



Student employees get day of recognition, fun

By JAMES MARCONI
News Editor

Marist student employees took a break last Wednesday to enjoy events given in their honor. Student Employee Appreciation Day, which lasted from 11:30

a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Champagnat Courtyard, featured an inflatable rock wall, picture booth, chocolate fountain, and a DJ.

Student employees like freshman Douglas Foulborne said they had a lot of fun at the event, and definitely took advantage of the opportunity to relax with their fellow workers. Besides physical activities like the rock wall and volleyball, there were multiple giveaway raffles for items like duffel bags, tickets to a local water park, and gift certificates to Red Lobster, Quiznos Subs, Jazzman's Café, and Olive Garden, among others.

"I wasn't there that long, but it was really fun, very fun, and very enjoyable," Foulborne said. "I had fun just putting tickets in baskets for the chance to win something [in the raffles]. It was almost like a mini carnival."

Some student employees also

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Sophomore

said that appreciation day was also a time to connect with others employed by the college. Sophomore Christina Torres said she had the chance to meet people she hadn't even known had jobs at Marist.

"It was a good bonding experience for all of us who worked on campus," said Torres. "It was well put together; the tech guys

in college activities did a good job and obviously were working hard all day. I felt really appreciated."

Freshman Victoria Banks said she "totally loved" Student Employee Appreciation Day.

"A lot of my upper classman friends were like 'you have to go,'" Banks said. "I got my free food...my free pictures, and I played volleyball. I thought the whole thing was great, but I really liked the picture stand, especially the [tropical island] background. If you didn't go, you should have... It was something I'll always remember."

Right, senior Hector DeAgular does the limbo while other student employees cheer him on during Student Employment Appreciation Day, Wednesday, April 12 on the campus green.



Courtesy of BOB LYNCH

Alumni pass on experiences to students

By Cassi Matos
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Don't stress out if the day after graduation you aren't starting your dream job.

Don't be discouraged if you end up hating your first job.

Don't be discouraged if one year (or even 2 or 10) out of school, you still don't know exactly what you want to do.

Don't take the job offer with the best salary, basing the decision solely on that factor.

Network. Network. Network.
Intern. Intern. Intern.

During the Annual Communication Alumni Panel, this was the advice students were given by alumni who were speaking from experience. Each had their own unique stories to offer and those who attended were able to get an idea what life will be like after Marist. The panelists ranged in experience and field, as much as they did in graduating class with one panelist graduating in '86 and another in '05. While many had wound up in communication related industries, others had pursued careers in sales.

The six panelists were Rachael Vollaro (Rubenstein Communications, Inc), Michael O'Brien (Cohn & Wolfe), Paul Palmer (ESPN), Priscilla Gallegos (MTV Networks), Sheri Fitzgerald (MTV Networks), and Jennifer Matarazzo (Fitness Magazine).

On Wednesday, April 5th at 7 p.m. in Lowell Thomas 125, the Communication Arts Society hosted the panel. According to Rachel Koepfel, outgoing president of Communication Arts Society, the club arranges the panel to provide students the opportunity to talk with alumni and ask them questions about what life is like with a Marist degree, how Marist prepared them for the work world and to ask advice on what classes to take, what internships to get, etc.

"It is always nice to talk to someone who was in your shoes and can share their experience and what they did to succeed in Communications," Koepfel said.

Prior to the panel, a small group of students representing the Communications and media groups on campus, including Advertising Club, MCTV, The Circle, Communication Arts Society and Lambda Pi Eta, were invited to attend a dinner with the panelists. This gave these students a chance to network one-on-one with the panelists.

Eleven students attended the invitation only dinner, while approximately 50 attended the open panel. As Koepfel admits, the turnout far exceeded the clubs' expectations.

"I thought the night was a success," Koepfel said. "There was a huge turnout, a lot of people attended the event. All of the students were really eager to learn from the alumni, and the alumni were just as enthusiastic to share their stories and help students out," said Koepfel.

Degree available in Florence

By KATE GOODIN
Circle Contributor

Marist students should consider brushing up on their Italian, because as of September 2006, they will have classmates in Florence, Italy.

Marist College developed a partnership with the Scuola Lorenzo de' Medici in Florence, Italy, in which foreign students, who are unable to relocate to America for an education, can obtain a Marist Bachelor's Degree in Florence in fields that include studio art, art history, fashion, and English theatre.

Meg Franklin, executive assistant, vice-president of Academic affairs, spearheaded this organization. She said obtaining a Marist degree is the central idea behind the program.

"The basic premise is to make it possible for foreign students to get a quality Marist degree in Italy," she said.

Deb DiCaprio, student affairs vice-president, said it was a merger of sorts.

"We're combining resources," she said. "It's almost like a merger. Students all over the world can get a Marist degree with Lorenzo de' Medici's resources."

Franklin said she and other Marist staff members

have traveled to Florence to ensure Lorenzo de' Medici is comparable to Marist.

"For the past 18 months, we have dedicated ourselves to reviewing the entire campus to make sure it is similar to Marist," she said. "It's another location of an institution."

Marist has worked with Lorenzo de' Medici as a study-abroad site for the past 30 years. However, the Marist-Lorenzo de' Medici partnership will function independently of the Marist Abroad program.

Franklin said the fact that the Lorenzo de' Medici is Marist's most popular abroad program encouraged the decision to establish a degree program abroad.

"We have a close relationship with Lorenzo de' Medici; it's the most popular program," she said. "And Marist has been looking at ways to expand international offerings."

While this partnership is financially advantageous to Marist, Franklin said it is not the primary motive.

"It is a source of revenue," Franklin said. "We want to internationalize Marist and provide higher education for foreign students, but Marist will gain revenue from this. How much? Well, we know it

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'Relay for Life' teams fundraise to fight against cancer

By DIEGO CUENCA
Circle Contributor

The Greek organizations will be lacing up their shoes as they take part in the upcoming 'Relay for Life' charity event.

The fundraising event, run by the American Cancer Society, will be held on Friday, April 21 at 6 p.m. through Saturday, April 22 at 6 a.m. Multiple teams volunteer in a team relay event that raises money for cancer research. Each team must have at least one member walk or run at any given time in a series of laps during the

12-hour period.

Christine Rochelle, Greek Council Vice President of Recruitment and Kappa Kappa Gamma member, said the event is "good exposure to raise cancer awareness and a great opportunity to do this with other clubs."

Rochelle volunteered for the American Cancer Society's 'Relay for Life' when she was in high school and she wanted to continue that trend here at Marist.

"I push for everyone in Kappa to help raise money for donations," she said. "We do it in the

spirit of recognizing our alumni and all those affected by cancer."

Kappa Kappa Gamma has raised over \$700 for the event and Rochelle says their goal is to reach the \$1,000 mark.

Greek Council President Brian Halabuda said the Greeks presence in the event is important to the organizations.

"We earned the Council of the Year Award this year by being actively involved on campus and

'We want it to be a whole campus event that will create unity among the student body and have everyone show their support.'

—Maryellen Conway
Student Body President

effort into 'Relay for Life' to Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Phi Delta, the two biggest contributors in money raised for the event among the Greek organizations.

The Greek organizations will not be the only groups on campus involved in 'Relay for Life' as Student Body President Elect Maryellen Conway notes, most of the clubs and organizations on campus including the Student Government Association will join in the fundraising event.

This will be the third time that Marist has held the event and

Conway hopes there will be more on-campus involvement this year.

"We want it to be a whole campus event that will create unity among the student body and have everyone show their support," she said. "I hope this will create involvement among the new freshman class, for some have never experienced it, and I hope it will leave an imprint on them."

But for Conway the 'Relay for Life' event holds a much more personal meaning.

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HEALTH: NO CONNECTION FOUND BETWEEN RENU AND EYE FUNGUS

Although Bausch & Lomb has stopped shipping its ReNu contact solution, some experts don't believe the solution is necessarily dangerous.

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Get a sneak peek at the upcoming season's hottest new flicks.

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Campus

Security Briefs: Another nail in the coffin of comedy

By BRIAN SABELLA
Hip-hop Impresario

To my cherubic readers of security mayhem,

It is I, Brian "A.C. Slater had fake dimples" Sabella. And I have returned to you after a two-week hiatus. My heart has been in shambles these long weeks, but all is well now. I'm here, you're there, and the planets are back in motion. We've got a lot of catching up to do, so let's get to it.

4/11 11:53 PM Gartland F Block

This is the first in a long line of Gartland debauchery this week. To start things off right, an apartment in F Block was entered by security and a buffet of alcohol was found. 15 cans of Natty Light, 15 cans of Keystone, a half-liter of vodka, a funnel (presumably for water and nothing else) as well as a 4x5 shuttle sign for the basketball games. In a related story, I've heard a group of Marist crazies are still standing on the corner waiting for the shuttle. Poor guys.

4/1 Champagnat Breezeway

In an attempt to outdo Gartland in terms of weirdest collection of stuff to be confiscated, Champagnat students were found with a liter of Southern Comfort, a bottle of Smirnoff Green Apple, a liter of Sky Blueberry Vodka, and a bottle of Chardonnay. Not only did they best Gartland, but they get this week's award for the classiest dorm. Chardonnay, wow.

4/3

Here's a good one. A student left their wallet in a classroom. Their kind hearted professor brought it to the lost and found and security notified the student that they could have their wallet back, but they wouldn't be able to go to Toucan's that for

Sloppy Saturdays. When the student began to cry, security just smiled and said sorry, that's what you get for carrying around two drivers licenses.

4/6 12:30 PM Leo and Sheahan

Security and the Housing Department went around checking doors and found that 23 rooms were unlocked and unoccupied. Lock your doors kids. Can't say it enough.

4/6 6:55 PM Townhouse B

A fire alarm sounded, breaking the golden silence of this beautiful evening. The smoke was cleared to find it was not another Rachel Rey sighting on campus, but rather burnt food on the stove. Rachel, if you're reading this, will you marry me?

