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WMCR and Channel 6 fight over frequencies

by JEN FEMMINELLA
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WMCR and Channel 6 are having problems sharing air.

Last week, Channel 6 and WMCR's frequencies crossed resulting in scrambled picture and audio on Channel 6 (CBS).

WMCR and Channel 6 both broadcast over a television antennae which is located above Champagnat. Tim Lawton, Telecommunications analyst, said that when two signals are that close, they interfere and corrupt each other.

This year, WMCR was forced to slightly change its frequency signal. A licensed station took over its old frequency. These licensed stations receive prior-

ity over education stations.

WMCR's new frequency was close, if not the same, as the frequency that Channel 6 comes in over the television antennae.

Lawton said that to combat this problem, a special filter was bought to separate the two frequencies. Lawton said this filter works well most of the time, but periodically needs tuning.

Last week, in an attempt to increase the signal to Gartland, WMCR turned its frequency from one-tenth of a watt to two-tenths.

Greg Boyd, general manager of WMCR, said this was seen as a problem immediately, and returned to the one-tenth of a watt.

"I was surprised this was a

problem," he said. "One-tenth of a watt is less than that of a double A battery."

Lawton said that increasing WMCR's signal strength would have an impact on Channel 6, but this was not the problem with the television reception.

"Regardless of the signal increase, we have to keep maintaining this filter," Lawton said.

Right now WMCR has a one-mile radius signal, which discourages many disc jockeys, Boyd said. Many DJs are also discouraged by equipment which is constantly in need of repair, he said.

"The station is like a clunking old car; nothing ever works," he said.

Boyd said he is trying to make

WMCR more like a real station, but an FCC license is needed. These licenses cost \$10,000 and is out of the club's budget.

Boyd said he would like to get the Communications faculty more involved in helping the station get this FCC license like Vassar and New Paltz.

"I'd like WMCR to remain a club where people can have fun playing music they like to hear, but I'd also like more seriousness and professionalism from the disc jockeys," he said.

Scott Thompson, alternative/ techno music director, said he is concerned with the FCC license as well.

"We're basically breaking the law by being on the air everyday," Thompson said.

WMCR is on a waiting list for an FCC license, but in order to obtain a license they need to buy out an existing station's frequency. Thompson says he is discouraged by the college administration's attitude towards the radio station.

"Admissions constantly plugs WMCR to incoming freshman, and yet we don't get much funding," he said.

There are solutions for the interference with Channel 6 and WMCR.

A satellite dish can be bought specifically to receive the CBS frequency, or a new antennae can be bought for WMCR. Both these solutions are costly, and would result in an increased cable bill for students.

Faculty and students speak on Iraq issue

by MICHAEL GOOT
Staff Writer

The war with Iraq seems to be diverted, but the situation is still volatile.

People all over the world, and even on Marist campus, are debating what Saddam Hussein's reported stockpiling of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons means for everyone.

United Nations Secretary General, Kofi Annan, recently reached an agreement with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, to allow the U.N. access to inspect facilities which President Saddam Hussein had previously declared off limits.

Vernon Vavrina, assistant professor of political science at Marist, said the key issue is whether Hussein is going to cooperate with the inspectors.

"I think the president made it pretty clear the other day that the U.N. wants unfettered access to the facilities," he said. "I don't think Saddam Hussein is going to give them that."

Vavrina said chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction pose a real danger to Americans.

"I think there's a genuine threat out there regarding weapons of mass destruction and I think the American population is fairly naive in terms of this," he said. "And we're not well prepared to deal with it."

According to Vavrina, what also makes the process difficult is that it does not require a lot of space to make chemical or biological weapons. The same

type of equipment used to make the weapons can also be used to make legitimate products as well.

Because of these factors, Vavrina said the U.N. needs unrestricted access.

"The only way to really know the extent of the arsenal of Saddam Hussein is to have the United Nations inspectors go in wherever they want, whenever they want and look," he said.

Vavrina said if some kind of military action is taken against Iraq within the coming weeks, participation will probably be limited to the United States and Great Britain. Russia would probably not participate.

"They have been close ties with Iraq and Russian leaders, and they don't want to look like they're being pushed around by the U.S.," he said.

According to Vavrina, other countries like France, who have had problems with bombings in Algeria, would fear a terrorist response if they participate in a military confrontation with Iraq.

Vavrina said the United States might also have to worry about potential terrorist acts.

"Perhaps some agent of Saddam Hussein or some terrorist group or individual might have access to chemical or biological weapons and might try to use them in unsavory terrorism," he said.

If a military situation should occur, Jennifer Smith, a senior communications major, is one Marist student that could be

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Candidates duke it out in presidential debate

by BEN AGOES
News Editor

Today Marist students will find out who will be their next student body president.

During last week's presidential debates, candidates Colleen McCulloch and Mikal Lee presented their platforms to a live audience over Marist College Television. Some of the key issues were communication, experience, campus security and bookstore prices.

There was little descent between the two candidates on the issue of communication between student government and students.

Lee said his administration would reach out more to stu-

dents though cooperation with individual Resident Student Councils. The current SGA administration headed by student body president, Frank Maduri, did not communicate well with students, Lee said, and he vowed to change that.

"I'm not sure that the Maduri administration did the best communicating to students," Lee said. "Students didn't know what 'The Year of Action' meant."

The college should encourage more student involvement by having campus-wide referendums to tackle difficult problems, he said.

McCulloch agreed there should be more student referendums, and said her adminis-

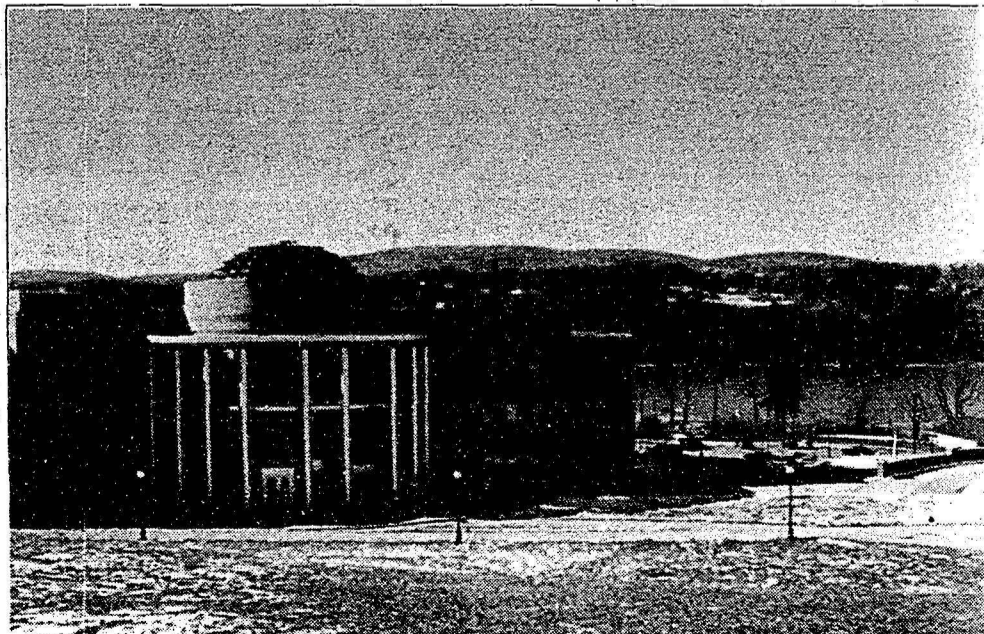
tration would generate an SGA newsletter to further keep the community informed. She also proposed that some SGA meetings be held in different dorms on alternating weeks.

Having meetings in Champagnat Hall one week and in Leo the next week would bring SGA and student life issues to those people that normally would not venture out to hear about them, she said.

On the issue of experience, McCulloch attacked Lee, saying his three years as diversity awareness chairman on the student programming council (SPC) is not enough to meet the chal-

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A beautiful view...



Even in winter time, the view from the campus green overlooking the rotunda, the Hudson River and beyond, is breathtaking.

What's Cool on Campus

Today:

Men's & Women's Swimming at ECAC Championships

Night: Black Student Union Performance

Night: MCCTA Spring Drama Performance

Friday:

Men's & Women's Swimming at ECAC Championships

Night: Class of 1999 Semi-Formal

Night: MCCTA Spring Drama Performance

Night: Ice Hockey Super East Playoffs

Saturday:

Class of 2000 Ski Trip

Class of 1999 Junior Ring Ceremony

Night: MCCTA Spring Dance Performance

Night: Class of 2001 Karaoke Night

Sunday:

Day: Men's & Women's Indoor Track at Seton Hall: Last Chance

Day: Men's & Women's Basketball at MAAC Championship

MCCTA Spring Drama Performance

Night: Ice Hockey Super East Playoffs

Tuesday:

Day: SEGA Fund Raiser

Wednesday:

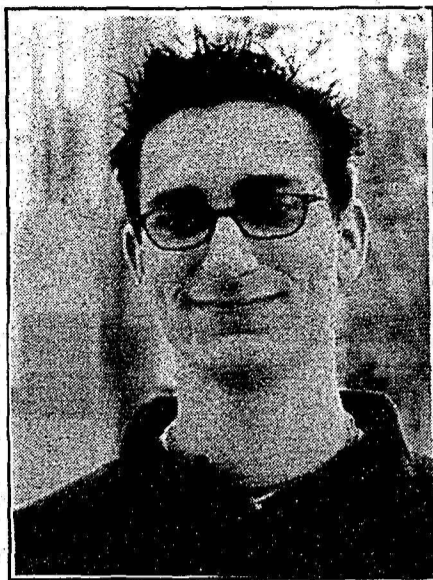
Day: SEGA Fund Raiser

Gender Equality Info Table

Night: Ice Hockey at ACHA

In Your Opinion

Are you interested in the SGA elections? Why or why not?



Andrew Orefice
Junior

"Yes, I am because specifically one of the candidate's goals appeal to what I feel is wrong with Marist College."



Stas Drakos
Freshman

"No, because the people on television and the posters all around are all crap."



Bill West
Freshman

"No, I just don't have an interest in student government."

SECURITY BRIEFS

Friday, February 20, 9:50 p.m. - Security noticed that a screen to one of the windows of a Gartland E apartment had been tampered with. When they went to the door to make the members of the house aware that someone may have tried to break in, they walked into what was an unauthorized party of 25 to 30 people. According to security, people started running out of the doors and windows when they arrived at the door. However, one of the members of the house says that this wasn't so, and that the party nor security's presence was not a big deal.

Saturday, February 21, 1:30 a.m. - A male student was walking in the City of Poughkeepsie waiting for a cab, when an unauthorized vehicle pulled up to him and a passenger asked him if he wanted a ride. One guy said he had a gun and demanded the victim get in the car. They drove around for a while, and before dropping him off they took his watch and cash totaling \$100. The victim reported the incident to his RD the next day, and was then interviewed and transported to the City of Poughkeepsie Police Dept. where they are now handling the case. In reference to any situation involving a strange car Joe Leary, head of

security states, "Don't get in the car no matter what the circumstance. What do you do? Run!"

