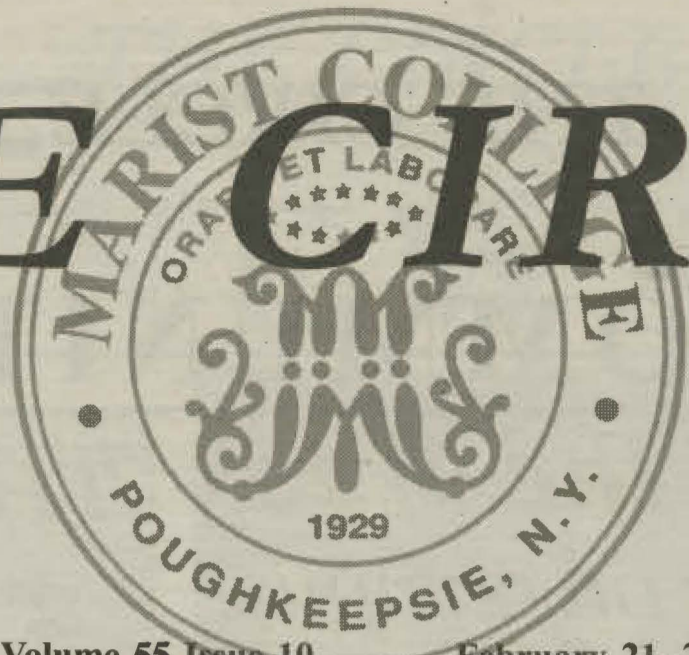


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Vandalism plagues Marist campus

by STACEY CASWELL

Various types of vandalism have rocked the Marist College campus during the past few weeks, especially in the freshman and sophomore dorms.

Marian Hall, a predominantly sophomore building, has a list posted of its vandalism charges, ranging anywhere from charges of RA signs being taken to holes being burned into one of the lounge couches, and even to a handicap bar being ripped off in one of the bathrooms.

"I think it's very unnecessary and immature for people to vandalize where we live," said sophomore Brian Vasques. He admits to having to pay around 50 dollars per person in fines the past semester alone, which does not take into account the fines that are in the process of accumulation for the spring semester.

Another Marian resident and sophomore student, Paul Servidio, is not happy about the charges either. He said, "First semester we had a lot and it got pretty expensive...it sucks because we end up paying for it."

By discussing the vandalism committed and charges for it, James Alackness, the Resident Director of Marian Hall, alerts the students. He said, "We talk to all the students

and have a floor meeting."

Along with heavy fines, Marian residents have also had privileges taken away from them. They are no longer allowed to have guests in their building and the laundry room closes at 1:00 p.m, which is earlier than other halls.

Although Champagnat, Leo and Sheahan, the freshman dorms have had vandalism, none of the acts were severe.

Midrise too, has experienced similar acts of vandalism to its facilities, though not at the extreme that Marian has. Two weeks ago on the second floor, the glass casing of a vending machine was punched out, with all the food from the machine having been stolen. Both the Resident Director and Resident Assistant held a meeting to address the problem with the students and charges that could possibly be placed on their floor only. Students were then told that they could be fined as much as \$78 dollars each in repair costs.

According to Jason Dunlap, the Resident Director of Midrise, the \$78 dollar amount is used in many instances as a scare tactic to encourage other students who have knowledge of the crime to come forward with information of it.

"It is also a motivator to reveal who the real perpetrator is within the hall," he said. "This is kind of like the push."

However, some students feel that this approach is unnecessary. Vanessa Tregenza, also a second floor resident said, "If they have an estimate that is based on probable price, I would rather have them give us that than a number to scare us."

Resident Derek Bove also agrees. "I don't think it's really a scare tactic because it makes people angry and gets parents involved because of the outrageous figures they throw out... I think the policy needs to be reworked though because you can't hold a floor of residents responsible for something that the entire building has access to."

Patrick Killaroy, the assistant to the Housing Director at Marist College, who deals with housing issues in regards to the freshman and sophomore dorms said, "Certainly in a vandalism situation we're always looking for the individual or individuals, the people who did it, as opposed to everyone. We don't want to bill the entire building because it's not fair to someone who happens to live in that hall."



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Is a \$78 threat really working to stop vandalism, or is it creating suspicion?

However, he realizes the difficulty in finding the person behind acts of vandalism, especially that of soda machines. "It's not always easy to track this stuff down. Vending machines aren't installed in high traffic public places."

Typically when an act of vandalism occurs in a residence hall, it is the responsibility of the Resident Assistant of that floor to write up an incident report detailing what has occurred. Depending on the severity of the act, the RA and the RD will decide whether to handle

the situation or have security conduct an investigation of the matter. A meeting of the floor is called to notify the students of the charges. They are also placed on their student account bills at the end of the year.

Killaroy encourages students who have information to dispel it to housing. "We like to hold that individual accountable, not only judicially, but financially. The student population in Midrise shouldn't have to pay for the actions of just a few students."

Phoenix Project seeks to rejuvenate Poughkeepsie



PHOTO CREDIT/TAYLOR ROGERS

Starbucks will be one of the many new promising businesses that will be moving into Poughkeepsie.

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN
Opinions Editor

Trinity College in Hartford, Ct. has managed to turn a once blighted area into a thriving economic community and has also inspired the creation of the "Phoenix Project" spearheaded by Marist senior Aaron Frechette.

The project intends to renovate Poughkeepsie by transforming aspects of the area into a "college town" setting while simultaneously developing the community as a whole, according to Frechette.

"It's something for both [parts of the community] because the college town atmosphere would give a nice aesthetic feeling while bringing more money into the community," he said. "Trinity hasn't fully addressed all of the social issues however," something that Frechette would like to focus on.

A large section of the plan focuses on renovating some of

Poughkeepsie's more decrepit areas, such as along Main Street and other areas, where abandoned buildings serve no purpose other than to give the town a black eye.

Taking the place of these run-down areas would be a flux of new businesses and an expanded program to provide affordable housing, according to Frechette.

The project has gained initial support among faculty members of the Praxis Project, including Prof. Greg Moses.

"It's good to see Marist students returning something to a community we get a lot out of," he said. "These are the sorts of projects that praxis sensibility inspires."

Marist College's President Dennis Murray has shown considerable enthusiasm with the idea. He met with the City of Poughkeepsie's Mayor Collette Lafuente to discuss renovation of the waterfront and downtown area.

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Question of the Week

Do you feel safe on campus?



"No, the college needs more lights. There is always an open-campus feel."

Katie Nielsen
Freshman



"Yes, because they have the blue emergency lights around campus"

Katherine Payne
Freshman



"Yes, no one bothers me. I don't feel threatened."

Mike Rudolph
Freshman



Security Briefs



compiled by **ED WILLIAMS III**
Managing Editor

2/13 Wednesday

A Champagnat student was disturbed by a sudden noise and the presence of water streaming in under his doorway at about 1:10 a.m. The student called fifteen minutes after noticing the water saying that someone was pounding on the door and using vulgar language. It was also later noticed the vulgar graffiti plagued the door. A check on the alleged perpetrators' room revealed a wastebasket with traces of water present and empty beer cans as well as a partially filled bottle of Stalingrad Vodka. A no contact order was issued to the two suspects, and the vodka was confiscated.

2/13 Wednesday

An adult male in search of his Ash Wednesday ashes, drove up the sidewalk in front of the Chapel at about 2:25 p.m. After realizing it wasn't a roadway, he drove up the plaza in front of the library in an attempt to turn around. The former limo driver finally exited by driving on the lawn, and the male told the security guard in pursuit of him that he was lost. The man finally drove away, but he was without his ashes, which was the whole purpose of the trip in the first place.

2/14 Thursday

Another case of vandalism was reported around 6 a.m. A maintenance van in the Riverview parking lot was found to have a broken window. Security said that blunt force seemed to be the cause of the damage.

2/14 Thursday

After a major motor vehicle snafu at about 2:15 p.m., a female came into Lowell Thomas informing the security guard that she had backed into a car as she was exiting the parking lot. The car she hit, though,

was allegedly illegally parked. In another uncommon act of honesty, the female left a note on the damaged car as well.

2/15 Friday

Two students attempted to enter the south side of Leo Hall at about 2:07 a.m. by knocking on windows and waking up random students. Security witnessed the event and forced the unwanted guests to leave.

2/15 Friday

Lower West Cedar was the latest target of sophomore vandalism at about 5:06 p.m. The off-beat shenanigans of the unknown perpetrators resulted in eggs and shaving cream being plastered all over the door of one of the buildings.

2/15 Friday

An astute security officer on duty at the entry desk came upon a falsely identified student at about 9:12 p.m. The officer realized that the student's face did not match that of the face on the ID card being used to swipe into the building. The person, though, was issued a visitor's pass anyway for unknown circumstances.

2/16 Saturday

A Gartland E-block shin-dig was broken up at about 12:20 a.m. after alcohol was found by the on-duty RD. The party's premature end resulted in the confiscation of mass amounts of alcohol. Twenty cans of Busch, nine cans of Bud Light, nine bottles of Budweiser were taken from the premises. In addition to the presence of alcohol, there were six unauthorized guests found mingling at the fiesta. The visitors were escorted off campus, but some of them tried to re-enter through a wooded area. One of them was caught, and the town of Poughkeepsie police was called onto the scene to make an arrest for trespassing.

2/16 Saturday

An observant security officer at the entry desk in the Breezeway of Champagnat broke up a party before it even started at about 1:14 a.m. The officer confiscated a 12 pack of Milwaukee's Best after the alcoholic beverages were attempted to be snuck into the freshman dorm.

2/17 Sunday

After responding to an RD's call about a sick Leo student at about 11:45 p.m., security found a possible cause for the student's stomach cramps. An opened liter of 99 Black Berries and an opened liter of Leeds Vodka were taken from the room, and the student was attended to and later properly written up.

2/17 Sunday

The Sunday confiscations were only just beginning as an apparent party in U-block was also broken up. A half keg of Anheiser Busch, complete with the tap was taken from the premises after the RD on duty called security.

2/17 Sunday

West Cedar was apparently the place to be Saturday night into Sunday morning; well until the parties were broken up anyway. After an RA requested security to arrive on the scene at an S-block apartment, it was found that beer pong season was indeed still going strong. The original call was for an unauthorized party, but it was later found that there was also an unauthorized visitor at the party as well. The students had to empty all open containers, and the visitor had to leave campus.

