



RiverFest kicks off SpringFest 2004 festivities

By ANDREW JOYCE
Circle Contributor

There's not much that can go wrong with beautiful weather, good food, refreshments and fun with your friends.

RiverFest, a Marist sponsored annual party in Upper Hoop lot, overlooking the Hudson River, is open to students 21 years of age and older, and faculty, which added to the winning formula.

Attendees paid \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door to get into the event. Once inside, students had their choice between four cups of draft beer or four wine coolers, and an assortment of sandwiches and snacks. Additional alcohol was provided at an additional cost.

DJ Hobi provided the sound, playing music throughout the event.

Thirty extra private security personnel were also on hand to keep the crowd at bay.

Faculty members and members of various departments on campus were seen mingling with students, even pitching in while serving food, cleaning up and

serving drinks.

Tony Lombardi, junior, said the event was a good time.

"Pretty good food and everyone was drinking, which was a plus," Lombardi said.

Despite the success of RiverFest, students who regularly parked in Hoop lot were greeted by security guards late

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— Marissa Cuculo
Senior

Wednesday, and were directed to park in the Beck lot.

Lombardi said that although the event was fun, the parking problem was an inconvenience.

"That wasn't that great," Lombardi said. "They should have planned that out better, maybe even offered spots in Lower Hoop, which was open."

Senior class officers Marissa Cuculo, Laura Dodson and Kerri

Kozak, started putting together the event about two months ago.

With the help of Bob Lynch, director of student activities, they organized the catering, hired a band, and sold tickets. In addition, they coordinated a fireworks display to conclude the festivities.

Cuculo was pleased with the way everything turned out, and liked working behind the scenes, despite some drawbacks.

"We would sit in Dyson in four hour shifts," Cuculo said. "We also sold tickets out of our houses, which was weird at times," she said. "People [were] coming in and out at all hours, and calling when they needed tickets."

Cuculo said that her work seemed to have paid off and everyone had a good time.

"It was my first Riverfest," Cuculo said. "Having planned it, it was great to see it come out as well as it did. Everyone I talked to said they had a great time. All I heard afterwards were good things."

For some however, including Tim Riley, junior, this year's RiverFest meant more than beers



ERIC KIMMEL / THE CIRCLE

Students, faculty and staff, 21 and over, gather in Upper Hoop Lot for RiverFest, a night of fun overlooking the Hudson River. The night, full of dancing and drinking, was completed with a fireworks display.

and wholesome fun in the sun.

"Ton's of girls [walked] by our balcony in Old Townhouses in mini-skirts," Riley said. "I've never seen that many skirts in my life. We'd holler at girls walking

by," he said. "They would yell back. Such a good time."

He also said RiverFest provided a unique school organized event for people of drinking age.

"It was good to have fun and

socialize with your friends and people you liked in that kind of atmosphere, and not have to be at a bar," Riley said.

Students cheer in anticipation of Busta Rhymes' performance



Courtesy of GWYNYN HOLOBAUGH

Brian Hodges joins hundreds of students on the green behind the Student Center to watch Brand New and Busta Rhymes during SpringFest 2004.

Skerritt named first Marist Idol

By COURTNEY KRETZ
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Patti LaBelle's "Lady Marmalade" rang throughout the Nelly Goletti Theater, May 2. But instead of the lyrics being sung by the diva herself, they were sung by the first ever Marist Idol winner.

Siobhan Skerritt, frosh, was chosen from among five finalists that appeared

on Marist College Television's Marist Idol Finale.

The night kicked off with the announcement of the four finalists who had secured a spot in the final round: Dan Spadora, Julia Rodriguez, Alexa Johnides, and Siobhan Skerritt.

Julia Graham was then

announced as the viewer's choice contestant, previously determined by online voting, and joined the other finalists.

As the contestants walked onstage to perform, they randomly picked from two envelopes that contained previously prepared songs.

Which piece they chose was the song they performed for round three of the competition.

Before each finalist performed, they were introduced to the audience with a short video. The videos were comprised of clips from the previous two rounds, held during the past few months.

The final episode was the first
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'I really want to thank my friends for making me go audition.'

— Siobhan Skerritt
Marist Idol

Students spend time making priceless memories with local children

By JOE GUARDINO
Distribution Manager

Every year, a few weeks before finals, students head to the library in preparation for what will be the most demanding part of their semester. Every year, around the same time, students in transit to the library think the delirium is starting to set in when they see ponies galloping across the Dyson Green.

On Wednesday, Apr. 28, 111 children crowded the green, tak-

ing part in various games and activities and taking turns riding the ponies, provided by Linda Dunlap, Ph.D., chair of the psychology department. As part of One To One day, each child is paired up with a Marist student, and they spend the day participating in events including a petting zoo, sports, arts and crafts and face painting.

For children, aged three to 12, who take part in this event, it is a dream come true, at least for a day. Most of the children that

attend this Psychology Club sponsored event are from special needs programs such as Astor

Head Start, Astor Home, Board of Cooperative Educational Services or BOCES, and Arlington Middle school. AST and Lambda Kappa Si also helped organize the event.

'It was obvious that this day was special for all the kids who came and that made participating worthwhile.'

— Kristen Hirsch
Psychology Club Member

Dunlap said the event has a positive impact on the children.

