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Students suffer credit distress

By JOSEPH GENTILE
 Staff Writer

In a study released this month by Sallie Mae, a student-lending magnate, college students have accumulated credit card debt at unforeseen levels to afford credit hours. The lender reported to CNN staff the typical undergraduate is carrying an average \$3,173 of debt, while graduating seniors, on average, shoulder more than \$4,100 of debt from credit cards.

Survey leaders also found that today's freshmen carry an average debt of \$939 – nearly triple the \$373 average debt maintained from five years ago. While an estimated 69 percent of freshman had a zero balance in 2004, only 15 percent of freshman today can claim a zero balance.

"Part of that can be due to the rising cost of college," said Kalman Chany, the author of "Paying for College without Going Broke" to CNN staff.

"There was some uncertainty about private loans, so in many cases, students resorted to the lender of last resort - that is, their credit cards - to finance their college expenses and out-of-pocket costs."

Sallie Mae's study, which included 1,200 college undergraduates nationwide between the ages of 18-24, did not entirely exempt those students of personal responsibility either. An estimated 60 percent of students were surprised by the cost of their credit card balances, while another 40 percent readily admitted to charging items - despite knowing they couldn't pay their credit card bills.

FOXY FRIDAYS



ROBIN MINITER/THE CIRCLE

Students enjoyed the warm Spring weather on the green Friday, April 24 for Fox Fest activities. The event coincided with River Fest, an annual celebration for upperclassmen. Free food as well as games and activities were available for all Marist students.

Senior John Lindeborg, who said he uses his one credit card for "food, gas and occasional fun," described the relationship he has with his money as "comfortable."

"Keep track of what your spending and don't spend what you don't have - which is admittedly an anti-college sentiment," Lindeborg said.

Similarly, senior Russ Voss said he maintains a healthy relationship with his money by keeping his father informed. Voss explained the bill gets

sent to his New Jersey home each month, which his father then pays, and Voss compensates him with a check for each payment.

"Sometimes I feel uncomfortable spending money with a credit card, because I was raised to be fiscally-responsible," Voss said. "I've heard plenty of horror stories about college students getting swamped by their credit card debt."



From MARIST.EDU

Sarah Tierney, left, was the past President of the Ambassador program. Kelly Hall, right, will take over as President after Tierney graduates.

By MELISSA GRECO
 Staff Writer

Ambassadors spread the Marist word

students with their college search.

"Ambassadors strive to increase the diversity of Marist students from a wide array of regions and demographics," Hall said. "That sounds kind of like a potential motto for us."

"Basically, when I started getting involved, I wanted to give the opportunity for students going through the college selection process, which is stressful and intimidating, to meet with other students who were just in their shoes a year or two ago," Apfel said.

According to Tierney, this past year has been the most successful, with approximately 200 student ambassadors ranging from freshmen to seniors from a myriad of backgrounds.

"The program developed to tour guiding, interviewing, shadowing and coordinating events" Tierney said. "We had a movie night where ambassadors were given the opportunity to mingle and network with each other."

Ambassadors have visited about

150 high schools over the course of the past year, reaching out to students, guidance departments and parents.

"We currently have ambassadors from Hawaii," Tierney said. "And Alex Guglielmo (Ambassadors Vice President) is from Chicago. Ambassadors is a great way to put a name with a face, since Marist isn't widely known, aside from the East coast."

Recent data shows that 38 percent of the current ambassadors reside outside of the Northeast.

Ambassadors promote the precollege program, offering high school students housing and the option of enrolling in a summer course for college credit. While experiencing campus life, these high school students can determine if college, in general, is the right fit.

"We're liaisons to help them through the college application and selection process," Hall said. "Because, Marist isn't for everyone, and we understand that."

Hall and Guglielmo expressed their hope to acquire club status in

order to become an active part of the campus community and commitments.

"We want people to at least know what an ambassador is," Hall said.

"We are tour guides, directed parking at Open House, visited schools to promote Marist, sat on panels, and we should be recognized for our accomplishments," Tierney said.

According to Apfel and Tierney, student ambassadors endure a highly selective process. They are the poster children of Marist. Being an ambassador develops important social skills, provides the opportunity to mature and develop as a person, and enhances professional development skills, "which looks great on a resume and shows that you're a valuable, proud product of where you came from," said Tierney.

"They are the best-of-the-best in the Marist community who are proud of their college experiences and willing to share them with potential families and students," Apfel said.



THIS WEEK

Thursday, 30

Senior Week Ticket Sales

Sponsored by Student Affairs,
SGA Office, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 1

Senior Week Ticket Sales

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SGA Office, 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Anime Weekend

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PAR, All weekend

SPC Movie: The Spirit

Sponsored by Student Affairs,
PAR, 10 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

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Sponsored by Student Affairs,
PAR, 10 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, 3

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Monday, 4

No Events Posted

Tuesday, 5

Humarist's Big Show

Sponsored by Business Affairs,
Nelly Goletti, 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Wednesday, 6

Faculty Plenary

Sponsored by Academic Affairs,
Nelly Goletti, 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

K9 Dog Demonstration

Sponsored by Student Affairs,
Dyson Green, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Public Forum on Homelessness

Sponsored by Academic Affairs,
PAR, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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Security Briefs

We don't need no water...

Freshman satisfies arson inclinations by torching *The Circle*

By TYLER THURSTON

...still funnier than you

Campus

To begin, security has documented various reports of loitering behind the Foy Townhouses, with people staring in windows, because that's not creepy or anything. On early Monday morning, security was able to apprehend a male behind the Townhouses, and they are confident that the incidents will be curtailed. In my defense, I was just curious how the house was laid out. God, I'm into interior decorating. Stare at one girl in her bra and suddenly your deemed a "peeping Tom," and hauled away by police cruisers. Way to overreact, people.

4/22 - Champagnat

A male guest was stopped in his tracks when he attempted to enter Champagnat using, wait for it, a female student ID, as if the noticeable presence of breasts was something no one would notice. Well, depends on the girl, but I digress. Seriously? Here's a tip, a helpful hint if you may. If you're going to try to trick security, and think you're such a clever young freshman, try matching the gender. I mean, not that someone wouldn't name a large male "Amanda." Other than that, your plan was foolproof. Some parents are just cruel.

4/23 - Campus

Several young people were escorted off campus after they were spotted passing out flyers offering summer employment. The flyers were also

found in the dorms, and after interviewing the young people, it was discovered they gained entry to the dorms after some presumably polite Marist students held the door for them. Students are encouraged not to hold the door into the dorm for strangers, as it just invites crime. Also, don't advertise for massages on Craigslist apparently. That also just can't end well.

4/23 - Champagnat

A fire alarm was set off in Champagnat, the cause being some apparently disgruntled freshmen burning *The Circle*. Oh God, I hope I didn't offend anybody. I mean, to set fire to a newspaper, you must be really pissed. It's almost like you have nothing else to do with your time, besides be torch-wielding freshmen just so mad about something I wrote. I mean God, where does he get off, he's just so mean. All I wanted to do was dance, show everybody my poker face, and he has to go write about it like that's such a crime. Anyway, sorry. Actually, that would imply I cared. So nevermind, strike that.

4/24 - Riverfest

In a stirring story, only two students were ejected from Riverfest due to the consumption of one too many beverages. Yup, the one opportunity Marist has for some really interesting security stories and only two students were removed. God, way to be polite, people. First you hold doors, and then you don't get embarrassingly drunk and escorted out of events. God, where were you raised?

4/24 - Campus

In another disgustingly polite story, one student requested that security boot his car. Hold on, before you think this is moronic; it's actually

very smart, which surprised me. The student lost his keys, and therefore had the nicely thought-out plan to stop any criminals from you know, stealing his car. I would've just waited by my car, armed with a wrench while I made my friends find my keys, but this plan might work better. Way to be.

4/25 - Dyson

A student parked in Dyson reported to security that upon leaving his class, he noticed his car covered in eggs and breadcrumbs, apparently the victim of people trying to deep fry his vehicle. Well, this is hysterical never. No one saw this and thought anything out of the ordinary? Countless people sitting outside and not one person wondered why someone would have a need for so many breadcrumbs? I mean, clearly they could be making the world's biggest chicken finger dinner, but that's just off the top of my head.