2/17 Sunday

The confiscation epidemic spread through O-block as well, as this party was unable to come away unscathed from the busy

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There will be a talk by Robert W. McChesney, a Research Professor from the Institute of Communications Research and Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois

security officers on duty. This soiree suffered some massive casualties in the unopened alcohol department. The list of confiscated beverages read like a who's who (or in this case a what's what) in the world of beers as there appeared to be something for everyone's tastes. Two bottles of Smirnoff Ice, one can of Jed's Hard

at Urbana-Champaign. The topic of the talk will be Corporate Media and the Corruption of U.S. Democracy. The event takes place on Friday, Feb. 22 from 12:30-1:45 p.m. in the Student Center room 346.

If you like Dave Matthews Band, you'll love this band too! Come see Jimson's Lyric with special guest The Projekt on Thursday, Feb. 28 in the Cabaret at 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$1 for students with a Marist ID and \$3 for all others.

The Student Programming Council presents SWIM - an original musical experience featuring Joshua Kobak from RENT. There will be free food, and the event takes place on Friday, Feb. 22 at 9 p.m. in the Cabaret.

The Information Technology staff cordially invites you, the Marist community to the Open House in Donnelly 258 on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 3-5 p.m.. The staff wants you to join the celebration of the completion of the new Information Technology Department renovations.

Pink Lemonade, 14 cans of Bud Light, three cans of Coors Light, five cans of Bud Light and three cans of Milwaukee's Best were all discarded. Also found at the West Cedar bash were three unregistered visitors as well as three registered ones. The visitors were forced to leave campus after sobering up.

Professor branches out

by AUBREY ROFF
Staff Writer

In January 2002, Marist philosophy professor Dr. Greg Moses was named chair of the Gandhi-King Society, a group that he has been involved with for ten years.

Moses states, "I'm surprised, happy, and proud to be chair of the Gandhi-King Society and am looking forward to doing more of these activities to keep these ideas alive and encourage people to keep working on them."

The Gandhi-King Society is an organization of a network of scholars that are interested in pursuing research on Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. and how they are still relevant in today's world. The group's primary interest is research, gathering information, and sharing results. As of now, there are thirty or more people involved in the organization, most of whom are professors. But the journal associated with the Gandhi King Society, *The Acorn*, has a much wider distribution.

The group is very centered around the meetings of the Eastern Division American Philosophi-

cal Association, which meets once a year in December. The 2000 meeting, held in New York City dealt with several papers on the importance of the concept of love.

The 2001 meeting in Atlanta addressed the question of "whiteness," including speculation of whether or not this distinction should be made, abuse of the "label," ethical whiteness, and so on. Also presented were three papers on the importance of religion.

For an example of the issues that the Gandhi-King Society deals with, we can look towards religion and politics. Although many people believe that these two ideas do not go together, research and discussion within this and other groups has shown that religious sensibility has deep roots within political action, especially through the perspectives of Gandhi and King.

The 2002 conference will be held in Philadelphia, where the discussion on religion and liberation will continue.

Anyone who is interested in becoming involved in the organization can contact Dr. Moses at 575-2217.

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"Marist is in the town of Poughkeepsie, not the city, but we are still very interested in what happens in city because it's a place where a number of our students live and socialize," he said.

Murray quoted President Kennedy, "a rising tide lifts all ships," to show how the college town aspect relates to the revitalization of Poughkeepsie as a whole and to address the issue that the reformation may negatively impact current residents. Moses also addressed the problem.

"Have to be worried about gentrification and affordable housing but hopefully something can be worked out where Marist can provide some assistance and students can be more involved in dealing with these consequences," he said.

Support has also come from the other colleges in the area such as

Bard, the Culinary Institute, Vassar, and New Paltz. Each school is participating in the Poughkeepsie Institute, a small program where students from each respective college participate in one class.

Frechette said that an important mission at Marist is to eventually modify the school's curriculum to incorporate more campus involvement within the Poughkeepsie community. This trend has already started within the communications and computer science departments according to Moses.

"Some of the capping courses in the communication department are involving community service and there is a computer recycling program through computer science department as well," he said.

The Phoenix Project is expected to span over the next several years much like the program started in Hartford in 1996.



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Students all gather to introduce themselves and their ideas to the student body before elections.

Voices heard at SGA speech night

by MEGAN LIZOTTE
A & E Editor

Class offices were easy to fill for next semester. There is not one opponent challenging already filled offices. This easiness left plenty of time for the running Student Body President opponents, Brian McAlpin and Michele Slesinski.

With a small group in attendance in the Nelly Golletti theatre, the election speeches were taped by MC-TV, and will be aired for all to see.

Present SGA Vice President, Brian McAlpin is all about the students. He states, "I'll support, you, the students. It all comes down to doing the student's 'business.'" McAlpin feels that time management will not be an issue if he wins this election.

"I manage myself very nicely," he states, "It won't be until the transition dinner that I stop. Some people say I'm a workaholic and I don't see that as a bad thing." McAlpin has worked hard over the past three years to increase diversity in clubs and activities here at Marist. In the past week, he has passed three clubs through College Activities.

Existing Director of Public Relations, candidate Michele Slesinski

has made herself known all around campus. Perhaps you have noticed her campaign motto: Thought and Action. She states, "I'm here to make a difference in the lives of students. Interaction is key."

Among other things, Michele has helped to keep the Billiards Room open and has worked closely with the Red Cross for the Bowlathon.

Some of the improvements Slesinski hopes to make include having a direct e-mail link to her web page, so she is accessible, increase the current library hours to make it more resourceful, improve the guest pass policy and finally, someone else who believes we need online registration here at Marist!

Slesinski states, "Thought and action are key to breaking the barriers between SGA and the students. Good luck to all who are running."

In addition, McAlpin would like to improve the judicial board, as it stands. He would like the board to handle more than just parking issues, but any type of write-up or other on campus dilemmas. He states, "Students would feel that their voices are being heard and that they have someone to turn to with their campus issues." Also, McAlpin would like to make gum and condoms readily available to

students, at their discretion.

He states, "As Student Body President my main job will be to support the students, who are this college's greatest asset."

When asked about why they were the best candidate for Student Body President, McAlpin states "I will not tire, I will not falter. I will not back down to any administrators. I will represent the students to the best of my ability."

Easily stated, Slesinski said she will be accessible to the students. "Since many students do not want to come into the SGA office, I feel e-mail is a good way for there to be student interaction. They will be able to inform me of what they want to see changed."

In closing, current Student Body President, Kevin Hogan states, "The candidates are not here for themselves, but for the student body as a whole. I want to thank all the candidates for running and good luck."

Tonight, at 9:30 pm in the PAR go and meet the candidates if you couldn't make it to the election speeches. Voting will take place on Monday and Tuesday from 11-2pm in Dyson and from 3-7 in the Student Center. On Wednesday, go and vote from 11-2 and 3-7 pm in the Student Center.

Elite faculty recognized by Marist

by ERIC DEABILL
Staff Writer

More often than not it is professors who give students grades; however, four Marist faculty members were recently honored for their excellence in the area of education.

Joseph Kirtland, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Virginia Marquardt, Professor of Art History, Robert Grossman, Professor of Business and Robert Sullivan, Associate Professor of Medical Technology, were honored with the 2001-2002 Library Faculty Recognition Awards.

The recognition awards are based partly on the most impressive and substantial academic written works of professors and are selected by members of the library committee. This year's four award recipients were honored for their individual accomplishments on Jan. 23.

The awards are typically given out to two faculty members every

spring semester; however, due to the opening of the James A. Cannavino Library last year, the awards were postponed and it was decided that four recipients would be named instead in Spring 2002.

In all, more than 50 faculty and students attended the ceremony, which featured Nicholas A. Basbanes as the guest speaker. Basbanes, who was born in Lowell, MA, and graduated from Bates College in 1965, has published two books, *A Gentle Madness* and *Patience & Fortitude*.

Kirtland, who has been teaching at Marist since the fall of 1992, said that he was honored by the award, "I am humbled by the award, and am greatly overshadowed by my fellow recipients. It symbolizes the dedication that the Marist faculty have to teaching."

Kirtland, who is currently researching Finite Group Theory, has recently numerous publications, including a paper entitled *Integrating Mathematical and Composi-*

tion Instruction, as well as a book entitled *Identification Numbers and Check Digit Schemes*.

Grossman, another award recipient who is currently on sabbatical leave in South Carolina examining the challenges in the healthcare industry and will return in the fall, has been teaching at Marist since 1983. At that time, he was the youngest faculty member ever hired, teaching his first course at age seven.

About receiving the award, Grossman said, "It is a great honor to be recognized by one's peers and especially meaningful to be selected with other faculty who have so distinguished themselves. No kidding, it is one of the true highlights of my professional career."

Rich Carlson, Vice-President for Academics of SGA, was one of the students who attended the recognition ceremony. "It is very good to see professors get acknowledged for their publishing achievements."



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Current office space is available for businesses across Route 9.

Truth revealed, resident assistants underestimated

by ALEXISLUKES
Staff Writer

RA. These two letters make many students v'ince.

For most, Resident Assistants, or RAs, are the people who remind them of the rules of the school. For may others, they are also the people who punish them for disobeying these rule.. But, these people do not usually stop to think what it's really like to be an RA.

Rachel Manko, 19, a sophomore, is a Resident Assistant in Leo Hall. She is also a member of the RA Selection Committee, which chooses who will become new RAs.

Becoming an RA has many advantages, she said.

"You can develop skills that you will use later in life," she said. "You get to interact with different people and learn to work well with others. In the freshmen dorms, you serve as a guide to the freshmen."

Susan DeCotis, 20, added that there are many other perks to becoming an RA.

"You get a single room," she said, "so you don't have to deal with roommates."

The opportunities that a person receives as a Resident Assistant seem endless.

"You get free room and board," DeCotis said. "You get to meet

people from different schools at conferences, too."

The chances to meet new people and to help freshmen were also reasons for DeCotis to become an RA. She wanted to make sure that all of her freshmen were comfortable in their first experience of the college life.

Manko spoke of the process that students must go through in order to be considered as an RA candidate.

First, an RA prospect must fill out an application with basic background information as well as a survey as to why he or she would make a good RA. Two letters of recommendation must accompany this application.

A group interview with group activities shows the committee how well an applicant interacts with a group. Next comes an individual interview with an RD and another RA. They both ask questions as to why you think you would make a good RA.

When a person is selected to become an RA, he or she must give the Selection Committee a list of places in which they would like to stay.

