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Mara administration takes helm with transition dinner

by DARYL RICHARD
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association ushered in a new era of leadership as the Patrick Mara administration was officially sworn in last Friday.

About 140 student and faculty leaders gathered at the Best Western Conference Center in Poughkeepsie for the 20th annual transition dinner.

Mara, elected this past February to the top post in student government, said the highest item on his agenda is increasing SGA's visibility to the student body.

"It's important to keep in close contact with the students," he said.

Mara said his administration will begin working on that visibility within the next couple of weeks.

Senate speaker Todd Lang is heading a poll which will be conducted by SGA's Research and Oversight Committee. The poll will be administered by telephone and will question students about numerous issues, ranging from what professional musical group they would like to see play at Marist to whether or not the activity fee should be raised.

Outgoing president, Mikael Carlson, said he thinks visibility is the number one strength of

the Mara administration.

"[Mara] is making the students know who their representatives are," Carlson said.

Reflecting on his tenure as SGA president, Carlson said his most memorable task was the joint meeting between the Executive Board and Senate last May which resulted in the raising of the club cap.

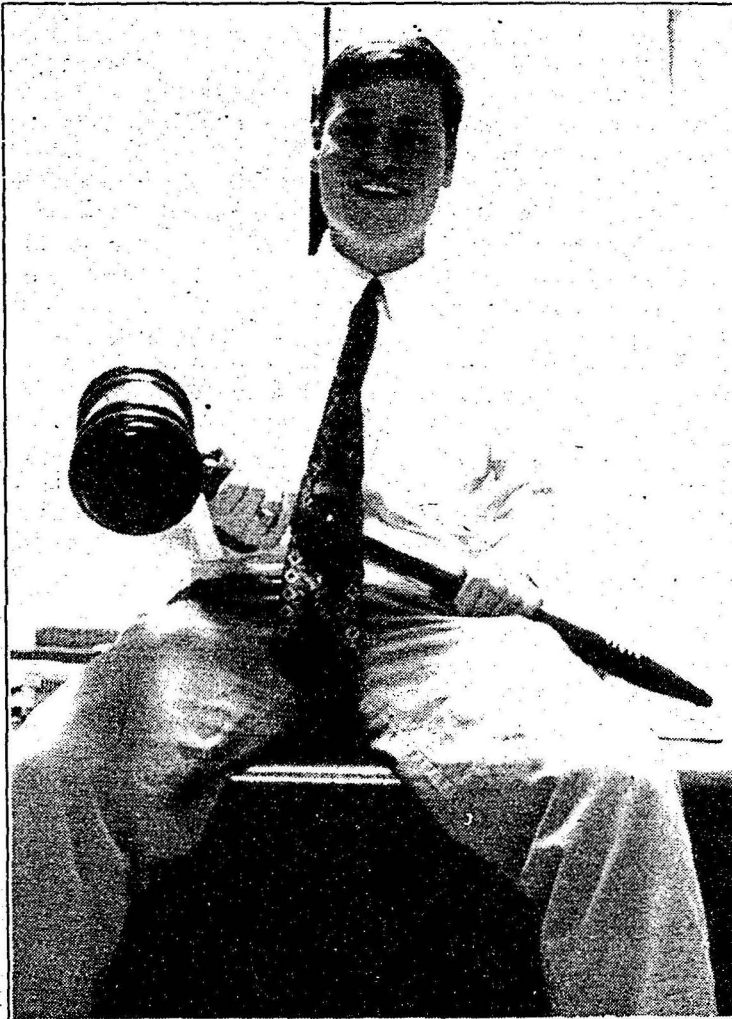
"It was the first big meeting for my administration," Carlson said. "We solved a problem that had plagued us for a while."

While the transition dinner put a cap on Carlson's administration, it opened the door for Mara's.

For the first time in a few years, a gavel was passed from the outgoing president to the incoming to symbolize the transfer of power. And this year, the power was transferred in a big way.

Carlson handed over a 3-foot long gavel to Mara, inaugurating his administration. Before receiving the gavel, Mara received a 12-pound bowling ball from the freshman class president, Brent Knapp.

According to tradition, the incoming president has to hold on to the bowling ball until the new freshman class president is elected the following October. "Thank God it's spring, because now I can play croquet," Mara said laughing.



SGA President Patrick D. Mara holds the 3-foot gavel presented to him at last Friday's transition dinner.

Other clubs were recognized at the dinner in addition to student government.

The Marist Band won the Service Club of the Year award. The Band's vice-president, junior Anastasia Filak, said the club was very excited to garner such recognition.

"We've been trying so hard

during the last few years to get people to recognize the band and have them see how we help the community," Filak said.

The music department swept the awards ceremony this year, with the Marist Singers receiving the Club of the Year award.

President of the Singers, senior Cylinda Rickert, said the club deserved the award for the exceptional year it had.

"I was very excited to get the award because we had a fabulous year," Rickert said. "If there was ever a year we deserved it, it was this one."

A focus on students

Latinos and Greeks celebrate

by GYNA SLOMCINSKY
Staff Writer

Last week, students could be seen riding big wheels across campus or dancing the merengue in the Student Center.

Marist celebrated Greek week and Latino week April 8 through April 13.

It was a time where the Greek organizations could come together to compete in events, and where the Latino club, El Arco Iris Latino, could be recognized on campus.

Events for both organizations were held throughout campus.

Aniëtra Guzman, sophomore and vice president of El Arco Iris Latino club, said Latino week was good for recognition of the organization.

"Latino week is a time for our group to be recognized on campus," she said.

Melanie Feliciano, a junior and treasurer of the club, said the week was a success.

Senior honored as Intern of Year

by CHRISTOPHER THORNE
Staff Writer

Marist College recently gave out two awards to recognize outstanding achievement in internships—the Internship/Co-op Student of the Year, and Intern/Co-op Employer of the Year.

Desmond Murray, assistant director of field experience, hosted the event. The reception took place at the Cabaret, Wednesday April 10 at 9:30 a.m.

In addition to the awards, several senior students majoring in the fields of business, psychology-special education, communications and fashion design gave speeches about their internships.

Murray said internships and the experience gained by them have become an integral part of Marist.

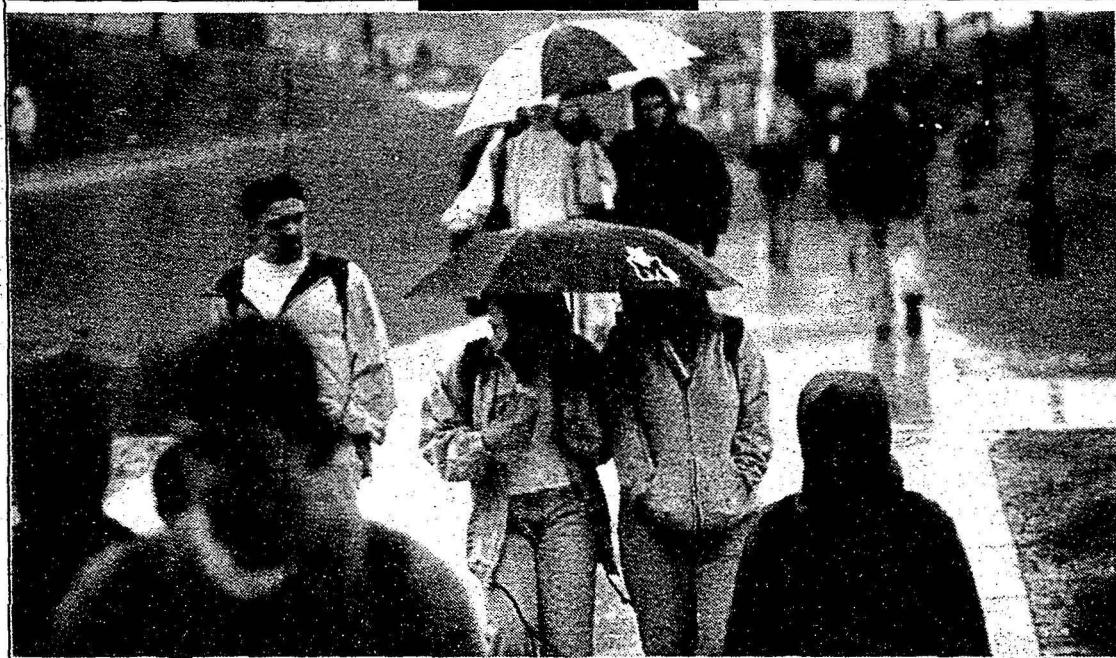
"Internship experience has become part of the rich Marist tradition," he said.

The Internship/Co-op Student of the Year has been given out annually since 1993, to a graduating senior to recognize outstanding student achievement in experiential education—this includes internships, co-ops, student teaching experiences, and externships.

This year's recipient of the Internship/Co-op Student of the Year was senior Desmond Ebanks. He was presented with a plaque to recognize his achievement.

The Internship/Co-op Employer of the Year award was pre-

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APRIL SHOWERS - Bring mud to Marist. Students slid to class Tuesday afternoon in the rain.

Three on-campus apartments burglarized

by TIM MANSON
Staff Writer

A laptop computer, some cash, and several credit cards were recently stolen as two men burglarized some Marist College apartments.

According to the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, two Gartland Commons apartments and one of the new

townhouses were burglarized on Saturday night, March 30.

Apparently, the two suspects, both from New York City, first went to the townhouses, where they found the front door to apartment 12 unlocked. The door was left unlocked because one student was upstairs sleeping.

According to the police, the burglars entered, probably think-

ing no one was home, and they went through one of the purses in room B. They took only credit cards.

Emily Merwin, who was sleeping during the burglary, said she is surprisingly all right with the situation.

"I should feel unsafe, but I really don't," said Merwin.

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Clinton, Hashimoto Reaffirm U.S.-Japanese Military Alliance

By **TERENCE HUNT**
AP White House
Correspondent

TOKYO (AP) - Seeking to calm security jitters, President Clinton pledged Wednesday to keep 100,000 American troops in the Asia-Pacific region to preserve peace and stability. Japan strongly welcomed Clinton's pledge.

In a swift follow-up to sponsoring a peace initiative for the Korean Peninsula, Clinton signed a joint declaration with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto reaffirming U.S.-Japan security ties.

