that the plan "is a lot of glitter and not much substance" and that the public is "going to rise up and reject this thing," adding that there is a $136 million community block grant for New York that Clinton's proposal is ignoring.

Some taxes, in short, would target capital gains, Social Security, Medicare and Medicade, while a federal sales tax will be introduced. This, say many on Capitol Hill, would do more wrong than right.

"It (the federal sales tax) would hit low-income people," said Rep. Hamilton Fish, R.,C-Millbrook.

Furthermore, argues Fish, a national sales tax would stifle a nation just emerging from economic darkness. "You could be laying these taxes on businesses just as they're starting to see a little daylight," said the Republican.

Clinton's plan, due to hit the streets in early 1994 with final approval from Congress, would have the federal government taking in $246 billion in new taxes over the next four years while spending $247 billion less than outlined in past budget proposals.

Spending cuts?

Military spending would be reduced by $76 billion more than President Bush planned; Medicare and Medicaid would become limited to what they could pay doctors, hospitals and labs; space station development would be frozen, and scores of other government programs would be slashed or terminated.

Future increases in spending?

For starters, research in nuclear fusion; federal investments in mass transit such as high-speed rail, airports, roads and bridges, and a popular program with college students that would allow repayment of loans to be done through some form of national service.

> ***"It's a lot of glitter and not much substance...the public is going to rise up and reject this thing."***
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> **Sen. Alfonse D'Amato on Clinton's proposed economic plan**

Concern over what kind of impact the Clinton economic plan would foster locally left many Hudson Valley residents skeptical. And duly so.

In Dutchess County alone unemployment rose from 4.9 percent in October, 1991, to 6.4 percent just one year later - a total loss of over 5,000 jobs. Deep cuts in IBM and local hospitals only feed the frenzy, making locals unsure if the Clinton plan will offer any real help.

Topics touched on the environment, as well. More specifically, why the federal government is unable - or unwilling - to lend a hand in cleaning up the PCB-infested Hudson River, an issue simmering in local legislative caldrons for over 18 years.

Topics closer to home that were not covered deal with an estimated $1.5 million of student aid that is in geopardy of being slashed within New York State if Gov. Mario Cuomo's plan passes legislature.

The cuts in funding for higher education, outlined in Cuomo's 1993-94 budget proposal, will shave up to $30 million from the state's Tuition Assistance Program, including $20 million in that year's freshman awards.

In addition to TAP, aid to independant colleges would suffer with cuts in Bundy assistance and other state-generated monies.

Under Cuomo's plan, students at Marist, Vassar and Mount St. Mary colleges would be hit hardest.

These and other educational cutbacks at national colleges and universities are being undermined or neglected in Clinton's economic plan, administrators at Marist say.

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terests of the children.

"I don't think that God or the church or anybody is saying don't do this because I'm nasty and I don't want you to do it," Sister Hamilton said. "It's because truly it is not good and not good for us."

"Look around how many people's lives have been ruined because somebody decided it would be more enjoyable to sleep with somebody they're not married to," she added.

Sister Hamilton said people have a tendency to run around and say Cardinal O'Conner says that I can or he says that I can't, and that's 'dumping'.

"I should not be dumping it off on other people," she said. "I've got to eyeball with myself and with my God and deal with the question honestly myself."

David Rule, assistant professor of educational psychology, said it is not just a moral issue anymore.

"From the Christian perspective, we would say that all we are doing is validating what Christ and the scriptures have told us," he said.

Rule said placing the morality issue aside, one could make the same argument about condoms on a purely secular level.

"From a researcher's perspective, the documentation is fairly clear that, in general, the proper use of condoms is not high," Rule said.

He said when passions are running high, there is very little evidence to suggest that condoms do very well in stopping venereal diseases.

For this reason, Rule said that most sex education courses promote abstinence as the only effective means of protecting one's self from sexually transmitted diseases.

He said people are realizing now that there is no safe sex unless the two individuals have been virginal in their relationships until marriage.

"The institution here, because of its heritage, needs to say that if you're having sex, then we can not condone that or stop you, but do not expect us to allow it by providing you with the means, supposedly, to have safe sex," Rule said.

John Canorro, secretary for the campus ministry and a religious studies minor, said Marist keeps its Catholic tradition and would like to maintain that image.

According to Canorro, Marist is one of very few private schools that has its own chapel on campus and has a chaplin living on campus.

"We try to keep this image, and by allowing condoms on campus, it really starts to destroy that image," Canorro said.

Canorro, a junior, said condoms should be treated no differently than items such as cigarettes and alcohol.

"None of those things are sold on campus, but if you really want it, you can go out and get it," he said. "Condoms are not like little pearls that you have to go out and hunt for."

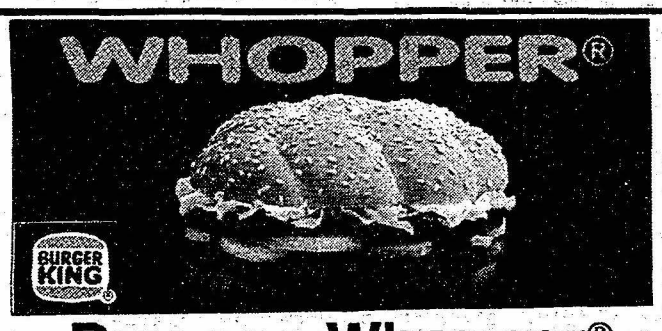
Dina Pace is a Catholic who is involved in the campus ministry but takes a different view that allowing condoms on campus would be the lesser of two evils.

"Being a Catholic, I can't sit back and say 'screw you' if you're doing it, because by me having sex, that would be a sin in the Catholic church," she said. "But if I were to allow a friend to have sex and to let it go by without my saying something, that is also a sin because I didn't say something."

Pace said it is far better to hand people condoms than to just sit idly by and watch them possibly contract a fatal disease or have an unwanted pregnancy and have to face abortion.

A lot of people are turned off by the church because of misconceptions about the church's punishment of sins, the sophomore said.

"There is virtually nothing you can do that the church will turn its back on if you ask for forgiveness," she said. "My view is different from a lot of my fellow students in that I feel that God had it all set up and basically, if we went by what he was saying, we wouldn't have any problems to worry about."



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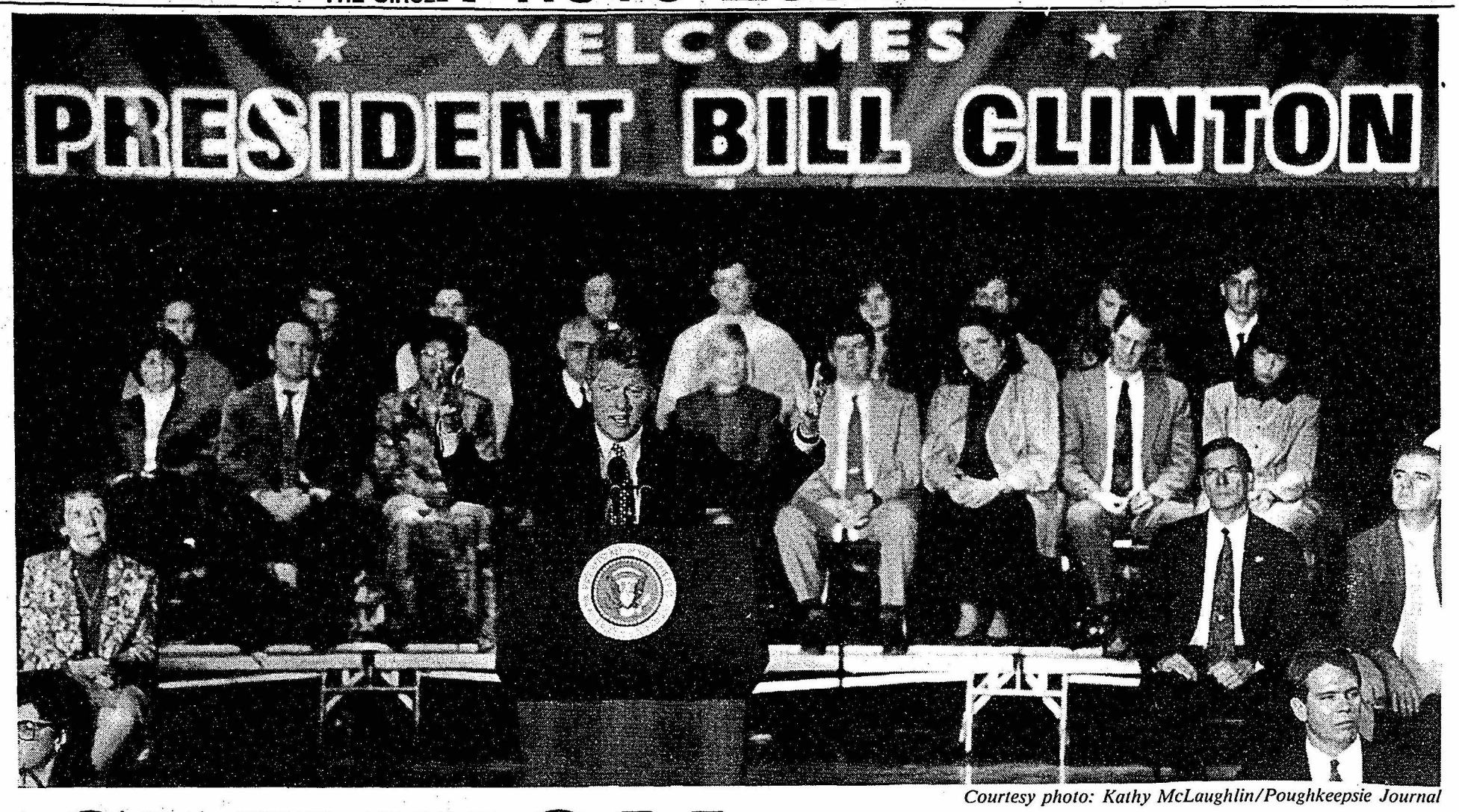