"The children learn that people outside of their family and teachers care about their needs," Dunlap said.

The children were not the only people to benefit; the students also came away from the day with some great

experiences.

Kristen Hirsch, a psychology club member, said the experience was very beneficial.

"Spending time with a child on one-to-one day was extremely rewarding," Hirsch said.

For her, the best part of the day was being given the chance to get to know a special little boy.

"It amazed me how quickly he warmed up to me and what little it took to make his day a fun one," she said. "It was obvious that this day was special for all

the kids who came and that made participating worthwhile."

Marist College faculty were very supportive of the event and promoted it to their classes. Some professors even gave students an excused absence if the class took place at the same time as One To One day, which ran from 8:45 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.

About 180 students from all different majors, not just psychology, participated in this year's event.

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The "Security Briefs" and the "Alcohol Fantasy Beat" are intended to be a parody and not a representation of The Circle's editorial stance on drinking — illegal or otherwise — nor is it intended to be a statement regarding the official Marist college policy on alcohol consumption.

Security Briefs:

It is so hard, to say goodbye, to yesterday

Compiled by DAN ROY
Campus Editor

4/28 — My time is growing old here, so let's get this over with before I start to cry. Two students were seen walking back to Champagnat from Donnelly at 12.55 a.m. Wednesday. Unfortunately, one couldn't walk without the support of the other. Security found this suspicious and they checked the girls. The hobbling girl was taken to St. Francis. In the operating room, the doctor was heard saying, "I haven't seen a stone this big in a boot since I visited Mt. Vesuvius in Italy. This girl is lucky to still have her leg."

4/28 — Finals are rapidly approaching, so lots of students are entering the library for the first time all year to study. Some are realizing that the library is an untapped resource for their knowledge to grow. Others see the library as an untapped resource to drink in. A housekeeper stumbled upon six cans of Busch Light in one of the study rooms at 2:30 a.m. Haha, I don't think *they* come with a laptop! Hey, now that you've successfully drank in the library, what are you going to do next? "I'm going to graduate!" I'll see you there buddy.

5/1 — Cocktail hour in Marion was interrupted halfway through when the entry desk officer stopped a student with a backpack at 5:35 p.m. In the bag was four cans of Milwaukee's Best. Ok, let's flashback to the liquor store when these were bought. "Yo man, what should we get tonight, Milwaukee's Best or Genesee?" "It's senior weekend; let's get the Best!" "Yeah! Best senior weekend ever!" What these two didn't realize at the time, was the play on words that unfolded, or the fact that they only have one senior weekend.

5/1 — Marian is coming up huge this week. At 10:00 p.m. a student at the entry desk was asked if he had alco-

hol in his bag. All hopes of being slick and cool escaped him when he dropped the bag and sprinted out the door. The guard promptly confiscated seven cans of Coors and three cans of Bud Light from the bag. A couple of hours later, the student came to ask for his bag back. You know what they say, "The apple never falls far from the tree." Especially book bag shaped trees.

5/2 — A student was found staggering outside of Gregory at 1:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Fairview was called, and the intoxicated student was taken to St. Francis. On a completely opposite note, does anyone know why Goldberg never ended up moving to Philly?

5/2 — Gartland E block ended the year strong with one more fire alarm. At 12:30 p.m. the alarm went off because of a flaming piece of toast. A quick thinking student in the apartment was able to put the flames out with the fire extinguisher before any damage was done. That goes to show you, you can never be too safe. A good fire extinguisher should be handy in every kitchen. But luckily there is a place called Denny's where you can go when you burn your dinner. They even have a separate seating section for you. Don't ask for chocolate milk though. They'll probably be out.

5/2 — My last brief of the year. Where has the time gone? A vending machine on the fifth floor of Midrise was vandalized at 5:20 p.m. By the time security got to it, the entire machine was empty. Empty, empty as my heart now that these briefs are all over. I want to thank everyone for a great year. Have a wonderful and safe summer. You won't be seeing me around these parts anymore ... "Yo dude, you're not a senior. You have one more year left." Oh yeah ...

PS. I called Leo winning in last semester's final issue. How's that for credibility?

And the winner is ...

Leo — with the most alcohol-related incidents of the semester

Alcohol-related incidents this week:

Marion — 2
Gregory — 1
Champagnat — 1

Total alcohol-related incidents:

Leo — 12
Champagnat — 10
Gartland — 4
Sheahan — 3
Marian — 3
Midrise — 2
Old Townhouses — 2
Benoit — 2
Lower West Cedar — 2
Upper West Cedar — 1
Gregory — 1



Finals Week Reminders

No Guest Passes will be issued during finals week or the weekend prior to finals week.

Summer housing applications are now available in the Housing Office. Forms must be submitted by Monday, May 10.

Library hours are extended from 7:30 AM - 2:00 AM, until Thursday, May 13.

The Final Exam Schedule can be found on the Registrar Office Web site.

All Residence Halls close at 5:00 P.M. for underclassmen, on Friday, May 13.

All library books are due by 9:30 PM on Friday, May 14.

The Fifty-Ninth Graduation Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 22 at 10:00 AM.