Monday, February 23, 12:00 a.m. - A patrol responded to a complaint that a window had broke in Marion Hall. While moving around the outside of the building he found a metal grape off of a drain hole, and two stone tops to benches tossed aside. Security covered the drain back up and took care of the stone tops. "Some hero thinks that was funny," states Joe Leary.

Monday, February 23, 2:15 a.m. - Security received a call from a Champagnat RA regarding a water leak on the 9th floor. A faucet in the sink of the men's room had been broken off allowing water to fill the bathroom and spill into the hall. An officer covered it with a garbage can and another officer stopped the flow with some tools he had. "Some other hero was playing that game," said Joe Leary of the person who broke the faucet.

About weather conditions: Security is no longer responsible for class cancellations. It is up to individual teachers to leave a message on their phone mail to inform students about whether or not class will be held.



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Friday: Cool, cloudy.

38° 51°

Saturday: Cloudy, light rain.

37° 50°

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Strays run rampant on the North End

by THEA CIMMINO
Staff Writer

It seems to be raining cats and dogs on Marist campus... quite literally.

There are several stray cats and kittens, as well as a small brown dog named Abner roaming around. These animals may be cute and furry, but they may also serve a threat to Marist students' well being.

The primary concern here is whether any of these animals have rabies. Five to seven years ago it was reported that a cat was fighting with a rabid skunk. The cat had to be caught and put down.

About three years ago a student was scratched by one of the cats living around Gartland. Animal control caught the cat and it was determined it did not have rabies.

Director of Health Services, Jane O'Brien, said rabies is always a concern with an open campus such as Marist.

"No students have contracted rabies," she said. "But just because an animal is young

and cute doesn't mean they don't have the capability of transmitting rabies. Students should call security with any concerns."

According to Director of Security, Joe Leary, there are over a dozen strays that call campus home.

Leary said the stray dog roaming campus just does not want to be caught.

"Apparently the dog is wanted by its owner, but it won't go with anyone," he said.

Lisa Hamel, Security's office manager, said she has made several calls to the dog warden regarding Abner.

"Students have called me about him," Hamel said. "I've personally called the dog warden at least three times. They've been more than cooperative, but they just can't catch him."

The dog will not let anyone get within 10 feet of him and Midrise Resident Assistant, Chris MacInnis, said Abner may not be wanted by his previous owners and that they may have been abusive.

"I've heard that Abner's own-



These two cats live outside Gartland Commons. Students often feed them and try to play with them, although the cats could be potentially dangerous.

ers live in Wappingers Fall and that they don't want him. What sense would it make for a stray dog to live on campus for over a year and its owners never show up?" he said. "Animals are like humans in that they require love and attention. When that's denied, further contact with others will result in fear and distrust."

The cats around Gartland have been living off student hand-outs for about a year. It must be

considered that one of these felines could come in contact with a rabid skunk or raccoon, but Gartland residents do not seem to be concerned about the possibility.

Gartland RA, Steve Coogan, said it is difficult to turn away a starving cat at your doorstep and no one is rushing to call the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty toward Animals (ASPCA).

"I know the ASPCA was called

once about the stray cats. What I heard is that they picked them up and rather than finding them homes, they were killed," Coogan said. "Whether this be the case or not I don't know, but other people have heard the same thing. I doubt anyone will call the ASPCA about anymore strays."

Health services and security warn not to feed or approach any of the stray animals on campus as a safety precaution.

Student endures military training

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involved.

Smith is a member of the New York National Guard. She said she enlisted in the program because she wanted some challenge in her life.

She said she is not sure of the process for deciding which National Guard units will be mobilized, but when one is activated, they have got to go.

During the summer of her sophomore year, Smith went through basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. There were two components to her training—mental and physical.

She said the mental part was more stressful because of the stressful regiment imposed by senior officers.

"They're basically running your life, telling you what you can and can't do," she said.

However, Smith said she was able to face the challenge.

"I believe it's mind over mat-

ter," she said. "If you put your mind to it, you can do it."

Her job is a systems signals specialist, which basically deals with communications. After graduation, Smith is going into the regular army for three years.

Walt Wheeler, spokesman for the Army and Air National Guard for the State of New York, said the organization is primarily a state-oriented force, dealing with natural disasters and other emergencies, but it can respond to a federal situation as well.

"We come at the governor's call unless the president says we need you for a national emergency," he said.

According to Wheeler, there are some National Guard members in the Persian Gulf right now. He said the State has no say in which units are mobilized.

"The Pentagon will determine which units will be needed," he said.

SGA candidates debate

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lenges of SGA president.

Hands-on experience is essential, she said.

"Are you aware of the working relations you need to do this job?" she asked Lee during the open session of the debate. "More important than the meetings, it is the negotiating and compromising."

Lee came back later with the security issue, blasting McCulloch's personal security devices plan, calling it impractical and too costly.

McCulloch's plan calls for each resident and commuter student to be equipped with a key-chain panic alarm that would notify security of trouble when the button is pushed.

Lee said he would rather see the current blue-light system, which is a network of phones around campus directly connected to security, expanded.

Each of these phones has a distinct blue light above it making it easy to see by any one in trouble.

Lee suggested that the phones be installed every 500 feet on campus, but he was not able to say how cost effective it would be.

On bookstore prices, McCulloch said she sympathized with students, but prices were out of the bookstore's influence.

"Barnes and Nobles' hands are tied," she said. "They make minimal profits."

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Sara Zizzi (left) with Lisa Henderson, kidding around in the green room before MCCTA's *Moon Over Buffalo* last fall.

Student shows theatrical side

SCOTT THOMPSON
Staff Writer

The crowd sat in disbelief as Helen, the lead character in MCCTA's *Machinal*, spontaneously burst into a frenzy of perfectly delivered free verse.

The crowd was even more stunned when, after checking the bios in the program, it saw the lead was only a freshman, Sara Zizzi.

Zizzi is an 18-year-old Aries from New Hartford, NY, and she is all about theater. *Machinal* was her third production this year. Zizzi portrayed Helen, a woman torn between needing the income her marriage to her boss gives her and the fact that her husband repulses him. After an extramarital affair, Helen kills her husband, and is later sentenced to the death penalty.

This performance came after she wowed the crowds as Roz in her mainstage debut, the MCCTA fall comedy *Moon Over Buffalo* and turned in an honest portrayal of the modern woman as June in *The Real Estate*, part of the Experimental Theater Guild's Evening of One Acts.

Lee Orthmann, Zizzi's co-star in *The Real Estate*, said she has a lot of potential for a freshman.

"Sara is very talented," Orthmann said. "When you combine her work ethic with her unlimited love for theater, I'm sure that she will tap into what at times appears to be an unlimited level of potential."

Offstage Zizzi, who is an English major with a concentration in Theater, stands out as well. Freshman Jen Rotolo, Zizzi's roommate, said she is a hardworking and friendly person.

"Sara's not only a good roommate but a good friend," she said. "She's really funny and smart and a good person to be around, not to mention an outstanding actress."

Sophomore John Shibles, Zizzi's boyfriend, said she has the determination to achieve all her goals.

"Sara always succeeds," he said. "When she puts her mind to do things, they get done."

Zizzi, according to Shibles, is a bright part of his life.

"She is always there for me and feels what I feel. When I'm down, she's down, and when I'm happy she's happy," he said.

"Sara is an understanding, fun-loving, beautiful girlfriend. If I ever need a laugh, I call her."

Shibles said Zizzi always shows her deep love for acting.

"She is a talented actress who devotes much of her time to theater," he said. "It is her love, and she is great at it."

Zizzi said if she could name herself something else, it would be Zaria because of the double Z effect.

"Because it's a pretty name and then my initials would be Z.Z., and that would be cool," she said.

If she could be one person for a day, she said it would be Katherine Hepburn. She listens to Broadway soundtracks, Tracy Chapman, and Sarah McLachlan. Her favorite movies include *Titanic*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *Chaplin*.

Zizzi said the word that best describes her is dramatic. She said her favorite thing to do on Friday nights is to go to rehearsal or hang out with her boyfriend. Besides acting, she said she also enjoys cooking and writing: Look for Zizzi in *Stone Soup* in April.

Puff of smoke can lead to addiction

JANINESZAL
Staff Writer

Bob Bammann once thought he was invincible. He knew he had to quit smoking when he woke in the night with a hacking cough. He was one of the millions of teenagers who are blind to the dangers of smoking and cancer because they feel invincible.

According to a recent pamphlet by the American Cancer Society, if an individual begins smoking between the ages of 15 and 24, he or she is more likely to die of lung cancer. Since 1991, the number of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders who smoke has risen an average of 8 percent.

Kippi Brown, cancer information specialist for the American Cancer Society, said although our legislation has taken steps such as not selling tobacco products to minors and banning billboard advertisements, teenagers are not making the connection between cancer and smoking.

"We have lectures at high schools and middle schools in the area about the dangers of smoking and cancer," Brown said. "The dangers should not only be taught in the schools, they should also be enforced in the home and society as a whole."

Brown said it is difficult for teens to recognize the dangers of smoking when they are associated with family members who smoke and cartoon characters such as Joe Camel.

"Our legislature took action to eliminate Joe Camel cartoons from popular sites after 98 percent of teenagers who were surveyed said they were familiar with him," she said. "With some teenagers, Joe Camel was more popular than Mickey Mouse."

Brown said teenagers are ambivalent to the dangers of smoking because they do not realize the consequences as much as older people do.

"They think they are invincible," she said. "They see smoking as a fad and do not realize the addiction and the health risks."

Bob Bammann, sophomore, said he won his fight against cigarette addiction and quit three months ago. Bammann

said the lack of impact that messages have on teenagers is not due to the ineffectiveness of the messages themselves.

"Many teenagers, young and more mature, aren't going to listen to the messages until they experience smoking and see the consequences themselves," he said.

Bammann said the connection between cancer and cigarettes is unclear.

He said teenagers have to be shown what smoking does to the body.

"They have to be shown how and why it causes cancer," he said. "Statistics aren't as powerful as images."

Bammann said teenagers are ambivalent to the dangers of smoking because they see themselves as invincible.

"They have the attitude that it will happen to someone else not them," he said. "It has to be made known that cancer is a disease that could happen to anyone."

Heather Baughman, sophomore, is a current smoker. As streams of grey smoke billowed from her Marlboro Light cigarette, she said the messages deterring teenagers from smoking are not having an impact.

"I think that the impact is greater in people who are older," she said.

Baughman started to smoke because of the influence of her friends. She said that one day there were cigarettes in front of her and everyone was smoking so she did too, and has been smoking ever since.

