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Enjoy your break!

Facebook no danger compared to viruses

By CHRISTINE ROCHELLE Opinion Editor

In the past year, the University of New Mexico blocked access to Facebook due to unsolicited e-mails and a community college in Texas cut off access to the site it took up too much bandwidth on the network.

The popular social networking website has been the center of attention since its birth and now school administrators are considering the option of banning the website altogether. Instead of citing protection against predators, universities say that it takes up too much bandwidth, or frequency, on the campus network

Justin Bassignani, Network Security Analyst at Marist College, said that it is not Facebook or MySpace that takes up bandwidth but rather file

The possible banning of Facebook at Marist is "not any where in the works," said Bassignani. With the present network configurations, the net-work is "fully saturated because we're oversubscribing."

figuration to improve usage.
'Most of the transfers [on the Marist network] are text space," said Bassignani. "The problem is streaming media."

Streaming media, according the Information Technology site, is "a method of distributing audio or video across the Internet that does not pre-download the whole media file (such as a movie or piece of music). Instead, the file is played as it is downloaded.

Bassignani personally knows the dangers of not only down-loading files, but downloading files that are copyrighted. When he was a student at the Rochester Institute of Technology, he was sued by the Recording Industry Association of America for \$5,000 for illegal downloading.

"People really need to wake up to [the dangers of downloading]," said Bassignani. He said that he feels guilty taking students off the network because of downloading, but it is not only to free up the bandwidth but also to to deal with.

Students should also watch out

Marist is looking to modify that for viruses that could infect their mputer by using sites such MySpace.

'It's easy to download a virus," said Bassignani. "It could cripple

the entire network."
To avoid a possible virus, make sure you read the terms of agreement when downloading a file or joining a networking site like MySpace which is not as closely monitored as Facebook. The terms that you are agreeing to could mean that you are allowing others to put spyware on your

Foxmail, which has been slow throughout the semester, is not sluggish because of lack of bandwidth but because of memory allocation issues that should be resolved by January 2007 with a virtual memory upgrade. al memory upgrade Overall, Facebook an

MySpace won't affect the Marist network so greatly that a possible ban would be in the works. But, it could affect your personal computer so Bassignani said to always be careful.

"Keep your operating system patched and be a safe [Internet] surfer," said Bassignani.

Booster club in process of gaining official recognition

By DAN CARRUTHERS Circle Contributor

The Marist athletic department and the Student Government Association are collaborating to drum up student attendance and participation at Marist College sports events.

Both organizations are working together in an effort to establish an official booster club for the college. The club will be made up of students whose priority is to boost fan involvement at Marist sporting events. The anticipated formation of the club comes during a Marist men's basketball season full of high expec-

letic director for external affairs at Marist said that the club is still in the early stages of develop-ment and the process to receive official recognition.

"We're meeting with SGA to make the boosters a club on campus," Tellitocci said.

Despite being in preliminary planning for club status, howev er, Tellitocci said that they are trying to get students involved at basketball games, especially basketball games, especially with the creation of the new Marist fight song which debuted at Red Fox Tip Off back in

"What we've done throughout the year is pass out cards with the fight song," he said. "We really want to try and get fans to stand up and clap during the fight song like at other schools and make it a tradition. Really get the fans involved to enhance the atmos-phere at the McCann Center."

at a game the more exciting it is.'

sophomore and member of the

current unofficial booster club empting to become official,

said the fight song will be bene

ficial to the atmosphere of the McCann Center.

"I think learning the fight song will bring unity to the fans," she

Similarly, Marist sophomore

Marc Sausa said that the fight song is a good addition and will

get better as the season progress-

the song yet," he said. "But I think the enthusiasm will improve as people go to the

said.

with merely learning the also said that he wants students to be comparable to such notable college fans as Duke University's Cameron Crazies.

Kristen Casamento, Marist students to lead the student section," he said.

In addition to 'We really want the group of students to lead leadership, Casamento said she likes the idea the student section. It's a really good idea to Casamento promote a fan base because the more people because of energy that could be created.

"It's a really good - Kristin Casamento unofficial booster club member idea to promote a fan base because a game the more exciting it is,"

Even though the athletic

department is in the midst of bas ketball season, Tellitocci said the booster club will not concentrate solely on basketball.

"It will be applied to every sport," he said.

Tellitocci said he expects to see more from the club such as tail gating for football and baseball games among other things.

'We're still really early in the planning stages," he said

Storms sweep through N.Y. state

By JOSEPH GENTILE Staff Writer

Violent thunderstorms that swept through the Mid-Hudson Valley last Friday left an Ellenville resident dead and zapped electricity from an estimated 25,000 Central Hudson Gas & Electric

State Investigator Stan O'Dell said a large tree crushed 61-year old Robert Merrihew to death in his bedroom after crashing through his apartment's

Elsewhere, the villages of Rhinebeck and Milan incurred significant damage according to Rhinebeck Fire Department officials.

Chief Kyle Eighmy said no reports of any njuries had surfaced, but described the number of felled trees as "countless."

"It could be in the hundreds," Eighmy said.

Falling tree limbs damaged four homes in the village, including a large Victorian on Montgomery Street and the offices of the Gazette Advertiser on Livingston Street. The inclement weather also resulted in the cancellation of the Celebration of

Lights in downtown Poughkeepsie.

However, the National Weather Service in Albany has blamed the damage on straight-line winds, gusting to 60 mph, and not on a tott-line Tornado watches had briefly been recommended in Dutchess and Ulster Counties at the height of

Freshmen and Leo Hall resident Sam Accurso said her mother called her on Friday night to alert her daughter of the impending thunderstorms, telling her to stay away from the windows and hide under her sheets. In her opinion, the college has "not prepared itself at all," to handle a serious weather emergency, such as a tornado.

"I wish they practiced a drill or told us what to do, especially because the windows are so big, they will definitely shatter," Accurso said. In his last 5 years as an employee of Housing and

Residential Life, Patrick Killilee said that Marist College has experienced high winds, but not an actual tornado to date. "It's unusual to see tornado warnings in December," he said.

"In the event of a tornado, [Housing and Residential Life] would identify areas in each residence hall at the ground or basement floors for esidents to seek refuge."

When asked if the college had emergency sirens

that could be sounded, he replied "I don't believe

So far, the National Weather Service has documented about 50 tornado touchdowns in Duchess County alone beginning in 1950. Just last June, an F1 tornado, packing winds of 150 mph, tore through LaGrange, near the Town of Poughkeepsie line. Three years ago, a tornado of relatively mild strength, packing winds of 70 to 90 mph, hit East Fishkill before turning into the Town of Poughkeepsie and dissipating.

It's these isolated incidents which defy the tradi-

tional logic that areas such as Marist College, near lakes, rivers, or mountains are safe from tornadoes. takes, rivers, of mountains are sale from formacountains in the late 1980s, a tornado left a trail of destruction along a 10,000-foot high mountain in Yellowstone National Park.

