



Hunger Walk/Run kicks off month of awareness

Event is first of many organized by Campus Ministry to aid less fortunate, over \$1,000 raised

By JAMES Q. SHEEHAN
Staff Writer

Campus Ministry kicked off its annual Hunger Month on Wednesday, Nov. 2 in the Champagnat breezeway with the Hunger Walk/Run. The event serves as a fundraiser to fight world hunger. The event started up at 12:15 and encompassed a one-mile course commonly known as the "campus loop."

According to those in attendance, the weather, despite the wind was spectacular for such an event. The runners were the first group to go, finishing up around eight minutes later. After the runners began the walkers got

moving. This was an event which branched out and totally involved the Marist community. Many clubs and organizations on campus participated, walking together.

Brian Loew, a member of the Campus Ministry Advisory Board, said he was really pleased to see such a great turnout from the athletic teams and clubs.

"The high winds aside, we couldn't have asked for better weather for our event," Loew

said. "It was a huge success."

Matthew DeVita, a junior member of Campus Ministry, felt the same.

'The high winds aside, we couldn't have asked for better weather for our event. It was a huge success.'

— Brian Loew
Campus Ministry Advisory Board

"The Hunger Walk is one of the few events on campus that gets a lot of the student body working together,"

DeVita said. "A lot of sports teams and clubs really utilize their dedicated members and help out with a great cause."

Some students who were not able to walk due to other com-

mitments still took the time and resources to donate money. The total amount raised has yet to be tabulated because students were permitted to donate using Marist Money. However the cash donations exceeded \$1,000.

Another member of the Campus Ministry Advisory Board, Marissa Connelly, spoke highly of the level of participation by the athletic teams.

"The sports teams really pulled together to make this event a true

success," Connelly said. "It was a little too cold and windy outside for my taste, but it didn't seem to effect the turnout or amount of money raised, so I was pretty happy with it."

'A lot of sports teams and clubs really utilize their dedicated members and help out with a great cause.'

— Matthew DeVita
Junior

Ministry will be holding for its Hunger Month.

One such event, said Loew, will involve a campaign to get people to donate at least a dollar to the cause.

"We have the Buck Hunger tables, where we ask for everyone to donate at least one dollar," he said. The tables will be set up "this Thursday and Friday at seven locations all over campus."

Also in the works is the Hunger Banquet, "a great event to help make people aware of the state of hunger in first, second and third world countries," added Loew.

The All-Campus Food Drive also lasts all month, during which "students can take non-perishable foods that they are willing to donate and give them to their resident assistants, or they can bring them to the Byrne House," said Loew.



Twenty-five students from the Communication Arts Society, along with faculty advisor James Fahey, traveled to New York City this past Saturday to attend the New York Women in Communications annual Student Career Conference.

Communications forum draws aspiring women

By DORY LARRABEE
Staff Writer

Celebrity sightings, networking opportunities, Inspirational Speeches. Great food. Twenty-five students from the Communication Arts Society found this, and much more, at the New York Women in Communications, Inc. (NYWICI) Foundation's 2005 annual Student Career Conference, held at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The event, according to NYWICI Co-Vice Presidents of Student Affairs Joan Cear and Terri Park Hyde, gives students a "chance to ask [media professionals] how they started, how they navigated their way to the top, what obstacles they may have had to overcome and what kinds of skills they need to remain at the top."

The day started at 8:45 a.m. with breakfast and morning keynote speaker, René Syler. Syler is the anchor for CBS

News' "The Early Show." She spoke about her personal experiences and struggles of working her way into the business. Her first job was in Reno, NV and paid \$15,000 a year.

"I made more money part-time [waiting tables [at TGI Fridays]] then I did as a full-time reporter," Syler joked.

Syler offered the ballroom full of women (and only a handful of men) advice about having the thick skin, finding a mentor, working hard, being confident, and most importantly, being a good employee.

"I don't care how good and talented you are," she said. "If you are miserable to be around, they can find someone else to do that job, and they will find someone else to do that job."

Syler's words were very inspirational to a lot of students,

including senior Katelyn O'Rourke, Vice-President of the Communication Arts Society, who organized the trip.

"She made us feel like we can reach our goals even if we think they are unreachable," O'Rourke said. "And it is possible to balance a career and a family."

'She [Syler] made us feel like we can reach our goals even if we think they are unreachable.'

— Katelyn O'Rourke
Senior

After Syler finished speaking, students were split into different panel sessions. The first panel of the first day had sessions on broadcast journalism, publishing, and public relations and the second panel session featured print journalism, marketing, and corporate communications. The panel sessions were an hour long, and consisted of three to four panelists and a moderator who spoke about a typical day in the field of work, how they got to where they are, and

offered advice for the students. The panelists also answered questions from the audience and allowed students to speak with them individually after the session.

After a short networking session, lunch was served to the keynote speaker Jeannette Walls. Walls is an MSNBC contributor and the author of "The Glass Castle". She spoke of her memoir, which includes an incredibly personal account of her life, including an alcoholic father, a homeless mother, and growing up with no heat, no bathroom, and little food.

"It is through hardships that we learn about ourselves, through hardships that we grow," Walls said with optimism.

The day finished with another panel session featuring off-camera TV careers, advertising, and entertainment. The last speaker of the day was Susan Sommers, President of DressZing, who spoke about

SEE CONFERENCE, PAGE 9

Options reviewed for renovations

By TODD BIVONA
Circle Contributor

By now, many know the Fulton Street housing as the latest installment in the improvements and expansion of the campus. The scenic bridge connects the eastern part of the school to Route 9, and the tennis courts are underway and set to be finished for the spring. Following that project, what's next for Marist?

A five-year master plan has been in the works to see what other facilities are necessary for the growing college community. The Board of Trustees, the Physical Plant Office, and the New York City architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill are trying to determine what the next step is in expanding the college community. Whether the school is in need of another academic building, more resident halls, more parking, or another student center, many of these ideas and more are under advisement.

"We are pleased with the work of the architectural team from Skidmore Owings and Merrill that is developing the campus master plan," Executive Vice President Roy Merroli said. "Their work sets out nine general strategies to guide the overall development of the campus for the next decade. They have also helped us develop a more specific five year campus development plan designed to enhance academic, student service and general support space campus-wide."

The trustee member's thoughts and views are not the only voices in these plans. The Student Government Association's Student Body President, Ken Juras, submitted the "Student Government Association's Report on the Five Year Master Plan: 2006-2011" on Friday, to the board of trustees.

The introduction to this docu-

ment reads: "The purpose of this report is to provide the Trustees and Administration of Marist College with an overview of student perspectives on the Master Plan. We understand that what we have seen is tentative and subject to change. However, we also feel that because the Master Plan is subject to change, that this is the most appropriate time to present the views and concerns of the students before any final decisions are made."

"The Board of Trustees was very pleased to hear what the students had to say," Juras said. "They thought the report was very well-researched and they felt that the findings were reasonable considerations, which they will look into."

The possibilities are endless. Of course, all ideas are thoroughly analyzed and considered from many different angles as to its impact to the local community, the campus, financially, as well as other issues that could spark from expanding the college.

"The trustees have been reviewing the plan for the past six months," Chief Public Affairs Officer Tim Massie said. "What is undertaken will depend upon the financial capabilities of the college, the approval of town officials, and the needs of students, faculty and staff."

Some, especially those living in the Residence Inn, Marriot, may strongly argue for the building of more housing developments in order to accommodate the influx of students as first year students or transfers. Based on the Student Government's response, they addressed that issue as well as the need for an academic building.

The proposal concludes its section on the need for an academic building, as follows: "we have found that the students are most

SEE MASTER, PAGE 3



THE CIRCLE Campus

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005

www.maristcircle.com

PAGE 2

Security Briefs: Frontrunner Sabella to face darkhorse Sharp in finals

Supposedly the backbone of the Circle for the last few years (at least in terms of clicks on www.maristcircle.com), the Campus Security Briefs Contest has received a shockingly anemic response. Despite being the main stimulus of campus media-related discussion, as well as a trophy decoration for many freshman dorm doors, only a half-dozen aspiring writers and about 60 total voters have chosen to try to improve the page.

I wouldn't take umbrage at this if the Briefs were the subject of undying adulation and respect from the campus community. Instead, it is regarded as the exact opposite. We tried to give the campus what it wanted, a voice and a vote, but I guess it's more enjoyable (and easier) to not get involved and complain later. Apply this trend nationwide, and maybe this is why George W. Bush and John Kerry were our two choices for president.

Proud to be a Marist student, where at least I know I'm free. This, is the third and final round. Send in your votes with your MARIST e-mail account to briefscontest@gmail.com by Sunday at midnight.

11/1 10:50 P.M. Champagnat

24 cans of Budweiser were confiscated from 9 students on the third floor.

Caitlyn Sharp: Now this is all well good, freshman at college drinking in the dorms and getting caught. But what I'm curious to know is where they found this elusive 21 pack. I mean, its right between the 18er and the 24. Absolutely perfect.

11/2 12:15 A.M. Champagnat

An intoxicated student was found and allowed to go back to his room.

Brian Sabella: Geez, only one? No offense Marist security, you

guys are cool and all. But only one? A blind man with no arms could find more drunk kids than that in Champagnat.

Caitlyn Sharp: That intoxicated student was later found in the elevator, naked.

11/2 12:20 A.M. — 2 A.M. Donnelly Hall

Brian Sabella: In the span of an hour and a half, four intoxicated students were found in this vicinity. Three of which were in Donnelly itself. I'm starting to wonder if there are some crazy parties going on in the science department that we don't know about. And if I'm right, can anybody get me invited?

11/3 10:50 P.M. Leo

An unauthorized guest got caught with a phony pass by security.

Brian Sabella: As security looked at the pass and saw the name "Gladys Knight" on it, then looked at the guest and saw that they were clearly not one of the Pips, the jig was up. Poor guy. Next time try Buddy Holly.

11/3 12:10 A.M. Cabaret

Two chicken wraps, a soda, a water and a large bag of fruit and nut mix was stolen from the cabaret by three students.

Brian Sabella: Like most crimes, there was sound reasoning behind it. As they ran away they were heard shouting "That's for not being able to use Marist Money at Monster Taco!" Caitlyn Sharp: Too bad they didn't think to get some cheetos. Who wants fruit and nut mix when you're stoned?

11/3 7:39 AM Jazzmans Café

Brian Sabella: Those crazy Sodexo people were at it again, this time as a fan burnt out in the hip Jazzmans Café and caused a fire alarm. On a lighter note,

they put bacon on my cheeseburger last night and didn't burn the bun. So I was happy, and that's the most important thing.

11/4 12:20 A.M.

A student turned another student over after having a bottle thrown at their car while driving. Brian Sabella: Remind me not to rob any banks with that guy. He sings like a canary.

11/4 2:08 A.M. Gartland

Brian Sabella: You've heard of the steel cage death match? Well new this week to Poughkeepsie is "The Taxi Cab of Doom Match." A brawl that erupted inside one of those fine vehicles spilled out into Gartland and was broken up by police. No arrests were reported. Good thing that song bird wasn't there. He would have turned everybody in.

11/5 12:08 A.M. Gartland

18 Bud lites were confiscated from some students.

Brian Sabella: Here's my problem with this. 6 people in a Gartland house. 18 beers. That's 3 apiece. That party is awful. Here's a new slogan for all Marist people: Kegs or Bust.

11/6 12:30 P.M.

