Widespread cutbacks caused by deficit

By David Potter

Marist College's projected $100,000 budget deficit for the last fiscal year resulted in staff cuts and service changes for the 1978 fall semester, according to President Linus Foy. However, Foy termed the deficit as "not a particularly bad situation" for the college.

Foy said the job of assistant dean of students, formerly occupied by Fred Lambert, was eliminated, along with two faculty positions. Dr. Robert Van Meter Jr., assistant professor of History and Dr. Kathleen Denides, assistant professor of biology, were phased out of their departments, according to Foy.

Former Dining Service director Joe Larenz and dining service manager A. Abramovich, were released when the board of trustees decided not to renew the Marist Food Service contract, according to Foy. He said the Board of Trustees hired Marriott Corporation to manage its food service and Gerry Kelly became director of housing. Larenz has since formed Students at Whitting College, Wheeling, West Virginia - a position Foy said he helped Lambert get.

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Deficit forces staff reductions

By Gerry McNulty

A staff reduction of two percent was caused by Marist's second budget deficit in a row, according to President Linus Foy.

The college's deficit is approximately $350,000. Foy said, "What we've been doing is spending next year's money," he said. The college deficit has increased to a level Foy cannot support. He said the staff cut, which will total about 15 people, will be made this summer. Of the 22 staff members who could be cut Foy said, only one of them would be himself. He said some employees may transfer from Marist's payroll to the federal payroll on July 1.

Foy said one million dollar grant for new programs Marist College received this summer. Marist thought it would be totally unfair to fire new people for Title III and then tell our people later." 

Foy said some staff were given contracts extended for one additional year, but the total grant would not exceed the one million dollar allocation.

During this period, Marist may revise the program by allowing changes to the office of education. The plan can be extended for one additional year, but the total grant would not exceed the one million dollar allocation.

Since the passage of the 1965 Higher Education Act, all three other New York institutions have received the Title III grant, according to developing a "potential to make a significant contribution to the intellectual education resources of the nation," said President Foy.

The grant is the third largest in Marist history, exceeded only by the founding grant and the $1.3 million dollar grant from the McCunn Foundation. Foy said the grant enables the college to bring in distinguished visiting faculty and outside consultants.

Foy is encouraging Marist to become one of the outstanding colleges on the east coast. He said, he expects federal support to stimulate private donations to the college.

By Beth Weaver

Anticipating that a number of students will drop out early or not show up for their room or notify the college if they were not coming. According to Gainer, students not showing up are called and asked if they planned to return, enabling the housing office to place students in the empty spaces.

In addition, the college located off-campus housing and in some cases allowed students to get roommates. Gilbert Gainer added if space does become available on campus the students will be informed and asked if they would like to return.

Father LaMorte, campus chaplain, said he can adjust to living with the six students, although his home is now crowded. He said the major problem with the situation is that it has an effect on the students who wish to visit in the evening. He believes they might stay away from coming. LaMorte hopes the students will be living there "only as long as necessary."
The next few years...

During the past two years, Marist has sacrificed budget deficits now double the size of last year's. The problem is compounded by the fact that Marist has been placed on academic probation by ACSA. The college is in grave financial difficulty; if the college continues to have poor financial practices during the last two years, it will definitely face more problems.

The financial problem is due to the fact that the college's programs and services are not paying for themselves. The college must raise money to pay for its programs and services. The college has been trying to solve this problem by raising more money, but the problem remains.

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The Red Foxes have a new name, a new coach, new players, and a new attitude. “We’re not a club anymore,” said first-year head coach Mike Malet. “I think all of our returning players realize this and I know the new one’s do.” Malet, an assistant at Marist for eight years, succeeds Ron Levine who resigned at the end of last season after thirteen years as head coach.

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Marist will go on two overnight trips this season, the opener at Plattsburg and the final game against Niagara. The home opener will be Sunday, September 24, against St. John’s, St. John’s is one of Marist’s two victories last season.

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