The intensity of a tornado gets measured on the Fujita Scale, or F-Scale, as developed by T. Theodore Fujita of the University of Chicago. It

grades a tornado based upon the velocity of its

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Security Briefs

Potheads, grocery thieves - unlinked? You decide

security

Last week, I held a con-Last week, I held a con-test to see if anyone could spot the security briefs that were simply copies of older security briefs. I told the readers to e-mail me their answers with the prize of them getting their name in this week's briefs. Well, the public reaction was phenomenal. And by phenomenal, I meán non-existent.
Literally zero people emailed me. Many people
may be dismayed by this,
but I actually feel good
about the whole thing. No mean non-existent one should be spending their time looking for crap like that. So color me proud, Marist.

11/28 - 8:15 AM

Two employees coming onto campus at the south entrance saw a strange male walking on Route 9. male walking on Route 9.

He was wearing a long
coat and appeared to be
quite disheveled. The
police were salled, but
were unable to find the
man. You know, it's been
tough times for Rep. Mark Foley, but sir, you won't find what you're looking for here. All of us are

probably out of your age

11/28 - 12:30 PM

range



A resident of the Fov Townhouses reported that some jewelry was stolen from their room, and the

REW MOLL police were called to to get around without 12/1 - 9:20 PM in homeland investigate. Kids, make slipping and embarrassing sure to keep an eye your myself. sure to keep an eye your bling. You're spending all this money to look good, and you don't protect your stuff. Kind of a waste if you ask me. Besides, it's not like SNAP has time to go looking for your huge chains. You're not in Run DMC, let them handle that

11/29 - 2 AM



Francis by because, you know, there's always drunk peo-ple just laying around in Campus Deli at random times in the early morning. Actually, the more I think about it, that's less a joke and more of an unfortunate truth. An inconvenient truth, if you

11/29 - 11 AM

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The Donnelly fire alarm

by the lower doorway was set off because due to the smoke from a leaf blower smoke from a leaf blower that was being used nearby. I mean, really, what else could it have been? The bigger problem here is that a leaf blower is being used on November 29th. Al Gore was right. Global warming is going to kill us all, or at least keen it from snowing for keep it from snowing for awhile. Which, honestly, is cool with me. Makes it

11/29 - 6:15 PM

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There was another false fire alarm in Foy, this time due to the mist from a bottle of hairspray. Apparently the Poison Apparently the Poison Reunion Tour made a stop in Poughkeepsie, and they had to get ready for the show real quick like. "Play 'Every Rose Has It's Thorn!"

11/29 - 10:50 PM

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The RA at Upper West Cedar requested the presence of security after they noticed the odor of marijuana in one of the housfound in a room, but the marijuana had all been used up. However, some wrapping paper was confiscated. I'm looking to get my hands on some of that, because I have Christmas gifts to wrap. What's that? That's a different kind of wrapping paper? Well what paper did they have? Oh. Oh my. Never mind then. found in a room, but the Never mind then.

11/30 - 10:40 PM

In Marian Hall, a room was left unlocked, and money was taken from a pocketbooks. There were \$40' taken from one, and \$50 taken from the other. That's \$90! That's a down payment on a Wii! Zelda, 24/7! I can't wait!

Security responded to a call box activation in the Fulton parking lot. A stu-dent reported that he has been accosted by three other males. According to the student, he was punched in the face by one of them, and then had his groceries kicked out his hands. Unfortunately, a search of the area did not produce the alleged groceries. Where are the groceries, huh? Broccoli doesn't just up and leave on its own, you know. I smell con-

12/2 - 10:15 PM



We had a burnt food We had a burnt food incident over at Gartland again. I don't have the numbers in front of me, but I'm pretty sure this is number 1,763 for them this semester. So good for them. In fact, John Gildard has awarded them Gildard has awarded them the "Emeril Lagasse Award" for their efforts, and I offer them a heart-felt congratulations.

12/3 - 12:04 AM



In the Donnelly lot, a Leo student was found quite intoxicated and sit-ting on a bench. This is another residence that has done itself proudly this semester. Good job, kids. If you keep this up, you'll all get a chance to live in Leo again next year, too



A Champagnat resident A Champagnat resident was found in the Lower West Cedar driveway, and they were apparently a little tipsy. They were eventually taken to St. Francis. I want to know what they were doing on our turf! You're coming to our tril You're coming to our residence, you should get your behind kicked! You don't come to the LWC playing that stuff! You're across Route 9 over there. I was about to go get involved myself! Huzzah!

And that does it for this semester's security briefs, folks. I'll see you all next year, and have a Merry Non-Denominational Secular Holiday and a Happy New Year

genius-o-meter:



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but first, a special NONcampus event: Thursday, Dec. 7 RadFax

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Friday, Dec. 8 MCTV presents "Stuck in Reverse" 7:30 p.m. on MCTV

Saturday, Dec. 9 Marist College Department of Music and Campus Ministry present:

An Ecumenical Service 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Poughkeepsie free & open to public

Sunday, Dec. 10 Giving Tree Ceremony 7 p.m.

in the Chapel - 1988

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College students prioritize alcohol over global issues

In most papers, a student must cite their sources and give credit to the people who gave them the ideas presented in the essay. Most of the time, this consists of simple work cited page or bibliography of sources included with the final draft of the essay. Some students complain about this idea saying that they feel that their opinions do not matter. Some say, if every time you make a claim, you have to cite someone else, how do new ideas come about. The problem with this argument is that, in general, students can not back up their claim. Most students are not concerned with serious issues in society. How can we expect to be respected if many ply just do not care about real issues? This carefree attitude can be seen through neglect of global news, choice of enter-tainment favorites and everyday

For the most part, a student's life is very simple. They go to their classes, do their home-work, sometimes hold jobs, and for the rest of the time, they can pretty much choose what they would like to do. It would be very rare to find a student who takes even some of that extra time reading up on politics and world issues. Many of them are devising plans on how to obtain alcohol this upcoming weekend, or who is going out with whom, or talking about what is in and what is out for the winter sea-son. It is not as if the informa-tion is unavailable to them, it is just that they simply do not care. News stations are one click away from MTV on the television and at the rate that some students can type it is not even a hop, skip, and a jump to view CNN.com. Modern technology is so advanced and all this information is right at our fingertips, it for some reason we are not taking advantage of it. Too many conversations among adolescents start with "Yo Bro, what are you doin' this weekend."

I have been going to college for about two and a half months now and I have learned that it is not all that it is hyped up to be Many high school students fear that they will work all the time and always act serious. This is one of the furthest ideas about college from the truth that I have ever heard. It seems like college is a party city 24/7. I have found about two people on campus who I know will talk about topics such as corrupted American values, and the problems in Africa for enjoyment and to broaden their horizons. It scares me that I feel that the only way that I could get an opinion about the war in Iraq is when a teacher asks about it. Then when they finally do say something there is nothing behind their claims. If they do not even want to talk about global issues they are not going to spend the time to research these issues.