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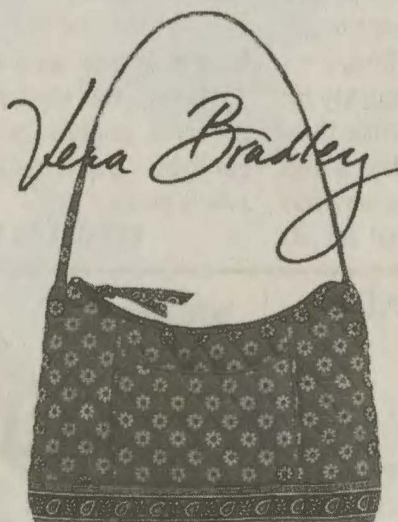
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— Stacey Caswell
Copy Editor

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Guard struck by taxi while attempting to cross Donnelly parking lot

By MICHAEL RISPOLI
Staff Writer

It was just another Tuesday, just another day at the office.

However, for John Person it was not. At 10:50 p.m. Tuesday night, Person was walking from his parked car in the Donnelly parking lot to work his 11 o'clock shift. When he stepped from behind a parked car, he was struck by a MGB taxi van only

25 feet from his destination.

The 1991 Toyota was picking up students outside of Donnelly Hall when it pulled away from the building. Luckily for Person, the van was moving slowly and he only received minor injuries.

At first glance, however, the accident did not seem so optimistic.

Christine Olver, 20, sophomore, was walking into Donnelly Hall at the time of the accident

when she witnessed all the commotion.

“I saw a bunch of security guards come running out, and I heard one yell ‘He’s not breathing well,’” Olver said.

The Poughkeepsie Police responded quickly and a Fairview ambulance arrived to the scene shortly after it was called. The ambulance took Person to nearby St. Francis Hospital. He stayed overnight

for observation and was released Wednesday afternoon.

Irene Devine, 20, sophomore, was also passing by the parking lot when the accident occurred. She said that there were people standing around concerned for the fallen security guard after it had happened, even after the ambulance took him away.

“We were all just watching and wondering if he was O.K. Everyone was just taking in the

whole situation,” Devine said.

John Gildard, director of safety and security, said that while at the hospital, many fellow security guards and well-wishers stopped by to check in on Person. Person is expected to take a few days rest after the accident and return to work shortly.

Gildard said that besides a few minor fender benders, this is the first time in his two years at

Marist that someone had been struck by an automobile on campus. The MGB cab was properly licensed, and said that the driver simply did not see Person crossing the parking lot.

“This is just an unfortunate accident,” Gildard said. “That’s all it was, just an unfortunate accident.”

From Page One

Siobhan Skerritt named first-ever Marist Idol with unanimous vote by three judges

show that background music and vocals were played for the contestants.

Graham started off the night’s vocal competition singing Kelly Clarkson’s “A Moment Like This” and Rodriguez followed with Bette Midler’s, “Wind Beneath My Wings.” Skerritt sang Nat King Cole’s “Unforgettable” and Johnides performed “You are Mine” by The Dixie Chicks. Spadora capped off round three with Vertical Horizon’s “Everything You Want.”

After each performance the three judges, Keith Strudler, Missy Alexander, and Matt

Andrews gave comments to each contestant and explained how the song showed off their vocal talents. Then each singer was interviewed by the hosts and allowed to express their feelings about their performance.

“I think I did ok,” Spadora said as he turned to the crowd. “How about you guys?”

As the judges left the theater to choose two contestants to move on to the fourth and final round, the audience was given a chance to stretch their legs.

As the hosts began the second half of the show and the five contestants were brought onstage, the judges announced that they

were not able to agree on only two finalists, as it was a “tough race.”

“The three of us, in trying to make our choices, could not bring it down to two,” Strudler said. “So we agreed on one and we need to keep three for the playoff at the end.”

They announced the three picks; Graham, Rodriguez, and Skerritt advanced to the final round.

The final three singers then performed their second prepared song. Graham sang Bonnie Raitt’s “Something to Talk About” and Rodriguez performed Gloria Gaynor’s “I Will

Survive.” Skerritt belted LaBelle’s “Lady Marmalade.”

While the judges deliberated for the second time, Jesse Disbrow, who was cut in the first round of Marist Idol, performed a cappella to “To the Moon and Back,” by Savage Garden.

Disbrow had previously chosen this song as his Idol audition number, but never advanced to the second round.

Regardless, Disbrow’s audition received a lot of attention from students. Due to his popularity, he was asked to perform at the finale.

When the judges returned, they felt Skerritt’s performance was

Marist Idol-worthy and announced her as the first winner ever.

Skerritt dried her eyes as she was handed a bouquet of flowers and a certificate. She seized the opportunity to say a few words of thanks to everyone who supported her.

“I really want to thank my friends for making me go audition,” Skerritt said. “I didn’t want to go and they nagged me ... I think that even though they didn’t make it there with me, they are here with me.”

For winning Marist Idol, Skerritt was awarded a gift certificate to a place of choice, a

sweatshirt from the bookstore, and a chance to be a guest on KISS FM.

Due to the popularity of Marist Idol, MCTV plans on making the show an annual event.

“Marist Idol was a rousing success for MCTV this semester, and was an integral part of our production this year,” Ralph Filardo, MCTV news producer said. “By taking a hit series off of Fox and turning it into this campus version, we were able to help make some musical talents well known to the Marist community.”