GUEST BRIEF OF THE WEEK

By Joey "Snugglebear" Burns

Hi Everyone. Joey "Nickname" Burns doing your guest brief this week. Since every brief is more or less identical, I've composed a handy Security Mad Lib. "Security responded to a adjective call in residence area on date at time . The students, clearly adjective after a long night of 'ing' verb , were caught 'ing' verb plural noun . John Gildard was adjective and said " nonsensical phrase". If you answered 'fire', 'Gartland G Block', 'April 7th', '7:40PM', 'hungry', 'living', 'burning', 'pieces of toast', 'unsurprised', and 'nothing' you got today's guest brief right!

JOHN GILDARD QUOTE OF THE WEEK

4/7 Townhouse A 12:05 PM

A pot holder caught fire when a student left it on a burner then turned on the wrong burner to do some cooking. John Gildard gave that hearty belly laugh that only he can do and said "Student is now headed to Linens & Things to restock on pot holders." When you got it, you got it.

4/8 5:03 PM Townhouse B

Another day, another fire. This one really scares me. This one was set off by burnt noodles. Yeah, burnt noodles. That means they cant boil water. And we already know my feelings on clowns who cant boil water. All of you should be tied to a post and shot.

To help remedy this situation, the foremost expert on noodle cooking at Marist College, Alex "The Bat Wing" Huot, will be giving an expo on how to properly prepare your noodles this weekend. All are welcome.

4/9 11:40 PM Champagnat Entry desk

Finally, a return to normalcy. A guest who cant get in AND an alcohol confiscation, all in one brief. Security juiced 18 cans of Bud Light, a 2B of Coors Light, and kicked the guest off campus. All in a days work" this monster of security land was heard saying as he returned to his post. I couldn't agree with you more.

4/9 4:05 AM Midrise

All I know is you kids are back with reckless abandon with all this alcohol and I am like a proud parent. JUST STOP GETTING CAUGHT! This latest group of wreck looses were found in Midrise with 15 cans of Coors Light. Not only were the tasty beverages taken away, but a guest was sent to his room without any supper. Or wait, was that my roommate when he stayed out past his curfew again. I can never remember.

4/10 12:38 AM Sheahan

Here's one we haven't seen in awhile. A good ole fashioned Bob Marley tribute. The RA caught the scent of burning marijuana and keyed into the room. Upon entry, and despite all of their protests of innocence, the two students were written up. I for one cannot understand why they got in trouble for listening to reggae. But hey, stranger things have happened I suppose.

BRIANS BRIEF OF THE WEEK

4/11 Sheahan 10:25 PM


This one brings a tear to my eye, as I am a former Sheahan Hall resident. Students were found with 9 cans of assorted beers, and a 375 ml bottle of Paul Musson Grand Amber Brandy. I take it back, Champagnat is not the classiest dorm on campus. And normally I will never condone underage drinking, but I'm sorry, SHEAHAN RULES BABY!!!!!!!

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On a personal note, go check out the Humanist Big Show next Tuesday in the Nelly Goletti. Our special guest writer is a member and it promises to be a good show as always.

4/13 Rotunda 5:20 PM

A student reported his bike was stolen. This wonderful machine was priced at \$250. While security was taking the report, the student said the bike had not been secured to the rack. This reporter has heard through anonymous sources that Mr. T was called to slap the kid for not chaining up his bike, but the young lad was spared because Mr. T was off filming Rocky 6, The Return of Clubber Lang.



Upcoming Campus Events

Thursday, April 20
Barry Drake: Rock in the 60s
9 PM, PAR

Friday, April 21
Movie: King Kong
9 PM, PAR

Saturday, April 22
Movie: King Kong
9 PM, PAR

Battle of the Bands
Unity/Earth Day
Campus Green
4 PM

Wednesday, April 26
Coffeehouse: Scott Celani
9 PM PAR

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in Champagnat Breezeway

Friday, April 28
Saturday, April 29
The Gadfly
Presented by Philosophy 101

The epic debate between Meletus and Socrates, live!

Sunday, April 30
MTVU Campus Invasion
Motion City Soundtrack
Straylight Run
HelloGoodbye

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Marist 3-on-3 basketball tournament; sign up now

By COURTNEY KRETZ
Co-Editor in Chief

Have you ever dreamed of being a Marist basketball star? On Sunday, Apr. 30, every dreamer will have their chance.

From 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the McCann Fieldhouse, 36 teams will battle each other in a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.

Planned and hosted by six students from Keith Strudler's Sports Public Relations class, the single elimination tournament will crown Marist's 2006 champions.

Each round will be ten minutes long, with teams playing on six different half courts.

Throughout the tournament

there will be 3-point and foul shooting contests for all registered players and fans. The winner of each contest will receive a prize.

Sponsored by the Hungry Fox, on Violet Avenue, and Special Tees Plus, every tournament player will receive free pizza and beverages. The final four teams will also receive tournament t-shirts, courtesy of Special Tees Plus.

The championship team will win several prizes from local stores and businesses.

Every player who enters the tournament will have the chance to win a multitude of prizes and raffles including gift certificates, basketballs, and pizza. Prizes have been donated by Modell's, Foam & Wash,

Coco's, Quiznos, Coyote Grill, and the Palace Diner.

Each tournament fan will also have the opportunity win raffles and prizes.

Any students interested in entering the tournament should send an email to Marist3on3@yahoo.com. In the email include the names of three players, the team captain's name and email address, and a team name.

The team registration fee is \$6 per team and must be paid before the tournament date.

Sign-in begins at 12:30 p.m. outside the McCann gym and games will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.

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ResNet provides on-line gaming

By JUSTIN CALDERON
A&E Editor

Marist College ResNet is offering access to Internet gaming, TiVo, and hopes to make all buildings on campus wireless by the end of this semester.

As of a couple of weeks ago, select on-campus students have begun taking advantage of the ability to use Marist's server to play online games. Joe Burns, a ResNet technician, said that all students with K accounts can request a second IP address.

"The second IP address is free," said Burns. "Once the student makes an appointment with ResNet [on-campus] students can use our server to play online games for no additional cost."

Michael Bamberger, Marist College junior and avid PlayStation 2 user, was enthralled about the introduction of online gaming on the network.

"Marist students love their gaming," said Bamberger, "[ResNet] is doing their job by providing easy, free, and enjoyable access to an otherwise expensive venture."

Not only that, but students who are jealous of their off-campus classmates with HBO will be happy to know that the possibility for TiVo installation is now available as well. TiVo, the reputable digital recording television hardware, has increased in popularity among Americans.

"I barely know anyone without TiVo," said Bamberger, "[It's

great to see] Marist is becoming more technically aware of people's media usage." Students will have to pay for TiVo use, but can expect a helpful installation from ResNet.

Many students have already been using AirFox - Marist College's wireless network - and are aware of its strength and capabilities. As of now, all major academic buildings can pick up the signal as well as all of the freshman dorms.

Burns said ResNet plans to have AirFox available to all of Marist's buildings by the end of this semester.

"Students need the VPN client software to log onto the network," said Burns, "Once you get the VPN software from

ResNet you can use your K account and sign onto AirFox anytime."

Marist College junior John Ohem was Web surfing outside the James Cannavino Library and commented on ResNet's performance.

"The wireless network on campus is usually pretty strong," said Ohem, "The strengths vary, but it usually isn't a problem."

Marist students of the future can envision themselves Web surfing in their living room while playing online on their gaming console. Don't worry about missing that last episode of 24; it'll be taped on TiVo.

'Words of Wisdom' help Leo freshman

By GREG HRINYA
Circle Contributor

As freshman face the tough task of integrating themselves into college life, Leo Hall is attempting to make the transition one step easier.

Brother Michael Williams, F.M.S., B.A., Campus Minister, has the mantra that "Leo Leads," and the Words of Wisdom program that Williams has implemented is allowing students to become more comfortable in the college process.

Once a week, usually on Wednesdays, a guest speaker comes to Leo Hall and shares their thoughts and experiences with the freshman residing there. These guest speakers are joining the Words of Wisdom program that Williams has been running for three years. As integral parts of this program, the guest speakers, which are usually professors, come in with the intention of enlightening the student body.

Brother Williams said the program has a specific purpose, and although its goal is to help the students, it is enjoyable for the speakers as well.

"The Words of Wisdom program allows students and faculty to interact in their own residence hall and the speakers are free to share any wisdom with the students they feel is important," Williams said.

Jason Jacondin, freshman, said the program is unique and serves an important purpose.

"The Words of Wisdom program is very insightful and all the presentations are organized and well put together," Jacondin said. "The people that show up really want to be there and it is a learning experience for everyone."

Brother Williams, Campus Minister, said that the program is outside of the box and unique in its own way.

"If a psychology professor wants to share their experiences with music and the effect that it has had on their life, then that's what they discuss."

Williams also said that the Words of Wisdom program is a way for faculty to interact with freshman and share ideas and experiences.

"I always tell the guest speakers to share something with stu-

dents that they may have never had the chance to do in a classroom setting," Williams said.

As a student, the goal is to enter the Leo Stone lounge and hopefully gain some knowledge from a person who spends their living surrounded by Marist students.

"I think the students are touched by the insight the speakers bring and absorb the passions that they bring to the program," Williams said.

Furthermore, Jessie Boyle, freshman, said that the program is very beneficial for all those involved.

"I think it's a great program and it really shows us the bigger sides of this campus," Boyle said. "It also allows for students to get together and relate with one another."

In addition to the benefits the students receive from the Words of Wisdom program, the guest speakers also profit. Brother Williams, Campus Minister, said that professors and other guest speakers really enjoy conversing with the student body and sharing their knowledge with them.

"Most professors that I ask to come and join us are thrilled with

the invitation and always look forward to coming," Williams said. "Some even want to be invited. Jan Stivers responded to me within one day of my request."

The discussions involved in the Words of Wisdom program, are concentrated on Marist College and the students' place in it. One program will focus on the goals that a student brings to Marist and how they go about achieving them. Another will revolve around the history of the campus and how much it has changed from what it once was.