"You will be placed in one of your top two choices," Manko said.

Being an RA is not all it's cracked up to be, however.

"You are separated from your friends," Manko said. "It's very time consuming, too. You have to

do projects and there's lots of paper work involved."

DeCotis also noted some disadvantages to being a Resident Assistant.

"There is a lot of work," she said. "You need to learn to manage your time."

Having a position of power over peers is also a great challenge to most RAs. Order needs to be maintained, and it is often difficult to know how to act in different situations.

All in all, though, the benefits of being an RA are greater.

"It's really a lot of fun," Manko said.

Exercise could be harmful to your health

'You're so vain': When passion becomes an obsession

by JENN WEINTZ
Staff Writer

Peruse through any of the local book stores or flip through several television channels and one will be amidst a sea of diet books and gym memberships that are a "sure bet" to losing those extra pounds of unwanted fat.

Although weight issues have always been a highly sticky topic when it comes to the media and the influence it has over young and developing teens, another issue has been lurking in the background.

Compulsive exercise is sadly one of the most recent and more popular of the methods in which to lose weight quickly.

This obsessive disorder is closely associated with anorexia and bulimia, two well-known eating disorders that more than half the population suffers from each year.

Compulsive exercising can go unnoticed by the victim's friends and family because it appears as just a "health kick" on the surface. This is a psychological disease that takes over the mind of the victim as it does with diseases such as anorexia and bulimia. The victim feels that he or she is obese and through compulsive exercise can maintain a more acceptable body.

This disorder takes over the mind and the victims feel control in their life through this compulsive exercise. Although the victim has a very healthy looking body to his or her friends, inside they are destroying good muscle tissue and vital organs.

Putting too much stress on one's body can cause damage to internal organs and healthy strong

muscles.

Although the victims are not starving themselves, they are harming their bodies in much the same way.

Psychologically, victims of this disease feel sudden urges to over exercise after consuming a meal or even a snack. They feel that their bodies have suddenly enlarged after eating even a small portion of food and the only way to rid themselves of the extra calories is to work out.

A person with this disease uses any spare time in his or her day to work out and perfect their bodies.

The reason this disease is so deadly is because it goes unnoticed and therefore untreated.

Like many other disorders, compulsive exercising also exhibits several warning signs. Symptoms include obsessive talk about working out and getting in shape; working out for hours at a time and several times a day; constantly scrutinizing oneself in front of a mirror (looking for fat); commenting on how many calories and fat are in the food that he or she ate; and obsessing about missing a workout.

The best way to prevent this disease is to make more people aware of it.

It is important that people are educated about this disease and its severe consequences. Just like anorexia and bulimia, this eating disorder can be cured but it takes a lot of time and patience because of the psychological control it has over the victim.

Remember that a healthy body needs a nutritious diet and a safe exercise program, depending on body weight, in order to operate to its utmost ability.



Students work with dumbbells as part of their daily routine at the McCann Center gym.

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Protection for your car against winter abuse *Helpful hints to help automobiles run more efficiently*

by **JASON SHAW**
Staff Writer

The cold weather has been hitting us hard for months now. Even though we have managed to escape the worst of the winter without much of the white stuff, the occasional bitter temperatures have taken its toll on something near and dear to our hearts: our cars.

This is a tough time of year for our automotive babies or companions and any loving owner should do what they can to help them through the winter months.

Being busy college students we often lapse into negligence. It's time to spread some awareness of the problems our vehicles face.

Fluid is an important word to keep in mind during this season. The engine is prone to becoming frozen and dry, making a sufficient amount of anti-freeze essential for your car.

Most people agree that you should keep your anti-freeze level at the very least at half-tank. Another important fluid to keep in stock is windshield wiper fluid. Ice, frost, and, when it snows, road salt can fog up your windshield in no time.

Salt can also do damage to the rest of your car through its tendency to corrode metal, so washing it frequently is imperative. Many people ignore their car's hygiene during the winter, reasoning that more salt will just take its place.

Tires also take a lot of abuse in the winter from salt, ice, and skidding-so keep an eye on the condition of your tires and always keep a spare in the trunk.

The harsh cold also brings about a slew of electrical problems. Batteries tend to keel over when frost-bitten and there is the constant nagging problem of getting your car started and having it stall on

you at the most inopportune times. The solution: watch your battery gauge, keep jumper cables handy, and try to warm-up your engine before taking it on the road.

Every car is different and presents its own individual problems in the cold, but these simple tips could help keep you and your precious car on good terms.



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Automobile maintenance is essential for all drivers during the brutal winter months.

MCTV finally gets underway for spring semester

by **STACEY CASWELL**
Business Manager

With a population of predominantly communication majors on campus, it seems only fitting that Marist College offer a club designed to educate students about the use of studio equipment and the hard work that is involved in the world of television media. MCTV is just that club.

However, due to internal conflicts the organization has not been very visible recently.

Jon Fredyna, the President of MCTV said, "The year and half have been excruciatingly frustrating in laying out plans for MCTV. We had hoped to be off the ground by now but have realized that to better serve the Marist community we're going to transform the "studio" in Lowell Thomas 202 into a newsroom and a pre and post production room. We will then use LT 210 as our fully functioning television studio."

MCTV has been struggling to gain recognition as the Marist college television station provider after it was displaced from the student center.

"After a sudden move from the basement of Champagnat to the second floor of Lowell Thomas, the studio's progress was halted while the final touches were being put on the new studio," Rich Petz, the treasurer of MCTV said.

He continued, "These adjustments took longer than originally thought, and every alteration took

paperwork and phone calls.

However, President Fredyna is convinced that MCTV will soon be able to air with great new shows in the coming semester.

He said, "Once this transformation is complete and LT 210 is complete, I personally believe that MCTV will be a great organization at Marist."

MCTV is comprised of three different departments that make up the basis of the club. Each department deals with one aspect of the media industry, which even include offering students the opportunity to engage in the fields of advertising and public relations for the club.

Lauren Festa, a sophomore who has been active in MCTV since her arrival at Marist as a freshman said, "I'm a public relations officer at MCTV and the Executive Producer of MCTV News. Basically, I started out as a radio/tv/film major, which is why I joined. However, even after I switched my major to advertising, I still found that it was important to know about the television industry."

Festa added, "It's still a good experience to be able to work with the equipment and a good way to meet people, especially upperclassmen who may become future contacts after college."

Other departments include sports, news and original programming. Sports headed by Travis Tellitocci and Jay Butler, has been very successful this year with the taping three men's games basketball games, one women's basket-

ball game and two episodes of a new show being produced on MCTV called, "The Guys Who Talk About Sports and Entertainment." Tellitocci said, "We're always looking for new people to help out cause its such a detailed operation."

"I feel it is the department in which the students have the most ability to gain hands-on experience," he said.

Treasurer Petz, who is also the assistant director of original programming, said, "Currently original programming is a pilot program in which we are working on a sketch comedy show that will combine many elements from Saturday Night Live to The Kids in the Hall." He hopes that students will join in helping to create new shows and come forward with story ideas that MCTV can use to create new shows for the college community.

Eric Deabill, Director of the MCTV News Department, is planning on producing a news program within the next few weeks. This program allows the students the opportunity to try their hand at behind the scenes camera work, newswriting, on-camera reporting and anchoring, as well as learning to produce a direct a news show.

Fredyna encourages anyone who is interested in becoming actively involved with MCTV to come to the next meeting, whose time will be posted at the Marist College information channel and via flyers around campus.

Letter to the Editor

This is a response to the erroneous write up in the Feb 7th issue of The Circle. The write up in question being the security brief involving the two confiscated kegs alias 'tap devices' on the Friday before the Super bowl. The basic information involving the event was correct (save the misspelled name of the beer, Jenny (sic) the actual spelling of the slang being 'Genny' and true name being Genesee). It is generally understood that this column is written for the sake of humor, good Lord in Heaven knows I have found delight in its recounts of sophomoric antics involving cohabitation and inebriation and the such, however in the face of humor it is often easy to misconstrue facts and infuse opinion into a news account, and this is the error we have found.

The actual text in question is as follows; "Saturday Feb. 2-Security had their work cut out for them this Saturday. They first broke up a C block townhouse gathering at about 7:35 p.m. to take away 2 full kegs of Jenny (sic)." and, "...Sheahan Hall where they made their bid for the most impressive confiscation. 56 cans of Budweiser and a bottle of Bacardi Rum was found..."

This passage completely de-

grades the magnitude of the undertaking and near admirable hubris in a group of my housemates bringing two 'tap containers' into C3.

It does so for two reasons; firstly the activities are not even granted their own paragraph, this is a minor but mentionable point. The more grave offense is the overshadowing that another confiscation had upon the confiscation of a major amount of alcohol from C3.

It is understandable that the south end of campus is the 'dry' side of campus (even in the rain) so an alcohol confiscation made by security is a bigger event because underage drinking is intolerable and I can understand why more gravity would be attached to a confiscation of alcohol from underage students. However the statement, "Sheahan Hall where they made their bid for the most impressive confiscation." is unfair due to the sheer volume that two kegs hold. In our personal opinion the volume of alcohol alone is impressive and literally outweighs 56 cans of beer and one bottle of rum.

If this letter actually sees print we thank the editor for allowing us this forum to express our discontent.

- Sean M Macomber & co.

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Congress shall pass no law...abridging the freedom of speech or of the press.

Campaign finance reform: Thank Enron

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN
Opinion Editor

The hyenas in Congress have already started scavenging the rocks for old carcasses to sustain them while big business swine roll in their slop, infuriated that the next wave of political droids may be prevented from suckling on their filthy tit. Buying politicians is an exercise of the First Amendment after all.

The Shays-Meehan Bill, the House version of the Senate's McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill, sparked heavy debate last week between representatives seeking to protect the alleged First Amendment rights that allow individuals, corporations, and Political Action Committees (PACS) to express their voice through campaign contributions and those such as Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) that denounce the current system of campaign financing.

"There is too much money in politics," Lewis said during the debate, "political candidates should not be up for sale to the highest bidder."

"We should not be elected this way," he said. "This should not be the essence of our democracy."

The Shays-Meehan bill passed 240-189 and the next step will be a compromise between the Senate and the House with little threat of a Presidential veto. Included in the bill are a number of restrictions and regulations that would severely limit soft money contributions to candidates and parties.

