

**GEORGE HOOPER**  
**Marist College**  
**Poughkeepsie, NY**  
**For the Marist College Archives and Special Collections**  
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**Project Name:** Marist Heritage Project

**Transcript:** Yes

**Summary:** Yes

**Photograph(s):** Yes

**CD#:** 027

**Name of Interviewee:** George Hooper

**Main Topics:** George discusses his early education, personal life, his college experience, his interest in becoming a Biologist, and then his career as a college professor. He also recalls the development of the Biology Department, the arrival of new faculty and several issues such as the relationship between faculty and administration. One also learns of George's principal hobby fly fishing.

**Others present?:** No

**Interviewed by:** Gus Nolan

**Interview Date:** 21 May 2002

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

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

**Length of interview:** 53 minutes and 19 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:** Nancy Decker

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

**TAPE INDEX:**

<u>Time (00:00.00 ~ in hrs./mins./seconds)</u>	<u>Summary</u>
00:00.02 – 00:10.23	George Hooper discusses his personal life and background. He talks about where he was born and raised, his siblings and his parents, where he went to school, his multiple times in the military, and his wife and children.
00:10.24 – 00:22.02	George reflects on receiving the job at Marist College to teach biology and becoming the department representative. He talks about the development of the biology department in regards to staff and curriculum, and the effect that the creation of the core program had on the department.
00:22.03 – 00:30.18	George talks about his involvement with the Committee on Faculty Development, which dealt with both promotion and tenure. He also was involved with another committee that represented and spoke for the faculty as a whole. As divisional chair he also played a role in the college receiving accreditation for Middle States, and in the development of the labs in the science department. He comments briefly on the physical development of the campus that he's seen over the years, and the part he played in expanding the students' use of the campus.
00:30.19 – 00:39.17	George reflects on the administrations of the two presidents he worked under, both of which he feels have done a great job, although he didn't always agree with all of their decisions. He also briefly talks about the effect that the growth of the college has had on Marist.
00:39.18 – 00:49.48	George discusses what he would like to see happen in the future for Marist, mainly that Marist finds its niche and that the faculty finds a greater rapport with one another. He discusses the technology that is developing, how Marist has to develop with it, and the precautions that need to be taken.
00:49.48 – 00:53.21	To conclude his interview, George talks about what he's been doing in his retirement, and has a final reflection on the memories and friendships that Marist has given him over the years.