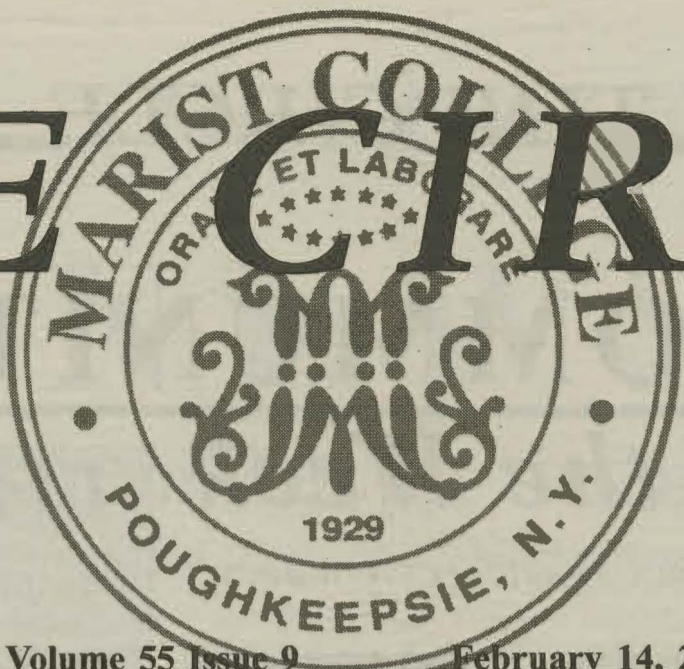


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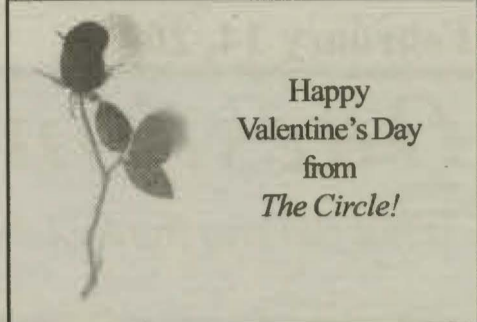
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Happy Valentine's Day from The Circle!

Olympic spirit puts Utah on world map

by JEN HAGGERTY
News Editor

Salt Lake 2002: The home of the 2002 Olympics began Feb. 8, and will last 17 days, ending with the closing ceremony of Feb. 24 at the Rice-Eccles Stadium.

The University of Utah campus will serve as the Olympic village during the 2002 games.

The 30-degree temperature did not hold back 52,000 spectators, the largest Opening Ceremony crowd in the history of the Winter Olympics, which packed the University of Utah's stadium Friday night.

The identity of the final torchbearer was a closely guarded secret, but the honor went to the entire 1980 U.S. Olympic ice hockey team, led by captain Mike Eruzione.

Additionally, the famous U.S. flag recovered from the World Trade Center disaster was brought into the stadium before the parade of athletes by eight American athletes and several New York City area police and firefighters.

The International Olympic Committee estimated that 3.5 billion people worldwide would watch the festivities, broadcast to 160 nations and in 50 languages, on television this year.

There will be 163 competitions

that will take place. These areas are alpine skiing, biathlon / cross country, bobsleigh / luge / skeleton, curling, figure skating, freestyle skiing, ice hockey, Nordic combined / ski jumping, short track / speed skating, and snowboarding.

Utah's climate is supposed to be ideal for record-setting performances.

Threat of terrorism ups security

The ongoing threat of terrorism, which peaked Mon. night with an FBI warning, continues to be reflected in the Games' tight security measures.

The federal government has appropriated close to \$200 million for the Games' security. The Pentagon alone will spend more than \$62 million on Olympic security, \$45 million more than planned and

reflecting post-September 11 funding requests.

According to cnn.com, there are more than 5,600 military personnel, both active duty and Army National Guard, to protect the Games. By contrast, there are 2,000 athletes and about 3,000 U.S. military personnel in Afghanistan.

This year's Olympics will be the most heavily fortified in history.

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Kelly Clark, US, went with huge standard airs and a McTwist Sunday night for the woman's halfpipe. She walked away as the first American to take gold at the Salt Lake City Olympics.

Salt Lake City. All small aircraft needs special clearance to land there, and will first have to travel to one of four nearby gateway airports and undergo security sweeps.

The Army has placed Black Hawk helicopters in key sites at the northern, eastern and western edges of the Olympic staging area.

Sport venues, celebration sites, athlete housing and other sites will have a very high level of security,

which will include fencing systems, electronic surveillance, x-ray equipment, contraband detection systems, sophisticated search and detection equipment, and, obviously, law enforcement agents.

Are the Games even a target?

However, many doubt that the Olympics will even be a object for terrorism. One case in being is that people are more aware and have

increased security measures for such a publicized event.

The second reason being that the Games do not fit the character of prior acts of international terrorism, which were directed solely toward symbols of America. The Games and Olympic membership are international, with 199 member nations of the Olympic Movement, which include both Islamic and non-Islamic nations.

See... Olympics, 3

Historical perspectives presented on China

by JEN HAGGERTY
News Editor

Dr. Thomas Buoye, a guest lecturer from the University of Tulsa, came to speak to the Marist community this past Mon. night about Chinese capital punishment.

Buoye has looked over 15,000 murder trials in his career and has done research on Mainland China and Thailand.

Compassionate Confucianism vs. the "Strike Hard" Campaign was discussed.

He spoke of the three different forms of capital punishment: strangulation, decapitation and lingering death. Buoye also spoke of rare laws that would exclude a person

from capital punishment, such as if one's mother was a widow or if his or her parents were over 70.

Buoye spoke of the "Balance of Awe," in which the state aims to frighten people to the extent that they fear the government more than the criminals. Buoye explained that this would show that "we can crack down on criminals."

For comparison, China uses only 1/10 the police officers that the United States does.