Jason Jacondin, freshman, said that the diversity in the programs makes them fascinating to be a part of.

"The first program revolved around goals and the one I went to last week focused on spirituality," Jacondin said.

Words of Wisdom attempts to get the students to think about who they are and what they want to become. As freshmen, students are new to the college life and these guest speakers try to make an impact on the students' current and future lives at Marist College.

News Briefs

World News

Israeli government rescinds Jerusalem residency rights for Hamas lawmakers

Hamas members of the Palestinian Authority will no longer be welcome to live in Jerusalem, said a spokesperson for the Israeli government. The move by the Israeli government comes after a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv that killed nine people. Despite the fact that the Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the bombing, the Israelis are holding the Hamas-led Palestinian government responsible for the act. Both Hamas and Islamic Jihad are considered terrorist organizations by some, including the United States and the European Union. The stated goal of both groups is the destruction of Israel, one which has spurred concern in Israel after Hamas gained a majority of seats in the Palestinian legislature.

China hit by massive dust storm, Beijing covered with chalky yellow dust

China's capital, Beijing, was bombarded by a massive dust storm late Sunday, turning the sky yellow and compelling health warnings to be issued asking parents to keep children indoors. The storm, reportedly the worst in five years, deposited dust in South Korea and Japan. Such events are common to the region in the spring, but lingering dust prompted the Chinese government to attempt seeding clouds, which should create a rainstorm to clear the air.

National News

Two Duke lacrosse players charged with rape, assault of NCCU student

Duke lacrosse players Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty were charged Tuesday with the rape of a woman hired as an exotic dancer for a team party. Seligmann, 20, and Finnerty, 19, were also charged with sexual assault and kidnapping. District Attorney Mike Nifong said that authorities are attempting to identify and charge a third suspect in the case. The victim, 27, from North Carolina Central University said that she and another woman were hired as dancers for the party, where she was subsequently raped and beaten. Defense attorney Bill Thomas dismissed the allegations as 'absolutely outrageous.'

Bush deflects negative critiques against Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

President Bush issued statements Tuesday in defense of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. The president said he believes Rumsfeld is doing a 'fine job,' both in the war in Iraq and the war on terror, citing drastic changes the secretary introduced to fully adapt the Pentagon to twenty-first century military needs. Bush's comments come after six retired generals sharply criticized the manner in which Rumsfeld has run his department. Other retired generals, however, have come out in support of the embattled secretary.

Senator Schumer calls for federal investigation into oil companies and refineries

U.S. Senator Charles Schumer called on Tuesday for a federal investigation of oil companies and refineries to determine whether they are intentionally keeping gasoline and oil from the market to drive up prices for their own profit. Schumer said that these companies, which are operating at about 85 percent capacity, should be producing more to keep prices down. The average cost of gasoline at the pump in the United States reached \$2.79 Tuesday, which could rise when the summer driving season begins.

Stadium construction schedule delayed

By JENNIFER BUAK
Circle Contributor

Some new changes are coming to Marist within a few years, and are sure to change the look of the campus dramatically.

A new football field to replace Leonidoff Field, a new technology center will possibly go up in place of Benoit and Gregory, and the exit of the Bank of New York from the North end of campus all will alter the appearance of campus.

Chief Public Affairs Officer for the college, Tim C. Massie said the football field was supposed to be completed over the summer in time for the upcoming football season, but one problem has arisen.

"We just found out recently that the building of the stadium will have to be put off for another year," said Massie. "We cannot get the pre-cast concrete, which are large sections of concrete that fit together like a puzzle."

The college is very disappoint-

ed at the delay because they have all approvals necessary to begin taking out the current seats and field, and begin constructing the new stadium, said Massie.

"The college was hoping to break ground right after graduation," said Massie. "Now we will have to wait until the completion of the football season at the earliest, which could impact the spring sports schedule."

The college is also looking to enhance the field, and will hopefully be able to install an artificial turf surface which will allow the field to be used for more events. This will also provide more safety for the athletes. The drainage will also be greatly improved with the artificial turf said Massie.

The stadium will cost in the neighborhood of around \$4 million said Massie, as the college received a gift from Tim Tenney. Tenney is a trustee for the college and President of Pepsi-Cola of Hudson Valley, which is based in Newburgh. The name of the stadium will most likely be

Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field.

The new stadium will have around the same number of seats as the current field, which is around 2,000. The new seats will be opposite where the current ones stand and will face the river. The existing stands will be removed, and a hill will be put in for spectators to allow them to lay down blankets and watch the games, said Massie.

Plans for a new technology center are also in place, but nothing concrete has been decided upon yet. The center will be named after Ellen M. Hancock, a trustee for the college, who gave a \$5 million donation.

Construction for the technology center will not begin for at least two to four years. The preferred site for the center is where Benoit and Gregory are located, meaning the two buildings would have to be torn down and new student housing would have to be built elsewhere, but it is too early yet to say that is exactly what will happen, said Massie.

School of Management continues to improve program

Business, economics courses offer 'liberal arts environment,' relationships with professors

By JOHN SULLIVAN
Circle Contributor

The Marist College School of Management is becoming a well-respected institution with its well-founded business classes, in addition to Marist's liberal arts setup.

The School of Management has been accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This agency, founded in 1916 by such notable business schools as Harvard, Columbia and Cornell, accredits worthy schools to help further the cause of business education.

To be inducted into this program, Marist went through a six-year process of inspection and improvement. Being recognized by this organization places Marist College among the top 30 percent of the business programs in the country. As of January 2002, only 411 colleges, universities, and higher education institutions were accredited by the

AACSB.

Assistant Professor of Management Joanne Gavin thinks that Marist College compares very favorably with other more established names in the business school world.

"While Marist might not yet have the name [the other schools have], we have two very important things that other schools do not have," said Gavin. "One is that we have a liberal arts environment for students while other schools might concentrate on only business."

Gavin feels that the small size of the college allows for positive relationships between students and professors.

"I know all the students in my classes by name," said Gavin. "When I write a recommendation for a student, it's because I know them in person."

Assistant Professor of Accounting Joan Hollister said she thinks Marist College's program is just different, not less demanding or educational, from the more well-known names on the AACSB list. Hollister said, as an example, while Harvard

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— Joanne Gavin
Assistant Professor of Management

has a large and prestigious graduate business program, Marist has a competitive full-time undergraduate program in this field.

The School of Management has many areas of study, including accounting, business administration, economics, Masters of Business Administration (MBA)

and Masters of Public Administration (MPA). With 743 undergraduate and 691 graduate students, it is the largest and most popular school at Marist College. It is also the home of two business honorary societies: Beta Gamma Sigma and Beta

Alpha Psi. Once students have graduated, they are often successful in the business world. Marist Career Services will sometimes land students with a helpful internship that might open up a possibility for a job after graduation.

The effectiveness of this route, however, has been discredited by some students, according to Hollister. They say Career Services was not the most helpful route to securing a job after graduation. According to her, alumni from Marist can help a lot more when finding a potential employer. When former Marist

students secure a job in a large firm and work hard, they cast a favorable light on Marist and the employers come back for more.

Some students are now working for large, successful multinational firms now because of this networking, such as KPMG and Price Waterhouse-Coopers. Another way to find a job after graduation is through the school of management's professors themselves. According to Gavin, the relatively small size of the school allows students to connect with professors' past jobs. Most of the professors in the business department have held jobs in the business world before. Gavin said that professors' experiences in the field can help students network and some students actually end up working at places where their professors used to work.

Dan Spadora is a junior in the school of management with a concentration in human resources.

He felt that the school prepared him for the business world

"about as well as a business school can prepare you." He mentioned that the liberal arts environment can help a more concentrated focus in an aspect of business. Spadora offered the example of a student wanting more of a business strategy focus could take a military history course to supplement their learning.

Spadora said that he feels that "coming to Marist and passing through the Business School with flying colors will get you into any position you have the ambition for."

Spadora, nevertheless, also said that he feels Marist still has a tough time trying to establish itself in the world of the AACSB.

"While not necessarily a name that comes to mind when you think business, Marist's program stands tall and strong," said Spadora. "My personal feeling is that education is primarily what a student makes of it, and with the resources Marist has to offer we're in good shape."

From Page One

Marist offers degree to foreign students studying abroad

want to internationalize Marist and provide higher education for foreign students, but Marist will gain revenue from this. How much? Well, we know it is expensive to live in Florence, so we tried to make this as affordable as possible. But Florence students will also not have access to the same services as American students."

For a student to attend Marist-Lorenzo de' Medici full time, the cost is \$8,000 per semester.

The Marist-Lorenzo de' Medici program is intended to give foreign students who want an American education the chance to obtain it abroad at an American-accredited program.

Franklin said an American degree is an indispensable asset.

"A U.S. degree is the most valuable credential in the world," she said. "There are no degree

programs in Florence, and Lorenzo de' Medici does not have the same weight or prestige as Marist."

One hurdle to overcome with establishing this partnership was to ensure the Lorenzo de' Medici academic program was similar to Marist's.

DiCaprio, student affairs vice-president, said that one of the main reasons this partnership was very important because European universities have a different approach to education.

"A big step was making sure their curriculum matches ours," she said. "It's a different collegiate environment. European colleges just study their subject matter."

Another question that arose with the decision to effectively establish a Marist campus abroad was exploring housing options.

Currently, the Marist-Lorenzo

de' Medici program does not offer housing options, but it could become a possibility in the future.

DiCaprio said there is a possibility of purchasing a building for housing.

"We're possibly looking into acquiring housing where Marist College students at the Lorenzo de' Medici program can reside," she said. "Short-term program students could also use the housing."

DiCaprio did say there are limits to housing with the Lorenzo de' Medici program.

"There are limitations," she said. "A, we have to find a place. B, it has to be close enough for the use of public transportation, and C, it has to be affordable and in good shape."

However, DiCaprio also said the issue of housing will not be

explored in-depth until the program itself proves to be a success.