A recent survey conducted by the American Cancer Society states that if an individual begins smoking before age 15, he or she is 19 times more likely to die than a nonsmoker.

Baughman said teenagers who smoke have the mentality that they are invincible. She said that as teenagers start to smoke, they do not think they will become addicted to nicotine or be affected by cancer.

"I think if you start young, you do not recognize the dangers associated with it," she said. "As an individual matures, they gain more common sense and realize the dangerous effects of smoking and cancer."

Top 10 Ways to Annoy Your Roommate

10. Make your roommate answer the phone every time it rings.
9. Change all the clothes in your roommate's closet and drawers.
8. Let your pet roam around the room.
7. Keep hitting snooze on your alarm clock so it keeps on going off.
6. Stand over your roommate while he/she is sleeping and stare until he/she wakes up.
5. Accidentally delete any phone messages for your roommate.
4. Make strange noises in your sleep.
3. Change the phone password.
2. Talk loudly on the phone at odd hours of the night.
1. Use all your roommate's things like they are your own.

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Food Dude finds true meaning of St. Patrick's Day

TOMNARDI
Food Dude

Saint Patrick's day is a holiday I do not understand (maybe that is because I am Italian.) Maybe that is because I do not know what is being celebrated. Saint Patrick...what exactly did he do? Was he the one who drove the snakes out of Ireland? Or was that the Pied Piper? Or are they one in the same? I decided I should go to Smalley's to try and find out who St. Patrick really was.

Smalley's is located on Route 55, near the outskirts of the town of Poughkeepsie. The bar is very hard to miss since it looks like a castle. Another landmark is the large knight on the roof.

The inside of Smalley's also resembles an ancient castle. Coats of arms adorn the stone walls. One really gets the feeling of being in the movie Braveheart. When I was there,

I kept waiting for a sword-wielding Mel Gibson to show up.

Their menu is fairly extensive. They have a couple of sandwiches that sound very good. The T-N-T burger (\$6.50) is topped with onions and mushrooms. The Town Mess (\$6.75) is ham and Swiss on garlic bread. The Smalley's Mess (\$7.50) is roast beef and melted Swiss on garlic bread. The reason they call them "Mess" is because the meat is piled high on top of a large wedge of bread. The sandwiches are too unmanageable to pick up with your hands. A knife and fork are definitely helpful. One complaint about the sandwiches is that french fries do not come with the meal. If you want them you have to pay an extra \$1.75. This brings the price of the sandwiches up to nearly \$10, which is too much for most college students.

In addition to sandwiches, they have many other items including a few vegetarian dishes:

vegetable lasagna (\$6.95), ravioli (\$7.25), and manicotti (\$7.25). They also have some items which are definitely not vegetarian, including shrimp scampi (\$18), surf and turf (\$22) and Pasta Dorro (\$14.50) which is scallops, shrimp, and crabmeat in a garlic wine sauce. For those who are daring you can order frog legs (\$11.25) sautéed in an onion wine sauce with cheese, served over spinach. Most of the items are priced on the high side, especially since Smalley's is more of a bar than it is a restaurant.

I was going to start my meal off with an appetizer, but there was nothing on the menu that sounded interesting, just the same old wings, stuffed mushrooms and fried mozzarella that you can get anywhere.

I was glad I skipped the appetizer. For my meal I chose the eggplant parm wedge. It was so thick with eggplant and cheese that I was glad I skipped the appetizer. The bread was covered in butter, was greasy and was

sprinkled with too much garlic salt. Other than that, the sandwich was pretty good. The sauce was zesty and sweet.

The sandwich sat in my stomach like lead so I avoided dessert (In retrospect it is probably better not to order Italian food in an Irish bar.)

If you are not going to order the food at Smalley's what should you order? In an Irish bar...Guinness, of course. Guinness is a rich, creamy dark beer, almost like a milkshake for adults. Most people assume that dark beers have more alcohol than regular beers, however, this is not always true. In fact, Draught Guinness (the stuff you get on tap) is only 3.4 percent alcohol. A pint of Guinness has 10 less calories than a pint of orange juice (210 as opposed to 220.) Guinness is also high in iron, which is why doctors in England used to give it to patients who had lost a lot of blood.

Drinking a Guinness among

friends is a great way to bond. On Friday Feb. 27 Guinness is sponsoring what they hope will be the world's largest simultaneous toast in bars across North America. A pint of Guinness will be raised at the same moment (about 11:00 p.m. in our time zone.) Smalley's will join in the festivities with \$2 pints and a T-shirt give-away.

Overall, I would give Smalley's two-and-a-half stars. The food was okay; service was quick (although I was the only person in the dining room.) When it comes to the atmosphere it gets at least four stars. It is one of those places you must go to once in your Marist career. But go for the medieval environment and the Guinness, not the food.

I never did find out who Saint Patrick was, but I did find out what the leaves in the clover represent: faith, love, hope, and the fourth as we all know, luck. 'Till next time.

Volunteer community service program lends helping hand

JENMATARAZZO
Staff Writer

The Spirit of Champagnat is alive on campus through the Volunteer Community Service Program.

Father Champagnat, the founder of the Marist brothers, always saw the real needs of people. He said if there was a need, society should respond. Students of Marist College have the opportunity to follow Father Champagnat's tradition, participating in community service.

Brother Michael Williams, the assistant director of Campus Ministry, said he believes people should not be afraid to get their hands dirty.

"Father Champagnat's spirit is look to those who are marginalized and you take care of them," he said. "Because that is what Jesus came to do."

The Volunteer Community Service Program falls under the same umbrella as Campus Ministry, but is a separate program.

There are many outlets that are available to meet the requests of the students who would like to participate, within the community. Some of these outlets range from working within the public and private grammar schools, working in a nursing home, one-on-one tutoring, BOCES-special needs, Astor Head Start (3 to 5-year-olds), St. Francis Hospital, and daycare centers.

John Sellinger, senior psychology major and an administrator on the community service board, worked in one of the public grammar schools, and

said he has had only positive experiences.

"I come from a rural town and this gave me the opportunity to work in an inner-city school," he said.

Jessica DeCicco, sophomore psychology special education major, also volunteered in a public grammar school. She worked with second graders and said she feels it is an asset for her career.

"I wanted to experience working with children because I plan to be a teacher in the future," she said.

DeCicco said that it is nice to get off campus once in a while.

"Just giving two hours of your time, one day a week, really makes a difference to the kids," she said. "You can see it."

Kathryn Haberman, sophomore psychology special education major, went for the first time last week to a school.

"I was nervous at first, but the kids made me feel welcome," Haberman said.

According to Brother Michael, students who cannot volunteer once a week may participate in special one-day events.

"This applies to students with busy schedules," Brother Michael said. "Special one-day events can involve students to give up a few hours of their time on a certain day when help is needed."

Another event that falls under Campus Ministry, are the city plunges. They are held on weekends around Christmas and Spring Break. Students will travel to towns or cities that are in need of help.

Vanessa Tamarro, sophomore social work major, had the opportunity to attend one of the city plunges, and said she would do it again in a second.

"It was one of the most eye-opening experiences of my life," she said. "I experienced homelessness for the first time and I felt good knowing that I was helping those in need."

Sellinger said they are always looking for more help.

"There are always openings," he said.

The major times to sign-up for community service are at the activities fair at the beginning of each semester. Brother Michael said he accepts applicants at all times, though.

"If people would like to get involved, call extension 2275," he said. "We have a wide variety of outlets to suit people's needs."

Brother Michael said priority points are given out based on attendance.

"Priority points are given out to recognize the work the students have done," he said.

Sellinger said he encourages students to get involved.

"It is a chance to get away from school work and do some service to the community," he said. "Once you give it a chance, you'll realize it is definitely for you."

Brother Michael said he feels a great majority of the campus is generously hearted.

"If you work with the elderly, you will discover you have another set of grandparents," he said. "You work with children, be careful, because they may steal your heart."

Emily's Recipe of the Week

Pudding Pie Squares

20 squares graham crackers
1/3 cup margarine or butter
8-ounce carton sour cream
Package of instant chocolate or vanilla pudding mix
Cup of milk
21-ounce can of cherry pie filling

Place graham crackers in plastic bag and crush with rolling pin. Set aside 2 tbsp. of crushed graham crackers and then put rest in 8x8x2-inch baking dish. Melt margarine or butter and pour into baking dish. Using fork, stir together with crackers. Pat mixture evenly on bottom. Chill in freezer for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, mix sour cream, dry pudding mix, and milk in a bowl. Pour into baking dish. Spoon pie filling over mixture and sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Cover dish with plastic wrap and chill for 3 hours.

GREEK COUNCIL NEWS

Greek Council plans for long road ahead

As the Spring semester takes off, it becomes more difficult for students to concentrate on their work ahead. Soon, the weather will begin to change and nature will be reborn. Everyone starts to move outside to enjoy the warm weather, while homework and papers are put on the back burner. However, some how or some way, students always seem to get their work done. The Greek Council is in the midst of a rebirth of their own.

With the new semester taking shape, the Greek Council has already begun planning events for the student body to take part in. Newly elected president Summer Haverly, of Alpha Sigma Tau, has set the wheels in motion to have the Greek Council become a more recognized group on campus. "The Greek Council wants to make students aware of who we are and what it is we do here on campus," said Haverly. "By doing this, we will have a better chance at trying to recruit new members."

Currently, the Greek Council is made up of five sororities: Sigma Sigma Sigma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Sigma Tau, Kappa Lambda Psi and Sigma Iota Alpha; as well as three fraternities: Alpha Phi Delta, Phi Iota Alpha and the newest fraternity on campus, Phi Kappa Sigma. It is hoped that these fine organizations, awareness of the Greek Council and Greek life on campus will become a more talked about subject.

One of the major events which the council is planning for this semester is a scholarship luncheon for the outstanding academic records achieved by members of Greek organizations. The date for this luncheon is March 4, 1998 and will be held in the Cabaret.

The guest list for the event will be comprised of the members of the Greek Council, the students receiving the honors, faculty and staff members invited by the organizations, as well as a possible appearance by Dennis Murray. In addition, the Council has asked some of the Academic Deans to speak at the luncheon.

All in all, it plans to be a fine example for the fraternities and sororities on our campus to show that they are not only social, but they are also committed to their academics here at Marist.

Written by Terry Duane.

Editorials

Taxi drivers cause great concern

Finishing my third year of school here at Marist, I can recount many shady incidents involving taxicabs in Poughkeepsie. The stories are nothing new, as I am sure everyone has a story to tell. Looking back on the years, I did not realize how naive I was in believing that the taxicabs were a relatively safe means of transportation. My naivete was not that I thought the drivers were good drivers, but it was because I thought that the drivers were actually licensed, monitored, and regulated.