How about the idea that America is a massive consumer while China is a massive pro-ducer? Over recent decades the consumption of foreign goods in the United States has been increasing, while Chinese countries that make all of these items are reaping the benefits. The growth of the Chinese middle class in recent years is astounding. Many people, specifically students, do not realize that China is on the verge of surpassing America as the number one "superpower" in the world. Sooner or later countries are going to be able to rely on themselves for American products and the source of government revenue will decrease substantially, leaving America a poor country. How many children's action figures can you confidently say have "made in America" inscribed on the bottom? The problem is that nobody knows about this in my generation. We need to take a look at what is really important. We are willing to take advantage of all the benefits that we have in this great country but, we are not willing to work for them. Too many of us want to be lawyers and CEO's because that is "where the money is," but too few of us want to become engineers and create new American technology.

American Beauty, and Crash while thinking about what they are saying about society. Even the comedic movies that appeal to my generation which contain a real purpose, such as Borat, are not looked at in the way they

We need to take a look at what is really important. We are willing to take advantage of all the benefits that we have in this great country but, we are not willing to work for them.

The idea that students do not seen through the choice of movies that they watch. If you get a general consensus on the average student's favorite movies you will probably find films such as Anchorman: the Legend of Ron Burgundy, Dude, Where's My Car, and Wedding Crashers. Though funny, none of these movies have any under-lying meaning to them and serve no purpose other than to entertain the masses, and draw a large sum of revenue. Students are not watching epic films such as should be. After talking to my only focus on the comical parts of the movie while overlooking how the producers are telling us that America is generally an ignorant and racist society. The depictions of real people, mak-ing racist claims, and degrading women and foreigners, really drives home the point that most students miss because they are not focusing on what is really important.

Although some of this may be that students really do have real opinions on things and care about our society. This is clearly shown through classroom dis-cussions brought up by a professor which evoke some well thought out opinions from the students. We can also look at the debate clubs, and competitions that are conducted in academia all the time. Those students want to be in that club because they enjoy discussing influential top-ics in society. Due to the voluntary nature of the club we know the students are joining the group for a reason. Lastly, there are a few members of my generation who really do great things and have very influential opin-ions about our society. Even though this is the minority, it does exist and they usually ban together and take control of the

If we want to become respected members of society with our opinions being considered substantial, we need to affect a change. The main focus of our days can no longer be how to

smuggle alcohol past the secu-rity guards on campus. We need to look at what is really important, not only to us, but to the rest of the world as well. I am not saying we can not have any more fun, and we do not need to stop enjoying the movies that we enjoy. What I am saying, is we should take some of the time that we have on our hands to read periodicals such as The New York Times and watch CNN every now and again so we can become aware of what is happening around us. It is up to our generation to find cures for things such as cancer and AIDS because by the time it gets to the generations after us these problems may be too severe to be manageable. No one person can save the world, but if everyone put a little effort into making the world a better place, we would effect massive

Marist professor has right to practice prayer at start of class

I ain writing in response to the front-page story about the con-troversy over Professor Maria Otte's pre-class ritual. While Marist hasn't come down with an "official" ruling, she has been told that her prayers can no longer be said.

What I am about to say might not be accepted very well, but I'll just go ahead with it. Does anyone not see the extreme hypocrisy in this situation other I'd love to see the administration at Marist sit in on some classes where professors consistently indoctrinate their students. Even in classes not

related to political science (my faculties are completely domi-nated by liberals. Fortunately, 1 have had teachers that were obviously of a left-wing ideology, but did a marvelous job of gy, but did a marvelous job of keeping discussions balanced, interesting, and non-partisan. However, there are numerous instances I could highlight where myself, and not to mention plenty of other students I've met, left classes feeling completely looked down upon, shunned, even hurt by the things their professor was spewing.
If Professor Otte's five minutes

of prayer is doing such a disservice to Marist's students then I'd ask those investigating this situation to extend their inquiry into the hour and fifteen minutes plenty of other professors waste with things much more harmful than a prayer asking for nothing but the best for the student body This is just another example of

the crusade being led against religion these days and it's not rengton mese days and its not even surprising anymore. It is things like this that keep me from being satisfied with this college. Diversity only works when it actually promotes a diverse atmosphere. If

can think of a lew other clubs, scrivities, guest speakers, etc. (that Marist finds) that might fall under the same category. Four years at Marist College-four years of preaching about a diverse utopian world that doesn't even exist. Hours of indoctria-rational classes. And norme have a bachelor's degree-but the truth it is becoming less mean-

Zoning regulations prevent off-campus housing for Greeks

I would like to commend the Circle for exposing the discrim-inatory zoning practices of The City of Poughkeepsie in its November 30th article "Zoning bars Greeks from off-campus living". During my time a Marist College I both participat ed in Greek Life and lived off-campus. Through Phi Kappa Sigma I met lifelong friends, strengthened bonds with exist-

ing ones, and became a more successful and confident human being. President Dennis Murray himself is a Greek, and has always recognized the importance that Greek experiences played in his own life, and the

after spending some time in The City of Poughkeepsie, only to move back off after one semes-

independence of off-campus liv-ing. Both of these activities had a positive impact on my college a positive tripact of in y conege experience and life thereafter, and it saddens me that Pouglikeepsie robbing those same experiences from current and future Marist students. Zoning regulations that barred any other group of people from equal access to housing based on commonly accepted stereo-types would assuredly illicit immediate legal action against

the local government.

I sincerely hope that Marist
College, a school which admittedly does not have enough physical room for all of the stu-dents who wish to live on-cam-pus, will stand behind its stu-dents in fighting these frighten-

Sincerely, Thomas E. Harrison '04

The Circle lacks in depth reporting of Marist campus issues

last week's front pages stories. The paper's coverage of "pre-class prayers," as well as the state of Marist's fraternities and sororities represents a higher level of journalism, unseen in previous editions. It's still, how-

ever, simply not enough.

Like many, I've been reading
The Circle since I was a freshman, and eagerly await its
release every Thursday down by driven to near-disappointment paper's content. A quick com-parison of Circle issues of yes-

paper committed with bringing the Marist Community insightful and enlightening articles on pressing student issues. Academics, student life, athletics, Student Government and other areas of concern were covered with rigor and depth.