Senior editor, Stacey Caswell, bids farewell to Marist Community

I was born to be a writer. I loved to see my thoughts in print, knowing they were products of diligence divulged from deep inside my soul.

Filling eager white pages with meaningful words scribbled in ink became my passion. From a young age, I devoted my life to fulfilling my dream, writing for anything and everything that I could get my hands on.

It wasn’t until high school that I converted my dream of authoring books to achieving a byline on the front page of a newspaper.

Climbing from weekly staff writer to Editor-in-Chief during my senior year of high school, I really tried to bring school spirit to life on the pages of that meager publication, which at the

time meant the world to me, just as The Circle does to me now.

I always knew, but never conceptualized that I would be standing here now, on the brink of graduating from Marist College as a senior, having trudged through four years of seemingly endless all-nighters and painstaking papers, preparing myself to face the real world and get a job when the time came.

But alas, here I stand. My time spent at Marist as an undergraduate student has been invaluable while pursuing a



STACEY CASWELL

journalism career. Everyone from the hardworking and dedicated professors to my supervisor at the housekeeping department, Connie McCaffrey, have been incredible. All have watched me trip over myself on the way to achieving my goals, and have offered unending support and patience, for which I will be forever grateful.

Throughout all four years, I surrounded myself with amazing people. In their own ways, each person taught me invaluable life lessons, sometimes without knowing it.

Being a freshman was a complete feeling of freedom and self-reinvention.

In contrast, senior year is now a time of culmination, self-realization and self-definition. It’s

here where I have established my boundaries, and constructed the tools to defend them. With knowledge, comes wisdom, and in the four years that I was here, I learned both.

So now, as I prepare to graduate, I would like to offer a few phrases to live by to underclassmen behind me and say thank you to anyone I met there for the life lessons they taught me.

To: Marist students, administrators and faculty

Watching The Circle staff and I struggle, (sometimes with glaring errors) you continued to read it weekly; we appreciate your patience and loyalty. Please continue to bear with future administrations through those ups and downs and occasional not-so-grammatically correct issues.

To: Circle Staff

As stressful as Tuesday nights were, I will always look back on our all-nighters with fond memories. Everyone’s dedication spoke volumes about the level of staff commitment to produce the best product that we could, on a minimal budget and even fewer staff members. I’m so proud of everyone and wish much luck to you all!

To: Everyone

Even though we may make mistakes, we are just students; working, learning and growing, academically, mentally and spiritually. We are still coping with how to deal with what life throws us and handle it gracefully.

I urge the staff, both new and old, to keep up their efforts with

the paper and encourage journalism majors not involved, to join The Circle. Every bit of experience counts in the working world and your dedication will surely payoff in the end. The first time you get published in a public paper is an unexplainable feeling.

To end, here are some random pieces of advice: Go abroad and learn about a new culture; the rewards you reap are endless. Be swift to complement; slow to criticize. Be spontaneous and live life to the fullest; don’t be afraid to go against the grain. The world is an amazing place, full of diversity and unique viewpoints. Make it your goal to learn about them all.

Good luck to all future Marist classes and to the class of 2004!



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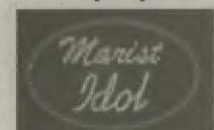


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Let the voices of the Marist community be heard.

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Why Marist makes perfect sense, just the way it is

By MATT WALSH
Circle Contributor

Coming upon the close of my freshman year, I am very happy with my decision to attend Marist College. What's better than stepping out of our wonderful library on a brisk chilly day and looking at the sunset on the river? What can beat the walk across the well kept green to the breathtaking rotunda? And honestly, what can beat paying about

two weeks of work study money to buy a sweatshirt from the bookstore to protect you from that brisk air?

Oh, but it's easy to make some money. Just sell back your books for about fifty cents. Maybe, if you're lucky, you might break the ten dollar mark on the book you spent one hundred on. Who cares that the college will sell the book used for about 4 times what they bought it back from you? It doesn't matter; it's all mommy

and daddy's money anyway. Why not pay the college even more money than you already are

in tuition to wear a sweatshirt to represent them well in public? It makes perfect sense. I'm sure if Dennis Murray wanted a sweatshirt, he would certainly pay sixty dollars for it.

Perhaps the best thing about this college is how students only

drink zero-four, at the most five alcoholic beverages. I don't think this is quite true, and I think the

Cabaret knows this too. I mean, think about the business you can make having drunk students stumble in, hungry, and not caring what they spend. Why not charge close to seven dollars for a wrap?

If you want to spend even more money, you can pay in cash and lose an extra dollar. Oh, but the Cabaret gets the good sober kids too. Their food has drawing power for the kids whose dining hall closes before sundown. Sure, I pay thousands a year on a dining plan, but if I have night class and can't get dinner, I don't mind starving. Skinny people make the school look more attractive.

What should Marist care? As

long as there are drinking establishments around Poughkeepsie, the students will be happy, the administration will try and act unhappy, and St. Francis will be busy. And so it goes, and change doesn't seem to be anywhere non the horizon. Who needs change? Everything makes perfect sense the way it is.

