Class ring selection too limited

Students want to choose styles other than what Marist allows

by STEVE LINDEMAN
Staff Writer

Junior Michael Bogusz was aggravated when faced with a limited number of choices while purchasing a Marist ring this year.

"You only have a limited number of choices. They won't even except a credit card for final payment," said Bogusz.

A Marist ring is offered to any student with 45 credits and a G.P.A. of 2.0 or greater.

The controversy surrounding the ring involves the limited number of choices regarding the type, color and particular cut of the stone.

Josten's, the ring company that controls the production of the Marist ring, limited the amount of choices this year. Not having as many models of rings offered to the students makes the process less cost effective, said Gerard Cox, dean of Student Affairs.

"It might also reflect the alumnus's satisfaction with the traditional style," Cox said.

One unsatisfied junior, Mike Oncorato, was willing to pay the extra money for a rounded stone instead of the square stone that was represented on the traditional rings, the one stone that was approved by Cox.

"At the time, I was sort of puzzled why this was the case," said Oncorato.

Dean Deborah DiCaprio said college rings should be based upon the traditions of the school. That is what makes the ring memorable to the students when they become part of the Marist alumni.

"If we change the style of the ring every year, then it wouldn't be a tradition," said DiCaprio.

The chosen style of the Marist class ring is called "traditional," and only two inscriptions are allowed. One of the Greyson building and the other of the Marist Chapel. Both styles have a different form of the Marist seal imprinted on the opposite sides of the ring, said DiCaprio.

Some computers collect dust while labs are jammed with students for finals

by KELLY SMITH
Staff Writer

As finals begin and students line up to wait for an available computer in the labs, there are about 25 computers sitting in Marist East, the college warehouse, collecting dust.

According to Elizabeth Beckett, assistant dean of special academic programs at Marist, the Maris Prison Program officially closed in August due to a lack of funding. As a result, computers used in the program are currently unplugged and homeless.

"Dollars are always an issue here, in terms of everyone's operating budget...we are assessing what equipment needs to go where," said Beckett.

Bull also said that a lot of the computers were purchased through HEOP and will have to be upgraded. Terti Cormier, a communications major, said all of her classes require her to work on computers.

And, because of high phone bills, she said that computers are the only way she can keep in touch with a lot of her friends. "I'm always in one of the labs trying to get them [computers] to work," said Cormier. "We definitely need more computers here at Marist."

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"In the beginning of the year Please see Computers, page 2..."

First Amendment debate hits Cyberspace

by CODY BOTTECCIO
Staff Writer

Freedom of speech in interactive media and the fate of the Internet may enter the endangered species list.

On Dec. 6, members of a Congressional committee voted 17-16 for a measure that would impose fines up to $100,000 and prison terms up to five years for people who make indecent or obscene material available to minors.

The committee agreed in principle on sanctions against transmitting obscenity and indecent material over computer networks, but stopped short of defining the bill's exact language.

The vote came as the bill's provisions will be imposed for the first time on communication in Cyberspace. The regulation of the Internet, or Net censorship, is part of a telecommunications bill expected to pass by year's end.

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Censorship on the Net

Congress tries to limit material available on the Internet

According to the American Council on Education, a school librarian could be liable for allowing a student who is under 18 online access to Usenet or Catcher in the Rye, because they contain indecent language.

In a report released on the Internet, the definition of "indecent" was clarified by the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT).

"Indecency is a broad classification of material including sexually explicit material, [George Carlin's] 'seven dirty words,' and even classic works of fiction," the CDT report said.

Students who are currently using the Internet to research subjects such as rape may find that they have few sources to choose from in the future.

According to an article by Edward Andrews, in the Dec. 7, edition of the New York Times, there are many inconsistencies that arise with the new censored bill, which is being pushed by organizations like the Christian Coalition and the Family Research Council.

"...the new bill raises the incongruous possibility that newspaper would be able to print a word like 'pennis' on paper but not in their on-line distribution over the Internet," the article said.

Students like Jamie Olmstead, a Marist junior who uses the Internet to do research, said he feels that Net censorship is a violation of one's constitutional rights.

"Censorshiplopes against freedom of speech," Olmstead said. "People should be allowed to do and say whatever they want as long as it is not physically harmful to anyone."
**Praxis Program students change their views on education for inmates**

by Sandy Zeller

While many antidrug zealots have been busy learning about the economic issues in the drug trade, some of the prisoners in the Praxis Program are changing their views on drug use and rehabilitation.

"It has been a real eye-opener," says student James Martinez, who was released from prison last month. "I had never really thought about the fact that education could be so important for rehabilitation."

"It's the first time I've seen any program that actually works," says student Thomas Brown, who was released from prison earlier this year. "I think it's really helped me to get my life back together."
Resident halls dressed in holiday style for decorating contest

by Charlotte Farquhar

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Maitland College. The halls and buildings on campus have been decorated to the nines, with every nook and cranny transformed into a festive scene.

The Office of College Activities and Residence Life put forth a great deal of effort to ensure that every detail was perfect. The committee was split into three sections, each responsible for the interior and exterior of different buildings. They worked tirelessly to create a magical atmosphere throughout the college.