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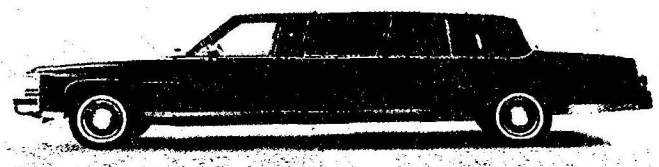
The face inside the limo (in case you missed it)



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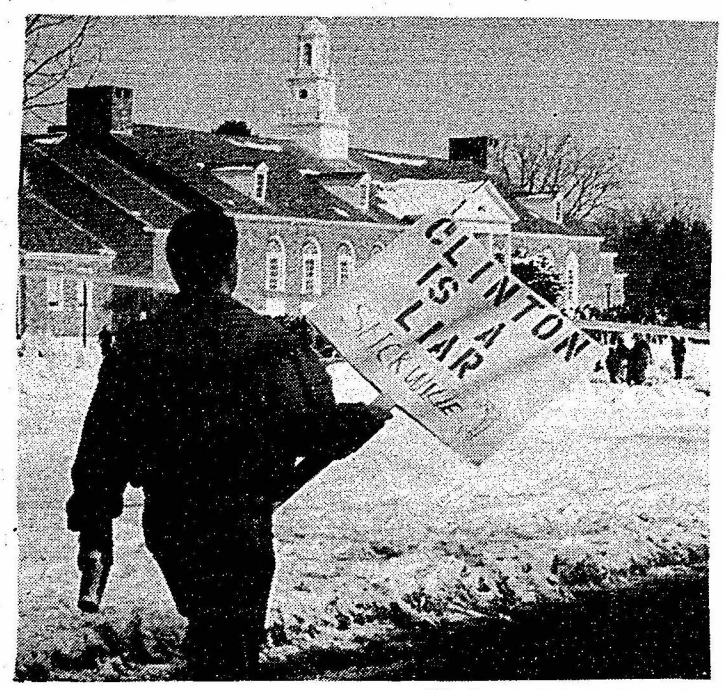

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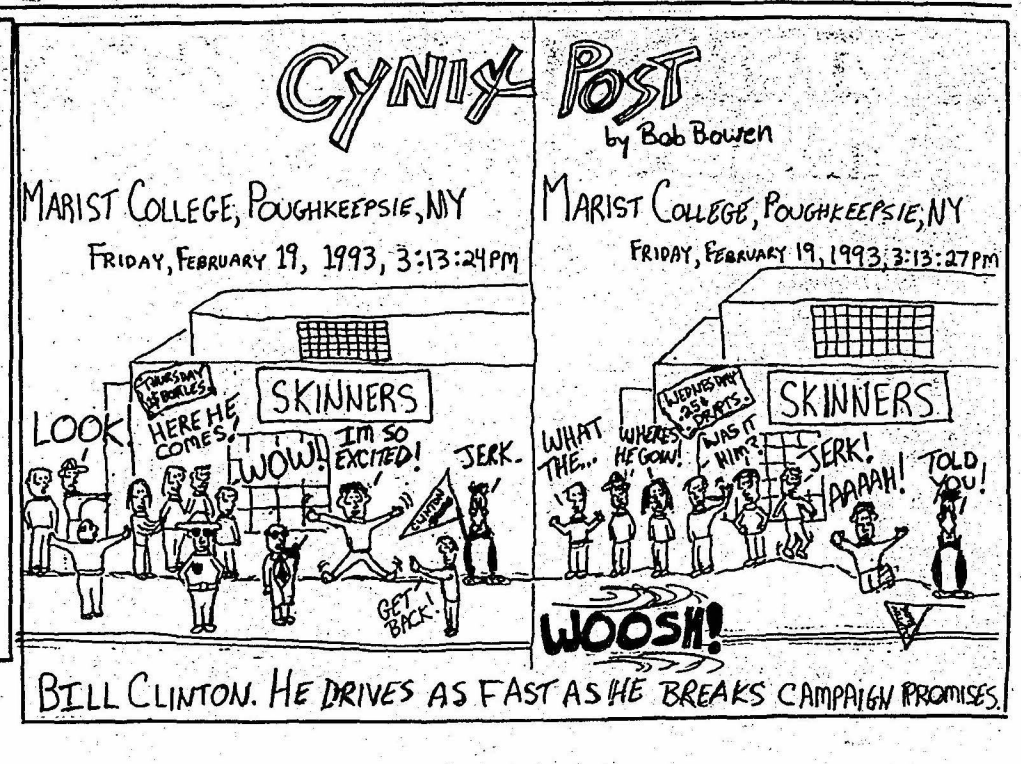


Rumors

Let's get one thing straight: it's not true.

Try that once again, all together now: **it is not true.**

Once again this gossip-mongering campus was fiercely gripped by an alleged fact.

One person spouts out some heresay and suddenly WHAM! Here we go again.

There's nothing the Marist community loves more than a good rumor.

This one does not circle, pardon the pun, around financial improprities of a faculty member or the imminent resignation of an adminstrator.

No, this last beauty involves students and a phony poll containing devastating results.

A popular skin magazine, Playboy, supposedly published an article or a poll in which Marist was:

A. The number four most sexually active school in the country.

B. Twenty percent HIV positive.

C. One of the top 10 schools most infected with STDs.

D. Any combination of the above.

The poll and article are hoaxes, though.

The Circle contacted Playboy. It never published any such article.

In fact, the magazine has no record of any such findings in its library.

The MCTV show "Backtalk" recently aired a panel discussion on condoms. During the debate, this rumor was used as a fact.

No one on the panel actually saw this mystery information firsthand.

The false statistics were told to one or more of the panelist by someone claiming to have read the material.

Apparently, the panelists never heard the old adage: don't believe everything you hear.

So now a mistake has been made. An untruth has been presented as fact.

These things are not easy to remedy. Information like this can seriously damage a college's reputation.

However, it also brings up another interesting point: Why was this seemingly outrageous statistics so readily accepted?

Could it be the students have a not-so-glorious view of this quiet, safe, little campus?

Perhaps some of the panelists believe Marist is an exceptionally sexually active campus and thought that the information was true.

Perhaps this same belief is held by many students who, though frightened by the phony poll's findings, found it not so outrageous after all.

A great number of students believed the inaccurate information without protest.

The administration is another story.

According to Gina Becconsall, the director and producer of "Backtalk," President Dennis J. Murray's secretary contacted the show and requested a copy of the program.

Frank Irrizary, a "Backtalk" panelist, said that the show prompted adminstrative reaction to problems which exist here at Marist, namely STDs.

That could be true. However, the reaction was not to problems at Marist but to false information being passed off as truth.

True, everybody makes mistakes. The Circle has had to print corrections in its past and probably will have to print some into its future.

Still, that is no excuse for using unsubstantialed rumors as facts.

There are problems here at Marist, and there are many issues that still need to be addressed.

The issue of condoms on campus has appeared yet again. Serious, factual dialogue is vital to resolve this controversy.

However, incidents like this do not further this cause. They are counter-productive.

Why should the powers-that-be seriously listen to students when we can't even get our facts straight?

We are intelligent people. Those of us who work with organizaitons capable of reaching the greatest number of students on a regular basis are obligated to take the responsibility of getting the facts straight.

Of course, we must remember that mistakes are a natural part of the news business.

Those who made the mistake this time did so with good intensions.

Their mistake is a serious one, but they were just trying to further inform the campus and to motivate students to voice their opinions on the condom issue.

People often request that the media just tell them the pure and simple truth.

However, please keep in mind the words of the great Oscar Wilde: *"The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and never simple."*

Same old song and dance

Sometime ago in the 70's, the rock band Aerosmith wrote a song called "Same Old Song and Dance." It looks as if this song will be replacing Bill Clinton's old Fleetwood Mac tune as the official presidential song.

As I said throughout the campaign last semester, Clinton planned on raising taxes. Low and behold he did without batting an eyelash.

What amazes me about the tax issue is how the press has made the tax increase sound like a God-send. I have yet to pick up a newspaper that somehow does not describe the tax increase as a "necessary sacrifice all Americans are willing to make for their country."

Bill, if you want to create jobs, stimulate industrial growth and put America back to work, you cannot tax. Many small and medium-sized businesses are already strapped for funds to keep themselves operating. Making more taxes on these already burdened companies does little more than cause aggravation and hurt.