My assumptions were quickly disproved in the beginning of the school year when I heard the news of Tina Ball, the 17 year-old City of Poughkeepsie girl, who was killed in an accident involving a taxicab in the beginning of the school year. After the investigation of the accident, the driver of the cab was discovered to be operating under a suspended license. Neither the taxi company nor the Poughkeepsie Police Department had any knowledge of this fact until after it was too late. Unfortunately, this tragic accident exposed an extremely appalling problem in the city of Poughkeepsie's regulations placed on taxicab owners and operators.

Although the city does not own and operate the taxicabs, it is the duty of the city to regulate the companies that operate the cabs. It has to be the responsibility of city officials to enact comprehensive regulation that would ensure a safer system upon which many people depend upon daily. Taxis have to be held up to the highest scrutiny in order to guarantee a protection for the general public. The facts surrounding this accident have proved that the city has low, unacceptable procedures in regulating taxicab operators and owners.

The requirements for a taxi driver license, in the City of Poughkeepsie is a New York State

Class E (chauffeur's) license. Furthermore, the city requires the applicant to fill out a form, provide a picture and give fingerprints, to be kept on record. The City then issues a one-year license to the driver.

So far, it would seem that the ordinances are adequate enough, but this is where the effectiveness of the city's regulation ends.

The incident involving Ball prompted City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Colette Lafuente to make changes to the city ordinances that would improve the communication between the taxi companies and the police department. In the amendments to the city ordinances, Lafuente has proposed that it is the responsibility of the individual taxi drivers to "report the suspension or revocation of his/her chauffeur's license to the police chief within 24 hours of suspension or revocation."

Lafuente's attempt at fixing this problem is futile. The proposal to add the preceding text seems to be nothing more than lip-service to all who are asking for security in taxi cabs. It is highly disturbing that Lafuente's solution to this problem is to make the taxi drivers police themselves. Allowing such a lenient regulation on taxi drivers is what caused the unfortunate accident in the first place. The continuance of such sub-standard regulations poses a grave threat to the security and well being of everyone riding in Poughkeepsie taxis.

A further examination of the proposed ordinances unveils the intentions of the city to be that of inflexibility when it comes to working with the taxi companies. The city is proposing that the taxi companies police themselves, but will not offer any assistance in keeping the companies informed of the infractions incurred by each driver. If the city wants to enlist the help of the companies in policing themselves, they must be able to show that they are willing to provide the companies with information that can help the companies run a better, safer organization. Many times, the companies are not aware of traffic violations incurred by their drivers, and the city does not provide any notice of infractions to these companies whom are expected to police themselves.

The only seemingly acceptable proposed change was a requirement for the companies to provide a list of drivers to the city on a monthly basis. Unfortunately, even this proposal falls very short of providing a solution to the problem. The city would then check the background of each driver, in order to validate the standing of their respective licenses. This is a good proposal, but it is not nearly enough. Firstly, it is something that should have been done by the city many years ago. The mere fact that before this proposal, the city has made no attempt to monitor the taxi drivers, is shameful. Furthermore, the proposed monthly check is not nearly an adequate remedy to the situation. Each taxi driver is required to have a chauffeur's license, which is controlled by the state. If the license is suspended, then it is the responsibility of the state to contact the city to ensure that the city is aware of any suspension. If a city bus driver were to have his license suspended, the city would find out immediately and the bus driver would be immediately suspended or fired. Why should it be different for taxis? A thirty day periodic check is not acceptable because action needs to be taken in a more hasty manner when a driver no longer meets the requirements for a taxi license.

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Editor cites need for a revision of Core classes

While sitting in one of my classes, I was struck by how overwhelmingly insignificant this information was to the rest of my life. This is not a class required for my major, nor is it a class for my minor, it is a Core class.

Being an English major, and planning to go into some sort-of writing or editing career, I feel there are certain classes that I need to take, classes I should have taken and many classes that were simply a waste of my time. However, most of those classes I was required to sit through in order to obtain my degree, yes, they were all Core classes.

Now, I think the concept of the Core is an excellent one, taking different subjects so that you may find your niche in life, but the actuality of it needs some major improvements.

First of all, the enthusiasm of the professors teaching Core classes needs to be jump-started. It almost seems that if you are a professor, and get stuck teaching a Core or intro class, it is as if you were picked to clean the bathroom on chore day. You know it has to be done, but you really would rather be the one who had to vacuum.

For the most part, the professors I have had for my intro classes do not seem to want to be there anymore than I do, and do not really seem to be in touch with the concept of an intro class. I feel that an intro class should be that-an introduction to a broad subject. Somehow, it turns into what the professor feels is his or her favorite aspect of the subject, i.e. the class they really want to teach rather than the intro class they are stuck teaching.

Another thing that really bothers me about the Core is the subjects you are supposed to take; two classes of English, History, Social Science, Science and Math, as well as Philosophy, Ethics and Religion. However, if you take a foreign language, you may substitute those classes for Core classes.

What does that mean? I thought the Core was necessary to take, but I can substitute? What is the point of taking the Core classes in the first place if I can substitute, anyway? Is there a bit of a mixed message here?

Personally, I came to college with a pretty good idea of what I wanted to do in my life, or at least an idea of what my strengths and weaknesses were. I know that Math is not my forte, nor is Science. And I absolutely detest Social Sciences. There is nothing wrong with any of these, I am just not suited for them at all, yet I was forced to sit through the four worst classes of my college career (four is right, I substituted). I was especially upset in the Intro to Psychology class because I am an animal rights activist, and was forced to watch videos of mice and monkeys being subjected to cruel and unusual tests. I was not impressed with this.

If I could have had a say in my choice of Core classes, I would have gladly taken more History, Philosophy, Ethics and of course, English classes. I would have omitted completely the Math, Science and Social Sciences. There is no need at all in my life to know about those animal tests, or to take an Intro to Biology class that I had already taken in high school. Instead of taking those classes and wasting my time, I could have been taking classes that would relate to my life, or that I at least found interesting. I am paying for these classes, after all.

I will say one thing in defense of the Core-I might not have taken Ethics, which was one of the best classes I have taken here. I honestly feel it made me really think about who and what I am and where my values are (a shameless plug for Dr. Ellard's class). I only wish that all the other Core classes I took affected me that much.

All in all, I think the Core is, as I said before, good in concept, yet poor in practice. If students could have more say in the classes they took, there might be less of the Marist malaise. Imagine a class where everyone actually wanted to be there, and cared about the subject. Unfortunately, a Core class is generally not where this is found.

Stephanie Mercurio is the Editor-in-Chief for *The Circle*

What was that title again?

I have noticed recently that my memory has been failing me terribly. I tried the other day to figure out exactly why this is, but then I forgot what I was trying to figure out. This was when I realized I might have a problem.

Once I remembered, a few days later, what my problem was, I came up with a possible reason for this infliction. Every once in a while I drink a certain beverage, I am not going to say publicly what drink it is, (it is not Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, 7-Up, Splice, Mountain Dew, Tab, or milk) but it comes in a bottle and eats up a lot of my money. This beverage, I believe, has made me miss classes, mess up assignments and make a fool of myself on more than one occasion.

I tried to think of other reasons I might have memory problems when I remembered what someone once told me about being a Pieces. Apparently, Pieces have a tendency to daydream a lot, as well as having problems paying attention and, therefore, remembering things. Though I put no weight in any of this, I simply offer it as a solution to anyone who wants to believe it, as it might make me look better in their eyes.

So what, you wonder, might put you in the same category of memory loss as the absent-minded writer of this article? There are a number of well-documented signals that one should be aware of to try to prevent any unnecessary embarrassments.

The first problem is forgetting simple little things like where you left your keys (in the door

lock, outside) or where your wallet disappeared to (your pants from the night before) or, my favorite, where your f-ing Stone Temple Pilots CD went (you sold it last semester so you could buy a pizza).

The second problem, response time, has two separate criteria. If you respond two to three seconds after being addressed, due to the inhalation of your friends' second hand smoke, this is natural. Smoking, uh, I mean inadvertently inhaling such smoke, will cause sentences to reach your brain two to three seconds later than the average person, so it is no fault of your own. If, on the other hand, your problem is with liquids rather than plant-life, the problem is not natural because you need two to three seconds to remember that someone has spoken to you.

The next issue has three stages of memory deficiency. The first is when you have to ask your friends which night you went to The Foxhole and which night you went to Brady's. This is often not the fault of a bad memory, but rather just a tired person who does not have the energy to think.

The second stage is when someone reminds you on Sunday of a conversation the two of you had on Friday. The problem here is that you argue for ten minutes because you are certain that that conversation could not have happened any later than Tuesday. You know how the conversation goes: "You mean we talked about that Friday night? Are you sure? I could have sworn it had been at least four or five days ago."

The third stage is telling stories to people you have already told them to. For example, "Hey, the funniest thing happened the other night. Me and Tom went to..." There are two possible outcomes to these stories and they depend on the person telling the story. If the story teller notices a bored, yet disbelieving look on their listener's face they will try to cover it up as quickly as possible with something like, "Oh, that's right, I thought I already told you that." In this case the storyteller has saved face, at least a little bit.

For those who are slower and further along in the memory loss stage, the scenario is quite different. They will never pick up on facial expressions and after finishing the story will get angry with their listener for not paying attention (they must not have been paying attention if they did not find that funny). This is when the listener lashes out, "You already told me that story yesterday, you idiot!" At this point I suggest putting tail between legs, foot in mouth and walking slowly off Mid-Hudson Bridge.

If you feel as though you fall into any or all of these categories, you are probably a friend of mine. I am just kidding. I am not really that bad with my memory. I will say one thing, though. I had this great ending to this story all worked out that was really going to shock this school once and for all. Oh man, I cannot believe I forget the f-ing ending to this story.

Tim Manson is the Opinion Editor for *The Circle*

Drab Queen considers herself chicken of the sea

Earlier today, this very column was not quite wordy enough to be a brief description of the contents of a sack of unbleached flour. It was about as bland too. I dedicate this finished column to the student, unbeknownst to me, who may or may not have described me as "drab" in class this morning. Thanks, Pal.

In this particular class, we were each instructed to write a description of one other student and hand it in anonymously. The first two that were read aloud sounded like flattering odes to secret crushes. Then there was the third one.

The writer described a drab girl with bad posture that he or she deemed to be indicative of some sort of internal misery. I looked around for the poor, pathetic soul, and was pretty stumped. The class looked around until someone pointed me out and said, "I think it's her."

"Me?" I thought aloud.

"Uh, only because of the hair part," he said. He sounded more polite than honest.

I recalled the hair was described as "bowl shaped." At first, I could not think of a less flattering way to describe someone's hair. I would have preferred "mop," "toilet brush," or even "Don King." I recalled the plot of a "Full House" epi-

sode, in which a boy was teased and called "salad bowl head." I then consoled myself by remembering that bowls do come in a vast array of shapes and sizes, and perhaps my haircut was perceived as a more flattering type of bowl.