The judges for the contest were Interior Designers, with points allocated to lighting, color schemes, and overall aesthetic appeal. They were impressed by the creativity and hard work of the students.

The Grand Prize winners were:
- The President's House
- The Old Main
- The Science Building

The winners on the Student side were:
- Maitland Hall, first, Chapman Hall 1st, and a tie for third between Lan and Soto Halls.

Along with the participants, the judges raved about the creativity and effort put into the contest.

Bob Lynch also said he enjoyed the traditional contest. "It's good to see the competition of creativity, I always look forward to the judging," he said.

Future educators organize 'Teacher of Tomorrow' club on-campus

by Jeanine Ayers

Staff Writer

The Teacher of Tomorrow club is boosting the gap between students and teachers. The club was established to provide students with an opportunity to meet educators and gain insight into the teaching profession.

According to the club, the mission is to "increase awareness and understanding of the teaching profession and provide students with the opportunity to interact with current and former teachers." The club aims to bridge the gap between students and professionals.

The club is open to all students, regardless of major, and meets biweekly to discuss various topics related to teaching. The club provides a platform for students to explore a potential career in education and be mentored by experienced teachers.

In the past, the club has organized a variety of activities, including guest speaker sessions, classroom observations, and workshops on teaching strategies. These events provide students with a deeper understanding of the teaching profession and inspire them to consider a career in education.

"I'm a firm believer in the importance of mentorship and collaboration within the profession," said Dr. Johnson, the club's advisor. "By joining the Teacher of Tomorrow club, students will have the opportunity to learn from experienced educators, gain valuable insights, and connect with potential mentors."
U.S. Troops prepare to spend the holidays abroad again

Just in time for the holidays, President Clinton has given 20,000 American men and women an early Christmas vacation they will never see again. It is an unprecedented gesture, and it is one the troops will remember for many years to come.

The troops have been on assignment overseas, and they have been waiting for the Christmas holidays for a long time. The president has given them a chance to spend time with their families, and it is a welcome break from the stress of their duties.

The holiday season is a special time for all Americans, and it is a time when we come together to share in the joy of the season. The troops are no different, and they are grateful for the opportunity to spend time with their loved ones.

The president has shown great compassion and understanding by giving the troops a chance to spend the holidays with their families. It is a thoughtful gesture, and it is one that will be remembered for years to come.

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**Editorial**

Government attempts to censor the 'Net

Freedom of speech is in trouble. Congress is trying to pass a measure that would allow for the censorship of material on the Internet. In a close vote last week (H.R. 1716), a committee composed of the House and Senate agreed to a measure that would allow the government to block any indecent or indecorous material from reaching the citizens.

The problem with this measure is that it is not only 'indecent' and 'indecorous' but also the measure itself is problematic. The Supreme Court has held that indecent material, whether on the Internet or not, must be regulated. It is unclear whether the measure as written is constitutional or not.

Proposers of these measures argue that children have easy access to the Internet, and if they can't easily obtain material, then it is better to censor them. However, the same children who can jump on the World Wide Web are also using television as a means of entertainment. When more and more home families go from one week and a few hours a week to more and more hours a day, it is difficult to see how these measures will stand up.

The reasons popularly given are that the material is in some way檀tric or obtusely obscene. These are not reasons the legislation will pass; they are behind the scenes. The true reason these measures are pushed is to support the political interests of those in power.

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The troops have been sent to Bosnia on a peacekeeping mission. The deployment comes on the heels of the peace agreement recently signed in Dayton, Ohio (where many great documents have been signed) by the leaders of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia.

Putting aside the irony of sending our heavily armed troops in the name of peace, we must take into account that peace is a difficult concept to accomplish. At issue here is the worst conflict in Europe since World War II, with three years of countenanced atrocities, hundreds of thousands of dead and missing, and more than two million people displaced from their homes.

As a condition of the troops being sent to the region of the former Yugoslavia, the Bosnian Serbs will have significantly decreased. Meanwhile, the Bosnian government will expand its military force. To merely say that this will be a sense situation is like saying that Mickey Mouse is just a little mouse.

In his televised address last week, President Clinton swore up and down that the troops would be in "bust a nut". However, reports already coming out of the Pentagon say this is highly speculative, adding that some kind of a peacekeeping force is necessary for some years, if not for years.

The problem here is not the president making more promises that he could never keep. The real problem is, what is Clinton's real strategy? Congress is calling for a plus one package including providing military backing to Bosnian Muslims. The president has dodged this issue as much as he could. But, while there is some risk of those people turning around and shooting off the hand that feeds them, it appears to be the only way that a withdrawal is possible.

The of the region of the peninsula ofshakespearian hopefuls, front-runner Bob Dole seems to be the only one to support the president. The majority of the others have been opposed to the idea of sending troops from the beginning. On the other hand, the president has played a good little major-and-little leader and supported the president on the grounds that this is his bet, for he is the commander-in-chief and what he says goes.

This is not just common courtesy or common sense, it is good politics. After all, it is not Deed's role on the floor if the mission goes badly. If it does, that will be more just for the floor of his campaign. And, if successful, he will look good the way he party unions and support the president on a controversial issue.