"We're not in a position to do anything about housing before the program takes off," she said.

The issue of housing did, however, precipitate the discussion of differences between student life in Florence and America. DiCaprio said the lack of housing is consistent with the fact that foreign students are not as dependent as American students on their university.

"It's very ancillary," she said. "It's very much on your own. Foreign students do not necessarily expect housing. Students are more independent from their college."

Franklin, executive assistant, academic affairs, said the independence from a college is one reason Lorenzo de' Medici,

among other European universities, lacks housing.

"There are no dorms in Florence," she said. "But it is a walking city."

Franklin said there are clubs and organizations in Florence, but the stark difference between Marist in America and a school abroad is an important part of a foreign education.

"Students are looking at all kinds of things," she said. "They have to figure out the bus system, currency, and how to order at a café. And students navigate that very well."

DiCaprio said the difference between Marist and Lorenzo de' Medici is simply that they are different.

"It's different," she said. "It's socially different, and the expectations are different."

The Marist-Lorenzo de' Medici

partnership, while still undergoing final preparations before the official launch, is an exciting event for staff and students at Marist and abroad.

Sophomore Nini Vuong said the partnership is a way to expand Marist.

"Since Marist is such a small school, this is a good chance to make our school more diverse," she said.

If the Marist-Lorenzo de' Medici program succeeds, Franklin said perhaps the best advantage is that Marist could effectively do this again.

"The advantage here is that Marist will be authorized to duplicate their efforts," she said.

Teams raise money for cancer research in Relay for Life event

"During my freshman year, in the fall of 2003, I was detected early for ovarian cancer and when I first found out I was real nervous and depressed," she said. "But I had such good support from my friends and family

that it helped me during that tough transitioning time into my freshman year and undergoing two surgeries to remove the cancerous cysts."

Conway, now in her junior year, said the experience has

given her a different perspective on life.

"You take life for a grain of salt and since that day I don't take life or the little things for granted because at any point your life can be taken from you," she said. "I

am grateful for my life and the people I've met and the relationships I share with them."

Conway plans to attend the event but will be there for short periods of time due to her personal history with cancer.

"It becomes hard, upsetting and very emotional for me but I will show up to the event," she said.

"A lot of people on campus may have lost or known friends and family that have cancer and it's nice to see everyone support this

cause because it shows how much they care."



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DeLay's resignation signifies devotion to conservative cause

By JAMES MARCONI
News Editor

Say what you will about Representative Tom DeLay (R-TX) but he certainly knows how to make a perfectly timed exit. After nearly twenty-two years serving in the House of Representatives, DeLay announced his withdrawal from the 2006 congressional race and his resignation from Congress earlier last week. The surprise move has prompted enormous amounts of speculation as to his motives.

Most have pointed to his recent political troubles as the key factor behind his actions, citing polls showing that he would have difficulty winning his seat in the upcoming November elections. As columnist David S. Broder of the Washington Post put it, "The former House majority leader's decision to abandon what appeared to be an increasingly uphill fight for reelection in his Texas district and retire from the House was the latest and by far the largest consequence of a widening probe of corruption on Capitol Hill." (www.washingtonpost.com)

Others have said those same political entanglements (i.e. indictment by Travis County D.A. Ronnie Earle and "connections" to disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff) have rendered him impotent as a political force in the House. That loss of personal power, they say, was a prime motivation for him to retire.

I agree that DeLay's decision stems from his political troubles. However, I would argue that it is not a fight for re-election or loss of political stature and clout that drove Tom DeLay. Rather, it is the fact that he has become a liability both to his district and his party and a hindrance to furthering the conservative cause in Congress that caused his resignation.

The evidence of this claim is clearly shown in both DeLay's statements from the past few days and a close examination of his career. In an interview with CNN's Wolf Blitzer, he said

that he believed he could win reelection as representative to Texas's 22nd Congressional District. However, the sheer amount of time and effort needed to run the kind of campaign necessary to win would have the Republican Party more harm than good.

"Well, it became quite obvious to me that this election was going to be a referendum on me and not the values and priorities of my constituents," DeLay said. "It's going to be nasty. Millions of dollars would be spent by the Democrats to take this seat. I have worked my entire adult life for the Republican majority and the conservative movement, and I felt the best course of action would be to step aside so that a Republican... any

Republican... could take the seat." (www.cnn.com)

So, basically, DeLay does not want to be made the poster boy for a Democratic "culture of corruption" campaign in the 2006 congressional elections, because that kind of negative publicity would do damage to the party and ideology he has faithfully served. Sure, he would likely win his seat in the House, but he would draw time and money away from his party and give the

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Democrats a huge bulls-eye with which to aim smear campaigns. Unwilling to face this situation, he intentionally sank his own political career by resigning on his own terms. Does that really sound like the self-serving, power hungry, corrupt politician we've heard about in the news? Heck, the whole POINT of corruption is to put one's self-interest ahead of everyone else. When you look at his actions, Tom DeLay doesn't even come close to fitting that definition.

The rest of his career also has the earmarks of a politician incredibly devoted to his party and his beliefs. Whatever alleged ethics complaints his opponents leveled at him, nobody ever accused DeLay of being lazy or ineffective. Even

his former communications director, John Feebery, wrote in the Washington Post that while he believed DeLay let his staff run 'amok,' he also said that "DeLay was an amazing legislator, probably the most talented this town has seen since Lyndon Baines Johnson." (www.washingtonpost.com)

That legislative career began when DeLay was elected into the House in 1985. Three years later, he was appointed deputy whip by then Majority Whip Dick Cheney. After the election of 1994, where Republicans won a majority in the house, he was elected Majority

Whip. In this capacity, DeLay proved extremely good at extracting the necessary votes to pass Republican bills in the House. It was around 1995 that he helped launch the K Street Project to reform the lobbying industry. The lobbying firms of the time employed a vastly disproportionate amount of Democrats to Republicans; their political monetary donations were similarly disproportionate. DeLay successfully pressured those firms into hiring members of his party and donating money to Republican campaigns by threatening to deny access to House members.

Despite his political victories, he was never the public face of the party, remaining in the shadow of men like Newt Gingrich,

who was frequently put on camera in the media. In fact, until his indictment in 2005, the Congressman was a relative unknown outside of Washington. He certainly didn't get nearly the amount of airtime of prominent senators like Hillary Clinton or Ted Kennedy.

Another DeLay example of DeLay's political self sacrifice came in 2003 when he successfully helped engineer an effort to redraw the congressional districts in Texas. It is widely known that the move gave Republicans a majority of the seats available in that state by grouping together higher concentrations of Republicans per district. What many don't know, though, is that he slashed the comfortable majority in his own district to do it. Before redistricting, his district was about 65 percent Republican - afterwards, only about 54 percent Republicans resided in his district. DeLay knowingly, voluntarily took that hit to help his party overall.

DeLay's track record as "The Hammer" does not point to a self-serving, power hungry, glory seeking man. What it does show is an incredibly capable and devoted politician who puts his party and his cause above all else - even himself. That's why I just don't buy some of the charges leveled against him in connection with alleged campaign scandals and supposed ethics corrupt lobbyists. First of all, the first charge is an indictment, not a conviction. Innocent until

proven guilty, remember? The second charge is just wild suppositions - no federal investigation has even bothered to look into any illicit connections to Jack Abramoff.

The primary reason I don't believe DeLay is guilty of anything beyond causing the Democratic Party a major headache is because he is so stringently examined by said Democrats. As he told Wolf Blitzer, it would just be plain dumb to do anything illegal. Yes, he does push the boundaries (he has been scolded by the House Ethics Committee on three occasions) but he has not done anything illegal.

"Wolf, I'm not stupid. The Democrats have scrutinized my operation - every part of my operation - for 20 years and, most particularly, for the 11 years we've been in the majority. I would be incredibly stupid to do anything illegal, because they would find it," DeLay said. "I have never done anything - while I've been in elective office - for my own personal gain." (www.cnn.com)

My conclusion? Tom DeLay might not be a saint - but he's certainly not the demon that he has been characterized as. His resignation is not an admission of guilt, merely the final attempt of a devoted man to serve his ideals and his country. While he plans to pursue the conservative agenda from the private sector, his dedication and zeal in Congress will be sorely missed.

Nepal demands restoration of civil rights from manipulative king

By DAN BLACK
Staff Writer

Recently in Nepal, thousands of citizens have taken to the streets in civil disobedience. They are protesting the tyrannous rule of King Gyanendra who seized absolute power of the state last year and caused a cultural regression that leaves Nepal resembling a medieval feudal empire.

The Nepalese demand restoration of their civil rights; freedom of speech and freedom of thought have in the past year

been stripped of them by the king. Several days ago, three lost their lives in the struggle to recapture what is rightfully theirs.

I wonder what it is about this King Gyanendra that he isn't able to efficiently and effectively oppress his own people when there has been a model of how to do just that right in central North America for the past five years. The things we share with the citizens of Nepal, the loss of our civil rights and dignity, make our differences nonsensical. Two groups of people, autonomous

but both victims of watching their own civil rights methodically dissolved by their country's leadership, one stands up for themselves, the other does not. Concentrate on the subtle details that differentiate the two and you begin to see why are responses are so varied.

The citizens of Nepal boldly stand in the face of their oppressors; some of them have lost their lives for their courage and this has attracted the world's

attention. The citizens of the United States, however, don't feel inclined to fight for the same

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rights that the Nepalese die for, despite suffering the same disenfranchisement, because we misperceive ourselves as free. Resulting from the deaths in Nepal, international attention has

focused on their suffering, and they will likely see their freedoms soon returned to them from those who arrogantly took them away. The United States will continue to be oppressed, a lack of sympathy as reward for inaction.