We are not talking about large multinational companies like IBM, we are talking about the small town drugstore and the five and dimes across America.

In one day this past week, I read three different descriptions of Clinton's proposed economic package. I'm just wondering what the real figures are. The New York Times said those making over $180,000 a year would get hit the hardest with new taxes. But several other papers said those making over $100,000 would the ones who would suffer.

Those taxes would then trickle down to those making $30,000. Those making under $30,000 would be "protected" from tax increases. I hope Clinton realizes that people making $40,000 are not wealthy by any means.

If these new taxes trickle down to the consumer by way of increased prices for businesses, you can bet your bottom dollar the consumer confidence rating and consumer products expenses will fall quickly.

The country should be saving money and cutting government expenses. What has happened to our economy for years is government pandering to special interest groups who lobby Congress for billions of dollars in appropriations. I hope Clinton comes through on his promise to cut government spending and not pander to special interest groups.

Turning to other news about Clinton, as you all know Bill visited Hyde Park last Friday. I wish I could have been there, but, unfortunately, I was out of town. I would have liked to ask what he was going to do in order to change the status quo.

The status quo I am speaking about is the expense of traveling across the country to promote his economic plan. I wonder how much of the taxpayer's money was devoted to his travel budget and security. Why not cancel travel plans and take the money and put it towards paying the deficit.

Last Tuesday, I asked 25 people their thoughts about the president's performance in office for his first 27 days and then their feelings on what Clinton's priorities should be.

The overwhelming response was the president should be concentrating on economic growth, job creation, unemployment, tax cuts and credits and deficit reduction.

Many of those interviewed thought Clinton was not adequately addressing the problems he spoke about during his campaign.

Speaking about other issues, I almost forgot Clinton's plan to universally vaccinate children through a $300 million health plan.

This sounds like a wonderful idea, but it is not a wise use of available resources nationwide.

While reporting on this topic, I discovered 71 percent of the children in Dutchess County already received their vaccinations on time. The state Department of Health and the Dutchess County Health Department already provides funding and clinics where parents can take their children to be vaccinated by a private practitioner.

Words From A Political Ward

Bill Fagel, the spokesman for the state department of health said "It's not a very effective use of available resources. The money should go to the inner cities where it is really needed."

The inner cities are in need of vaccinations. These areas have shoddy clinics, a lack of resources to obtain vaccines and a lack of funds to advertise the availability of the free immunizations to inner city parents.

If Dutchess county is one area that will not benefit from a national free immunization program, there must be other areas across the country that will not either.

Clinton should create a plan that targets the needy areas, rather than spending tax dollars on a national program that will have little regional effect in areas like Dutchess County.

Clinton is on the right track when it comes to focusing on the drug companies for high-priced immunizations. The cost of vaccines has risen six times that of inflation. This has raised the cost of health care for private practitioners and consumers.

Many children who are not vaccinated on time (by two years of age) can suffer later in life from vaccine-preventable disease. If we can prevent illness by vaccination we can lower the costs of health care.

I only hope Clinton will review the details of a health care package so the present use of resources which is beneficial to areas like Dutchess county continues to be effective and efficient.

If Clinton continues to break promises and not evaluate situations effectively, such as taxes and health care, then he better plan on packing at the end of his four year journey.

Aaron Ward is The Circle's political columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Talk is cheap at Marist

Editor:

In my four years here, the controversy over the distribution and/or sale of condoms on the Marist College campus has dominated conversations, as well as much of the article and editorial page space in The Circle. I have come to a conclusion: Talk at Marist is cheap.

People have been complaining about anything and everything when it comes to making sure that students on this campus are protected from STD's, as well as HIV and AIDS.

One week, the Marist Brothers are sure that all 3,000 of us are the most immoral and sex-crazed animals on the planet. The next week, President Murray and the rest of the administration are to blame because they think that the administration is to blame because they think that selling condoms to the student body would be promoting sex.

Then, one or more of the students responds to both that we deserve the access to condoms, otherwise, we could die.

Yes, I side with the student body. You can tell us that next to abstinence, condoms are the most effective way to prevent the spread of AIDS and other diseases until you are blue in the face.

I think it is safe to assume that most, if not all of us know this. But if the mood strikes, our first thought may not be to call the Poughkeepsie Taxi Co. to drive us to K & D Deli to buy one single condom. It may be instead to forget about the condom and just go without.

The bottom line is this: We are well-educated adults who are old enough to make our own decisions. Whether President Murray, Bro. Belanger, Fr. McCann or anyone else agrees with us. You are not the thought police. Do not think that you have the right to impose your morals on the rest of us.

To the students of Marist: If you feel as strong about being allowed to have access to condoms here as the letters and articles imply, take a stand and make your opinion heard.** Don't sit idly by for your duration here, whether it be three months or three years. Stand up and let the administration and the rest of the community know what you want. Ignorance is bliss; while death is not.

Brenda Long, senior

Marist neglecting North Road

Editor:

The theme of my letter is non-action on the part of Marist College concerning the issues of recycling and maintenance service for North Road residents.

When making this complaint, I do realize that the college has more important and better things to do. However, I feel this type of inactivity has to be both addressed and changed so students can once again feel respected.

I am a former member of the campus environmental group, known as SEGA. Last year was a great year for our group because our campus was made aware of recycling. However, this year has been a different story with the issue of recycling on North Road.

I have stacks of newspapers literally hitting the ceiling, and I don't know what to do with them. The quick and logical response would be to throw them out and be done with it. However, I care very much about our environment and the future of our world.

I will continue to hope that maybe, before the end of this semester, there will be bins in North Road houses so students can actively participate in preserving our environment.

On another subject, concerning maintenance service, a student on North Road could have stated a complaint in early September and can still be waiting right now, in the middle of February for repairs to be done.

Students who reside in both North Road and Canterbury should be treated equally, just like the students who live on campus. We are all paying the same amount of tuition to attend this school. Marist College should not penalize a student based on geographic location.

I realize the houses on North Road will be torn down at the end of the year, but they are up now. The college must still serve North Road residents' needs.

Overall, it seems that Marist College doesn't care about the students who live in houses that are not owned by the college anymore. This is not fair at all!

John Sacchetti, junior

MCTV left out of floor plans

Editor:

After reading the latest edition of SGA Update, we noticed MCTV was not mentioned in the completed floor plan of the new student center. We write this letter in hope someone in the Marist community will come forth and help us out with our predicament.

It is very disturbing to us that in a supposed "communications school" such as Marist, no thought was given to improving the student-run television station. Our current studio in the basement of Champagnat is nice, but it is no more than "a place for our stuff."

Being moved upstairs would that should receive prime space.

We don't mean to be demanding, but if we were to be moved upstairs, we would need a full-fledged TV studio (or, at least, the beginnings of it) and not just a storage space like we have now. This is, after all, what incoming students are led to believe and when they get here, they are obviously disappointed.

Unfortunately, this studio would cost money and MCTV cannot raise it all by ourselves. We only get (if lucky) $2,000 a year, which goes towards buying tapes and, most recently, VCRs for our new automation system.

mean better security for our equipment. MCTV has had plenty of equipment stolen in the past, and it was all because we were in a secluded area where nobody could keep an eye on us.

Our studio also floods when it rains and that is dangerous with all the electrical equipment.

The Circle and The Reynard have already been included in the third floor designs. Wouldn't it make sense to keep the three primary campus communicators (MCTV, WMCR, and The Circle) together in the new building?

Plus, MCTV and WMCR are two of the biggest clubs on campus. To us, that translates to two clubs

We would need outside funding help from an alumnus or some donated equipment from a TV station, in order to become a true, working studio that a communications school should have.

MCTV has grown leaps and bounds, recently, thanks to active, dedicated club members and better leadership. We are definitely one of the most active and visible clubs on campus, which is quite a change from three years ago.

In fact, we were Club of the Year last year. It was quite a crowning achievement given the state of the club back in 1989-1990. In comparison to some other clubs, we do not waste money or "take up space."

We think we have done well with what limited equipment we have had; just imagine what we can do with more. Upgrading MCTV by reserving us a space in the new student center for a true studio would only make the Marist College experience more worthwhile for its students.

It would also help us to continue to live up to our mission statement, which is "to serve as a forum to the Marist community, which will inform, educate, entertain and to become as proficient as possible in exposing interested students to a working video environment."

Any help the college could give to us, regarding this matter, would be greatly appreciated. In a school that is growing, we would hate to see the TV station (or the radio station, for that matter) stagnate because no one cared to give us a hand.

Paul Fiedler
Gina Becconsall
MCTV officers

Stop homophobia, embrace diversity

Editor:

We, the undersigned, members of a committee of faculty and staff committed to ending homophobia in the Marist community, strongly protest the evident, if unintended, bias in Ms. Le Sage's article in The Circle (Feb. 4).

An article so heavily one-sided in its sources neither does justice to the complexity of the issue nor expresses the diversity of views on this campus.

We strongly condemn the homophobic attitudes expressed throughout the article. Probably the most important result of the piece is that it makes overt the covert homophobia on this campus, in turn, challenging the Marist community to confront its own attitudes.