If it wasn't for Enron this bill would barely be considered. The fat-cats and dimwits finally got caught with their pants down, their bloated potbellies swelling from the \$1.7 million Enron contributed in the last election cycle. At least there might be something positive coming from that mess.

Direct democracy in Argentina

The following was published on <http://indymedia.org:8081/mobile-i/argentina> on Feb. 14.

by CHRIS STROHM

One day after the Pope said democracy is threatened in Argentina, public protests were held in the streets of Buenos Aires against conservative economic reforms while unemployed workers blockaded the country's largest petroleum company.

Demonstrations and direct actions by workers, the unemployed and students continued throughout Argentina on Wednesday as Congress met in Buenos Aires to start negotiating a new budget.

Multiple protests were held throughout the day in downtown Buenos Aires while unemployed workers - or piqueteros - main-

Then again, there are already rumors and initiatives to lobby appeals against these reforms with a high possibility that it will eventually end up in the hands of the Supreme Court to debate over the constitutionality of the bill.

After all, it would be insane and ungrateful of politicians (such as George W.) who used Kenneth Lay's corporate jet to fly around the nation during the primaries and election of 2000. Ironically, Lay had the honor of interviewing high-level candidates for the federal energy department as well as the esteemed privilege of picking the new chairman for the Securities and Exchange Commission who happens to be a former lawyer for Lay's accountant, Arthur Anderson.

It's good to know low people in high places.

It's especially good when those low people know how to block any meaningful reform. A number of amendments were proposed during the debate by Republicans to alter the composition of the bill without significantly changing the content of the bill. This seems like a harmless enough tactic but its intent is to force enough differences between this bill and the Senate version so there will be a violent conflict in the conference committee where a compromise must be reached.

Campaign finance reform has often been overlooked as inconsequential because there are "bigger problems out there" but the main reason why those bigger problems aren't being addressed are because the politicians are bought by the pigs that started the problems.

Interest groups advocating gun rights shelled out \$4,000,000 to the Republican party in the 2000 elections; \$4,000,000 is the going rate for the right to be kill thousands of

tained a blockade of an oil refinery and shipping docks for Repsol-YPF, the country's largest petroleum company.

The Argentina economy collapsed last year under the weight of about \$140 billion (USD) in debt to the International Monetary Fund and foreign lenders.

Due to the collapse, workers and the middle class have lost their savings, unemployment levels have soared to 23 percent nationwide, and the government has put restrictions on the ability of people to withdraw money in U.S. dollars.

The poor and unemployed say they have been neglected by the government for years and the crisis is only going to make things worse as employment opportunities disappear and the cost of basic necessities rise.

children in our country every year it seems.

Oil and Gas groups contributed nearly \$34,000,000 to both parties in the same election year so it should come as no surprise that international environmental regulations such as the Kyoto Protocols were crushed.

Attempts to dissolve the system of individually financed campaigns in favor of a nationally sponsored system have always been criticized due to the expenses taxpayers would have to pay to fund it. This money is already being used for private campaigns however, if not more as the federal government regularly gives large kickbacks, subsidies, tax exemptions and so on for the corporations that donate to their party.

During the 1980s corporations paid roughly \$67.5 billion in federal taxes while receiving tax breaks and loopholes of \$92.2 billion, according to the non-profit organization Democracy Matters. Corporations composed only 20% of federal taxes in 1994 despite the fact that these corporations have more wealth in 4% of the richest citizens compared to the bottom 40% of our citizens.

If this country ever wants to move away from the two-party system of dumb and dumber, campaign finance must be addressed. Third parties and real candidates can never compete in a system that is fixed by the biggest wallets, the fattest checks, and the shadiest deals. This is not what democracy looks like.

For more information on campaign finance reform go to democracymatters.org and to find out who bought YOUR politicians go to www.opensecrets.org

In recent weeks, the middle class, unemployed and students have been joining forces to hold peaceful protests in the streets and public assemblies to develop alternative solutions to the crisis.

But on Tuesday, Pope John Paul II said Argentina's economic and political problems were "endangering the nation's democratic stability and the strength of its public institutions."

A member of the Vatican's college of cardinals said the Pope's comments were mainly directed toward the Argentine people, and Cabinet Chief Jorge Capitanich said the government agrees with the "spirit" of the Pope's comments.

However, people in the streets on Buenos Aires on Wednesday See... ARGENTINA, 7

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Monday Nights: "Phoenix Project", a plan to renovate and revitalize Poughkeepsie. Contact Aaron.d.frechette@marist.edu for meeting times/places

Thursday nights at 9:30 in LT 209B the Marist Animal Rights Ninjas will hold their weekly meetings

PROJECT MARIST MEALS: A new program that collects donated foods from the Marist cafeteria and distributes to local shelters and soup kitchens. Drivers are needed for delivery runs. Contact Kristen at X 5680 for info.

For other upcoming events or to submit an event, email cknudtsen@hotmail.com

Robert McChesney, author of "Rich Media, Poor Democracy" will be speaking on Friday, Feb. 22 at 12:30 pm in the PAR of the Student Center.

The Marist Animal Rights Ninjas will be working at Pets Alive, a no kill animal shelter on the weekend of March 2 and 3. If interested in helping at the shelter contact Jared.C.Avigliano@marist.edu

The Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) meets every Thursday at 9pm in the Henry Hudson Room of Fontaine Hall.

Privatizing prisons, the Sodexho question

by DAMIAN M. BEDNARZ
Staff Writer

It looks as though I have found another Mega-Evil Corporation to set my sights on. Don't worry, I'm not going liberal on you guys, but this particular issue strikes interest to me as well as it should to the entire Marist community.

Last week in one of my politics classes we touched on the subject of privatized prisons in France. That hit me a bit strange. How can you make a prison into a franchise? I joked in class saying, "What are there, like Sodexho and Reebok/Nike owned prisons in France?" To my amazement, that question was answered a few days ago.

Through the great on-line world I found tons of articles tying in the inhumane practices of for-profit prisons (privatized) and that of Sodexho Marriott Services (Marist College's sole food provider on campus).

This certainly is not a new concept, but rather a debate on the subject has been raging through campuses across this great country of ours for years now. Private prisons are taking heat because they try and make a profit off human beings' welfare.

I'm not one to be compassionate for prisoners, but this is our tax money that is going into the pockets of such greedy corporations. Now you are definitely getting cheated at the cafeteria, in more ways than one!

In 1998, Marriott and the French

based conglomerate Sodexho merged operations. Part of this unholy union was the incorporation of Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), the largest private prison contractor/manager. Though earlier in 1994, CCA entered into an alliance with Sodexho and now has provided the company with 50% of its ownership. Still with me?

As of this year, Sodexho/Marriott/CCA manages prisons in the UK, France, Germany, Puerto Rico, Australia, Canada, Latin America, and good old USA. So the profits from Sodexho Marriott Services help fund a good portion of the private prison industry under CCA. So where's the problem in all this?

Private Prisons, or also known as for-profit prisons, reward their prisoners with inhumane cost-cutting measures like less meals, poor living accommodations, less security, and incorporation of slave labor to produce goods at extremely low prices.

Sodexho provides food services for over 800 campuses here in the US. You can just imagine how many angry students there must be out there. Kevin Pranis, founder of Prison Moratorium Project, states, "our position is when you have a for-profit food service for prisoners, the commodity is food. When running a for-profit prison, the commodity is people. In this

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World Social Forum
unknown alternative to WEF

by JESSICA TARA SMITH
Staff Writer

Every year, the world looks on in anticipation and uneasiness as over 1,000 of the world's richest and most powerful CEO's from the world's top multi-national corporations and politicians gather to discuss globalization and the international economy at the World Economic Forum.

Unbeknownst to the media and a majority of industrialized nations of the world, another forum was being held at the same time as the WEF. A congregation of organizations from the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Europe were meeting in the city of Porte Alegre, Brazil, hosting what is known as the World Social Forum. This recent arena for the creation and exchange of social and economic projects promoting human rights, social justice and sustainable development was held from Jan. 30 to Feb. 5.

The World Social Forum developed as a result of the growing international movement that advocates greater participation of civil societies in international financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), The World Bank, and the World Trade Organization (WTO). These organizations as well as those involved with the WEF have been formulating decisions that have affected the lives of people around the world and have been doing so without a clear system of democratic participation.

Unlike the WEF, the WSF is centered around the construction of global society that focuses on the human being and not on financial gain or imperialism. Among the four main themes discussed at the World Social Forum were the production of wealth and social reproduction, access to wealth and sustainability, civil society and the public arena, and political power and ethics in the new society.

Among the first of the resolutions were alternatives to building a more fair system of world trade. South African representa-

tive of the Africa Trade Network Don Keet declared that the WTO was "a regime" and a "form of global government." He and others felt that it was a necessity to put this totalitarian trade regime to questioning since it has influenced, and continues to participate in the ruin of the economies of several countries.

Among the alternatives suggested include changing the laws of international trade to place more emphasis on the people and workers, as well as increasing the exports of items from those countries. The second was to reform the WTO, removing certain agreements on intellectual property, reduce their punitive power and organizing it in order to balance the weight of world power.

The workshop came to the theory that free trade does not necessarily result in economic growth, that the closer third world countries get to the system, "the less they participate as export markets" as noted by Don Keet. In fact, in this past decade alone, Latin America's rate of participation in the world market has decreased from 11% to 5%, while Africa's rate of 8% has decreased to 2%.

The WTO's policies of forcing foreign markets to adopt free trade may end with effects more devastating than they are believed to be as the deterioration of the economies in such countries like Argentina exemplify the inefficiency of such a system.

Another conclusion reached at the forum was the call for activism against the privatization of water and for its sustainable use. This subject was brought about with the help of the Bechtel and Bolivia conflict regarding the privatization of Bolivia's public water by Bechtel Corporation of San Francisco. Among the participants was Bolivia's Pablo Solon from Fight Against Privatization Of Water to help bring more information and human interest into the forum.

The Feb. 2 workshop acknowledged that water is a common good that is indispensable to humankind, and for this reason it cannot be

treated as a product. They also promoted the public and sustainable management of water resources.

Unlike the WEF, the World Social Forum was far less controversial and viewed in a far less negative way. Corporate sponsorship was notably absent, seeing only a minimal amount of police presence and having received an official welcome from the local government.

The WEF, starting in 1971, is an exclusive, invite-only event with members including 1,000 of the world's top CEO's, academics, trade-ministers, heads of state, and elite media attending. Their summits permit the richest and most powerful corporations in the world to trade representatives from nations, make business deals, and determine global political and economic policies.