Upper West Cedar

Brian Sabella: Heres one I'll never understand. The bathroom in the laundry room was damaged. Who gets so angry when they're on the toilet that they feel the need to inflict damage upon the stall? That must be one powerful bowel movement.

11/6 7 A.M. Gregory

Security found the common areas severely damaged.

Brian Sabella: The destruction is long and crazy. But I will ask one question of you crazy Gregory kids. Were you all trying to get into Marian, and when

that didn't happen you just decided to just go nuts? Come on guys. Gregory is a beautiful and wonderful place. Enjoy it. No, wait. . . I'm thinking of Lower West Cedar housing. In that case. . . BREAK IT DOWN BOYS!!!

11/2 2:00 A.M. Donnelly Hall

Two students staggered into Donnelly and were interviewed by a security guard before being allowed back to their room.

Caitlyn Sharp: What could they possibly be interviewed about? Did security ask them "Did you have an awesome time? Did you drink awesome drinks? Listen to awesome music and just take in each others' awesomeness?"

11/3 10:50 P.M. Leo

An unauthorized guest doctored a pass and was caught attempting entry before being sent home.

Caitlyn Sharp: The question is why would anyone want to spend the night in Leo? Maybe it's for sex, drugs and rock and roll. But I don't know.

11/5 12:40 P.M. Gartland E-Block

A fire alarm was caused by food on a stove.

Caitlyn Sharp: Ummm... Burning popcorn is not arson, so chill.

11/1 10:50 P.M. Champagnat

21 containers of Budweiser were confiscated from a gathering of nine students.

Caitlyn Sharp: Wow that's just about 2 beers a person! Too bad I wasn't invited to this party! I am a lightweight and all.

11/6 12:30 P.M. Upper West Cedar V

A bathroom in the laundry room area was reported dam-

aged.

Caitlyn Sharp: People who make the toilets overflow in bathrooms are just foul. Those people should stick to public restrooms, i.e. gas stations.

11/6 8:20 A.M. Riverview

Security officers found a maintenance truck with a broken window.

Caitlyn Sharp: Clearly, somebody busted a cap on the maintenance truck. No biggie. It happens.

11/6 7:00 A.M. Gregory

Officers on rounds discovered severe damage in common areas. Ceiling tiles were pulled down, overhead lights were ripped out, and fixtures were turned off the bathroom wall.

Caitlyn Sharp: Clearly the parents of those students who have the time to actually pull out ceiling tiles and rip off bathroom fixtures, are literally paying about \$35,000 for their kids to f-around.

11/6 7:00 A.M.

Housekeeping supervisors reported damage to a wooden seat on the campus green.

Caitlyn Sharp: Some kids wanted to be have a bonfire like those snobby kids on Laguna Beach, gosh. They used the wooden seat for firewood and pretended the Hudson River was the Pacific Ocean. What? Like that's weird?

11/6 12:34 A.M. Champagnat

An intoxicated student was sent to St. Francis.

Caitlyn Sharp: Then he returned to his dorm, he was overheard telling anyone that would listen that he wasn't just drunk, but was "soooooo waaaasted". dude, that's not an original story, we all were. You were just a big enough idiot to have to pay to get your stomach pumped. better luck next time, my friend.



Upcoming Campus Events

Wednesday, November 9
SPC Concert: Raining Jane Cabaret, 9 PM

Friday, November 11
Comedy: Late Night Players Cabaret, 9 PM

Sunday, November 13
"Avenue Q"
Bus Trip Leaves at 10 AM

Tuesday, November 15
Dennis Kyne
Depleted Uranium Weapon usage in Iraq lecture
Henry Hudson Room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15
Survival Bingo
Cabaret, 9 PM

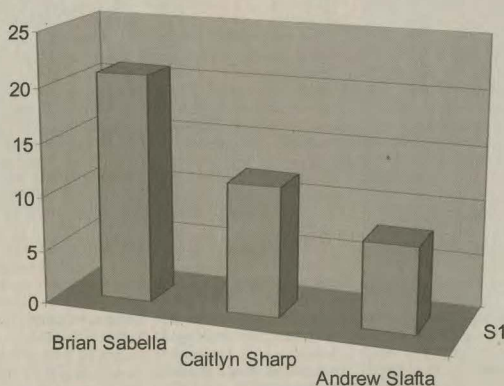
Thursday, November 17
"What's Your Excuse? Social Dating with the Real Life Hitch" David Wygant
PAR, 9 PM

Friday, November 18 and 19
"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"
PAR, 9 PM

December 2
Pete Correale
Cabaret, 9 PM

Disclaimer: The Security Briefs are intended as satire and fully protected free speech under the First Amendment of the Constitution.

Contest Voting Breakdown



The second round of the security briefs contest showed markedly higher voter turnout, including a vote apiece from Brian Sabella, Caitlyn Sharp and Andrew Slafta. "It's a tough job, but someone has to do it," said Slafta as he sent his e-mail vote and clicked off to do less narcissistic things, such as creating an Andrew Slafta fanclub group on Facebook. "Um, I vote for Caitlyn Sharp," quipped Caitlyn Sharp before running off to Noah's Pub for a photo op, presumably to show upperclassmen that she can relate to them. "Sadly, Sabella is the best and he will win because of this fact," said Sabella. This unbridled hubris could have negative consequences for him in the polls, just ask Thomas E. Dewey. As a populist candidate, Sabella can only hope that the vote turnout will continue to grow, as a flaccid turnout by midnight on Sunday could prematurely end his thrust for victory. Vote with your Marist e-mail account at briefscontest@gmail.com

THE CIRCLE

Courtney J. Kretz
Co-Editor in Chief

Cassi G. Matos
Co-Editor in Chief

Kate Giglio
Managing Editor

Alex Panagiotopoulos
Campus Editor

Derek Dellinger
Copy Editor

Jessica Bagar
A & E Editor

Mark Perugini
Co-Sports Editor

Alex Tingey
Health Editor

Caroline Ross
Opinion Editor

Andy Alongj
Co-Sports Editor

Anna Tawfik
Distribution Manager

G. Modele Clarke
Faculty Advisor

Alec Troxell
Advertising Manager

Copy Staff: Kristen Billera, James Marconi

The Circle is the weekly student newspaper of Marist College. Letters to the editors, announcements, and story ideas are always welcome, but we cannot publish unsigned letters. Opinions expressed in articles are not necessarily those of the editorial board.

The Circle staff can be reached at 575-3000 x2429 or letters to the editor can be sent to writethecircle@hotmail.com

Opinion

Let the voices of the Marist community be heard.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005

www.maristcircle.com

PAGE 4

Analysis of recent political events and why conservatism is still strong

By JAMES MARCONI
Staff Writer

The events of the past weeks are a very clear indication of the vivacity and power of a political trend and movement – conservatism. I've heard so much in the news lately about how much trouble the Republican Party (which is the political outlet for conservatism in Washington) is in, how it and conservatism are fracturing in light of the so-called scandals plaguing the Bush White House. Quite frankly, I am sick and tired of the deluded misimpressions and misinterpretations on the part of critics who have drawn this conclusion.

Let's start with the unusual story of Harriet Miers, former Supreme Court nominee. Now, from the outset, Miers came under attack – not so much from Democrats, but from Republicans, members of the president's own party! Even more, many members of the real driving force and proponents of conservatism, that is, the ordinary citizen, objected just as strenuously to the nomination.

Unsurprisingly, this divide in opinion between President Bush and many members of the Republican Party prompted some to draw the erroneous (not to mention ridiculous) conclusion that the Miers nomination signaled the death toll for the party and for conservatism as a dominant force in this country.

Well, sorry to disappoint, but that most certainly did not (and won't) happen. Because of the healthy debate and criticism among conservatives, Miers withdrew from consideration for nomination to the Supreme Court. Rather than a display of weakness, I rather think that this shows the strength and intelligence on the part of conservatives. It shows that we will not blindly follow and accept the decisions of the government, and have the will and intellect to analyze events and come to our own conclusions about them. And, as the Miers withdrawal proved, we have the power to affect the workings of our government based on those conclusions.

The result of the so-called schism in conservatism? Today, we are rallying behind President

Bush and his new nominee to the court, Judge Samuel Alito, a man who by virtue of his extensive experience with Constitutional law and issues is supremely qualified to serve as an associate justice of the Supreme Court. Conservatives like me are happy, and we are on the march – ready, willing, and able to show our support.

Democrats, on the other hand, are in an absolute panic. Just read this next quote by Senator Harry Reid, the Senate's minority leader. "Conservative activists forced Miers to withdraw from consideration for this same Supreme Court because she was not radical enough for them. Now the Senate needs to find out if the man chosen to replace her is too radical for the American people. I am disappointed in this choice for several reasons. First, unlike the previous nominations, this one was not the result of consultations with Senate Democrats." (www.cnn.com)

I am, to put it bluntly, offended and disgusted by this statement. First off all, 'conservative activists' didn't do anything.

The conservatives he refers to (and that includes those in the Senate) are not the 'extreme right wing,' are not 'radicals,' and are not a minority. The conservatives he refers to are the mainstream of the movement and the majority of the movement (and, I might add, the country). For Reid, among many other Democratic senators, to denounce us as radical right wing kooks is to demean a very significant and very large percentage of the United States population.

And as for his disappointment that Bush did not consult 'Senate Democrats' when making his choice, well TOO DARN BAD. Number one, the choice of Federal court nominees is the sole prerogative and responsibility of the president of the United States, George W. Bush, and not others. He does not have to consult anyone when choosing nominees. Now, that's not to say that he shouldn't include others in the nomination process. But those that he includes are, naturally, going to be those people who share his judicial views; that is to say, Republicans in Congress and the conservative public.

Why Reid, among other Democrats in Congress, thinks that he is entitled to have a say in the matter is beyond me. His party is, and has been, the minority in Congress since 1994. Democrats lost Congressional elections, and as such, do not get to decide anymore what the policy is for this country. America, the last time I checked, has a governmental system where majority rules. Now, that doesn't mean that the political minority shouldn't get to have a say, and shouldn't have a hand in shaping the nation. But, the losers of elections DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT to dictate to the winners how the system should operate.

It seems that Democrats just do not understand this very simple common sense law. They, by whatever twisted stretch of their imaginations, seem to think that they still run the show on Capitol Hill and 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. They seem to think that the current state of affairs is a temporary setback. And any event that seems to undermine the political status quo, as it were, is okay in their books.

Just take the indictments of

Tom DeLay and Scooter Libby, for example. Both were attacked as being part of the evil Republican 'culture of corruption' that pervades the Congress and the Bush administration. As I've pointed out in previous columns, there are serious and gaping flaws in both indictments that point to the innocence of DeLay and Libby. And even if the indictments were as solid and airtight as could be (and as I've proven, they're anything but), both DeLay and Libby, by law, would be innocent until proven guilty in a trial.