4/26 - Upper West Cedar

One student was arrested for criminal mischief when, apparently angry at a cab driver, he threw an object through the cab window. A student sitting in the cab was slightly injured by the shattered glass, and the offending student was taken away. Nothing spells a crazy night out like peacefully waiting in a cab only to have the window cave in. Well, I suppose that's better than having your crazy night end with you in police custody. Either way, something's getting broken in, you know what I mean?

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The White House has gone to the dogs

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Newly elected President Obama has successfully fulfilled one of his campaign promises...or at least a promise he made to his children. A new puppy named Bo is now part of the Obama family, and it has become prime news all over the country.

Apparently, the decision on when to get a dog, what breed to choose, and what to name the dog was a long process that was only recently agreed upon in early April. According to *The New York Times*, the Obama family's 6-month-old Portuguese water dog was a gift from Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy.

This is all well and good for the Obama family—everyone likes a new puppy—but should this be the media's focus during this time of economic instability?

Marist students and faculty were very one-sided about the issue. The concise way to sum this up would be in the words of Bryan Terry, freshman: "It's fun that [the media] cov-

ered it, but it shouldn't be a headline."

Students and staff that this reporter spoke to were nearly unanimous on their feeling towards the subject, but did offer some balanced perspective.

The general feeling is that more media attention should be spent on updating the public on what President Obama is doing to relieve the current economic state.

However, some, such as adjunct Italian professor Tina Cosentino, understand that Bo is news simply because he is the president's dog. Others, such as senior Brian Carroll, wonder if the media is truthfully that slow for news.

Some people choose not to care about such fluff media coverage.

"I just turn off," adjunct music professor Matthew Wozniak said. He, like many others at Marist, does not think the media attention is necessary and that stories with more substance should be reported instead.

Even though Marist would much rather be informed about more important issues some people, such as

freshmen Ashley Flye and Nicole Radassao, believe that the puppy makes President Obama more relatable.

"Puppies bring hope to the world," Flye sarcastically commented. But in all seriousness, the media coverage surrounding Bo helps American families feel more connected to our new president. It's a way for President Obama to seem "more human," so to speak.

Despite this attempt to uplift the down-and-out American public, some people, such as freshman Marissa Soprano, think that the media attention is down right "pointless."

This could be considered an accurate word to describe the headline shift from economy to puppy. Yes, we the public are very eager to be kept up-to-date on everything our new, charismatic, first African American president is doing. But we do not necessarily want every detail of the dog saga to be the highlight of our morning news.

On the other hand, who doesn't like puppies? Meaning, the stories



From **JACKANDJILLPOLITICS.COM**
New addition to the White House, Bo Obama, is making waves in Washington.

on Bo could serve as happy comfort for those who are seeking relief from more-often-than-not downer news.

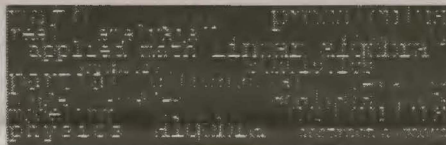
But it seems that here at Marist, we have more appreciation for the real deal, nitty gritty news, as opposed to an article detailing the possible name choices for the "First Dog."

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Letter to the Editor

This past week we observed Earth Day: a day on which the environmentally conscious among us will plant a tree to give back to the Earth—a token of appreciation for all that she yields to us. But it seems to me that we have lost sight of what exactly the most precious of those yields really are. (For example, in lieu of planting a tree, Chrysler revealed their Earth Day present the PeaPod—their newest electric car. Their intentions must be acknowledged as benevolent. After all, creating a vehicle that does not rely on oil is a start to reducing America's ridiculous oil-guzzling habit and CO₂ emissions. But oil, though it might be the most valuable in a monetary sense, is by no means the only precious thing our Earth gives to us. Many of us have forgotten that the land sustains not only many of our newest technological inventions, but indeed our very bodies.) Earth's most precious gift to us is food!

It's a basic concept, but one I believe most of us have forgotten—or indeed would rather ignore: the idea of what we put in our mouths actually touching dirt at any point turns more than just children off to vegetables. We as a society have made the conscious move away from farming—turned our backs to the land. As a result we searched the produce sections of grocery stores, scouring for the cleanest, brightest, biggest, juiciest tomato, without realizing that tomatoes are generally not even in season yet in New York, so that the ones we pick up in early April must be coming from a distant place, where the season is right for tomatoes.

This is just one of many examples of our enormous and superfluous use of fossil fuels. I therefore encourage you to take advantage of spring, and visit your local farmer's market to purchase locally grown and produced fruits, vegetables, even meat, that are guaranteed to be healthier and tastier. Avoid buying in to America's production of oily foods! Research has shown that if every U.S. citizen ate one locally composed meal a day we could reduce America's oil consumption by 1.1 million barrels of oil every week! This would be a more appropriate way to celebrate our Earth—and a tasty one at that.

Jenny Wiegand, '10

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Murphy wins local Congressional race

By JOSEPH GENTILE
Staff Writer

Tens of thousands of votes, and hundreds of contested absentee ballots later, Republican Jim Tedisco made one telephone call to Democrat Scott Murphy last week to concede him the victory in New York's 20th Congressional District special election.

Because the Town of Poughkeepsie makes up the southernmost edge of the 20th district, Congressman Murphy will also be the latest leader to represent Marist College atop Capitol Hill. Despite the fact that Tedisco won the Town of Poughkeepsie in the March 31 special election, as reported by *The Poughkeepsie Journal*, Murphy carried much of Dutchess County to expand his countywide lead by 9,929 to 9,284 votes.

Last Friday afternoon, the former Assembly Minority Leader issued a statement that congratulated Murphy and emphasized that the 20th district needed a leader after "a closely contested election that perhaps lasted a little longer than anyone may have expected or wanted."

"In the interest of the citizens of the 20th Congressional District and our nation, I wish Scott the very best," Tedisco's statement concluded.

Even though Tedisco had increased

recognition because of his nearly 27 years in the state Assembly, and about a 70,000 registered-Republican edge within the district, the venture capitalist, Murphy, managed to switch an almost 30-point Siena Research Institute polling deficit to a 4-point lead going into Election Day.

"I look forward to rolling up my sleeves in Washington to bring jobs, opportunity and prosperity back to Upstate New York," Murphy said last Friday to *Times Union* staff.

Campaigning to replace the Congressional seat vacated by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D), the most recent tally from the State Board of Elections had Murphy ahead of Tedisco at 80,420 to 80,021 votes.

Speaking before a roundtable hosted by the Marist College Political Science Club last Wednesday – before Tedisco conceded defeat – Dr. JoAnne Myers said that "Tedisco should've had [the special election] hands down."

"Since 1976, the 20th Congressional District had been a Republican stronghold," Myers explained. "This time around, the Republican National Committee made it a referendum about President Barack Obama's policies and it's not even 100 days into his term."

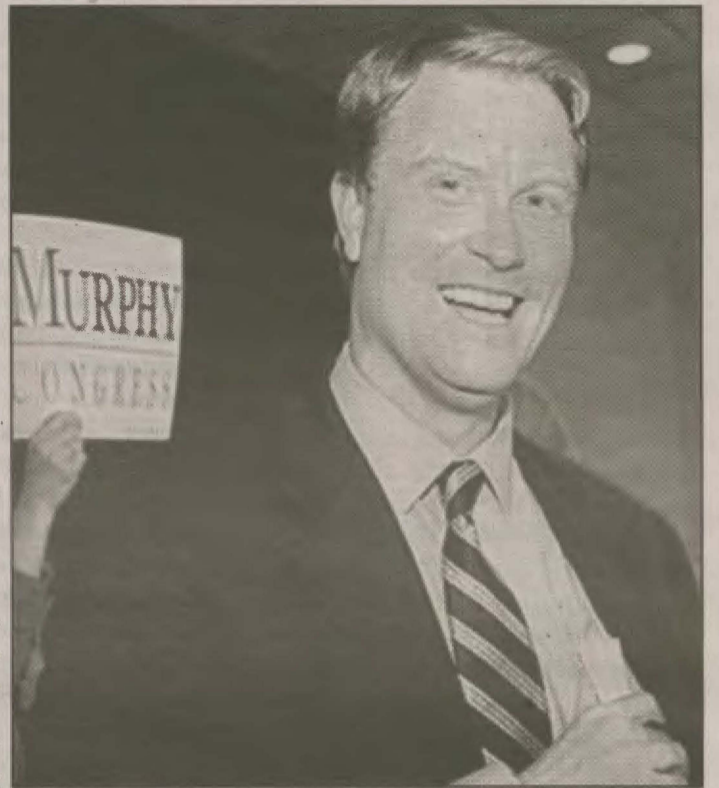
Similarly, Dr. Michael O'Sullivan of the History Department also

agreed that Murphy "rode Obama's wave of popularity" to his eventual victory.