However, my haircut was not really an issue. If I was looking for raves, I would not have had it trimmed at "The Cuttery," across the street, by some lady who made Elvira look like Marilyn Quale. No, it was the "drab" part. I immediately associated it with the old dust ridden tan Dacron curtains that hung in my parents' living room when I was little.

Despite my less than lovely haircut, it was my posture that was most incriminating. I carry myself as well as Jimmy Durante carries a tune- in his present state of course- which is not only California, but also very much dead.

I have been called a variety of things, some more flattering than others, but "drab" really made me stop and think. I mean, here I am, trying to write, thinking to myself, "Me? Drab?" Also, what is the internal misery thing? I think I just forget to smile sometimes. I also forget my keys. Hell, I may forget stuff, but I enjoy life, right down to the tuna fish sandwich.

Sometimes, people do not appreciate little things like tuna fish sandwiches. A mere 200 years ago, I would have to go over to the Atlantic, catch a tuna, kill it, take the bones out, cook it, and chop it up. Then I would have to grow some lettuce and tomatoes, and keep chickens to lay the eggs to make mayo. Then I would have to figure out how to make bread. This whole process would take months. Today, just about anyone can walk across the street to the deli and get a tuna sandwich in a matter of minutes, which is pretty amazing. Of course, there is still no perfect solution to extinguish that lingering smell...

Some may think a tuna sandwich is merely a drab lunch staple, but sometimes, you just have to look beyond what you see. Heck, it did not matter who that "drab" description was about- there were twenty other students not too much different from me in the class. The whole issue is not about me in particular. Though, I may sound SLIGHTLY defensive. Everyone is unique. Maybe my whole life is drab to some. To me, it is about as fascinating as a tuna fish sandwich.

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Public realtions make the world go 'round

Public relations are essential. If something is not presented correctly, its acceptance is greatly diminished. Imagine a pill that cured cancer came out, but the package said that it "May cause you to have a huge ass". People would still take it, but, they would be happier if it said "now with flavor crystals".

Today, public relations have gone crazy. Consider President Clinton's popularity, in spite of a list of allegations that would make O.J. Simpson blush.

At the same time, there have been protesters at a number of events where members of the President's cabinet have spoken in favor of taking military actions against Iraq. And I thought this was a country that liked to fight wars over oil.

Now, we have renewed concerns regarding anthrax, the hazardous chemical that is fun anywhere that vomiting blood and severe diarrhea are party favors. Most troubling is that anyone would use anthrax, when an Arby's roast beef sandwich would more than do the trick.

Three men in Las Vegas were found to possess military grade anthrax (the good stuff, like you get on the streets). But, the case seemed to take a good turn, as the three hillbillies with bio-chemical weapons in the trunk of their pickup truck were conducting legitimate tests.

Not surprisingly, anthrax is now more popular than ever. As an unexpected bonus, the forgotten heavy metal group of the same name has experienced a surge in popularity. A member of the band says that he has never been happier to be associated with a known contaminant. Except for his affair with Pamela Anderson.

Speaking of whom, her husband Tommy Lee, who is part of something called Motley Crue, was seen at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. In addition to the weekly purge of his bloodstream, he was petitioning to have deadly toxin after HIS band, with the hope that this would make people stop laughing at them long enough to notice that they are still around.

While anthrax's popularity is on the rise, the Queen of England has had to hire a spin doctor. This is not to say that she hired some worthless pop band packaged by their record company to ride on the coat tails of real musicians.

Instead, Queen Elizabeth has hired a media consultant in order to improve her public image. Things are bad when your

face is on the money, and yet people still do not like you.

According to a *Times of London* survey, many Britons feel the Royals are out of touch with the people. They are also viewed as wasteful, and a poor value, especially when you consider how inexpensive dictators are these days.

The Queen's new director of communications, who stands to earn upwards of \$240,000 a year, has already suggested that Queen Elizabeth buy herself a new dog, threaten to bomb the hell out of Iraq, and have an affair with a Buckingham Palace intern.

But, it does not stop there for the royal family. Things are so bad that they had what was essentially a yard sale over the weekend. Sure, all of the proceeds did go to a charity for Princess Diana, but, that was probably a public relations stunt in and of itself. (Maybe Motley Crue might not do better to change their name to "Princess of Wales". Of course, that would again make people immediately think of Pamela Lee.)

Some personal effects for the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were put up for auction at Sotheby's. The duke flirted with being king before he flirted with a common American woman who was twice divorced. The desk where he abdicated his throne sold for \$415,000.

Surprisingly, nearly \$30,000 was paid for a piece of wedding cake preserved from the couple's marriage. It was expected to only fetch a couple hundred dollars, but the asking price went through the roof when it was revealed that the cake had simply been stuck to the side of Rosie O'Donnell's face for all that time.

Which is what you need to take away from all of this. You might lose more than your shirt in Vegas. Maybe Tommy Lee did have film in the camera that night. Perhaps the Queen should reinvent herself for her next album. Is it really a surprise that President Clinton is all about tail (getting it and kickin' it)? It all shows that you can never let your guard down, because you never know what is right around the corner.

-Christian Bladt's column has been proved to cause severe depression among laboratory rats. But, it is the paper of choice among newly housebroken puppies.

Quote of the Week:

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having sense enough to be lazy.

---Charlie McCarthy

The man with no soul: A journey into the world of a white boy

by **CARLITO**
Staff Writer

I have two loving parents, an aquarium full of healthy sea monkeys and an IQ that, when functioning, propels me to an intellectual level slightly exceeding moderate retardation. God has blessed me with all of these attributes but one thing he has failed to provide me with is soul. Contextually, I do not mean soul as a celestial entity but as the ability to cut up a rug. Or, as Phil Collins once said, "I can't dance."

I would use the color of my skin (which despite my deceiving alias is as white as...something that is really white) as an excuse, but several people have defied the stereotypes. Vanilla Ice, Snow (remember Informer?) and Mike Corvi, who does a darn good running man after consuming a twelve pack, are just a few names that come to mind. Having been raised on a steady diet of Iron Maiden and pre-sold-out

Metallica, moshing came as easily to me as inhaling carcinogens. Moshing, however, does not qualify as dancing, though. It is merely a testosterone induced full body hemorrhage. I perfected the underrated and rarely praised art of slamdancing, and just when my confidence was starting to blossom, I got expelled from high school for initiating a mosh pit at a pep rally. My breakdancing exhibition during mass (at what would become the third stop on my east coast high school tour) was met with the same level of discouragement. The nuns at my school had obviously never seen Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo.

The effort has always been there throughout my life, just not the ability. After the moshing and breakdancing phases of my life had been digested, the rave scene was next. To be a raver, there are two requirements. You must be willing to voluntarily consume mind expanding (usually more suc-

cessful in mind erasing) drugs, and you must be capable of dancing for eight hours straight. Since I played high school basketball, I had to do some prioritizing; athletic devotion or better living through chemistry. I have not picked up a basketball in four years.

After six months as a raver, I developed an auditory disorder known as auditory driving which is characterized by a perpetual drumming of a hallucinatory nature. This is a side effect from the deafening bass that can be heard at any rave.

Behavioral psychology teaches us that we act in ways that will result in either reinforcement (a cookie) or punishment (a spanking). B.F. Skinner (the founder of behavioral psychology who has long since passed away) was probably laughing at my inability to learn from the series of spankings that I endured. But perhaps I was being reinforced by satisfying my unquenchable desire to sweat. And if C & C Music Fac-

tory is there to help along the way, than why fight it?

Last weekend I took my girlfriend upstate to the quaint town of Hunter (population: 24) for dinner, dancing and skiing. By the way, quaint is a synonym for small and boring. This time, I abstained from attacking the dance floor but as I stood along its outskirts nursing a bottle of O'douls...I saw him. He was roughly 36 years old, middle class, poorly dressed and housing a BAC of .6. He was white and he could not dance, but he did not care. His style resembled a cross between Pee-Wee Herman and Barney. The dinosaur, not the Flinstone. Possessed by the pulsating bass line of "Don't Turn Around" (Ace of Base just reached number one on the charts in Hunter), he ignored the jeers emanating from the crowd as he frantically searched for anything that even remotely resembled a dance step. After nearly barreling over several innocent bystanders (that were

coincidentally mocking him), the bouncers attempted to put an end to his tenacious rampage. He refused to go down without a fight, though. On several occasions, he broke free from security's grasp in attempts to woo the crowd with his mystical footwork. Finally he was escorted out of the club, and out of my life.

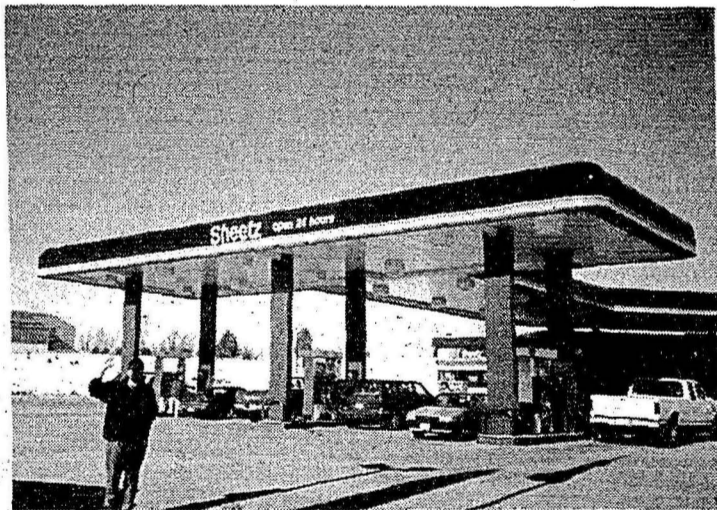
I know I will never see him again, but I will cherish his memory till my last breath escapes me. Out of the nightclub fog came a man. A man with no name. A man with no soul. A man that should not be allowed within 200 feet of a dance floor, but never the less, a man with a message. Although a majority of the Caucasian race is rhythmically handicapped, that does not make us inferior. We have a God given right to get down no matter how severely we humiliate ourselves and even though people might laugh at us, we must exercise those rights. With the exception of Michael Flatley,

Spring Break: The perfect chance to get stranded in another state

by **JIM DZIEZYNSKI**
A&E Editor

It may not be a mere coincidence that the Ides of March fall around the same time as spring break; tropical climates, large volumes of alcohol, and thousands of wacky college kids have contributed to the downfall of quite a few livers and other organs. Still, the focus of our weeklong exodus is to enjoy ourselves as much as financially possible. A few lucky students get to go away to exotic lands and foreign shores to experience the standard-issue-like-on-TV spring break. Such locations as Daytona Beach, Cancun, and the Bahamas are the old reliables. A lot of us stick around (or go home) to work our wonderful jobs and make money to stay alive. Myself, I plan to visit the splendid backwoods and mountaintops of the Mid-Atlantic States. Sure, there will not be any scantily clad coeds or raging party animals but that does not mean I will not have the chance to spend three days broken down in Appalachian country. Much like my friends who will experience the rite-of-passage spring break, I will be embarking on the epic road trip that is typical of college students in America.