And yet, Democrats are still on the attack, daring to slander people not even charged with a crime! Just listen to this. Joe Wilson, husband of the "outed" CIA employee Valerie Plame, in an interview with Wolf Blitzer said, "I think Karl Rove should be fired. I think this idea that you can, with impunity, call journalists and leak national security information is repugnant." Hold on now, hold on just a minute. Karl Rove has not, at least in this reality, been indicted in the CIA leak probe. This means that as

SEE CONSERVATISM, PAGE 9

Budget bill proposal: Oil tycoons, take one giant step closer to destroying northern Alaska

By DANIEL BLACK
Staff Writer

As nearly all Americans are already aware, the price of oil has been steadily rising and seems to show no signs of leveling off. With the cold winter months approaching, this is construed by some as cause for panic as they must now choose between warmth and wealth. Our culture's dependency on oil is a threat to our comfort and, because most Americans are very reluctant to sacrifice that, the U.S. government has taken an alternative strategy to quell the issue. They plan to reduce the equilibrium price of oil by augmenting the supply to overcompensate the growing demand. One of the primary means of increasing this supply soon to be proposed before the senate involves drilling for petroleum resources that have remained untouched throughout history. The crude oil has so far been left

alone because it lies beneath a national wildlife refuge in Alaska.

This proposal has been described as "one of the most sweeping environmental roll-backs" (Tony Lallanardo, N.E.T.W.) and in contrast to similar proposals of the past, it is not attached to an energy bill; it is attached to a budget bill. Although this may seem contradictory to basic logic and reasoning, to a powerful and corrupt politician or wealthy lobbyist, it makes perfect sense. Solely because of its designation as a budget bill, it will take ten more environmentally-conscious senate votes to block it than it would if it were an energy bill because senators cannot filibuster it. Clever.

This measure may appear financially appealing, but if you think disposing of our nation's ethical treatment of the environment is worth saving a buck, then you should know that

you're not the one that is going to save it. Unless you are a wealthy industrialist with some powerful friends in Washington D.C., the economical benefits from this heinous treatment of the environment will not reach you. Your price stays the same despite your country's landscape getting defiled.

If this bothers you, take comfort in knowing that very little money will be earned/saved at all. The economical benefits to society will be minimal at best, and will not be seen anytime soon. Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Pierre Pettigrew reminded U.S. officials that the U.S. and Canada had pledged not to endanger the Caribou herd in 1987; he points out that this bill would do exactly that. He also reinforces the voices of environmental activists in highlighting the fact that "the minimal oil resources in the Arctic Refuge will not make a timely or significant contribution to U.S. energy

supplies." The objective behind the bill here is foggy, but it's clearly not for the benefit of America's people as a whole. It allows for the devastation of a fragile ecosystem and the placing of national values on the back burner, all in the pursuit of more oil, the common thread of so many other current controversial issues. It seems that with each passing session of Congress and written on every piece of paper that comes off Capitol Hill, the cancer, that has assumed the form of oil, has metastasized throughout every vital organ of this country's infrastructural body and is reaching the point whereas any hope of successful treatment seems in doubt.

So let's get real. Common sense depicts the lands of Northern Alaska as merely limitless abysses of ice, with no productive potential other than the resources beneath them. What does it matter if we exanginate this region for its resources? In

doing so, we will cause irreparable harm to the natural habitats of 45 species, including caribou, polar bears, Arctic foxes, grizzly bears, and wolverines. And if the protection of exotic wildlife is insufficient justification to leave this territory alone, then it's definitely noteworthy that a 20,000 year-old indigenous culture will be crushed.

Contrary to the claims of those who support drilling the ANWR, it is not in the interest of the local populace to do so. Although proponents for the acquisition of the oil claim to have the support of those who live in proximity to the Reservation, they report only on the views of the Inupiat Eskimos, 300 Americanized Alaskan natives who welcome the new jobs that will be provided along with economical growth and prosperity. But they pay no attention to the less-known indigenous tribe of the Gwich'in (people of the land). Living in 15 villages throughout Northeast

Alaska and the Northern Yukon, approximately 9,000 Gwich'in people reside in the unforgivably freezing 'arctic' conditions of the ANWR. They comprise the northern-most Native-American settlement in the entire continent, perhaps the reason why they are the only remaining tribe to be undisturbed by our Culture's pattern of destructive consumption at the expense of other peoples. Because their livelihood is contingent on the harmony they share with the migratory patterns of Porcupine River Caribou, a harmony that has reached near-perfection over numerous generations, the alterations to these patterns that will result from the drilling will put the fate of these 9,000 people in serious jeopardy. The writers and beneficiaries of this legislation care not for the preservation of a humble and established people, but rather hold the prospect of thicker profit margins in higher priority.

WORLD & SERIES

PARTY PACKAGE!

3 FOOT SUB
5 DOZEN WINGS
12 PACK OF SODA
&
PAPER SUPPLIES

ONLY \$49.95!

NOW THROUGH THE END OF WORLD SERIES



Marist Catering
Ext. 3229

The Hudson Valley's Premier Unisex Salon
1st Just Steps Away from Marist College!

THE CUTTERY WELCOMES BACK THE MARIST STUDENT BODY

Marc is back...
and Debbie & Enclay formerly of Making Faces have joined the rest of the returning staff

HAIRCUTTERS

Student Discount With Marist ID

THE CUTTERY

Call for appointments * Walk-ins Welcome * Offer Limited
264 NORTH RD., FOUCHKEEPSIE 454-9239
Just past Allstate * Opposite St. Francis Hospital * Near 8&D Deli * Free Parking

Darby's Toucan Hatter Mahoney's
Rennie's Fox Hole

Doesn't matter where the night takes you just as long as it ends with

Gerry's

A Slice of NYC

Marist alumni owned & operated

The perfect solution for those
LATENIGHT munchies!
(Friday & Saturday nights till 4 am)
Deliveries until 3:30

FREE DELIVERY!

Hours
Mon-Thurs 11:00-10:00
Fri-Sat 11:00-11:00
Sun 12:00-9:00

845-471-4711

Small all your money! No surcharges
www.gerrypizza.com

Accepting all major credit cards
Credit Cards & Marist Money Accepted

THE CIRCLE Health

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005

www.maristcircle.com

PAGE 5

Gonorrhea rates at record low, syphilis and chlamydia on the rise

By LAUREN RICHMOND
Circle Contributor

Recently, federal health officials announced that the rate of gonorrhea in the United States has fallen to the lowest number ever recorded, but that rates of syphilis and chlamydia are on the rise.

Syphilis outbreaks are cyclical in nature, accounting for the recent rise in numbers of these cases. The rates of syphilis have been reported as being on the rise since 2000, increasing about 81 percent from 2000 to 2005. Sixty-four percent of all cases of syphilis reported were men who engaged in risky sexual behavior with other males. This group accounted for only 5 percent of syphilis cases in 1999.

Syphilis is passed through direct contact during sexual intercourse, blood or open wounds. The first warning signs are sores on the genital areas, but the sores don't hurt and go away in 3 to 6 weeks, according to www.familydoctor.org. If left untreated, syphilis can enter the bloodstream and can cause

rash, sore throat, fever and swollen glands. Left untreated for many years, syphilis can begin to affect the brain, spinal cord, heart and other organs.

Chlamydia was also reported as being on the rise, but health officials are unsure whether this reflects a real rise in

numbers or better detection and documentation of cases. Men can now undergo a simple urine analysis to detect the disease, while it is becoming more and more common for women to be screened at their yearly gynecological exam for women who are sexually active.

Chlamydia is passed on by having unprotected sexual contact with someone who is infected with the disease. Symptoms of Chlamydia include discharge, pain during sexual intercourse, lower abdominal pain and burning sensations when urinating. However,

Chlamydia may cause no symptoms at all. Chlamydia can be treated with antibiotics, but the antibiotics must be finished and the person must abstain from sex until the antibiotics are finished.

Gonorrhea rates are slightly higher for the third year in a row for women than for men, particularly in the 15- to 19-years of age group. Men's rates are seen to be highest in the

20 to 24 age group. Rates also seem to be higher in African American populations than others, reports www.cdc.gov. Gonorrhea is contracted by sexual contact or contact with the mouth or anus of someone who is infected. Symptoms of this disease for women include bleeding when engaging in intercourse, burning sensation when urinating and discharge. Men's symptoms include pus, painful or swollen testicles and burning when urinating.

'Federal health officials announced that the rate of gonorrhea in the United States has fallen to the lowest number ever recorded, but that rates of syphilis and chlamydia are on the rise.'



Courtesy of GOOGLE.COM

nating.

Health officials urge people to engage in only safe sex and know the sexual history of all partners and inquire as to the sexual health of their previous partners. These precautions will make one's

risk of contracting an STD much lower than if they had not been taken.

Anyone who wants more information on these or other sexually transmitted diseases should visit www.cdc.gov.

Science Briefs

By KATE GIGLIO
Managing Editor

FEMALES HAVE HIGHER STANDARDS FOR HUMOR

Women are more likely to find a joke funny than men are, the AP reported. A recent study suggests that this is due, apparently, to the differences between male and female pleasure centers in the brain. The male and female brains work differently in their analytical responses, and women seemed to take more pleasure in a joke that they decided - after more careful thought than men - was really funny. "Women appeared to have less expectation of a reward, which in this case was the punch line of the

cartoon," said one of the researchers. Women, it seems, were putting the jokes in the several black-and-white cartoons to a more stringent test, and therefore when the jokes passed, they were deemed funnier by the female brains.

NUMBERS OF MIGRATING MONARCHS MAY INCREASE TEN FOLD

Last year, the climate in North America was so bad that only 23 million monarch butterflies survived through summer to migrate to Mexico for the winter. This year, however, as many as 200 million may make the long journey to sanctuaries just outside Mexico City. The AP reported that according to environmental officials, unfavorable weather, pollution and deforestation caused a drastic decline in the population last year. Their journey comprises 3,400 miles, from forests of eastern Canada and parts of the United States to the central Mexican mountains, and it is an amazing thing to witness.

Nutrition labels scheduled to appear on McDonald's fare

By ADAM GUARINO
Staff Writer

McDonald's announced last Tuesday that starting in 2006 it will print a nutritional information chart on the packaging of most of its fast food products in

response to the negative attention the company has been receiving. Critics have accused the corporation of contributing towards rising levels of obesity and other health problems. It was targeted by the 2003 documentary

"Supersize Me," which focused on the health risks of an all fast-food diet, and hit with a lawsuit blaming the company for the obesity of teenage customers, though that suit was dismissed.

In a report from BBC News, McDonald's chief executive Jim Skinner stated that printing nutritional facts on the packaging of its foods would put the information directly in the hands of the company's customers. "We think this the absolutely easiest way to communicate it," Skinner said. "We've given them what they asked for and then people take responsibility about whether they add it up or not."

The new packaging will use bar charts and icons to detail five basic nutritional elements: calories, protein, fat, carbohydrates and sodium. McDonald's plans to roll out the new packaging in the first half of 2006 in restaurants in North America, Europe, Asia and Latin America, and will debut the nutrition labels at McDonald's restaurants at the Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy, in February.

Some nutrition experts question whether adding nutrition labels will actually discourage people from eating fast food. In a report from ABC News, Jean Harvey-Berino, chair of the Department of Nutrition & Food Sciences at the University of

'There is little evidence that this is an effective strategy to change behavior ... labels don't appear to make much of a difference.'

— Jean Harvey-Berino
Department of Nutrition and Food
at the University of Vermont

Vermont stated "There is little evidence that this is an effective strategy to change behavior ... labels don't appear to make much of a difference."

Others pointed out that determining the nutritional content of each serving at a fast food restaurant might prove difficult in itself, considering all the

added ingredients that are used. Hamburger items topped with mayonnaise, for example, might have a different fat content when different amounts of mayonnaise are added by different customers.