"I kept getting images of Barack Obama in my mailbox," O'Sullivan, also a resident of the 20th district, said at last Wednesday's roundtable. "It was like he was campaigning for the district."

Junior Liz Gray, a resident of the 20th district, felt optimistic about Murphy's election because of his "experience creating jobs and growing small businesses."

"I was so excited that my vote actually counted in this election," Gray said about the absentee ballot she casted. "The results of the election took three and a half weeks to determine. After regular ballots were counted, they moved on to the absentees who eventually determined the election."



Democrat Scott Murphy celebrates his victory after his challenger, Republican Jim Tedisco, concedes defeat last Friday.

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CHESS TOURNAMENT

The sixth annual Memorial Chess tournament was held on April 25 on the Marist College Campus in memory of the passing of Bogdan Jovicic who was a beloved Intramural Athletic Director at Marist College and a Tournament Chess Player in Dutchess County. 26 people participated in two sections, 18 in the USCF Rated Section and eight in a Non-USCF Unrated Section.

In the USCF Rated Section, Mike Semel, President of the Middletown Chess Club and Ernest Johnson, former Dutchess County Champion tied with 3.5 out of 4 games. Mike took the first place trophy on tie breaks that are based upon the results of opponents. Ernest Johnson took the second place trophy.

LECTURE ON RELIGION AND HEALTH

Lisa Sowle Cahill, the J. Donald Monan, S.J., Professor of Theology at Boston College, will discuss "The Catholic Commitment to Health Care Justice" at a Marist College lecture on April 30. Her presentation begins at 7 p.m. in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. The event is free and open to the public.

"A commitment to justice in health care has long been an important part of Catholic social teaching, a commitment grounded in the dignity of the human person and the common good," says Dr. Cahill.

STUDENT ART GALLERY SEASON ENDS

The Marist College Art Gallery will close the 2008-2009 academic year with "The Plant at Marist: 2009 Student Exhibition," the annual student display of work by studio, digital media, and art history students. The exhibition opens with a reception on Thursday, May 7, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and continues through May 15.

The annual student show allows access to the work of undergraduate students in the Art and Art History Department. The 2009 edition focuses on the work of painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, artists' books and digital media students.

MARIST POLL: OBAMA'S FIRST 100 DAYS

As President Barack Obama nears his 100th day in office, 55% of registered voters nationwide say they approve of the job he is doing while 31% disapprove. President Obama received a similar job approval rating when The Marist Poll last asked this question in its April 8th survey. As in that previous poll, younger voters play a large role in giving Mr. Obama majority approval. 70% of voters under the age of 30 say they like the job President Obama is doing.

- Compiled by AMANDA LAVERGNE

Masto and Me: The Craig's List debacle



By COLIN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

What happens when an immovable object meets an unstoppable force? I have no idea, but I do know what happens when a kid with a curly afro is unknowingly introduced to an "online garage sale"...sheer awesomeness.

As I stated in the last article, I met Masto my first night at college, and it is fair to say that we have been friends ever since. It is fair to say that I have grown accustomed the non-stop wackiness that seems to follow him like a little cartoon rain cloud. During the summer I would occasionally see Masto, or give him a call to check-in to see how many live grizzly bears he tackled this week. I never realized how powerful of a hold the "Masto-influence" had on me...that is, until I spent a semester in Ireland.

While able to boast a beautiful

countryside and a wide selection of delightful beverages, I failed to come across anyone who encompassed the full arsenal of "Mastoesque" qualities. Needless to say about two months passed and I was going through some serious withdrawals. And although I loved the people that I was there with, it was difficult to get the same reaction to my pranks from them as I did from Masto.

So I found myself plotting and scheming, coming up with all types of shenanigans to unleash upon my arrival back at Marist College, and ultimately swearing to have one of the best semesters ever. However, once I got back home and was reunited with all things familiar to me, I completely forgot about my list of stunts. That is until about two weeks ago when one of my friends was telling me about the "best-of" section from Craig's List.com, which highlights the funniest and strangest ad's placed on the popular trading site. My initial idea was to put some ridiculous ad up just to see if it would make the list. However, instead of posting for a lawnmower that doubles as a mechanical bull, or a sombrero made of old car parts, I posted an ad

for a dog walker. The post asked for an individual who would be able to walk the subject's dog four times a week, and in return they would receive fifty dollars a day and a homemade lunch. I figured it sounded believable enough, I mean there's no way I'm making somebody lunch four days a week, plus I don't own a dog at school, but someone was bound to believe it. And after a little trial and error, the contact information was that of none other than Gregory Hercules Masto, which of course was unbeknownst to him.

Within hours he was receiving phone calls from individuals inquiring about the fruitful dog walking position they had so enthusiastically read about, which after a short bit of confusion were met with slight hostility. As the picture ultimately suggests, Masto is not one to be messed with, and it was not long before his death gaze shifted from his unknowing callers to myself. This is exactly how our phone call would read if for some reason the government had been listening in (as I suspect they do with Masto) and had been accurately copying our every word.

