Widespread cutbacks caused by deficit

By David Potter

Martial 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, assistant professor of History and Dr. Kathleen Demels, assistant professor of Physics, were phased out of their departments, according to Foy.

Former Dining Service director, Joe Larrus and dining service manager, Abramoch, were released when the board of trustees decided not to renew the Martial Food Service contract, according to Foy. He said the board of Trustees hired a Martial Food Services because it decided the college could not afford more losses due to food service cost overruns.

Martial is attempting to cut back its expenditures by 24 per cent, according to Foy, because “since we’ve had two straight years of this (deficit) we’ve come to the conclusion we’re living a little beyond our means.” He said all departments on campus will be evaluated each year to determine their financial stability.

The college may have to reduce the art department, according to Foy, if a proposal for an art major does not get approved.

Foy said food service expenses were more than anticipated, and cited rising food prices as one reason for cost overruns. He said Larrus was not skilled at cost projections. Foy did not have figures for cost overruns in each department.

Also contributing to the deficit, according to Foy, was the college’s decision to spend more money for dormitory repairs. Foy also said he believes Martial’s $50,000 contingency fund is too low for a budget as large as Martial’s. He said the college would “probably have to build in a larger fund” to offset overspending.

The number of students attending the college that spring was overestimated, according to Foy, which also added to the deficit. He said the student population decreased from the previous fall, which cost the college needed revenue. Foy added many departments on campus had small cost overruns.

A new accounting system, installed this summer, will enable the college to receive weekly reports on spending, said Foy. Foy added Martial will share the responsibility of cost control with Martial Food Services, an option the college did not have last year. Also, Martial may exercise more portion control, which would help keep down costs, he said.

Although the board of trustees decided against any new capital projects besides repairs, said Foy, Martial’s line of credit was extended this summer. Foy said the “trust the community continues Martial a strong risk with a solid future.”

Deficit forces staff reductions

By Gerry McNulty

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

The college’s deficit is approximately $50,000. Foy said: “We’ve been doing is spending next year’s money,” he said. The college, in effect, works on a level to a level support system. Foy said the staff was cut to avoid costs of full time employees.

The 15 staff members who could be cut are all non-tenured, said Foy, and the support staff would be reduced. Foy also said he believed the college’s $50,000 deficit for new programs such as a college union.

Several of the departments would possibly be taken on by another college. Foy said he would not talk about the plans until after the fact, but that the departments would be sold.

Foy explained some positions were phased out. Former Assistant Dean of Students, Fred Lambert, supervised housing and dining services. Martial then hired Martial Corporation to manage its food service and Gerry Kelly became director of housing. Lambert has since become Dean of Students at Wheeling College, West Virginia — a position Foy said he helped Lambert get.

The reduction should not ‘make a significant difference in student services and any negative effect could be cushioned by the influx of Title III money,” Foy said.

There were no major reductions in faculty because most teacher changes are based on long-term needs. Also, faculty members must be given one year’s notice, Foy said.

Dormitories crowded; Martial overbooks

By Beth Weaver

Anticipating that a number of students will drop out early or not show this semester, Martial, President, Dr. Gainer, the student dormitories, according to Foy.

The overbook has resulted in six students living in one room, including Residence, Father LaMore’s home; and the temporary placement of students in the rooms of the Dutchess County Community College, according to Gainer, who added, “that’s the problem.”

The college overbooked the dormitories by a “bit more than the number of Dutchess students,” Gainer. He said other colleges overbooked a number of students.

In the past, overcrowding has been a cause of the elimination of single rooms, and the placing of three students in some rooms.

This year, the college set specific cut off dates requiring resident students to either move up for their room or notify the college if they were not coming. According to Gainer, students not showing up were called and asked if they planned to return, enabling the housing office to place students if an opening was available.

In addition, the college located off-campus housing and is encouraging residence hall students not having been able to find their own. Gainer added if space does become available on campus the students will be notified and asked if they would like to return.