The two leaders said the alliance is the cornerstone "for maintaining a stable and prosperous environment for the Asia-Pacific region as we enter the 21st century." They pledged close cooperation on defense matters, including joint production of a jet fighter, the F-2.

The security accord was the highlight of Clinton's three-day state visit to Japan.

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko welcomed Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the elaborate government guesthouse at Akasaka Palace in the heart of Tokyo.

In an ornate, gold-paneled reception room, the Clintons and the imperial couple shook hands and chatted briefly, then moved out into the brilliant sunshine.

As a band played the U.S. and Japanese national anthems, Mrs. Clinton stood at her husband's side; the empress stood several

steps to the side and behind the emperor.

The White House said the U.S. relationship with Japan has been defined by economic disputes for too long. "We want to put more focus on this trip on the security relationship," national security adviser Anthony Lake said.

Asia has been rattled by menacing military moves by North Korea and China in recent weeks, as well as by unrest in Okinawa about the large-scale U.S. military presence. In a goodwill gesture, the United States will give back 20 percent of the land it uses on Okinawa, including a key Marine Corps air station.

Still, about 4,500 demonstrators shouted slogans and waved effigies in a Tokyo park Tuesday to protest the U.S. military presence in Japan. A cardboard effigy of Clinton was printed with the words, "Give me more land, more people, more money!"

While expressing satisfaction about the Okinawa agreement, Clinton and Hashimoto said U.S. troops were "essential for preserving peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region." The United States will maintain about 100,000 personnel in the region, including about the current level in Japan - roughly 47,000, Clinton said.

Japan pledged "appropriate contributions" to help defray the cost of the troops. Lake said Tokyo will contribute \$25 billion

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over five years. Under a new defense strategy approved last November, Japan also pledged to "play appropriate roles in the security environment after the Cold War."

On a new peace initiative for the tense Korean Peninsula, there was no immediate response from North Korea - and administration officials said they didn't expect one. Clinton and Kim proposed unconditional peace talks among North and South Korea, the United States and China. The aim is to draw up a permanent peace treaty to replace the military armistice that ended the 1950-53 Korean War.

"I would implore them to do this and to accept this offer," Clinton said. Kim called the proposal "perhaps the last choice that North Korea can make to resolve the Korea question."

Administration officials said the United States will leave the offer on the table and wait patiently for an answer.

"As best as we can understand decision-making in North Korea, it probably will be the source of some deliberation internally," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said.

By six, he's set two house fires and taken car for spin

LUTZ, Fla. (AP) - A six-year-old boy who made headlines three years ago for taking the family car for a midnight spin is in trouble again: He set his house on fire for the second time.

No one was injured in the latest fire, which Mikey Sproul started by lighting a candle that fell onto his bed, Hillsborough Fire Chief Bill Kaplan said Monday.

His mother, Paula Sproul, was awakened by a neighbor's screams, and dropped Mikey and his baby sister out a second-story bedroom window to a neighbor before jumping to safety.

"The fire pretty much consumed everything," Kaplan said.

At age 3, Mikey took the keys to the family's silver Mercury and drove down U.S. 41, a major north-south artery, smacking four vehicles and then veering into a ditch. "I go zoom," he explained.

A month later, he set his bedroom curtains with a cigarette lighter.

The ensuing blaze destroyed the Sproul's three-bedroom house and hospitalized Paula's then-husband, Mike Sproul, with burns. The Sprouls have since divorced.

The state took Mikey from his family in November 1993 after the first fire.

He was returned to his mother's care in September by court order, with weekly visits from caseworkers.

The latest fire heavily damaged the house, owned by Paula Sproul's boyfriend Robert Sucarichi, in this bedroom community 25 miles north of Tampa.

Near midnight, as his mother and sister slept, Mikey took a cigarette lighter and a candle into his room and lit the candle.

It fell from his dresser, igniting his bed and a pile of toys. Mikey went to his mother's room and "hopped in bed with the two of them and fell asleep," Kaplan said.

It wasn't clear if Mikey tried unsuccessfully to wake her first. The boyfriend wasn't home at the time.

A neighbor, 20-year-old Joshua Santiago, noticed the fire while working on his car. Sproul dropped her children to Santiago.

Kaplan said charges aren't likely in the latest case because of Mikey's age. "Children have a natural curiosity with fire," he said. "Some children more than others."

A television show about Mikey's car ride also brought out his natural father, a prison inmate who had been dating Paula Sproul just before he was incarcerated and realized when he saw the show that Mikey was his child.

A blood test later confirmed the paternity of Edward A. Brayton, who has filed a custody suit. Brayton is serving a grand theft sentence at Union Correctional Institution in Raiford.

Rain doesn't dampen College Beach Party for local students

by **STEPHANIE MERCURIO**
Asst. News Editor

Students gathered in the Poughkeepsie Main Mall last Saturday to eat food, listen to bands and play volleyball.

The city of Poughkeepsie Partnership, a non-profit organization, put together "College Day Beach Party," on April 13 for college students in the Poughkeepsie area. Students could participate in the activities for free with a college ID.

Dina Anello, a senior at Marist and an intern with the Poughkeepsie Partnership, said the purpose was to get students downtown.

"This started as an idea from my supervisor to have more involvement from students in the community," said Anello. "We wanted to have something that would bring the students down here, and get them together."

Anello said that all of the entertainment and food for the event was donated.

"We have four bands playing, which a local radio station, WDST-FM, will be broadcasting live," said Anello. "We also have food from local restaurants and a volleyball court for people who want to play. Almost all of it was donated."

Anello said the event was similar to last October's "Block Party," which was also held in the Main Mall.

"It was so successful last semester that we decided to do it again," said Anello. "We had

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- Megan Dowden,
Marist senior.

about 400 students at the last party, and we expect to double that amount today."

Eric Muhlfeld, also a senior and intern with the Poughkeepsie Partnership, said that they advertised a lot for the event.

"We really pumped it up with advertising at all of the schools in the area," said Muhlfeld. "We put up flyers and sent phone mail to Marist, Vassar, Dutchess Community College, Culinary Institute and SUNY New Paltz."

John Maroney, a third semester student at Dutchess Community College, volunteered to help with the party.

"We put in full-time hours all week to put this together," said Maroney. "Hopefully it will turn out all right and a lot of people will come."

Megan Dowden, a senior fine arts major at Marist, said she was enjoying herself at the party.

"It's a good day to relax, especially with finals coming up," said Dowden. "I think it's a really good idea."

Campus News

PR specialist gives an inside look at career

by **DIANE KOLOD**
Staff Writer

Frasier Seitel, a senior consultant at the world's largest public affairs firm Burnson-Marsteelar, delivered an informal speech at Marist on April 10.

The speech was sponsored by the Communication Arts Society, and it was Seitel's third visit to Marist.

Seitel is the author of "The Practice of Public Relations," a textbook currently used at Marist and more than 200 other colleges. He was also a former senior vice president of public affairs for Chase Manhattan Bank.

Seitel's speech focused on the importance of knowledge, experience, judgment and attitude in the field of public relations.

He explained that people working in the field of public relations need not only maintain avid interests in communications, but they also must take on the role of an advocate and counselor. Above all, people in the public relations field must also be ethical.

Seitel said public relations professionals always must ask themselves whether or not they are doing the right thing, and they must always be willing to communicate.

"You want to be communicative," he said. "You want to dis-



Public relations specialist Frasier Seitel.

close."

Seitel also stressed that people in the public relations industry must be advocates for their respective companies.

"You have to believe in the man or woman who runs the company," he said. "Be an ad-

vocate. Believe in who you work for."

With more than 200,000 public relations specialists in the United States, Seitel advised public relations majors and soon-to-be graduates to specialize in a field they are interested in.

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Mild, scattered showers. Highs 60 to 70. Lows 45 to 50. Source: Associated Press

Living off campus an unpopular option

by BEN AGOES
Staff Writer

The housing crunch at Marist has forced many students to seek off-campus residences and has sparked debates about whether the priority point system is adequate.

Some students say they wonder if the college is dealing with the problem appropriately.

Sophomore Jen Helm is one of many students who said she is confused about the whole situation.

"You never think when you are a freshmen that two years down the road you won't have college housing," she said.

Helm also said she does not think she has enough priority points to live on campus next year with her 23 points. The junior class average is about 25.5 points.

"It is a no-win situation unless you have a lot of points," she said. "It just isn't a fair system for the average student."

To aid her search for off campus housing, Helm said she and a friend have approached Marty Rule, assistant director of housing and residential life, for help.

According to Helm, they were told to try for campus housing, and they were given maps of the area and a list of Poughkeepsie realtors. But, simply trying for campus housing is not a guarantee that she will have a place to live.

"The whole situation irritates me because no one knows if they are going to get campus housing 'til July," she said.

Helm said knowing just two months before the start of school is not enough time to plan for housing.

Dawn Langevin, a junior who lives off campus, said she agrees that the housing system is inadequate.

Langevin currently lives with three other people in a house she got through the Mountain Side Realtor Agency.

She said she does not like the priority point system, but she would like to see a lottery system instead.

"I like the lottery system: a first-come-first serve system where you pick your own number, not where it is drawn for you," Langevin said.

According to Pat Damanti, a resident assistant in Leo Hall, one misconception that most people have when considering to move off campus is that they think they will be saving money.

"We didn't expect to have to pay as much for electricity, oil, water and food," he said. "We didn't save any money at all."

Langevin said she expected being off campus would be cheaper, but she has yet to see any savings.

Helm said the office of housing and residential life told her that living off campus would be about \$1,000 less than the cost of living on campus.

"[I was told] that you would save money by living off campus," she said.

"I would expect having an apartment is half the cost of what you would pay living on campus," Helm said.

Despite the unexpected costs of living off campus, junior Carolyn Bowen said it is ideal compared to living on campus. Bowen, who lives off campus and has one roommate, got her housing through a friend.

"It is nice because you get away from all the hassles of campus," she said. "You just don't have any privacy living in a residence hall."

Damanti previously lived off campus at the old Canterbury Estate and in off-campus housing. He said that he did not feel like he was a part of the school when he lived off campus.

"I like being a part of the Marist community," he said. "When I was living off campus, I had no idea what was going on."