In a NBC News report, Mary M. Boggiano of the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Department of Nutrition Sciences had some final words on the subject. "Hopefully, McDonald's will make each of their items equal to one serving. If they don't, they're hoping people will remain ignorant about doing the math to account for serving size." Regardless of the success of the new nutritional information, McDonald's has made a clear effort to revitalize its image, with our health in

mind.



Courtesy of GOOGLE IMAGES

Jeff Tweedy

with Glenn Kotche

ONLY \$17 WITH STUDENT I.D.!

FRIDAY, NOV 18 • 8PM

The Broadway Theater
ULSTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

WWW.WILCOWORLD.NET

Buy tickets at the UPAC Box Office, all Ticketmaster Outlets, charge by phone at 845-454-3388, or online at upac.org or ticketmaster.com. Special student price of \$17 available with student ID at UPAC Box Office only.

THE CIRCLE Features

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005

www.maristcircle.com

PAGE 6

Facebook, myspace afford new opportunity for social interaction

By SARAH BRIGGS
Staff Writer

Myspace.com and thefacebook.com are two of the most popular websites to be visited by college students today. Both of these sites are relatively new; Myspace was founded in 2003 and Facebook followed suit in early 2004. Yet already these sites have made a major impact on not just college students, but the American youth as a whole.

that would first catch the eyes of many. It was the among the first of its kind, allowing people to use the Internet to communicate through an interactive network of photos, weblogs, user profiles, e-mail, web forums, groups, and other communication devices. It was these features that helped to make Myspace the phenomenon that it is today.

What also helped to make the site such a hit was that through the site, "you can meet people from all over; people that you

may not normally talk to," said freshman Julie Lavin.

The features that Myspace and Facebook provide are often what draw in students to such sites. But what is

best about these sites is that they are a portal into a new dimension of allowing people to be creative

and even make new friends.

"They allow everyone to express themselves, post pictures, and meet people they wouldn't meet otherwise," says freshman

Cindie Palumbo. "I know for me, Myspace allowed me to know some of my fellow



future Marist students before I even met them, well before I got onto Facebook. It definitely helped to make me feel more relaxed, knowing that I would know people and be able to recognize some familiar faces come move-in day."

In the end, though, it seems that Facebook is the more popular of the two among college students.

"It's more secure," says freshman Melissa Amarianos, when asked why she preferred Facebook over Myspace. There

is also the fact that by requiring a college e-mail address, it's very clear that Facebook is more for mature users, in comparison to Myspace, which allows people often as young as freshmen in high school to join.

No matter which is more popular or is visited more frequently, both seem to be sites whose popularity won't go away anytime soon. College students have the ability to express themselves and meet new people in ways many had never imagined possible.

The Hangover

Grab Bag party promotes some pre-holiday spirits

By PATRICK F. MAGUIRE
Staff Writer

I have spent hours wondering what it is that keeps us onward, night after night, barreling into the twilight with the ones we care about. This past weekend's catalyst for consumption came in the form of a "Grab Bag Party." More like a small gathering or even a soiree, the event is held for those select individuals willing to invest in some risk. I've participated in the event once before; last year's Grab Bag resulted in actions ranging from kitchen-utensils discus off the back porch in Upper West Cedar to

round bins. The pleasure or sadness lies in the risk by the participant. Diversity is key to forming a successful Grab Bag; I've seen items ranging from O'Doul's to a 32 ounce bottle of Belgian Stout.

While I do not care to explain the exact contents of my Grab Bag experience, nor can I remember most of it. I woke the next morning to find the living room covered in bottles with the labels "Mississippi Mud," "Spaten" and a rather large container of "Fiery Hog." I leaned over and grabbed the bundle of jeans next to my bed to make sure I had my cell phone and wallet. In my back

spending the night with Dutchess County's finest men in blue.

'Sometimes, late at night, you can briefly glimpse into the measures of the current time, apart from the world, and see a blink of the temporal vastness around us.'

poCKET was a little piece of paper with the following contents, which I'm including because it seemed relevant at the time:

"And why is it that time, sparkling in a bottle, receding into the light, should waste itself on us? It's because we embrace this moment, that we hold onto the feelings and the unique pleasures of being young. Sometimes, late at night, you can briefly glimpse into the measures of the current time, apart from the world, and see a blink of the temporal vastness around us."

Glaze came down a little later that morning to recap the previous evening's events. His face was a pallor complexion complete with bloodshot eyes. He crashed to the chair and said, "So you wanna go out tonight?"



RateMyProfessor.com elicits mixed reactions from faculty, students

By JOSEPH GENTILE
Circle Contributor

Forget about apples, chili peppers are what professors want this upcoming semester at RateMyProfessors.com, a commercial web site with about four million ratings for more than 600,000 educators. Operating as the online informant for inquisitive college students wanting the lowdown on their instructors, its message board format enables students, as the name suggests, to rate their professors. However, for a few academics, the allure of "shopping" for your professors seems a little too hot to handle.

In May of 1999, John Swapceinski, a software engineer from Menlo Park, California, founded RateMyProfessors.com (RMP). Originally launched as TeacherRatings.com, the site transitioned to its current incarnation during 2001 and expanded its network to college students throughout the United States and Canada. In order to monitor the several million ratings flying through cyberspace, the site hires moderators at each college, usually a student, to update professor listings and analyze each individual post. Due to its widespread popularity, RMP has established several sister sites, including RateMDs.com (a web site for patients), RateLawyer.com (a web site for legal clientele), and ClubRatingZ.com (a web site grading local hot spots).

"For better or for worse, any-

body identifiable by name in any occupation may soon be subject to evaluation on the web by anonymous fans and detractors," said Kenneth Westhues, a sociology professor at the University of Waterloo.

Responding to a frequently-asked question (FAQ) regarding its purpose, the site's creators ask users, "Where else can you find out what others think of an instructor?" It goes on to add, "It also gives you, the user, a place to voice your opinion. It gives you a place to make a difference in your education."

And what a difference it has made. Accessible for free by the general public, students and professors alike, categories are based upon a five point rating system, with "5" being the best. Judging the "Overall Quality" rating for a professor combines the average of a teacher's "Helpfulness" and "Clarity" ratings. Afterwards, a "smiley face" (yellow for excellent, green for mediocre, and blue for awful) will appear next to the professor's name, all of which are listed alphabetically. Yet the other category, "Easiness," isn't calculated when determining the "Overall Quality" rating. The creators explain that an "Easiness" rating of "5" indi-

cates that the professor might be too easy and should be avoided.

Likewise, all comments should be about teaching ability, or they will be deleted, and possibly the rating as well. Still, that hasn't impeded the creativity of comments such as "Your pillow will need a pillow" and "Teaches well, invites questions, and then insults you for 20 minutes." Just for fun, the creators also added a "Hotness" quotient which registers as a chili pepper based upon the number of "hot" and "not hot" votes, with "hot" at +1 and "not hot" at -1. A chili

'For better or for worse, anybody identifiable by name in any occupation may soon be subject to evaluation on the web by anonymous fans and detractors.'

—Kenneth Westhues
Professor, University of Waterloo

paper will only be displayed if there's a positive number.

Even still, the web site advises against legitimizing its results. "Remember - we have no way of knowing who is doing a rating - students, the teacher, other teachers, parents, dogs, cats, etc." In short, RMP's creators advocate "that students are the CUSTOMERS of professors" and should be able to broadcast their opinions.

Of course, not all parties are enthusiastic about this consumerism in the classroom. "I oppose this anonymity, unless it's a ballot box," said philosophy Professor Bryce Kiernan (4.3). "There's an assumption that may be accurate and there's

no way to verify the assumptions of the raters as being truthful, so, that's my biggest problem."

"You can't fight the machine," explained communications Professor Colin McCann (4.7). "Anybody can go online and tap into anywhere." Although opposed to its anonymity, McCann felt it still should be public knowledge, despite the fact that Marist College already has students formally rate their professors at the end of the semester. "It's unfortunate that a lot of people are beginning to use that to choose their professors."

"I don't have any problem with it," said sociology Professor Daria Hanssen (4.2). "I think it gives students the opportunities to express themselves." However, instead of just hitting a button, Hanssen believes more "talking" and less "judging" should be done because "everybody has a different experience, a different connection with someone."

Similarly, John Khanjian, a freshman who, as did so many others, used RMP to assist in his course selection for next semester, felt it helped. "It just made it easier," said Khanjian. However, he cautioned his peers against using RMP as a bellwether. "I wouldn't say that would be the only thing you would go by when choosing a class, but I think you should definitely use it in choosing your classes and taking a look at professors."

Want to be a photographer for The Circle?

The Circle is looking for students to take pictures for all sections including:
News Sports A&E.11

Email writethecircle@hotmail.com for more information.

Dough Boys Pizza, Wings & Ale House
51 Fairview Ave.
454-4200

College Specials - We Deliver
1 large Pizza + 12 wings \$12.99
2 large Pizza + 24 wings \$22.99
1 large Pizza + 24 wings + 2 Liter \$18.99
60 wings 24.99

Directions: Across from Marist college Main entrance: go up Fulton St. Go across 2 RR tracks. Make next Right. Go threw 1 Light. We are 200 Yards down on left.
West Cedar Dorms: Go to top of hill. Make right go 200 yards. We're on the left
Attention Students!!
Marist Money Accepted

Foxes, Foxes, Foxes!

Check out our cute glass red fox dorm pets™

www.classinports.com
www.dormpets.com
877-649-9645

Number of civilians killed in Iraq grossly understated

By DAN BLACK
Staff Writer

An article I wrote appearing under the headline "A grim milestone is reached as 2000 soldier is killed in Iraq" was printed in the ninth issue of The Circle this year. In this article, I stated "... the number of innocent Iraqi citizens who have died in the cross-fire ... is unknown, but estimates range from at least 5,000 to over 10,000." Although this excerpt is true to the extent that the figure is "unknown" and may be "over 10,000," I am certain that the estimate gives an impression that so seriously understates their losses that it ought never have been printed.

"Collateral damage" (unintended destruction resulting from the proximity of our urban warfare, to include deaths of by-standing non-militants) is a very real by-product of America's campaign in Iraq, but policies adopted by the Defense Department include no procedures for assessing how many innocent lives our involvement there has destroyed. Civilian casualties have been respected throughout history as an integral part of a war; they have always been among the most shameful and therefore seldom discussed aspects. The war in Iraq is no exception, but the conduct of our government is in stark contrast to the traditionally grave, solemn, and penitent approach in dealing with the matter. For obvious reasons, and as expressed by General Tommy Franks, the U.S. Government will not conduct nor does it desire any formal or official Iraqi body count. Their policies are so

extreme they almost suggest such occurrences never transpire.

Consequently, attaining a reliable estimate of the total number of Iraqi citizens killed in this conflict has been the most difficult part of my article's research efforts. I have reviewed several independent studies and have discovered compelling evidence from multiple, unrelated sources, the substance of which collectively suggests that the losses of Iraq's citizens are closer to 100,000 and may be as many as 140,000.

Among them is a study conducted by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. It has indicated that the risk of death from violence in Iraq has increased as much as 58 times since the conflict began. Precise figures pertaining thereto are beyond calculable because so many individuals have been killed by coalition forces on massive scales through almost an industrial methodology, rendering their remains impossible to be identified or discerned from one another. The Johns Hopkins study does, however, provide very persuasive estimates, conservative interpretations which indicate Iraqi civilian losses very likely exceed 100,000. They attained such data through surveying 30 households each from 33 different regions in Iraq, comparing the frequency and causes of death of a set time period before the war began and then a

set time period during current military operations, then comparing the two individual findings to one another. What they discovered is the frequency of violent death, to include homicide, has risen exponentially in each of these regions since March '03 and that coalition forces account for the vast majority, although not all, of incidents of preventable death. These findings apply not exclusively to cities and urban areas where the insurgency is hot; the

victims are not only men capable of fighting against our coalition in the insurgency. Findings actually uncovered the opposite to be true: most individuals reportedly killed by coalition forces are women and children.