Although the WEF claims to be "independent, impartial, and not-for-profit, tied to no political, partisan or national interests" it is quite evident from the extensive corporate sponsorship, and political influence.

Though the mission statement of the World Economic Forum is that it is "committed to improving the state of the world" the sad reality is that they really come together to plan their massive layoffs, slashing education and health services, reducing wages and working conditions in non-industrial nations, degrade the environment, waging war on civilians and assaulting the civil rights of all those opposing them.

It is unfortunate that a fledgling global forum must be left to look after the human side of global political and economic decisions that have been made at an older, more experienced, but still enigmatic organization. Should the WEF have focused on the people more than on personal economic gain or political power then there would not only be a lack of protests against the WEF, there would have been no call, no necessity for the World Social Forum to be formed in the first place.

Letters to the editor....

Marist College: Three years later diversity level questioned

Dear Editor:

As the Opinions Editor for The Circle last semester the paper was challenged to bring a leftist voice from the doldrums of Marist's richly complacent community. However, when The Circle published the question of the week "Is Marist tolerant of minorities?" last semester it provoked a seemingly unwarranted response by the Black Student Union and El Arco Iris. Yet, when my journalistic duties called me to reflect on that question and its implications the results were far from enthusiastic.

Over the past three years Marist's diversity has gone down drastically from the tangible level it was in 1998. Not only does the campus seem whiter; it seems increasingly heterosexualized and masculinized. Yet, at the same time there has spawned a fledgling homophile movement, an animal rights group while ethnic clubs seem more active than ever before. The rise of clubs like these has caused me to question diversity at Marist.

Moreover, as these progressive clubs meet and discuss issues that pertains to them they are called to enter the larger community that has othered them. Not only do members of these groups feel os-

tracized; they are looking for ways to enter the Marist community under the virtues of peace, tolerance and understanding.

As diversity levels slip, one questions the methods of Admissions counselors who recruit freshman, the dedication of the Administration to bringing Marist's prestige to urban areas, and Student Government's willingness to actively demand a more diversified representation of America as a country. In May, the senior class will leave Marist's "fishbowl" where white-heterosexual-males dominate for a richer and more colorful world of "strangers." How prepared will Marist students be for the real world if their four years were limited to 1950s conservatism?

In the end, the student body should be more proactive in demanding a more diversified campus, perhaps then, with newer ideas and greater challenges to the status quo, Marist will someday realize the goal of selling condoms in the bookstore and embracing diversity for the international community. Where is Benjamin Barber when Marist needs him most?

Benjamin J. Brenkert

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case, poor people and people of color."

An interesting case took place in Ohio a few years ago. Honda set up an outfit to make car parts where prisoners were being paid about forty cents an hour. These were normally union jobs, where a person doing the same work in the community would get \$15 an hour. We need not look to Indonesia for sweatshops; we got plenty of injustice to the American worker right here in the breadbasket.

You're all probably thinking I'm getting soft with these thieves, rapists, and murderers, but the truth is that I am less worried on the conditions of the prisoners and more concerned on whose taking my money. We still pay taxes to the state to keep these criminals locked up, but it's all in how the companies that run these prisons make a buck from us, the noble taxpayer, by cutting back on servings of gruel. Maybe that extra gruel is feeding the student body?

I am 100% for rehabilitation of prisoners, but most private prison contractors are against it because they have a vested interest in an inmate's continued incarceration. There is more cash in keeping a

prisoner a criminal than it is to rehabilitate them and make it into society. They receive payments from the state government to keep such individuals behind bars, in doing so they cut corners to make money. Somebody really needs to take a long look at the incarceration epidemic in America.

There are nearly 2 million people locked up in America. That number has been growing due to the need to fill this new lucrative business field. Attention graduating Business Majors! Politicians receive donations from these companies, so long as they implement legislation to get more people into jails. The vicious cycle of you scratch my back I scratch yours.

So why should Marist care? Well every time you swipe that ID of yours in the cafeteria remember that those "forced-upon" meal plans are going to the poor treatment of prisoners, but worse enriching the lives of a couple of sin-filled CEO's.

I'm not saying to go and storm the cafeteria like the Bastille. Rather, Marist should take a look at some kind of food service reform (a.k.a. revolution).

Argentinan democracy ...From 6

did not agree with the Pope.

"Maybe the democracy that the Pope wants to defend is threatened," said Santiago Arias, a student at the University of Buenos Aires. "But that's the democracy of the parliamentary groups and the political parties and not the democracy of the people in the streets."

The Buenos Aires Herald reported that budget negotiations were cancelled as a result of protests at Congress on Wednesday. According to the paper, the Peronist Lower House caucus can-

celled its meeting because police could not guarantee security in the building. Police authorities told legislators they would not be able to stop protestors if they tried to enter the building.

Earlier in the morning, demonstrations were held at the banks in downtown Buenos Aires to protest government restrictions on withdrawing money in the currency that deposits were made, especially dollars.

In addition, a transnational activist group called Intergalaktika, which formed during the World

Social Forum in Brasil, organized a demonstration to protest neo-liberalism.

On Wednesday night, another 1,000 people marched through the streets of downtown. They blocked traffic and, at one point, held a sit-in at an intersection for about 10 minutes.

As protests occurred in the downtown area, piqueteros continued their blockade of Repsol-YPF, the country's largest petroleum company.

The piqueteros are demanding jobs, food and justice.

These "Crossroads" lead to definite dead end

by PAUL LUKASON
Staff Writer

There is only one redeeming quality to this film, Britney, and her good looks. Britney's body is exploited, as usual, very quickly into the film. To my dismay, the only two occurrences of this happen in the first 10 minutes of the film. In the opening scene she is dancing in her underwear, and in a later scene she is seen again in her underwear about to loose her so called "virginity" to her lab partner of three years. It's really sad that these are the only good things to come out of this movie.

Crossroads is the acting debut for the one called Britney Spears. Shonda Rhimes, who has no previous writing experience, wrote the *Crossroads* story. I have read

rumors that Shonda wrote the story specifically for Britney as the lead character. Tamra Davis, who has such gems as *Half Baked* and *Billy Madison* under her belt, directs *Crossroads*. There are no other notables involved with this film, because let's face it; the only reason one would see this movie is for Britney. Justin Long of *Jeepers Creepers* fame does make an appearance however. It is also rumored that he tried out for the role of Henry as a joke, and to his and everyone else's surprise somehow got the role. He thought that it was the chance of a lifetime to have the opportunity to kiss Britney, and have it immortalized on video. He made the same choice that any other male would have made, and chose to accept the role.

I interpret *Crossroads* as a semi-fictional biography of Britney Spears. I guess it can be comparable to Mariah Carey's *Glitter*. Apparently it is up to the viewer to determine what to take as fact and what to deem fiction.

The demographic of people in the theater ranged from 15-year-old girls to 16 year old girls. Big surprise, huh? I thought I was alone when I didn't take Britney Spears seriously, but guess again. You would think that *Crossroads* was intended to be a comedy from all the laughter that occurred. I can tell that Britney put 110% of her acting ability into making this film. It's too bad that it will never be good enough. Britney does not possess the charisma or ability to be an actor. She just cannot achieve movie stardom because she does not possess any potential to do so. During Britney's big scene, she attempts to show her sen-

sitive side and cry, yet, no waterworks are involved. The entire theater was in an uproar of laughter during this scene. I found myself laughing at the fact that Britney is a joke to not only me, but also everyone else. The only reason to see this film is if you absolutely cannot get enough of Britney, and her twins. That's it.

The movie also attempts to cover five season's worth of 7th Heaven life controversies in 90 minutes. The movie deals with running away from home, premarital sex, underage drinking, abortion, miscarriages, cheating, "fitting in", rape, and so many more. There are just too many to list. I mainly have a problem with the premarital sex, and underage drinking. Girls who look up to Britney as a role model are being

sent the wrong message. Britney's character tells us that it is all right to have premarital sex, as long as it is with someone special. Her character also tells us that underage drinking is fine too. Whoops, looks like someone made a mistake.

I am hoping and praying that this is the first and last movie project fueled by Britney Spears. I am also only giving her one more album release before she poses in Playboy to try and revitalize her career. Let's all try and pretend that this movie was never made, because I sure would.

Grade: F

Jim Bruer adds sense of humor to Poughkeepsie

by DAVID SURDOVEL
Staff Writer

On February 15, Jim Bruer made an appearance at Banana's Comedy Club in Poughkeepsie. A veteran of *Saturday Night Live* and known for his "Goat Boy" alter ego, Jim did his stand-up routine for two sold-out shows.

Running up to the stage in a sweater, jeans, and baseball cap, Jim did his best to look laid back. Then he began his routine by lifting up his shirt.

"All you guys must think that I am here to try and pick up women - well just look at my belly (lifts up shirt and sticks it out). You got to be happy now - now no woman wants to be with me."

He further continued to embarrass himself, telling stories of how he was "the fat kid" in elementary school who always wanted to play "Planet of the Apes" with other kids and run around "like a gorilla".

Mentioning that there is always redemption for overweight kids, Jim talked about playing his fa-

vorite sport as a kid, kickball. "It's like, when your fat, and you have those big boots on, when that ball comes down and you kick it, you get that 'Ping!' It would go over

the outfielder's heads, but you would only be able to round first because you are so slow."

Commenting on everything from having children to the war in Afghanistan, Jim makes those comments that you would not hear from anyone else but him. "They say guys always don't know how to hold babies. That's cause we're afraid that one of these days, (drops the mic), that will happen! You don't want that to happen - and we don't either!"

Jim joked that the fighting in Afghanistan is "like fighting the Sandpeople from Star Wars. There is nothing around except for cam-

els and men with goggles."

Another great part of Jim's show was how he connected his routine with things that actually happen in real life. "You could just be driving along when



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Bruer performed at Banana's Comedy Club last weekend.

(says in a deep voice) 'The Bogeyman will get you!' So you speed up, and then you think, 'There is no Bogeyman - why am I driving 95 on the highway? And not even five seconds later after you slow down, you think,

(says in a deep voice again) 'He was in the backseat all the time!' Oh No!"

One of the best parts of the show was when Jim used some physical comedy using only his hand on top of a tall stool. From this simple setup, Jim illustrated anything from an umpire calling a play at the plate safe to a dog sniffing around. "Yeah, you may think this looks stupid," Jim said, "but later on, you'll all be trying it."