This guest lecture was sponsored by the Department of History, Political Science and Criminal Justice, along with the School of Liberal Arts and the Asian Alliance.



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Dr. Thomas Buoye enlightened Marist students with his knowledge of Chinese capital punishment.

War crimes trial for former President

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN
Opinions Editor

The trial of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic began this Tuesday, Feb. 12, where he is facing charges of crimes against humanity and violations of the laws and customs of war.

Milosevic, the speculated mastermind behind a decade of war in the Balkans that left over 150,000 killed and more than 3 million

See... Trial, 3

Question of the Week

What did you think of the Olympics' opening ceremonies?



"It was ok. They did a good job of representing the history of Utah and the area."

Kirk Dorton
Sophomore



"I thought they did a good job. It was very respectful to the native people."

Pat Taylor
Freshman



"I happened to miss it."

Stephanie Phillips
Freshman



Security Briefs



compiled by **ED WILLIAMS III**
Managing Editor

2/4/02 Monday

The Notorious Gartland Commons continued to live up to their reputation last Monday at about 5:00 p.m. with another culinary blunder in the kitchen. Some Gartland residents set off the alarm when their stir-fry dish fried too much and smoke filled the room. After the block was evacuated, the chefs-in-training were reminded to keep their fire extinguishers in a visible spot on the wall.

2/5/02 Tuesday

Those crazy kids were up their old tricks again in Champagnat as Housekeeping reported an incident of vandalism at about 8:50 a.m. A hole, about one inch in diameter, was found near the eighth floor men's room door. The latch assembly for the stair well was also noticed on the floor, and the vending machine was ravaged with only 6 items left behind. Security reports indicate that the machine was probably shaken in order to gain access to the goodies.

2/6/02 Wednesday

On the way home from a night out on the town, a vehicle stopped by West Cedar receiving to speak to a security guard. The driver of the vehicle was dropping off a Marist student, but did not know where she lived. Apparently, the passenger was too intoxicated to remember where she calls home this semester. Security called for the RA of Upper West Cedar who was on duty. The RA recognized the intoxicated student and said that she lived in T block. For unknown reasons, the female became very angry with the RA and was verbally abusive, spewing a wide array of profanities. The on-duty RD was also called onto the scene and tried to restrain her. Unable to do so, Fairview Ambulance was called,

and town police followed. The girl continued to be verbally abusive so the police had to hand cuff her. When attempting to restrain the female, she kicked the security officer in the kneecap. She was finally transported to St. Francis Hospital, but was observed attempting to bite the police officers on her way to the emergency room.

2/8/02 Friday

The crime of the night seemed to be forgery as an epidemic of forged parking passes spread through the North End Parking Lot by Gartland on Friday night. Three cases of forged passes led to the booting of the three wrongly parked vehicles. The first vehicle found had the correct color for the North End lot, but the number on the parking sticker matched up with the Hoop Lot. A second vehicle was in a similar situation, but this time belonged in the River View Lot. The third case probably dealt with the sharing of passes according to security. The pass was for the right lot, but the car was not registered to the sticker on the car and should have been parked in Beck.

2/9/02 Saturday

Two Champagnat students left the McCann parking lot with empty backpacks at about 1:45 p.m. Saturday on what security assumed to be a routine trip. The same students arrived back at the same parking lot 15 minutes later, but this time their backpacks were full. Security questioned the students and searched their bags. Each student was found with a 1.5 liter bottle of Vodka, and a 1.5 bottle of Barocco Rosso Del Salento. Between them, they had a total of 6 liters worth of alcohol. The alcohol was confiscated and the students were properly reprimanded.

2/10/02 Sunday

There were two reports in two days of stolen Sony Playstation 2's. The first theft was reported at about 11:18 p.m. on Sunday in Midrise. The

owner of the popular gaming console reported that along with his main system, three games, two controllers and a memory card were also stolen. The estimated cost of the stolen goods is \$504. The second case was reported the following day, also in Midrise. This time, the main system was again stolen along with a memory card and NBA 2K2 and Grand Theft Auto 3. The estimated losses in this case are \$439. In both cases, it should be noted that the doors to the common area of the suites were unlocked. So if not for yourselves, at least for the sake of your gaming consoles, please lock your doors at night.

2/11/02

Early Monday morning at about 2 a.m., a female student notified security that a car that appeared to have been in an accident was located in the Fontaine parking lot. Accompanying the damaged vehicle was a male who was described as looking like he was lost. Security was immediately dispatched, but the search provided no results. The town police were then called in for assistance. At about the same time as the town police became involved, the male, who was learned to be an unauthorized guest, was found emerging from in between Gartland F and E blocks walking towards the Bank of New York with a female Gartland resident. The female resident was the owner of the damaged vehicle, but this was the first time she had seen her 2001 Silver Acura since it had been in the accident. At this point she started hitting the unauthorized male guest. It was later learned that she had traveled to New Jersey to pick him up at about 7:00 p.m. and returned to campus at about 9:00 p.m. They had stopped off some-

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Campus Corner



Celebrating 25 years! The Marist College Council on Theatre Arts' Experimental Theatre Guild, along with the Gender Equality Club and the Psychology Club presents Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues - V Day, Until the Violence Stops*. The performance will be held on Feb. 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. Price of admission is \$2 for students, \$3 for faculty, staff and alumni and \$5 for general admission. For tickets or more information you can call the box office at 575-3133.