Father LaMore, campus chaplain, said he can adjust to living with the six students, although his home is now crowded. Gainer said the major problem with the situation is that it has an effect on the students not selected to visit him at night. He believes they might shy away from coming. LaMore hopes the students will be living there “only as long as necessary.”

Because of Martial’s overbooking, students are temporarily living in Byrne with residence Fr. LaMore. photo Dave Shaw
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first meeting of the Marist College Board of Trustees was on Monday evening, Sept. 1, at 6:00 p.m., in the Trustees' Room, on the fourth floor of the College Hall.

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Chapel renovations repair fire damage

By Dave Powers

Reconstructions were finished in the Marist College Chapel this past week, according to Campus Chaplain Father Richard Labrozzi. Reconstructions were required after fire swept through the rear portions of the chapel last weekend.

According to Father Labrozzi, the replacement of corrugated fiberglass windows with sliding glass windows and the removal of the bulletin board and wall Mendicino has been replaced with a new one. The new windows were installed in green, and the meeting room was built. The completion of the work of the chapel is expected to be finished in the coming month.

Unfortunately, the front and gold window was damaged and was not replaced. Labrozzi also purchased new stained-glass elements such as a bottom, cross and a couple of religious icons. Despite the changes, the seating capacity remains the same.

At the time of the fire, the church had been accepted to use the front of the church, according to Labrozzi. Financial figures on the cost of the renovation are unknown so far, but Labrozzi said that the cost was far less than what he had expected. The renovation work was performed by an architect, John Clark of Clark Studio, according to Labrozzi. Clark has also completed the renovation work for a number of churches and religious centers in the area.

The renovations in the Marist College Chapel which repaired damage were completed last week.

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Is the Sisyphean task of keeping the public informed a dying art? At any given moment there are developments occurring in various directions, and where in the vastness of the political maze will it appear that even a man can obtain a working knowledge of the division force likely to operate upon this country for the simple reason that it is impossible to bring together the several avenues of evidence that are available at the present time. The public has the right to know about the many projects that are being considered for valuable services. However, there is also the possibility of the public being misled by the use of this information. The government must be more responsible for the public's welfare and the public must be more responsible for the government's actions. The government must do more to inform the public about the projects that are being considered and make the public responsible for the government's actions. The government must also be more responsible for the public's welfare and the public must be more responsible for the government's actions.

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Reconstructions are finished in the Mepham College Chapel, the last of the series of major campus projects. The work was completed after a fire in the year of the chapel. The fire was caused by a heating duct that was too close to the wood panels. The college administration has appointed a committee to investigate the cause of the fire and to determine the cost of the repairs.

Marriott food service has new cafe objectives

By Valente Poole

Marriott Food Service has replaced last year's Marriott Food Service. The new food service was hired because it was seen as "barbarian" in the college. The new food service will also be responsible for the college's restaurant.

The first meeting of the Marriott College Food Service was held on Monday, Sept. 10 at 11:30 AM in the Mepham College Food Service meeting room. The meeting was attended by over 50 people, including the faculty, students, and staff.

The National College Poetry Festival has been held every year in the last decade. This year's festival was held on Friday, May 11 at 7:30 PM in the Mepham College Auditorium. The festival was attended by over 300 people, including the faculty, students, and staff.

Students raise money for Muscular Dystrophy

By Beth Warner

Cheeseman Hall's House Fund donated $150 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America. The money was raised through bake sales and a danceathon.

The Harvest in the Marriott College Chapel which was repaired after the fire damage is shown above. The work was completed after a fire in the year of the chapel. The fire was caused by a heating duct that was too close to the wood panels. The college administration has appointed a committee to investigate the cause of the fire and to determine the cost of the repairs.

