**THE CIRCLE**

Dean Cox says frosh shape up

by Christopher Hogan

Approximately 504 freshmen (64 percent) received grades more than a 2.0 cumulative index at mid-term of this semester, according to Assistant Registrar Eileen Shaw. Cox says that he cannot announce estimates on the entire student body.

The Higher Educational Opportunity Program and validation studies (those given special consideration for admission based on SAT scores) were not compiled into the approximate figures due to staff, says Cox. He added that 16 to 17 percent of the freshmen received less than a 1.5 cumulative index at mid-term grades, but how many freshmen received more than a 3.0 index is "impossible to obtain," according to the residence advisor-staff.

"I'm not sure, there might be other freshmen who were not included in the figures. We have all of the mid-term grades on the computer," he added.

"This is the first indication of your encounter of what college is like," said Coordinator of the Freshman Program Father Rich LaMorte at a meeting held Tuesday attended by about 260 out of more than 500 freshmen.

"If you don't have it together "By Thanksgiving, forget it," LaMorte said. Cox said the current mid-term grades are "on par" with last year's grades.

"The grades collectively give you an idea of how well your peers are doing and how well they are going to succeed," he added. "The grades are the only piece of the puzzle that is definately have to be improved upon," Cox said to the freshmen. "To your class has begun to make its mark and its impression on the campus."

LaMorte added that the Inter-House Council has planned five programs for this semester concerning how to change courses and register, note-taking, time management, and exam preparation for the final exams.

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**Police have rape suspects**

by Jim Townsend

Police have suspects but as of yet no arrests have been made in the investigation of the attempted rape on campus on October 13, according to Lieutenant Charles Mittelstad of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police. The alleged attack occurred about 1:00 a.m. in a second-floor supercellusman's apartment, and the woman's name was not released, was waking along a hallway to her dormitory, says Joseph Waters, director of security. The alleged rape assaulted the woman near the door to her residence, which was open at the time of the alleged attack.

The alleged attacker was wearing a "Mickey Mouse" t-shirt and was seen by witnesses walking away from the dormitory.

Police got a description of the alleged attacker from the female. He is said to be of medium size, between 5' 10" to 6'2", with blond hair. The woman says he weighed approximately 190 to 200 lbs., age 20 to 25, the only noticeable mark on his face is a one-inch scar over his left upper lip. He is said to have a "caucasian, between 5' 10" to 6'2", with blond hair. The woman says he weighed approximately 190 to 200 lbs., age 20 to 25, the only noticeable mark on his face is a one-inch scar over his left upper lip.

Police say they would like any information on the attempted rape to be directed to either Waters or Detective Michael Kleban of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police.

Waters said that a composite sketch of the alleged attacker will be posted in the dormitories.

**Two officers resign**

by Dianna Jones

Two Security supervisors resigned this October after Joseph Waters, Director of security and safety, totaling seven Marist Security supervisors who have resigned this past year.

William Donnelly, a former Security supervisor, said low pay and poor conditions are two main reasons he resigned after working two days at Marist. Donnelly, 50, who retired from the New York State Police in 1973, was one of the fourth supervisor who resigned due to low pay. Frank Duffy, Michael O'Hara, and John Shuster also resigned due to low pay. Charles Powers resigned in October and Joe Poluzzi has also resigned this year.

Powers was not available for comment. Waters said he would not discuss the two security supervisors who resigned.

"When a person is employed here it is a personnel matter," Waters said. "Both personnel matters, both resignations are to be informed during Spring and Summer 1980, giving students two semester in which to complete their requirements, freshmen must have an overall cumulative index no lower than 2.0, in the major field of study; an average cumulative index of at least 2.0 in the core courses and register, note-taking, time management, and exam preparation for the final exams."

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**Students set to poll**

by John Mayer

Two hundred and thirty Marist College students working on the project will be the first to cast their vote in the WKIP radio election night beginning at 9 p.m. on WKIP radio election night beginning at 9 p.m.

**Grad rules set**

by Marisa Simone

The major considerations for graduation in 1980 are completion of any required courses in the major field of study, an overall cumulative index of at least 2.0, and a cumulative index of at least 2.0 in the major field, says Assistant to the Registrar Eileen Shaw.

