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WMCR makes comeback as WMAR

By JAMES REYES
Staff Writer

After its suspension earlier this year, the radio station at Marist, WMAR, is finally making a comeback at 88.1 on the FM dial.

The club was placed on probation at the beginning of this semester because it was not meeting the obligations and duties required to maintain its position as an on-campus club. This was due to a lack of participation from both its student members and faculty staff.

Ryan Talierno, station manager, was part of the renaissance that took place earlier this semester.

"Most of the radio staff from

last year couldn't continue working into this year, and they left a lot of work undone, like priority points and our budget," said Talierno.

The club also did not participate in the activities fair, which is one of the main requirements of being an on-campus club.

But now, under the wing of its new faculty advisor Brad Freeman, the station is ready to turn heads on campus.

According to Freeman, the station will be undergoing many changes.

"[We're] giving the station a bath and reorganizing it so there's a system," said Freeman. "[It's like the] phoenix rising from the ashes."

This is Freeman's first year

with the college radio station. He was encouraged to take things into his own hands after three weeks of appealing to the college to establish an AM sister station.

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WMAR faculty advisor

When Freeman took command of the college radio station, he said he immediately knew that changes were needed.

"I want it to function like a legit college radio station," said Freeman.

Modifying the club's guidelines was one of the first changes

made. Their mission statement and constitution were also altered to make the club operate in a more efficient and organized manner.

The radio station itself is also getting a makeover. The call sign will no longer be WMCR but will be changed to WMAR. This change was encouraged with the discovery of an official FCC licensed station that had the same call sign. Marist's radio station, being a part-15 station, is not allowed to use the same call sign as a FCC licensed station.

The realization that other college radio stations had the same name as WMCR also encouraged the new call sign.

According to Freeman, these call letters had resulted in prob-

lems with the College Music Journal in the past.

"The CMJ would get confused when we would send them information because they wouldn't know who it was coming from," said Freeman.

Freeman believes the new call sign will help to distinguish Marist's radio station from others for its students, faculty, and even alumni audiences.

The biggest change to Marist radio is perhaps the addition of a sister AM station, located at 1630 on the AM dial. This AM station will be oriented more to information broadcasting. The station will focus on covering non-music programming such as local and campus news. It will

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Enjoy weather while it lasts



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After deciding the view from the library reminded him of a European plaza, Verne Newton, library director, wanted to place chairs and tables outside the library so students could enjoy the beautiful weather. President Murray agreed and the tables and chairs have been there ever since. Students have been seen sitting outside the library, enjoying the weather and the view of the Hudson River while doing their work.

Survey finds college students are increasingly leaning Republican

By JEFF ZELENY
Chicago Tribune

COLUMBUS, Ohio (KRT) — Growing up, the politics in the household of Steven Druckenmiller had always leaned toward the liberal side. So when the 20-year-old goes home, he takes delight wearing a shirt from his College Republican club.

At Capital University here, Druckenmiller and several dozen others regularly hold meetings to discuss tax policy, free trade and other conservative bedrocks. Membership in the rival Democratic group, meanwhile, has dwindled to two.

"Sure," Druckenmiller said with a smile. "Some of us have liberal parents and are rebelling."

Druckenmiller and his friends represent a growing trend of col-

lege students who are identifying with the Republican Party. Gone are the days when college campuses were liberal strongholds, awash only in principles of the Democratic Party.

A new poll by the Institute of Politics at Harvard University showed that 31 percent of college students across the country identify themselves as Republicans. The poll also showed that 61 percent of college students approve of President Bush's job performance, which is about 8 percentage points higher than the general public.

At the same time, 27 percent of the students say they are Democrats. And 38 percent say they are independent or unaffiliated, which makes them ripe targets for presidential candidates who are paying careful attention to the youngest segment of the

electorate, particularly the nation's nine million college students.

"The days are over of colleges being a bastion of Democratic politics," said Dan Glickman, director of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. "We've had 20 years without much radicalism on campuses around the country. The campuses now reflect more of the country as a whole."

He added, "This group ought to be mined by the candidates. If they don't, it's at their own peril."

In the 1980s, Ronald Reagan's presidency inspired a generation of conservatives on college campuses. GOP strategists hope to re-create and expand that movement and are turning to college-age Republicans like Druckenmiller who were barely

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Lieberman losing Democratic support in New York State

By HAYDEN BATES
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Support for Sen. Joseph Lieberman, a Democratic presidential candidate, is on the decline in New York according to a recent poll conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion (MIPO).

The poll, released Oct. 23, shows that Lieberman has lost his previously strong lead in New York to Vermont Gov. Howard Dean. Among registered New York State Democrats queried about their 2004 choices, 16 percent chose Lieberman, down from 23 percent who expressed support for him in September, when he led the field in New York.

Lee Miringoff, PhD., MIPO director, said Lieberman's loss of support may be attributable to the fact that his rivals are becoming easier to recognize.

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Lieberman addresses a convention.

name recognition over the other candidates, especially in New York, seeing as he is a senator from neighboring Connecticut, and he was on the Gore ticket just a few years ago," said Miringoff. "However, that is all eroding now as guys like Dean and Clark are getting media coverage and are becoming better known."

In the poll, Dean is in first place, slightly ahead of Lieberman and retired Gen. Wesley Clark. As Lieberman's support has eroded, Dean appears to be the primary beneficiary, rising to 18 percent, compared to 13 percent last month.

The poll's margin of error was plus or minus five percentage points. A recent CNN/USA Today/Gallup nationwide poll showed another possible reason why Lieberman is losing support. The poll showed that the Democratic disposition may be swinging to

the left, with 39 percent of registered Democrats now saying they would prefer a liberal nominee. In August, just 27 percent wanted a liberal to face President George W. Bush next November.

According to the poll, support for a moderate nominee rather than a liberal is down to 53 percent among Democrats, compared to more than two-thirds in August.

Shawn Shieh, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science at Marist, said there is a definite link between Lieberman's recent loss of support in New York and the findings of the CNN/USA

Today/Gallup poll.

"It seems to me that Lieberman, a moderate candidate, isn't enjoying all that much popularity in

New York, following the national trend," said Shieh. "Historically, Democratic candidates have to appeal to the liberal core of the party in order to succeed in the primaries. Lieberman's stance as a moderate is certainly hurting him."

Martin Shaffer, Ph.D., chair of the Marist political science department, said the national shift in support in favor of liberal candidates is a reason for Lieberman's New York slump.

"Liberal Democrats dominate the primaries and caucuses," said Shaffer. "Lieberman's early lead is deteriorating rapidly in New York and across the nation as Democratic voters look to candidates they perceive to be less in the middle and more to the left — guys like Dean and Clark."