Today, we are subject to pieces

that reduce week-old national news stories to a paragraph, bloviate on and on about the Iraq War, and rely on sources like the ever-accurate Wikipedia about Thanksgiving football tra-ditions. It is difficult to sit here and suggest these stories aren't determine the way Marist oper-necessary - they are. The Circle ates and is perceived in the com-allows students of journalism to ing years. Anyone of us can, if

hone their skills on the issues

near and dear to them...
But what about the issues near and dear to Marist? The Circle is the "student newspaper of Marist College." Let's report on things about Marist College. In this sense, I believe *The Circle* has strayed from its charge. We owe it to ourselves, as a Student owe it to ourselves, as a Student Body, to have a press that sinks its teeth into issues that affect the trajectory of this institution. Furthermore, The Circle owes it to us. I could easily compile a list of unresolved, and upcom-ing issues of contention that will determine the way. Marie overdetermine the way Marist oper-ates and is perceived in the comthey think hard enough. Trust

me - the stories are out there.
The two stories covered in last The two stories covered in ass-week's issue represent a diver-gence from this norm. They are not superficial, rather, they explore what can be done better. This is the primary function of The Circle. It should raise the The Circle. It should raise the level of discourse on campua, about campus issues. It should facilitate debate, and report ideas about where Marist is heading. Its a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

Michael A. Sterchak '07

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Transforming the historic railroad bridge into a pedestrian walkway

By KRISTINA CIONI Circle Contributor

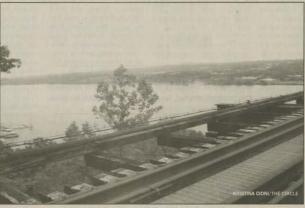
Just outside your window is a structure 212 feet above the Hudson River that offers some of the best views of the Mid-Hudson Valley. This spot, spanning over a half mile across the river, can be found on the historic Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge

To most students, this bridge is just an obsolete object in our scenic background. It has not been open to the public, however, some have actually had the opportunity to walk across the bridge and see what it has to offer. I luckily was one of them. Once I got over the creaking wooden planks I was stepping on, and the river rushing 200 feet beneath me - and maybe the screeching from the woman suffering from vertigo five feet in front of me - I was able to take in the most awe inspiring views

on the Hudson Valley.

The group that made this possible is the nonprofit organization, Walkway Over the Hudson. Walkway is based in Poughkeepsie, New York. Its mission is to convert the relic of the railroad age into a linear park for walkers, hikers, joggers, bicy-clists and people with disabilities. The walkway will be an added attraction to the Poughkeepsie

Upon completion, the park and walkway will not



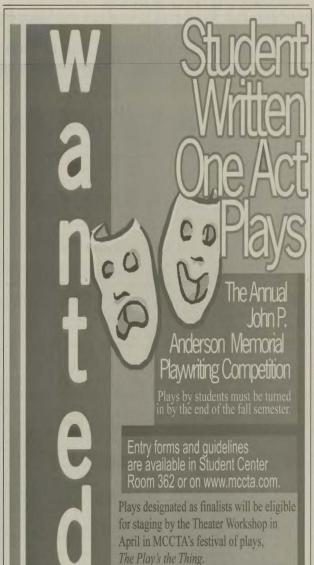
only connect Poughkeepsie to Highland, the entire Over the bridge to Highland, the rail trail will end rail trail will start in Hopewell Junction, go in New Paltz, connecting a total of four towns and through Vassar College, connect Marist College on four colleges. This will be done with the help of in New Paltz, connecting a total of four towns and four colleges. This will be done with the help of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association, a non-

profit organization charged with developing and maintaining the trail in Dutchess County.

It may not seem as if any progress has been made, but in the past few years Walkway Over the Hudson has surpassed numerous goals, every year getting closer and closer to its final vision. Last month, divers were sent into the river to inspect the piers holding the bridge up. The reports coming back have been positive, giving Walkway the green light for trekking on. In addition, Walkway has raised more than a million dollars from it growing membership and grants from government and private resources.

and private resources.
The group hopes that the bridge will be completed by 2009 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's voage and discovery of the River. In order to make this happen, Walkway Over the Hudson is turning to the community and asking people to join their efforts by becoming a member and volunteering. This does not necessarily involve money; volunteers can help the organi-zation with community events or simply just spread the word about the organization to others. The more community support Walkway Over the Hudson has, the easier it will be for this project to

For more information visit www.walkway.org



Email Gerard.Cox@marist.edu if you have any questions.



Sigma Sigma Sorority takes part in the Linus Project

By TRICIA CARR Staff Writer

On Christmas Eve in 1995, "Joy to the World," an article featuring a small child going through chemotherapy, was fea-tured in Parade Magazine. In this article, the child said that her

security blanket was there with her for all of her treatments. After reading "Joy to the World," Karen Loucks started providing homemade blankets to the Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center in Denver. With this, Project Linus was born.

The Linus Project is a national

program that prides itself in pro-viding blankets for severely ill children and teens. The blankets are collected by local Project Linus chapters and distributed to hospitals, shelters, and social service agencies where they are given to young people who need SEE LINUS, PAGE 5

column about nothing Kate Moss, Paris Hilton, and Marist Girls

By MORGAN NEDERHOOD

As I walk up the stairs to my floor, I detect a As I waik up the stairs to my noor, I detect a slight beat wafting down the stairwell, and I immediately know that it is either Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night. I open the hall's door, and my senses are assaulted by an overload of noise and commotion. The girls are

overload of noise and commotion. The girts are obviously primping for a night at a club or party. It is only 8:30 at night, and the music has already begun - usually it will not start until 9:30 or 10:00. As I walk to my room at the end of the hall, my eyes and ears are overwhelmed with the scene: Almost every single door is open, and as I look through each doorway, I see about four girls per dorm room. Girls run from one room, to the bathroom, to another room, and then they dash back to their first room. My eyes are practically bleeding from seeing such an indecent amount of my floor mates' bodies, and the overabundance of sequins, glitter, and jewels is causing me to

I continue down the hall, and my head is invaded by an onslaught of techno and pop beats. Rather than play their favorite mixes to them-selves, most of the girls spread the love by opening their doors and blasting some tunes. Walking through four different songs all at once is a dis-turbing experience that usually renders me confused and overwhelmed. My mind is only able to

songs is positively terrifying. These play lists all have the same common ingredients: Ashlee Simpson, N*SYNC, and Justin Timberlake. For some extra flair, a few rap and techno songs can be heard every so often. Nothing is wrong with these artists, as long as they are practiced within moderation. I constantly wonder if the songs are

played toud enough to create beats able to make a pace-maker skip. I think it's possible. Between the bodies everywhere, the glitter, and the mind-numbing beats, walking to my room is a mind-boggling experience, and it is easy for a homebody like me to feel overwhelmed. I imagine it is basically the equivalent of snorting five lines of coke and then attending some under-ground rave in Amsterdam. All the hall needs is a strobe-light and some black or grey paint on the walls, and we're set.