Letter to the Editor

Student speaks in favor of military, against others opinions

Dear Editors,

Well, it seems that the Circle is helping to establish another dynastic regime in this country by grooming an heir-apparent for its own Mr. Bill O'Reilly. At least, I hope so. Because if Stephen Butka is not, like Mr. O'Reilly, simply posturing behind "Attitudes: Outrageous" to help make a career and get paid, then we are all in trouble. After many egregious offenses this semester, including the suggestion that the Bush administration pursues a "sound" environmental policy, Mr. Butka has outdone himself just in time for graduation.

Mr. Butka makes a number of uninformed and irresponsible accusations in his editorial, "Innocent until proven guilty, except American soldiers," (April 29, 2004), but I shall restrict myself to the most

heinous. Mr. Butka claims that those in the "sneaky" anti-war movement (the massive protest of February 2003 and March 2004 were not "sneaky," just underreported and misrepresented) believe that American soldiers are murderers. These charges are tantamount to those made by Mr. Butka's fascistic fantasy and granddaughter of the Joy Division, Ms. Ann Coulter, when she claims that anyone who voices dissent should be tried for the capital crime of treason. There is no one in a post-Vietnam America who does not support and sympathize with our troops and it is because of these sentiments that parents, spouses, and Congressmen would sue the United States government to prevent them from going to war (I suppose they too believe their loved ones are murderers? See

<http://www.upi.com/view.cfm?StoryID=20030213-093506-8792> or <http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A48217-2004Mar10?language=printer>).

Though no American believes that American soldiers are murderers, American policy coupled with recent events in Iraq is making this an increasingly difficult argument to make to the rest of the world. With reports coming out of Fallujah and the recent discovery of abuses in Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad, in which six soldiers — including a brigadier general — are facing court martial for torturing Iraqi POWs (http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/3672901.stm), this administration's refusal to sign and ratify the International Criminal Court without clauses that exempt American soldiers

is even more glaring and more suspicious. To be certain, these actions are not representative of the vast majority of the 150,000 troops in Iraq presently, and I would not want Mr. Butka to mistake me as making such a claim, nor would I want him to mistake that the atrocities perpetrated by these American soldiers, in which they themselves documented their torture (which includes threatening electrocution and forcing prisoners, at gun point, to have sex), are some of the very actions which the ICC would, with its presence, hope to prevent and, if need be, punish. Though I do not doubt that these soldiers will be brought to justice by an American military court, if, in fact, they are guilty, these are war crimes as defined by the Geneva Convention, those which the International Crime

Court was established to decide, and which the world deserves to hear.

Secondly, Mr. Butka's accusation that those who are critical of the war are "La-Z-Boy Green Berets," is insulting and blatantly hypocritical. I understand Mr. Butka's point regarding those who criticize Generals Abizaid and Franks as being "armchair" soldiers and I agree that it is unfair to level such accusations; it is an accusation exacerbated by the constant military "analysis" (sic, speculation) perpetuated by the 24-hour news media. However, to level the charge that those who do not believe in the war are somehow armchair soldiers is ridiculous.

You, Mr. Butka, are the armchair, "La-Z-Boy" soldier, perpetuating a war while you sit in your privileged chair. Though we are all privileged to be able

to have this discussion, some of us are not so privileged as not to have to join the armed forces in order to attend this school (I am fully aware that there are students here who have served and are serving, and I have the utmost respect for them), there are those of us who choose to use this privilege to keep protecting those who serve, and prevent them from being rendered instruments of a war machine.

If you feel so strongly about your convictions, Mr. Butka, get out of your recliner and enlist. I will be working to make sure you don't have to go far.

— Eric Hess
Class of 2004

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It's ok, I had ramen for lunch

There are certain groups of people in society that have special designations. Handicapped. Children under 12. Teenagers. Senior citizens. Veterans. Because of their "circumstances," these individuals have special privileges, and are generally allowed to behave slightly outside the norm. After some observation and, I would propose that a new special category be added to society: College Students.

College students exhibit a number of behaviors that are not generally practiced by other mem-

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bers of society. Eating 99-cent ham, egg, and cheese sandwiches at a gas station at 3 a.m., for example. "Pre-gaming," or the practice of drinking at one's home residence before actually leaving to go out, is also unique to college students, as are the acts of paying for cab rides with quarters, leaving the house on a regular basis wearing sweatpants and slippers, and "dressing up" in jeans and a sweater.

Every time you count out your pennies for a bagel at Dunkin Donuts, or beg the teller at the bank to cash your check even though you have 12 cents in your account, you have justification for your behavior. As soon as you shrug apologetically and

mutter the words "I'm a college student," your behavior is acceptable and your oddities are forgiven.

Live on ramen noodles and Easy Mac for a week? It's okay! Have more beer in your fridge than food? Not a problem! Wash your jeans every two weeks? No worries! Make six dollars an hour at a retail store when you feel like you are educated enough to run the company? It's all okay! Somehow, the common understanding of these desperate conditions becomes a massive Get Out of Jail Free card.

Showing up viciously hung-over to your professional job five years from now will not be an

acceptable practice. Yet now, when you park your car crookedly and drag yourself into the mall to work on Saturday mornings, your appearance elicits chuckles from your co-workers, and a few extra breaks, courtesy of your manager.

Senior citizens get discounts at Kmart. Toddlers get to say whatever they want because "they don't know any better." Well, we get five-dollar pizzas, ridiculous drink specials, money from our parents for no reason, and an ID card with a picture of a school that seems to get us everything. Basically, we have the best four-year excuse in the world.