Damanti said he would like to see the campus have another Canterbury-type residence that was closer to the college. He also said he thinks the college should purchase more land and construct more residence halls.

Bowen agrees that the college should have another set up like Canterbury. She said that the college should stop pursuing housing at the Sheraton Hotel.

"I don't think the Sheraton will offer as much freedom as it seems," she said.

Helm said the idea of using the Sheraton as housing was ridiculous.

"I don't know why anyone would want to live in a hotel," she said. "Even if Marist offered it, I wouldn't want to live there because it would be too impersonal."



Circle photo/Chris Berinato

IS IT SAFE TO COME OUT? A cat that has taken up residence behind a Gartland Commons apartment peers out from its home. Wonder if it paid its \$200 room deposit on time.

Students celebrate Greek & Latino Week

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such as a big wheels race.

Karen Fusaro, junior and president of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, said that Greek week was a time for memories.

"It's a time for all the sororities

and fraternities to get together and unite in one week. It is filled with laughter and memories," she said.

Jennifer Helm, a sophomore member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, said that it is a week to show self-respect.

"It is a time for all the Greeks to show their pride in themselves, and to have a good time," she said.

This year, Sigma Sigma Sigma came in first overall for the women closely followed behind was Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Sigma Tau, and Kappa Lambda Psi.

For the men, Tau Kappa Epsilon came in first with Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Epsilon Phi, and Alpha Phi Delta following.

Erin Early, president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority said that Greek Week finally made it's goal of getting the Greek organizations together.

"It was a complete success. The goal of unifying the Greek organizations on campus as a whole was achieved," said Early. "It shows the college that the Greek organizations came together and that they plan on continuing on campus."

Russell Heigel, sophomore and vice-president of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity said that there was more closeness.

"There was a more closer bond between the fraternities and sororities this year," he said.

Ryan Soucy, a sophomore and a member of the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity, said that competition is fun.

"Competition between the fraternities is fun. It is fierce and as the week goes on it gets more competitive," he said.

Jessica Sheldon, a sophomore member of sorority Alpha Sigma Tau, said the competition was positive.

"It seemed that the competition was more relaxed and everyone was out to have fun," she said.

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Cultural dinner dance to be held Saturday celebrating students' heritage

by SUE FISCHER
News Editor

What Tamiko Bell said she remembers most was the sense of unity.

"It filled the room," said Bell, as she recalled last year's cultural dinner dance at Marist College. "The whole experience was wonderful, and I'm sure this year's dance will be just as enjoyable."

Bell, internal public relations officer for the Black Students'

Union (BSU) at Marist, is part of the committee planning the 15th annual cultural dinner dance to be held in the Cabaret Room on April 20. The theme of this year's semi-formal affair is "From One We Are Many."

Yasmin Evangelista, secretary of the Latino club, El Arco Iris Latino, said Latino Week and Black Week at Marist are centered around the cultural dinner dance.

"The dance is a celebration of

the end of Latino Week and the beginning of Black Week," she said. "It is also a celebration of our heritage."

This year, the dance also commemorates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the BSU at Marist.

However, Damion Alexander, president of the BSU, said the sponsoring clubs want people from all cultures to attend the dance.

"All Marist faculty and students are invited to attend," he said. "People see who is sponsoring the dance and think that it is just for black or Latino students—anyone can attend."

Students who have gone to the

dance, have enjoyed themselves for different reason, Alexander said.

"For some, it was a cultural release," he said. "Others got to see part of cultures they hadn't experienced before."

Entertainment will also be part of the festivities.

Last year, Evangelista said students performed the Merengue and the Flamingo.

"This year is a surprise," she said.

In addition to entertainment, the clubs also present awards to students and faculty.

Melanie Feliciano, treasurer of El Arco Iris Latino, said an award

is given to the outstanding member of each club.

They also recognize faculty members who have supported the BSU and El Arco Iris Latino, she said.

"This year, two faculty members will be honored from each club," said Feliciano.

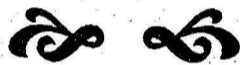
A student Pioneer Award is also presented to the freshman club member who supported the club the most throughout the year, she said.

And, there will be a new award presented this year to the graduate who has helped each club the most over the whole time he/she was at Marist.

Attention Students!

The Office of Student Affairs is looking for 30 ushers for Marist's 50th Commencement

If interested contact the Office of Student Affairs at ext. 2517



Senior intern honored for experience in computer field

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sented by executive vice-president Mark Sullivan to the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Ebanks, an information systems major, served as an intern for the Candle Corporation in White Plains since his sophomore year.

Two years ago he acted as an assistant Local Area Network (LAN) administrator intern, and most recently he served as a software developer intern.

Ebanks said he was very proud of his achievement.

"I think it's a great honor to receive this award," he said.

Ebanks is also a dean's list student. He said being on the dean's list was one of the goals

he set out to achieve while at college, and he was proud to have made the accomplishment.

Ebanks said that an internship allowed him the chance to work with people in his field.

"It gave me the chance to meet experienced professionals," he said.

Ebanks also said an internship gives an idea of what it would be like to work that field.

"It gives you a chance to see what it's really like in your field," he said.

Ebanks said that an internship also gave him the sense that he was contributing to a greater goal.

"I feel that I'm really contributing to a larger company," he said.

Northwestern Mutual Life was honored for its continued dedication to and longevity with the Marist College Field Experience Program.

Joe Small, a representative of Northwestern Mutual, and a 1992 Marist graduate accepted the award.

Small said internships were very valuable.

"Having an internship is the most important thing a student can do," he said.

Small said many companies look to see if prospective employees have had prior experience.

"Companies are looking for people who have some sort of field experience," he said.

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SGA NEWS

The Year of Response

A note from your new student body president

Dear Friends,

Last Friday evening, the Gavel was passed to my administration for the 1996-1997 academic year and with it all the responsibilities of the Student Government Association. The transition ceremony (very tastefully done I might add) took place at the Best Western. A few clubs and members of SGA were recognized for their accomplishments over the past year. The previous administration deserves congratulations not only for an outstanding transition ceremony but a great year as well.

Now that the changing of the guard has taken place, my administration can finally settle down for this last few weeks of school and concentrate on the issues at hand. Currently, we are planning the first ever Spring Leadership Conference for all recently elected club officers. The purpose of the conference is to familiarize leaders with the aspects of their positions that they may be unaccustomed to. Hopefully, it will help to alleviate some of the pressure new officers may face in their first few months as club leaders. This will be especially beneficial for leaders during the summer months when consultation on specific club matters may not be close by.

In my campaign I promised to be as accessible as possible to the student body. I now urge you my fellow students to become as involved as possible with this new administration. Past administrations have accomplished a great deal. However, I believe it's time for you the students to bring your suggestions and complaints to the SGA where they can do some good instead of voicing them in the cafeteria and at other social gathering places. Hey, as everyone around here is so quick to point out, it's your \$18,000 dollars, you might as well make the most of it.

So for those of you who are willing to become a little more active in the student body, some positions are still available in Student Government. So stop by, pick up an application, or at least voice your opinion. My door is always unlocked, it just needs to be opened by you my fellow students. And look on the bright side, you don't have to look at me in the shower anymore.

As always, have a pleasant day,

Pat Mara
Student Body President

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- The SGA Constitution

This is a great new way for SGA to communicate better with the students. You can also use e-mail to give the SGA any comments, complaints or compliments. You can e-mail SGA directly at: HZGV or you can e-mail an officer or senator personally.

Please take a look and let us know what you think of our web page. If you have any ideas of improving it, contact Josh Gaynor x4815 or KP4C. We are also looking for non-SGA members to join the SGA World Wide Web Committee. It's a great way to get involved, earn priority points, and to learn how to make web pages.

Thank you,,
Josh Gaynor
Resident Senator

**You can also find us on the Marist homepage under Campus Life and on the Marist Country homepage under Student Organizations and Activities.

<http://www.academic.marist.edu/sga/sga.htm>

Blood drive coming this Monday

To the Marist Community:

Get a free pint of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream!
On Monday April 22, 1996, Sigma Phi Epsilon will be holding their biannual blood drive. This semester is the first time that we will be having Ben and Jerry's sponsor the blood drive. For anyone who donates a pint of blood, Ben and Jerry's will give you a **FREE** pint of ice cream. The time of the blood drive is from noon to 5:15 pm. For any additional information, contact:

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Something to think about...

"Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Editorial

Priority point system most fair

As students are rushing to get their housing forms in on time, the fairness of the priority point system has come into question.

Many students say they should not be penalized simply because they are not involved in campus activities.

Likewise, other students feel academic success should not have a role in determining housing. According to the current system, participation in activities accounts for up to eight priority points out of the maximum of 32.

Grades, room damage, disciplinary record and room condition are the other areas that compose the current priority point system.

This is a fair system that attempts to cater to students of all interests.

If you are not involved in a lot of activities yet excel academically, you are awarded with up to eight points.

If you have little to no discipline problems and keep your dormitory in satisfactory condition, you are duly compensated.

The problem is that too many students do not want to have to work for their housing. They complain they are forced to become active in the college community. What's wrong with that?

Extracurricular activities are the richest part of the college experience. Students often learn more and make more valuable connections through their clubs than through the classroom.

Marist is only trying to advocate student life by making campus involvement a part of the priority point system. And students who take advantage of the numerous opportunities available - and this includes much more than the 67 clubs on campus - should be rewarded for their involvement.

For those students who choose to spend more time on academics and less on activities, the system has been developed to accommodate you too. A student who receives excellent grades, has no discipline problems or room damage, yet is only involved in one activity still earns 26 points.

This is enough to assure some type of campus housing. Students at Marist should feel grateful for the priority point system. Housing could be determined by a lottery, in which luck is your sole guide. This is much more unfair than the current system.

Or the college could be even more cruel and assign housing on a first come, first serve basis. At some institutions, like Fairfield University, students pitch tents outside the housing office a day in advance to guarantee a good place in line for housing assignments.

The priority point system is the most fair method of determining who deserves housing and students should appreciate that they have a great deal of control over their "housing fate."

All roads lead to Montana

by Christian Bladt

The irony of the apprehension of Ted Kaczynski in the state of Montana is probably lost on most people.