Most nights, I will flee to the safety of the sixth

floor, and then re-emerge once the clubbers have left. Trying to do much of anything with a rave all around you is distracting, to say the least. I once attempted to watch a movie, only to have Ashlee Simpson scream. "I like it better when it hurts." in the middle of a death scene. Yes, it was a bit of a mood-killer. By 11:00 or 11:30, most of the party Now, all I have to do is wait for 2:30 or 3:00 a.m. when the girls come back

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Sorority works with Project Linus

Sigma, whose philanthropy is "Sigma Serves Children," participated in Project Linus. Spread across the Leo Stone Lounge, sisters put together colorful, fleece blankets. With 29 sisters in attendance. Sigma was able to make 16 large blankets.

Tricia Carr and Kate Kelliher. the community service chairs for Sigma Sigma Sigma ran the event. They said they thought the event went well and were happy that the sisters were excited

Liz Dumont, the sisterhood chair of Sigma Sigma Sigma, said she had fun doing Project Linus and thought it was a good community service event.

"It was really nice to se

everyone working together for our cause," said Dumont. Project Linus is known for

only collecting handmade blan-kets. According to their website, www.ProjectLinus.org, they receive thousands of letters from children thanking them for their

how touched they are that a stranger would take the time to make something for them," the website says. "They really know the difference. Purchased blankets are nice, but handmade blankets are from the heart." The blankets that Sigma Sigma

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Health

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Anorexia still prevalent among young women

By LAURA MIDDLETON Circle Contributor

Some students' desire to be thin leaves them starving for perfec-

The average woman is 5'4" and weighs 140 pounds while the average model is 5'11" and average model is 511 and weighs 117 pounds. This star-tling statistic from the National Eating Disorders Association reveals the unhealthy standards that many young women are aspiring to meet. Some students at Marist College are feeling the pressure to live up to the emaciated "ideal." Both men and women encounter unrealistic images and their expectations are

Dr. Mary Dunne, the college physician at Health Services, said that women are vulnerable to unreasonable expectations and that today voluptuous Marilyn Monroe would be considered fat.

"The visual model for women has become more extreme," said Dunne.

Dunne said that most of the students with eating disorders at Marist began battling their ill-nesses in high school but the

they can walk close to the edge when exploring things on their own and it is with those people that early intervention is really important," said Dunne.

Early intervention from friends is vital and they need to understand that eating disorders are a

freedoms that come with the col-lege setting can put people at risk. Gina Barricelli, a senior, said "Without a support structure they can walk close to the edge about their bodies as women.

"A lot of guys here are overly health conscience and their eating habits are unhealthy," said Barricelli.

Erin Kibble, a senior, said that there are men at Marist suffering from eating disorders and that

The average woman is 5'4" and weighs 140 pounds while the average model is 5'11" and weighs 117 pounds. This startling statistic from the National Eating Disorders Association reveals the unhealthy standards that many young women are aspiring to meet

than fixed.
"The less isolated someone is ne healthier they will be," said "Communication is always important. Peer communication, about pressures for women to conform to stereotypes to be 'perfect,' is especially important in a college."

Dunne said that females ome adept to avoiding interface but they are not the only silent victims of eating disorders. "In the professional field we

challenge that is managed rather they too are striving for unrealis-

"I think there is just as much pressure for a guy to look good as there is for a girl," said Kibble. "At least on this campus. No one on this campus sees over- exercising as a problem and it is a serious symptom of an eating disorder.'

As a concerned resident assis tant, Kibble has gained valuable advice from Yvonne Poley from the counseling center who cializes in eating disorders

to weight or appearance because no matter what you say it will trigger more of the behavior," said Kibble

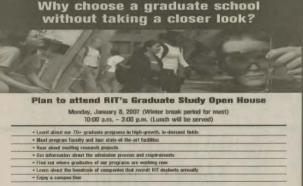
Resources are available at health services or the counseling center for students who need support on campus. No concern is too small. Anorexia nervosa has the highest premature mortality rate of any psychiatric disorder. According to The Eating Disorder Foundation, 10 million American women and 1 million men suffer from an disorder and these numbers are increasing at an alarming rate.

Online resources for information and advice:

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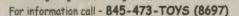
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Christmas movie guide: the best and worst holiday flicks

By ALISON JALBERT Staff Writer

It's the holiday season, so you constantly being barraged with holiday movies from the second the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade ends until the last pine needles have fallen off your

Christmas tree.
Some of them are bad, some of them are good, and some of them aren't even worth watching in post-Christmas dinner stupor. To help you sort out the holiday movie options out there, I give you my personal picks of the best and worst movies of the holiday

We'll start out with my favorites, because I really try to be a glass-half-full kind of girl. One recent movie that become a staple of my holiday viewing is the 2003 comedy "Elf." This movie tells the story of sweet, innocent Buddy the Elf, (Will Ferrell) who finds out as an and there are plenty of funny moments as Buddy experiences life as a human. And let's be hon-est, the sight of Will Ferrell in bright yellow tights could make any movie funny. I don't know about your holi-

day family gatherings, but mine are far from perfect. Maybe that's why "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" is such a refreshing holiday movie. Chevy Chase reprises his role as well intentioned but ill-fated Clark Griswold, who simply wants to have the best Christmas ever. As hard as Clark tries, nothing seems to go right, from a disaster with the Christmas lights to a crazy uncle burning their Christmas tree down.

This movie is a great holiday flick because it's not only hyster-ical, but it paints a more realistic picture of what the holidays are actually like. We may not all have a Cousin Eddie who empties his motor home's toilet into our sewer, or an Uncle Lewis who burns down our Christmas knows the story of the miserable green Grinch who detests everything about the Whos and Christmas.

This movie has been around since our parents were young, but I think that only makes it even more of a good holiday film, enabling different generations to share in this holiday tra-dition. When the Grinch's heart grows, my heart grows too. I'm not ashamed to admit that I have songs from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" on my iTunes, or that I know all the words and

Don't even get me started on Ron Howard's live action ver-sion of "the Grinch." I'll take my Grinch animated with a dash of

Okay, so maybe I lied. There is actually room in my heart for another animated Christmas movie. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" is the last one, I Christmas" swear. I have memories of watching this movie every time I wastelling this move every time? I visited my grandparents in Massachusetts, no matter the season. I used to watch this every Fourth of July Weekend, much to the chagrin of my family.

There's just something about the simple joy of this movie that always gets to me. I have never been a fan of the "Peanuts" characters, but watching Charlie Brown discover the true meaning of Christmas never fails to make me smile. Not to mention I share his pain in trying to decorate a measly scrap of a Christmas tree.

Oh, and in case you were wondering, yes, I do have the songs from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on my iTunes.

My final favorite holiday movie is one that I've only recently come to enjoy. I saw "A Christmas Story" on TV a few years ago, and after the movie was over, I found myself settling in for the annual twenty-four hour marathon.