The definition of "roadtrip" varies from person to person. For some it is a 3-hour drive to a concert, for others it is a month long journey to far away places. One of the best aspects of road trips are the tourist traps that line the backroads in otherwise isolated locations. Anyone who has ever driven down south knows what I mean; those



Road trips across our great country are bound to lead you to fantastic places, like this Sheetz gas station in Virginia.

"South of the Border" signs start 113 miles (or something like that) away and announce that you are only 84 miles away from this wonderful, magical, land of sombreros and neon lights. When you actually get to South of Border, it is kind of a disappointment. I am not going to ruin the surprise for those of you who have never been there, but I will say if they ever built a casino out of styro-foam and put a billion strings of Christmas lights on it, you would have South of the Border. I think all they sell is South of the Border bumper stickers. But I digress.

The roadtrip is an All-American phenomenon, wherein a group of filthy young people get to experience the freedom of the roads and break down in a far away state. Along the way, you get to absorb the local color of where ever you may be. Some of my favorite local attractions are:

- * Santa's Village in Vermont
- * The World Famous Boot and Wig Museum in Texas
- * The World's Biggest Ball of String in Minnesota
- * The International Dove and Dentistry Museum in New York
- * Wayne's Hair in Virginia
- * Amar's Exotic Dancers and Bowling Alley Supreme in West Virginia
- * The Enchanted Mitten in Massachusetts

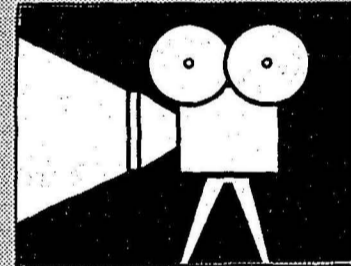
These are all real places! These exciting and wonderful locations offer an oasis of escape from the tireless hours of driving. I am sure there are much better and exotic tourist traps out there. Perhaps on my spring break I will come across some new, wild place like:

- * The international Gerbil Ge-

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MST3K's latest feature: Devil Doll

by **HUGO**
Staff Devil Doll



Okay, you got a sour ventriloquist/hypnotist, a lady with the bottom half of her butt hanging out of a skimpy costume, a crabby vent figure, another lady in a skimpy costume, a mush-mouthed hero, a couple of fellows with big beards, some Germans, a whole herd of rich ladies, and go! And...nothing.

A ventriloquist named the Great Vorelli with the most unconvincing act this side of the Thames controls women, abuses his dummy Hugo, and employs semi-voo-doo to get his puny way. That is all you really need to know. The leading man is another fine example of our heroes who get themselves into a scrape and stumble out of it completely by accident. There is a real darkness to this movie, too. You cannot see a thing.

"Devil Doll" is another one of those movies pathetic enough to be abused by the witty crew of the Satellite of Love in "Mystery Science Theater 3000", on the Sci-Fi channel (airing on Saturdays at 3 p.m. and again at 11 p.m.) This episode is particularly amusing due to the fact the movie is particularly bad. My favorite actor in this black and white disaster was the Jimmy Durante-like detective in Germany, who Mike Nelson says, "Has a meat based face."

The plot works something like this: the evil Great Vorelli transfers the soul of a former assistant into a wooden dummy and takes him on the road to Vaudeville. Along the way, he decides to possess a second victim, a

British Linda Ronstat look-a-like whose best feature is her ability to look like there was nothing in her brain, though she might not have been acting. The climax of this flick comes when Hugo the dummy attacks The Great Vorelli in a fever of punches. It is also pretty cool when Tom Servo (the audience member who is a robot gumball machine for those of you who do not know) transfers his soul into a hot toaster strudel.

At one point our hero (I forgot his name and I guarantee so will you) travels to Berlin at one point to interview a former Vorelli assistant, a phase of her life I am sure she highlights on her resume. She is a dour German woman, rooming with a lumpy German guy. Having grown up around German women I have to say German women are in fact capable of smiling. They do nice things like make Krunkache and Spaezel. So do not get the wrong idea about German women, this one is a real sourpuss.

Be warned, the movie is terrible but the comments are great. MST 3000 is a great way to spend a Saturday where ever you might be! A whole new batch of episodes begins on March 14, with the first episode of season 9, "The Projected Man".

Where have all the good Mickey Rourke roles gone?

by JOHNSULLIVAN
Staff Writer

I have always been somewhat disappointed about the "goodness" inherit to many Hollywood stars. Stars like Wil Smith, Julia Roberts, and Brad Pitt seem to have this white-bread, angelic quality about their on and off screen personalities. It is rare that you will see something in the paper about Julia Roberts going into rehab or Brad Pitt punching out a cameraman. I like my actors to be morally ambiguous and foul-tempered. I think it enhances their performances and it gives me hope to know that there is room in Hollywood for bad attitudes and alcoholic debauchery. Now Wil Smith is a decent actor, although I am inclined to believe that every role he takes turns him into another version of the Fresh Prince. Imagine Smith in *Schindler's List*, "Damn G, I coulda done more. I coulda saved more of them lives up in here!" Nevertheless, Will Smith is a competent thespian who knows how to take the blockbuster roles. However, he is too much of a saint to really be an interesting actor. To me, I think the more complicated the actor's motives, the more dramatically complex the actor. To tell you the truth, the only reason I saw *Hard Rain* was because on the day the film opened Christian Slater began serving his jail time for 91 days. I thought that maybe Slater obviously has a dark side, so maybe that part of him might find its way into his usually uninspired acting-it did not. But who knows, maybe we

can expect more from him in later roles as his criminal record lengthens.

As a movie critic and a movie buff I have been a fan of the unshaven, hard drinking, pugilistic actors. Actors who take the tough roles not only to expand their acting experience; they get a chance to showcase their real life personalities. Robert Downey Jr. has joined the ranks of some of my favorite jerk/method actors with his recent (but not new) run-ins with the law. After hearing about Downey's drug problems, I reviewed some of his past efforts like *True Believer*, *Chaplin*, *One Night Stand*, and *The Pick-Up Artist*. I realized Downey is not only a good performer but he lives emotionally tortured roles off screen as well. His severely bad habits lend his performances an even more substantial aura of believability. I trust Robert Downey Jr. because I know he knows what he is trying to convey in his roles. Downey is a jerk and a drug addict; I do not have to like him as a person to like him as an actor. As an actor, he is the real thing.

I am not saying in order to be a good actor (in my humble opinion) you have to be an alcoholic, violent, substance abuser. But if a star is going to take a dark, tortured role usually shunned by most Hollywood agents I think the person in question should have a personality that matches the character. I KNOW Bruce Willis is a beer-swilling, male chauvinist, heavy smoker; and those are the roles he is most successful in. Characters in *Die-Hard*, *The Last Boy Scout*, and *The Fifth*

Element all match Willis's laconic, squinty-eyed personality. Stars like Pitt and Roberts and even the dynamic Denzel Washington are pigeonholed in roles that are a little too squeaky clean, therefore boring. But boring is exactly how to describe the above mentioned actors' personal lives. Julia Roberts is having an affair with Ethan Hawke-who cares? Denzel Washington is getting fat-big deal, so am I. Brad Pitt broke up with that chick who got her head cut off at the end of *Seven*. Oh well, these actors are fine, but dull.

Which brings me to Mickey Rourke. Mickey Rourke is the eccentric actor from such great films as *The Diner*, *The Pope of Greenwich Village*, *A Prayer for the Dying*, and most recently, *The Rainmaker*. I love Mickey Rourke. Mickey is the perfect example of one of those fascinating stars whose troubled personal life matches the basic scuzziness of his movie roles. In films, Mickey is a misogynist, a hitman, a smoker, a drinker, a criminal, and a gangbanging heroin addicted ex-boxer. Guess what? In real life Mickey is all these lovely things. He has perfected the character of a world-weary guy angry at the world and himself. I believe Mickey Rourke and trust him, not with my girlfriend but with my eight dollars at a movie theater. He is not Harrison Ford playing the President of the United States; he is Mickey Rourke playing Mickey Rourke. He has got the best stories in the news too. He fights in Bogota as a legit boxer but fights under a different name. He

loses most of his matches with one or two knockouts. He once stalked his ex-girlfriend, Carre Otis, beat her up and then a few months later they were married. He hits a new press guy every few weeks and goes club hopping with such other classy Hollywood players like Jean Claude Van-Damme and bodyguard from hell Chuck Zito.

Mickey Rourke does not really get the great roles anymore. His off screen persona has haunted him for quite a few years and I am pretty sure Hollywood is scared of him. That is the price you pay for not selling out to Hollywood's perception of a good guy. What I would really like to see is Rourke piloting *Air Force One* into the side of a mountain with Wil Smith, Harrison Ford, Julia Roberts, Gwyneth Paltrow, John Travolta, and ESPECIALLY Tom Hanks on board. Maybe Robert Downey Jr. would be in the control tower giving the thumbs up to the flaming wreck.

When it comes to movies and actors, I am a bitter person. I hate most everything I see and I am pretty sure that Hollywood producers think we are all a bunch of slack-jawed idiots who will pay anything as long as the name above the title is in all caps. But once in a while a performance by Rourke, Willis, or Downey and sometimes Robert DeNiro (who punched out some guy last week, might be involved in a call girl ring in France) will strengthen my faith in film as an art. When art imitates life art is enhanced. Where have all the good Mickey Rourke roles gone? Check the video store-they are all still there.

Spring Break

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netic Altering test grounds

* The building where they performed the alien autopsy

* General Groove's Gold Tooth Memorial and kick-boxing arena

The only way I will ever find out is by hitting the road. So I

suggest that all you crazy college kids get out there before

you get too old to hit the road.

You can achieve the cosmic sensation that we are one world,

all connected, all of us; Nipsy Russell, Ruth Ginsberg, Chesty

Morgan, Vanilla Ice, Phil Rizzuto, the Unibomber, etc.

Bring lots of film and Vivarin and pick out a place you have never

been to. Regardless of your success, you will have great memories

So, no matter what you are doing this Spring break, remember

you are young and vibrant which means you still have the

right to make fun of old people.

Of course when you are 64 and a majority of your budget goes

to laxatives and the adult diapers to catch the waste product

that comes out when they work,

young punks have the right to make fun of you. Girls, now is a

great chance to turn that funny looking orange "tan" brown and

get some real sun. Guys, you will have the chance to pack on 17

pounds of pure alcohol fat, which as all you bulkheads

know will soon be turned into raw muscle. Maybe. As for myself,

I hope I will have the ingenuity to once again use an old

coat hanger and lollipop sticks to fix a broken clutch. Either way

get out there and enjoy yourselves!