While feds busted down the door of Kaczynski's cabin as if Roman Polanski had been in with a group of high school cheerleaders, elsewhere in the state the Freeman standoff was held over for another big week.

What is so ironic about this is the Freeman's opposition to governmental agencies. To say that the Freeman have a problem with government would be like saying that the LAPD needs to find a new place for batting practice.

If it hadn't been for government intervention, the Unabomber would still be a guy wearing sunglasses and a sweatshirt. The investigation must particularly irk the Freeman in that it was jointly run by two dreaded agencies: the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Personally, I just wish that the post office didn't get to take credit for it. However, that does explain why it took eighteen years.

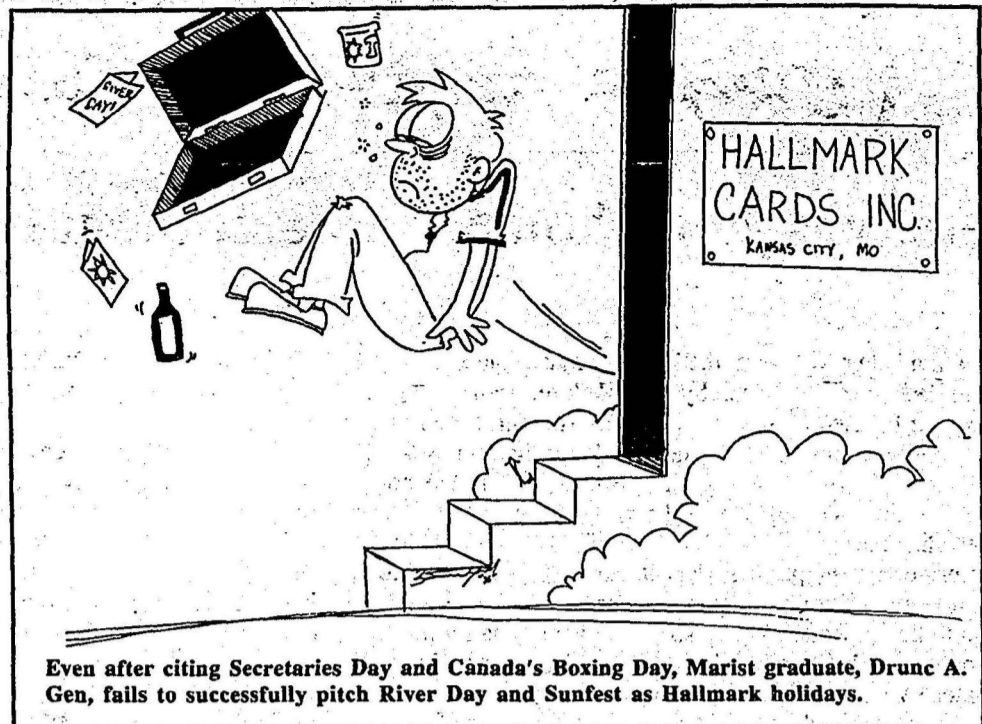
The Freeman epitomize an idea that is gaining tremendous popularity in this country. This is the idea that government is bad.

Many Republicans are going to great lengths to criticize so-called "big government", and to downsize the role that government plays in the lives of private citizens. Among the proposed plans is the elimination of the Internal Revenue Service. While that is hardly a catastrophe, other agencies are essential to the safety of all Americans.

Kaczynski is likely to join the ranks of Timothy McVeigh and David Koresch as someone that the government has done wrong. People are quick to defend these people, often overlooking the reasons why they had problems with the law.

Quite simply, these are the bad guys. The good guys are supposed to go after the bad guys. That is what they do. Now, anyone who has seen "The Dukes of Hazzard" might disagree. That seems about right, when you consider that the Freeman probably have the Bo and Luke commemorative plates. ("If'n I could only find the one with Daisy and Uncle Jesse...")

Sure, these agencies make mistakes. But, come on, we can't all be Michael Eisner. Sure, they run up fees the size of Dom DeLuise's grocery bill. Sure, these bills can be difficult to pay. Again, we can't all be Michael Eisner.



Even after citing Secretaries Day and Canada's Boxing Day, Marist graduate, Drunc A. Gen, fails to successfully pitch River Day and Sunfest as Hallmark holidays.

To those who helped me to grow at Marist

by Brian Frankenfield, Opinion Editor

As the end of my last year here at Marist College rapidly approaches, I have been pondering over what exactly to say in my sort-of farewell address to *The Circle* and to this institution. I had originally planned on writing about all the memories that Marist has provided me with over the years and publishing this piece in the last issue of the newspaper. However, this is a theme that has been well over-played year after year. Instead, I'd like to take the time to thank certain people who have changed me in some way and helped me to become the person I am today; the people who have helped me to grow mentally and emotionally stronger throughout my four years here. Many of these people do not even know of the influence they have had on my attitudes and morals, and, more generally, on the way I look at life. So, please, do not be surprised if you are reading along and you suddenly find that I am describing a person who sounds a lot like you...because it very well could be.

I would like to thank...

First, my housemates for teaching me about friendship and for proving that no matter how hard a day, week or even month it's been, it's never anything so bad that a good laugh from a good friend can not help you forget...

To a certain friend since freshman year who stayed for a while in good ol' Meriden, CT, for teaching me about courage, determination and that anything is possible if you set your mind to it...

To a good friend whom I lived with this past summer in Poughkeepsie, for teaching me about strength, about adversity and about individuality...

To a certain English professor who two summers ago could hear the Woodstock Festival from his front yard and who I had freshman year for Creative Writing, for encouraging me to write and to write with passion...

To another English professor who came to Marist with a background from NYU and who introduced my Theory class to the technology of the Web, for his enthusiasm and love for teaching that was expressed in the classroom, and for the confidence he had in his students and therefore forced them to have in themselves...

To a certain ex-girlfriend, for giving me hope that love really does exist, for teaching me that it often leaves as quickly as it comes and for teaching me it's okay to cry...

To a certain person whom I've just recently started hanging out with who can shoot a mean game of pool as well as a mean jump shot, for teaching me about honesty, straight-forwardness and being genuine, and for helping me to appreciate every last day here...

To the complete stranger who stuck a gun in my back two years ago and to another stranger who stuck a gun in my stomach at the end of this past summer, for teaching me to do it today, because I might not be here tomorrow...

To a certain friend I lived with for a while sophomore year who moved to Texas after being forced to leave Marist, for teaching me that, in this life, things don't always work out...

To a couple of friends from home who were always there for me and who always encouraged me to go further and do more than I thought possible, for their trust and for their love...

To my brother, for teaching me about standing on my own, standing up for what I believe in and doing what I want to do, despite what others may think or say...

To a certain person who I've known since freshman year and who, in my book, can sing the National Anthem just as well as, if not better than, Whitney Houston or Roberta Flack, for showing me that there are people out there following their dreams and giving me the inspiration to follow mine...

To a certain person who sat next to me in Dr. Ingall's class freshman year and who lives not too far from me at home (and at school), for her friendship and for some deep conversations that changed the way I've come to think about a lot of different things...

To another certain person from Rhode Island who sat on the other side of me in Dr. Ingalls class freshman year, for teaching me, again, about strength and individuality...

To a certain person who lives on Taylor Ave. and who took me for a bunch of loot in a card game over this past winter break, for teaching me about respect and about not forgetting where I'm from...

To a certain person who works in Student Accounts and who makes the best shrimp around, for teaching me to fight for what is right...

To a certain group of ladies at the Learning Center for teaching me about kindness and providing me with opportunity...

To my mother, for teaching me the value of an education, for her support and for her encouragement...

To my father, for teaching me about perseverance, about family and, again, about respect...

And, finally, to all those who didn't believe I'd make it this far...I'm going even further.

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Campus Responds to Diversity Commentary

Diversity is your choice

Editor:

The following is in response to the "literary masterpiece" submitted to *The Circle* last week by Jason White. In his commentary, he focused on the problems gay students face in an undiverse setting. He may feel that he was doing the homosexual community a favor by writing his piece. But Jason White is not gay, and his article has absolutely no bearing on the gay community whatsoever.

White interviewed two gay students at Marist. He intended to help voice the opinions of homosexuals everywhere, but succeeded in doing quite the opposite. White seems to want equality for Marist students, but judging by his commentary, one can plainly see he further separated not only the gays from the straights, but the blacks from the whites. It is people just like himself whom he criticizes. If he wants to be a voice for any community, perhaps it should be for heterosexual African-Americans. We, as gay students, can speak for ourselves.

We do not sit alone. We do not segregate ourselves. We speak just as loud as the rest of campus. We do not hide. In fact, we are everywhere. Believe it or not, one in ten is a homosexual. Roughly around 500 gay/lesbian students walk the halls at Marist. We are, whether you choose to realize it or not, on your athletic teams. We are in your fraternity/sorority. We are your roommates. We are your best friends. Perhaps persecution was an answer in the past, but now we have a voice. Not the voice of a well-meaning heterosexual. We have our own voice, and we will speak for ourselves.

If you cannot hear us, you choose not to. Perhaps ignorance is taking up too much brain space. We are unique. We are not all fashion majors. We do not refuse to use the urinals for fear of harassment. We do not all dress in drag. Men's clothes fit us perfectly well. We do have straight male friends. Some of us do love children. We don't wish we were women. And some of us do despise Madonna. Intimate relationships between gay men (and women) do last, as we can proudly testify. We all have the same feelings as heterosexual men and women, and we have the capacity to love one another.

Jason White may have spoken with two gay Marist students, but he obviously represented the opinion of just one. We are not to be stereotyped as the same, for we have diversity within our own group. We, Eddie and Jamie, are quite the opposite from what Jason White tried to speak about in his commentary. We are just the same as everyone else, except we are two men who love each other. And we ourselves are able to speak about our relationship, our opinions, our views... even our choice in clothing. We don't need the goodwill of others to do it for us. We can stand up for ourselves and proudly admit that we are members of the Marist student body. And we are gay. Who really cares?

Edmund M. Ercole, Junior

Jamie P. Olmstead, Sophomore

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Please include your name and class year. *The Circle* reserves the right to edit letters for spacial reasons or otherwise.