"A Christmas Story" tells the "A Christmas Story" tells the story of young Ralphie Parker, (Peter Billingsley) who really just wants "an official Red Ryder, carbine action, two-hun-dred shot range model air rifle," but all of the adults around him, including a department store Santa Claus, tell him he will

"shoot his eye out." Based on short stories written by Jean Shepherd, "A Christmas Story" is a fun, campy look at Christmas through the eyes of a young boy. The movie has become somewhat of a cult classic, with such famous scenes as Ralphie's father winning that infamous lamp in the shape of a woman's leg, or Ralphie's friend being "triple dog dared" to stick his tongue against a

I still find myself tuning in various times during the twen-ty-four hour marathon on Christmas Eve to catch my favorite scenes of "A Christmas Story." If you've never seen this movie, I recom-mend you to turn on your TV to TBS at some point on Christmas Eve to add another tradition to your holiday.

Now that I've shared my

favorite holiday movies with you, it's time to disclose my least favorite holiday movies. The worst, if you will. I understand that some of the movies I am about to mention are classics, and maybe some of your favorites, but keep in mind that this is my personal opinion. Just a measly little college stu-

e n t So please don't hurt me.

With that being said, let's get on to what I consider the worst holiday movies. If the combina-tion of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad, and a Christmas movie doesn't turn you away, then I don't know what will. "Jingle All Way" tells the story of two ners (Schwarzenegger and fathers Sinbad) desperately searching to find Turbo Man, an action figure as popular as Tickle-Me-Elmo. Hilarity is supposed to ensue.

This movie is about as materialistic as it can get. There is not an ounce of holiday warmth or eer to be found in this movie and the so-called jokes are flat and clearly forced. "Jingle All the Way" should be used as Exhibit A in an argument as to how commercialized Christmas

Stole Christmas," so it shouldn't be any surprise that it landed on my list of least favorite holiday and star Jim Carrey suck all the fun out of the animated original in this big-budget remake

has become

Now, I normally love Howard and Carrey, (see "The Da Vinci Code" and "Ace Ventura," respectively) but their version of Dr. Seuss' much-loved Christmas tale left me feeling irritated and ripped-off. Whoville is supposed to be grandiose, but instead looks like a rejected Disney World ride. Carrey turns the Grinch into a spastic buffoon, and his ad-libbed scenes are just too painfully long.

I'm a little afraid to admit what

my least favorite holiday movie is, because it is one of the world's most treasured holiday movies. Yes, "It's a Wonderful Life" is my least favorite Christmas movie. I know, I know, it's so touching and it rational and all that, but I just can't stomach the sickeningly sweet plotline.

I assumed that I was simply too immature the first time I watched it, and watched it again last year, but I still didn't like it. I lose interest in the plot and the characters, and it's just so predictable. I still hold out hope that maybe I'll watch "It's a Wonderful Life" in ten or twenty years and finally understand why everyone loves it, but for now, I'll just change the channel and find which channel "A Christmas



adult that he is not, in fact, an elf, but a human who was adopted after he climbed into Santa's bag

Buddy makes the long journey from the North Pole to New York City in search of his biological father, played by James Caan. The story is simple yet sweet,

tree, but I think "Christmas Vacation" helps us to appreciate our families, despite their quirks

You won't find many animated selections among my favorite holiday movies, but I make a special exception for the 1996 version of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Everyone

Update your iPod with the ultimate holiday playlist

By BETHANY BOHLIN Circle Contributor

It's officially caroling season With the temperature suddenly dropping to its distinct December chilliness and the Marist Campus Tree finally brightening the dark sky, the spirit of Christmas decorates not only the campus, but also the moods of the students.

Along with the customary cam pus holiday activities, such as The Giving Tree and The Sno Ball, familiar holiday songs and jingles seem to pop up every-where the day after Thanksgiving. The traditional carols and classic tunes stay with us each and every year, but here are some new tunes for spreading that holiday cheer. Some you may have heard, some you may dislike, but all represent the cheerfulness of Christmas.
Sufjan Stevens - Come On!
Let's Boogy to the Elf Dance!

Straight off his new release, "Songs for Christmas - A Sing-A-Long," this original piece is a fun and quirky carol that is perfect for both children and adults. Stevens usually takes a soft-spoken approach to his music, so this upbeat song is a refreshing

addition to the traditional Christmas classics.

The Blind Boys of Alabama and Me'Shell Ndegéocello – O Come All Ye Faithful

The raspy deep voice of Ndegeocello speaking the lyrics leads the gospel a cappella back-ground of the Blind Boys of Alabama, making theirs of the most original approaches to a Christmas carol I've ever heard. John Lennon – H Christmas (War is Over)

Not new or revised, this song had to make the list because it is a classic tune written by an iconic singer. Amazingly, decades after it was written, the lyrics still provide hope.

Kate and Anna McGarrigle

III) - Counting Stars

A different approach to looking at the holiday season, this song is from the nostalgic point of view of someone who can't be home for Christmas. The sadness and regret is a harsh reminder that not everyone is lucky enough to have a home, a family and happy memories in the making.

Sarah McLachlan - Song for a Winter's Night

Covering a Gordon Lightfoot hit, McLachlan slows down the original tempo of the song and adds some emotion, making it a romantic and heartfelt piece to listen to when the snow is falling and the wick of the candle burns to its whisper of a close.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Christmas Canon Rock Only this rock-and-roll holiday ensemble could turn Pachelbel's Canon into an extraordinary 1980's-esque Christmas power ballad. All the elements are there the belting of the lyrics, the the electric guitar solo combine to create an astounding anthem

for all Christmas believers. Jewel - Winter Wonderland Twinkling, light and festive in

the beginning with bells and harps, this song shifts to a twang of a country hit, and Jewel creates a tempo changing, genrejumping song complete with a children's choir, making it both inspirational and powerful.

Dave Matthews - Christmas Song

This slow guitar-led Christmas story is perfect to listen to while wrapping gifts for your friends. For that reason, this was one of the most common responses when Marist students were asked to name one of their favorite sea-

sonal tunes.
Barenaked Ladies (featuring Sarah McLachlan) - God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We

Three Kings
During this carol, the usual
Barenaked Ladies sound is given

sound of Sarah harmonizing along the way. A great sing-a-

long song. Il Divo – Oh, Holy Night

This is for all those abroad students who have studied in Europe or for those who plan to visit sometime soon. The Italian male-diva group, Il Divo, domi nates the airwaves in Europe with their powerful balance of emotion and musical talent. Keeping this Christmas classic close to the original version, Il Divo adds the perfect amount of zest and freshness to make the

Leon Redbone and Zooey Deschanel - Baby It's Cold

Yes, this is from Elf. Yes, it is the same actress singing. Yes, it's fantastic.