"But we have civil rights and free speech; nobody's shooting at us. Don't let your terribly virulent strain of chronic absent-mindedness make you delusional, Mr. Black." Ah yes, civil rights we have, but do we? We do not exercise them

because our government has masterfully and subversively convinced us that to do so is unnecessary or unpatriotic. And this is where King Gyanendra should be taking notes: performing at the precise level of activism the king desires of his own people, most Americans busy themselves with hedonistic interests that demand no accountability of the state's leaders for their actions. Though this results from a cultural addiction to pleasure as fostered by the government instead of being shot

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Iran's nuke threat calls for immediate response by Bush

By CHRISTINE ROCHELLE
Opinion Editor

If Iran is found to be in direct violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, it would be a major risk of the United States to sit back and watch another nuclear crisis unfold.

Last month Mohamed ElBaradei, director of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), uncovered information about a uranium facility Iran in the midst of construction. Since uranium is a key component for the development

of advanced nuclear weapons, IAEA was obligated to release this information to the public.

With Iran demanding missiles and nuclear weapons that would be aimed for the U.S. and Europe, President Bush has no choice but to act quickly. Europe is still scrambling to find enough courage to confront Iran and terrorism, so the U.S. cannot wait for European support. Now Iran claims to have thousands of suicide bombers ready to attack and President Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad warned that Iran will "cut off the hand of any

aggressor" that gets in their way. This is not a time to be diplomatic.

But liberals will still use these circumstances as an opportune time to point fingers at the Bush administration's effort to protect the United States. In other words, it is better for Bush to be diplomatic than to do his job as Commander-in-Chief of a country that is being threatened. To let a government openly state its desire to defeat the U.S. and find it acceptable is asinine. In a situation such as this where this is a chance of a nuclear crisis, there

is no longer conservative or liberal — only right and wrong. To turn the other cheek is, without hesitation, absolutely wrong.

Richard Clarke and Steven Simon, two counter-terrorism advisors who worked under President Clinton, said that to avoid attacks from the suicide bombers, Bush should just ignore the fact that Iran is blatantly violating a treaty. A solution that requires Bush to be ignorant, and simply "do nothing," is no solution at all.

Broadcast journalist Bill O'Reilly, star of "The O'Reilly

Factor" on Fox and Marist alumn, had the most logical answer to the dilemma of Iran to date. O'Reilly's plan, posted on www.BillOReilly.com, said "there should be a summit among industrialized nations, and each nation would submit a plan to deal with Iran. Those plans should be made public so everybody can see which nations want control and which nations want chaos. After the summit, the United Nations Security Council should vote on sanctions. Finally, America and Britain and other willing nations

should meet secretly and decide a worst case scenario- what will happen if Iran continues its terror policy."

O'Reilly continues to say that terrorism at this level must be confronted. Americans cannot afford another September 11 while liberals play games to make nice with the enemy. There is no more time for games, and Americans need to support any strides that Bush needs to make in order to protect our country and our military.

Letters to the Editor

Students petition for a more permissive bulletin board policy on campus

To Members of the Marist Community,

Around the country, numerous liberal arts schools offer their students forums to announce their opinions to the public. Regionally, Vassar sets the standard with their exemplary bulletin board policy. Students are free to post whatever they desire for everyone to see, with the exception of sexually explicit

material.

Here at Marist, while we have The Circle available to us as a resource, we are limited in our ability to increase awareness and sway public opinion. Any posting on a Marist bulletin board must be approved by Student Activities beforehand and can only be about a campus activity or event. Often times, postings submitted for approval will be altered or rejected entirely.

Postings are approved completely at the discretion of Student Activities and no concrete guidelines exist for students to follow in order to receive approval.

We should adopt Vassar's bulletin board policy. Each individual is given four postings around campus and they remain standing for two weeks. The college does not censor, regardless of whether a given posting

is critical of the school.

Michelle Ransom, Assistant Director of Campus Activities at Vassar, espoused the benefits of the policy.

"Students can advertise their organization, events, or even sell their bikes. Posting is the best way on campus to publicize anything," she said.

Marist students are also responsive to a more liberal policy. Junior Joe Ferrary said

alterations to the bulletin board policy can make an impact.

"Bulletin boards can spark intellectual dialogue on any college campus. We need to take advantage of that," he said.

Advantages to this policy are clear. A group of us have already scheduled a meeting with Bob Lynch, Director of College Activities, in an effort to change the status quo. In addition, a petition has been initiated

to display student advocacy of a new bulletin board policy. If we make a concerted effort as a community to institute change, it can be done.

Concerned Members of the Marist Community,

Anthony Tripicchio, Karl Minges, Eamon Goodwin

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Americans can learn from assertive Nepalese in defeating manipulative leaders

at, the end result is the same as uncontested oppression: our leaders may do as they please. The attentive sect of the populace is small enough to blackball "extremists" or "irrational liberal-

als", a mantra that is embraced by the thoughtless masses and drowns out the voices of the concerned few. Never mind that these labels are not substantiated by good sense or reason, they

don't have to be; the typical American will not waste any thought process contemplating them. The Tyrants do not shoot at us because they do not have to; they will not waste bullets on cit-

izens who by measure of political and social awareness are already corpses.

So awaken yourself, King Gyanendra, and see the latest trends in cultural manipulation

and justice deprivation. Observe us watching our Fear Factor and American Idol, our 'iPods' perpetually jammed into our ears, cranked up louder than the world's cries for help. Know

that we could be yours if only you were just a little more Bush-like with your methods.



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No connection found between ReNu and eye fungus

By ALEXANDER TINGEY
Co-Health Editor

The rash of fungal eye infections across the nation has tentatively been linked to contact lens manufacturer Bausch & Lomb. So far, 109 cases of fusarium keratitis, a fungal infection which eventually causes blindness, have been reported to the Center for Disease Control in Washington, of which 30 have been investigated.

The reports issued on Monday indicate that Bausch & Lomb have stopped shipping their ReNu with MoistureLoc Multi-

Purpose Contact Solution in response to the CDC's reports earlier last week. The CDC reported that of the 30 cases they studied, 26 involved the ReNu solution or another made at the same facility. The infections were reported between March and June of 2005.

The FDA released a brief this week which indicated that inspections of Bausch & Lomb's South Carolina plant will continue through the rest of next week. They are also investigating other causes of the contamination.

The low number of outbreaks has officials baffled at the cause.

Experts agree that there is little to worry about. Dr. Thomas L. Steinemann, a corneal disease expert told ABC News that this is "not what I would call an epidemic," when asked about the number of outbreaks and the significance of the investigation he replied "I'm not downplaying or minimizing this problem. I think we need to figure it out."

Jennifer Dooren reported that a letter to consumers published Friday in some U.S. newspapers that Bausch Chief Executive Ronald L. Zarella said the company has conducted "exhaustive tests on the product and a thor-

ough inspection of the plant, and nothing has yet been found to show that ReNu with MoistureLoc contributed to these infections in any way."

Approximately 30 million people in the United States wear contact lenses on a daily basis, so the relative risk of infection at this point is low. However Bausch & Lomb encourages people to take safety measures no matter what cleaning solution they use. Washing your hands before touching your lenses helps to reduce the risk of contamination from your hands to your eyes.

One common risk that nearly all contact lens wearers engage in is also one of the most dangerous. Sleeping with your contacts in is never recommended. Even extended wear contacts designed to last for between 25 and 30 days should be removed on a daily basis to be cleaned and disinfected.

According to a leading contact lens manufacturer over 75% of contact lens wearers in the United States use soft lenses. These contacts are made of plastics which incorporate water molecules to help soften and moisturize the lens.

These lenses are among those which are least at risk for contamination due to their construction. The gas-permeable lens allows the transfer of oxygen to the thin layer of saline between the contact and the cornea.

Older contact designs use rigid plastic lenses which are not gas-permeable, they tend to trap the layer of stagnant tears between the lens and cornea increasing the possibility for infections. If you have any questions about the contact solution you are using or the possibility of infection, don't hesitate to speak with your Optometrist.

Genetic link found amongst caffeine and heart disease

By ADAM GUARINO
Co-Health Editor

Caffeine has come to play an immensely important role in all of our lives. Regardless of ones stance towards it, its undeniable ability to rejuvenate and revitalize is clear. But is this modern American diet staple really the wonder drug we all hope it to be?

Researchers have long since attempted to understand caffeine and its relationship to our health. Previous studies have linked coffee drinking to a higher risk of heart disease, but other cases have suggested the opposite. While evidence remains to sug-

gest caffeine can cause short-term blood pressure increases, a study last year said coffee drinking didn't appear to cause long-term high blood pressure, at least in women.

With these conflicting views, it is not hard to understand why so many people have mixed feelings on caffeine consumption. It was clearly time for a new study to be enacted which attempted to get to the bottom of this mystery. Researchers in Costa Rica were up for the challenge.

A new study suggests that heart attacks might be a risk for coffee drinkers who possess a common genetic trait that makes caffeine

linger in their bodies. Of the 4,000 people to participate in the study, about half had the trait and were considered "slow caffeine metabolizers." The other half possessed the opposite trait, which caused their bodies to rapidly break down or metabolize caffeine. Coffee-drinking in this group appeared to reduce heart attack risks.

Among slow-metabolizers, those who drank two or more cups of coffee daily were at least 36 percent more likely to have a nonfatal heart attack than those who drank little or no coffee, according to the study. Even higher risks were found for

younger slow metabolizers; those under 50. They were up to four times more likely to have a heart attack than slow metabolizers in their age group who drank little or no coffee.

These findings help explain why there have been such mixed results in past studies concerning caffeine and its effects on the cardiovascular system.

"The new study clearly illustrates that one size does not fit all," said University of Toronto researcher Ahmed El-Sohehy, a study co-author. "Perhaps in the future we'll be making different dietary recommendations based on people's genetic makeup."

While these results may provide relief to some, they may also cause dread amongst others. For now, there is no easy way to know if you're a fast or slow caffeine metabolizer. Staying awake all night if you drink coffee in the afternoon doesn't mean you're a slow metabolizer, and a genetic test that could answer the question is used in research but is not commercially available, El-Sohehy said.