Tune into WMCR 88.1 FM and the Ed and Malf Show on Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and listen to all kinds of music ranging from 80s, to rock, to punk, to alternative and everything in between. Support WMCR Marist College Radio and tune into 88.1 FM The Fox. The campus radio station can also be heard on the Marist television channels and on the Internet at <http://www.marist.edu/wmcr/stream2.html>. Give the D.J.'s a call

where and the male purchased and consumed a 40 oz. Bottle of Old English beer. The female went to sleep at about midnight with the male still in the apartment. He decided to take her keys, cellular phone and \$20 without permission and left in her vehicle. The male later returned and tried to go to sleep in the top bunk. Then the male fell out of the top bunk waking up the female leading to them being found heading towards the Bank of New York. The male claimed that the purpose for the trip

with requests and comments at x2132. Also tune in to The Re-Play featuring DJ Robust and the Gossip Queen: Electronika for the best salsa, reggae and hip-hop on Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 p.m. and the Eric and Greg Show on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Do you have a band? Your band could play in the third annual Battle of the Marist Bands sponsored by the Class of 2003. Contact Erin at x4220 by Feb. 15 to sign up.

There will be a talk by Robert W. McChesney, a Research Professor from the Institute of Communications Research and Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The topic of the talk will be Corporate Media and the Corruption of U.S. Democracy. The event takes place on Friday, Feb. 22 from 12:30-1:45 p.m. in the Student Center room 346.

was to go to a gas station. When reminded that there was a gas station in walking distance, he failed to remember which station he had gone to. Security had also recalled seeing the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Rt. 9, but at the time they were unaware that the vehicle belonged to a student. The cellular phone and keys were returned to the female, and the male was brought to the police station where he was charged with DWI and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Bush asks for \$396 billion for defense

Criticism ripples internationally despite U.S. support

by **CHRIS KNUDTSEN**
Opinions Editor

President Bush asked Congress to approve \$396 billion for military spending in the Fiscal Year 2003, an \$87 billion hike from when he took office in 2001. While receiving little criticism within the US, Bush's call for a massive increase in military spending has shaken international confidence.

The Guardian quoted Carl Bildt, former Swedish Prime Minister, as asking "will the Americans ever fight a war through NATO again?" "It's doubtful," Bildt said. "The United States reserves the right to itself to wage war, and dumps on

others the messy, expensive business of nation-building and peace keeping."

Bildt went further, saying that the US used the campaign in Afghanistan to "fundamentally reshape the architecture of international alliances."

If the spending increase is approved by Congress it would be the largest military increase since the Reagan administration.

Professor Paul Kennedy at Yale University, according to a Feb. 10 article in *The Guardian*, says that the US spends more per year than the next nine largest national defense budgets combined, accounting for roughly 40 percent of the world's military spending.

One US nuclear-powered carrier group, according to *The Guardian*, "concentrates more military power in one naval group than most states can manage with all their armed forces...America has seven of these battle groups."

The request comes as a plea for increased militaristic protection by strengthening "homeland security" but William D. Hartung of the World Policy Institute stated in a press release that the spending will be spent on other military projects.

"More than one-third of the \$68 billion in weapons procurement funding in the Pentagon's latest budget proposal is set aside to pay for big ticket Cold War systems ranging from three new fighter plane programs, to costly destroy-

ers and attack submarines, to the 70-ton Crusader artillery system," he said. "None of these systems are necessary to carry out the President's war on terrorism."

Chris Alpen, the European Commissioner for international relations, said in *The Guardian*, "There is more to be said for trying to engage and to draw these societies into the international communities than to cut them off."

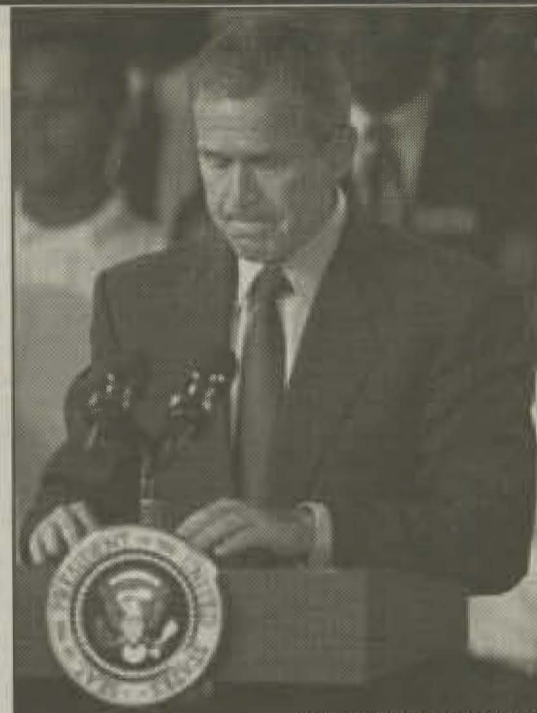


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Bush proposes an \$87 billion hike from when he took office in 2001.

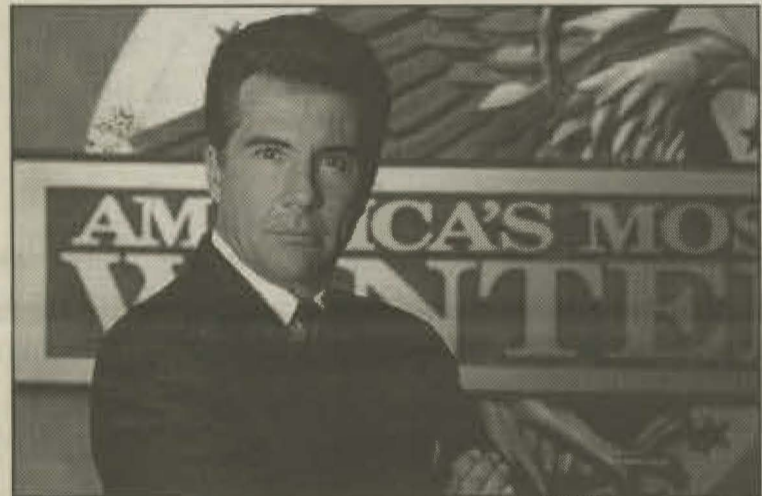


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John Walsh will be the Student Programming Council's guest speaker in April.