Even if this song wasn't used in the college student's favorite holiday movie, it would still be on here for its flirty duet that features two voices from opposite

ends of the musical spectrum The deep crooning voice of Redbone is tempting while Deschanel's voice is innocent Descriance is innocent enough to make us believe that she 'really can't stay.' Rufus Wainwright – What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?

Wrapping up the holiday sea-son and hoping for a companion for the New Year, Wainwright vocalizes the worry that he might be alone when the clock strikes twelve. With a warm sound and simple lyrics, this song is perfect to listen to between December 25th and January 1st, 12:00 a.m.

While these carols may not be standard holiday songs that are heard on the radio or in your home, they represent every aspect of the yuletide season. With fun, exciting and unique sounds, these songs can embody any holiday sentiment. Enjoy, be merry, and remember, always download legally.

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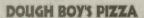
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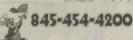
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Men's swimming and diving program earns 200th win

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The team

The Marist Red Foxes swimming and diving team won the H20unds Invitational and earned its 200th win in school history over the weekend in Baltimore.

The Red Foxes beat Delaware. Loyola, and Niagara to push the school win total to 202 all time, and earn an impressive 7-0 (5-0) mark on the season.

Marist rode strong performanc-s from Pat Collins, Greg Jablonski, and Spencer Hartmann to sweep all three matches at the Invitational.

The meet began with Dan Garaffa, Greg Jablonski, Nick Chevalier, and Pat Collins winning the 400-yard medley relay in a time of 3:31.58.

Sènior Pat Collins would go on

to win multiple events and nchor three out of four winning relay teams.

Collins won the 100-yard back-stroke and the 100-yard freestyle O'Nalty won the one-meter event in times of 52.19 and 46.49, on Friday and scored a 438.00 on respectively. The 46.49 time the 3-meter dive to finish second. Collins post-

and Greg Jablonski were also multiple event winners for the

Red Foxes. Hartmann won the 500-yard freestyle in 4:40.00 and

the 1650-yard freestyle in 16:28.47. Jablonski won the 400-yard individual medley in

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-Head Coach Larry Van Wagner 2 2 8 - 1 4 0 over Loyola

and 272-95 over Niagara.

The team win at the H20unds Invitational also marked the 200th win in school history in the 28 years the program has been in

Marist Red Foxes coach Larry VanWagner said the historic win

coaching staff.
"We've come a long way in 28 years, and a lot of that has to do with consistency and coaching," VanWagner said. "A lot of it is also due to Melanie Bolstad [associate head coach/diving head coach] who has been with the school for 18 years.

Coach Van Wagner also said the team's success has been a credit to the swimmers and their will-ingness to train and compete day in and day out.

'I'm proud of our kids," VanWagner said. "I think this is the most demanding sport here at Marist and there's not another team that makes a greater com-mitment than this one. It is their decision to dedicate themselves, and it has been a wonderful transition over the 28 years.

Diving coach Melanie Bolstad said she is also proud to be part of this winning tradition the school has established.

"It's exciting to do so well when you only swim in ten to eleven meets all season long," Bolstad said. "This means that the team has to go .800 every year to get where we have.

The Red Foxes will begin to prepare for the second half of the season as they will have a short hiatus over this next month. The next month will be full of trainand preparation for Seton

Hall on January 12, 2007. "We will train for the last two weeks before taking a trip to Coral Springs, Florida," Coral Springs, Florida," VanWagner said. "Our last four weeks will get us ready for the MAAC conference championships."

Roarin Red Foxes

female star performer

Swimming and Diving Team



team entered this past Invitational with 199 wins. With a sweep of its opponents, the Red Foxes earned Coach Van Wagner and the program its 200th all-time victory. This sweep also kept the Foxes perfect for the season, at 7-0, and 5-0 in the MAAC

On the horizon: January 12 at Seton Hall.

Melissa Mangona, Diving, Junior



Mangona was named the week. This marks the this honor, all three coming in this, her junior season. Mangona was impressive n this past weekend's sweeping the diving events. The junior earned the top spot off the onemeter board with a final point total of 226.45, and ing 424.30 points

On the Horizon: The Red Foxes return to competition on January 12



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Mangona and Falco lead women's swimming and diving at H2Ounds

By RICH ARLEO

Juniors Melissa Mangona and Jamie Falco led the Marist omen's swimming and diving team to wins over two of its three opponents in the H20unds Invitational at Loyola this past weekend.

events for Marist, as she bested the field in the 100-yard butterfly and then again in the 100-yard freestyle, posting times of 59.16 and 54.62 seconds respectively; continuing her great season thus

Mangona also had another spectacular meet, as she was able to sweep the diving events for the Red Foxes. She placed first in both the one and three-meter diving events on Saturday. The

junior diver posted a winning extremely tough competition. score of 226.45 in the one meter "We performed well over a dive, while also winning the Van Wagner said. "We knew three-meter event with a score of

Mangona has had an impressive season off the boards thus far, and when asked about his top diver, coach Larry Van Wagner had nothing but positive things to

"Outstanding," Van Wagner said. "Melissa obviously, after being runner up in the [Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference] MAAC for the past two years, is without a doubt the most talented

diver in the MAAC."

As for the teams overall performance, Coach Van Wagner was satisfied with defeating MAAC rivals Loyola and Niagara. He knew though, that Delaware would pose some

"We performed well over all," Van Wagner said. "We knew we had tough competition with Delaware. They are ranked, and it was our first time competing with them, so we knew they would be our biggest challenge."

The coach went on to mention freshman Lyndsay Martin's surprising performance.
"We've been without senior

Lauren Malski for this first part of the season, so freshman Lyndsay Martin has been filling in for the breaststroke and med-ley relays, and she had an outstanding weekend," he said.
"She posted a season best in the 100-yard butterfly, and personal bests in the 100-yard and 200yard breaststroke. She's been getting faster and faster, and I am pleasantly surprised.

The Foxes opened Saturday by placing second in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:41.97. They also came in second in two other relays on the

ond in two other relays on the who we lost in day, posting a score of We performed well over 1:51.09 in the all. We knew we had 200-yard medically relay, and tough competition with 3:39.59 in the Delaware. relay

Saturday's events, the Red Foxes move to 5-2 on the season, and remained undefeated in the MAAC with a 5-0 mark. The team will head to the west coast for intersession

Coach Van Wagner said the Red Foxes have two extremely competitive meets coming up

against Seton Hall and the University of Maryland University of Mary Baltimore County (UMBC). "The first is against Seton Hall, who we lost to last year. Then

next. top-ten-ranked UMBC," he said. "I sched-uled them to

> petition, -Head Coach placed them at Larry Van Wagner the end of our schedule

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we're prepared for the championship season."

The Red Foxes next meet is at Seton Hall at 2 pm on January 12, and their final meet before the championship season is at UMBC on January 27.