"This data is very provocative and very interesting," said Dr. Roger Blumenthal, a cardiologist at Johns Hopkins Medical School. According to Dr. Blumenthal, even if future

research confirms the findings, it's likely that caffeine plays a much smaller role in heart attacks than conventional risk factors like high blood pressure, cholesterol and smoking.

While coffee consumption no doubt is far from being curbed, experts express the notion that moderation is the key to remaining healthy. One cup of coffee will probably never have a negative effect on your health. Several cups a day, however, may prove to be detrimental in the future.

Science Briefs

By ADAM GUARINO
Co-Health Editor

STEROID EFFECTS REVERSIBLE

A new study suggests that teenagers' use of anabolic steroids may have lasting but reversible effects on behavior and the vasopressin system, according to lead study author Dr. Richard H. Melloni Jr. of Northeastern University in Boston. In the experiment, published in the journal Behavioral Neuroscience, teenage hamsters were given anabolic steroids and their behavior and vasopressin system was measured. The vasopressin system, which is linked to aggression, was elevated in the steroid-treated hamsters. After 19 days of withdrawal, however, vasopressin activity and aggression subsided suggesting that teenagers' use of anabolic steroids may have lasting but reversible effects. However, Melloni is quick to point out that doesn't mean that other brain systems affected by steroids may not recover. Steroids may hinder the development of the serotonin system, which suppresses aggression. This

damage may be permanent, noting that depression, which involves serotonin deficits, is a common problem seen during steroid withdrawal.

FDA DISMISSES CANCER STUDY

A relationship between cancer and cell phone use has long since been thought to exist. Earlier this month, however, the Food and Drug Administration dismissed a study done suggesting this link is valid. The study had thought to have found an increased risk of malignant brain tumors associated with use of the phones over a decade or more in populations in Sweden. The FDA, however, stated that the findings were inconsistent with the conclusions reached by other studies, pointing out several shortcomings. The study's design and lack of supporting data have made the conclusion difficult to interpret. Retrospective questionnaires, which were used to obtain the results, are not considered to be the most accurate method determining relationships. The FDA, however, promised to continue to monitor the effects of radio frequency energy and evaluate further research on the subject, dedicating more time and energy to gaps in the data.



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Dress codes decoded

By KATE GOODIN
Circle Contributor

As sure as you will someday be invited to a wedding, class reunion, or swanky soiree, you are going to need something to wear. The invitation will usually convey the dress code with phrases like "black tie" or "formal casual," but there are vast possibilities and interpretations of dress codes. Many categories overlap, but to aid the process of dressing accordingly, following is the traditional meaning of commonly used dress codes.

If an invitation classifies the dress code as black tie, that indicates formal wear. Men should wear tuxedos and women should wear evening gowns or elegant separates. For white-tie events, the dress is very formal, more so than black tie. Women wear long evening gowns and men wear tuxedos with a white tie, vest, and shirt. If an invitation says formal, you can go by the black tie standards, but in some cities like New York or Los Angeles, men can get away with a black shirt with their tuxes instead of a tie. Black tie optional, or black tie invited, means the event is formal, but women can wear cocktail dresses instead of evening gowns; men can wear smart, dark suits rather than tuxedos. Some invitations will stipulate creative black tie, which allows the most artistic license with dress. Both men and women can go for trendier, more modern interpretations of black tie. Again, men can wear the black-or-white-shirt with no tie, and women can opt for cocktail frocks or dressier evening gowns.

For the more informal categories, the meaning of the dress code is less definite. Semi-formal, considered the trickiest of dress codes, depends on the time of the event. During the day, men should go for dark suits and women cocktail-length or simple, long dresses. Cocktail attire is very similar to semi-formal. Dressy casual typically only excludes shorts and denim jeans.

Lastly there is informal and casual, meaning pretty much anything goes.

Special occasion dressing may sound complicated, considering the bevy of dress codes, but the most important tip would be to consider the event. For more information, Cynthia Nellis, who developed a glossary of the dress code terms, has a few fashion pages at About.com. Overall, just use your judgment to discern what others are wearing, or simply ask! In general, the best bet for men is a dark suit and for women, a pretty cocktail dress or simple gown. But when in doubt, as my mother always tells me, it is better to be overdressed than underdressed.

There is one other dress code category to consider, and it is the most college-age students will find most useful: the job interview. Cleanliness and professionalism are key. Men should stick to simple, well-tailored suits in basic colors. Women can wear either a pantsuit or a skirt suit, but navy or black are also recommended colors. But just as it is imperative to wear a clean, well-pressed suit for an interview, I like to add personal touches to outfits—even ones that are strictly professional—just to help differentiate myself from other candidates. Here, tastefulness is key. Men and women can change the color of the button-down shirt for simple yet noticeable difference. Men have endless possibilities with ties, and women can remain individual with stylish shoes, scarves, or accessories. But ensure your personal touches do not eclipse your professionalism. If you can't pull it off with panache, leave it at home, at least for the interview.

The main theme with this issue of dress code is to find the balance between respecting the event and retaining your individuality. It's great to have a fabulous outfit that makes you feel like a million bucks, but always put your personal spin on whatever you wear to remind people you are also one in a million.

'Old World Charm' provides much needed relaxation

By JESSICA CAMPILANGO
Staff Writer

Does wrapping up your spring semester have you all stressed out? Need a time out from all the studying, paper writing, and group projects - especially when it seems that you are the only one doing the work? Well, I think, right about now, everyone could probably use a place to go where they could just forget about it all.

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You can easily spend all day walking up and down the street soaking up not only the sun, but extraordinary finds and great deals as well.

placed across the Hudson during the Revolutionary War.

If historic landmarks aren't really your cup of tea, don't worry. Cold Spring is still a great town to visit. Main Street is full of renovated nineteenth century architecture, which only adds to its "old world" charm. It is lined with a diverse mix of privately owned shops - jewelry, clothing, stationary, antiques, home décor - and restaurants. You can easily spend all day walking up and down the street soaking up not only the sun, but extraordinary finds and great deals as well.

If you're just looking for a place to rest your weary college feet, Cold Spring is still the place for you. A short walk down Main Street and through the tunnel, which takes you underneath the train tracks, is where you'll find the riverfront. I know we go to school right on the Hudson, but there's something about the

Hudson at Cold Spring, it just seems to sparkle more. Cold Spring offers a quaint pier which includes a gazebo, plenty of benches, and a revolu-

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Summer box office preview

By ALISON JALBERT
Circle Contributor

Major movie studios are relying on their summer movies to bring up box office sales that are still significantly lower than average.

Box office sales have not improved since last summer's 18-week drop in sales, which was the longest slump in Hollywood history, bypassing 1985's 17-week slump, according to an Associated Press release. Ticket sales in 2005 were down seven percent from 2004, marking the third year in a row of declining ticket sales since the mid 1990s.

Everyone from actors to producers to movie critics have their own theories as to why the box office has suffered so much in the past year. The rise in ticket prices as well as the rise in the home entertainment market are popular theories, as well as the rise of gas prices and the general public's desire to avoid the barrage of commercials and rude behavior that now frequents movie theaters.

However, everyone in Hollywood can agree on one thing: movies simply are not good enough any more.

Last summer's box office was littered with disappointments, including "Cinderella Man," "The Island," and "Stealth," all big-budget films that flopped.

Michael Lynton, chairman of Sony Pictures Entertainment, believes that movies have not lived up to the expectations of the audience.

"Audiences have gotten smart to the marketing, and they can smell the good ones from the bad ones at a distance," Lynton said.

Although this weekend's box office, fueled by the horror spoof movie "Scary Movie 4," showed impressive figures, movie studios are looking forward to the summer to boost their earnings.

The first big release of the summer is the much-anticipated "Mission: Impossible III," starring tabloid favorite Tom Cruise. J.J. Abrams, creator of the hit TV show "Lost," directed the third movie in the million-dollar franchise. Oscar winner Philip Seymour Hoffman and Ving Rhames also star in the movie.

One of the more controversial movies of the summer is the big-

screen adaptation of Dan Brown's best-selling novel "The Da Vinci Code." The highly-anticipated film stars Tom Hanks as symbologist Robert Langdon, who becomes involved in a struggle to decipher a centuries old riddle left by Leonardo Da Vinci. Acclaimed director Ron Howard directs a cast that also includes Audrey Tautou and Sir Ian McKellen.

Lauren Plante, freshman Public Relations major, says the success of the novel is a deciding factor in her desire to see the movie.

"Dan Brown is one of my favorite authors and I'm interested to see how they can take such a complex book and make it into a movie," she said.

"The Break Up," starring Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughan, may not be an anticipated film for its money making potential, but rather for its curiosity factor. Aniston and Vaughan play a couple caught in the throes of a nasty breakup, and their rumored off-set romance could be a major factor in selling tickets.

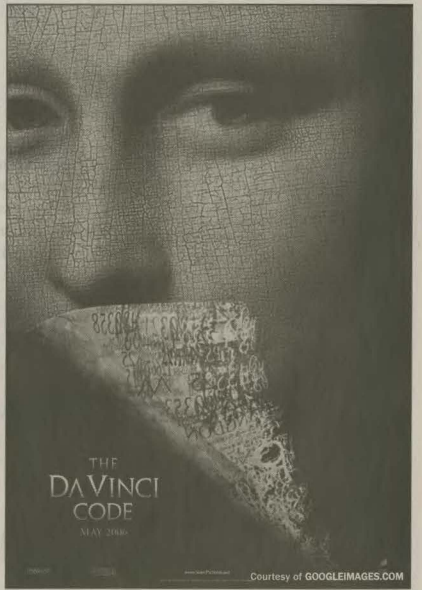
"Superman Returns," one of two comic book-based movies this summer, (the other being "X-Men: The Last Stand,") looks to pick up on the success of the franchise Christopher Reeve created as the Man of Steel. Relatively unknown actor Brandon Routh plays Clark Kent and Superman, with Kate Bosworth as Lois Lane and Kevin Spacey as Lex Luthor. The anticipation of this movie is ten years in the making, with various directors involved until Bryan Singer became permanently attached and the filming was able to progress.

Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom are back in "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest." In this sequel to 2003's successful movie, Depp is back as Captain Jack Sparrow, who is this time running from Davy Jones, to whom he owes his soul. Keira Knightley returns as Bloom's love interest. Having a successful, established franchise can bring in a large audience to a movie, and the second "Pirates of the Caribbean" film will be no different.

Alexandra LoBue, freshman TV/Radio/Film and Public Relations major, says her love of the first movie makes her excited to see the second, as well as the draw of the movie's stars.

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— Lauren Plante
Freshman



"The first one was amazing, plus any movie with Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom is worth seeing to me," she said.

Following the success of last summer's TV remake films, such as "The Dukes of Hazzard," and "Bewitched," comes this summer's remake of the 80s hit "Miami Vice."

Colin Farrell takes on Don Johnson's pastel jackets and trademark five o'clock shadow as Sonny Crockett, while Jamie Foxx plays

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MCCTA's final performance set to showcase student works

By **RJ LANGLOIS**
Circle Contributor

To complete the year, MCCTA is having its last curtain call of the year in the form of Festival, six one-act performances from Marist's own students.

This year, Festival will consist of six different one-act performances written and directed by students at Marist. Festival will run from April 20 to the 22.

Unlike last year where the shows were performed of different nights that required planning to see them all, this year each of the six performances will be shown every night. Each show will last roughly 20 minutes.

Matt Angrisani, the recent director of children's theaters production of "The Spell of Sleeping Beauty" is performing on one of the six plays called "The Pastor's Wife" by Lorraine V. Gordon.

"Festival is for getting students work out there," said Angrisani,

"MCCTA gives them a forum and a stage to see their ideas performed."

Festival is unique from most performances put on by MCCTA by the fact that it is part of the Theater Workshop class taught by Dean Cox.

The productions of these one-act plays are, for the most part, a student-based production right down to directors of each performance being students.

"It's your friends," said Angrisani, "The respect and authority is still there and it does feel more laid back, but the professionalism is maintained."

Eddie Grosskreuz, the Vice President of MCCTA and senior at Marist College, will be taking

the stage for one last time in two plays during Festival, "I Do" and "Blessed Are The Forgetful".

"Theatre is my biggest passion," said Grosskreuz, "so I make time for it. It takes up all of my spare time-I wouldn't have it any other way."

'It just goes to show that no matter what the circumstances handed you, if you possess the drive, determination, and passion for your craft, you will go far.'

— Eddie Grosskreuz
Senior

Horror" sell out multiple times, the cast and crew is preparing for its last performance of the year as April 20 draws closer.

"I hope that I can perform my part as well as I have learned to



Dance show filled with array of styles

By **ALEXANDRIA BRIM**
Staff Writer

On April 8, 2006, parents and students gathered in the Nelly Goletti Theatre for the Marist College Dance Club's Spring Show at either the 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. performances.

After an opening number performed by the club's executive

board,

MCTV's John

LaRocchia

was introduced

as the show's

emcee.

LaRocchia started with a story about how he had to borrow his dad's suit when he was interrupted by someone in the audience.

He was soon joined by two others and a fight broke out. They were soon revealed to be LaRocchia's co-hosts: Mark Louie, Mike DiGiaino and Dan Greenip. The quartet started the show.

The first act was filled with different musical and dance styles that were choreographed by students. One choreographed by Marist football player Olugbemi Oulaja was incredibly popular which followed a performance by the Marist College Dance Team. The audience got loud through out the dance numbers, especially when member Taryn Fitisik's little sister joined the act.

LaRocchia and his gang came on stage in between numbers to allow the girls to get ready and to keep the audience in high spirits.

Following intermission, the club said farewell to the seniors who are graduating in May

before LaRocchia kicked off the second act. It was as diverse as the first part, including "Punjab Sensation."

This medley of Indian songs showed off a different style of dancing than the usual Americanized types the students were used to from music videos. The audience kept their energy up and enjoyed the evening altogether.

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It was

announced

that the shows

were sold out,

but anyone

walking in

after intermission during the 8 p.m. showing would've doubted this. As each number was completed, the audience became smaller and smaller. LaRocchia even had the house lights turned up to reveal a mass exodus leaving the theatre. This did leave a core group of audience members who wanted to be there and their excitement made up for the growing number of empty seats.

If the audience had fun, the girls performing had even more fun. "I've never done dance before," Sophomore Sera Laganelli said. "But the choreography was easy and fun. Anyone can do the dance club."

Sophomore Marisa Paider and Freshman Alicia Salvatore agreed with Laganelli. "I've also met a lot of amazing girls," Salvatore added.

Her smile seemed to reflect the entire energy of the night as Marist College danced the night away.

As Paider put it: "It's a lot of fun."

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Summer movies to kickstart box office slump

Ricardo Tubbs. Director Michael Mann, best known for his work on "Collateral" and "Ali," takes the helm of this remake.

Arguably the most talked-about movie of the summer is the aptly titled "Snakes on a Plane." Samuel L. Jackson stars as an

FBI agent who is escorting a witness across country when an assassin releases hundreds of venomous snakes on the plane in hopes of killing the witness. The movie is set to release in August but is already receiving lots of press due to its title and the sto-

ryline of the film. Internet bloggers have created apparel, songs, fan fiction and parody movie trailers for the film, and Wired Magazine named it the "best worst movie of 2006" in January, seven months before the movie's premiere.

Everyone seems to have a specific movie they're looking forward to this summer, but no one seems to be able to predict if any of the films will be successful enough to bring the box office out of its slump.

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Marist improves to 4-2 in MAAC, tied with 'Nova

By DAVID HOCHMAN
Staff Writer

Excitement and water polo go together like peanut butter and jelly; they are bonded, linked, and come hand in hand.

If you don't believe me, then go see for yourself.

The Marist water polo team proved once again last weekend why they are one of the hottest tickets on campus.

On Easter eve, the Red Foxes played their normal double header schedule, but with one twist.

Their first game of the day was a rematch against the Wagner Seahawks, a conference foe who dominated Marist for the majority of an 11-4 contest six days earlier. Less than a week after Wagner swam all around Marist; the Red Foxes forced a double overtime game.

Even though water polo is a

naturally exciting game with frantic up and down offense, all the pressure of a double overtime, sudden-death contest makes the match even more exciting.

Sophomore goalie Elizabeth Davis had a stellar day stopping 18 shots throughout the contest. But freshman Nicole Maichrowicz netted the game winner on Davis to end the Red Foxes' hopes of evening the sea-

son series.

Junior Jillian Jeffers led the way for Marist with three goals and two steals, and freshmen Kari Weston and Katelyn McCahill each scored two goals while McCahill also added an assist.

In the second game of the day, Marist beat St. Francis (N.Y.) 9-4. Davis stood strong in goal for another full game, making six saves. Weston came up big on

the offensive side, scoring another three goals. Six different teammates accounted for the other six Marist goals.

After going 1-1 in Philadelphia last weekend, the Foxes' record now stands at 17-12, 4-2 in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play, good enough for a second place tie with Villanova.

Heading into last weekend, Weston garnered her fourth

MAAC Rookie of the Week award, and Davis took home her third MAAC Defensive Player of the Week award.

The Red Foxes close their regular season this weekend with four games. On Saturday, Apr. 22, they will head to Staten Island to face Siena and Iona. On Sunday, Apr. 23, they will travel to New Rochelle to compete against Villanova and St. Francis (N.Y.).

Men's tennis rolls through MAAC foes with one blemish

By NATE FIELDS
Staff Writer

After a shaky start to their season, the Marist men's tennis players have found their groove.

The Red Foxes have been victorious in eight of their last nine contests, including dominating performances against Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) opponents St. Peter's, Niagara and Fairfield.

The team's only loss came at the hands of MAAC powerhouse Manhattan, which is undefeated in conference play.

A March 31st matchup with visiting Bucknell started the ball

rolling for the team, as Red Foxes took four of six singles points and narrowly missed sweeping doubles, losing second doubles 9-7.

Coach Tim Smith said after the victory, "I was very happy we beat Bucknell. They are usually a top Patriot League team."

Following their home victory, they hit the road for a two-day road trip to the Baltimore area where they faced the University of Maryland at Baltimore and Loyola of Maryland on back-to-back days. Both schools were dealt defeats at the hands of the Foxes, who won the two meets by a combined score of 13-1.

The closest matches came at first and second singles, where seniors Brendon Van Wasbeck and Leo Rodriguez battled for their victories, but set the winning tone for the rest of the day. The remaining singles matches in third through sixth won by a combined score of 48-2.

The team continued its dominating reign the following Wednesday by blanking MAAC opponent St. Peter's 7-0. Marist's first and second singles players again battled for their victories, in the case of Rodriguez requiring three sets, and then watched their teammates in third through sixth singles thoroughly demol-

ish their opponents again.

Marist's lone conference loss thus far came at the hands of rival, undefeated Manhattan, who surrendered only a sixth singles victory to the Foxes. Marist was also able to pick up the point for doubles, winning two out of three doubles matches, and continuing its strong spring in partnership.

The team quickly got back to winning, however, with three home victories over MAAC opponents Niagara and Fairfield, and America East opponent University of Hartford.

Marist sent the Purple Eagles of Niagara packing on Saturday

Apr. 8th, winning five of six singles and two of three doubles matches. Fairfield was the Foxes next victim, and Marist disposed of them handily, winning every match to notch a 7-0 victory. With the win, they pushed their conference record to 6-1.

The team's most recent match against Hartford was reminiscent of their seven previous victories. Rodriguez required three sets to pull out victory at first singles, and then the rout began. Each of Marist's second through sixth singles players recorded a 6-0 score in at least one set as they swept singles play, and took all three doubles matches handily.

The month of April has been kind to the Foxes, and with only two matches remaining before the MAAC tournament starts, the team is peaking at the right time.