"Hello..."
"You put me on Craig's List for a

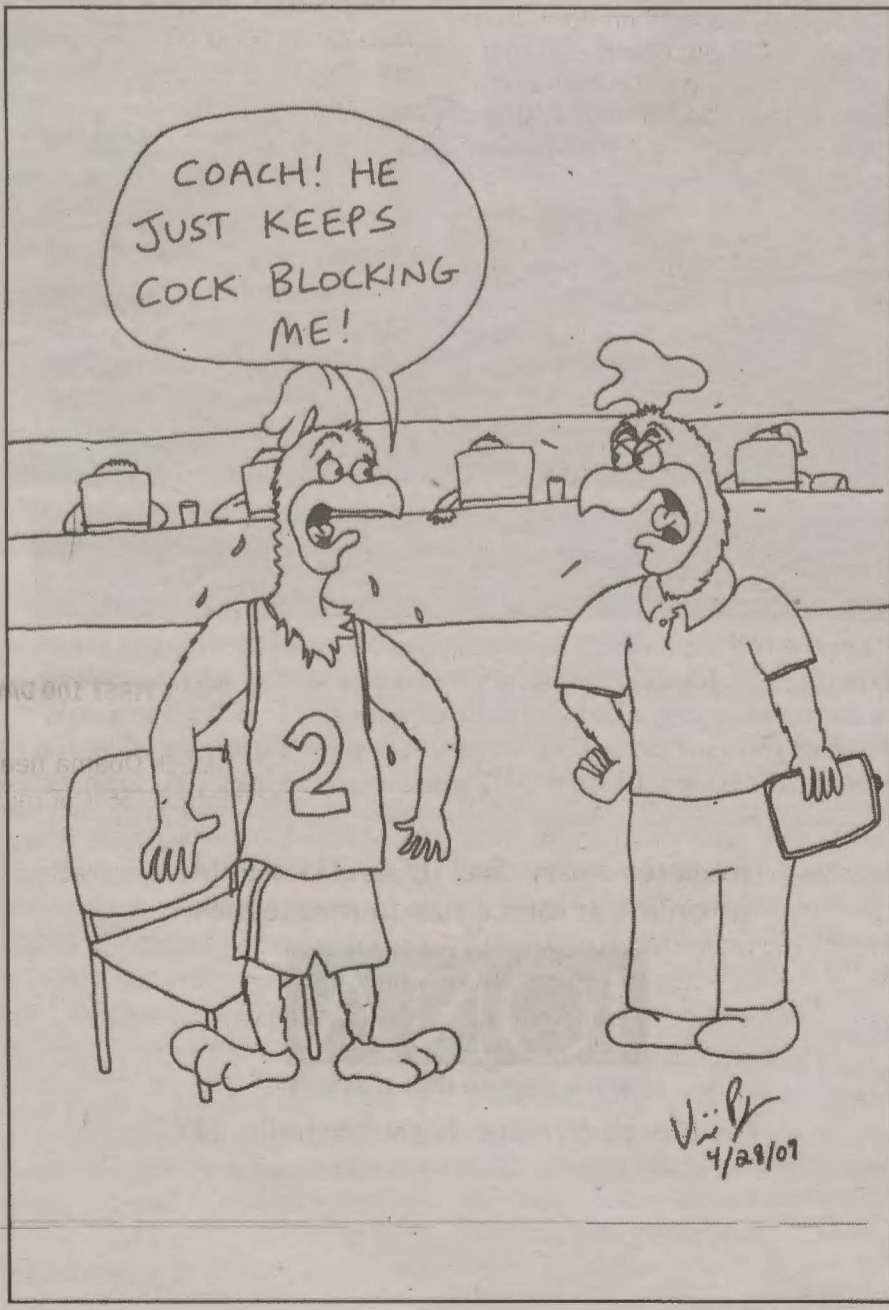


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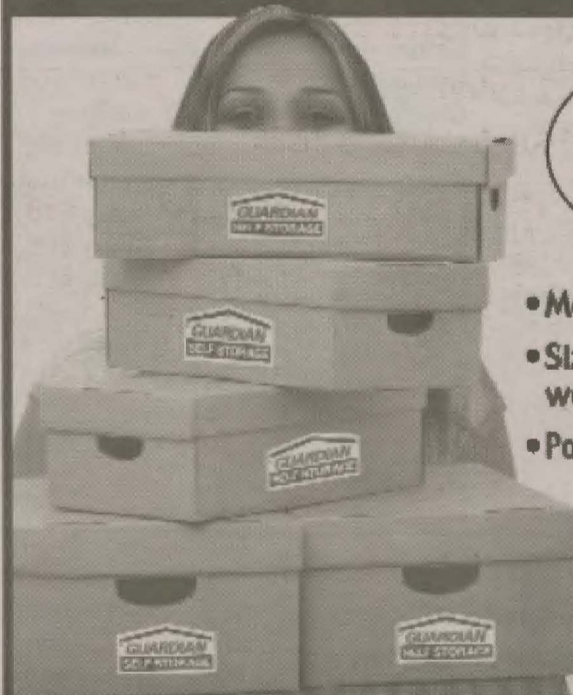
dog walking job in New Jersey!"
"What ever do you mean Gregory?"
"I know it was you! It was you or it was Lombi (mutual friend), but I know it was you!"
"Nope must have been Lombi."

And then things were said that just simply would not be allowed in *The Circle*. I eventually had to take the ad down because the 9 a.m. phone calls were keeping Masto from his rest, but the hours in which that small dog walking inquiry were standing tall were some of the funniest I have experienced in a long time. So that's the story of Masto versus one of the only forces he can not overtake, the unyielding power of the World Wide Web. You can become a fan of Masto by searching Masto-Dactyl on facebook.

cartoon corner By VINNIE PAGANO



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My life as an intern: Five rules for workplace lunch hours



By **KELLY LAUTURNER**
Staff Writer

Lunchtime is by far the most important part of a work experience; it can either make or break your day. There are several different lunch experiences I've had as an intern, and I offer my experiences and rules for intern lunching.

Rule 1: Eating at your desk is not cool.

Eating at your desk is a great idea in theory. I do it all the time at school. You think you'll get more done if you stay near your computer and shovel your chicken sandwich into your mouth with one hand. In the end, you end up with a sticky keyboard and a bunch of typos. The whole point of lunch is to break, and more importantly, socialize

with people. Early in my internship, I was lost in data and never made it to lunch. When I finally went it was 3:30 p.m. and the cafeteria was closed. I sprinted to the café in the lobby and grabbed a less than appetizing chicken wrap, and proceeded to shovel it down my throat. My supervisor told me to just take a break in the future and go to lunch whenever I felt the need to eat.

Rule 2: Don't be afraid to sit with strangers.

I'm not suggesting you walk up to a whole group of people you've never met before and forcing yourself on them, but lunch is all about meeting new people. I got tired of sitting in the cafeteria after a while; I began taking my lunch up to my floor cafeteria. It is easier to approach people you already have something in common with. I casually sat down there and began talking to the people at the table. With the constant stream of ESPN on our TV, it's easy to strike up a conversation.

Rule 3: It's okay to lunch alone every so often.

Like I said before, lunch is a time to socialize, but it's also your "recess." Sometimes you just need a few minutes alone with your thoughts. I will admit that every once in a while, I've just wanted to sit by myself and catch up on some reading. I've brought a magazine to the cafeteria and paged through while I eat. One time someone came up to me and commented about the article I was reading.

Rule 4: Eat with coworkers or your supervisors if the opportunity comes.

I've eaten lunch with my supervisor a few times now, and I've really enjoyed it. I've used this time to learn more about my supervisor. This is also a great opportunity for your coworkers and supervisors to get to know more about you. A simple topic like the rain outside led to a hilarious story about a co-worker whose brother got him a great deal on ugly snow boots. I catch up on the latest *Lost* drama when I eat with my coworkers. Topics like sports, music, and TV shows always get my coworkers talking, and it's easy to find a common interest.



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Spend some quality time with your co-workers during your lunch hour.

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Senior Spotlight: Senior Class Gift Committee toasts to a successful year



By **CLARE LANGAN**
Staff Writer

On April 28, the Senior Class Gift Committee and the Class of 2009 toasted their final event. A formal dessert wine tasting at the Cornell Boathouse allowed seniors to support the Senior Class Gift fund in a social setting.

Space was limited for this sold-out event, as 75 seniors learned the art of pairing wine and dessert. Students dined on hors d'oeuvres before the guided tasting of three wines with complimentary desserts.

The Senior Class Gift Committee hosted the evening in the newly-renovated Cornell Boathouse as their gift to seniors. With a spacious interior and picturesque view of the Hudson, the Boathouse was the ideal venue for the business casual affair.

Sodexo catering manager Lisa McGovern discussed the wines and coinciding desserts. The first wine, a sweet orange Muscat was paired with a creamy peach parfait, a favorite of many. The second, a Riesling from Germany, balanced out a

fruity pineapple upside down waffle. The tasting ended with a robust Port partnered with a rich chocolate brownie.

Senior class president, Julie Lavin, spearheaded the collaboration between the Class of 2009 and the Senior Class Gift Committee.

After the first fundraiser in November, a wine and cheese tasting in the press booth at Tenney Stadium, Lavin knew that this year's fundraising would be record breaking.

"[Giving to the fund] is not just a gift," says Lavin, "it's groundwork for a lifetime of giving."

And the class of 2009 has agreed. No other Senior Class Gift fundraiser has been as successful in

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funds raised or student participation. Previous classes have hosted off-campus networking receptions, but none have been as well received as this

year's events.

The Senior Class Gift Committee and the Marist Fund allow seniors give back to the college. By supporting the Marist Fund, students can contribute to the place where they have lived and learned the last four years. For more information about the Marist Fund, and how you can donate, please contact the Office of Advancement at 845-575-3863 or <http://www.marist.edu/alumni/maristfund>.

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Jack's Mannequin rocks river



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Andrew McMahon of Jack's Mannequin performs, by popular demand, at Marist's 2009 Spring Concert at the Riverview.

By **OLIVIA MCMAHON**
Circle Contributor

Sunday, April 26, dawned as a good day: the nice weather continued and by one o'clock, people were gathering down by the river, ready for the show. It was the Spring Concert where Jack's Mannequin would be performing. They won the student vote out of all the choices of performers.

Front man Andrew McMahon of Jack's Mannequin took the stage to thunderous applause. At least, as much as applause can be thunderous when the crowd consists of less than 300 people. They began with "Crashing," the first song off of their new album, "The Glass Passenger."

The set continued with several songs off of their new album such as: "Spinning," "Annie Use Your Telescope," "The Drop Out," and of course their single, "The Resolu-

tion."