Jim was enthralled with one of the younger members of the audience and amazed that he was only 18 years old. "Man, I remember thatage. You guys still

like make-out and stuff. I remember doing that, but once you get married, that is all over. Then you just hug and have children."

Surprisingly in the show, Bruer did not do his famous "Goat Boy"

impersonation from *Saturday Night Live*. He has said in the past that he wanted to move away from just doing one character, but some people who went to the show were left hanging. Marist Sophomore Paul Careccia said, "I was a little disappointed, it would have been cool to see him do Goat Boy."

Overall, however, Jim was well liked, and was given a standing ovation by the audience for his hour-long set.

Jim Bruer is currently on tour and will make a pit stop on March 3rd to host the High Times Stony Awards in New York City.

Most Marist students drink moderately or abstain from using alcohol.

Mariposa serenades Marist with spoken word

by CHRISTINA DIAS
Staff Writer

With February being African-American heritage month, spoken word artist Mariposa's performance Saturday February 16th was certainly appropriate. She is of African-American and Puerto Rican heritage and most of her poetry involves her experiences with racism and personal identity.

Mariposa was raised in the Bronx and was confronted with racism in her youth by fellow Puerto Ricans who considered her not to be a true Puerto Rican since she wasn't from the island. She asked the audience if anyone had ever been told they had

ugly hair and was surprised at the sizeable number of people who responded in the affirmative. She recited a poem called "Broken Ends, Broken Promises" about African-Americans who undergo painful treatments to straighten and tame course, curly hair; "may every afro rise as false ideas of beauty die" one line read. Her informal survey proves that concerns about one's physical appearance being accepted by the rest of society are not exclusive to African-Americans. This poem can be found in a book called *Bumrush the Page* edited by Tony Medina, which is the literary companion to the HBO series "Def Poetry Jam".

Mariposa's provocative performance moved to the topic of ac-

tivism. Her poem "Corporate Leviathan" parallels political activists to paranoid monkeys. She claims they lead the other mellow monkeys of society to question moral issues, therefore saving them from complacency. One has to wonder how many of these "paranoid monkeys" would be more fittingly labeled hypocrites. Even so, Mariposa uses poetry to express her personal social commentary.

Mariposa, whose name means "butterfly" in Spanish, recited a poem called "I Feel Sexy". She sarcastically praised men's ways of hitting on women and the nicknames they use, such as "boo", "shorty" or "chicken". This humorous poem not only cleverly poked fun at these ridiculous terms, but also ventured into feminist issues. From here she shared several

more works dealing with male domination, rape and abuse, not only of women but also the often-overlooked sexual abuse of men. She had several audience members share their own poetry as well.

Black female authors such as Gwendolyn Brooks inspired Mariposa when she was younger. She feels poetry is currently moving from the realm of literature to the spoken word, as the recording industry is finding this genre a lucrative prospect, pointing out the example that you could find recordings of Maya Angelou's poetry alongside political speeches in a record store. Though she is considered a spoken word artist, Mariposa sings

some of her work when she feels so inclined. Being bi-lingual she also recites and translates poems in Spanish.

Overall, Mariposa's performance was appealing in that it departed from the usual musical entertainment shows and showcased poetry as an art form out of its literary context. Her poems were relatable not only to African-Americans, but all men and women. They were delivered with a passionate voice with only mild aloofness. Find out more about this artist at www.rbgworld.com or pick up a copy of *Bumrush the Page* for some of her work.

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V-Day vaginas, violence and valentines come to Marist

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN
Opinions Editor

Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues" returned to Marist College's Nelly Goletti Theatre on Valentine's Day. The "V-Day" celebration links controversial themes like violence towards women and the "uncomfortable" word 'vagina' together in order to add some significance to the otherwise corporate owned holiday.

The Vagina Monologues were written in 1996 by Ensler and have been performed across the country since, including Marist over the last four years. Empowerment of women's sexuality and identity is stressed throughout the monologues.

One of the earliest monologues of the night, "The Flood", gives the story of a 72 year old woman who had an awkward experience in her youth that led her to avoid sexual relationships through her life. Most importantly perhaps, is the fact that woman never talked to anyone about the incident or her feelings about it, thus keeping her isolated from not only the outside world but from herself as well.

Two new skits were added to the

monologues this year, "My Short Skirt" performed by Laurie Benner and "Under the Burqua" which was dedicated to the women of Afghanistan, performed by Kristin Amundson. The latter skit was joined by a few other serious monologues such as Laura Fogerty's performance of "My Vagina Was My Village" about a Bosnian woman who was raped and tortured by soldiers.

The somber monologues contrasted with Michelle Parson's "The Woman Who Loved to Make Women Happy" and Marianne Folan's "The Vagina Workshop" that had the crowd sick with laughter.

Ryan Finger, a Senior at Marist, said that Jess Duggan's performance of "My Angry Vagina" was a highlight of the night. "She had so much energy and you could tell she was speaking for everyone because all the girls in the crowd were standing up and getting into it," he said. "They were waiting for someone to say it just like that."

The contrast between monologues made the performance humorous but serious so the crowd could be captivated with the en-

tertainment factor while simultaneously receiving a bit of social commentary.

Marisa Levy, Erin Gardner, and Lauren Thatcher played the "Three Wise Women" role and periodically reappeared for narration and introductions between monologues. Members of the Marist faculty were also involved with the monologues, including Dr. Rose DeAngelis, Dr. Virginia Blanton, and Professor Laura Rose.

Michael Sowter, Co-Director with Michelle Suesens, said that incorporating faculty into the performance was key.

"[The monologues] make a strong social commentary so we didn't want to seclude faculty," he said. "It added a nice touch."

Professor Rose noted that vibrators are still illegal in a number of states where guns are easily obtainable between the skits "Under the Burqua" and "Reclaiming Cunt", the latter performed by Janine Cahill.

The cast had a number of logistical obstacles before them for this year's performance of the monologues. "A Streetcar Named Desire" ran until Feb. 10, leaving the cast of the Vagina Monologues

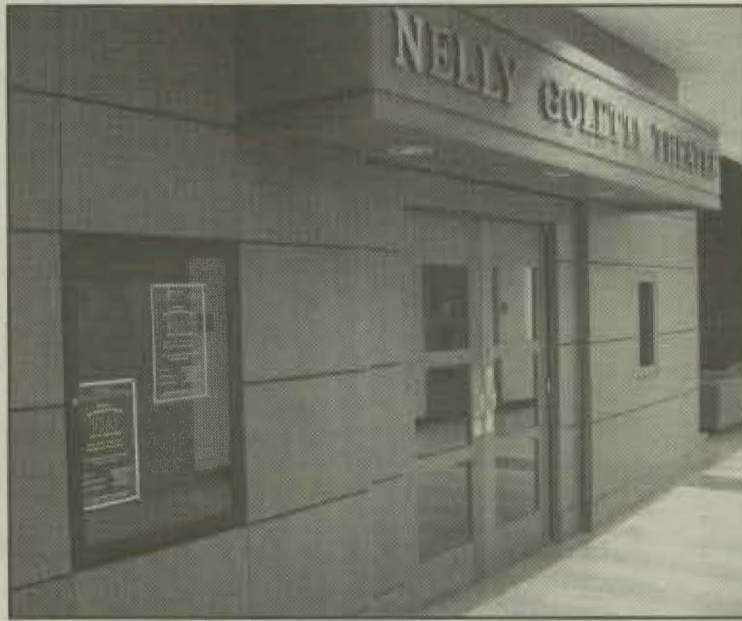


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The Nelly Goletti Theatre, home to many great performances. only three nights to rehearse on the stage. Suesens said that being on the stage was not as important as practicing in front of an audience however.

"Getting the stage earlier wouldn't have made a big difference because we didn't have much of a set," she said. "It would have been nice to have been able to do auditions earlier in December before the break though, but it all

worked out."

An estimated 25-30 people auditioned for the monologues, 19 of which were taken for the performance. Suesens also noted that the cast had to be entirely composed of women this year, as requested by Ensler, even though Marist has used male narrators in the past for the monologues.

Ed Said... Road to Wrestlemania 18 to be too sweet

by ED WILLIAMS III
Managing Editor

People either love wrestling, or they hate it, but right now is definitely a great time to be a wrestling fan. Not even a year removed from the merger of the two biggest wrestling organizations around, the world of sports entertainment has again been shaken to its core as the New World Order (nWo) has come back to their old stomping grounds - the World Wrestling Federation (WWF).

The nWo consists of wrestling living legends Hulk "Hollywood" Hogan, Scott Hall and Kevin "Big Sexy" Nash, all of whom gained their original fame in Vince McMahon's World Wrestling Federation (WWF) during the 80s and early 90s. After the WWF and McMahon were going through a steroid scandal and the industry had started to hit the proverbial wall, Hogan, Hall and Nash decided to jump ship to the competition, Ted Turner's World Championship Wrestling (WCW).

Wrestling is of course fake, but sometimes the performers can do an awfully convincing job of blurring the lines between reality and illusion. When the renegade nWo burst onto the scene, they made it look like a hostile take over. Scott Hall was the first to make an appearance on the show. The announcers played it up like they thought he was still with the WWF, an idea that was going through the minds of almost every wrestling fan watching from their homes. Kevin Nash almost immediately followed Hall onto WCW programming. A

match was made at a pay-per-view event called *Bash at the Beach*. It saw Hall, Nash and a mystery partner against three of WCW's best - Lex Luger, Sting and Macho Man Randy Savage. WCW's stars were getting demolished throughout the match. While the referee was knocked out, Hulk Hogan made his way down to ringside. The crowd erupted as they thought their hero in red and yellow would save WCW from certain demise. Much to their dismay, the "Hulkster" turned his back on all of his "Hulkamaniacs" for the first time ever and dropped the dreaded leg drop on WCW's fallen stars as the nWo was then born.

This new faction generated an amazing buzz across the wrestling community, and ratings were skyrocketing. WCW's *Monday Nitro* was pulling in higher ratings than the WWF's *Raw is War* for the first time in recent memory. *Nitro's* win streak in the Monday Night ratings wars went on for what at the time was an unprecedented 81 weeks. McMahon, not being able to stomach losing for so long, was forced to change the entire look of his federation. The success of the nWo indirectly led to the WWF's new, racier format. Their most popular superstar, Stone Cold Steve Austin, was most known for chugging beers and flipping off officials. A new group was also formed called Degeneration X, and their trademark was known as the "crotch chop" and telling people to "suck it." Ready for another change, the fickle fans switched channels and tuned into the more risqué WWF. After some back and forth weeks in the ratings, the WWF took off

and never looked back.

