

**DAVID FLYNN**  
**Marist College**  
**Poughkeepsie, NY**  
**For the Marist College Archives and Special Collections**  
**Index – David Flynn**

**Project Name:** Marist Heritage Project

**Transcript:** Yes

**Summary:** Yes

**Photograph(s):** No

**CD#:** 043

**Name of Interviewee:** David Flynn

**Main Topics:** Contained in this interview is a description of David Flynn and his years at Marist College as the former Director of Admissions. The interview begins with a brief summary of David Flynn's educational background and his years as a student at Marist College. David Flynn also describes his transition from working as an Admissions Counselor to becoming the Director of Admissions, as well as his participation in recruiting students to Marist. The end of the interview touches upon the vast expansion of the student population and campus since David Flynn's experience as a student and Director of Admissions at Marist. Within the interview, David Flynn reflects on the transition from Marist being run by the Marist Brothers to being run by a Board of Trustees with a similar philosophy as well.

**Others present?:** No

**Interviewed by:** Gus Nolan

**Interview Date:** 12 December 2003

**Location of Interview:** Archives and Special Collections Reading Room at Marist College

**Recorder model and type:** Marantz PMD 690

**Length of interview:** 58 minutes, 56 seconds

**Number of disks:** 1

**Recording medium/format:** Microdrive

**Brand of disks:** IBM 1GB Microdrive

**Archival copy made:** Burned to a gold alloy CD (MAM) and is held in the Marist College Archives and Special Collections. Saved as a .wav file at the highest resolution possible. CD copy is available for researchers.

**Quality of original recording:** Good

**Restrictions on interview access or use:** None

**Transcribed or summarized by:** Erin Kelly

**Brief summary of interview context and recording contents:** This interview was held in the Cannavino Library on the Marist College campus.

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<u>Time (00:00.00 ~ in hrs./mins./seconds)</u>	<u>Summary</u>
00:00.07 – 00:03.53	David Flynn talks about his personal life and history. He discusses where and when he was born, his parents and siblings, where he went to school from elementary school through college, and concludes with enrolling at Marist College and then graduating in 1964.
00:03.54 – 00:18.27	David briefly recounts what Marist was like and what the campus looked like when he attended the college as a student. He reveals how he ended up working for the admissions office, and then how he rather quickly became the Director of Admissions. David then describes what it was like to recruit students for Marist College, what the college's major draws were, what their setbacks were, and the type of student that generally attended the school. David moves on to describe the development of the Admissions Office and how their search for students expanded as the college expanded and developed.
00:18.28 – 00:26.44	David continues to discuss the development of the Admissions Program, moving onto the technical level, discussing the technology they began to have available to them, how they were able to keep track of things, as well as a unique intern program where student interns visited high schools to attract students to Marist, which was enormously successful.
00:26.45 – 00:38.35	David talks about who the competition was for Marist in the 60's and 70's. He discusses some of the changes that Marist went through that he had a hand in, such as admitting women to the college and admitting the first handicapped student. David recollects how long he worked for Marist College in the Admissions Office before he left to work at Fairfield University, and the people who came before and after him.

- 00:38.36 – 00:46.22 David compares the students at Marist College to other students in the area and at other colleges. He talks about the financial aid aspect of admissions and how the world of admissions has changed so much over the years, for example women are now accepted and outnumber the men, a lot of money has to be given because of competition, the class sizes are bigger, etc.
- 00:46.23 – 00:59.03 David talks about some of the issues that Marist College went through and discusses his take on how they affected the college. For example, he reflects on if there was any tension between the Marist Brothers and the lay faculty, and also when the Marist Brothers stopped running the school. He then moves on to talk about why he stayed so long at Marist, and what he feels he was able to contribute to the school during his time here. He concludes his interview by giving some advice for Sean, the current Director of Admissions, and expressing his wish for the future of Marist.