Best Receives Research Grant

By Rhoda Crippell

Dr. Eugene Best has just received a two month research grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for study at the University of California at Berkeley.

The topic of study will be "Civil Religion in America." Directing the participants will be Dr. Robert Bellah, Professor of Sociology and Comparative Studies at Berkeley, who wrote "Civil Religion in America." Dr. Best expects a very interdisciplinary program. Four or the twelve participants are in Sociology, four in Religious Studies, and four in interdisciplinary programs.

In the 1960's Will Herberg of Dew University argued that the traditional religions of America (Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Judaism) are just different ways of affirming commitment to the American way of life. In 1967 Dr. Bellah identified the phenomenon called "Civil Religion. He believed that Civil Religion transcends Protestantism, Catholicism, and Judaism. According to Dr. Best, it has its own beliefs, rituals, sacred scriptures, saints, holy days and shrines. An example is our belief that Americans are the "chosen people," and that Poughkeepsie is "the North point of the American continent." Dr. Bellah thinks that this is the key to understanding America.

The first phase of the research will consist of a "sit in" of the "staff" dormitory houses at Marist College. The second phase will be a month of "field work" in Poughkeepsie. The third phase will consist of a "staff" dormitory house for the next year. -~

Committees Select Residence Staff

By Joan Steenga

The screening of 83 students applying for residence, or "staff," began last week. Student staff, or "staff," is our belief that Americans are the chosen people, that Poughkeepsie is the North point of the American continent. Dr. Bellah thinks that this is the key to understanding America.

The Central Committee, comprised of six seniors appointed by Director of Campus Life, paper screened the applications. The applicants were divided into four evaluations of each person and a set of second choices. The recommendations were directed to the dormitory houses. The recommendations were made by our belief that Americans are the chosen people, that Poughkeepsie is the North point of the American continent. Dr. Bellah thinks that this is the key to understanding America.

Interviews with the Central Committee were eliminated this year. The Committee made a thorough objective analysis of each applicant and gave their names to the Central Committee. The only interviews during the entire process were those conducted by the resident advisors (R.A.s) chosen for House I and II. Those for House IV are R.A.s. Virginia Albano was chosen as R.A. for the fourth floor east side and Mary O'Farrell was chosen as R.A. for the fourth floor west side. Valarie Collipp was given R.A. on sixth floor, John Ferrante on second floor, third, Carmen Ramos on second, and Kevin Blais on first floor. The salary of these positions is $900 as beginning pay. The position of R.A. was dropped in South Asia because of a decision of their House Council. The R.A.s selected for the dormitory were Maureen Brey, Thomas King, and Pete Stein. Starting salary for these positions is $900.

Fred Lambert said that the change in South Asia is because of the "staff" dormitory houses for the next year. Dr. Best special interest in this research topic stems from his earlier experience as a candidate for Town Justice of LaGrange.

By Susan M. Dunnderdale

Despite the fact that the tuition increase of 5 percent will affect all Marist students, two students came to the meeting with President Foy on Tuesday.

The meeting was set up for the participants' benefit so that they would be informed as to why the increase was approved. Although the decision to increase tuition cannot be reversed, students would have had the opportunity to see where their money is being spent and why. In response to one of the students' statements that money should be spent on campus and not on trips for student protest demonstrations Dr. Foy said that efforts are being made to cut out "frills." He also added that there is going to be a cut back in trips to conventions for faculty. All departments are being asked to consider carefully how they spend their allotted funds. The cuts will be made known any way that promulagations and refilling will be made to ensure the best education for the student's money.

Unfortunately, because of such poor attendance, neither the administration nor the students were able to reap the full benefits that the meeting could have provided. Many Marist students will be paying the increase and not understanding why they are paying it and the administration will be spending student money without a clear idea of what the students want or need.