The Daily Grind

Prepare yourself, the end is coming

It's almost here! The end is just around the corner. Soon it will all be over; another year down and a few more to go (for the underclassmen).

But until then, the work just keeps piling up. Endless hours are spent in the library finishing all those huge projects (they've been on the syllabus all year, but all of a sudden, they've snuck up on you and they're due.) It's that time of year when 24 hour quiet hours are enforced and finals are just around the corner.

The end, of course, is a bitter-

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sweet one. Except for a few sporadic visits here and there, the seniors are saying goodbye to Marist and their underclassmen peers forever. Four years of memories are coming to a close. Those favorite professors will soon be nothing but a memory in the back of your mind. Your new life will consist of bills, 40 hour work weeks, extra responsibilities, and let's not forget, paychecks over \$150.

For those special seniors who cannot get enough of school, graduate school is in the cards. You are the elite and deserve kudos for all your hard work. It has finally paid off.

For the rest of us, it's not goodbye but only so long. We still have time left to spend here. After the summer comes to a close, we'll be right back here again pounding the books. Next fall will be a new year with new memories and new friendships. There will be a fresh new class full of kids to be ushered into the college experience. Enjoy the rest of your four years here, because it really is a short time. Take advantage of it while you still have it left, because there's no turning back.

Seniors, good luck in all your endeavors. I wish you nothing but the greatest success in every-

thing you do. You will never forget these years. There will be many stories to tell the grandchildren, like that time that you got written up for sneaking alcohol into your room, or the time that you slept through your final exam, or the moment you met your future husband or wife. This is but one chapter in your life. There will be many more to come, and like any good book, it only gets better the further you get into it. The contributions you brought to this campus are priceless and we will miss you immensely. So congratulations, good luck, and please remember us fondly.



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Foxes baseball drops close contest to LeMoyne

By **SCOTT MONTESANO**
Staff Writer

If the LeMoyne Dolphins hold on and win the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference regular season title, they can look back at Andre Enriquez's performance on May 2.

The streaky sophomore from

Miami, FL connected on three home runs and knocked in seven runs to lead the Dolphins over the Red Foxes 14-8, in a battle for first place.

The win moves LeMoyne four full games up on Marist for the MAAC lead, with nine conference games remaining. LeMoyne took two of the three

weekend games overall at Dick Rockwell Field.

Enriquez hit three-run homers in both the first and third innings and then added a solo home run in the sixth for good measure. The home run hat trick tied a LeMoyne single-game record, and his seven RBI fell one short of tying another.

Travis Timmons took the loss for Marist on the mound. The Delaware Tech transfer struggled after coming in to relieve starter Lucas Robinson who didn't make it through the second inning for the second consecutive weekend.

Catcher Bryan Towler, who hit a mammoth three-run homer over the leftfield scoreboard in

the third inning, led Marist at the plate. Second basemen Travis Musolf added two hits, while rightfielder Tyler Brock made a sensational diving catch in the eighth inning to give Foxes fans something to smile about defensively.

Alan Dreschler picked up the win for LeMoyne, while Nick

Marascia earned the save.

Nevertheless, Marist couldn't stop the Dolphins who hit five home runs total and never trailed except in the top of the first.

The Foxes are now 4-11 all-time in Syracuse against LeMoyne, who also leads the all-time series 18-11.

Going to the pros gets one rich, but college is irreplaceable

By **MIKE BENISCHEK**
Staff Writer

Each May, the pre-NBA Draft buzz centers around the group of kids who have chosen to throw themselves into the world of professional basketball without a single college credit to their name, and each year it worsens.

Seven high school seniors have already verbalized their eligibility for this June's draft, with as many as three more on the way in years past I would get angry at that prospect.

I used to curse the name of Kevin Garnett for starting this trend back in 1995.

But after the four best years of my life here in Poughkeepsie I

don't care about the degeneration of the NBA anymore, I've found this year all my anger has turned to pity for these seven, maybe ten, kids.

Yes, I know, if and when these guys are drafted in the first round the money they will be guaranteed is more than I will probably make in the next twenty years. Regardless, they have lost something that can't be replaced; they will never live the college experience.

And while right now you may be wishing to change places with a Sebastian Telfair or a Shaun Livingston, think about it: can any of the junk you have or will experience here happen anywhere else but college?

Telfair won't know what it feels like to walk down to a bar with 15 other guys who were strangers five-hours ago but are now inseparable, united by a common floor in the dorm.

Livingston will likely never be randomly paired with a roommate that would light an entire matchbook purposely on fire before dropping the burning book on the rug, surprised by the flames.



Mike Benischek may call the games, but said he would never skip college to go professional.

J. R. Smith will never know what it is to meet your female neighbor one day, and six days later she's your ex-girlfriend.

Al Jefferson will never spend the last few dollars in his wallet on a pizza at two in the morning while playing Nintendo Duck Hunt with five other guys.

Dorell Wright will likely never disassemble his roommate's bed only to reassemble it in the bathroom.

Dwight Howard won't know the great feeling in your stomach that comes at 6:45 a.m. directly after polishing off a 14-page research paper as well as the giant sized box of Nerds candy that kept you awake.