To that end, we invite members of the Marist community to start a process of dialogue that will lead to a more open, tolerant, and caring community. We think that it is time to begin to heal the wounds that such prejudice creates on this campus.

Joann Myers **Ellen Brickwedde**
Rich Roder **Barbara Fries**
John White **Tom Goldpaugh**
Tim Lawton

Row your boat

Their boats glide gracefully on the Hudson River throughout the year for all those photographers to capture and then immortalize through thousands of Marist catalogues and postcards.

Their parties consist of conversations devotely only to their sport, with stacks of "American Rowing" lying around their place of dwelling.

These help the non-crew members or stragglers at the party who wish to engage in discussion with these highly regarded "athletes."

As long as you throw in an "oar" or "starboard" here and there, you're fine, trust me.

So what exactly is this sport of crew all about?

First of all, there's an obvious dress code that they all adhere to which no one talks about.

I was at one of their parties a few weeks back, and it was definitely something to see.

I had to pretty much swim through a sea of flannel in order to even attempt at getting a beer.

I don't know if Kurt Cobain dropped out of Nirvana and there was a scout for Geffen Records who attended this party seeking his replacement, but somebody had to have thought that. Variety for these pioneers of garment is displayed by either going with a thermal long-sleeve or a turtleneck (see one T. Nenninger) under those hillbilly shirts that just seem to go with everything one might choose to wear.

You also can't forget those crew hats that represent schools who've done the unthinkable task of winning during the course of their college seasons.

For those unfamiliar with this trendy piece of headgear, you have to bend the brim of these hats so they extend from ear to ear.

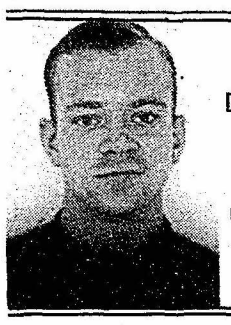
This stops the flow of blood to the crew members's brain so that they will actually think that they enjoy getting up for practice at 4 o'clock in the morning.

I don't want to frighten these workhorses, but unlike McCann Center, the river is never closed for practice, guys.

Then there's the absurdity of labelling this task of being a "sport."

The participants get into a boat and then travel from point A to point B through the means of rowing.

Whoa, quite sporty, wouldn't you say?



Dave Barrett

Mr. Malcontent

How many college sports do you know where a smaller individual is ultilized as a hood ornament upon the vehicle by which they "race" each other.

Now it's time to equate the factors and come up with a result of the sum.

You've got an assembly line for Seattle-based musicians with a hat thrown in for style. Mix in the fact that its lone purpose is that of a means of transportation.

Add in the notion of starting this process in the wee hours of the a.m.

Finish it off with a loud dwarf that only P.T. Barnum could admire and what have we got?

My God, I'm going right up to Gene Doris' office and demanding a varsity letter for driving a bus through Poughkeepsie.

I guess I'm an "athlete", too.

Dave Barrett is The Circle's humor columnist.

Faculty of the Year Award

Editor:

Anyone who visits Marist College today would hardly recognize it from the school of ten years ago. New buildings, residence halls, and facilities can be seen throughout the campus, not to mention the expansion of academic programs and curriculum.

However, what has remained constant throughout the evolution of Marist College is the high quality of teaching. Here, the classroom experience rates among the best.

The Student Academic Council recognizes the excellence in teaching that faculty members bring to the Marist community. To applaud their achievement, SAC will sponsor a Faculty of the Year Award to to take place during Faculty Appreciation Week, March 22-26.

Nominations for this award will be accepted from Marist students, faculty members and staff beginning Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 23 and 24, at the SGA election table outside the student government office in the Campus Center, and then on Thursday and Friday in Donnelly and Dyson Halls.

All are welcome to cast a ballot for the faculty member whom they feel exemplifies excellence in teaching and education. Voters are asked to keep in mind several criteria when making their nominations, and to choose a faculty member who best represents them. These categories include: example as a role model, availability to students outside of class, and ability to motivate students toward learning.

SAC hopes that all those involved will take a mature and thoughtful approach in choosing the faculty member who has made the greatest impact on themselves and others in the Marist community.

All those interested in being on the final selection committee for this year's award, or in helping plan Faculty Appreciation Week events, contact Award Coordinator Daryl Ledyard, vice president for student academics, at ext. 2206 or leave a message at ext. 7143.

With everyone's participation, this year's Faculty of the Year Award will be a sweeping success. Take time to make your nomination and help recognize those faculty members dedicated to excellence in teaching at Marist College.

Terry Tassone and Daryl Ledyard
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Thank you

Editor:

Thank you for a sensitive and important article in the Feb. 11 edition of The Circle regarding relationships. I hope the story encourages students to realize and discuss their own biases, and, maybe, tolerance for all (not just white straight middle-class people) won't be just a nice fantasy.

Lara Wieczezynski, Senior

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Glimpses of President at FDR

by **NOREEN MCQUEENEY**
Staff Writer

We all know Bill Clinton is a comsumate politician.

We have had an opportunity to see him perform while on the campaign trial and during his first month as President, charming both young and old Americans.

But what is Clinton like when the cameras are off?

Verne Newton and Lynn Bassanese, director and public affairs specialist respectively, at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library had some observations.

"Clinton has a real sense of people," said Bassanese. "He makes you feel like you are the only person in the room."

As soon as Clinton entered the FDR Library, he plunged right into the line of waiting staff and directors to shake hands, said Newton.

Along with the library directors was Marist College President Dennis J. Murray, his wife Marilyn and Marist Board of Trustee member Jack Gartland, Jr.

After a guided tour of the museum, Clinton joined James Roosevelt, the grandson of Franklin D. Roosevelt, in the rose garden where they placed roses on the grave site of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Clinton's visit lasted about two hours, including a tour of FDR's mansion given by Dwayne Pearson, superintendent of park service, and television interviews with anchors of network affiliates in Chicago and Philadelphia.

Newton's office served as a make-up room.

Commenting on how nice it was, Clinton asked it it was Newtons's office.

"Technically, it is yours, Mr. President," said Newton. "But when you are not here, I use it."

Wating on the desk was a large, solid, very detailed chocolate saxophone that a Culinary Institute of America chef had made.

Clinton was so impressed by it that he had it boxed and sent back to Washington D.C. on Air Force One.

In fact, Clinton went home with quite a few symbolic gifts including a bust of FDR and a picture of FDR with Chruchill that he admired in Newton's office.

He also received a picture of the dedication of the University of Arkansas football field, a coffee mug with FDR's signature and a Marist College baseball hat and a sweatshirt that a Marist student, Janine Vitagliano, give him as he boarded Air Force One.

With the 43rd President's visit to FDR's home, Clinton tried to evoke the image of a former president who brought America from the Great Depression with a visionary public works program.

"I feel privileged to work here," Bassanese said. "We are keeping ideals alive and that is what Clinton's visit did, too."

Clinton is the first president to visit the FDR Library since 1962 when Kennedy attended Eleanor Roosevelt's funeral.

SPC: No band; maybe a comedian

by **TOM BECKER**
Staff Writer

For the moment, the main attraction for the Student Programming Council's Spring Fling weekend will be comedy—and not a band.

Diverse musical tastes on campus is the reason why Marist College will not have a well known band appear on campus, said Tim Owens, a junior from St. James, N.Y. and president of the student programming council.

"Marist College has worked hard on maintaining a diverse campus and that diversity is keeping the SPC from getting certain entertainment on campus," Owens said.

Owens said because of the myriad of musical tastes on campus, getting a band that everyone would enjoy is a very difficult task.

Tentatively, the weekend event will include the winner of the "Battle of the Bands" and a few local bands.

The SPC president said money is not the problem.

However, Owens also said the school cannot spend a large amount of money on a band that might not sell out.

The costs, which are covered by the SPC and Student Activities, could range between $10,000 and $30,000.

"I wouldn't be able to spend that kind of money and guarantee a sell out. And it would be wrong to do so," Owens said.

In an attempt to discover what students are interested in, the SPC has developed a survey which asks questions like, "What kind of music do you listen to?"

The survey has already been taken by about 300 students and has produced diverse results, according to Owens.

"On what kind of music do you like, we've gotten answers that range from Metallica to Beethoven," Owens said.

Owens also said that despite the results of the survey, it will not change how the SPC operates in getting entertainment for the campus.

"The survey is geared towards gaining more insight as to what the student body wants, but it's still not going to make us get U2," Owens said.

Despite not having a well-known band play at Marist, according to the said it has done an excellent job in providing campus entertainment.

"There is constantly entertainment on campus. We have two to three events a week," Owens said.

Owens also said Marist College is quickly gaining respect for the entertainment program it provides for its students.

"We have other schools calling us up and asking us how we do it all," Owens said, "Most of these schools haven't even seen the shows —they just heard about them through entertainers and agents."

The SPC is able to maintain a constant amount of entertainment for students by distributing funds like they do. Rather than spend $10,000 to $30,000 on one show, they are able to use that money on entertainment for the semester.

Using this system also prevents the SPC from losing a great deal of money on an unsuccessful show.