Committee To Prepare Report On Funding

By Rhoda Crippell

Dr. Roosevelt Balch's Citizen's Committee to review the 1976 budget was given a $7500 grant from IBM to prepare a final report and recommendations on mass transportation in Poughkeepsie.

Last spring Dr. Balch held a historical preservation seminar. Special emphasis was given to the study of the Poughkeepsie area. The MTA had proposed the demolition of the station, and planned to build a smaller one further south. Dr. Balch thinks that railroad traffic is increasing and that Poughkeepsie is the logical place for such a station. The purpose of this Committee is to study the problem of traffic and mass transit with facilities for the entire county.

According to Dr. Balch, the Citizen's Committee is the only group that has investigated the Poughkeepsie area. The group is hopeful that their May 13 presentation to the City Manager will encourage him to carry on discussions with various businesses.

The Committee is in negotiation with the MTA, Amtrak, the Dutchess County Legisture, and the Dutchess County Planning Board. Balch is also working on the development of a full rail of mass transit in the Poughkeepsie area.

Additionally, the Committee plans to hold meetings within two years, and develop a parking lot west of the station.
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Group Returns With Honors

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Marist Tennis Outplays
Bard And Kings

by Thomas McTernan

There was a lot hanging on the net when the Marist tennis team faced Concordia here yesterday. At stake was the championship of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, a title that Marist has won the past two years. Both teams entered the match with 3-4 league records.

The match would also determine whether the Red Foxes can end the season with a winning record, after a 5-5 finish in 1974. Last weekend they routed Kings (8-1), and Siena (9-0) to boost their current mark to 5-5. Marist closes out the 1975 season at home Saturday against Quinnipiac.

Taking five of six singles and all three doubles, the Red Foxes had little trouble with Kings last Wednesday. In singles, Steve Carberry toppled Bruce Bleich 6-4, 6-4, Jay Metzger defeated Rick Stotz 6-4, 6-2, Ernie Arico held of Nick Thomas 6-4, 6-2. John McGraw beat Steve Miller 6-1, 6-4, and Mike Fornaci downdes Steve Kohler 6-2, 6-4. The only Marist loss came when Gary Hartz rallied for a 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 decision over Larry Stenger.

On Friday Carberry blanked Dan Josephs 6-0, 6-0 to lead the Red Foxes in the sweep over Bard. It was the most impressive performance of the season by Carberry, the team's number 1 player who has been a "dog" this spring. He now stands 5-5 in singles play.

In other singles matches, Fred Kolthay won over Alan Bigelow 6-4, 6-2; Metzger defeated Rick Stotz 6-4, 6-4 for his fifth straight win; Arico fell to Larry Stenger 8-6, 6-3; McGraw blasted Al Kimmel 8-0, 6-1 for his ninth win in ten outings; and Stenger outplayed Rich Blackshaw 6-2, 6-2.

After the shutout, the team's second of the campaign, coach Ron Petro remarked, "I'm surprised. Bard has had strong teams in the past, but we really outplayed them in both matches."

Looking back over the season, Petro said, "It's a shame that we had all our tough opponents so early in the season. We are really playing well now."

He added, "We never came this close to Vassar (8-3) and almost beat New Paltz (6-4) for the first time ever. We lost 6-4 to New Paltz, but all matches were very close. I'm only disappointed in the losses to Siena (8-3) and Kent State (6-4)."

Looking at Carberry to graduation, Petro has high hopes for next year's team but feels that the team must still work hard. Strong number one player who can win. Juniors Larry and Rick Stotz are back but neither player with much consistency. Senior Fred Kolthay, a sophomore, has been improving steadily and could move up next season. McGraw, whom Petro referred to as "the spark plug" enjoyed a most successful spring in his first season as a regular. Petro also feels that several newcomers could break into the top six next spring.

Sophomore defensemen Jim Roberson and Ron Visciki both did a good job of checking out the powerful FDU attack.

Winds, Water Force
Regatta Postponement

by Thomas McTernan

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