The answer is also in the hands of the troops.

While we may agree with or even understand why they are in Bosnia, or how they can possibly get out of it, what we find is that there are 20,000 of our own risk their lives to actually make a stand for the things that this season is supposed to be about.

In this Christmas, the boy or girl sitting around the tree butting through that avenues of gifts, remember that there are 20,000 families just like yours that have less playtime at the dilettante. One person less is the younger children rush to see if Santa enjoyed the cookies and milk they put out for him last night. One less parent to take for granted how fortunate they are that we do not live in a country dominated by war.

Remember that this person is thousands of miles away from home in the name of concepts they are 처음으로 leave as a name on our Christmas cards: peace on earth and goodwill toward man."

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**Letters to the Editor**

Internship allows for real hands-on experience

Editor: I am a senior and I thought that getting an internship would help me with my career plans. Currently, I am working at the Hudson Valley Video Service, and it is much different than I expected. Everyone thinks that they will be working on set of important movies, but in reality, it is much more mundane. At the film office we operate security for Sony films as well as television commercials. About six months ago, I had the opportunity to work on a film in Michigan. My goal is to become a film student and eventually own a production assistant. I am looking forward to the future in this industry. I was a part of a studio in a local assistant producer assistant, and a grip. Having this internship is a lead me to work on actual projects as well as meet up with people in the business. To anyo...
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by Larry Rosin

A Dil Editor

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Locust Grove a walking wonderland

by Anne Tanner

It's time to take a break from the usual course in order to follow the castles and gardens of Locust Grove. Locust Grove, on Route Nine in Poughkeepsie, was once the home of Samuel H. Morse, the 19th-century painter and famed inventor of the telegraph.

In 1903, three decades after his death, Morse's family sold the property to William and Martha Young, who had married in 1878. It had been during Morse's time that the house contained objects in art from both the Morse and Young families, including a large collection of chairs, used by both families. The formal dining room, as it is today, includes a large fireplace and a large buffet table for the guests. The bedrooms are located on the second floor of the house.

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Martin plays father again

by Anne Lattanz

Staff Writer

The season is for probability, so why not take a chance on the Baker's house? After all, it's never too late for the Bakers to surprise us with their antics. But what if the Baker's house once again opened its doors, this time with the threat of a surprise visitor? This is the situation in "The Odd Couple," a play by Neil Simon, which is now playing at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival in Locust Grove, New York.

The play is about the relationship between the Baker and his son, Alex. The two are constantly at odds, with the Baker enjoying the quiet of his home while Alex is always searching for excitement. During the course of the play, Alex meets a new neighbor, a woman who is a great cook, and the two begin to form a bond.

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Swim team win big

Men and women remain undefeated

by PAT REYNOLDS
Staff Writer

A lot of attention is paid to the Marist College men’s basketball team around this time of year. But there’s a lesser-known team, the McCann Center that does not have a gymnastics floor or basketball hoops.

The pool.

In this pool swim some of the top athletes. Some grade and competitive athletes that this college has ever seen: the men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams.

And in case you have not noticed, neither of them can be beat.

As was the case last season when both teams dominated the meet with Fairfield University. The men, who are 5-0, have won their swimming streak to 15; and have not lost a duel since February of 1994.

Coach Larry Van Wagen told The Poughkeepsie Journal that his teams are going to try to exhibit exhibition events towards the end of the meet so they would not run up the score.

“We knew we were stronger than before,” he said. “We are fighting with a new enthusiasm and home;

All though it seemed to cruise to easy victories, highlighting

Women’s hoops' off to best start by MARC LESNIEWSKI
Staff Writer

Anything the men’s basketball team can do, the women can do better, or at least as close.

The Marist women’s team is in the midst of its best start ever at 4-1.

The Red Foxes have won a 62-57 to Eastern Michigan at the Navy Tip-Off Classic in New York and have won straight four dates. The last two wins came against Army in the Navy Tip-Off Classic and future MAAC foe Siena.

The women’s latest game to date was a 66-63 victory over the Siena Saints. According to coach Ken Babineau, this game was supposed to be the Red Foxes toughest test yet.

“They both saw 2-3 record coming in, we were concerned about Siena,” Babineau said. “But we had a lot more to prove to the folks in the MAAC that we can play some good basketball here too.”

And the Foxes proved that right from the start.

The women attacked the Saints early, getting into double with a nine point advantage, 36-27.

Siena made a game of it in the second half, but Marist wasn’t to be denied.

“I knew they were going to make a run at us in the second half,” Babineau said. “But we were able to make enough big plays to pull it out.”

Ironically, the end of the season also brings with it the season of giving and sharing along with the prospects of new things and better on the horizon.

While the workload during this time can be overwhelming, we have to acknowledge the athleticism for which this Filosofia’s been+ there have been and the hope of what it eventually will be.

I am going to take you along the photos of Christmas past and future but the season for giving in this month of December.

On the 12th day of Christmas...

The Red Fox basketball team gave a senior Colleen Aho a special gift this holiday season. The senior, who had been dealing with cancer, was rewarded with a trip to New York City.

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