But most importantly, none of these kids will know how it feels to look back on four years and realize that you are not the same person who moved into Leo Hall with nothing but a playstation and a stomachache.

Dick Vitale and Andy Katz can babble all they like about how these kids should go to college to get an education-but we know college isn't about education, its about growth and its about the experiences along the way.

Here at Marist I've met some of the best friends a kid can have and some of the best people a man can meet. I wouldn't trade the last four years for anything.

Scott Montesano's final words of wisdom to his fellow Foxes

By **SCOTT MONTESANO**
Staff Writer

It is always a sure sign of May when a few things start to happen on campus. Term papers become due, the Cannavino Library becomes the most popular attraction in Poughkeepsie and squirrels and groundhogs run rampant.

There is also one other thing, that is the obligatory; end of the Marist career messages from the seniors in the campus media.

Being a four-year media personality on campus, it would've been a shame if I didn't partake

in this May tradition, as have many others in the past.

Over the course of four years, I experienced the expected highs and lows in all aspects of Marist life, just like every other student. While my memories are special to me, I truly feel they are not much different than most other seniors on campus. Change the names around, tweak a couple of the scenarios and basically every memory is the same.



Scott Montesano attended all Red Foxes sporting events during his time at Marist.

Nonetheless, there are few moments, and accomplishments, I have seen on campus, that truly do stand out. As such, they will be the memories that remained etched in my mind the longest when I look back on my time on the mighty banks of the Hudson River.

There are numerous exciting sporting moments and whatnot, such as the football overtime win over Georgetown homecoming weekend in 2002. Then there was the hockey win over Siena on opening night 2003. This year there was the preseason National Invitational Tournament game in basketball. Plus, over the past few years, the Marist baseball team has been dominate in the MAAC. With baseball being my favorite sport, this is definitely memorable.

To list out all the memories is silly and boring. They are my personal moments. However,

what I can do is give some quick advice to underclassmen. I spent a few hours on a drive with a friend a few weeks back, giving this advice. Now I feel I should share it to more people.

1.) Marist clubs are for fun; internships are for experience. No matter what the club or organization on campus, nothing prepares you better for your job than an internship or entry-level position.

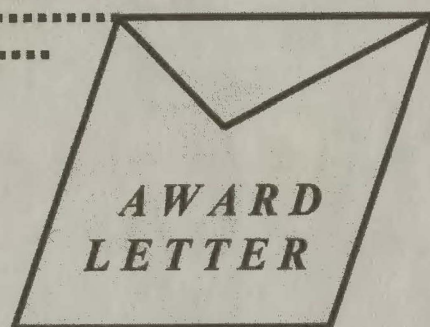
2.) Don't let schoolwork intimidate you. Yes, schoolwork is hard but if you think this is pressure then you will have trouble handling real-life deadlines.

Work hard in school; because it does pay off in the end, but don't be scared.

3.) Set high goals. If your dream is to be president of the United States, then go for it. All you have to do is promise that I can be the press secretary.

Before I wrap up this final article, there are people that should get recognition. It would be impossible for me to mention everyone who has befriended me at Marist. However, there are those who have been there every step of the way and together we have forged an identity. I've

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Men's lacrosse team wins final MAAC game

By MARK PERUGINI
Assistant Sports Editor

After starting the season with an overall record of 3-4, the Marist College men's lacrosse team capped one of the biggest turnarounds in school history, defeating their final Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Lacrosse League adversary Wagner College, 12-6 on May 1, 2004.

The Red Foxes controlled the flow of the game throughout the contest, wearing down the Wagner Seahawks both on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

With under 12 minutes to play in the fourth quarter, frosh Mike McGuire, sophomore Billy Duerr and junior Chris Rooney added insurance goals to patent their lead and their tenth win of the season.

Finishing their careers on a high note, seniors Josh Ben-Eliyahu, Brian Diele and Sean

Sweeney crucially contributed to the Red Foxes' offensive production. Diele led his senior teammates with four points, all on assists. Ben-Eliyahu had two goals and an assist and Sweeney scored a goal, which was the first goal of the game.

Frosh sensation Keith Detelj said that during the year, the team's priorities were to win the MAAC division as well as clinching a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"Our main goals were to be first place in the MAAC and to go to the NCAA Tournament," Detelj said. "A lot of the kids that played on the team last year were unsure because of last season. With our new coaches, we showed our potential as being a contender."

After scoring the first two goals of the first quarter, the Foxes lost their momentum briefly, giving up a pair of goals to Wagner's star senior James Servidio. With 18 seconds left in the first quarter,

ter, frosh Keith Detelj, the two- giving Marist a 3-2 lead.

Detelj said the turning point in the game was the momentum they had at the start of the second quarter.

"Coming out strong in the second quarter opened the doors for another victory," he said. "Our momentum was what helped us keep the lead for the rest of the game."

Indeed, the Red Foxes did dominate the rest of the first half, in which they did not allow a goal throughout the second quarter. Detelj scored his second consecutive goal with an assist from Ben-Eliyahu. Ben-Eliyahu scored the second goal of the quarter with an assist from fellow senior Brian Diele, and junior Pat Van Horne etched the Red Foxes' final goal of the quarter with 11:16 left to play. The first

time MAAC Player of the week, Foxes' final goal of the game, scored his first goal of the game, with 11:16 left to play. The first

half ended with the Foxes holding a 6-2 lead.