NAME: Trisha Ptasznik

YEAR: Sophomore

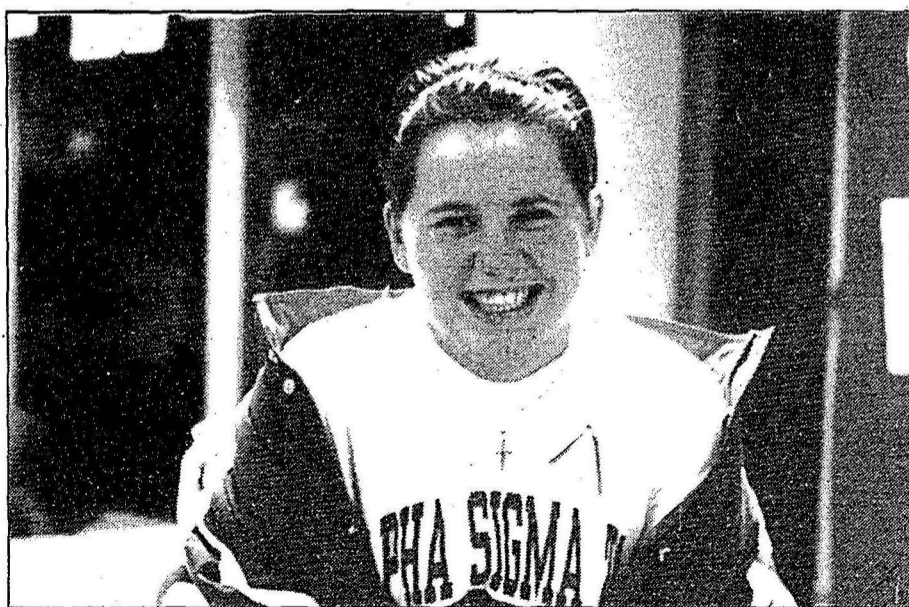
MAJOR: Psychology/Special Education

HOMETOWN: Brooklyn, NY

FAVORITE BAND: Letters to Cleo

FAVORITE MOVIE: *Pretty Woman*

ROLE MODEL: Her parents and her big sister



"Time management is an essence," said Trisha Ptasznik. Ptasznik is the Vice President of Academic Affairs in the Student Government Association. As VP, she must attend Academic Affairs Committee meetings. This committee addresses pertinent student issues concerning academics. Ptasznik also holds student academic council meetings every other week and is in charge of organizing Faculty of the Year Awards and the College Bowl. As a Psychology/Special Education major, Ptasznik wants to get her Ph.D. in Child Psychology. "I eventually want to be a child psychologist," said Ptasznik. However, after completing Marist's five-year Psychology/Special Education program, Ptasznik plans on teaching until she gets her Ph.D. During her remaining two years on campus, Ptasznik wants to stay involved on campus and keep her academics up. Her most memorable moment from Student Government was meeting her best friend, Resident Senator Ryan Hunter. Many rumors have been circling about these two being involved. However, all the rumors are false. "We are both very single!" said Ptasznik. Ptasznik favors two different aspects of Marist College. First, she loves the friends she has made here. Secondly, she loves the five-year program for Psychology/Special Education majors. "The five year program is why I came to Marist," said Ptasznik. In the Psychology/Special Education major there is the five-year accelerated program. To remain in the program, students need to maintain a 3.2 G.P.A. In addition to her responsibilities for Student Government, Ptasznik is a first year Resident Assistant in Marian Hall, the co-chair for the Peer Support Line, an active member of Peer Mediation, and she is also pledging Alpha Sigma Tau. Ptasznik would also like to say hi to Ryan, "No, he's not my boyfriend!", Nerissa, Jason, her big sister Liz, and everyone in Alpha Sigma Tau.

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Sport Savvy

by RYAN MARAZITI

First, congrats to the men's and women's swimming and diving teams for doing everything just short of running the MAAC championships. Wait...they hosted it, so I guess they ran it in that sense as well. Seems like these talented male and female athletes have created quite a name for Marist College in swimming and diving. I was especially amused with the team's, Sy Sperling, "I'm not only the president, but I'm also a client" look. That's a great way to generate comradery. I was close to going out and gettin' me a Bic job...well, not really. Just one question though. How come the girls did not shave their heads? Menoxlyde patients or not, these guys and girls proved they are the best in the MAAC.

The story's been a little different on the parquet however. Both men's and women's basketball have crossed more than one bridge over troubled water this year. Coach Magarrity's team has been lighting the nylon lately but not after tantalizing tastes of defeat. Dirty

backboards and too many guards seem to have contributed to the lackluster record. This team, like the old cliché states, is better than its record shows. This hustling team is one of the best in the MAAC, physically and mentally. There may be a chance, shoot Danny Schayes still has a chance with the Magic, for this team to do some damage in the MAAC tournament. Win or lose, these guys will be a team of runners and gunners, dishers and swishers, glass cleaners and clutch leaners next year.

As for the women, they seem to be reliving the men's nightmare of last year. It is like watching a Friday the 13th movie one-day, and running from that knife-fingered freak the next. Although their clock management was not the best, this team can drain buckets inside and outside, and have proven it on more than one occasion. The season has been such a roller coaster that Six Flags is calling for the blueprints. There have been games people say they should have won and have not as well

as the other way around. With all of those ingredients and a shot to the knee, ankle, hip, leg or arm, they have concocted quite a mind-altering mix. One thing that has not been lacking or questioned about these women is their heart. If every team could have the amount of heart they have, sports would be extremely intense.

I would now like to acknowledge the men's and women's cross country and track team's efforts at the MAAC meet this

week. I would also like to congratulate those who set records and qualified for high level events. I may not be very knowledgeable on this sport I do recognize the unequaled effort put forth by this team in practice. How many times do you see these athletes running around campus in this numbing weather? Its unfortunate that other sports do not have room to compete on campus and perhaps this should be taken up with the athletics department which can be reached at FOXX or x3699.

In a look ahead, "I see skies of blue..." and fields of dreams as the baseball and softball

teams gear up for their respective seasons. After the baseball team's almost invisible, to the eyes of the Marist community, charge to the NEC regular season and tournament championship, which led to an eventual NCAA tourney birth, the standards are now higher for coach Szefer's Red Foxes. Good luck and "Get Some!"

In softball, I see a strong season behind good defense and enormous hitting. Perhaps they will make a run at the title too. Good luck to them also.

Women's hoops ends season with win over Canisius; finishes 5-21

by JEFF DAHNCKE
Staff Writer

In a year where there was not much to cheer about, the Marist women's basketball team wrapped up the regular season last Sunday with a win in Buffalo over Canisius.

The win, which was just their fifth of the season, came after consecutive losses earlier in the week to Niagara and conference powerhouse Siena. The Foxes finished the season with a 5-21 mark, while going just 3-15 in the first season in the MAAC.

The week began last Tuesday, as Marist traveled to Siena to take on the Saints, who came in with just one setback in the conference. Siena won the opening tip and Erin Bolland quickly converted on a layup to take a 2-0 advantage. That proved to be an insurmountable deficit, as the Foxes would never lead in the game.

Siena used a 9-1 run in the first four minutes to set the tone. Then the Saints, who shot 56 percent from behind the arc for the game, put on a 3-point exhibition. They connected on three bombs from downtown in the next eight minutes to force Marist head coach Ken Babineau to take a time-out at the 8:08 mark.

But the time-out did little to slow down Siena. Bolland, who had 17 in the half, came out and nailed two more treys to give the Saints an 18-point cushion. By halftime that cushion had expanded to 25, as Marist trailed 44-19 at the break.

Even though they played a pretty even second half, the Foxes had dug themselves too big of a hole. The Saints would open up as large as a 34-point lead, before finally taking an 88-60 decision.

"They were on all cylinders and playing very well," said Babineau. "You can't get down to a team like that."

Erin Bolland led Sienna with 22, including the 1000th of her career. For Marist, Jean-Marie Lesko had 21.

Three days later Marist was at Niagara to take on the Purple Eagles. This was a tough game for the players, as they learned before they boarded the bus that their coach would not be returning next season. Babineau said this could have affected their play.

"We struggled emotionally," he noted. "They seemed very preoccupied in their minds."

Like the Siena game, the Foxes would fall behind early. Niagara opened up a 15-6 lead at the start, as they got nine of those points off Sheryl Klick 3-pointers. Marist did not take care of the ball in the first half as they went to the locker room trailing 34-21.

In what has been a recurring pattern all year, Marist could not escape the large hole they dug themselves after a slow start. They were only outscored 37-34 in the second, but never made a run at Niagara.

Sabrina Vallery led Marist with 16 points. Klick led the Purple Eagles with 21.

The regular season finale was Sunday against Canisius, a team Marist had already defeated earlier in the year. It looked like the Red Foxes could get blown away early, as Canisius opened up an 8-0 lead.

Marist would pull within four on a Beth Shackel three, but then Canisius went on a 15-7 run to take a twelve-point lead with 6:56 in the half. But the Foxes went on a run as Shackel led the comeback with eight points in the final six minutes. Lesko connected on a 22-footer at the 1:32 mark to give Marist a five-point lead. The Golden Griffins would close

out the half strong to take a one point lead at the break.

The second half was a seesaw battle before the Foxes would pull away. The lead changed hands 13 times prior to another Lesko three that gave Marist a 63-61 advantage that they would not relinquish.

The Lesko three was her fourth of the half, as she scored 18 of her 21 in the second. Tara Knight converted a jumper on the next possession. Cortney Blore scored and then Knight added another two and Marist had an eight-point advantage. It was all Foxes from that point on as they headed home with an 84-74 victory.

Babineau considered the second half of the Canisius game perhaps their best twenty minutes of the season, as they scored 54 points.

Shackel led the way with 24 points, 8 assists, and 4 steals. Vallery chipped in with 16 points and Knight added 10 off the bench. Marist shot 51 percent from the floor and, more impressively, 53 percent from beyond the arc. Combined with 23 points off Canisius turnovers, Marist had a winning formula.

The Foxes will make their MAAC tournament debut today as they take on former NEC foe Rider, a team that has already defeated Marist twice this season.

Racquetball emerges from the shadows

by Peter Moylan
Staff Writer

They can be seen entering or leaving the McCann center on any given Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

There are only about ten to fifteen of them, depending on the day, but they all possess a skill which has brought them together for one common goal, to win.

Who is this group? It is the Marist Racquetball team, possibly the most unknown, yet successful teams on campus.

To fully appreciate the rise of racquetball here at Marist, one must first understand the bond that the school and the sport share. Back in the 80's and early 90's, Marist was a big name in the college racquetball circuit. Over the years however, the Red Fox's prominence in the ECRC, Eastern Collegiate Racquetball Conference, has been challenged by such schools as Army, Penn State, Providence, Siena, RPI, and especially Nichols, the national champs in 1996 which boasts junior Olympic racquetball players.

Some said Marist's time in the limelight was over, but like any true competitors, the Red Foxes were just waiting to make another championship run. This brings us to Marist racquetball today.