Students are not the bad guys

Editor:

Throughout my career at Marist, I have noticed that Marist Security views us, the students, as the "bad guys". They are always out to bust the students. Why is that? In fact, as I see it, we are the good guys that security is supposedly here to protect, and if we were not here, their job would not exist.

This year, I have notice that security loves to write tickets, actually more than any other year. Once again...why is that? I strongly feel that security should spend their time more wisely. In other words, leave the people who belong here alone and start worrying about the people who don't belong here.

What do tickets do for Marist Security anyway? Meet quotas -- maybe, make more money for Marist -- yes, create angry students -- yes, create a hate relationship between security and students where a strong relationship should be present so Marist Security can work with the students to make this campus a better place to live -- yes. The point of this letter is that Marist Security should not be concerned with where the people who belong on campus park, but they should be concerned about the safety and security of the students' and their belongings. By the way \$25 for a parking ticket and a stolen mountain bike in one week! Come on, let's be a little more proactive!

Paul Morrell, senior

Commentary on diversity contradicts itself

Editor:

My name is Darren Duffy, a transfer student and a junior here at Marist College. I am writing this letter to *The Circle* in response to the letter published by Jason White in the Viewpoints column of your April 3, 1996 issue.

The points which are emphasized in your letter are well addressed and they're of great concern to all of us at Marist. However, in your letter you bring with your concern of diversity and discrimination a sense of discrimination in the letter itself.

In specific, you said the cafeteria has no selections whereas they really do have a multitude of selections from every corner of food groups as well as beverages. In your letter, you are over-generalizing racial groups at Marist by separating the "...black kids being young, having fun," and the "...bunch of white kids with plaid shirts having fun." These statements connote that these students only sit separately from one another and only have "fun" here at Marist.

In regard to the statements made about the gay section, I feel that here at Marist College there are more elements of diversity among the student and faculty body than at the equally sized college which I transferred from, as well as the real world. The gay members of our student body feel that they have no voice or expression here at Marist, but in truth they really do. With clubs such as the Bi, Gay and Lesbian club students can gather and voice their opinions and concerns toward the entire student body. This also applies to the different ethnic clubs such as the Italian and the Gaelic clubs. The way a person dresses cannot deem whether they are gay or not, nor can the jewelry a person wears today with the modern trends in fashion. If a person feels that they are discriminated against here at Marist, I feel that they have not given the school nor the students here a fair chance. To over-generalize with a closed mind is discrimination. Open up your minds and your mouths to voice your unbiased opinions and you will succeed.

Darren Duffy, junior

BiGALA president speaks on commentary

Editor:

I'm not sure where Jason White goes to school, but I for one can say that in a single day at Marist, I interact with an incredible diversity of people. I hang out, got to class and work with Latinos, African-Americans, athletes, Jews, heterosexuals and lesbians, or any combination of these. Each person on this campus is an individual in his or her own right, that cannot be categorized or labeled. Every person I know defies stereotypes in one way or another. Unfortunately, Jason White hasn't had this experience.

He complains of a lack of diversity and segregation of groups into "ghettoes" on this campus. According to him, "the white section" are "a bunch of white kids with plaid shirts...mostly from Connecticut, New Jersey or Long Island." According to Jason White, "the gay section...sit alone, say nothing, and must hide. They are silent. They have no voice." Jason creates the ghettoes he complains about by furthering stereotypes. Jason goes on to lend the gay community at Marist a voice through the story of Eddie and Paul, two gay men on this campus who are inaccurately portrayed, lumped together, categorized, segregated and stereotyped through Jason's representation of them.

I challenge that representation. I am a white lesbian from Brooklyn that doesn't wear plaid shirts. I do not sit alone in "the gay section" silent and afraid. I speak my mind and I have friends that support me. I identify with the gay community but I do not segregate myself in it. I work toward advancing my community through the Marist BiGALA -- Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance -- our supposedly silent voice on this campus. And my friends, housemates and professors, straight, gay, black and white support me.

Jason, there is no "gay section" on this campus. Gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and people questioning their sexuality are your roommates, your frat brothers, your housemates, your classmates, your coworkers, your relatives and your best friends. They make up the diversity at Marist you have failed to see.

Gina Trapani, junior

President, Marist College Bisexual Gay and Lesbian Alliance

Our hearts are heavy: no tenure for Evan Rivers

Editor:

Our hearts are heavy this evening, for we've learned it is over. Evan Rivers's last shot at tenure has failed.

Due course has failed the students of this college and, as graduating seniors, we are sorry for the students we are leaving behind. We respect the other English professors on this campus, but Dr. Rivers only enhanced the overall excellence of the department. He would never settle for mediocrity in his freshmen students. He guided them away from bad habits in English, taught them to see more than symbolism in literature. It will be difficult, as Orientation Leaders, to tell incoming freshmen how strong the English department is, because when they lose Dr. Rivers, they'll lose a major portion of their strength. He is impartial, teaches students as individuals, and refuses to practice favoritism. Dr. Rivers is an unbelievable asset to the college. He started the Writing Center, which has helped students hone their skills and their papers. He has been the Humanities nominee for the Faculty of the Year Award every year since we've been here, and was the runner-up last year. He's brought the theater concentration from communications to a more suitable home in the English Department. He's also brought the writing concentration to an even higher level of excellence, to better educate tomorrow's writers in rhetoric and grammar. One of his greatest assets is that he, as a full-time professor, has the patience and perseverance to teach freshmen who are not majoring in English the ability to write well.

We could go on and on about his achievements, but please just remember this: we, who have paid many salaries with our tuition the past four years, are disappointed. And we can't be the only ones. Anyone who feels the way we do, call us and ask us about student meetings to take action. We're in the campus phone book.

Administrators, listen to what your students want. We are breaking the mold of apathy that surrounds this campus, and we have good reason. Marist has taken several steps forward in the past four years, and letting Dr. Rivers go will only erase these forward strides.

Andrea Hadhazy, senior English major

Cylinda Rickert, senior Journalism major

Love and Rockets rock on, Fugees groove out

by Amie Lemire
A & E Editor

Okay, for this week's music reviews, I chose two CD's from very different ends of the musical spectrum.

The first one is the new one from Love and Rockets; the second is the CD from the Fugees.

I was so excited to listen to both albums, because I like both groups.

Call me Miss Versatile—I mean, who else can listen to 'How Many Mics' and 'Sweet Lover Hangover' back to back?

Like most people, I first heard of Love and Rockets back around '89, when their lovely hit 'So Alive' became a staple on MTV and radio stations everywhere.

I couldn't close my eyes without see Daniel Ash's face and many pairs of legs walking through my mind.

(remember the video?)

So, I was ecstatic to discover that, at long last, they have a new baby out.

Sweet F.A. is their first venture out in about six years.

Daniel Ash, David J., and Kevin Haskins were in the wildly popular underground-ish band Bauhaus.

When they broke up in the early '80s, the three of them broke away to form Love and Rockets. Betcha didn't know that, huh? Well, maybe you did.

The album starts out with the song 'Sweet F.A.' which Kendra, my housemate, says is a reference to Bauhaus.

The song is a dreamy, swirling melody, the kind you want to drift off to sleep to.

There is a sweetly jangling guitar and cymbal rolls, as Daniel Ash's voice croons gently.

The opener was deceiving, because the next song,

'Judgement Day' shocked me into attention with its crashing guitar chords.

The song rolls along in waves: lulling melody, loud guitars.

The combination was delightfully delicious to the ear.

'Use Me' is a luscious, deep little ditty.

Ash's voice is teasing, mocking, as he sings, "Use me. C'mon and use me."

This one is a great one to listen to with the one you love. Or want to.

'Sweet Lover Hangover' is the most radio friendly song on the album, with non-obtrusive guitars and lyrics.

The second side of the album is a bit heavier than the first; David J's guitar shrieks a bit harder, a bit louder.

Side One has wonderfully layered sounds, with Ash's voice ranging from high and sweet, to a deep, throbbing growl.

Side Two sticks more to the latter; no songs can be mistaken for a ballad here.

This album is awesome; it rocks hard.

I must admit, I've never considered myself to be a Love and Rockets fan, but after hearing this CD, I am in love with Daniel Ash's voice.

Even if you've never heard of the band before, go hear this man's voice.

It'll make you weak in the knees.

I first heard of the Fugees through their version of 'Killing Me Softly', which I love more than I can say.

This one particular song made me seek out this CD with all of the intensity of a heat-seaking missile.

Thanks to my friend Keith (ahem!), I can put it on Re-

peat and sing along, all the while annoying the hell out of my roommate.

Lauryn has a deep, strong voice that I love to listen to.

Maybe you've seen the Fugees video for Fu-Gee-La, their highly catchy song.

Actually, I must say that the entire album is great fun to listen to. Especially at ear-splitting decibel while traveling down Route 9.

'How Many Mics' has a deep groove, and a nice smooth beat.

You cannot listen to this song without nodding your head in rhythm to the beat.

'Zealots' made me laugh, because the idea of taking the oldie "I Only Have Eyes For You" and putting a new groove to it.

'No Woman No Cry' takes the Bob Marley classic and fits a smarter bass beat to it.

Still a great freakin' song—both new and old.

'Fu-Gee-La' (refugee camp mix) opens with Wyclef asking, "Can I get a groove?" Then when Lauryn takes over, her voice is both sweet and harsh.

It's a mellow, head-bobbin' song. Long after it's over, you'll be walking around singing "Ooh-La-La-La" and annoy your roommates too.

'Fu-Gee-La' (Sly & Robbie mix) takes the same song and puts a reggae spin to it. I dig this version too. The sound here is more intense.

This is a good, smooth CD. Each song is unique, but the overall sound is a good, deep groove.

The reworking of songs your parents know into songs you'll like is an awesome idea. Buy it now, and enjoy.



TO PO-TOWN WITH LOVE - Black 47 rocks out in Poughkeepsie. The Irish natives are coming soon. They will be playing at O'Neill's Irish Castle on April 26. Come on down.

Marist Alumni returns to roots

by Elizabeth Batista
Staff Writer

Graduation, we all wonder if our costly degrees will bring the careers we seek.

There are constant reminders of the struggling job market and all those college graduates who can't find work in their desired fields.

But, there is hope.

Jim DeFelice gives us encouragement. He is an accomplished author and he is an alumni.