In my previous article, I represented their losses 1:10, or 1:14, possibly even 1:28 and I am disgusted with myself for my negligence. I am further disheartened by how difficult it has been to surmise a reliable number of civilian deaths that directly resulted from a U.S.-led coalition, and especially that the U.S. itself is the very impediment that stands in the path of conceiving such reliability. Whether we, as individuals, supported this war; whether or not we voted, demonstrated, protested, or turned a blind eye, we are all united in our collective responsibility because through our taxes, we all subsidized it. As individuals within this society, we work, we pay

taxes, and through the apathy of the majority, we permitted our government to conduct itself the way it so far has. This complacency has borne the careless slaughter of defenseless people and now we must live with the blood of as many as 140,000 (approximately, that is, for we don't even know for sure) on our hands because we failed to prevent it.

The lessons we ought to learn from this war, besides the overabundance of hashed and rehearsed clichés of Vietnam, include a sharp reevaluation of what resources are appropriate for engaging enemies surrounded by innocent people in an urban environment. Throughout this war, the U.S. has used over 50,000 bombs, mostly in urban and city settings. Artillery, helicopter gunships with unguided rockets, and other indirect area weapons systems are routinely used in support of the forward

ground troops. Throughout this war, the U.S. has used over 50,000 bombs, mostly in urban and city settings.

That this has become so obvious but nevertheless less palatable for so many Americans sickens me, as well as all the countries of the Arab world, and many other neutral first world nations as well. It is generally agreed, and seldom even disputed against, that President Bush has severely and permanently damaged our nation's standing in the eyes of the international community. The reckless, absurdly over-zealous Bush-led extermination-style war against terror staged in Iraq and Afghanistan paid no concern

to the vulnerability of the millions of non-terrorist citizens living in the same area. It is clear now that they die just as easily as our intended targets, and they continually do so while their families see no acts of contrition from their relatives' murderers. The ironic outcome, thus far, of the "Global War on Terrorism" is that despite our efforts to decrease the likelihood of further terrorist-led atrocities on the home-front, this administration has justified and solidified the Middle-Eastern cultural hatred of the United States through their rash techniques of combating it. Results of our preventive action boil down to a reinvented passion against the American way of life that inspires new circles of terrorism, hence magnifying the chances of repeating the tragedy of September 11. When it happens, I guarantee the Bush White House will blame the democrats' rational approach and diplomatic strategy, branding them as the weaknesses that caused history to repeat itself, and they'll use the tragedy to validate grotesquely disproportionate defense spending that will ultimately accomplish nothing. The GOP's friends will grow richer, once again, because the lives of numerous young Americans will be exchanged for blood money, once again.

to the vulnerability of the millions of non-terrorist citizens living in the same area. It is clear now that they die just as easily as our intended targets, and they continually do so while their families see no acts of contrition from their relatives' murderers. The ironic outcome, thus far, of the "Global War on Terrorism" is that despite our efforts to decrease the likelihood of further terrorist-led atrocities on the home-front, this administration has justified and solidified the Middle-Eastern cultural hatred of the United States through their rash techniques of combating it. Results of our preventive action boil down to a reinvented passion against the American way of life that inspires new circles of terrorism, hence magnifying the chances of repeating the tragedy of September 11. When it happens, I guarantee the Bush White House will blame the democrats' rational approach and diplomatic strategy, branding them as the weaknesses that caused history to repeat itself, and they'll use the tragedy to validate grotesquely disproportionate defense spending that will ultimately accomplish nothing. The GOP's friends will grow richer, once again, because the lives of numerous young Americans will be exchanged for blood money, once again.

Legacy of Roosevelt lives on through Four Freedoms Medals

By LOUIS ORTIZ
Staff Writer

Through all the political propaganda or what society calls "red tape," tradition remains constant in Hyde Park.

As the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) was a man that worked toward structuring a government that represents society positively.

On January 6, 1941, FDR explored the realm of making a democracy flourish. According to the Roosevelt Institute, it was

on that day when "one of the most important speeches of the twentieth century" introduced the four freedoms.

Known as the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Medals, each year the Roosevelt estate holds a reception that acknowledges men and women for their achievements in commitment to either "freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want or freedom from fear."

This year, figures that have impacted the world of politics, academia, and service were

introduced into the Roosevelt family courtesy of Anne Roosevelt, FDR's granddaughter.

"We gather each and every year here or in Middleburg to remember the wisdom of the four freedoms," Roosevelt said. "That clear articulation of what it means to be a democracy. We also gather together to be reminded of what leadership looks like," Roosevelt said.

Veteran news journalist, Tom Brokaw, Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton of the 9/11 commission. SEE MEDAL, PAGE 9

Students enjoy summer of science

By KRISTEN BILLERA
Copy Staff

While most Marist students spend their summer sleeping late and lounging at the beach, sophomore Lauren Jackson and junior Jeremy Madden had the opportunity this summer to get a head start on their careers and develop innovations in their field.

Lauren and Jeremy, both chemistry majors, spent this past summer conducting analytical chemistry research at Marist. Analytical chemistry research is a branch of the science that deals with fine-tuning various chemistry processes.

The students were attempting to devise a more effective, safer and cheaper way to measure mercury in low concentrations. According to Encarta.com, mercury is an extremely poisonous chemical that can eventually accumulate in the body and become hazardous. This is a serious concern because low levels of mercury can be found in

fish.

Normally, mercury is measured by using a chemical solution that reduces it to a more easily measured form. However, by using a UV pen light, they could produce the same effect. Lauren and Jeremy were able to make changes to this process in order to make it easier to use. Since UV light is dangerous to the eyes, Lauren also was able to create a small capsule from aluminum foil to help cover the light.

In March, the students will be attending the 57 Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy in Orlando, Florida with their teacher, Professor Neil Fitzgerald, Ph.D. Lauren is looking forward to attending this conference.

"I'm really excited because it's very difficult to gain research experience right after your freshman year to begin with and to be able to present my findings at a conference is really amazing," she said.

The project was originally started by Ryan Bendt, a senior, the previous year and Professor Fitzgerald was worried that if the work wasn't replicated, it wouldn't be published.

"I was just trying to replicate his work, but then I took a different approach of determining how much interference other metals would cause in this experiment and I ran with that," Jeremy said.

Ryan also believes that it's important his experiment was repeated.

"It's important that others repeat the experiment to enhance the validity of my data," he said. Jeremy was extremely surprised and pleased to learn that their work paid off and that they will be able to present their new findings at the conference.

"...To have the research accepted at a national conference was really exciting and unexpected. I mean, there was hope but you never really think it will be accepted," he said.

Restaurant Menu 711

WE DELIVER
\$1.00 Delivery Charge

Monday - Saturday
11am - 11pm
Closed Sunday

MARIA'S PIZZERIA

37 N. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie
Tel: (845) 483-7483 / Fax: (845) 483-0560

WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS & EBT CARDS

PIZZA SPECIALS
LARGE PIE

ASK FOR OUR DAILY PIZZA SPECIALS

STUDENT SPECIALS EVERYDAY

TRY OUR NEW
BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA!

\$9.00
LARGE

0.75¢ OFF
ANY DINER PURCHASE

0.50¢ OFF
ANY SUBS PURCHASE

WHEN MENTIONING THIS COUPON

<p>PIZZA</p> <p>16" NAPOLETANA 6.00 16" 7.50 14" 6.00 SICILIAN 8.50 VEGETARIAN PIZZA 6.00 16" 12.50 14" 9.75 EACH TOPPING 1.25</p> <p>CHOOSE FROM:</p> <p>Mushrooms, Peppers, Onions, Anchovies, Black Olives, Sausage, Pepperoni, Meatball, Bacon, Chicken, Broccoli, Eggplant, Artichoke, Pineapple</p> <p>WHITE PIZZA Mozzarella, Salt, Pepper, Onions, Parsiian Cheese, Ricotta</p> <p>16" 9.00 14" 7.00</p> <p>FRESH GARLIC 10.25 16" 8.25 SLICE TOMATO 10.25</p> <p>16" 8.25 BROCCOLI 10.25 16" 8.25</p> <p>STROMBOLI MUSHROOMS, PEPPERS, MEATBALLS, PEPPERONI, SAUSAGE 6.00</p>	<p>MARIA'S SPECIAL</p> <p>16" WITH EVERYTHING 16.00 14" WITH EVERYTHING 15.00 SICILIAN SLICE 2.00 TUNA SALAD 1.25 PERSONAL PAN 4.00 EACH TOPPING 0.75</p> <p>SALADS</p> <p>ANTIPASTO 6.50 CHEF SALAD 7.00 TOSSED SALAD 3.00 TUNA SALAD 5.50 CHICKEN SALAD 6.00 VEGGIE SALAD 6.00</p> <p>HOT SUBS</p> <p>SHRIMP PARMIGIANA 7.50 6.25 MEATBALL PARMIGIANA 6.00 4.00 SAUSAGE PARMIGIANA 6.00 4.00</p> <p>SAUSAGE PEPPERS & ONIONS 6.50 4.50 CHICKEN PARMIGIANA 6.50 4.50 VEAL PARMIGIANA 6.50 4.50 EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA 6.50 4.50 CHEESESTEAK (CALIFORNIA) 6.50 4.50 CHEESESTEAK, PEPPERS & ONIONS 6.50 4.50 GRILLED ROAST BEEF & CHEESE 6.50 4.50 GRILLED TURKEY CHEESE 6.50 4.50 CHICKEN CUTLET (CALIFORNIA) 6.50 4.50 PIZZA SUB 4.50 2.75</p>	<p>BROCCOLI GARLIC 6.00 4.00 BROCCOLI RICOTTA 6.50 4.50 CHEESE 6.50 4.50</p> <p>COLD SUBS</p> <p>LG SM HAM & CHEESE 6.00 4.00 HAM, SALAMI & CHEESE 6.50 4.25 HAM, CARPACCIA & CHEESE 6.50 4.25</p> <p>& PROVOLONE 6.50 4.00 PASTRAMI & CHEESE 5.00 3.25 PEPPERONI & CHEESE 5.50 3.50 ROAST BEEF & CHEESE 7.00 5.00 TURKEY & CHEESE 6.50 4.00 TUNA 6.00 4.50 PROSCIUTTO & PROVOLONE 7.00 4.50 Conditments include: Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo, Onion, Salt, Pepper, Onions, Mustard, Oil and Vinegar</p> <p>APPETIZERS</p> <p>BUFFALO WINGS W/ BLUE CHEESE OR HOT SAUCE 6.00 CHICKEN TENDER W/ HONEY MUSTARD OR SAUCE 5.00 MOZZARELLA STICKS W/ SAUCE 3.00 FRENCH FRIES W/ CHEESE LG. 5.00 FRENCH FRIES W/ CHEESE SM. 3.75 FRENCH FRIES LG. 3.00 SM. 2.75 ONION RINGS LG. 4.00 SM. 3.00</p> <p>DRINKS ALL SODAS 20 OZ. 1.50 / 1 LITER 2.00 2 LITER 2.50</p>
---	---	--

Generic message leaves Cage's new movie under the 'Weather'

By **KELLY LAUTNER**
Circle Contributor

People depend on the weather. They want to have full faith in their weatherman. In Gore

Verbinski's "The Weatherman," everyone wants Nicholas Cage to be their Mr. Dependable. Cage plays

When Spritz learns that his father's deteriorating health allows him only several months to live, he realizes that he needs to get his family back together

Chicago weatherman, David Spritz. He is a distant and lacking father with a family deeply in trouble. His wife has left him for someone else, his fifteen year old son is recovering from drug addiction, and his twelve year old daughter gets made fun of at school. In light of all these tribulations, however, David still tries to follow in the impressive footprints of his father, Robert Kingfisher Spritzel, a Nobel Prize-winning author, while at the same time trying to land a job.