McMahon is a hurricane on stage, always moving, despite being anchored by the piano on which he plays, often jumping off his stool and knocking it over.

Jack's Mannequin played old favorites off of their first album, "Everything in Transit," including "Dark Blue," "I'm Ready," "Holiday from Real," "Bruised," and their older single, "The Mixed Tape."

They also played what would be considered Jack's Mannequin's love ballad, "MFEO," which stands for Made For Each Other.

As a treat to Andrew McMahon's fans of his former band, Something Corporate, the band played a song the piano man had written when he was 16, entitled "Cavanaugh Park." As if apologizing for never having that Something Corporate reunion tour, he often plays one song that was done by him and his previous band.

They ended the set with a crowd pleaser, the good-feeling La La Lie, a dedication of sorts to friends, with McMahon showing off his skills with the harmonica.

Many were disappointed, however, when no encore ensued. The majority of the crowd left but a few hopefuls lingered around the stage in hopes of getting a set list or water bottle that touched the lead singer's lips.

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FROM STEREOGUM.COM
Rostam Bathmangliji and Wes Miles are the R&B duo Discovery.

By **RYAN RIVARD**
A&E Editor

Discovery "Orange Shirt" & "Osaka Loop Line" – Vampire Weekend is working on their sophomore album, but in Rostam Bathmangliji's (keyboardist, guitarist, vocals) spare time, he has teamed up with Ra Ra Riot's Wes Miles to form their side project called Discovery. According to their Myspace, some influences are a "subwoofer, pitchshifted handclap, that sixteenth note high hat you're hearing in da night, highlighter yellow/neon orange," perfectly describing their indie, R&B sound that can be heard on "Orange Shirt" and "Osaka Loop Line."

Eminem "3am" – The second single off Eminem's upcoming Relapse album is slightly less lighthearted as "We Made You." You may have thought it was impossible for Eminem to get any darker in his songwriting, but this song will make nonbelievers believe. Em takes up the role of a serial killer in this rap, with the chorus, "It's 3 a.m. in the morning, put my key in the door, bodies layin all of the floor and I don't know how they got there, but I guess I must have killed them."

White Denim "Mirrored and Reverse" – The Austin trio adds a little more psychedelic edge to their garage rock. The new LP, "Fits," will be released in the UK on June 22, and in U.S. in the not too distant future. The driving bass groove navigates the track to an atmospheric, trippy place. In the final minute of the track, the volume swells in and out, emitting a spacey effect.

Passion Pit "Sleepyhead" – Remember the infectiously catchy tune "Time to Pretend" by MGMT? Well, this tune will fancy fans of that nature. An electro band from Cambridge, Massachusetts, Passion Pit has been erupted all over music blogs across the (Internet) universe. Beware of the dance-heavy explosion of colorful synthesizers.



FROM STEREOGUM.COM

Passion Pit's electropop music has escalated out of Cambridge, MA to all over the world on various music blogs.

Rookie of the Year rocks like a veteran

By **CAITLIN NOLAN**
Web Editor

Lead singer of Rookie of the Year, Ryan Dunson, has had some strange fan encounters. "I had one girl pass out," Dunson said. "She shook my hand and she just fell on the ground. I kind [of] freaked out and her friend was helping her out. And I didn't know what was going on."

Their show at The Loft on Thursday, April 23, was a much more low key and intimate performance, attracting a small but loyal crowd, that was excited to hear the bands play. Opening for Rookie of the Year were Kiernan McMullan, Jet Lag Gemini and School Boy Humor. Kiernan McMullan, fellow label mate of Rookie of the Year, took the stage first and played an acoustic, solo set that drew the audience in and set the tone for the rest of the evening.

"He had a great voice and I loved the acoustic sound," Jen Plaveck said of McMullan. "A mix between Jason Mraz and Gavin DeGraw."

Next up were Jet Lag Gemini, an energetic pop rock group from New Jersey. Misha, lead singer of the band, was extremely excited to be in Poughkeepsie and kept the crowd

moving. Among their set was the song "Run this City," a crowd favorite, off their album "Fire the Cannons."

"They were really enthusiastic and got the crowd really riled up," Kim Bennett said of Jet Lag Gemini.

School Boy Humor followed and picked things up where Jet Lag Gemini left off. The Arkansas-based band was a favorite of many of the young female audience members, and many could sing along to their song "Don't Look Back" off their self-titled album. Lead singer Phil Evans grabbed the entire audience's attention with a rendition of Colby Caliat's "Realize."

Finally, Rookie of the Year took the stage. I introduced myself to Dunson and thanked him for the interview and, in turn, was given a hearty handshake and a genuine, lengthy "Thank you" for coming to the show. I melted back into the crowd and he continued to set up. Anthony Evans, guitarist of School Boy Humor, remained on stage and played with the band which Dunson acknowledged and encouraged a round of applause towards him.

Rookie of the Year performed a mix of songs from their most recent album, "Sweet Attention," such as "Feel like New," and a few from

their older album, "The Goodnight Moon," including "The Blue Roses" and "Liars and Battlelines."

After a few songs, the band decided to let Dunson have the stage to himself (much to Dunson's surprise.) He went with the flow and performed an acoustic solo, which was received nicely by the audience. When the band returned, Dunson attempted to shoo them off, joking that he wanted to play alone.

The band as a whole had a sense of humor, throwing guitar picks at each other throughout the set, and taking setbacks as they came. As a phantom guitar malfunctioned and began to tamper with the sound equipment, the band jammed on with Dunson yelling over the music, "This is our new single, "Crazy Music Tiger Mania," we just wrote it!"

The band ended with their most recent single, "What is Love," to which the audience sang along and clapped. Afterwards, all band members were available at the merchandise tables for pictures and autographs.

For more information and tour dates for Rookie of the Year, School Boy Humor, Jet Lag Gemini, and Kiernan McMullan, visit www.myspace.com/rookie-oftheyear.com.

Lili Taylor blossoms advice at lecture series

Actress shares experience in films, television, and theatre with Marist students at last lecture.

By RYAN RIVARD
A&E Editor

Lili Taylor is a small woman who likes to feel bigger than her own physical appearance. In Taylor's own words, her acting career was "decided for me." There was never a time when she sat down and decided that she would become an actress; it sort of happened naturally. Her journey started in her hometown of Chicago, where she felt her mid-western upbringing helped, but at the same time limited her growth. Taylor began to feel more room to grow as an artist, when she made the move to New York City.

Taylor's acting career includes

roles in "Mystic Pizza" (1988), "Dogfight" (1991), "I Shot Andy Warhol" (1996), and HBO's drama "Six Feet Under," to name a few. Her career consists mostly of roles in independent films, which has been a conscious choice for the 42-year-old actress.

"I'd rather do a voiceover than a commercial movie that I don't feel O.K. about," said the actress at the finale of the 2008-2009 Marist Lecture Series. Taylor learned early on that she had a choice of what roles she would take, and because of this she has maintained her artistic integrity throughout her career.

"There's no right way, only your way," Taylor stated. She talked about how after she started "making it," people began to throw rules at her, (i.e. if you do not do i.e. then i.e. will happen), and she realized that the only rules you have to play by are your own. Taylor offered more pieces of advice to the aspiring student artists in the crowd.

"Growth happens when I fall down. I don't know why that's the formula for this planet [and] human condition." Talking about her time spent in Los Angeles, she described Hollywood as disillusioned in the business aspect of films, and tends to feel "out of balance" in L.A.

"I've had to do things to rev the engine up. The business has gotten uglier in the last 10 years and I felt discouraged," commented Taylor. Besides reading poetry and attending museums to fuel her engine, she found a more profound answer to "why am I doing this?" when she participated in "Theatre of War," where she put on Greek plays for Iraq War veterans to help them cope with stress. "This is what I'm here for, my purpose. When it's bigger than me, it's better."

Taylor discussed her memorable experiences on the set, from the "fun blood bath" of "The Addiction" (in the film Taylor is bitten by Christopher Walken), to her worthwhile ex-

perience with director Emir Kusturica on "Arizona Dream." She described working as an actress as a relationship between yourself and the director. "It's the most important thing to me. Honesty is important," Taylor added.