Before long, WCW was starting to lose money. The arenas they were used to selling out were now half empty, and half of their audience was now watching *Raw* instead of *Nitro*. Then, when Time Warner merged with AOL, the new conglomerate decided to cut any entities that were losing money, and WCW was one of the biggest problem areas in that respect.

The search for new owners began, and it looked like an upstart

tion once and for all. In a move that changed the world of sports entertainment forever, McMahon bought out WCW becoming the owner of the only major company in the industry.

Fans were salivating at the possibilities of seeing their favorite WCW stars finally matched up against the talent of the WWF. Guys like Booker T, Diamond Dallas Page and Ric Flair made an immediate impact. In addition, many Extreme Championship Wrestling

his old friend Hulk Hogan and his buddies Hall and Nash and asked them to come back to the company that made them famous. After mocking the WWF while in WCW, few fans thought they would see the day that these three would be back in the squared circle of the WWF.

But that day has come. The nWo came back at last Sunday's pay-per-view event No Way Out (oddly enough having the initials N.W.O.). They made a big splash immediately and cost Stone Cold Steve Austin the world championship in his match against current undisputed world champion Chris Jericho. They continued to ravage the competition Monday on *Raw*. Hogan and The Rock performed an interview segment that nearly blew the roof off the place. It was a wrestling fan's dream to see the mega-super-star of the past jawing with the mega-super-star of the present. The prayers of wrestling fans everywhere were answered when Hogan and The Rock agreed to meet each other in a match for the ages at the granddaddy of them all - *Wrestlemania 18* - on March 24 in Toronto at the Skydome.

This will be Hogan's first *Wrestlemania* since *Wrestlemania 9*. It is also rumored that Scott Hall will take on Austin in another match that should have fans drooling. All I know is that it's time for wrestling fan's everywhere to just sit back, relax and enjoy the road to *Wrestlemania 18*, because in the words of the nWo themselves, it will be just "TOO SWEET!"

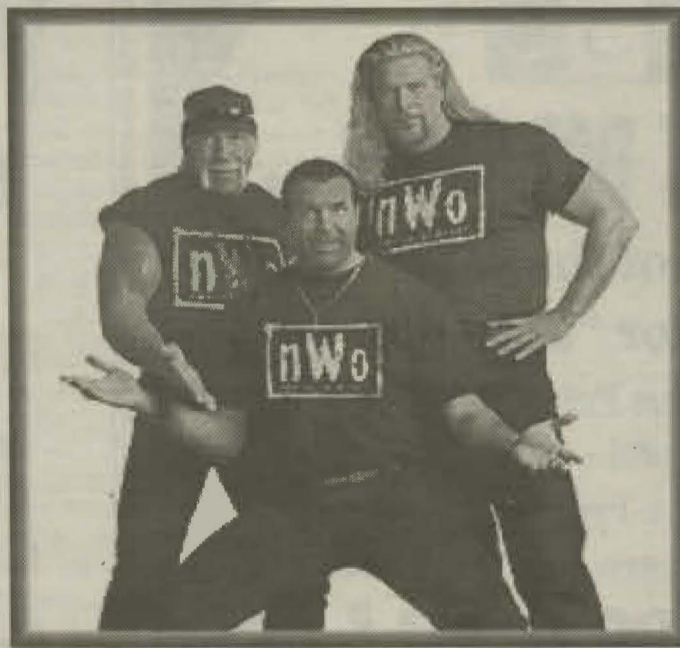


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Hogan, Hall and Nash are back in the World Wrestling Federation.

media corporation known as Fusient was going to step in and buy out the company. When it came time to seal the deal, Fusient Media backed out and WCW was still a part of AOL/Time Warner. Vince McMahon, the brilliant businessman that he is, pounced on his chance to eliminate the competi-

(ECW) guys were starting to make names for themselves, most notably "The Whole Dam Show" Rob Van Dam who has turned into arguably the most popular new star in the federation.

As the WWF started to get into a rut, McMahon decided to play his ace in the hole. He called up

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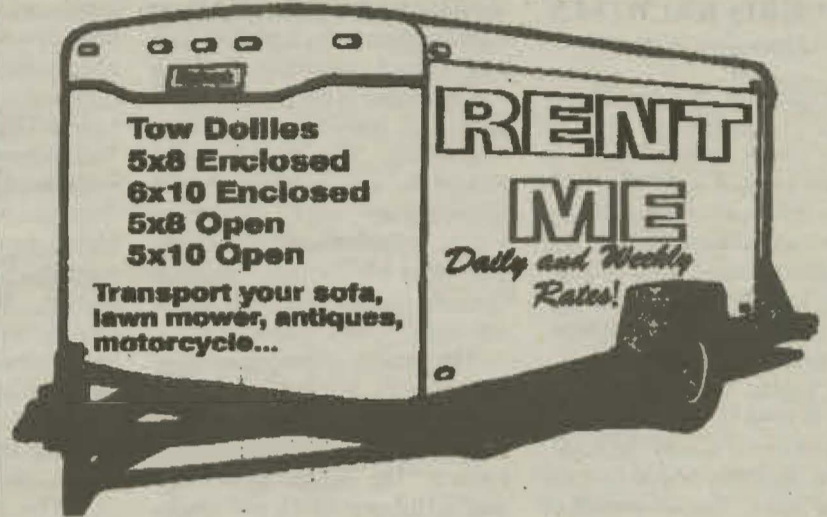
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Scandal and controversy...just another normal year at the Olympics

by SCOTT DESIERE

Ok, so here is what we know.

Anton Sikharulidze and Elena Berezhnaya were clearly the outstanding pair in the short program, but David Pelletier and Jaime Sale really endeared themselves to the American fans with their fall at the end of the skate.

David and Jaime were clearly the better combo in the long program with their run being truly flawless, while Anton, what was he thinking, stepped out of his triple-axle.

This should have left David and Jaime, the Canadian pair, with the gold medal, but five out of the nine judges felt the Russian pair was superior and awarded the gold medal to Anton and Elena. The crowd booed angrily, David looked bewildered, Jaime cried and Scott Hamilton furiously barked about how he was embarrassed for his sport.

Case closed and so it goes? Not a chance.

With media outlets all over North America putting on unrelenting pressure in search of air time for female figure skaters that men find

attractive...I mean, in search of the truth, the International Skating Union (ISU) announced that they would be launching an internal investigation into the matter, most likely in hopes that the announcement would satisfy interested parties and lessen what was becoming an intense and unwanted media spotlight.

But please, did the ISU's president, Ottavio Cinquanta, really think that he could ward off Bob Costas and his blood-sucking friends in the media with an internal investigation? Not smart, Ottavio, not smart.

The media attention only increased, and Skate-Canada decided what was already obvious to the rest of the now suddenly interested world, that there must have been some shady deals made that kept their precious David and Jaime from winning the gold, so they began launching an all-out campaign to get to the bottom of this whole slippery situation.

Then Cinquanta and the ISU held a press conference and said that

there had been an allegation made claiming that one of the judges had acted improperly, and that the judge who had allegedly acted in an un-sportsmanlike manner was denying those charges.

Everybody, media and viewers alike, knew by this point that it was the French judge that was being accused. Yet throughout his stuttering and incoherent attempt at a press conference, Cinquanta said repeatedly that the identity of the accused judge would remain undisclosed.

Umm, hello, Ottavio, anybody home? Everybody already knows it was the French judge. Where is Biff Tannan to knock on somebody's head when you really need him? You really cannot blame Cinquanta though; even adults need to play pretend sometimes.

In the meantime, the Chinese judge from that now famous night, who also questionably voted to give the gold to the Russians, got the flu and got the hell out of there.

This all seemed like it was so much fun that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) decided that they wanted to come out and play as well, warning the ISU they had better resolve this situation in a hurry or else.

Low and behold, our man Cinquanta returned the very next day for another exciting mystery

press conference, this time announcing that French judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne (no kidding, it was the French judge?) had admitted that she was pressured into voting for the Russian pair and would be suspended indefinitely and that a second pair of gold medals would be awarded to David and Jaime in a special ceremony to be done in tandem with Anton and Elena.

Touching, really. I can still hardly contain my emotions when I think of the four skaters hugging each other and faking smiles as they clutched their forever-tainted gold medals.

Let's be honest here. I find Sale to be just as attractive as the next guy does, and trust me, if she were not attractive, hoards of guys would all of a sudden decide that they would rather watch reruns of Family Ties than hear more about this controversy.

After all, name me one guy that's cooler than Alex P. Keaton.

Regardless, this giant ordeal seemed to be coming to a ludicrous but merciful ending with Sunday night's ratings-friendly dual gold medal ceremony.

Suddenly, but not surprisingly, Le Gougne, the French judge, then decided to come out from behind her hideous looking fur coat and announce that in fact nobody pres-

sured her into voting for the Russians and that in her heart she truly felt the Russians had won and that was why she voted the way she did.

I'm guessing that some media outlet somewhere is desperate for this story to keep going and paid her to say that. That is the only possible explanation.

And then the Russian powers that be decided to get involved, and why the hell not, alleging that this whole saga was a conspiracy against the Russians being cooked up by the American media. Rumor has it that Oliver Stone has heard the Russian conspiracy theory and that a bad 3-hour movie is already in the making.

Now the ISU is introducing wholesale rule changes in the way figure skating will be judged. Finally, I can sleep at night again.

Somewhere, Tonya Harding and Jeff Gillooly are getting a little jealous, producers of the E True Hollywood Story can smell a special presentation, and executives at NBC are drinking martinis, smoking cigars and laughing all the way to the bank as the ratings soar off of the charts.

Boy, I can't wait until everybody reconvenes in Torino, Italy for the rematch at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

It's going to be great.

Track Championships...From

sophomore Adam Waterbury also provided some valuable points, establishing a new school record and placing third in the shot put. Shortly after competing in the shot put, Waterbury seemed content with his new record of 47' 8 1/2" (14.52m).

"It's almost a foot farther than my old PR," Waterbury said. "I'm happy."

Eli Bisnett-Cobb also scored important points for the Red Foxes with his second place finish in the high jump.

"Eli is one of the best athletes in the league and he proved it again in the meet," Colaizzo said.