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SIX PACKS TO GO
Foxes prepare for first varsity season

By Ken Healy

When the Maret Red Foxes take the field in Fallsburg for their first game as a varsity team, only 15 players from last year’s 5-6-1 squad will be in uniform. Of the 60 man team, the largest in years, there will be 23 freshmen and eight sophomores. 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 Maliet. "I think all of our returning players realize this and I know the new one’s do." Maliet, an assistant at Maret for eight years, succeeds Ron Levine who resigned at the end of last season after thirteen years as head coach. The new head coach said as in the past few years freshmen would play a big role in the Red Foxes immediate fortunes. "We’re deep in all our positions perhaps wise but a lot of guys just don’t have game experience. For us to have a real good year our new people will have to play for us in a hurry," said Maliet. The Red Foxes will have three returning defensive players. Two of them, Jon Pagano and co-captain Mike Maginnis, are set at defensive end spots. Maliet said Mike Laffin, the other co-captain, will be in the backfield, but he wasn’t sure where. The offensive picture is also clouded with no positions sewn up, according to Maliet. "There’s been a lot of competition for all the spots, Monday’s scrimmage told us a lot and after Friday night’s scrimmage against New Haven we’ll probably know who we’re going to go with," Maliet said. Assisting Maliet are returning coaches Tom Colonna, offensive co-coordinator and Steve Heidenreich. There are also three new coaches, George Prick, a football coach who will work with the wide receivers, Bill Pacienza a member of Maret’s 1978 undefeated championship team, and Les McMillan, the defensive line coach. Maliet said the program is rebuilding and he believes there is a strong base with the recruiting that was done last winter. He said "Almost all of the freshmen that are here are a direct result of our recruiting. We knew most of the freshmen that were coming. Last year several players didn’t even get into school until just before practice began." Two freshmen that have looked especially good in the early season are fullback Tim Minnow and linebacker Joe Baldwin. Maliet said both are solid ballplayers, typical of the kind of athlete Maret has recruited. Although the coaching staff said Maliet would be improved, Maliet declined from making any predictions. He said the team could be better, but with the improvement throughout the league another poor record wouldn’t be impossible.

Notes from the Gridiron

Of the 25 freshmen on the 1975 Maret team only five remain: Mike Laffin, Mike Maginnis, Teddy Williams, Bob Keller and John Kelly. Friday night the Red Foxes will scrimmage New Haven at Quigley Field in West Haven, Connecticut. New Haven is hoping to rebound from their 7-3 loss to Fortham in last season’s finals. Maret will go on two overnight trips this season, the opener at Fallsburg and the final game against Niagara. He believes there is a strong base with the recruiting that was done last winter. He said "Almost all of the freshmen that are here are a direct result of our recruiting. We knew most of the freshmen that were coming. Last year several players didn’t even get into school until just before practice began." Two freshmen that have looked especially good in the early season are fullback Tim Minnow and linebacker Joe Baldwin. Maliet said both are solid ballplayers, typical of the kind of athlete Maret has recruited. Although the coaching staff said Maliet would be improved, Maliet declined from making any predictions. He said the team could be better, but with the improvement throughout the league another poor record wouldn’t be impossible.

Running Red Foxes face toughest season

By Chris Hogan

The Maret Running Red Foxes will begin their first season as a Division II team on Saturday against the Glassboro Invitational at Glassboro State College in New Jersey. - coach Stevens said he expects the 1978 schedule to be the toughest lineup of competition Maret has ever faced. - This year’s team consists of thirteen seniors and eighteen freshmen. Stevens said two of the top freshmen recruited are Dennis Martin, from Champlain High School in Minnesota, and Jerry and John Urban from Connecticut. He added they will be aided by co-captains Dennis Goff and Matt Cole, and by returning lettermen Paul Walsh, Ron Gaidalez, and Jerry Sancineto, both last year’s squad. Stevens said he believes this combination of youth and experience has created a positive attitude between team members that is essential for a successful season. He added "If we can avoid injuries we have the potential of a good team." Stevens said the Foxes will aim to peak at the 1978 IIAA Championships and the NCAA Division II championships. The Running Red Foxes are coming off their worst record in six years with a 1-0-4 record.