For starters, the ECRC is considered the biggest conference in the nation and arguably has the most talent. With a lot of the players in the conference gaining sponsorship and either going pro or becoming Olympic hopefuls, Marist has found itself having to put forth a team that can match up to the best players in the country. In charge of this task is the player-coach of the Red Fox racquetball team, Chris Jette. Jette has been a

member of the team for three years, and is the glue that holds this talented team together. Since racquetball is a club sport, no athletic scholarships can be offered, so all of the players on the team are just regular students with both a tremendous talent and love for the sport.

This past weekend, the Northeast Regionals were held to decide which teams would be heading to the Nationals. Some of the bright spots of the tournament were Cara DaMato and Alex DePillis's fourth place finish in the consolation bracket, Lisa Tramazzo's second place finish in the consolation bracket, Mark Deluccia's second place finish in the Men's 1 consolation bracket—the highest bracket of competition. The shining moment of the day for Marist which was Nick Kost's third place finish overall in the Men's 1 bracket.

One other pleasant surprise was the battle waged between Jette/Kost and Shane Wood/Erik Eckman, the junior Olympic standouts from Nichols. Although the Marist pair lost 15-7, their play reflected just how far Marist racquetball has come.

"Last year we graduated eight seniors, and early on our team struggled," said Jette. "But we have a lot of talented freshman and upperclassmen, so our future looks bright."

Just how good the Marist Racquetball team will be in anybody's guess, but Jette said he remains positive.

"Next year Nick Kost will take over as captain, and with the talent I'm leaving behind and hopefully more coming in, we will be just as good if not better," said Jette.


In other words, the Marist racquetball team is ready to not only succeed, but turn a few heads in the process.

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Freshman Jeremy Smith broke the 22-year old Marist shot-put record with a throw of 44 feet and 4 and 1/4 inches

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"He has always represented Marist with tremendous class..."

-Athletic Director Tim Murray on women's basketball coach Ken Babineau

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Women's basketball coach calls it quits after 14 years

by JEFF DAHNCKE
Staff Writer

Marist College head women's basketball coach Ken Babineau resigned his position last Friday after fourteen seasons with the Foxes.

The resignation comes after Marist struggled through their first season in the MAAC, finishing only 5-21. Since he became head coach twelve years ago, Babineau is 140-194.

"This has been a difficult decision for me," he said in a press release issued Friday afternoon. "Throughout my tenure I have been fortunate to work with and

coach some outstanding people and although I leave with a heavy heart, I take with me some fond memories."

Director of athletics Tim Murray complimented Babineau for what he has done as head coach.

"Kenny has made great contributions in leading this program over the past twelve seasons and I wish him the best in all his future endeavors," said Murray. "He has always represented Marist with tremendous class and has been a loyal supporter of the students throughout his tenure here."

Babineau first became associ-

ated with the women's program as an assistant coach in 1984. He took over as the head coach in 1986. He had his best season during the 1992-93 campaign when he directed the Red Foxes to a 19-10 mark and an appearance in the Northeast Conference Championship Game.

Murray and Babineau met last week to talk about how things were going and it was during that meeting that the decision the coach would resign was reached.

The athletic director did not feel there was any hostility following the resignation.

"I can't speak for him, but I'd

like to think Kenny is still a friend of mine," said Murray.

Babineau would not comment on the exact circumstances surrounding the resignation and is not sure yet what the future holds.

"It's premature for me to say," said Babineau of whether or not he will pursue other coaching positions. "I have loved the last twelve years here. Part of me would like to stay in coaching, but part of me says it might be time to fade away into the sunset. I'm just taking it one day at a time."

Babineau said a few schools have already contacted him. He

also said that if he does not return to the hardwood, he may get back into teaching, something he did for thirteen years.

The coach leaves a year before a very strong recruiting class arrives at Marist. Marist will welcome four *USA Today* honorable mention All-Americans next season, a group that may be the best recruiting class ever at Marist. Babineau said he feels that two years from now, the Red Foxes could be right at, or near, the top of the MAAC standings.

Murray said that a national search for a replacement will begin immediately.

Seniors help men's b-ball pick up big win before tourney

by THOMAS RYAN
Sports Editor

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championships will officially end the careers of five men's basketball players, but Senior Day provided an emotional finale that will not be matched in Albany.

Marist will more than likely end their season with a loss at the MAAC Championships, barring a run like the Fairfield Stags made last season that got them into the NCAA Tournament with an 8-18 record. That is why the Red Foxes 73-57 win over Canisius on Sunday afternoon will provide a more fitting ending.

Seniors Manny Otero, Dan

Berggren, Joe Taylor, Bryan Whittle and Dennis Keenen got the starting assignments against the Golden Griffins. They jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead on a baseline drive by Joe Taylor and the first of three Manny Otero 3-pointers. Canisius came back to take a 12-10 lead before the seniors left to a standing ovation from the McCann center crowd.

With six minutes gone in the game, the torch was passed as the five seniors were replaced by what is likely to be next year's starting lineup of Bo Larragan and Bobby Joe Hatton at guard, Joe McCurdy at swingman, Thomasz Cielebak at forward, and Thomas Kenney at center.

The new five did not appear

to be fully ready for their entrance, as Canisius used some quick cuts to the basket and excellent passing to build a 23-16 lead with four minutes to go in the half. The rest of the half belonged to the Red Foxes, however, as a 3-pointer by McCurdy cut the lead to four and Cielebak hit a trey with a minute to go to cut the lead to 29-28 at the break.

Cielebak then opened the second half just as he had closed the first, with another 3-pointer to give Marist a two-point lead. The teams battled back and fourth for the rest of the half until Marist finally broke it open with two minutes to go, and again Cielebak was right in the middle. The 6-9 forward took a beauti-

ful pass from Hatton and slammed it home to put Marist up 59-53 at the 2:16 mark. For the next two minutes Marist put on a free throw exhibition.

Trying to stay in the game, Canisius fouled every chance they got, but the Red Foxes would not let their strategy pay off. Larragan, the second best free throw shooter in the conference, went 4-for-4 in the last two minutes, and Otero and Taylor each went 2-for-2 down the stretch from the line.

Marist's comfortable cushion with 0:30 seconds left enabled them to get their senior back in the game, along with freshman Sean Stellato, who entered to a huge ovation from the crowd. Whittle, a Poughkeepsie native,

delighted the fans with a jam, and Berggren nailed a 3-pointer as time expired to cap off Senior Day.

The win did not do too much to change Marist's seeding, however. At 10-16 overall and 7-11 in the conference, the Red Foxes finished up eighth, and will play ninth-seeded Fairfield on Friday at 4:00.

Thanks to the Stags run last year, no team is going to go into this tournament thinking they can not win. Marist and their head coach Dave Magarity feel no different.

"We are not going to go into this tournament just trying to compete," Magarity said. "We are going to try to win as many games as possible."

Indoor track picks up a pair of fourth place finishes

by JAN BEIGHLEY, JR.
Staff Writer

The Marist College indoor track and field teams competed in the MAAC championships on Saturday, Feb. 21 at Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York. Both the men and women teams finished in fourth place, with both losing to the host Jaspers. Even so, there were some outstanding performances that served as highlights for the Red Foxes.

Marist men's head coach Pete Colaizo was happy with his team's performance, saying that they gave a well-rounded effort.

"We had a great season," Colaizo said. "I am very pleased with our performance."

The most noticeable contributions were the record-breaking performances by freshman Jeremy Smith and Eric Deshaies. Smith, a freshman, broke a 22-year-old record in the shot put, throwing 44' 4 1/4", breaking the old record of 44'. Senior captain Eric Deshaies broke his own school record in the 55-meter

high hurdles, running it in 8.18 seconds.

While not everyone broke school records in the MAAC Championships, many others had breakthrough performances. Many including Greg Salamone, Mike Melfi, Steve Palmer and Denis McManus shattered personal bests.

Salamone, a freshman, came up big for the championships, finishing in sixth place with a personal best in the 5000-meter run with a time of 15:37.36, beating his personal best by 17 seconds. Salamone also finished in third place in the 3000 meter run, with a time of 9:09.35.

Melfi, a junior, finished in third place in the 5000-meter run with a time of 14:56.88, a personal best by 14 seconds. Melfi, with his performance on Saturday, became only the third Marist runner to finish in less than 15 minutes in the 5000.

Other standouts for the Red Foxes included Steve Palmer, Denis McManus, and Dan Hagendorn, as well as the distance medley relay team. Palmer,

a sophomore, finished seventh in the 5000 with a personal best, by 27 seconds, of 15:38, the first time he has broken the 16-minute barrier. McManus, a freshman, achieved a personal record of 40'9 1/2" in the triple jump in taking seventh in the MAAC. Hagendorn scored twice for the Red Foxes with a third place finish in the 55-meter dash, and a fifth place finish in the 200-meter dash. The distance medley relay team of Melfi, Palmer, Pete Startz, and Ben Hefferon took third place with a time of 10:35.78.

All in all, it was a good finish to the indoor season for the men's track team, but for some, it still goes on. A small contingent will travel to the West Point Last Chance Invitational on Feb. 28 and then Mike Melfi will be off to the IC4A's taking place at Cornell in Ithaca, New York on March 7 and 8.

Marist's women's indoor track and field team also had some excellent performances, led by sophomore Jen Glover. Glover captured Marist's first ever

women's track and field championship in the MAAC with her victory in the 5000 with a time of 19:03.32. Glover also finished fifth in the 3000, capping a career day.

Women's coach Phil Kelly was not surprised by his team's success in the meet.

"We have been running well for a couple weeks now," Kelly said. "I was kind of expecting this."

In addition to Glover, Kate Pieper, Meredith Halstead, and Amy Young had excellent performances.

Pieper, a freshman, ran for school records in the 200 and 400-meter races, finishing fourth and third respectively.

Halstead ran a 5:25.81 mile, good for fifth in the championships, her personal best and the second best in the program's history. In addition to that, Halstead also ran an excellent leg in the distance medley relay.

Debby Flanigan also had a solid meet, finishing sixth in the 400-meter dash, while running a leg in the distance medley relay.

Pieper, Halstead, Flanigan and sophomore Beth Johnson combined to finish third in the distance medley relay, adding another highlight to the meet for Marist.

Freshman Young finished third in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.68 seconds, her performance was only .2 seconds behind the winner.

Other performances of note were those of Heather Perrine, Kerrie Cleeland, and Erin Minor. Perrine, a freshman, finished fourth in the 5000, just one place ahead of Cleeland, who finished seconds ahead of Minor. Those contributions made for a very strong showing for the Marist distance program.

The Foxes will send the DMR team of Pieper, Flanigan, Halstead and Johnson to the Last Chance Invitational, though they likely will run individual events. Following the Last Chance, the team will move onto the ECAC regional meet that takes place on March 7th and 8th, where they will resume running the DMR.