The next issue of The Circle will be March 29. Enjoy the break!

Convo plans still up in the air  

by Paul Raynis

With little more than a month left until Dean's Convocation Day, the event's planning committee has yet to decide who will be the day's speaker. About a month ago, according to members of the committee, the exact issue to be discussed at Convocation is also still unclear.

The Convocation Day Planning Committee which comprises 11 members of the student body, faculty, and administration, was unable to reach any conclusions at a recent meeting. That meeting, which was held on Feb. 22, was the first, according to Council of Student Leaders president Keith Galaert, a member of the committee. Galaert pointed to the committee's first task as a major factor in its decision-making difficulties.

"Finding a good speaker on such short notice is nearly impossible," Galaert said. "Someone known for their ability to command a large audience, such as a politician or an inspirational speaker, is out of the question, since the search begins only a month ahead of time!"

Academic Vice President Andrew Molloy, whose office is responsible for Convocation Day planning, agreed that time has been a problem in preparing for this Convocation Day and for those in the past.

"We've been fortunate to get quality speakers," he said. "Hopefully, we'll eventually get to the point of deciding a year ahead of time!"

Molloy did not, however, indicate that anything was being done.

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Contraceptives: What do students know — or need?  

by Mark Stuart

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THE CIRCLE
Vandals leave their marks over weekend  

by Mark Stuart

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Waters also said there is "no connecting link" between the incidents.

Vandals struck at 11:45 p.m. Saturday at the front door of the McCann Center. Three suspects were seen banging the door in, with the building maintenance men inside the building noticing and chasing them away. Upon inspection, it was noticed that the glass was cracked in one of the doors. The three suspects were young, approximately 15-18 years old.

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Jazzin' it up  

by Holly A. Strohl

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**Spring Break Info:**

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

Please be advised that the Residence Halls will be closed and no meals will be served from Friday, March 9th, 1984 at 11:00 a.m. through Monday, March 12th, 1984.

The last meal on Friday, March 9th will be lunch and the first meal on Sunday, March 11th will be dinner.

**Only those students with permission from the housing office will be permitted to remain in the residence halls during this time.**

Please see that all windows are closed, lights are out, plugs are unplugged and doors are locked before you leave.

Should you have questions regarding this policy you should report to the Housing office no later than Friday, March 2, 1984.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Enjoy the Break!
**Correction**

Dear Circle Editor:

We are writing this letter to express our disappointment at the article "Marching on Main" that appeared in the February 9th issue of The Circle. The article included incorrect and misleading statements about the Circle K Club.

As members of the Circle K Club, we would like to clarify and correct the information presented in the article. Throughout the article, there were inaccuracies and misrepresentations that we believe are important to address.

Firstly, the article inaccurately portrayed the Circle K Club as a group that only focuses on charitable work. While we do conduct charitable activities, our club members also engage in many other activities that contribute to the betterment of the campus and the community.

Secondly, the article incorrectly stated that the Circle K Club members were the only ones who volunteered to collect donations. In reality, many other students and organizations at Marist College have also volunteered to collect donations for various causes.

Lastly, the article contained a statement that the Circle K Club members were responsible for the lack of recognition that Frank and his fellow students received. This statement is not accurate and does not reflect the true situation.

We, as members of the Circle K Club, are committed to providing accurate and truthful information to our readers. We encourage our readers to seek information from multiple sources before making decisions or forming opinions.

Sincerely,

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**On self-defense and the Soviet Union**

By Craig Lene

When discussing the issues of the arms race, nuclear and conventional, many Americans tend to lose sight of the primary cause, the arms race between the Soviet Union and America. Aside from the constant rhetoric between the two governments, there exists a great need to understand the arms race in order to effectively respond. There are several factors that contribute to the arms race, including the nature of the two governments, the interests of each government, and the nature of the arms race itself.

The Soviet Union, with its vast territories and large population, has a strategic interest in maintaining a strong military. The United States, with its global interests, also seeks to maintain a strong military in order to project power around the world. The arms race is driven by these strategic interests.

The interests of each government also play a role in the arms race. The U.S. seeks to maintain its position as the global superpower, while the Soviet Union seeks to compete with the U.S. in this role. The arms race is driven by these interests.