The Red Foxes began the second half with short, quick passes and a dominant presence in the Seahawks' defensive zone. Ben-Eliyahu scored his first goal of the game with 12:01 left to play in the third quarter. Wagner's Kevin Zulauf ended a 22:17 scoring-drought for the Seahawks by adding their only goal of the third quarter with 9:53 left on the clock. The Red Foxes depleted the Seahawks' offensive momentum when sophomores Tim Iuculano and Andrew Walsh slashed in a goal each, extending the lead to 9-3 at the end of the third.

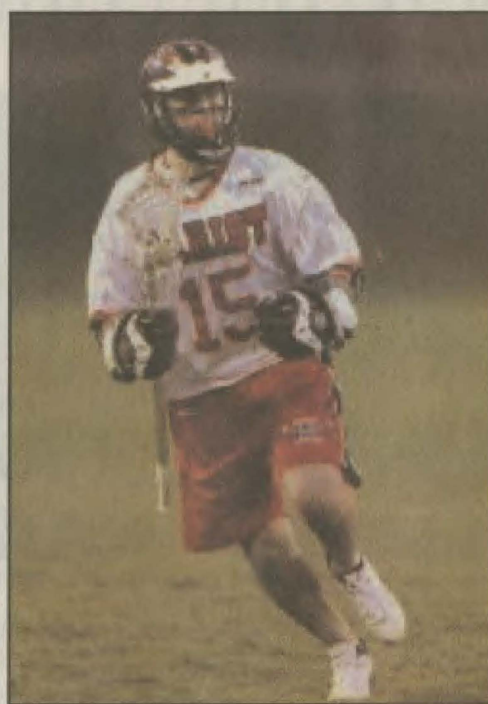
The fourth quarter fostered an even offensive production from both the Red Foxes and the Seahawks. After a Terry Poschmann goal, the Red Foxes responded with back-to-back goals from Duerr and Rooney, respectively, with assists from Diele and Van Horne respective-

ly. Wagner's Sean Hennessey quickly responded with a bullet-like goal past frosh Shane Brennan, but Marist's Mike McGuire netted the last goal for the Red Foxes with 6:22 remaining. Seahawk's star Mike Sciamanna added the final goal of the game, but in the end, the Red Foxes came out as the victors, completing a perfect 8-0 MAAC regular season record.

Marist outshot Wagner 42-16 for the game and won the ground ball war 50-34. Even though both teams cleared the ball successfully 16 times, Marist prevented seven clear attempts by Wagner.

Although the Red Foxes were brilliant on the offensive side of the ball, they were more convincing on defense. Sophomore goalie Steve Gravino made four saves in his 50:37 of action, and Shane Brennan had a save in his 9:23 of playing time, allowing two goals.

Wagner ended their season
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Senior Josh Ben-Eliyahu netted two goals and an assist in a win over Wagner.

Curran wins third consecutive javelin championship

By ALEX PANAGIOTOPOULOS
Staff Writer

The Marist Men's Track team had their next to last meet of the year last weekend at the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championships in Lawrenceville, NJ, competing against rivals Manhattan, Rider, Iona, and St. Peter's.

Although they came in last place with 44 points, several Red Foxes did shine in the 80 degree weather, including junior Mike

Curran, who secured his third consecutive MAAC championship in the javelin.

Curran won with a toss of 60.90 meters, almost three-meters better than second place finisher Rajne Svenssohn, of Manhattan. Curran also holds the school javelin record with 62.69 meters.

Curran said that he trained and worked hard to help his team as much as possible.

"Overall, I am very proud of my teammates and the efforts

they made," he said. "I am happy that I was able to contribute as many points that I could."

Men's Track coach Pete Colaizzo has witnessed all of Curran's throws since he joined the team three years ago.

"It wasn't his best throw, but it was pretty darn close," he said.

Two other top performances came from senior Eli Bisnett-Cobb and junior Rob DeAngelo, who finished second and third respectively in the 110-meter hurdles. DeAngelo's time of

15.98 seconds was a personal best, while Bisnett-Cobb was only .07 seconds away from first place.

"A very exciting race," Colaizzo said. "Rob especially ran very well, and Eli ran extremely well, and he almost won. It was almost a photo finish."

Another eye-opening performance and a preview of things to come was Mike Bamberger's fifth-place finish in the 800 meters. He finished with a time

of 1:53.98, setting the Marist freshman record in that event.

"That was sweet ... a great, great time," Colaizzo said. "He ran a fabulous race."

Bamberger just missed qualifying for the USA Track and Field Junior Nationals by eight-tenths of a second. Another freshman, Mark Fernandez, qualified for the Junior Nationals a month ago in the 10,000 meters. Next weekend, the Albany Invitational will be the team's last meet of the season.

"We're trying to get Mike another chance to get into the junior nationals," Colaizzo said. "It's going to be one of our big goals for Albany."

Sophomore Justin Harris also had a good weekend, scoring points in both the 3,000-meter steeplechase and the 5,000 meters, coming in fourth and sixth, respectively. Coach Colaizzo said he felt that Harris' performance was affected by the weather, which featured wind

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