*Transportation from McCann at 9:30 to the Hudson Valley Sports Dome, all sports; softball, frisbee, rugby, field hockey, wiffle ball, dodgeball, lacrosse, football, soccer, etc.

Women's Basketball: Friday, Dec. 8 - vs. Loyola (MD),

Men's Basketball: Friday, Dec. 8 - vs. Canisius, 7:30

Marist overcomes 14-point deficit to defeat Richmond



Senior center James Smith tallied eight points and seven rebounds in the 80-73 overtime victory against the Richmond Spiders. The team game and is on a three game winning streak as they enter MAAC play.

By JOE FERRARY

The Marist men's basketball team extended its winning streak to three games, defeating the University of Richmond Spiders 80-73 in overtime on Saturday night in Richmond, VA.

With the win, the Red Foxes improved their record to 6-2 while Richmond fell to 3-3.

Senior guards Jared Jordan and Will Whittington scored a game-high 30 points a piece for the Red Foxes. Both players fin-ished the game eight-for-18 from the field.

All of Whittington's baskets came via the three-pointer. Jordan led Marist with eight assists and secured seven rebounds to tie senior center

Richmond was led by freshman center Dan Geriot who tallied 18 points while red-shirt freshman Ryan Butler tied a career high with 16 points for the Spiders.

In the first half, neither team led by more than five points as good defense and poor shooting were two themes of the first half. The Red Foxes only shot 28.6 per cent from the field while the Spiders shot 35.7 per cent from

After a see-saw first half, the Red Foxes found themselves down only three points, 27-24, going into break. At halftime, Jordan led the Red Foxes with 13

Head Coach Matt Brady said he was not concerned with his team's offensive output in the first half.

"Everyone talks about how they are a great offensive team," Brady said. "But they are a great defensive team. At the half I just told the guys to put the ball in the lane, and I knew that both teams would score more points in the second half."

Coming out of half time, the Red Foxes offensive woes continued as the Spiders built a 14-point lead, 53-39, with only 10:08 remaining in the second

With his team down 14 points, Coach Brady was not worried about the outcome of the game.

"I thought that we might come back from this deficit," Brady said. "When we watched film on Richmond, we saw that they had a tendency to build big leads and not to put teams away. They are a young team."
The Red Foxes staged a come-

back as they went on a 19-4 run over the next eight minutes to cut the lead to just two points, 57-55, on a Shae McNamara lay-up.

The Spiders continued to add to their lead as Ryan Butler's three pointer extended the lead to 5 points, 63-58, with just 1:05 on

After a quick Jordan lay-up and a turnover by Richmond, the Red Foxes found themselves down ints, 63-60, with 18 seconds left in the game.

Jordan described the last possession for the Red Foxes.

"In the timeout we had a play that was for me to drive into the lane and get a quick two points," he said. "As I drove into the lane, the defense collapsed and I saw Will coming off of a flare screen in the corner. I passed him the ball and he made the shot

Richmond was unable to win the game in regulation as freshman David Gonzalvez's shot in the paint rolled out as time expired.

The score was tied at 63 going into overtime.

With the momentum Marist's side, the Red Foxes hit their first three shots to build a 71-66 lead with 2:21 to go. The Red Foxes would hit their freethrows down the stretch to close

out the victory.

Jordan said he was proud of this team as they stole the win a way from Richmond.

"We knew going into this game that we were the better team," Jordan said. "We didn't play well to start off the game and they caught us off guard. We

game that we would have lost."
For the game, Marist held the edge in field goal percentage 41.8 to 40.4 and three point percentage 35.3 to 22.7. The Red

Foxes held a slight margin in rebounding 39-37.

After an impressive start to the season against a tough schedule, Coach Brady said it is time to focus on the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).

"Over the first part of the sea son, we proved that we could play with most teams in the country, but that is behind us now," he said. "Next week starts the regular season for the MAAC and everyone starts out with the same record, 0-0."

Coach Brady's Red Foxes are back in action Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 in the McCann Center to take on up-state rival Canisius. This contest is the second part of a double-header with the Marist women who play Loyola at 5

In news off the court, the Red Foxes climbed six spots to number 11 in the collegeinsider.com Mid-Major Poll. Senior guard Jared Jordan claimed his second, consecutive MAAC co-player of the week for finishing the week averaging 28 points, 9 assists, 7.5 rebounds, and 1.5 steals.

Foxes maul Bison while handing them first home loss of season; MAAC play begins this weekend

By CASEY LANE

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The Marist women's basketball team defeated Bucknell 57-38 on Sunday, handing the Bison their home loss at the Sojka Pavilion this season.

The Red Foxes were led in scoring by red-shirt junior Meg Dahlman and freshman Rachele Fitz, who both had 15 points and six rebounds. Red-shirt sopho-more, Julianne Viani, had a career-high seven rebounds and a season-high 13 points, nine of

which came via three-pointers.

The Bison shot a season-low
26.9 percent (14-52). Marist
coach Brian Giorgis believes his team put forth its best defensive effort of the year.

"We contested [shots] and we

didn't give them a lot of open looks," Giorgis said. "I thought that was huge. We conte We conte turnovers, a couple which lead to crucial baskets for us."

Free throws by Kesha Champion gave Bucknell an early lead with the first two points of the game. would never trail again.

The Foxes scored the next 10 points on their way to taking a 16-3 lead as the Bison missed their first 13 field goal attempts.

By the end of the first half, Marist had a 30-15 lead, the kind of start Giorgis said is important for the Red Foxes to have.

"It is really critical for us to get off to a good start against a good team at their place," he said. "It forced them to have to work much harder to get back. Sometimes when you use so much energy to come back, at some point you hit a wall, and I think that's what they did."

The Bison started the second half with a lay-up from Amanda

Brown and a three-point shot by Lauren Schober to cut the lead to But Viani answered for Marist by draining threes on

back-to-back possessions. Lindsey Hollobaugh cut the Red Fox lead to seven by hitting two free throws with 5:15 left in the game. The seven points would be the closest the Bison came the rest of the way.

Coach Giorgis said he never felt that the game was slipping

away.
"The people that we had out there had been in those types of games," he said. "We had experienced people out there who did

Marist finished the game on a

from Dahlman The Foxes shot 41.5 percent for the game. Senior Alisa

Kresge totaled seven assists seven rebound and four steals for the game. The sever rebounds four steals were season highs. was the 49th in her time career recorded two or more steals in a

Bucknell with eight points each. It was the first time in over

double digits in points.
Fitz was named Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) rookie of the week for the second week in a row. She averaged 15.5 points, 4.0 rebounds, and 1.0 assist in the two Marist victo-

Fitz joins Kristen Vilardi as the only players in school history to win MAAC rookie of the week award in consecutive weeks. Vilardi's achieved the honors during the 2002-2003 season. The Red Foxes next game will

be the first MAAC contest of the regular season, as they host Loyola at 5 p.m. at the McCann Center.



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