The nature of the arms race itself also contributes to the arms race. The arms race is characterized by the development and deployment of nuclear weapons. The arms race is driven by the desire to have more and better weapons.

In addition to contributing to the arms race, the Soviet Union continues to maintain a significant nuclear posture in Africa. Angola, Ethiopia, and Mozambique are areas of concern for the U.S. and the Soviet Union. The arms race in these regions is driven by the interests of the two governments, including the desire to maintain strategic advantages over each other.

The arms race is a complex issue, and it is important to understand the factors that contribute to it. By understanding the arms race, we can better respond to its challenges and work towards a peaceful resolution.

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**Issues needed**

The Circle's Viewpoint page is a forum for opinion and commentary. Readers are invited to submit essays on topics of interest, including, but not limited to, politics, the arts, world affairs and other relevant issues. Contributions should be 500 to 700 words, typed double-spaced. Include name, address and phone number. I'm putting the notebook together, Richard Coo, The Circle.
The Midterm Phenomenon

In a sorority house, there are always stories. But this one was different.

The girl next door had a souped-up sports car; "The Rousters," and now "Ripsters," the new name for the two-car family. She showed it off at the dorm, and everyone was impressed. The fire chief said, "Well, that's something new."

The girl next door was a bit of a tomboy, but everyone loved her. She was always there to help, and everyone looked up to her. But sometimes, she would drive around the block at 8:30 a.m.!!

At my door?... At 8:30 a.m.?!!

To my ex-roomie, Thanks for the T-bird, How about that balloon... Today in Donnelly & Class, March 22 — Drink special!

P.S. I don't really have any friends. The girl next door is my only friend, and she's leaving in two weeks.

To all CCC members, There will be lengthy discussions, must be recorded. Signed, Your Ethics Class

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This deposit is non-refundable.

You must show a deposit receipt and have registered for fall semester classes to request a room for the 1984 fall semester.

The date on which your deposit is made will be used to break ties in the room request priority system.

Watch for additional room request information in the circle.
Foxes split last two as regular season ends

By Jim O'Connor

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Eight basketball teams begin play at the James J. McCann Center in an attempt to reach the Elite Eight and two-time defending NCAA champions Virginia, would not elaborate on any other candidates, or any comment on when it would be offered.

McKillop said negotiations with the remaining candidates are a part of the final selection process, even before the job is offered anyone. “We have expectations and the candidates have expectations,” he said. “In talking with them, we can get an idea what we will meet each other’s expectations.”

“Not it’s a simple process,” said McKillop. “We’re not just bringing in the last few people.”

The committee chairman said the job had been offered to any candidate and would not comment on when it would be offered.

As the candidates for Marist’s basketball coaching job are reduced to the final few, the leading candidate remains Jim Larranaga, an assistant coach at the University of Virginia, The Circle has learned.

Sources close to the selection process said that Larranaga, whom The Circle identified on Feb. 5 as the new coach, could be offered the position this week. However, sources also said that a new coach had previously been set as Marist President Dennis Murray’s decision.

Jim McKillop, chairman of Marist’s search committee, would not comment that Larranaga or anyone else is a leading candidate. “It’s down to a half dozen,” he said. “We’ve getting into the real nuts and bolts of the thing.”

Other candidates believed to be among the finalists are: Bob McKillop, head coach of Long Island Lutheran High School in Islandia, N.Y., an assistant at Villanova; and Al Skinner, one of Marist’s assistant a .64 point shooting average.

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Larranaga also praised the program here. “The people at Marist and the enthusiasm for the program is exceptional,” he said.

The announcement of the new coach will not be made until after that coach’s present season has been completed, including post-season play, committee members have said.

McKillop said next week is a “time when a lot of basketball coaching decisions are made. "Many of the tournaments end this weekend and most coaching contacts run out then. A lot of situations, of which Marist is one, are still settling at the same time.”

"Everyone who applies for these positions likes to keep his options open then," said McKillop.

SPORTS

Tournament Preview

Eight teams vie for ECAC crown

I.L.U. - St. Francis—
F.D.U. - Sienna—
R. Morris - Wagner—

Loyola - Marist—

Loyola (4) vs.
Marist (5)

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