Spritz, who changed his name from Spritzel to go into the weather business, is angry about the way people treat him. He is an ungrateful and reluctant celebrity. He even goes so far as

to lie about his name to a man standing in line with him. When he gets stopped in the street and is asked about the "Weekly Spritz Nipper" or the coldest day of the week, he makes up cocky answers. In return, Spritz gets hit with many types of leftover fast food.

Throughout the course of the movie, angry fans throw Wendy's Frostees, 7-up Big Gulps, and even warm apple pies at him.

When Spritz learns that his father's deteriorating health allows him only several months to live, he realizes that he needs to get his family back together. Things with his wife worsen as Spritz convinces her to go to marriage counseling and he breaks her trust for the last time during counseling. His son, Mike, spends too much time with his older, male drug counselor who eventually tries to

force an inappropriate relationship on the boy.

Spritz then sets his sights on helping his depressed daughter, Shelly. He tries to get her to take the archery lessons that she had once engaged in, but does not succeed. Ironically, Spritz takes the archery lessons and begins to find some peace in his life. The more archery lessons he takes, the better he feels about his life. Even though he cannot live up to his father, Spritz begins to accept that he can be known for different things. His failed career as a writer comes to surface, but Spritz learns not to care about it.

The most important lesson that David's father teaches him is something to the effect of, "Life is crap; throw shit." He is telling David that it is okay to get things thrown at you, but you have to defend yourself. In the movie's attempt to convey a more true-to-life lesson than other Hollywood movies, "The Weatherman" comes off as depressing and underwhelming



Nicholas Cage stars as David Spritz in Verbinski's "The Weatherman"

The James Q Film Review

Gory, bloody, and downright disturbing, James Q. liked what he "Saw"

The Jigsaw Killer is back at it again in "Saw II," terrorizing a whole new set of those who are ungrateful for their lives. The difference this time: the cop on the case, Eric Matthews (Donnie Wahlberg) has a son now playing Jigsaw's twisted game. The playing field is an abandoned house, slowly filling up with poison gas and equipped with many traps to snare the players. Jigsaw is in police custody during the film but since his life is already lost to cancer he is unwilling to give away the location of the house. It is a story of Eric coming to terms with his faults in order to save those closest to him.

This film is definitely more psychologically perplexing than the first installment but that's really not saying much. The writers still dropped more hints to the ending than Republicans drop social programs.

As far as the spookiness factor goes, it is pretty high. There's plenty of bleeding, burning alive, hypodermic needle pits, and of course the popular gun shot to the eyeball. Most of these, however, have a limited shock value and are forgotten about as soon as you leave the theater.

The ending leaves it possible for a "Saw III" to be made which I could see happening for profit reasons. However, I'm not sure how much longer the audience will respond to this grotesque and repetitive blend of horror, but that's for a different review!



JAMES Q. SHEEHAN

Tim Fite's creativity is far from 'Gone' as demonstrated by September release

By **JIM MEARNS**
Circle Contributor

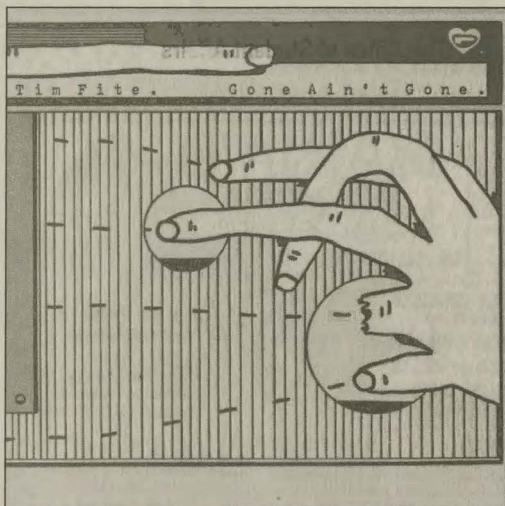
Upon opening the packaging for "Gone Ain't Gone," there was no doubt that this album was going to be weird. The album art presents a story of a baby who was born without blood. This baby survived against all odds and was given blood by a machine. Since he always has the machine to give him life, he doesn't care at all about preserving it, and thus is invincible. This is where the story ends and frankly this frightens me, but the story does not carry over into the music, which is more frivolous. Tim Fite at this point is unstoppable himself and his music displays this attitude of not caring about anything, but playing what feels good to him.

I am humbled by this listen. After reviewing multiple generic bands that follow a given scene like sheep I was

dumfounded by this album, which is exactly the opposite. Tim Fite is classic, a little bluegrass, a little groovy, a little demented, but that's not important. The importance of this album comes from its originality. "Gone Ain't Gone" gives me *knew hope* that creativity does still exist even if most choose to ignore it. The production is clean and presents the material on the album with little interruption which is perfect for the overall concept of the story held within.

Tim Fite doesn't care if you listen to him; he'll be ok on his own. But I'd like to recommend him. If you're looking for something that will calm your nerves and give you a little southern influenced groove and blues then please give this a listen. Sure, it's weird, but isn't that just what you've been looking for?

Recommended Tracks: 1, 3, 9



Highly reputable business is looking to expand internationally. Will train students from China, Korea, Taiwan who would like to establish own business with passive income potential!
Call 845 677 2021

Calling all aspiring journalists...
Want to write for The Circle?
Send an email to write@maristcircle.com and let us know if you are interested.

PAUL'S MOTORS Inc.
COMPLETE AUTO SERVICE & SALES
6 Fairview Avenue
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
Est. 1959 **471-4240** ASE
Show Your Student I.D. & Receive **10% Off Labor**

We Deliver!

131 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY
454-5100

Winter Hours:
Tuesday - Sunday: 7 AM - 9 PM
Closed Mondays

Better than home cookin'!

- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & PIZZA
- Friendly Atmosphere
- Large Screen TV: See the game!
- Table Service and Take Out
- Generous Portions
- Credit Cards Accepted
- Close to Campus
- Part Time Positions Available

<p>Hungry Fox 454-5100</p> <p>FREE 20 OZ. SODA with the purchase of any sandwich, wrap or burger.</p>	<p>Hungry Fox 454-5100</p> <p>FREE BREAKFAST with the purchase of any breakfast of equal or greater value. 7 AM to 10 AM ONLY</p>	<p>Hungry Fox 454-5100</p> <p>\$2.00 OFF Good for any purchase over \$10! NYS sales tax is additional.</p>	<p>Hungry Fox 454-5100</p> <p>NEED \$\$\$? Do you have a car? Do higher gas prices get you down? We're looking for part-time delivery people for the Marist area. Come in and ask for Brian when it's not busy!</p>
---	---	--	---

From Page One

Communication students visit NYWICI conference

making a great first impression, personally and professionally.

The conference fared well with Communication Arts students, including junior Tess Kittelberger.

"I thought the conference was extremely informative in how to

go about reaching your career goal," she said. "The women were proud that you can achieve your goal. With their inspirational stories, they reached out to all the people at the conference on a personal level! It was amazing!"

The conference also was helpful to several students, like freshman Staci Makovich, who were previously unsure of what major or concentration best suited them.

"I really enjoyed going to that conference," she said. "It helped

me realize that I don't want to minor in advertising anymore, but now double major combining public relations and marketing. I appreciated the panel's honesty; it was great to finally hear the real deal about communications. The keynote speakers were also

superb, they were great to listen to and very inspirational."

NYWICI also offers thousands of dollars in student scholarships every year. For more information, go to www.nywici.org/foundation/scholarships.

For more information about the Communication Arts Society, or about attending future conferences, contact Rachel Koepfel through the AIM screen name "CommArtsSociety."

From Page Four

Current political events spark conservative perspective

leak probe. This means that as far as the government is concerned, Rove did absolutely nothing wrong. So why should anyone think that he deserves to be fired?

I'll tell you why. There were

some that had hoped that this investigation would lead to multiple indictments of high government officials, up to and including Dick Cheney himself. Who knows, you might even topple President Bush in the process by

exhuming pre-Iraqi war intelligence and putting the war on trial. But based on the concrete evidence, none of this has happened. In fact, Senate Democrats were so upset, frantic, and utterly confounded by

this turn of events that they triggered a closed session of the Senate last week to force an investigation of the intelligence that led us into Iraq. Let me clue these Democrats in to a little secret; we're there, and based on

the information we had at the time, YOU voted to go there. Deal with it and move on.

Based on all of this, it's not conservatism that's in any danger of losing focus and momentum. To any who still think that

the conservative movement has been torpedoed and toppled, I say to take a closer look at recent events and your own party, and then tell me who's in danger of sinking into scandal and obscurity.

From Page Seven

'Four Freedoms' medals keep Roosevelt's legacy alive

sion, Cornell West of Princeton University, and Marsha Evans of the American Red Cross were those individuals celebrated for their contribution to 'tomorrow's future,' as explained by FDR himself.

Former President Bill Clinton was in attendance as the individual to encompass all four freedoms.

According to WhiteHouse.com, Clinton is only the second democrat to be reelected for a second term. The first was Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Clinton posed a depiction of FDR's mentality as the significant historical premise for the world society strives for and the

freedoms medals themselves.

"And if ever there was a pillar of self-reliance in the deepest and most pronounce sense, it was Roosevelt who believed that both the government had to be an instrument to the common good and he personally had to live a responsible life," Clinton said.

David Woolner, Executive Director, was responsible for the development of last October's ceremony and provided a forum for Marist students to network with this year's recipients.

Ken Juras, senior, is currently the Student Body President for the Marist College Student Government Association (SGA). He attended the Roosevelt estate

serving as an usher to Governor Thomas Kean, Chair of the 9/11 commission. Juras believed the reception was a gratifying experience that gave him an opportunity to be in the presence of those who have done many things for their country.

"All of the laureates have, I think, done wonderful things to benefit the people of this country and around the world," Juras said. "To be apart of this historic ceremony recognizing the work that these individuals have done was an honor in and of itself," he said.

Amer Nabil, senior, served as media personnel representing Marist College Television

(MCTV). Nabil believed that the reception was history in the making and not enough words could describe the personal significance.

"As a journalist, I was honored and overwhelmed to some extent, by being a part of the Four Freedoms Medal Ceremony," he said. "I highly admire and respect the award recipients. Without a question, this was history occurring in front of my own sight." "I wish I could express the sights and sounds of this event vividly to my colleagues, who were unable to attend," Nabil said.

Colonel West, Professor at Princeton University, was this

year's winner of the "Freedom of Worship." As a symbol of the civil rights movement and the efforts of the late Martin Luther King Jr., West represents all of the historical significance that FDR lived for. When asked about what college students should pay mind to when looking toward the future, West provided a powerful vision.