"I know of other schools where they spent all their money on one big concert and it flopped. Those schools had no entertainment for the rest of the semester," Owens said.

When asked whether opening the show to the public might help increase the chance of its success, Owens said," It might help but I would consider it a failure."

Toddler B-ball - Marist style

by **DAVE BUTTOMER**
Staff Writer

There was giggling, cheering, basketballs and size four Nikes pouncing at the James J. McCann Center Sunday, Feb. 21.

It seemed that the Marist Red Foxes were playing older brother that day instead of basketball. In fact, the only basketballs they were handling they were doing as coaches.

Sunday marked the Third Annual Kids Day Program at Marist, a four hour clinic for kids.

The program, created by Dave Magarity, coach of the mens basketball team, and sponsored by the Office of Special Services, brought nearly 120 kids of different ages together to learn the intricacies of the game.

"When we first created this, it was for disabled kids, and the profits would go towards a scholarship," said Diane Perreira, director of special services.

"The first year we had about 25 kids, and the second year about 60.

"We take any range of child, and at this clinic they (kids) learn the fundamentals and techniques of the game and have fun."

The clinic began at 12:30 pm, with parents dropping off their children, although many parents stayed for the entire clinic, which lasted until 4:30 pm.

The kids, varying in age from 4-to 14-year-olds, were registered and then taken under the wing of men and women from the Marist basketball teams.

Divided up into sections, the gym quickly turned into a structured clinic.

About every 20 minutes a whistle was blown and the children would move to a different area.

"It is a time for a personal exposure between players and the kids," Perreira said. The kids are able to meet the seniors and seem very excited."

"The parents are also excited, and feel comfortable with the way the program is run."

The Office of Special Services spread the word of this event throughout the area using whatever methods necessary to make this event successful.

"It was in one of the local

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Fashion students finishing touches for show

by **E. ROBIN VAZQUEZ**
Staff Writer

The annual Silver Needle Fashion Show and Awards has always been one of the highlights of the year, and this year people involved in the show said it promises to be different and much more creative than in the past.

Part of the reason for the change may be the new Director of the Fashion Department — Moya Donnellan.

"This year's show will be more open to the public," Donnellan said. "We want everyone to go, especially faculty and students outside the fashion department."

There will be approximately 250 seats available at tables that will surround the runway. Dinner will be served as the show is in progress. The tentative price for these seats will be $75 each.

"There will also be around 250 to 300 seats available to the public, with no dinner," Donnellan said. "Those seats will be $15 each."

"We want to make this year's show more self-financing than last year's," she said. "We're raising a lot of funds on our own."

One of the reasons faculty and students outside the fashion department are encouraged to attend is to raise money, Donnellan said. Usually the audience is full of people from the fashion industry who do not have to pay, she added.

One of the highlights and major differences from last year's show will be the video that senior fashion majors have put together.

"The video has been our project for most of the year," said senior Stephanie Riley of Monroe, Conn. "Last year, Mr. Porcelli did most of it, but this year we designed it all ourselves."

Riley is referring to Carmine Porcelli, the former director, who left Marist abruptly before the fall semester.

"The videos of previous years have been like summaries of a year in the fashion department, almost like a how-to guide," Donnellan said. "But this one will very creatively show the students as they work on their projects. There will be an upbeat twist about it."

The video will be shown throughout the show on a large screen above the runway.

"I really can't describe it," Riley said of the video. "It looks like it should be on MTV."

Donnellan is also excited about the number of talented students that will take part in the show.

"The sophomores will open the show, and then the juniors will show their collections," she said. "There is so much talent to be excited about."

Sophomores will show one garment each, while juniors show a collection, which is four to six pieces. The collections are related to a certain theme, Donellan said.

As the students have been creating their garments, each has been assisted by such fashion critics as Byron Lars, Zang Toi and Christian Francis Roth, Donellan said.** With all of the time, effort and money the student designers have put into the show, many are hopeful it will be a success.

"I just got back from a ten hour 8:15 class," said sophomore Kristin Wallace. "I'm on my way back to the fashion department now."

The fashion students have had to work extra hard to make the show great because they have not received much financial support.

"Mr. Porcelli used to get contributions from Perry Ellis to help fund the show," Riley said. "Since he left, a lot of the fund raising is up to us. So since we have a different format now, we all hope the show will be successful."

"Since he (Porcelli) has been gone, we've been allowed to be more creative with our work," said sophomore Kimberli MacKay. "Ms. Donnellan is very different from him, so I think the show will be different this year."

The 1993 Silver Needle Fashion Show and Awards will be held on Thursday, April 29, at the State Armory in Poughkeepsie. It will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"I have one garment that will be seen in the show," MacKay said. "I have put so much time and money into it. But it will definitely be worth it after the show."

"Even if you aren't interested in fashion design," Riley said, "this is the kind of thing everyone should experience at least once."

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Nude models and the arts: hot items in class

by **DANIEL F. RYAN**
Staff Writer

Posing naked in front of a classroom full of scrutinizing eyes may just be the sure-fire therapudic practice of the '90s for people suffering from stage fright stage fright.

At least that is how Raphael - who prefers to remain simply Raphael - approaches his nude modelling. After all, he has been posing in the buff for 15 years.

Modelling nude helps him keep his composure when performing on stage by being, "relaxed and totally exposed," explains Raphael, who is also a performing artist from New Paltz, N.Y.

Behind a closed door in Donnelly Hall, with heavy curtains pulled down, students of Pablo Shine's art class dilegently scratch shapes and lines on their paper held up on easels in before them.

In the course of a 30-minute session, Raphael will change poses about 50 different times. For this, he says, flexibility is a must.

By studying yoga and martial arts, Raphael has learned "to give studentsdifferent angles and transmit different personas for the students to depict."

> ***"If my concentration isn't right, then it reflects in the students work."***
> **Raphael, Nude model**

Whatever it is, Raphael seems to be doing it right; according to him there is a demand for models who have experience. "Not a lot of people want to do it, or can do it," Raphael said.

Raphael says a model must often come with references from professors and artists.

There is more to it than just taking off clothes. "If my conscentration isn't right then it reflects in the students' work," Raphael said.

Foreign film program under way

by **DANA BUONICONTI**
Staff Writer

The Marist College Foreign Film Program for Spring 1993 is well underway, bringing another aspect of foreign culture to the Marist campus.

Sponsored by the office of the vice-president for academic affairs and the department of modern languages, and organized by Bro. Joe Belanger, the program saw a less than perfect student turnout, according to Belanger.

Belanger attributes the low turnout to the lack of a "world view" on the part of Marist students.

"Marist doesn't offer global awareness courses," said Belanger, "and students are going to suffer when they go look for a job. I pity them."

On filmmaking, Belanger encouraged more funding for the arts. "The small person needs to get a voice. The best film schools are in England, France, Germany and Japan. The United States is not well known for film education; no one gets to the values behind the film.

"Everything is driven by money with only sex and violence selling films. I hardly ever go see American films. The only ones with important sociological statements are films like 'Boyz N' The Hood,' 'Jungle Fever', or 'Mississippi Burning'," Belanger said.

Belanger co-founded the program with Mario Rugeri, who taught Italian at Marist in 1960. They showed about eight films a year and followed them with open discussions on themes and artists.

Buying and showing the films became expensive and the program was discontinued for about two years until the Spring of 1983, when the films went to video. The program is currently backed by Andrew Malloy, professor of chemistry, and Marc vanderHeyden, vice-president for Academic Affairs.

Next year, Belanger hopes to teach a course entitled "Foreign Cultures Through Feature Films." The course would be designed to stimulate students to explore foreign cultures through film and research and cultural backgrounds.

Currently, the foreign film program is shown on weekends in Donnelly 237 at 7:30 pm. Detailed information can be obtained from Belanger.

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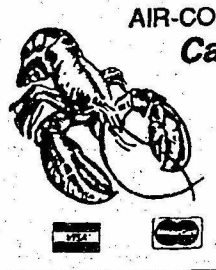

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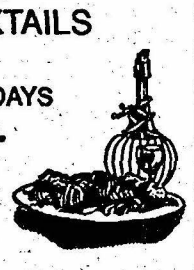

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papers, and we prepared a press release," Perreria said.

"We also had a public service announcement on a local radio station, but we have no idea who finds out until the clinic begins."

"Although last year, channel six came," she said. We need this kind of local press, especially to show that the basketball players care."

At about 2:30 pm the kids moved to the bleachers where they watched a video of the NBA, and talked with the players.

This was a time for not only rest, but a time for questions and answers.

The players seemed to be enjoying themselves as well.

Andy Lake, a senior for the mens basketball team was having a great time.

"It has been a great turnout, and it is good to seem them(kids) having so much fun," he said.

"It is really great to do something for the kids and, actually, I think I'm having more fun than the kids."

David Strong, a sophomore team member, also enjoys this clinic.

"It is for a good cause, for the money we get goes to charity," he said.

"It is good to see the team interacting with the community, and I enjoy working with the kids."

"It is fund to teach them to play," he said.

Around 3:15 p.m., the bigger kids began playing small games, while the smaller children had relays.