Taylor discussed her work in HBO's television series "Six Feet Under," saying she did not prefer not knowing where the character was going to end up. If she had known, she would have acted out certain scenes differently.

Taylor's humbled nature shined at the reception following the lecture. I approached her, and asked about her filming experience on the upcoming summer blockbuster "Public Enemies," starring Johnny Depp and Christian Bale. Her response was that she only worked on set for about a day or two. The follow-up was a question to me. "Have you seen the trailer? Does it look good? I'll have to check it out."

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Spring fever relief: Play hooky in Potown

By **ROBIN MINITER**
Photography Editor

You know it's been a long time coming: spring fever has hit Marist and taken many a-victim. No surprise — you're most likely one of them. The tell-tale signs? Your attention span is rapidly shrinking and you've been gravitating towards the sun like a moth to a lamppost.

Come on kids — it's about time you shed those five extra layers of those god-forsaken sweaters and reclaim your sanity. Isn't it about time to take a mental health day? Choose wisely and use your hooky day to re-focus and re-energize yourself.

With no class to rush to today, forgo that Special K bar. Why not get some ice cream for breakfast at Rita's? This makes perfect sense. Your inner rebel is already ditching your scholarly duties, why not just go all out and shake up your dietary regimen?

From there, head over to the Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park for a free barefoot stroll through the grounds and gardens.

If the closest you've come to owning a set of wheels here is hijacking a campus golf cart (of course, here

at *The Circle*, we would never advocate such a thing), check out local Craigslist listings for cheap rides. For a few bucks you'll be able to find a bike perfect for cruising around campus to hitting the trails. Better yet, grab a friend and get a tandem.

Once you're mobile, the Mohonk Reserve in Gardiner offers beautiful biking and hiking trails alike. Work up a sweat? Check out your complimentary map and find the Split Rock swimming hole. The river runs through a small gorge which you can jump into and wallow around in. If you're more of a naturalist, head a bit further down the river where trading your swimsuit for your birthday suit is not only welcome, but expected.

On your way home, channel your inner Rastafarian at West Indies.

Come on kids — it's about time you shed those five extra layers of those god-forsaken sweaters and reclaim your sanity.

Located on Main Street across from the train station, this local haunt offers cheap and traditional Jamaican fair. Nothing beats the summer heat

than a bit more spice. Be sure to catch the sunset from the green on your way back though.

You have no obligations today and nowhere to be, so sit back, relax, and enjoy your little bit of time left in the semester.



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A view of the swimming hole at Split Rock located near the Mohonk Reserve.

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Energy packed snacks that really give you wings

By **JACQUELINE MONTI**
Staff Writer

Put the Red Bull down. That pulsating feeling inside your chest is your body's warning that it has reached its limit of this popular stimulant.

Caffeine infused products and over processed snacks may provide that rush of energy you desperately need to finish your take home test; however, as soon as your body clears the caffeine and sugar from your blood stream you won't be able to lift your head off the library table.

So, say no to your 7th iced coffee of the day and give these naturally energizing recipes a try.

Breakfast

- 2 cups oatmeal
- 1 banana
- 2 tablespoons of sliced almonds
- ½ cup of fat free milk

Starting off the day with a high energy meal will rev up your senses and help to prevent an afternoon naptime.

Oatmeal is high in fiber which will provide your body with a steady stream—rather than a powerful surge—of energy. Oats also contain all forms of Vitamin B which help to transform carbohydrates into usable energy.

Study Snack

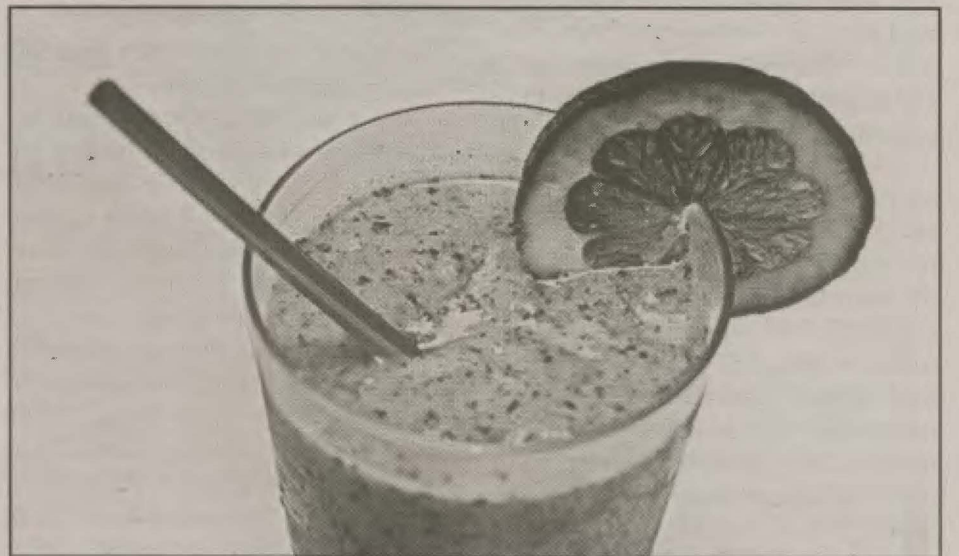
- ¼ cup of Raisins
 - ¼ cup of dried cranberries
 - ¼ cup of dried apricots
 - ½ cup of Pumpkin seeds
 - ½ cup of Almonds
 - ½ cup of Sunflower seeds
- (Makes three servings)

Before taking the trek to spend the day at the Donnelly computer lab consider making this high energy fruit and nut mix to take along.

Nuts are a slow-burning food that provides continuous energy. Almonds are extremely high in fatty acids that activate mental alertness and sunflower seeds are rich in magnesium which triggers the same energy source you use when lifting weights. Dried fruit add a touch of sweetness, but also have the added benefits of fiber.

When most people think of an energy packed portable snack they often think of nibbling on Power Bars but those "energy bars" often hold the same nutrients as a Snickers.

If time is not on your side and your only option is the Dyson Café choose a bar that has at least 5 grams of fiber and protein, but with less than 15 grams of sugar.



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Recipes that will naturally boost your energy levels for the last week of classes.

Banana Berry Smoothie

- ½ banana
- 1 cup soy milk
- ¾ cup frozen berries

Another transportable snack that will help you dominate that to-do list is smoothies. The combinations are endless but according to *heractivelife.com* these recipes will keep you energized for hours.

Healthy carbohydrates from fruit mixed with protein from soy milk will keep you running without the heavy feeling you get from rich starchy snacks.

Sweet Smoothie

- 1 ½ cups of soymilk
- 2 ½ tablespoons of cocoa powder or chocolate syrup
- 1 banana
- 2 tablespoons smooth peanut butter
- 1 tablespoons of flax meal

If berries and bananas don't strike your fancy, indulge your sweet tooth. Even though this smoothie may seem like a guilty pleasure, the omega fatty acids and fiber found in the flax meal will definitely lengthen the hours you spend at the library.

Marist drops tournament berth with loss

By CODY LAHL
Staff Writer

Down by three goals with less than two minutes remaining in Saturday's match, the Marist men's lacrosse team fought until the final horn, recording its ninth goal as time expired. However, the season ended in a 10-9 defeat to Manhattan College. In his final game, senior midfielder Paul Santavicca recorded four goals to lead the Red Fox offense.

Santavicca notched his first goal of the contest in the final minute of first quarter to take a 2-1 lead. Santavicca continued to dominate offensively, recording his second goal with 13:53 remaining in the second quarter – securing his first multi-goal performance of the season and giving the Red Foxes an early 3-1 lead.

"We're going to lose our biggest vocal leader with Paulie [Santavicca] leaving," junior Matt Teichmann said. "He does a better job than anybody I've ever played with getting the team pumped up before



MIKE CAIOLA / THE CIRCLE

Senior Paul Santavicca (34) led Marist with four goals but it wasn't enough to defeat Manhattan and reach the tourney.

games and at crucial moments."

The Red Fox offense recorded three of the next four goals to take a 6-2 lead with 5:06 remaining in the second quarter and appeared to be coasting towards a 5-3 MAAC record and a berth in the MAAC tournament.