America's most wanted man comes this April

by **JORDAN EIBLE**
Staff Writer

Devoted advocate of victim's rights and missing children, as well as, host of the hit FOX series "America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back," John Walsh is scheduled to speak at Marist on Tuesday, April 9.

Named "one of the best of the new generation" by *Esquire* magazine, Walsh has been the recipient of more than a dozen nationally recognized awards for his involvement in non-profit organizations devoted to legislative reform.

His involvement as an activist sprung from personal tragedy when his six-year-old son, Adam, was abducted and murdered in 1981. In response, Walsh and his wife, Reve, have dedicated their

lives battling for legislature that protects missing and exploited children. The fruits of their efforts were first seen with the passage of the Missing Children's Act of 1982.

Although the 57-year-old has spurred on great adjustments in law enforcement, he is most recognized for his role on the FOX TV series. "America's Most Wanted," which debuted in 1987, celebrated its 695th capture earlier this month.

In addition to hosting his own television series and lobbying in Congress, Walsh executive produces made-for-TV movies and writes novels that depict experiences from his personal life.

All proceeds from his presentation, entitled "Living Life With a Mission," will benefit a community charity.

Piccirillo court date postponed

by **STACEY CASWELL**
Business Manager

Marist student Vincent Piccirillo, 20, charged with driving while intoxicated and criminally negligent homicide in the death of a sophomore Nicole Avery, 19, has been rescheduled to appear in LaGrange Town Court early next month.

Piccirillo was driving with Avery,

when the vehicle struck a telephone pole on Noxon Road in the town of LaGrange last November. Avery was pronounced dead at Saint Francis Hospital the next day.

Piccirillo has been awaiting trial after he was released on bail in Nov. Due to legal complications, the court date, originally scheduled for February 5th, has been postponed until the first week of March.

President put on trial

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placed, will be tried under the United Nation's International Criminal Tribunal and the case is expected to last as long as two years.

Bosnia and Croatia also stand in line to prosecute Milosevic for war crimes.

Also facing charges are members of Milosevic's war cabinet, but they remain free.

Milosevic's career arguably began when he was sent to settle a Serb nationalist rebellion in 1987. He joined the nationalists instead and became President of Serbia within a year.

Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia called for independence from Yugoslavia as well and Milosevic responded with tanks and a massive military campaign that rebooted in

Kosovo in 1999. He lost the 2000 election however, and was taken under custody to face charges at the Hague.

While supporters claim that the trial will send a message across the world that national leaders can be held responsible, prosecutors say that it will be difficult to prove guilt in individual crimes and many Serbs see the court as biased since more than half of the 80 Hague indictees are Serbian.

Winter Olympics

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Attacking the Games and the young athletes of more than 80 nations who participate in them would be a public relations disaster, which would stretch across virtually all populations.

In addition, Salt Lake City is not an ideal location to mount an international terrorist attack, being that

it is located in the interior of the United States. This permits identification and surveillance of potential suspects. Salt Lake City has a relatively small population spread over a large geography. Urban regions in which international terrorists would easily be able to mix in and disappear do not exist.



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The Skeleton made it's debut this year in the Olympics.

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Cupid's arrow hits Marist; survivors found

by ALEXIS SCARPINATO
Features Editor

While some may be expecting flowers, chocolates, and love poems on this February 14, others will be trying to get through a day that means nothing more to them than the hair in the drain.

On Valentine's Day, the romantically uninvolved may consider catching the annual Vagina Monologues in the Nelly Goletti Theater. Others may consider going out to dinner with friends, watching romance movies with other single friends, and talking about love horror stories while binging on chocolates.

People who are not out romancing on Valentines Day are certainly not alone. Tanya Rudy, a junior at Marist College, aims to include a phone call to her mother to let her know that she loves her, among her other important plans.

"On Valentine's Day I plan on sitting in my room and reading everyone's away-messages," said Tanya. "I am going to live vicariously through other people for the romantic night."

Mike Caponegro, a senior at Marist College, has other plans as well.

"On Valentine's Day, I will be going out," said Mike.

Other students reminisce about past Valentine's Days. Nicole Weaver, junior at Marist College, said that Valentine's Day is the only day that you can let the person you

love know how you feel without being embarrassed.

"My most memorable Valentine's Day was when my boyfriend bought me 2 dozen roses, both red and white, to let me know that he loves me, but

Sexual Responsibility week.

Colleges and universities across the country are participating in the nation-wide awareness day by creating programs, lectures, and festivities as an active stance in protecting students from sexually

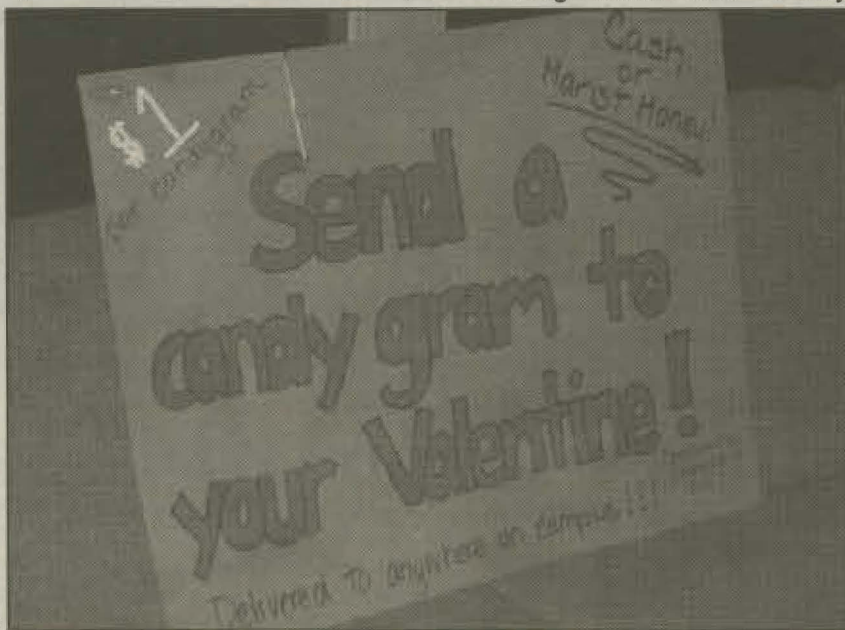


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Various campus groups help students romance each other.

also that we are best friends."