Coach Smith is also coaching women's tennis now after coach Peter Angarola stepped down. The Red Foxes sit atop the MAAC standings, owning a perfect 7-0 mark in conference play. Both the men's and women's teams look to make a strong showing in the upcoming MAAC tournament.

Red Foxes out-jousted by Knights, falling by score of 10-4

By MATT ANGRISANI
Staff Writer

The Marist College lacrosse team fell to the Bellarmine Knights last Saturday as Shane Anderson and Adam Gardner's seven combined goals outscored the entire Red Fox team and led

to the 10-4 victory.

Bellarmine struck first as Anderson scored at 6:08 in the first quarter. Marist's freshman Nick Hautau answered Anderson with a goal of his own with 1:09 in the opening period. The Knights, however, took over from there, scoring five straight

goals on the Red Foxes.

Hautau, who finished with three goals, and senior Bill Duerr each helped to cut down the lead to 6-3 with two quick goals but the Knights quickly responded with a 4-1 run to finish the game with a final score of 10-4.

With the exception of the final

score, Marist did lead in every other statistical category including total shots (29-28), groundballs (23-22), and freshman goalie Ryan Penner led in saves with eleven. Marist sophomore Dan Needle did what he does best, leading all players by winning 15 of 16 face-offs.

In addition, the Knights committed nine penalties and gave Marist an extra man for a total of 6:30, but Marist never capitalized, making their season conversion percentage .241 when having an extra man on the field.

The loss put Marist at an even 5-5 as the team will be traveling

to Siena to face MAAC rival Saints April 19 and then they will be home against St. Joseph's on Saturday.

Strudler's students to host dodgeball tournament on Sunday afternoon

Dr. Keith Strudler's Sports Public Relations class will hold a campus wide dodgeball tournament on Sunday April 23 from 4-7 p.m. in the Grey Gym at the McCann Center.

The tournament will be a double elimination format will feature teams with five players, with a six person as a substitute.

The tournament will have pizza, drinks, and prizes for the winning team, all for an entry fee of \$1 dollar per person. In addition, there will be a separate prize for the team with the best uniform.

"I think this dodgeball tournament will be a great idea for the Marist Community," said Tom Riedel of the dodgeball commit-

tee. "This tournament should provide students with an opportunity to take a break from the customary hectic end of the school year schedule.

The teams will only be allowed to consist of Marist College students from freshman to seniors. Four teams will be playing at the same time on two different

courts. Each game will consist of three games, which will last a maximum of five minutes. The team with the most amount of players left standing at the end of each game will be declared the winner.

Each winner will advance through the brackets until an eventual champion is deter-

mined. There will also be a chance of revenge for the losing team, since this tournament is a double elimination. The team that wins the loser's bracket will get a chance to play the winners brackets to decide the ultimate champ.

Teams are urged to sign up quickly as space is limited for

this tournament. For any more information people are encouraged to e-mail Dodgeball.Tournament@yahoo.com for more information and to sign up.

First Spelling Bee to be held in Cabaret

The first annual Marist Spelling Bee will be presented by Professor Keith Strudler's Sports Public Relations Class on Tuesday, April, 25 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Cabaret.

Food and refreshments will be served throughout the Spelling Bee. Every participant, as well as the first 10 patrons will receive a FREE T-shirt. By entering the competition, every participant also has the chance to

win one of three prizes. The top three winners, in order of finish will have their choice of prize.

For more information contact Colleen Rendall at Colleen.Rendall@marist.edu.



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Foxes outscore Peacocks 44-7, while sweeping three game set

By ANTHONY CRISTIANI
Staff Writer

After taking game one, 11-2, the Marist Red Foxes brought another offensive explosion in the later half of the doubleheader, routing St. Peter's 19-1 on Saturday, at the McCann Baseball Field.

The Foxes were led by the hitting of freshman catcher Andrew

Stanton.

Stanton went 2-2 in the second game with four RBI, including a three-run homer in the sixth off of the Peacocks' Nik Edmondson.

The catchers' contribution didn't end there, as sophomore Keith Glasser also homered over the left field wall in the second frame, the first of his career.

Junior Pat Feeney also con-

tributed by going 3-for-4, with three RBI of his own and scoring three runs.

Junior Travis Musolf crossed the plate four times in the win.

Marist had 35 hits in the doubleheader and played flawless defense. St. Peter's was held to only 13 hits and committed six errors.

George Heath was brilliant on the mound, going seven innings,

allowing just four hits, and striking out five.

St. Peter's only run came courtesy of a sacrifice fly from Mike McGuire in the fourth, as Heath improved to 3-3 on the season. The Peacocks' starter Grevin Rodriguez dropped to a 1-4 record with the loss.

With the weekend sweep, Marist improved to 12-19 overall, and 6-5 in Metro Atlantic

Athletic Conference (MAAC) play. St. Peter's dropped to 3-8 in league and 8-22 overall.

Coach Healy commented on his team's performance.

"Just like any other team in college baseball, it is about momentum and taking advantage of opportunities," he said. "We need our older players to step up and take control of the series. We will continue to work hard in

practice and keep developing as much as possible. The St. Peter's games have been good for us, because have swung the bats well so far, and we have gained some confidence."

Marist continues its MAAC play as they head to Fairfield this Saturday, Apr. 22 for three-game series. The first game will begin at noon.

Marist athletic funding proves equal relative to size of team's roster

By VALERIE CAPULLO
Staff Writer

If it seems that the men's athletic teams on campus are better equipped than women's teams, some athletes would agree with you.

Athletes in many of the sports offered at Marist believe that there are noticeable differences in the funding of women's versus men's sports, as well as between the sports themselves. Some sports such as basketball and baseball bring in a bigger audience and more money for the college, but many athletes can not comprehend how certain sports like the swim team are not funded more than they are right now.

These sports have recently won several Metro Atlantic Athletic

Conference (MAAC) tournaments and championships.

Caitlin Bergin, Marist athlete, said that although there is a difference in the way athletics are funded, she knows there are reasons why this is so.

"I don't think that they're treated equally, but I understand that some sports bring in more money than others," Bergin said. "I don't think it's necessarily men's teams vs. women's teams though. The swim team has won MAACs many years in a row, and the men's soccer team won MAACs two years in a row, and neither get nearly enough recognition [in terms of funding] as they deserve."

According to our college's athletic mission statement, "The Athletics Program is committed to be competitive at the NCAA

Division I or other member conference level, to offer equitable opportunities to all students and staff, and to advance their welfare, health, and safety."

These equitable opportunities are not always as they seem according to Marist athletes. Elizabeth A. Donohue, Marist College, assistant athletics director/senior woman administrator said that comparatively, the men's and women's teams are funded equally here at Marist.

"The teams are funded equally," Donohue said. "There are roster differences, the football team, for example has a lot more players than most teams here, so the money is split accordingly. There are many 'checks and balances' in place to make sure that all of the teams' fundings are up to par. Women as well as men

both get funding for their sports and we make sure that each team gets what they need."

John Keenan, Marist athlete, said that he believes there is a noticeable difference in the way athletics are funded here between men and women, especially in the men's and women's basketball teams here at Marist.

"Judging from my experience here as an athlete it seems to me that only in particular examples are there differences in funding and treatment between boys and girls teams here at Marist College," said Keenan. "I think the biggest difference would be between the men's basketball team and the women's basketball team. It seems to me that the men's team gets a lot more attention and funding whereas the women's team gets less, but wins

the MAAC conference and moves on to the national playoffs, something the men's team has not done. However, on a college-wide scale I think Marist has a funding 'problem' when it comes to any team, because they refuse to give many athletes a lot of money (in terms of scholarships), making it difficult to judge between the two sexes' teams."

The real problem here seems to be that athletes are upset in general with the way sports are funded overall as opposed to women's teams versus men's. There is always going to be a problem with money, and no team is ever going to get the amount it really deserves/wants, but perhaps a more equal distribution is called for.

Although many athletes feel

that there is a need for more equal distribution of funds throughout the athletic department, others feel that the way things are broken down now are fair, and are happy with the funding.

Danny Doremus, member of the hockey team here at Marist says that he feels that although there is a difference between the funding, he feels that the sports cannot be that different in terms of funding.

"Men's and women's teams seem to be funded equally because they are all NCAA sanctioned," said Doremus. "The hockey team gets a large amount of money, and it is more than a lot of D-I teams [because we are a D-II club] but that is only because ice time is expensive."

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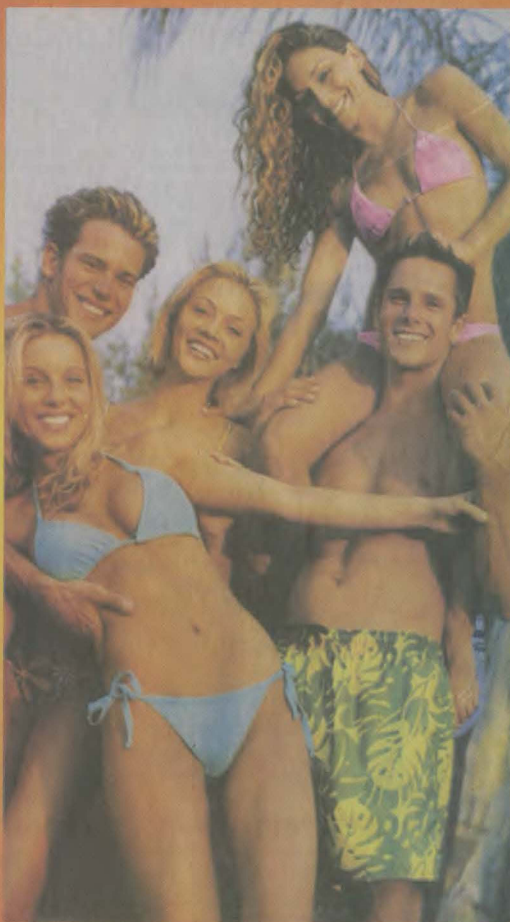
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