This event was an effort to help the kids who truly need help.

With a ten dollar-donation per child, and a five-dollar donation for each additional family member, this event has raised quite a sum of money.** "It is all for a good cause," Perreira said.

"But the kids are having a really good time, and that is what is important."

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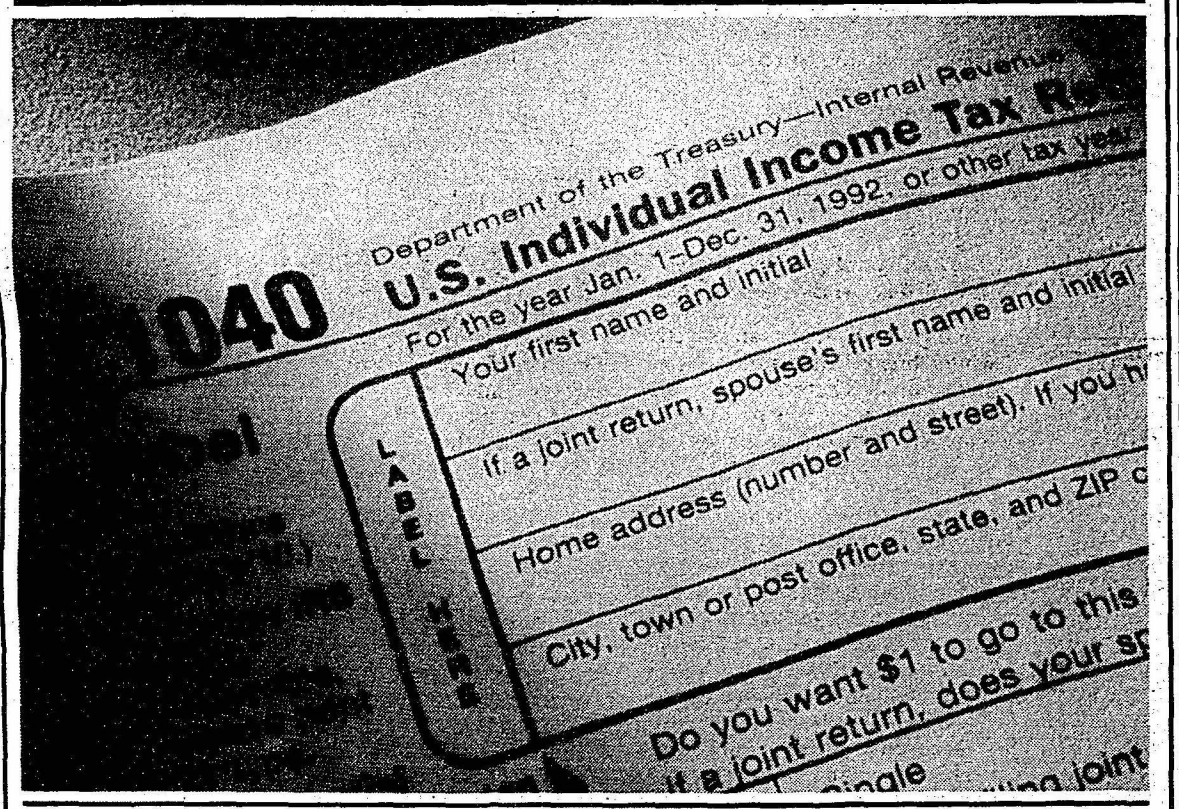

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Red Foxes "D" stops Rams, 77-67

by **J.W. STEWART**
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team may want to think about joining the Patriot League, especially after Monday night's performance.

With a 77-67 victory over Fordham, the team defeated its third Patriot League foe of the season. Marist has also beaten Bucknell and Army.

The Red Foxes were also victorious on the weekend, beating Monmouth 63-51.

The win over Fordham (9-4 in the Patriot, 14-4 overall) not only gave the Foxes (9-6 in the Northeast, 14-9 overall) seven wins in the last eight games, it accomplished one of the team's preseason goals.

"It was a big game for us in the sense that one of our goals was a winning season," said Head Coach Ken Babineau. "For a team as young as we are to do that is big—real big."

The non-league Rams held a seven-point first-half lead before Babineau called a timeout to challenge his troops.

"I basically got in their face and told them if this was the way they were going to play, they should head right back to the locker room," he said.

The defense responded by holding Fordham to only three points over the last 6:09 of the first half while the offense exploded for 16.

Charlene Fields and Tara Walsh each had six points during that stretch and helped the Foxes to a 36-30 advantage at the break.

"After he (Babineau) put his two cents in, we went out and played tough defense and that's been a factor in our wins," said Walsh, who finished with 13 points.

The Foxes' defensive pressure caused 13 turnovers in the opening half and 24 overall but the Rams slowly chipped away at the lead.

The Rams grabbed a 58-57 advantage before the Foxes used a 13-0 jaunt to put the game away.

"My biggest concern was would we treat this as just another game and would we be mentally prepared?" recalled Babineau. "But our defensive intensity was real high again which I was happy to see."

The offense was not that bad, either.

Fields poured in a season-high 30 points (19 in the second half) and Lori Keys contributed 13.

Fields also credits the team's recent streak to strong "D".

"I think the key has been our defense," pointed out the senior. "Even when we haven't been shooting well, our defense has been there to pull us out in the end."

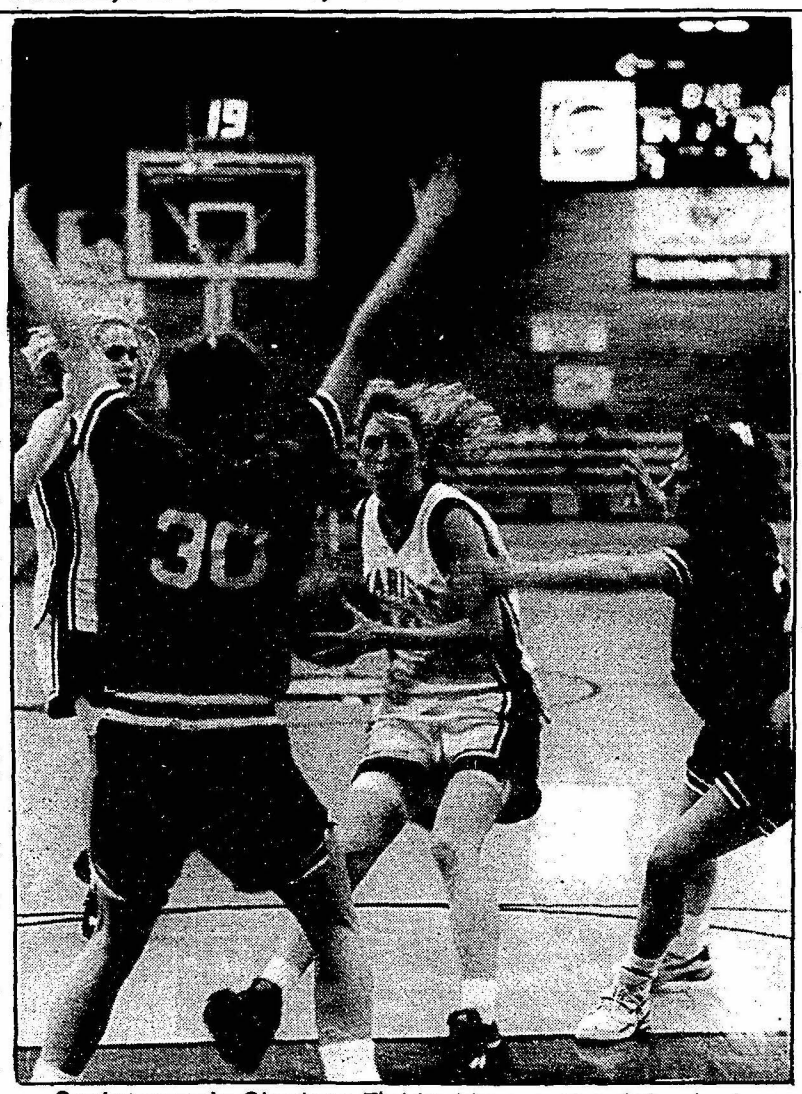
The killer defense was also a factor in Saturday's 63-51 drubbing of Monmouth.

The Hawks (7-7 in NEC, 9-13 overall) only shot 36% for the game, turned the ball over 25 times and trailed by as much as 22 in the second half.

Already leading 29-18 at halftime, the Red Foxes blew the game wide open with a 17-6 sprint to start the second half. Fields tallied 11 of her 28 points in that stretch alone.

Perhaps more important was Fields' defensive play on Monmouth forward Tracy Allocco. Fields grounded the high-flying Allocco, holding her to zero points on 0-10 shooting.

"Char just flat-out shut her down," said Babineau. "People don't give her credit for being a defensive player. That night proved it."



Senior captain Charlene Fields drives past a defender in a recent game. Fields has scored 58 points in Marist's past two victories. **Circle** photo/Matt Martin

Icers break skid defeat Albany St.

by **ANDREW HOLMLUND**
Staff Writer

Since the Marist hockey team lost its 10-game unbeaten streak last Saturday against Hofstra University, problems have arisen.