Steve Vittoria, a junior at Marist College, remembers his most memorable Valentine's Day when all his single female friends dragged him along to a singles night for dinner.

"My ideal Valentine's Day includes good food, a cute outfit, and privacy," said Steve.

"I basically want to be swept off my feet," said Tanya.

Nonetheless, Valentine's Day means more than romance or lack thereof, but a day of sexual awareness. The day commemorates true love, National Condom Day, and

transmitted diseases and romance-spawned irresponsibility.

Several colleges have used a novel approach to raising sexual awareness among their students. In Albion College in Michigan, condom "candygrams" were handed out in the student center, along with informational handouts on sexually transmitted diseases.

Alexis Scarpinato is a junior Communications major and a Spanish minor.

Valentine's Day
Top Ten Pick-up Lines

1. "Say, didn't we go to different schools together?"
 2. "I looked up the word beautiful in the thesaurus today and your name was included."
 3. "Are you really as beautiful as you seem or do you remind me of myself?"
 4. "Excuse me, but did you happen to find my Nobel Peace Prize?"
 5. "Shall we talk or continue flirting from a distance?"
 6. "Hey babe, did you know I'm on the Harvard mailing list?"
 7. "Excuse me, but weren't we blissfully married in a past life?"
 8. "I'm not really this tall, I'm sitting on my wallet."
 9. "Didn't I see you on the cover of Vogue magazine?"
 10. "I've been noticing you not noticing me."
- 71% of men were successful with the pickup line, "hi".
- 100% of women were successful with the pickup line, "hi".

Taken from: <http://www.cs.ucr.edu/marcus/JOKES/pickup.html>

Beat the winter blues with natural remedies

by STACEY CASWELL
Business Manager

Now that we have successfully maneuvered past the fall semester, it seems as though everyone is experiencing a severe case of the blahs.

It could be a sense of winter blues due to the dreary weather the season brings or the simple fact that students know that spring break is just a mere six weeks away, and they long to bask themselves in the burning glow of the tropical sun...

Or, if you aren't so lucky, at least you will finally be able to cease studying for a few days!

Although that thought is intriguing, you still have to psyche up your energy enough to last you through the next month and a half. Most of us have been living in the spinning dream world that college provides, wandering through classes like sleep-deprived androids, complaining about the rough night we had and the overdose of fun we took.

It's enough to make even the hard drinking college student convinced that coffee isn't the wake-up call it used to be.

However, before your professor catches you falling into levels of slumber, try these few simple tips to keep you alert and awake in your classes.

First off, if you're tired and have the time, take a quick 15-20 minute nap. However, allowing yourself any more time than that to rest will only decrease the amount of energy that you have and leave you feeling groggy.

Take deep breaths while you are in class. Instead of focusing on how tired you are, and how uninteresting the subject is, try to aid yourself by relaxing your body and focusing on the subject matter.

Maintain good posture. If you feel yourself starting to wane in your chair, sit up straight and pay attention!

When you slouch, you are less likely to fill your entire lung capacity



Photo Credit/Taylor Rogers

Fruit can bolster your system from viruses.

ity up with air, which does not allow for enough oxygen to enter the

brain, which helps to keep you alert. Hydrate yourself! Instead of coffee or another caffeinated drinks that will increase your irritability level and deplete you of needed vitamins and minerals, grab a bottled water or some fruit juice. When a person is dehydrated, they are less likely to be attentive and able to concentrate in class.

Having something to sip on constantly keeps small parts of your body in motion, which will also help to get your blood flowing and keep you awake.

Try brain foods. Although this may sound silly, food products such as broccoli, cabbage, carrots, barley, rice and fish have components to them that help to provide a steady flow of energy to parts of the brain.

However, it is best to avoid those that have a lot of saturated fat in them, for they can impair mental sharpness.

And last, but not least, get clutter out of your brain! By making to-do lists of things that need to be accomplished, you will not feel as bogged down by the weight of your life, which will make you feel less drained in your classes. Make sure to cross them out when they have been completed for added satisfaction.

By following these few simple tips, you might just add a little bounce to your walk and be provided with the force you need to propel you through an exhausting day with the end reward of a good night's rest.

If you are interested in a health topic that you would like The Circle to research, e-mail Stacey Caswell at sunnyaces@hotmail.com

'Books as art' latest exhibit in art gallery

by JACLYN JACOBSEN
Editor-In-Chief

Attention, students! There is a veritable small treasure for art enthusiasts and museum fans right on campus, in the Marist College Art Gallery, located in the Steel Plant.

The most recent exhibit being displayed is entitled "Books/Art," which asks visitors to suspend their preconceived perceptions of the physical appearance of books, and to perceive them anew as works of art in their own right.

The exhibit opened on January 31, and is slated to run until March 2. There will be a special reception

to honor the exhibition on Thursday, February 21, from 4 to 6 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

The exhibit includes the works of Ann Lovett, Philip Zimmerman, and Judith Mohns, whose works range from wall murals to artistic books to accordion-structured designs. Another artist, Ken Gray, uses old department store catalogues in each of his works.

Another, Nancy Callahan, uses sliced bread to tell the story of her life, using each piece to convey a curious or humorous anecdote from her childhood.

Each new work will ask its viewer to re-examine the way in which he or she perceives the world, pre-

senting objects which one may have taken for granted, while showing them in a completely new lights. Objects as varying as the human body to book covers are subjected to this treatment, and leave the visitor anxious to see more works from these eclectic and innovative artists.