The women's team also established a new school record for points scored in the MAAC meet, placing third with a score of 93.5 points. Putting points on the board early in the meet, Liza Grudzinski, Jenn Rosenblatt and Jen Klier placed second, third and fourth in the first running event of the day, the 5000-meter run.

Junior Sue Golden established a

new school record in the mile, placing second with a time of 5:06.61. Golden would return later in the meet, winning the 800-meter run with a time of 2:17.29. The 800-meter victory earned Golden her sixth MAAC gold medal. Golden also ran the third leg of the victorious 4x400-meter relay, alongside Melissa Artiano, Clare Knapp and Nicole Thompson. It was the first time in school history that the women had won the MAAC 4x400-relay championship.

The women also claimed first place in the distance medley relay, as the team of Grudzinski, Rosenblatt, Leanne Bolingbroke and Cheryl Norris finished in 12:47.30, 16 seconds ahead of second-place Iona.

Women's coach Phil Kelly praised his squad for a "great team effort."

Next on the schedule for the men's and women's teams is the IC4A/ECAC Championship meet, scheduled for March 2-3 in Boston, MA.

Tennis team takes two out of three in Vermont

by PAUL SEACH
Staff Writer

Last weekend's trip to Burlington Vermont brought out the best in the men's tennis team's versatility.

Mike Sowter returned to action for the team, and freshman Mike Nassif got his chance to play at an invitational for the first time this semester. Playing at the University of Vermont, the Marist Men's tennis team took two out of the three matches, defeating Providence 7-0 and Vermont 5-2. The Red Foxes only defeat came against Hartford, dropping the set 5-2.

Head coach Tim Smith called the lost to Hartford "very deceptive" because the team lost the second set doubles 9-8 but won their third doubles match, a turning point in the contest.

Marist was missing the services

of key player David Slater who turned his ankle last weekend at the Cornell Invitational. This was the first time Marist defeated Providence in three attempts.

Smith said these invitational tournaments serve as development games, in hopes of the team peaking in April for the MAAC championships.

Martin Aldorsson played extremely well throughout the invitational, according to Smith, winning five out of six, including all three singles.

Aldorsson is pleased with the team's play as a whole.

"We played well as a team, and it was great to see the younger players (Nassif, Bass) get an opportunity to play," Aldorsson said. "I am looking forward to our next match against Boston College at Boston."

Mike Sowter also returned for Marist after battling the flu and his

heavy time commitment directing the Vagina Monologues at Marist College. Smith was proud to talk of the many talents that his players possess.

"It's great to see a team with so many multi-talents," Smith said. Next weekend the team will travel to Boston with a 9-5 record, taking on rival Boston College.

The tennis team is still undefeated in the MAAC, a streak that has been carried over from last season.

Coach Smith is excited to promote that on April 7, the team is looking to hold a celebration for all people of the Marist community to attend. The event will take place at the Mid-Hudson Tennis Center, during a match against Rhode Island at 12 noon. Hot dogs and soda will be free to all those who attend, and it is a great opportunity for the Marist community to get to know the Marist players better.



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Marist track members (from left to right) Gilby Hawkins, Geoff Decker and Jamal Padgett compete at the MAAC Indoor Track Championships at Manhattan

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Athletes of the Week

Marie Fusci scored 49 points in the last two games for the women's basketball team
Chris McCloskey became the first member of the men's track team ever to earn an individual MAAC Championship

Quote of the Week

"It's a bad feeling. It's our home court. We don't expect to lose any league games at home. There was a great crowd and atmosphere. We should have come out a little more focused." Senior point guard Sean Kennedy, to the Poughkeepsie Journal, of Sunday's loss to Rider

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Men's basketball falls to Rider in front of sold-out McCann crowd

by SCOTT MONTESANO
Staff Writer

With the bleachers filled and first place in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) on the line, it is no wonder the usually passive Poughkeepsie crowd was energized.

However, despite one of the more vocal McCann Center crowds of the season, the Rider Broncos seemed unfazed as they defeated Marist 84-77 on February 17 before a sell-out crowd of 2,950.

Rider players stood with blank expressions as they were introduced to a chorus of boos, and never let the hostile environment intimidate them, even during a late Marist rally.

The loss dropped Marist (11-5) one game behind Rider (12-4) for first-place and into a tie with Niagara (11-5) in the MAAC. The Red Foxes have two games remaining, including February 21 vs. St. Peter's and February 23 at route 9 rival Siena.

Marist point guard Sean Kennedy was disappointed that the team could not utilize its home-court advantage.

"We don't expect to lose any league games at home," Kennedy

said. The Northport, N.Y. native led the Foxes with a game-high 26 points.

After taking a 42-32 halftime lead, Rider was able to extend its lead to as large as 15 points with 15:30 remaining.

Still, the Broncos had to hold off a final surge by the Foxes.

After a Jerry Johnson 3-pointer gave Rider a 69-56 lead with 9:52 to play, Marist went on a 15-3 run, including a span of nine unanswered points.

Feeding off the boisterous

crowd, the Foxes were able to cut the deficit to 72-71 with 4:07 play, after a David Bennett bank shot. But this would be as close as Marist would get.

Following a media timeout the Broncos scored seven straight to put the game away. Laurence

Young quieted the McCann crowd with a 3-pointer and Mario Porter converted a lay-up off a Marist

turnover to extend the lead to 77-71.

"Laurence's shot was huge and swung the momentum back to us," said Rider head coach D o n Harnum.

Marist cut the deficit to four twice but never fully recovered from the Broncos' run.

Rider shot a blistering .492 from the field,

including .390 from 3-point range. Freshman Jerry Johnson went 5-7 from beyond the arc on his way to a career high 24 points. MAAC player of the week, senior Mario Porter, added 15 points and 12 rebounds for Rider.

Broncs' center Robert Reed pun-

ished Marist under the boards, picking up nine defensive rebounds.

Along with his 24 points, Sean Kennedy added nine assists for Marist. Bennett, who had witnessed the birth of his first child a couple days earlier, scored 13 points in the losing effort.

For Rider, the victory was their first at McCann since defeating Colgate in 1983 during the Poughkeepsie Auto Dealer's Classic. Rider is now 1-11 vs. Marist in Poughkeepsie.

"This was a big game. It's disappointing to lose," said Marist head coach Dave Magarity. The 16-year head coach of the Foxes has now seen his team lose two out of three, with both losses coming at home. The loss puts a serious blow into the Foxes' chances of winning a regular season crown. Marist has not taken a regular season title since winning the now-defunct ECAC Metro in 1987 and 1988.

Even with the loss, there was one bright spot for Marist...the attendance.

The contest was the second sell-

out of the season for the Red Foxes. "There was a great crowd and atmosphere," noted Kennedy.

Fans started standing outside the ticket booth two hours before tip-off. By 3:30, there was not a ticket to be had, despite the addition of portable bleachers and risers for extra standing room.

Marist has one home game remaining at 7:30p.m. February 21 against St. Peter's. Foxes' seniors Sean Kennedy, Matt Tullis and Rick Smith will be honored before the game.

The Foxes' entered the Rider game on the heels of a 76-64 win at Fairfield. Marist shot .517 from the field in the first half and .456 for the game. Junior Nick Eppheimer led all scorers with 21 points.

Note: The February 23 game at Siena will be broadcast live on 88.1 WMCR. This will be the first ever live road broadcast in the history of WMCR. All remaining men's basketball games, including the MAAC tournament, will also be carried live by WMCR.



PHOTOCREDIT/Marist College Athletics
Nick Eppheimer scored 21 points in MARist's come-from-behind victory over Fairfield. He also added 10 points in the team's loss to Rider on Sunday.

McCloskey earns individual MAAC Championship

by ROB McGUINNESS
Staff Writer

With one lap remaining in the men's 800-meter run at Saturday's MAAC Indoor Track Championship meet, men's coach Pete Colaizzo only had two words of advice for junior Chris McCloskey, who happened to be leading the race: "Finish it!"

McCloskey, who held the lead from the beginning of the race, held on for the victory, blazing through the finish line in a time of 1:56.93. The next closest competitor, Joe Cronin of Iona, finished in 1:58.21. McCloskey, who already holds the indoor school record in the 800-meter run, became the first member of the men's track team ever to earn an individual MAAC Championship.

According to Colaizzo, McCloskey didn't have any set strategies heading into the race.

"We discussed before the race that he shouldn't mess around with any strategy, just take it out and see what happens," Colaizzo said.

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Women snap seven game losing streak with win over Rider

by PETER PALMIERI
Sports Editor

In a crucial game to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) women's basketball standings, the Marist College women's basketball team defeated Rider, 73-63, to move into a tie for sixth place.

The win improved Marist to 6-10 in the MAAC, while Rider dropped to 6-10 as well. The win is significant in that the first through sixth ranked teams in the conference avoid playing in the opening round of the MAAC Tournament, which takes place in two weeks.

Marist never trailed in the game, except for going down early, 4-2. Senior Marie Fusci net-

ted 22 points, including going 5-9 from the three-point arc. Sophomore Stephanie Del Preore added 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, while senior Diesa Seidel

was the second player to record a double-double, with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Rider was led by Robin Stein, who scored 17 points and pulled

down nine rebounds. The Broncos shot a mere .308 from the floor and struggled from three-point range, hitting three out of 12 attempts.

The win snapped a seven-game losing streak and put the Red Foxes into a two-

way tie for sixth place with Rider, as the two teams split the regular season series.

Two days prior to the victory, Marist fell to Loyola, in Baltimore,

79-67. Fusci led all scorers with 27 points and Seidel added an additional 24, but the 51 combined points was not enough to lift Marist to victory.

Loyola received double-digit efforts from four players, led by Laura Slater and Katie Netherton, who each totaled 16 points.

Marist has two games remaining on the regular season, including a match up with last-place Iona on Friday, before a showdown with first-place Siena on Sunday. Both games will be held in the McCann Center.

Hockey loses in playoffs

In the second round of the Super East Collegiate Hockey League (SECHL) playoffs, the Marist College ice hockey club lost to Siena, 7-0. In a first round matchup, the team defeated SUNY Stony Brook.

Lou Guglielmetti scored two goals, while Jordan Plante and Jeff Walling each added a goal.

Junior Matt Allatin made 42 saves in the winning effort.

New York University defeated Siena, 6-2, to win the SECHL Championship



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Senior Marie Fusci scored 22 points, including five three-pointers, to lead the Red Foxes to a 73-63 win over Rider. Fusci also netted 27 points in a loss to Loyola

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