Sophomore goaltender Brad Kamp said he and his teammates have had trouble working together as one unit.

"I don't know what it is," Kamp said. "But we are just not gelling as a team right now."

The Red Foxes, who are currently 8-3-5, were able to snap a four-game slide on Monday night by defeating Albany State College College, 8-2, at the Albany County Arena.

After a lackluster opening and second period, the Red Foxes were able to pick up momentum by notching five goals in the third period.

On Sunday night, Marist was playing its third of four consecutive games at the South Mountain Arena in New Jersey.

The Red Foxes and Rutgers University skated to a 2-2 tie. The game was called at the end of two periods because of the inclement weather.

"This game was difficult for us because we showed up an hour and fifteen minutes late," Kamp said. "When we got there, we had to get out on the ice, get a puck and warm up the goalies."

On Saturday, the Foxes were looking to atone last Saturday's lost to Hofstra at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center.

Things did not turn out as planned for Marist as it tied the Flying Dutchmen, 6-6.

Senior right wing Kent Rinehart said the team has just not been able to respond, and this game was not any exception.

"We should have won the game," Rinehart said. "Our team, right now, is in a big slump." On Friday afternoon, Marist returned to home ice for the first time in over two months against Southern Connecticut University.

SCU defeated Marist, 7-5.

Marist will be in Farmingdale on Saturday night.

Rinehart said it is necessary for the team to get back to the basics.

Marist was in action last night against SCU. Results were not available at press time.

Runners finish last in NEC Championships

by **TERI L. STEWART**
Staff Writer

The men's and women's track teams finished last at the Northeast Conference Championships this past Sunday at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Hackensack, N.J.

The women's indoor track team finished eighth picking up six points. FDU won the meet with 130 points.

Senior Sarah Sheehan notched a sixth place in the 1500-meter run. Her time of 5:10.3 beat her personal best by eight seconds.

According to head women's coach Phil Kelly, Sheehan has been working really hard since Christmas break.

"(She had) a good time since coming back from an inactive winter break," he said.

Freshman Theresa Hickey also picked up points with her fifth place finish in the 3000-meter run.

Hickey said she outran two Mount St. Mary's runners in the last quarter of the race.

The freshmen said when she saw the two runners slowing down, she turned it up a notch.

"This race was great because there was someone from the team at every part of the track cheering me on so even if I wanted to slow down, I couldn't," she added.

According to Kelly, Hickey had been in a slump since the cross country season.

"I started to train her harder over the past two weeks," he said. said.

The 4x800 relay team of Sarah Sheehan, Colleen Carson, Theresa Hickey and Pamela Gooltz also scored in the top five.

Kelly said the reason for the low tally in points was because of the illnesses of the team.

"We went out to run as well as we could and that's what we did," he said.

The men's team finished ninth with only four points.

According to head coach Pete Colaizzo, the major highlight of the meet for the Red Foxes was Dave Swift.

Swift, a junior, placed fifth in the 3000-meter run with a personal best time of 8:44.2 (beating his previous personal best by eight seconds).

Last week Colaizzo had set a goal of 8:45.00 for Swift and expected him to place fifth or sixth.

"I set really high goals for Dave and he consistently achieves them," Colaizzo said.

He said he also feels Swift's solid performance will continue into the outdoor season.

The other two points for the men's team came from the 4x800 relay team of Andrew Baird, Chris Blough, Brian Ordway and Swift.

Junior Marty Feeney, who was expected to finish in the top five, caught the flu and didn't meet that expectation.

According to Colaizzo the worst Feeney would have done healthy was sixth place.

"I felt bad for him (Marty) because he was sick and would have done well," he said.

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Junior Peter Welch represented the Foxes on the diving boards. With under a month's experience, he competed in both the one and three meter events.

Welch said the coaching staff was very good in teaching him some unfamiliar three-meter dives leading up to the competition.

Until the ECAC's commence next week, Van Wagner will continue to prepare his swimmers for the competition which will be drawn from over 225 colleges.

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of the reasons we won."

Gearing and Breen said the team did not completely dominate the game despite winning in three sets.

"There were certain times when our game broke down, but we put it together," he said.

"They played sporadic at times, but they were able to put it all together," she said.

The team has a tough stretch of games over the next ten days, according to Gearing.

"We have five games in ten days, which should be pretty tough," he said.

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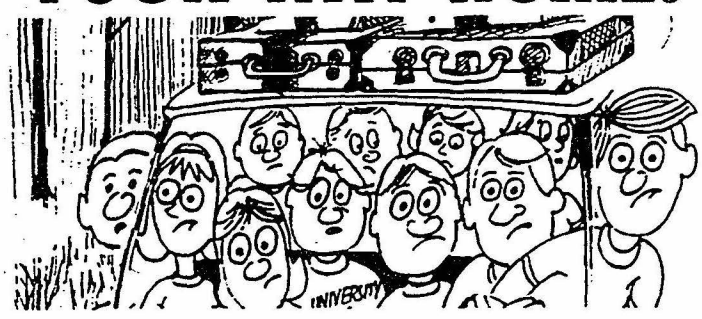

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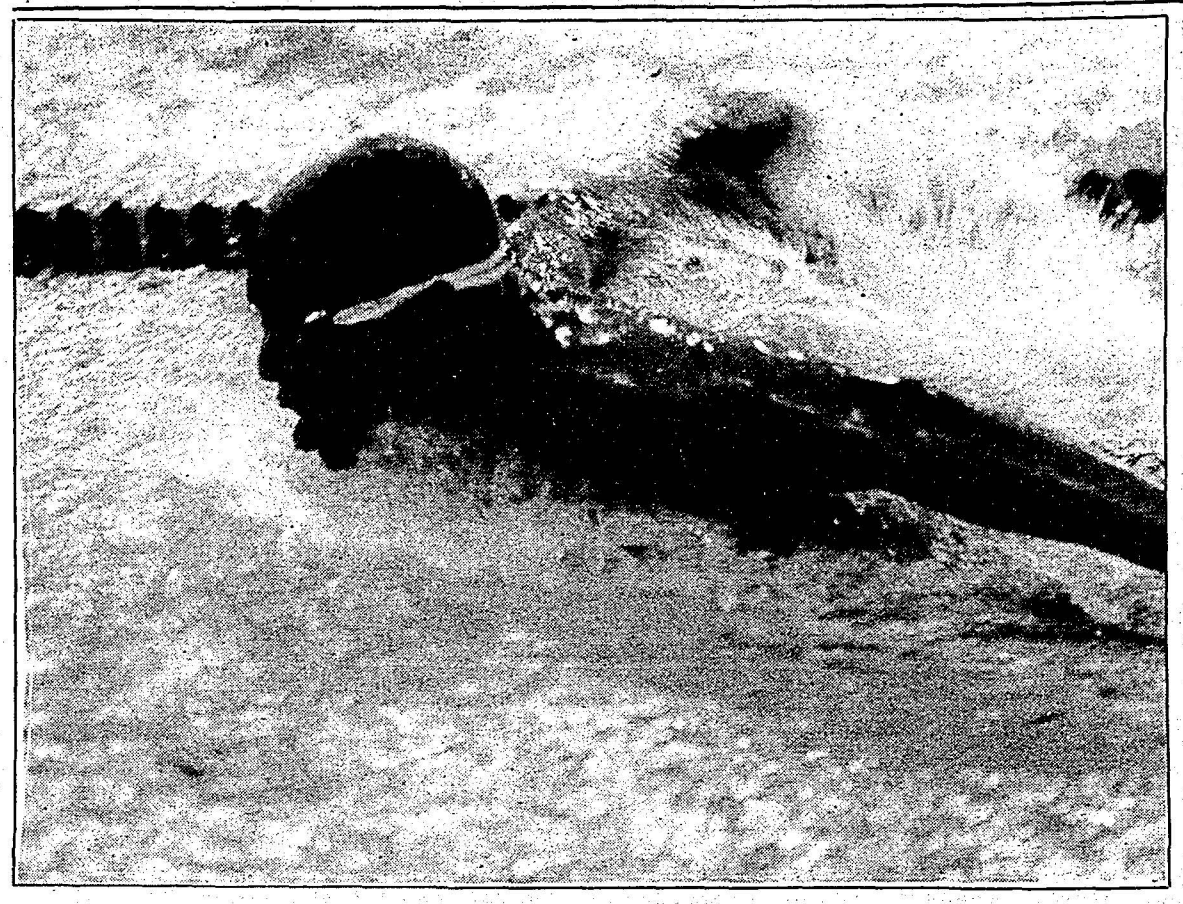

Freshman Angel Tomala-Reyes sprints to a sixth-place finish in the 100 butterfly at this past weekend's Metropolitan Swim Conference Championships. **Circle** photo/Matt Martin

Swimmers grab 4th in Metro Tourney

by **MIKE WALSH**
Staff Writer

Senior co-captain Rob Johnson called it a "good fourth." Coach Larry Van Wagner was also pleased with his squad's showing in the Metropolitan Swimming Conference championships last weekend despite its fourth place finish which was the team's lowest since 1987.

Why?

First over three quarters (53 of 65) of event times achieved by his team were personal career bests.