At Marist, DeFelice was an English major and worked for a local newspaper and radio station.

He says, "A lot of my background at Marist, besides literature courses, was liberal arts courses expanded which I found very valuable to me."

After graduation, DeFelice worked as a newspaper reporter, and has been writing ever since.

On Friday, April 12th, the Alumni Office welcomed DeFelice for a book signing in the Marist Art Gallery.

Maureen Kilgour, Marist Alumni Director, said, "We are giving the opportunity to students to see a successful alumni."

Becoming a published author is no easy feat."

President Dennis Murray adds, "I think it's great when alumni are willing to come back and share their accomplishments."

Jamie Dunn, a senior at Marist, describes his meeting with DeFelice, "I was impressed with the support he gives students who aspire to be writers."

DeFelice says, "Writing affects us in so many ways. If you are interested in writing, pursue it for its own worth. The ability to find things out and communicate is highly in demand in all sorts of different jobs."

When asked about his recent success, DeFelice answers, "You don't realize how different it (being a published author), is until it happens to you. You have to realize that this is not what happens every day. Everyone goes through dry spells."

DeFelice's new book, *The Golden Flask*, is set in the historic Hudson Valley.

It is the third book of the Jake Gibbs, Patriot Spy series, and it can be purchased at the Marist College Bookstore.

Other novels in the series include *The Silver Bullet* and *The Iron Chain*.

DeFelice's next book *War Breaker*, will be on the shelves in July.

The author describes it as an "international thriller!"

Fifteen spring-time things to explore in Hudson Valley

✓ **Checking Out The Hudson Valley**
by Anne Tanner

With only a few short weeks left of school, it's time to take advantage of the beauty in the Hudson Valley area.

So, here's fifteen ways to celebrate spring in the region.

1) Fly a kite.

Take advantage of the breeze of the Hudson and fly a kite at the Mills' Mansion in Staatsburg. The best part? It's free.

2) Take a tour across the old Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad bridge.

It offers a great view of the Hudson, but it's not for the acrophobic.

Call 454-9649 for details.

3) Go for an airplane ride.

Richmoor Aviation at the Dutchess County Airport offers introductory flight lessons for \$50.00 an hour.

Or, bring a friend along for

\$18.00 more.

4) Enjoy a picnic.

Vanderbilt mansion offers lots of secluded spots for a quiet picnic on a sunny afternoon.

Afterwards, take a walk or throw a frisbee around on the green.

5) Walk through a Japanese garden.

Go to Innisfree Gardens in Millbrook and admire the variety of flora which decorates the landscape. Innisfree opens to the public on Wednesday, May first.

6) Take a scenic trail ride.

Juckas Stables in Montgomery offers horseback riding to the public, everyday.

It's \$20.00 per person for a half-hour, \$30.00 for one and a half hours, or \$40.00 for two hours.

Grab some friends and call 361-1429 for reservations.

7) Get ice cream.

Del's Dairy Creme, on Rt. 9, north of Rhinebeck, offers the best soft ice cream around.

They also have great food at inexpensive prices.

8) Deerwatch.

On your way back from Rhinebeck, travel the back roads at sunset.

Deer, as well as a variety of

other wildlife, and their young will be just coming out for dinner.

9) Spelunk.

Explore Howe Caverns in Howe's Cave, New York.

Travel 156 feet below the earth and explore a world that's been around for a couple thousands of years.

The cost is \$10.50 per adult and it's open seven days a week.

10) Go to the zoo.

Trevor Zoo is actually a part of the Millbrook School in Millbrook.

It offers over a hundred animals, from more than 50 different species.

All of which are cared for by the students and their instructors. A two dollar donation is suggested.

11) Eat 50's style.

Happy Days' Cafe is right on Rt 44 on the way home from Millbrook. Stop in and enjoy a vanilla-coke and a half-pound hamburger (with the works).

It's economical eating with a great atmosphere.

12) Go biking.

Lake Minnewaska has miles of great biking trails for all levels of riding.

'Fear' not-it is more laughable than scary

by Amie Lemire
A&E Editor

When I first heard about Fear I thought, "Oh dear Lord, who let Marky Mark and Alyssa Milano back into the movies?" But then I decided to give them the benefit of the doubt.

I tried to stop humming, "Feel the vibrations! Come on, come on...Feel it, feel it!" under my breath as I purchased my ticket. However, Alas!

My instincts were right.

The only frightful thing about Fear was the bad acting and the transparent plot/storyline.

Halfway through the movie, I was shouting, "Hey! Where's the Funky Bunch?" out loud at the screen.

Sixteen year old Nicole Walker is fascinated and very intrigued by the mysterious David, a dark loner type she meets in a pool hall.

The two begin a passionate "against-all-odds" love affair, much to the dismay of Stephen, Nicole's watchful father.

Of course, when Daddy forbids the two from seeing each other, the plan backfires, and the young lovers cling even closer to each other.

But when David's disturbing side comes out, little by little, Nicole heeds her father's advice and breaks it off.

David can't cope, and this is where the movie takes on a decidedly Stalker kind of feeling.

Mark Wahlberg has hung up his Calvins and left the Funky

Movie Review

★ ★
out of five

'FEAR'

Bunch behind to try acting.

And this may come as a surprise to hear, but this is his second film.

He debuted in "The Basketball Diaries" with Leonardo DiCaprio, where he played a very convincing junkie.

Here, however, Wahlberg is out of place, unconvincing as an obsessive sociopath-type.

In the beginning, David sweeps Nicole off her feet with his smooth lines and his dashing charm.

Where Nicole was taken in by David, I was not fooled.

His lines were so cheesy and corny, I found myself laughing aloud in the theater.

(Thankfully, it was a Monday night, and there was only about ten people in the theater who had the pleasure of listening to my commentary)

Also, someone should have doled out some cash and gotten some voice lessons for Marky.

His thick Boston accent comes through loud and clear.

"Mr. Wawkerh, you should've let natuh' take its courwse".

When David made a homemade

tattoo from a Bic pen that reads "Nicole 4 Eva", I couldn't hold in my laughter for a second longer.

Now, I have to address the second humorous element of Fear--Alyssa Milano, who plays Margo, Nicole's slutty best friend.

All I could think was, "Wow! Samantha Micelli grew up to be a HO!"

Margo thankfully plays a minor role in the movie.

Like David, Margo's role is underdeveloped, so much that she just brings on laughter, even when she has serious scenes.

Nicole is played by young actress Reese Witherspoon, who won critical acclaim for her work in "The Man in the Moon", and "Wildflower".

She should concentrate on thought-provoking roles from now on.

Or at least, roles that allow her to wear outfits that cover her butt.

Count the number of thigh-skimming skirts she wears in Fear, if you don't believe me.

The end of the film tries to achieve a level of spine-tingling suspense.

It is scary in a couple places, but even the action sequences are plagued by Velveeta.

Fear was written by Cameron Crowe, who wrote Singles.

It is disappointing to think that the same man who wrote Singles, an awesome flick, penned this piece of doody.

Theft occurs in two apartments

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Erin Harmon, a sophomore who hopes to be living in the townhouses next year, said the burglary does not really worry her either.

"We're pretty good with locking the doors and keeping things in safe places," said Harmon. "I'm not really worried. I don't feel any less safe because of this."

According to the police, the burglars then headed for Gartland, where they robbed apartments E13 and E19.

Apartment E13 was locked, so the burglars broke a bedroom window to get inside. There, they stole a walkman, a lava lamp, a wallet, some cash and more credit cards.

Rebecca Procopio, a resident of E13, said security should patrol more often than they do, and she suggested gates or checkpoints for people entering the campus.

"The campus shouldn't be as accessible to people off campus," said Procopio.

Apartment E19 was also burglarized, and the door was unlocked. All the residents were off campus when the burglary took place. The thieves stole credit cards from each of the residents, and they also grabbed a laptop computer estimated to be worth about \$2,000.

Jennifer Delosso, a resident at E19, said she noticed things

were messed up when they got home. She also said she was frightened because her jewelry was all spread out, yet none of it was taken.

"I would like it if security came by more," said Delosso. "I know they drive by a lot, but I think they should sit at Gartland for long periods of time."

Freshman Tara Jennings said she agrees with Delosso's point of view.

"Security should be patrolling more down there (Gartland) since it's so secluded from the rest of the campus," said Jennings.

According to Sergeant David Lundgren of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, there are burglaries at Marist every year, and there are even more at Vassar College.

He also said a common reason for the burglaries is because students often leave their doors unlocked.

"College kids tend to be more trusting," said Lundgren. "They lock their doors at home, so they should lock their doors at school."

Lundgren said that rather than pursuing the suspects into New York City immediately, they will wait a while to see if any usage of the credit cards show up.

"If they try to use one of the cards at an ATM, we'll have video, and then we'll really be able to track them down easily," said Lundgren.

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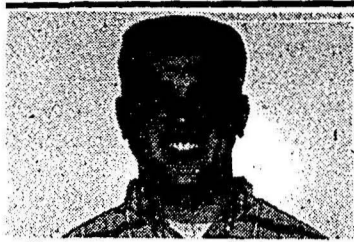
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SPORTS WITH SMITTY

The weather is finally starting to get nice and every once in a while a crew shell can be spotted gliding down the Hudson. The thing that many people seem to forget is that the crew program at Marist is a year-round endeavor. Who are these crazed people who get up before the crack of dawn every day to either row a boat, lift weights, or go for a run?

Sure, many people can make a case that many teams engage in these activities and this is true. However, they do not do these things at 5:30 in the morning all year round like the crew team.

These men and women dedicate great amounts of time to a sport that receives hardly any recognition. There are only a handful of head races in the fall as well as dual meets in the spring. The races only last for a few minutes unlike many other sports that go on for a couple of hours. These individuals come back early in the fall and work out all year long to get in shape for a few minutes of competition. This shows how much dedication that these athletes have towards the sport of rowing.

Many people on this campus do not seem to have much knowledge about the crew team or the sport in general. You hardly ever see the members of the team since they practice at ungodly times and since they don't ever carry any equipment. Since they are not very visible, this could be a major reason why they don't get any support.