However, Manhattan answered with four goals over the final 4:18 of the second quarter to erase the Red Foxes' lead. For the half, the

Jaspers outshot Marist 18-17, scooped up 17 ground balls to the Red Foxes' nine and went 9-14 on face-offs.

"We got up 6-2 playing some of the best offense of the year," Nelson said. "And then we didn't see the ball for five minutes at the end of the second quarter. We didn't do a good job clearing and that

changed the momentum of game. We played so well but lost too many face-offs in a row, and that gave Manhattan the opportunity to score."

In the second half, the Jaspers took their first lead since 1:23 remained in the first quarter when James Synowicz recorded his 40th goal on the season at the 13:38 mark in the third quarter – tying him with Syracuse's Stephen Keogh

for first among Division I undergraduate athletes in total goals.

Santavicca again came through for the Red Foxes, answering Synowicz with his third goal of the contest 57 seconds later to knot it at 7-7. Manhattan however put together another streak of goals – recording three in total to take a 10-7 lead with 13:27 remaining.

After more than 12 minutes of scoreless play, Santavicca notched his final goal in a man-up situation with 1:16 remaining to cut Manhattan's lead to 10-8. For the Red Foxes, Santavicca finished the season fourth in goals (10), fifth in assists (5) and tied with junior Bob von Hoffman for fifth in points (15).

"I think his performance epitomizes who Paul is," Marist coach Scott Nelson said. "He has always fought and played hard right until the end. I expect it from him; he has never let us down."

Sharkey went on to record Marist's ninth goal at the final horn – ending the season first in goals (24) and second in points (28).

Water polo wins MAACs

By CHRIS BARNES
Circle Contributor

This past weekend the Marist women's water polo team defeated Wagner College 7-6 and Iona College 11-7. In doing so, the team won its second straight MAAC tournament championship and their third in four seasons. This is the first time in program history that water polo has won consecutive championships.

In the championship game against the Iona Gaels, Katelin McCahill and Rachael Sunday both had three goals. McCahill was honored after the game as the MAAC's Most Outstanding Player of the tournament.

Marist was able to sustain an early 2-0 lead with two goals by Hillary Schroeder in the first four minutes of the game. Mackenzie Mone of Iona scored the Gael's first goal with 3:58 remaining in the first quarter. Sunday then scored her first of three goals, and Iona scored its second right before time expired in the first quarter. Marist went into the second quarter with a 3-2 lead.

Amanda Brucia of Iona tied the game at three only 1:11 into the second quarter. However, for the next 12:24 the net in back of the Marist goal would not be touched. Goalie Jessica Getchius and the Marist defense dominated the Gaels during that time span. Getchius had 11 saves for the game.

The Marist offense took advantage and scored six goals and stretched the lead to 9-3 late in the third quarter. Iona would answer with one goal, but not before McCahill scored her first goal with 31 seconds left making the score 10-4 heading into the fourth quarter.

Iona would rally by scoring three goals in the fourth quarter, but could not win the fight against



ROBIN MINITER / THE CIRCLE

Marist won its second consecutive MAAC title for the first time in history.

Marist and the time they had left and fell short of victory.

"Winning MAACs was great because it showed all of our hard work paying off," said junior Emily St. Omer Roy. "We are all really excited about making it to the NCAA tournament, and are ready to take on some strong competition."

The win against Wagner proved to give them the spark they needed to get by a tough Iona team. After trailing 5-4 at halftime, Marist held a high powered Wagner offense to a single goal in the second half. Their defense enabled them to win by a final score of 7-6.

Marist took an early lead of 4-3 going into the second quarter. However, defense was prevalent as neither team scored for six minutes. Wagner managed to score two goals in the final two minutes of the second quarter to put them in the lead with a score of 5-4.

Even though the game took place on Saturday, the day belonged to Rachel Sunday. She scored her first of two goals in the midst of a defensive battle. The only goal scored throughout the third quarter was hers. Sunday scored again giving Marist the advantage of 6-5 that would ultimately lead to its championship victory. Hillary Schroeder added an

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Foxes take two from Saints

six innings allowing two earned runs and striking out three.

"We scored a bunch of runs the last two games," Healy said. "Putnam did a good job in the seven inning game. B.J. didn't throw great but he did well enough and we swung the bats great. Everyone swung the bats well on Sunday."

Kyle Meyer was awarded for his monster weekend by winning the MAAC Player of the Week award. He went 9-13 on the weekend while driving in 12, scoring four runs and stealing two bases. He was also hit by a pitch four times.

Freshman George Agostini was also honored by being named MAAC Rookie of the Week. He was 5-16 on the weekend and added six runs and two RBI. He also managed three walks.

The win put Marist at 9-6 in the MAAC, good for third place.

"We've been throwing the ball pretty good and we're swinging the bats really well right now so I'm happy with how we're playing."

Marist lost 8-5 at Binghamton on Tuesday. The Hudson Valley Baseball Classic also took place on Wednesday before *The Circle* went to print.

Skills competition held on campus

Keith Strudler's Sports Public Relations will hold the first annual Marist College Skills Competition. Events during the day will include quarterback distance, quarterback accuracy, field goal kicking, soccer penalty kicks, pitching baseballs, outfield accuracy, free throw shooting, 3-point shooting, and finally find out what your vertical leap really is.

The overall winner of the event will win a dry-fit shirt sponsored by Giacomo's that will have the title of



MATT SPILLANE / THE CIRCLE

With two wins over Siena, Marist moved to 9-6 in the MAAC which puts them in third place. They are ahead of Rider and Canisius but the race is still a tight one.

The Foxes will head to St. Peters this weekend for a three game conference series. St. Peters is currently at 6-12 in the MAAC. The series opens on Saturday, May 2 at 12 p.m.

Marist's Best Athlete printed on the front. Also, there will be gift certificates to Cosimo's given to the winner of certain individual events.

The event is free, with no cost to participate. Both varsity sport members and non-student athletes are encouraged to come down. The event will be on May 3rd at 2 p.m. on Leonidoff Field at Tenney Stadium (the turf field). Contact Patrick Harrison at Patrick.Harrison1@marist.edu for more information.

Marist watching playoff scenarios

By PHILIP TERRIGNO
Sports Editor

Following a sweep of Saint Peter's, a week would pass before the Marist softball team would have another conference game.

It was during those seven long days, however, that the team got an opportunity to reflect on its season and what needed to be done before their road trip to Western New York to battle Niagara and Canisius.

Coach Joe Ausanio has predicted all season that a 9-7 MAAC record might get his team into the playoffs. Even though his squad delivered in a big way by splitting doubleheaders with Niagara and Canisius, it is still unclear whether or not the Red Foxes will appear in the 2009 MAAC championship tournament as anything other than spectators.

Regardless of whether or not the Red Foxes do qualify for postseason play, they did return to Poughkeepsie proudly after playing a solid weekend of softball against stiff competition.

"I was very happy to have gone up to Buffalo and won two games," Ausanio said. "I'm disappointed because we had the third game. We were winning 8-0 and lost. Those are always tough games to swallow."

The Purple Eagles and Golden Griffins are two of the premier teams in the MAAC and they certainly did not make it easy for Marist to steal a couple of victories.

"In my opinion, those are two of the top teams in the conference," Ausanio said. "For us to go up there and take a game from each of them, that says a lot about what our kids have accomplished this year."

In keeping with their formula for success, Ausanio pitched senior Caitlin Carpentier in game one against Niagara. The senior went the distance, allowing just one run and three hits in seven innings.

"Caitlin has been solid all year, especially in our MAAC games," Ausanio said.

"She's been a money pitcher, and she's been doing that for four years for the Red Foxes."

Even though the Red Fox offense scored eight runs in the first two innings of the nightcap, solid pitching was nowhere to be found in game two against the Purple Eagles, as starter Caitlin Schell was tagged for six runs in just 2.1 innings of work.

After leading 8-0, the Purple Eagles came to bat in their half of the second innings. They scored six runs, and soon tied the game in the bottom of the fourth inning when Teresa Healy belted a two-run home run.

Carpentier was on in relief of Schell, but still managed to surrender the decisive final four runs that would give Niagara a 12-10 victory.