"Well I would say that I think students should be less obsessed with success and more preoccupied with greatness," West said. "That we've got too much bling bling in terms of the mentality of young people. Use your success for something bigger than you," West said.

President Clinton provided one final thought he would never forget on behalf of FDR. It signified the historical reference he has established since 1944, when the Roosevelt site was nationally introduced.

"So I think he (FDR) would say, ok, so there is a bunch of things you don't like and there is a bunch of things you do; what else is new," Clinton said. "Lift your head, take a deep breath, throw your shoulders back and go to work. That is what America is all about."

Endless Sun

Route 9

1 1/2 miles north on the left
next to Darby O'Gills

845-229-9900

**FREE TANS
FOR**

EVERYONE!!!

Still the Best Tan in Town!

-Winner of 2005's Salon of the Year Award

**We want you to share
in our celebration
until February 2nd, 2006!**



Marist Alumni
Owned & Operated

The Office of Student Affairs and The Office of College Activities

Would like to thank all who participated in the
Penny Social
"Basket Competition"

Best Overall Basket
"Class of 2007"

Most Creative Basket
"Information Technology"

Most Creative Basket
"Fencing Club"

Most Bountiful Basket
"Housing & Residential Life"

Most Bids Received
"School of Computer
Science & Mathematics"

Alumni Association
Anime Society
ARCO
Asian Alliance
Athletics
Athletics Booster Committee
Black Student Union Student Programming
Campus Ministry
Circle K
Class of 2007
Communication & the Arts Society
Counseling Center
Fashion, Inc.
Fencing Club
First Year Programs
Fox P.A.W.
Health Services
Housing & Residential Life
Information Technology
International Club
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Kappa Lambda Psi
Literary Arts Society
MCCTA
MCTV
Marist Singers
Phi Delta Epsilon
President's Office
Safety & Security
School of Computer Science & Mathematics

School of Management
Sigma Sigma Sigma
Sodexo Dining Services
Special Services
Student Affairs
Student Government Association
Student Programming Council
Teachers of Tomorrow
Vice President for Student Affairs
WMAR

get plugged in



Go online now to get the latest news, photos, weather and more.



www.maristcircle.com

Marist College

RideBOARD



giving the opportunity for Marist students to find and give rides **ONLINE!**

Stay Tuned!
for more information

sponsored by:
Marist Student Government Association

Over 68 Beds

Join at 1, tan at all!

Better Tan

2 FOR 1
Unlimited Tanning
until 2-1-06
Only \$99.00

Buy 5 get 2 FREE
OR
Unlimited Tans
\$5.00 a week

paid at salon cash, check, or charge
Expires 12/31/05
For Students with ID

Take Rt 9 North 1 mi.
Turn right @ Cullinary Institute
onto West Dorsey
Turn right at first light

845.473.7400

CALIFORNIA TAN

Fine Tanning Products

QUINNIPIAC U:

RAVE REVIEWS FOR OUR MBA

The Quinnipiac University School of Business MBA program continues to prepare business professionals for the realities of management in global, technology-driven work environments in specializations such as:

- MBA WITH CONCENTRATIONS IN ACCOUNTING, CIS, FINANCE, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING
- MBA - CHARTERED FINANCIAL ANALYST® TRACK
- MBA IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

OUR TOP 10 GRADUATE MAJORS:

MBA, Physician Assistant, Interactive Communications, Teaching, Biomedical Sciences, Molecular/Cell Biology, Journalism, Nursing, Computer Information Systems, Accounting



MASTERING THE ART OF TEACHING

Sheila Wycinowski, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development at Amity High School, explains, "Basically we look to hire Quinnipiac students. They have a clear understanding of lesson planning and classroom management and the balance between them." She also characterizes Quinnipiac students as articulate, creative, able to encourage higher-level thinking in students, and able to incorporate technology into their teaching.

>> YOUR NEXT MOVE

Quinnipiac University offers graduate programs in 17 distinct disciplines. Whether you are interested in our AACSB nationally accredited business program, the master of arts in teaching (MAT) program or one of the Northeast's most highly regarded journalism and interactive communications programs, all have been designed to thoroughly prepare you for a professional career. For more information, call 1-800-462-1944 or visit www.quinnipiac.edu.

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY
Hamden, Connecticut

Four returning starters give Marist fourth place

By ALEX PANAGIOTOPOULOS
Campus Editor

Matt Brady shares his name with a 1994 gun control bill. Although the bill's effectiveness is highly debatable, Brady's arrival at Marist has resulted in greatly-improved shooting along with some more winning.

Before his arrival, the men's basketball team was dead last in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) in three-point shooting and points per game and next to last in shooting percentage. The team finished in the top three in all three categories at the end of last season.

The team almost doubled its wins from six to 11. The team is ranked fourth in this year's preseason MAAC coaches poll behind Iona, Manhattan and Canisius.

Last season's high point came during January wins over eventual MAAC champion Niagara and the previous season's Cinderella team Manhattan.

Soon after, center Will McClurkin was suspended after a book returning snafu and power forward Ryan Stilphen hurt his back. Coupled with the lengthy absences of senior guards Pierre Monagan and Brandon Ellerbee, the losses began to pile on.

"We had significant attrition over the course of the year," Brady said. "We were going down throughout the season, losing confidence. When we got down, our kids believed they couldn't change the outcome."

McClurkin, Monagan and Ellerbee, the bread and butter of the Dave Magarity era, are all gone, replaced by 70 junior transfer

James Smith, 6'11 red-shirt freshman Marko Vucajnk, 6'4 freshman point guard Gerald Carter, and 6'3 red-shirt freshman Kayven Gregory. Excluding Smith, the new players are considered projects, possessing the unselfish attitudes demanded by Brady but still working on their jump shots and strength.

Last season, Brady had stated a

goal of getting bigger and more athletic through recruitment. The team had decent help defense but the next to worst block numbers in the MAAC (64, while Fairfield came in first with 192). They also came in seventh in defensive field goal percentage (44 percent).

"James Smith is a dominant defensive rebounder," he said. "For [the MAAC] he gives us a dominant defensive presence. Marko's got a chance to get major minutes for us. [He's] interesting in that he's gotten a lot stronger and a lot more skilled."

Any preview of the men's Marist basketball program would be remiss without mentioning the team's very core: Junior Magarity recruits Jared Jordan and Will Whittington and red-shirt sophomore Ryan Stilphen.

Whittington was only the fifth player in NCAA history to finish top-five in both three-point percentage and three-pointers per game, while Jordan was named second-team all-MAAC in the preseason poll. Stilphen was named to the MAAC All-Rookie team last season.

According to Brady, the dynamic guard duo will perform even

more spectacularly this year.

"Jared is even more fit, looking to shoot the ball even more, and Will Whittington got a lot better with his defense," he said.

This showed in the annual White vs. Red scrimmage in which Jordan hit six of 11 three-pointers while Whittington showed a heightened defensive awareness. "Dubya" also hit six of his seven long-range attempts. "I was pleased with our progress and improvement offensively, while defensively we developed an identity and a way of playing," Brady said.

The scrimmage also displayed freshman backup point guard Gerald Carter's strengths (speed, defense, creative passing) and weaknesses (turnovers).

"He has the ability to make other guys better," said Brady. "Hopefully, the [10 turnovers] won't be typical, or you won't be seeing him. He was trying to do too much, a very competitive kid."

The team's finishes around the basket should be a lot more exciting than last year. Compared to last year's lay-up fest, the team features two incredible dunkers in Gregory and Carter, senior guard Carl Hood isn't exactly chopped liver, and junior Miles Orman has earned the practice nickname of "Baby Vince."

Brady said he continues to focus on improving the team's shooting.

"The dunk is an exciting part of the game," he said, adding that the dunks will increase when the opposition's zone defense expands to guard the three-point line.

Sophomore forward Ben Farmer will likely be out until finals are over with an "eligibility issue," while Shaq Mcnamara sat out the scrimmage with a bacterial infection and should be ready to play on Nov. 19 at Seton Hall.

Brady said there aren't any redshirts expected.

Upcoming Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 19 — at Seton Hall, 1 p.m. +

Saturday, Nov. 26 — vs. Delaware, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3 — at Lafayette, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 — vs. Ohio University, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 9 — at Manhattan, 7 p.m. *

Sunday, Dec. 11 — vs. Iona, 4 p.m. *

Saturday, Dec. 17 — at St. John's, 2 p.m. + ^

Wednesday, Dec. 21 — vs. St. Bonaventure, 7:30 p.m.

+ denotes Big East opponent

* denotes MAAC opponent

^ denotes venue of Madison Square Garden

'When we got down, our kids believed they couldn't change the outcome.'

— Coach Matt Brady

Ranson's arrival brings toughness, leadership to experienced backcourt

By JOE FERRARY
Staff Writer

From his playing days as one of best Division II players in the country, to finding Team Baltimore, one of the top Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) teams in the northeast, new assistant head men's basketball coach, Orlando "Bino" Ranson has always been a winner.

Ranson, who was recently hired by Marist College to be an assistant basketball coach, will look to bring his winning ways to the court this season and help improve the Red Foxes 11-17

record from last season.

One of the main priorities for Ranson this year will be to work with the point guards and to improve the overall energy of the team.

As a decorated All-American, he was one of the best DII point guards in the nation Ranson at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU). During his playing career, he is seventh on the school's all-time points list, is fifth in assists, and is fourth in three-point field goals made.

"I will be working primarily with the guards this season," said Ranson. "I hope to teach them

some of the tips that I received from my playing days."

One of the point guards that Ranson will be working with is Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) stand-out, Jared Jordan.

Ranson will not have to worry about teaching Jordan any basketball skills, because he has them all. However, Ranson said he will focus on Jordan's leadership and mental toughness.

"Like all great point guards, they have to be mentally tough," he said. "I am hoping to toughen Jordan up mentally and improve his leadership skills as

well. This should have a snowball effect on the rest of the team."

Coach Ranson's ideas have already been implanted into Jordan's head, as he has started to improve his leadership skills during the first parts of this young season.

"Jordan is always the first person at practice, taking extra jump shots or free throws," he said. "If the rest of the team will follow in his footsteps, the team will begin to see better results."

Ranson said he hopes to instill in Jordan and that is to break opponents' backs.

"Jordan has the ability to go into the lane and create his own shots, just like I did while playing in school," he said. "The only difference is that I was a sniper and could finish off the other team."

With Jordan returning for his junior season to run the point, the Red Foxes are loaded with talent and are poised to win it all.

"We have the ability to win the MAAC title this year," said Ranson. "As a team, we need to buy into the offensive schemes of head coach Matt Brady and we should be fine."

Another perk to adding Ranson

to the coaching staff is his ties to the Baltimore area. By founding Team Baltimore, one of the best AAU teams in the northeast, Ranson should be able to help recruit some of the cities great talent.

One of the most famous players on Team Baltimore includes current National Basketball Association (NBA) star Carmelo Anthony.

The men's basketball season starts November 19th at 4 p.m. as they take on Seton Hall in East Rutherford, N.J.

While basketball has yet to begin, Marist's possible walk to Graceland begins now

By KEITH STRUDLER
Communications Professor

I still think of Sam Cassell as a Seminole.

Even now, writing this with an LA Clippers game on in the background, I still see Bobby Sura on the wing and Pat Kennedy doing his best job not to coach.