Another reason that they don't get support is because many people are not familiar with this sport. The main reason here is that American society never put an emphasis on rowing. There are no professional leagues that individuals can compete in. The

Olympics, the World Championships, and other regattas are the main competitions. Rowing is hardly ever shown on television and therefore, this culture is not accustomed to this activity.

The crew team doesn't get the support at their races basically due to the early times. They only have two home races all year. The first was actually canceled due to weather conditions. The second, The President's Cup, will take place this Saturday. At what time? Early. The reason for the early times of the races and practices is that the water is usually calmest early in the day. This obviously is the easiest type of condition to row in.

This year the men are dedicated to putting in the time and effort but are off to a mediocre start. The men's lightweight four finished last in the heat and ninth overall this past weekend at the LaSalle Invitational. The men's varsity eight finished a respectable second overall. The freshmen had a big race and finished first overall. This shows that the recruiting this year has paid off.

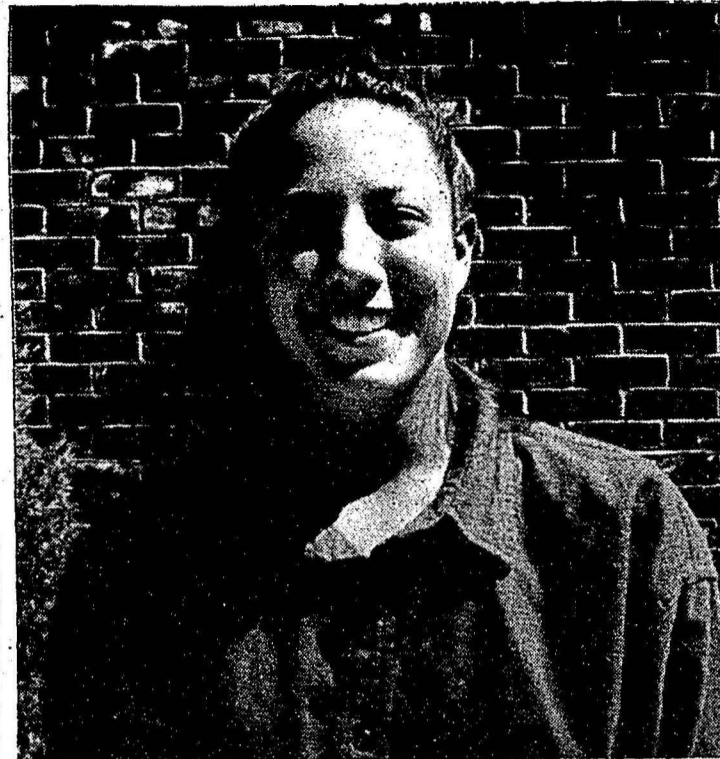
The women on the other hand proved that they are a force to be reckoned with. The varsity eight finished first along with the lightweight varsity eight. The novice boat, however, had a rough day finishing last in the heat.

This was the team's first race this spring and they have at least five more races to look forward to. Back once again to the time commitment involved in this sport; the crew teams will remain here on campus after everyone else leaves for the summer. They will be here practicing for the Dad Vails that take place in Philadelphia on the Schuylkill river.

The overall team has put a great amount of time in for this spring season. The girls must be congratulated for their great start and will hopefully continue their winning ways. The men have not had an extremely impressive start but who knows what the remainder of the season has in store.

Chris Smith is the Circle's sports editor.

A Closer Look At...



Laurie Sleight

Team: Softball

Position: First Base

Age: 22

Hometown: Marlboro, NY

High School: Marlboro High School

Class: Senior

Major: Psychology

Laurie was named Player of the Year in New York in 1992. At Marist, she is currently leading the league in hitting. Laurie has also been named as a tri-captain of the Red Foxes.

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Pro Team: New York Yankees

Favorite Athlete: Don Mattingly

People Look Up to Most: Softball Coaches

Reason Came to Marist: Softball Team

Red Fox Flashes

Lacrosse goalie Craig Grevelding is ranked first in the nation in save percentage.

Lacrosse midfielder Greg Schneider is ranked sixth in the nation for assists and 18th in points-per-game.

The softball team is 7-1 in the Northeast Conference.

The President's Cup Crew Regatta will be held at Marist on Saturday starting at 7:30 a.m.

Women's team makes great strides at Blue Devil Invitational

Running Red Foxes defeat Central Connecticut and University of Hartford last weekend

by STEVE WANCZYK
Staff Writer

The Marist women's track team continued its rapid improvement last weekend at the Blue Devil Invitational. The event, hosted by Central Connecticut State, was dominated by Coach Phil Kelly's squad; the Red Foxes claimed first place in five of the nine events that were featured at the meet.

The team completely outclassed Division I foes like Central Connecticut State and the University of Hartford. According to Kelly, it was "not a very tough meet."

Some familiar names highlighted Marist's result sheet: Dominique Pino, Kathleen

Woodson, and Allison Murray have been three of the team's top performers all year long, and nothing changed last weekend in Connecticut; all three women claimed at least one first place finish on Saturday.

Pino added two more blue ribbons to her already impressive collection. The freshman won the long jump with a 16'5-3/4" mark. She won easily, but has the potential to fly much farther; her own personal record is over 17', which she set during the indoor season.

She also claimed first in the 100m, clocking a 13.33 in what Kelly described as "a real battle, from start to finish." Pino was also part of the 4x400 relay team that captured second place.

Woodson enjoyed an excellent

day as well. She won both the 1500m and the 3000m, with times of 5:02 and 11:02, respectively.

"Kathleen was probably the top runner for us on Saturday. She just ran away with the 1500 right from the beginning, and, in the 3000, she stalked and eventually caught a really good runner."

Murray was responsible for Marist's fifth first place finish, running the 800m in 2:29 and easily outdistancing the field.

"Her time probably would have been better, but she was ahead by so much that she started to let up. Allison's just going to keep getting better in this event."

She set a personal record of 5:11 in the 1500m, which was good enough for third place. Mary McQuillan, Karen Donahue, and

Alexis Bequary also finished in the top ten for Marist.

The most remarkable performance, however, came from yet another source.

Freshman walk-on Meredith Halstead ran the 3000m for the first time in her career, and finished three seconds behind the leader.

She crossed the finish line third, behind Woodson and one other runner, with a time of 11:05.

Kelly is pleased with the progress his team has made this spring.

"We had a meeting after the indoor season, and talked about the mental aspects of running. The girls are posting some fast

times, and that's the way it should be. I'm not surprised at all."

With two more meets left in the 1996 season, the Marist track program is already looking forward to next year. The recruiting season is well underway, and Kelly has managed to lure at least two new distance runners to Poughkeepsie.

"These girls have had good high school careers, and I know they will get even better."

"If we get some walk-ons next year that are half as good as the two we got this year (Halstead and Donahue), this program will be in real good shape," said Kelly.

Softball improves record to 7-1

by PAT REYNOLDS
Staff Writer

With less than half of their Northeast Conference games left to play, the Marist softball team has to be pleased with where they are.

Coming off an unbeaten weekend, which included three shutouts, the Red Foxes improved their NEC record to 7-1 (18-9 overall).

The team, riding the dominant arms of pitchers Michele Hudson, junior, and Jenn Hanson, freshman, have won thirteen out of their last fourteen contests.

On Saturday, Hudson shut out Rider 3-0 while her counterpart, Hanson, battled to a 6-4 victory, for the sweep of the doubleheader.

The dynamic duo was back at it again on Sunday, blanking Mount Saint Mary's with a 6-0 win in the first game, then blowing out the Mount 9-0 in the nightcap.

Marist has only doubleheaders with Monmouth, Robert Morris, and St. Francis (PA) left on their NEC regular season schedule.

Senior catcher Angela Degatano, one of the Red Fox tri-captains, said she believes the remaining NEC games will end up on the win column for her team.

"I'm confident that we can win them all," she said. "We never go into a game thinking less than that."

Like any great teams on the dia-

mond, good pitching generates wins, and with Hudson and Hanson on the mound, victories are eminent.

Hudson carries the majority of the workload for the team pitching 102.7 innings, and her numbers are impressive, with a 1.16 earned run average and 120 strikeouts.

Not far behind is Hanson, who has only given up 58 hits in her 70 innings of work and has a ERA of 1.20.

Degatano, the battery mate of the two pitchers, said that with the way the two pitch, wins almost come easy.

"As soon as we score I'm satisfied," she said. "We need to score four or five runs to guarantee a win."

Scoring runs has been no difficult task for the Red Foxes this season.

The team has outscored their opponents 116 to 58 and has averaged nearly seven runs a game in the NEC.

Leading Marist in the hitting department has been senior tri-captain Laurie Sleight, who has maintained a .377 batting average along with seven doubles.

Degatano, who has knocked in 18 runs, said that despite the Red Foxes' success, there is still room for improvement.

"There's always more work to be done," she said. "The team is improving a lot as the season goes on."

The NEC tournament, starting May 4 at Robert Morris, looks to be where Marist wants to perform to their potential.

"We're hoping to hit our peak right when we get to the tournament," Degatano said. "We're not there yet but we will be."

Baseball

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What the pitchers are looking for every time they take the mound just isn't a solid outing, or decent defense, but run support.

This is one of the areas that Szeft said, needs to be picked up.

Currently, Trevor Chang-Leung leads the team in average with a .375 followed by George Santiago who is hitting .294.

The Red Foxes look to better their record when they take on Army today in a non-conference game at West Point.

This weekend is big as Marist plays three games at home against Mt. St. Mary's and looks to better their record in the NEC.

Unsung heroes emerge to lead Marist to victory

by MARC LESTINSKY
Staff Writer

For the first six matches of the season, the number one and two players for the men's tennis team were carrying the load. On Sunday, however, it was the middle man's turn to play top notch.

Marist's Tony Yacobellis (third singles), Andrew Janes (fourth singles) and Ben Scurto (fifth singles) all came up with crucial wins to key a 4-3 team victory over the Manhattan Jaspers in Riverdale, New York. The win also evened the Red Foxes' record at 5-5.

"Usually its been the top half of our team that's been playing well for us, but it was the middle that came through for us today," head coach Charles Hardman said. "We've been working on their games a bit of late and they've really shown some improvement."

Yacobellis, down 2-5 in the first set of his match, showed great patience and determination - two qualities he hasn't exactly been known for lately - to come back and win the set in a tie-break, 7-6 (8-6). He also took the second set, 6-0, to earn the victory.