There is no admission fee to the Art Gallery, which is open from Monday-Friday from 12-5 pm, and on Saturday from 12-4 pm.



Marist Art Gallery displays new exhibit in the steel plant.

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The features section is looking for eager roving reporters to fill these pages. If you would like to see your name in *The Circle*, or you have a particular story idea in mind, call x2429.

Another Marist convenience opens across the street

by JEN WEINTZ
Staff Writer

Marist students may have noticed the new addition to the growing strip mall across the street after returning from winter break this year. The new Mobil on the Run opened its doors in late January to the Marist community and their gas guzzling cars.

The new gas station offers average prices for gasoline as well as a convenient shopping center for snacks, drinks, and other last minute paraphernalia that one might have forgot to pick up at the grocery store. This new addition

is one of many that have over past two years opened its doors for business across the street from Marist College.

The once empty lot contained only a Home Depot and a building that was suppose to be a grocery store. The business has since picked up over the years, as companies realize it is a prime spot to make money.

After all, for those students who lack the convenience of automobiles, this strip mall offers everything from food to loose leaf paper. The addition of McDonalds, Applebees, a bank, and Staples are among the few that have made a home across the street from Marist.

However, students will be pleased to notice the "Coming Soon" sign that adorns the newest brick building across the street: Starbucks. This coffee franchise is a popular one among college students and soon will be crowded with the Marist students, Carmel Machiatos and other exotic, not to mention pricey beverages.

As the community continues to add more shops, other long-standing businesses might become weary of their future income.

The Citgo across the street from Donnelly has long been of service to Marist students during all hours of the day and night. This gas station now has some severe compe-

dition as the new Mobil offers a bigger variety to select from as well as a fresh and clean environment. Kona, the newest coffee shop in the area also has to deal with a loss of clientele when the well-known Starbucks opens its doors to the public.

Although Kona has the variety that its competitors offer it doesn't have the coffee house ambiance that Starbucks offers.

This small coffee place will soon have to struggle to keep Marist students from swaying to the delicious coffee blends and plush couches of Starbucks in order to stay in business.

As the community continues to

grow and offer more conveniences to the Marist population students are not only offered a shopping opportunity but job opportunities as well.

What better way to afford that expensive coffee habit during mid-terms week than by getting a job at the place itself!

What do you think of the recent influx of new businesses to the campus area? Send your opinions to circleletters@hotmail.com.

Photo of the Week

Students can enjoy musical talents such as these on campus, as sponsored by the Student Programming Council.



Steve Black (left) and Andrew Tolland jam with their respective guitars for the audience at the Student Coffeehouse in the PAR, that was sponsored by the Student Programming Council.

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

Bush's new legacy: Armed and ready to start the end

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN
Opinion Editor



The Bush administration, still wiping the drool off their slackjaws from the prospects of drilling in the Alaskan refuge, have asked for a ridiculous increase in the military budget that will eventually reach \$2.1 trillion in 5 years. George W. is desperately seeking to surpass his old man's legacy of being a shortsighted dimwit and is more than willing to drag the rest of the world with him to do it.

Bush senior escalated military involvement in the Middle East to "protect the liberty and freedom" of Kuwait so they could continue their policies of slant-drilling into Iraq. Sadaam Hussein is still in power and his people are starving to miserable death at record numbers due to the continuous bombing campaign and economic embargo.

Bush junior has continued the military strikes in Afghanistan resulting in the death of somewhere around 3,000 innocent casualties, depending on what sources are asked, plus the untold amounts that will probably die from the lack of aid support that was blocked by the military operations.

Junior also managed to incite a massive rally of millions in Iran where "the American flag burned for the first time in recent memory," according to Neil MacFarquhar in the Feb. 12 issue of the *New York Times*. This came as a response to their nation being classified as a member of the "axis of evil" by

Bush.

Iran was included in this new "axis of evil" because they provide weapons to organizations such as the Hezbollah as well as to Palestine. This, according to Bush, is evil although amassing the largest military EVER as well as supplying arms to Israel is completely different.

Reformists in Iran had recently been working to strengthen ties with the US whenever possible but Bush's condemnation of Iran has rejuvenated hardliners in the nation that are itching for a chance to face off with the US.

Confidence among the European community with the US has also been shaken. Chris Patten, the European Union commissioner for international relations, has criticized Bush for his "absolutist and simplistic" approach.

Military tribunals are back with a bang in the US even though an international war criminal, Slobodan Milosevic, is currently on trial at the Hague. The International Criminal Court will oversee charges against him for numerous counts of crimes against humanity but the US, especially under Bush, has repeatedly denied support for the ICC.

Even before Sept. 11 Bush had made clear that he was not interested in working with the rest of the world and the talk of the multilateral approach has since been dashed. The Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty has been tossed aside by the administration, foreshadowing a potential return to the Cold War. If W.'s pet missile defense system doesn't live up to expectations we can always fall back on the historic defense scenario- duck and cover.

As for those pesky protestors crowding the streets of NYC last weekend, Bush has already proved where his loyalties are between the

good of the world versus the good of the ALMIGHTY AND ALL-ENCOMPASSING dollar bill by denying the Kyoto Protocols earlier in his tenure. The Kyoto Protocols attempt to curb environmental threats by setting a ceiling standard for greenhouse emissions; Bush said that these caps would hurt US business, especially those that line the pockets of political candidates.

US citizens need not feel left out from Bush's blundering either. Within his short term in office Bush has already taught the American people that aging concepts such as constitutional rights are unnecessary.

The PATRIOT Act has helped extend federal police power to unbelievable levels recently, also allowing the NYPD to trample legal rights of demonstrators during the Jan. 28-Feb. 4 protests against the World Economic Forum in New York. Dozens of accounts of police brutality, random arrests, and confiscation of recording materials have already been documented by the legal teams that agreed to work with organizers of the demonstrations.