For a coach who sets individual improvement as the primary goal for his athletes, seeing 81.5% of his team beat their personal best times certainly brings a smile.

Secondly, Rider College, who won it all with a score of 1088, beat Marist by 184. Earlier in the season, the Broncs handed the Red Foxes a 60 point dual meet defeat.

Because there were five times as many points at stake, Rider should have won by 300 points, Van Wagner said.

Finally, the veteran coach said he lost the most talented and successful senior class in school history to graduation.

Johnson said the team performed better than expected.

"I feel the team performed beyond their potential," Johnson said. "We woke up the other schools. I don't think they expected us to be so strong."

Freshman Kyle O'Neil's led the Marist attack breaking two school records.

His 500-yard freestyle time of 4:51.60 shattered Brink Hartman's standard set three years ago. In the 200-freestyle, his 1:45.24 topped the former best achieved by Joseph Bubel in 1988.

O'Neil's times were good for second and third place finishes respectively.

Sophomore Matt Bluestein also tallied a pair of thirds — timing 59.68 in the 100-breaststroke competition, and 2:10.71 in the 200-yard race.

Ron Gagne, also a sophomore, grabbed second in the latter — just .44 behind his teammate.

O'Neil, Gagne and Bluestein will be joined by sophomore Doug Jelen in the East Coast Athletic Conference individual championships. Sophomores Brett Arnold and Angel Tomala-Reyes will also go to Buffalo as members of the Marist relay team.

Arnold missed qualifying for the individuals by just .7 of a second in his backstroke competition. Tomala-Reyes missed the mark by a mere 1.3 in the butterfly.

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Cagers fall to lowly Cadets, 73-67

by **TED HOLMLUND**
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team was primed to go over the .500 mark for the first time this season only 3-20 Army stood in the way.

Now Army's 4-20.

The Red Foxes played a poor game and lost 73-67 to the Cadets.

The only two bright spots for Marist was senior Sean James and freshman Danny Basile who both scored career highs.

James pumped in 24 and Basile added 20 in a losing cause.

Tonight Dave Magarity's club will see if it can get on the winning track when Marist travels to face Northeast Conference rival Robert Morris.

On Saturday, the Red Foxes scored another come from behind victory defeating NEC foe Monmouth 71-68 to move into a third place tie in the conference (9-7) with Mount St. Mary's.

However, if the season ended today, the Mount would grab the third place slot because of its two victories over Marist.

Currently, Rider (12-4) and Wagner (11-5) are the top two teams in the conference.

Trailing 28-23 at the half, Marist scored 48 points to surge to the victory. Prior to this game, the Red Foxes have averaged 49.5 points in the second half over the last four games.

The Red Foxes almost lost the game in the closing seconds.

Marist had a 69-63 lead with :37 remaining and seemed to be in complete control of the game only to see the Hawks cut it to 69-68 with :02 left. Fortunately for Marist, Lake iced the victory with :01 remain sinking two free throws.

The game marked the final home regular season home game for seniors Andy Lake, Fred Ingles, Mike Schriber, Sean James and Wil den Ouden.

James finished his regular season at the James J. McCann Recreation Center with a bang.

The senior pumped in 20 points on 6-12 shooting (3-3 from three point land) and grabbed seven rebounds before fouling out with with :19 remaining.

Alan Tomidy continued his solid play knocking in 16 points and tearing down six rebounds.

Head Coach Dave Magarity said the victory was too close for comfort.

"We should have beaten them a little more easily," the seventh-year coach said. "We did it without our two top perimeter shooters (Lake and freshman Danny Basile) shooting well."

With Lake and Basile struggling, sophomore Gregg Chodkowski came of the bench and scored nine points on 3-3 shooting.

"There were a lot of openings in the zone," Chodkowski said. "My jumpers just started falling."

Tomidy said the team knew it could outscore a more defense-oriented Monmouth.

"They have a tough 3-2 defense," the freshman said, "but we knew if we could outshoot them, we would beat them."

Besides James, the seniors, who saw a lot of action, struggled.

Lake, who had been on a tear, only scored 11 points shooting 3-12 from the field. Ingles and Schriber combined for only four points.

Lake said although he did not perform well, he was only interested in the bottom line — a win.

"It doesn't matter who is doing what," he said. "The younger guys gave us a present."

On Thursday, Wagner snapped Marist's three game winning streak defeating the Red Foxes 81-64.

The guard tandem of Bobby Hopson and Quincy Lewis each scored a game-high 17 points and 6-foot-10 center Miladin Mutavdzic threw in 13 points to lead the Seahawks to victory.

Once again, James pumped in a team-high 16 points for the Red Foxes.

Spikers sweep Siena; face Fordham next

by **JIM DERIVAN**
Staff Writer

It only took the men's volleyball club three sets to defeat the Siena Saints 15-12, 15-6, 15-8 last Sunday at Siena to raise its record to 3-3.

Senior Mike Gearing, the club's treasurer, said the team believed its record was worst than 3-3 because the team counted the Army Invitational as match play when it was not.

"Although we lost the games in the tournment it did not count on our record," he said. "We misunderstood what they said because game play doesn't count (in overall record)."

Senior co-captain John O'Brien was one of the key players offensively and defensively.

O'Brien led the charge with nine kills and seven aces.

Junior Moira Breen, one of the team's coaches, said O'Brien gave a solid performance.

"One of the keys to the win was John," she said. "He played well defensively."

Gearing added six kills and sophomore Randy Desrosiers chipped in with a team-high 28 assists.

Breen said sophomore Jason Johannessen made a big impact.

"He (Jason) played a good defensive game," she said.

The team played a solid overall game, Gearing said.

"We played well all-around," he said. "Our serving was good and we played good defense."

Blocking was a big factor in the game, Gearing said.

"The blocking was really good," he said. "It was one of

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Marist basketball: mirror images (until Army)

Ted Holmlund

Talkin' it

When I was thinking (yeah that's right believe it or not) about the men's and women's basketball teams, I saw a lot of similarities.

Both teams have a chance to post a winning season.

It's going to be a lot harder for the men after their horrible loss to the now 4-20 Cadets (73-67).

The women's team has guaranteed itself a year over .500 after the Red Foxes defeated Fordham 77-67 to raise its record to 14-9 overall 9-6 in the NEC.

Head Coach Dave Magarity's club needs to win two to jump over the .500 mark.

Both team's woke up and decided to make a run at the Northeast Conference Tournament title.

Head Coach Ken Babineau's club has won seven of its last eight and Magarity's team has streaked to six of nine victories.

What has caused this unusual phenomenon?

It's because both teams have learned how to win the close games down the stretch. The men don't quite have it down to a tee yet.

A perfect example of this is when Babineau's club went on a 13-0 spurt after Fordham had jumped out to a 58-57 lead late in the second half.

The men's team has turned into a second half squad (I never thought I'd be saying this). Until the club's loss to Army (I shouldn't of said a word).

In the last five games, the Red Foxes have averaged roughly 49 points in the second half.

If both teams continue to play well down the stretch they may be able to win the NEC Tournament.

I know I wimped out, but I can't get a total read on these two teams yet especially the men's team. Look at the Army game.

By the way, I developed this theme before the men lost. Oh well.

I can't hold out much longer though. In a week I'll have to make predictions.

The Fields Factor

Charlene Fields has been even more impressive than usual of late.

The senior captain has scored 58 points in the team's last two games.

Fields pumped in a season-high 30 points this Monday against Fordham. On Saturday, the senior threw in 28 poinst against NEC foe Monmouth.

It's a good thing Fields is peaking as the tournament nears. Despite better balance, this year's team's success in tournament play will hinge on Field's performance.

Swimmers finish fourth

The men's swimming club placed an impressive fourth place in the Metropolitan Conference Championships.

For anyone who was reading, I did say any finish under third place would be a big disappointment because the club had not finished lower than fourth since 1987.

However, 80% of the team did beat their personal bests.

According to Larry Van Wagner, the team lost its best senior class in the squad's history to graduation.

This year's squad was a young team and expecting them to finish fourth was probably too much to predict.

Insert foot in mouth.

More Marist news

The men's volleyball club must be glad the games in the Army Invitational did not count towards their match record.

The Red Foxes (now 3-3) scored an impressive 15-8, 15-12, 15-8 win over Siena, but it is only one win.

So far, Marist has looked like a team with no unity. It has shown in the team's play as the passing and the defense have been erratic all year.

Maybe the Red Foxes can gain some momentum from the Siena win — seeing is believing.

Although the men's hockey club beat Albany St., the team has not been getting the job done lately.

The team has been losing and tying teams it normally beats (Hofstra and Rutgers to name a few) and are in serious jeopardy of completely falling out of the playoff hunt.

Pop shots

The all-star game was fairly exciting only because the game went into overtime. The New Jersey Net's Drazen Petrovic should have been on the squad because he's a great offensive player.

There's no "D" in the all-star game.

This is the most boring time in the sports year. The NBA and NHL are in the middle of the year and the playoffs are still far away. Spring training's started, but the regular season is still a month and a half down the road.

If it weren't for March Madness, you could put me to sleep for a month.

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