"I was very pleased with the fact that I stayed in the match," Yacobellis said. "I've been known to lose my head a little bit in the past, but I kept it today."

Janes, playing out of the num-

ber four position, also struggled at times but was able to pound out a 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) victory.

Scurto found his opponent, Tom Cesa, to be a little more forgiving in his 6-3, 6-1 win.

In doubles, the first team of Than Ferris (number one singles) and Ryan Ulizio (number two singles) were able to rally back from a 0-5 deficit to win the set in a tie-breaker, 9-8 (7-2). The second doubles team, consisting of Yacobellis and Janes, also came up big with a 8-4 victory.

Those two wins provided the crucial fourth point in the Marist win.

In previous action from the week of April 2, the Red Foxes secured two wins (Iona and Siena) against just one defeat (Hofstra).

Notable performances were turned in by Ferris (3-0), Yacobellis (2-0), Ulizio (2-1) and Scurto (2-1).

Another fact to note should be that Marist has won four of its last five matches after losing four of its first five to start the season.

Yacobellis said he feels that positive turnaround will continue this weekend at the NEC Championships in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

"We have a good shot this year," Yacobellis said. "We're all playing pretty well right now."

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"THE GIRLS ARE POSTING SOME FAST TIMES AND THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE."
-Phil Kelly,
women's track coach

Men's lacrosse has winning streak halted by UNH

Red Foxes remain undefeated in MAAC with 4-0 record; 7-3 overall

by **MARTY SINACOLA**
Staff Writer

All good streaks must come to an end. The men's lacrosse team saw their five game winning streak fall to the hands of the University of New Hampshire, in New Hampshire last Saturday.

The winning streak pushed a 2-2 team to 7-2 record before the UNH game, and put them in good position to take control of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. Currently the Red Foxes are a perfect 4-0 in the MAAC, tied for the top spot in the league with Fairfield, who they will take on at Fairfield on April 26.

The UNH game, despite looking like a lopsided 14-9 defeat, was much closer than that, as the game was tied 9-9 entering the final quarter.

Head coach Tom Mariano was not terribly disappointed with the loss.

"I think we are better talent-wise, but they just came ready to play," Mariano said. "We made some mental mistakes that we hadn't made all year, but a lot of the breaks that had been going our way all year, didn't go our



Circle photo/Jason Ligouri

Midfielder Greg Schneider is ranked sixth in the nation in assists and 18th in points-per-game.

way (on Saturday)."

Marist jumped out to a 3-0 lead, only to see UNH battle to take a 6-3 lead. The Red Foxes tied it up at 6-6 by half-time, and the game remained close until UNH was able to take control in the fourth quarter.

Marist can still savor probably

one of the biggest wins in recent memory, which occurred April 3 at home against Stonybrook. A back-and-forth game culminated in a fantastic 11-10 double-overtime victory for Marist.

Mariano was pleased with the win.

"It was a good win for us be-

cause in the past we have had difficulty with Stonybrook. They have a good program and for us to beat them gave the team a sense of how good we can be. It was a nice feeling."

Goaltender Craig Grevelding agreed with Mariano.

"I think the Stonybrook game gave us the respect as a program that we felt we deserved. It also did a lot for us in terms of giving us a tremendous amount of confidence."

Grevelding is one of the reasons for Marist's success this season. Currently the senior tri-captain is ranked first in the nation in save percentage with a percentage of .710.

Mariano, needless to say, likes the fact that Grevelding is a Red Fox.

"Craig gives you confidence that he will be in there. He stabilized the defense when it was weak early on, but now that the defense is playing much better, it causes us to play much better as a unit."

Another cog to the Red Fox machine is junior Greg Schneider. Schneider ranks sixth in the nation in assists per game, and eighteenth in points-per-game.

"Greg is having a very good year," Mariano said.

The 7-3 Red Foxes played Sacred Heart at home yesterday, but results were not available at press time. Their next home game will be Sunday against MAAC foe Mt. St. Mary's. Game time is 2:00 PM at Leonidoff field.

Baseball loses five in a row; worst losing streak this year

by **MIKE GENTILE JR.**
Staff Writer

Well past the mid-way mark of the season, the Marist baseball team is limping along, having lost five games in a row and three in the NEC.

This past weekend the Red Foxes walked away with three losses to conference foe St. Francis-NY that may jeopardize their playoff chances.

They now hold a record of 4-8 in the NEC, 10-16-1 overall, and are in the middle of their worst losing streak of the season.

First year coach John Szefc is not pointing the finger at any one in particular but emphasized the need to make routine plays and hitting when it is needed most.

"If you don't make the routine plays then you don't deserve to win," Szefc said.

Marist has a fielding percentage of .963 which is better than

their opponents .959.

So if the stats do not favor defense as the problem for the Red Foxes, than the trouble may be directed towards the offense or pitching.

Szefc said that the problem the team has in winning ballgames lies in the teams lack of offense in key situations.

"We have a problem scoring runs and getting the clutch hit with guys in scoring position," Szefc said.

Due to rain, the team had rescheduled Sunday's game against St Francis to be played on Monday.

Going into the make-up game, the Red Foxes were statistically far worse than their opponents in both batting average and pitching ERA.

The Red Foxes going into Monday's loss (2-0), had a team batting average more than 40 points less than their opponents in addition to a team ERA two

more points higher than those they have faced.

Although the stats indicate that the pitching is a real problem on this young club, Szefc said that the pitching is fine.

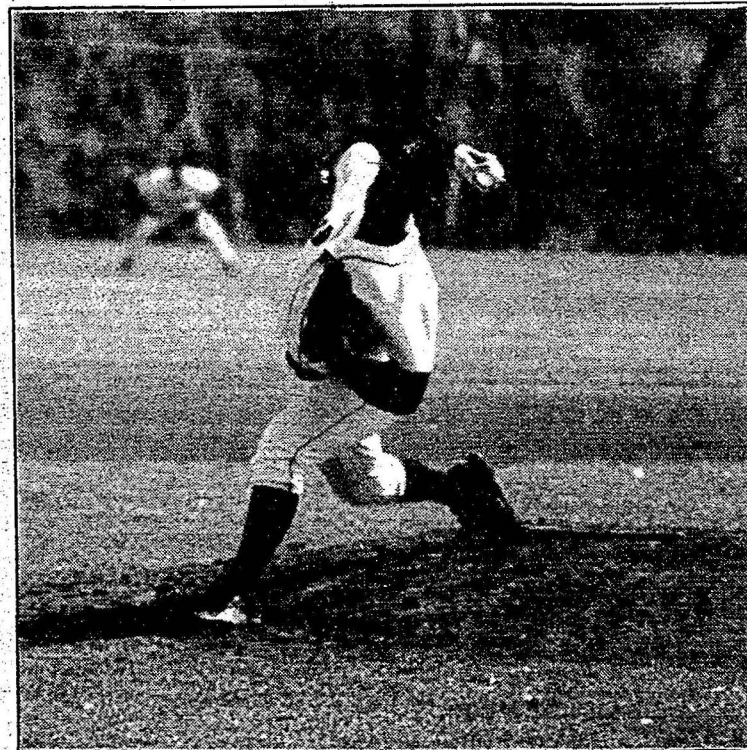
"The pitchers have kept us in the game and have done a good job," Szefc said. "It's unfortunate for them."

Currently, Mark Ciccarella leads the team in ERA with a 3.72 in six starts with two complete game shutouts. Ciccarella's latest loss came this past Saturday as the Red Foxes were shut out as the St Francis starter pitched a perfect game.

Also Ciccarella is the only starter, and only pitcher, on the team to have a record over the .500 mark.

Starters Chris Webb (2-2) and Jim McGowan (3-3) are the only pitchers close to going over the .500 mark.

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Circle photo/Jason Ligouri

Jim McGowan is currently 3-3 on the season for the Red Foxes.

Men's track proves that they can go the distance outdoors

by **GIANNA PINO**
Staff Writer

Despite having Easter weekend off, Marist's men's track team did not take a vacation from their progress toward the Northeast Conference meet.

The Red Foxes returned to the track this past Saturday at the Blue Devil Invitational at Central Connecticut State University.

The predominantly distance-based squad had strong showings in the distance events. The Foxes engulfed the competition of the 10,000 meter run, placing in seven of the ten positions.

Sophomore Mike Melfi led the pack finishing first with a personal best time of 32:38.4. He

credits his win to hard work and good weather.

"I've been working really hard, but it was also a good day to run. It was really good conditions," Melfi said.

Saturday's 10,000 meter run was Melfi's first competitive 10,000 meter race since the summer of 1993.

"This was the first time I ran it in college. The last time was the summer after my sophomore year in high school, when I tried to qualify for the Empire State Games, I ran a 35:58 so I guess you could say I improved," Melfi said.

The rest of the Red Fox runners dominated the approxi-

mately six mile long race: Todd Coulson(4), Josh Wood(5), Tim Russo(6), Matt Pool(7), Lou Caporale(8), and Ned Kenyon(10).

Second place also went to a Red Fox, but it was to Marist alumnus, Andy Baird who graduated in 1995. Baird competed as an open competitor.

The men will not race in another 10,000 meter event until the NEC league meet on May 4 and 5.

In a "shorter" distance event, junior Pat Casey placed third in the 1500 meter race with a time of 4:13.4.

Edged out of first place in the final straight away of the race, Casey finished one and two in

seconds behind the first and second place finishers.

"I would have liked to have run about three seconds faster," Casey said. "Going into the race I thought I could win it, but I didn't have enough to finish."

Looking ahead to next week's meet at the Albany Invitational, Casey anticipates a better performance.

"I think I'll do a lot better next weekend, just because of the weekend off I was a little flat," Casey said.

The Albany Invitational and the Brown Invitational are the two meets remaining before the NEC meet.

Marist's season-long goal has been to use each meet as a stepping stone to getting closer and better for the conference meet.

"The season is so quick it's almost over already. We're trying to make every meet count but we're all looking ahead to the league meet," Casey said.

"We're starting to lessen our long runs (during practice)," Melfi said. "Our only focus now is the league meet in Maryland, it's our only scored meet and we're hoping to be a force in the distance races."