The "old gang" of Bush's buddies in Enron have definitely whooped it up at the expense of the average American, laughing all the way to the bank with the multi-million dollar bonuses they gave themselves shortly before the company's collapse. The equivalents of Enron in other industries, particularly the airline industry, have received enormous government subsidies and payments to counter the negative effects of Sept. 11 on the economy while simultaneously firing thousands of employees. They'll make sure to tip well when the next election comes around.

Maybe Gore wasn't that bad of a guy after all...

The Marist Animal Rights Ninjas (MARN) are proud to announce the following vegetarian and vegan options now available on campus through Sodexo:

- *Vegan Pizza upon request in the cafeteria
- *Portabello mushroom and vegan burgers
- *Hummus in all cafes on campus
- *Soy Milk, upon request
- *Tofutti

More to come.....

Cloning: The Pandora's Box

by JESSICA T. SMITH
Staff Writer

It has been brought to my attention that a human embryo has been cloned by some irresponsible, immoral group of scientists at the Advanced Cell Technology, a privately funded biotech company in Worcester, Massachusetts. A human embryo, which can also be considered a human baby, or to be more truthful, a human person has been cloned. Now legislation around the globe is debating whether or not this scientist should be penalized for breaking the law that prohibits the cloning of humans.

These scientists claim that cloning is commendable because it might be the cure to a number of diseases and illnesses, the new solution to all medical or biological problems. They proclaim that the cloning of men will provide the world with medical miracles.

I find such claims to be exaggerated. I say that cloning people will only lead to more problems than solutions. It will only result in more disturbing family situations and a new form of discrimination between those born of two parents, and those born of nuclear cell fusion. When I heard the news of this cloned child I was sick to my stomach.

Some people believe in a god, some don't. I say, that if there is a god, s/he should smite humanity for daring to presume that we are the material of gods. We aren't, we are mortal, mammalian, creatures that evolved from apes. We are not gods, nor should we dare to pretend that we are. Who are we to play around with genetics to transform sexually reproductive beings into a-sexual organisms?

What really disturbs me is how the sanctity of human life is being walked over by scientists and now even the majority of humanity is doing so. What is wrong with people?!? All life is sacred, and if

no one ever believed that, there are people who can remember at least 50 years ago a time when people felt that all human life was sacred. It's a shame that now only a few think that. After all, why else would people support the cloning of human embryos for medicinal purposes?

Michael West, the chief executive of ACT states, "scientifically, biologically, the entities we are creating are not individuals. They are only cellular life. They're not human life."

That cell cluster is still a human baby. What you call an embryo will grow into an infant within a few months; that baby eventually becoming a human person as unique and special with a right to life as you and I do. For those who bring in the argument embryos not being of sentient beings, much less as being human, human embryos have the potential of maturing into sentient human beings.

I wonder now, what this scientist intends to do with this cloned embryo. Will he allow the clone to grow up into a child who will have to face strange and unorthodox family situations, or a child who one day may be told that their cell donor needs to replace his liver and heart and that the clone's life must be sacrificed for the "original"? Will he take the embryo and kill it before it had the chance to live life, and take the developing cells of organs and nerve cells to culture them in some Petri dish?

Either way, a human life will be destroyed, and a child's life will be destroyed and harvested for replacement organs and nerves and cells and tissues...

Some people say cloning can be used as a more successful and cheaper alternative to fertility treatments in the case of couples inca

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The Opinion section of The Circle is looking for an eventual replacement as Opinion Editor. Experience will be provided during the semester as an assistant editor. If interested contact cknudtsen@hotmail.com

Route 9 demonstration next week

by ERIN TAYLOR and
NICHOLE WALLACE
Staff Writers

Since 1929, Marist College has provided it's students with a healthy environment. That environment has recently changed to one that forces students to endanger themselves everyday by simply crossing the street to go to class. The college's expansion has

been lead across Route 9 where two resident areas as well as a building for art students now stand across the heavily traveled road.

Not only are the students not provided with an overpass, but also the lights that were once activated are now deactivated and the speed limit has only been reduced to 30 mph during the day and 40mph at night. With low visibility and careless drivers Marist is look-

ing for an accident to happen.

We as students are not going to let this happen. On Thursday February 21, 2001 at 4:40 P.M. Marist students will be holding a demonstration where we will walk across Route 9 TOGETHER voicing our dissatisfaction in the deactivation of the crosswalk lights, and the ridiculous speed limit. We will no longer accept the risk that crossing Route 9 now poses.

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WEF off my chest

by RYAN FINGER
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Feb. 2nd I visited incredible New York City for a bit of sightseeing. I went down to see the glorious Waldorf-Astoria Hotel that was hosting the World Economic Forum. I brought my camera, not to take pictures of the statue of liberty or FAO Schwartz or anything else you would see Wisconsin tourists doing there, but to take pictures of the cops.

fiscal year. Is this democracy? It's the WORLD Economic Forum though, right?

Representatives from all over making sure all interests are involved. Member breakdowns are 69% North American and European compared to 2.2% Australasia and...

"Oh Ryan, stop it. I can't believe you went all the way down to New York and wasted your day trying to fight the unstoppable forces of corporate America. This doesn't concern me. Go back to Woodstock."

in the future.

Sorry for bothering you, you're too busy. Also, somehow the fact that Roger Ailes, founder and president of Fox News was George Bush's media strategist was somehow left out of that interview. I felt lonely when they never wrote back to me after my letter about that.

It is quite interesting to review the history of the American presidency where secrecy is increasingly being hidden and ac-



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An estimated 20,000 demonstrators took to the streets of New York City to oppose the World Economic Forum last weekend, between Jan. 28-Feb. 4.