"January 1981 and May 1981 graduates are to be informed during Spring and Summer 1980, giving students two semesters in which to complete their requirements instead of the one they've been working on since October 1979," Shaw said.

"In the May 1982 graduates, thus bringing the period of notice to three semesters before graduation."

"Seniors are also being notified if they need help, this semester," Shaw said.

"The class of 1980 is the last graduating class to have their rules in the higher education opportunity program," Shaw said.

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Brotherly love

To the Marist Community: 

As we approach the end of another academic year, we must express our feelings of concern over the future of the Marist College community. It is a time of great uncertainty, and it is essential that we remain united.

The recent news of the college's financial difficulties is a cause for concern. We must remember that our education depends on the continued support of our community. We must support each other, and we must work together to find solutions.

We are reminded of the words of the Sigma Phi Epsilon president who said, "You are not only students of Marist College, but also Marist men."

Together, we can overcome this challenge. We can keep Marist alive and ensure that the legacy of the college continues.

Yours sincerely,

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R. Belding
President of Sigma Phi Epsilon

Good and evil

At Marist College, education is not just about learning. It is about living. And living, we find, is quite difficult.

For instance, alcohol is something that can be responsibly used. However, when used irresponsibly, it can lead to vandalism and other problems. It is necessary that we act wisely.

In the end, we must remember that Marist is a place of learning and that we must strive to make it a place of love and respect.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Gedziai
Dean of Students
As colleges and universities enter the 1980s, a decade of expected declining enrollment in freshmen classes, establishing more career-oriented curriculums and strengthening existing academic programs seem to be the remedy for surviving through the tighter student market, according to several admissions counselors who represented their schools at the Janes J. McCann Center during a college fair Monday night.

Because of the declining birth rate and the end of the 1960s "Baby boom," it has been reported that there will be fewer high school seniors to enroll in college during the next decade, forcing many colleges to close, according to reports in educational magazines. And many colleges are attempting to deal with that problem now by reshaping their curriculums to attract more students.

Pat Barrett-bitz, an admissions counselor from Ohio University, says schools will probably develop more vocational-type curriculums, training college students for specific jobs after graduation.

"High school graduates are very conscious about the job market. They like to know what will happen after graduation," she said. Barrett-bitz, a full-time admissions counselor hired by the university to recruit exclusively from the Westchester County area, said as a result her school is maintaining and refining its programs in health and the sciences, more career-minded fields of study.

She added that Ohio University currently has good backing and there has been no present change in its admissions policy.

Gene O'Connor, the counselor from St. Bonaventure University, said, "The national trend is not as bad as it appears to be," and added that schools without a unique product, location, and tradition, will probably suffer. He said his school has already begun looking at possible enrollment problems in the 1980's and will recruit more from junior colleges.

However, one source who has worked in admissions with different colleges for six years said it will get "dirty" in the next decade. He explained that will not be a gradual decline but it will be very sudden. Nearly all of the counselors claimed their schools had good enrollment figures this past September.

"Colleges will lower their standards and try to make it look like they (admissions standards) are the same," the source said.

While other colleges are gearing for the smaller number of college freshmen in the next few years, Amy Helbic, an admissions counselor from LeMoyne College, said her school has no apprehension. LeMoyne being a Jesuit school, she explained, will always draw a certain segment of the population.

"There is a lot of talk but no one is too nervous," she added. LeMoyne may have to cut back on its freshmen class because of the lack of housing, she added.

Catholic University of America, established in 1887 is even concerned with expected decline in enrollment. Kathi Ford, one of its admission counselors, said the school expects a decline in enrollment over a three year period although this semester the school had a record number of freshmen admitted.

Ford said a school like Catholic University, that has enjoyed a strong sense of tradition and a good reputation, must "do away with certain myths" about the school. She said people perceive the university as enrolling only Catholics while it actually recruits students from all backgrounds.

Big schools nervous

Schools like Yale University will also share similar problems, because most people see them as places for the wealthy or highly intelligent students, said Ford. The college night fair was organized by the Marist College admissions office and included approximately 100 colleges or universities, some as far from Florida and Vermont.