Even though Cassell helped lead my Houston Rockets to an NBA title in his first year in the pros, even with those giant rings on his relatively diminutive hands (for basketball, that is), he'll always wear Maroon and Gold in my head.

Of course, Cassell isn't the

only one. When I think about most guys in the NBA - guys like Alonzo Mourning (Georgetown), Dwyane Wade (Marquette), Tim Duncan (Wake Forest) - to me, they're more alumni than pro ballers. In my mind, college basketball isn't the minor league. It's the only league.

And that's why this time of year is perhaps the sweetest of all. Sweeter than Spring Break (not that I'm young enough to care), sweeter than summer vacation, sweeter than snow days when it doesn't really even snow.

This time of year is the time of possibilities. It's the time in col-

lege basketball when everyone is undefeated, when Cinderellas run rampant and midnight seems light years away. And whether you're a mid-major or an ACC power, you can still fancy yourself a title contender, simply taking baby steps towards that Graceland known as the Final Four.

Here at Marist, we are particularly eager for our fantasy ride to begin. It's been since the 1980's when we last followed our men's basketball team into the NCAA tournament, a lifetime given the

quick turnover of college campuses. And even though logic and statistical probabilities tell us that our chances are slim, at this time of year, logic takes a back seat to daydreams, especially when those daydreams include the first round of an NCAA regional.

To be honest, I can't claim to be an authority on Marist's men's basketball team.

I've heard we've got some talent. I've heard we're pretty young. And I know we lost key senior starters from last year's team.

I also know that coach Matt

Brady has had an extra year to mold his team, using his playbooks and his coaching techniques. He's even got a few of his own recruits manning his bench. Maybe more so than even last year, the Brady era has now truly begun.

Over the course of the next few months, one of two things will happen. Perhaps the Marist men's basketball team will meet our lofty expectations, finally winning that elusive MAAC tournament title for the right to play against a group of NBA future stars. If that is the case, the bandwagon will need a bigger engine.

On the other hand, maybe the

team won't find that ephemeral grandeur. Maybe they'll fall short of the promise land, as they have since I've been here. And then only true fans will carry the burden of faith and devotion, waiting again until next year finally comes.

Either way, whether March is eventually mad or simply maddening, to me, nothing can compare to right here, right now. Where the unknown takes precedence, where fantasies seem possible if not probable, and where Sam Cassell, a guard for the Los Angeles Clippers, can always be a Florida State Seminole.

McClurkin's shoes filled by Vucajnk as he hopes to slide in nicely after red-shirting last year

By GABE PERNA
Staff Writer

After waiting a season to learn American style basketball, red shirt freshman Marko Vucajnk is finally ready to step onto the court and play this season.

Since first coming to Poughkeepsie from Zalec, Slovenia, Vucajnk has done nothing in the actual games other than cheer for his teammates.

But if things go right for the 6'11 center, then he will be on the front court battling for rebounds with his Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) opponents.

"I got used to the game pretty much," said Vucajnk. "But the year off helped me in my development, helped me find and learn the speed and style of the

game."

Obviously, no one could have gone from Slovenia to Poughkeepsie and done everything without some help. Vucajnk said he attributes his transition to his coaches and teammates.

"The first people who helped me were the coaches," he said. "They allowed me to get there and taught me everything I needed to know. Also all my teammates helped me along the way."

While Vucajnk, who played

basketball for Pivovarna Laska in Slovenia, hasn't exactly had to learn whole new game; he has had to adjust.

Vucajnk said the European game does have its differences from the American style.

"European is a slower game," he said. "Over here, it's like get the ball down the court quickly while in Europe it's more of joggling down and setting the play."

Vucajnk also said in Europe the shot clock is 35 seconds, while over here it's 24. And the final

difference he mentioned was the key in America is a rectangle shape while over there it's a trapezoid.

One player who accustomed quite nicely to the differences between Europe and American basketball was Marist legend Rick Smits. Vucajnk, who is well aware of Smits' accolades, said he has failed to think about living up to the legend status of Smits.

"There's no pressure for me to live up to that," he said. "I haven't thought about that much to be honest with you."

What Vucajnk said he has thought about is helping out the Red Foxes compete for the MAAC crown this season. One way he could possibly do

'...the year off helped me in my development, helped me find and learn the speed and style of the game.'

— Marko Vucajnk
Red-shirt freshman

THE CIRCLE Sports

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005

www.maristcircle.com

PAGE 12

Red Foxes squeak by Gaels for rare win in New Rochelle

By NATE FIELDS
Staff Writer

With a 28-27 victory last Saturday over Iona College, the Marist football team secured a winning season for the first time since 2002.

At 6-3 overall and 3-1 in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play, the Red Foxes are now ranked fifth among mid-major football schools.

Head coach Jim Parady said he was pleased with his team's effort and recognized the importance of the victory.

"It was great to get our sixth win and guarantee a winning season," he said. "Iona is a very difficult place to play. We hadn't won [in New Rochelle] since 1999, and were 2-5 in our last seven games there."

The victory also enabled the Foxes to secure a second place finish in the MAAC for the second consecutive season, trailing six-time MAAC champions, Duquesne University.

The two teams traded touchdowns throughout the contest, with Iona scoring first. Marist senior quarterback James Luft tossed an interception on his first possession. After a 43-yard return, Iona commenced their drive at the Marist 12-yard line. Five plays later, Iona owned a 7-0 advantage on a Greg Bielski 1-

yard run.

Luft rebounded quite effectively, however, leading the Foxes on a seven-play, 55-yard drive. Facing a third and goal, Luft called his own number, racing into the end zone on a 4-yard bootleg.

Coach Parady praised his quarterback's efforts after the slow start.

"He [Luft] showed a lot of poise after the interception," he said. "He stood in the pocket and took some hits, but he delivered his passes."

A two-point conversion gave Marist the 8-7 lead.

After a 73-yard Iona punt pinned Marist deep in its own territory early in the second quarter, Luft found sophomore running back Bo Ehikioya out of the back field for 23-yards and a first down. Junior Frankie Farrington then tallied his second longest run in as many weeks, bolting 50-yards to the Iona six-yard line.

On the next play from scrimmage, Ehikioya took a Luft handoff six yards for six points. The score remained 14-7 until late in the second quarter.

Facing a third down deep in his own territory, Iona quarterback Michael Biehl hooked up with senior wide receiver Dennis Calacione for a 73-yard strike, giving the Gaels a first-and-goal inside the Marist five-yard line.

After Biehl recovered his own fumble on first-down, and was sacked on second down, his third down pass in the end zone to Calacione fell incomplete.

A pass interference call against Marist gave Iona new life however.

Marist's defense put up a fight however, stopping running back Greg Bielski short of the goal line twice, before Biehl kept it himself and plunged one yard for the score.

After halftime, the teams traded drives before Iona finally broke the tie, as Biehl tossed an 18-yard touchdown pass to Greg Asplint. With Iona leading 21-14 late in the third quarter, Marist's offense motivated itself to even the score.

On the ensuing drive, a Luft third down pass to Guy Smith fell incomplete however and Marist was forced to punt. After two Iona rushes gathered only

four yards, Biehl dropped back to pass on third down and six. His toss found the hands of Marist senior defensive back David Snell, who returned the interception 41 yards for a touchdown.

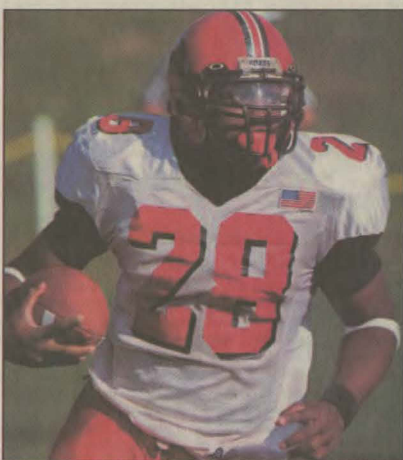
Coach Parady called Snell's pick the "pivotal play in the game." The interception shifted the momentum towards Marist at a crucial juncture.

With the score tied at the beginning of the fourth quarter, Marist engineered a 15-play drive, chewing up almost six minutes of clock. Ehikioya capped the drive with a one-yard touchdown plunge.

Now winning 28-21, victory was the responsibility of the defense. On the first of Iona's final two possessions, Biehl was sacked on second down and twelve, leading to third and fourth down incomplections.

The offense failed to accumulate any security points on the scoreboard however, and Iona regained possession facing 77 yards with just two minutes and 12 seconds left on the clock.

Ten plays later, Biehl again found Calacione, this time for 22 yards and a touchdown. After lining up to kick the extra point, Gael's head coach Fred Mariani sent his offense back onto the field to try for two points and the win. Biehl's pass was behind



Bo Ehikioya rushed for two touchdowns and gained 45 yards on the ground to lead Marist past Iona last Saturday afternoon on the road.

Calacione however, and Marist retained a one-point lead.

Senior Tim Traynor covered up the ensuing inside kick attempt by Iona and sealed the victory for the Foxes.

Looking ahead, Marist travels to San Diego this Saturday to take on a Torero's team averaging over 40 points per contest and ranked first among mid-

major teams. Coach Parady said he knows his offense will need to play well.

"We will need to keep their offense off the field by sustaining our offensive drives and limiting the chances they have to score," he said.

Foxes finish third in MAAC



Senior Peter Rea had a goal and an assist on senior day against Iona to propel the Foxes to a 2-1 victory and the third seed in this weekend. Inset: Junior Keith Detelj dribbles before scoring a goal.

By DAVID HOCHMAN
Staff Writer

Senior Day 2005 celebrated the careers of the senior soccer players on Marist's men's soccer team prior to their game versus Iona College. Peter Rea made this day even more memorable for the seniors through his play on the field, leading the Red Foxes to a 2-1 victory last Sunday at home.

First, Rea assisted junior Keith Detelj's second half goal that tied the game at one. Detelj's goal gave him eight on the year to go with his 21

points, leading the team in both categories. His goal soared just inside the left post at the 70:54 mark, energizing the team for the rest of the half.

Almost 20 minutes later, Rea made an even bigger impact. Senior classmate Ben Castor passed the ball to Rea on the right side of the field, who proceeded to score the game-winning goal with just 35 seconds left on the clock.

After playing from behind for 56 minutes, the Red Foxes showed their resiliency when they came back to win. Junior

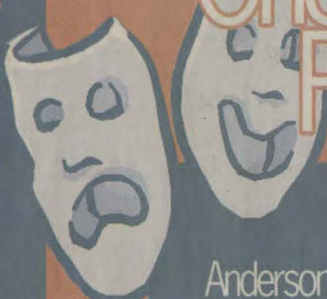
goalkeeper Michael Danyo made three saves in the 63 minutes he played, keeping the Gaels from building on their lead.

This victory gave Marist a 6-3 record in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) and a number three seed in the conference tournament.

The MAAC tournament will begin at Fairfield on Friday with the Red Foxes facing Loyola at 3 p.m. Marist closed out the season on a hot streak since losing to Loyola in mid-October, winning five out of their last six games.

Wanted

Student Written One Act Plays



The annual John P. Anderson Memorial Playwriting Competition

Plays by students must be turned in by the end of the fall semester.

Entry forms and guidelines are available in Student Center Room 369

Plays designated as finalists will be eligible for staging by the Theater Workshop in April in MCCTA's festival of plays, *One Touch of Nature*

See www.mccta.com for more information