Luckily for Marist, continuity of its pitching woes would not become a theme in the road trip. Schell earned the victory in game two of the doubleheader after posting 2.2 innings of strong relief work.

"I was very impressed with her, but I was more proud of her," Ausanio said. "The day before, at Niagara, she had a rough outing. The first game at Canisius, she didn't pitch that well either. For her to come back, it showed a lot, it showed a lot of heart."

Seven Red Foxes had at least one hit in the 4-2 victory, as the offense continued to provide just enough of a spark to get the win. The team compiled 34 hits over the four game road swing.

In game one of the doubleheader, the Golden Griffins jumped out to a 7-1 lead, including a five-run fifth inning.

Melissa Giordano and Megan Lamoureux hit back-to-back home runs in the top of the seventh inning, but Marist would come no closer than 8-4, the final score.

Leaving runners on base has plagued the Red Foxes all season long, but the squad has certainly improved their ability to capitalize on scoring opportunities and not leave runners stranded on base.



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The Marist offense exploded on its recent four-game roadtrip. The Red Foxes pounded out 34 hits as they split two doubleheaders against Niagara and Canisius.

"They've done a much better job of executing and getting those runners in," Ausanio said. "It's imperative not to leave runners on base, especially in scoring position."

The MAAC championships for softball will be held on the Marist College campus at the Softball Park at Gartland Field from May 7-9.

Appearing in front of a home crowd to battle for the MAAC title would certainly be a great send-off for the 2009 seniors who have contributed so much to the softball team, but there are still many scenarios that could play out that may not allow the Red Foxes to play in the postseason.

Niagara, who won a game against first place Fairfield, currently holds a tiebreaker over the Red Foxes since, Marist was swept by the Stags.

To combat this, Marist needs Manhattan to end up in first place in the MAAC instead of Fairfield, since the Red Foxes have one victory against the Jaspers, while Niagara was swept by them.

Roarin' Red Foxes



Kyle Meyer
Senior
Baseball

Meyer was named the MAAC Player of the week after hitting .692 with two home runs and 12 RBI this past week. Against Siena, Meyer hit a three-run home run and a grand slam in consecutive innings. Marist has a 22-20 record this season.



Jessica Getchius
Junior
Water Polo

Getchius notched 11 saves in the Red Foxes victory over the Iona Gaels at the McCann Natatorium on April 26. The victory earns Marist its second straight MAAC water polo championship. Getchius was also named Co-Defensive player of the year.

Early MAAC exit for women's lacrosse

By MATT SPILLANE
Editor-in-Chief

After a regular season loss to Fairfield, the Marist women's lacrosse team waited more than three weeks for the chance to exact revenge against the Stags in the MAAC championship.

For the second year in a row, the Red Foxes had an opportunity to avenge a regular season loss, take down Fairfield in the title game, and give the Stags their first MAAC loss of the season.

Unlike the 2008 season, however, when Marist shocked the Stags to win the title, Fairfield wasted little time asserting itself as the 2009 champions.

The Stags scored just 51 seconds into the MAAC championship and never looked back en route to a 19-9 win over Marist on Sunday, April 26 at Iona.

Making their third consecutive appearance in the MAAC title game, the Red Foxes could not overcome a 7-0 run by Fairfield to begin the game, never coming closer than five goals to the Stags the rest of the way.

A year removed from stunning Fairfield 10-9 in the championship to capture the program's first MAAC title, Marist (12-5, 4-2 MAAC) was not about to shock the Stags a second time.

Fairfield (16-2, 6-0 MAAC) came away with the regular season matchup, 18-12, on April 3 and made sure to apply the

pressure early and often in the championship rematch.

Sophomore midfielder Kristen Coleman and senior midfielder Rebecca White, who rank 8th and fifteenth in the country, respectively, in points scored, were nearly unstoppable on the offensive end. Coleman tallied three goals and four assists, while White rang up six goals in the contest.

Despite being face-guarded by the Marist defense, Coleman was able to score the first three goals of the game and consistently get to the net.

Marist head coach Laura Campbell said that her defense had trouble defending one-on-one matchups and sliding defensively.

"From the very beginning...they weren't playing together," she said, "and the slides weren't coming."

The Stags were able to create scoring opportunities through fast breaks by winning the battle of possession, holding an 18-11 advantage in draw controls, including a 12-5 advantage in the first half.

"That was the game right there," said senior midfielder Cristin Begley.

Campbell said that her team was not aggressive enough on the draw controls, allowing Fairfield to be the aggressors going for the ball.

"We were kind of stopping our feet and not going through balls," she said. "We were being more reactive than proactive."

Fairfield remained aggressive through-

out the first half, outshooting Marist 32-10 before the half. The struggles were everywhere for the Red Foxes in the first half, with Fairfield winning the battle of ground balls (18-10) and turnovers (5-12).

"I think there were a lot of nerves going around," said senior midfielder Stephanie Garland. "We were just trying to get our rhythm together; it just took a little longer than we anticipated."

Holding an 11-5 lead at the break, Fairfield did not let up, scoring the first three goals of the second half.

Marist had its share of second half opportunities, but was unable to convert. The Red Foxes had eight free position shots after the half but could not capitalize on any of them.

"We weren't moving the ball," Begley said. "No one was cutting through so it was just very stale. It was easy to pick up on and double team."

Senior midfielder Stephanie Garland led Marist with four goals and one assist, while senior attack Kate Noftsker contributed two goals and one assist. Garland finished the season with 55 goals, tied for 12th in the nation and setting a program single-season record. The previous record was held by Lindsey Diener, who scored 54 goals in 2005.

Marist established program records in 2009 with 12 wins, five consecutive victories, and a .706 winning percentage.





Meyer leads Red Fox offense over Siena

By RICH ARLEO
Sports Editor

In the rubber game of their three-game series against the Saints at Siena Field, Marist senior Kyle Meyer smoked a three-run home run in the third inning, and topped that in the fourth by hitting a grand slam to lead the Red Foxes to a series victory over Siena.

The first game of the series saw spotty defense by both teams, with Marist committing six errors on its way to a 10-6 defeat at the hands of Siena. Game two started off with a home run by Richie Curylo to get Marist off on a high note, and it went on to win, 8-3.

Meyer exploded for two home runs and eight RBI in the final game of the series, and the team responded with an easy 16-5 victory over Siena.

"He's seeing the ball well," Healy said. "He got a couple more hits Tuesday. He's hitting to all fields and swinging really well."

The series opened on Saturday with a doubleheader. In their 10-6 loss in the opener, junior second baseman John Prano had a rough day in the field and committed three errors on the day, with teammates

Curylo, Ricky Pacione, and Ryan Gauck joining him with one each. The six Red Fox errors led to four unearned runs in the game.

Lefty Josh Rickards lasted only 3.2 innings pitched and allowed eight hits and five runs (three earned). Curylo went 2-5 at the plate with three RBI. The loss marked just the second time the Red Foxes have lost when scoring at least six runs this season, and the errors were no doubt a contributing factor.

"We made five [errors] in a row in the later part of the game when it was tied and that put the game out of reach," Healy said. "We have to play infield defense; if we do that we're fine. The errors did it for us."

Curylo continued a great day in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader with his leadoff home run.

After the Saints tied up the game at one, Meyer went to work with an RBI single to give the lead back to Marist. Curylo struck again with an RBI to put his team up 3-1. He totaled six RBI on the day.

On the mound, Kyle Putnam went all seven innings, allowing six hits and two earned runs to improve to 2-3 on the season. He added five



MATT SPILLANE/ THE CIRCLE

Senior Kyle Meyer had two home runs and 8 RBI in a 16-5 win over Siena on April 26. Meyer was named MAAC Player of the Week as Marist went 3-1 this past week.

strikeouts and issued no walks.

Rubber game

With the series tied at two games apiece, Marist's offense totaled 16 runs on 20 hits and played an overall dominating game to take the series, two games to one.

Meyer and his two home runs and eight RBI were joined by Bryce Nugent, Brian McDonough and Ryan

Gauck. Nugent went 4-5 with a home run and three runs scored, while McDonough and Gauck were a combined 6-11 with four RBI and six runs scored.

With all the offensive support, starter B.J. Martin was able to cruise to the easy victory. He went

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