I don't know about you, but have you ever seen, oh say, 25,000 police officers in riot gear hitting their clubs against their hands as you walk down 43rd street as they put down their face masks? No? You sure wasted your Saturday then. So why the hell were we there then?

The purpose of the forum was made clear by the vice president of the WEF, Percy Barnevik, as cited in the *Independent*, "I define globalization as the freedom of our corporations to invest where and when we want, to produce what we want, to buy and sell where we want, and to keep all the restrictions through labor law or other political regulations as slight as possible."

Worry.

At \$25,000 a ticket, CEO's get to be behind closed doors with policy makers across the world to discuss interests of these corporations and how child labor laws, safety concerns, environmental concerns, and laws of human rights can be negotiated or hopefully abolished to make a slight increase in the next

An argument that control of our country and the corporations that lead them is nothing that can be stopped or changed, is an argument of a subject, and not one of a member of democracy. It's true, control of our country is not within our grasp. We cannot directly talk to our "elected" leader of the free world, but wait, Enron can!

In a *Fox News* interview on Jan. 27th, Cheney defended the White House position of not commenting on the White House's meetings with Enron. He claimed that they were too busy with the war in Afghanistan, a war that began many years ago and is simply in a new phase.

"Can you imagine an FDR or Teddy Roosevelt, in the midst of a grave national crisis, dealing with the problems we're having to deal with now, ... trading away a very important fundamental principle of the presidency?" Secret energy meeting between the heads of the most powerful governments on our planet and the largest corporations of the world seeking to exploit it, affecting billions of us now and billions of us

accepted to the public for whom they represent and serve. Am I the only one who is a little tired of hearing "protection of democracy" while letting our own go off the tracks?

So as we got there that cold Saturday morning, afternoon, and evening we discussed Enron in even more detail. We stood, we hollered, we held our pee and realized that we weren't the only ones who felt that way. Arriving early that morning with my friend, Chris Knudtsen, we rallied among thousands of people to protest this meeting of corporate elite with political leaders, blatantly bribing them with dirty money.

50% of the world's wealth is owned by 514 billionaires; these are the people who are deciding how the Earth will be looking in our future. If it still doesn't concern you and you'd rather stay home watching the average 3 1/2 hours of tv today that's fine, it's the American way. This is the great democracy we're defending. Right?

ACTIVIST CORNER

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

Thursday nights at 9:30 in LT 209B the Marist Animal Rights Ninjas will hold their weekly meetings (NOTE: The meeting for 2/14/02 has been cancelled).

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

Route 9 demonstration on Thursday, Feb. 21. See page 6 for more info.

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

The *Marist Animal Rights Ninjas* will be working at Pets Alive, a no kill animal shelter on the weekend of March 2 and 3. If interested in helping at the shelter contact Jared.C.Avigliano@marist.edu For other upcoming events or to submit an event, email cknudtsen@hotmail.com

According to the organization *Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty*, Stephens Inc. has finally withdrawn all financial support from Huntingdon Life Sciences, one of the largest animal testing laboratories in the world.

Warren Stephens, CEO of Stephens Inc., said "I would be joking if I didn't admit that [the animal rights campaign] had an effect" in the *Arkansas Times* 1/25/02.

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pable of having their own children but think of the unusual and unprecedented family situations.

Let's say they clone the male of the couple and the clone is brought to term by a surrogate mother. Genetically, the resulting child will have no mother, only a father, who is more like an older genetic twin to the clone. The child's genetic parents will actually be the parents of his "daddy".

This child will be quite confused in a situation where it appears he has a married parents, grandparents, and a surrogate mother who gave birth to him, all contrasting with the genetic view reality of him having an older genetic twin, grandparents who are his genetic parents, a mother who had nothing to do with his being brought into the world, and a second mother who is not involved with his fam-

ily, but had carried him in her womb.

If you find this confusing, imagine a little boy growing up in this situation. Now, lets say that his "mommy" and "daddy" divorce; will mommy still love that little clone of "daddy"? One can't really answer that question at this point in time.

All I'm left to say is that I am so disappointed in humanity and I hope that my viewpoint has perhaps influenced your attitude towards human cloning so that you won't blindly agree with what detached, dispassionate, immoral scientists claim is good or moral. Human cloning is grossly unethical and will only destroy and dehumanize people more so than we already have in centuries past. Cloning is more a Pandora's Box of problems than it is a magical cure for all medicinal problems.

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Streetcar Named Desire delivers top-notch acting

by **CHRISTINA GUZZO**
Staff Writer

This past weekend, The Marist College Council on Theatre Arts presented four performances of Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*. This play, while not exactly the "feel good production of the year," was graced by some of Marist's best thespians. Their superb acting in this complex psychological play won audiences over night after night.

The scene was simple: a humble two-room apartment in New Orleans. Things were running smoothly that spring with its inhabitants, Stella and Stanley Kowalski until their visitor arrived. Stella's older sister Blanche, a teacher, arrived at the apartment, and things were never the same again. As the play slowly progresses (it was about three hours long) the audience sees these three characters at their worst. Stanley, a violent and vindictive man terrorizes the house while pregnant Stella puts up with

him. Blanche rides on a mental downward spiral as her past is slowly revealed.

Sporting southern twangs, Dan Buzi (Stanley) and Kerri Lang (Stella) make a believable on screen pair, as they freely demonstrate the word "desire" in the play's name. Lang, who also starred in *Anything Goes* as "Hope," is now completing her senior year, and her talent will be greatly missed in future MCCTA performances. The character of Stanley was brought to nasty new levels by sophomore Dan Buzi.

Maria Meaney played the multifaceted and complex "Blanche". Maria, a junior art major, portrayed William's character exactly as he would have wanted it; delusional, desperate, and false. At the plays conclusion, the troubled Blanche proclaims "I don't want realism, I want magic!" This line clearly shows the extent of the characters well shown madness by the end of the play.

Even if you can't appreciate a three hour psychological drama by

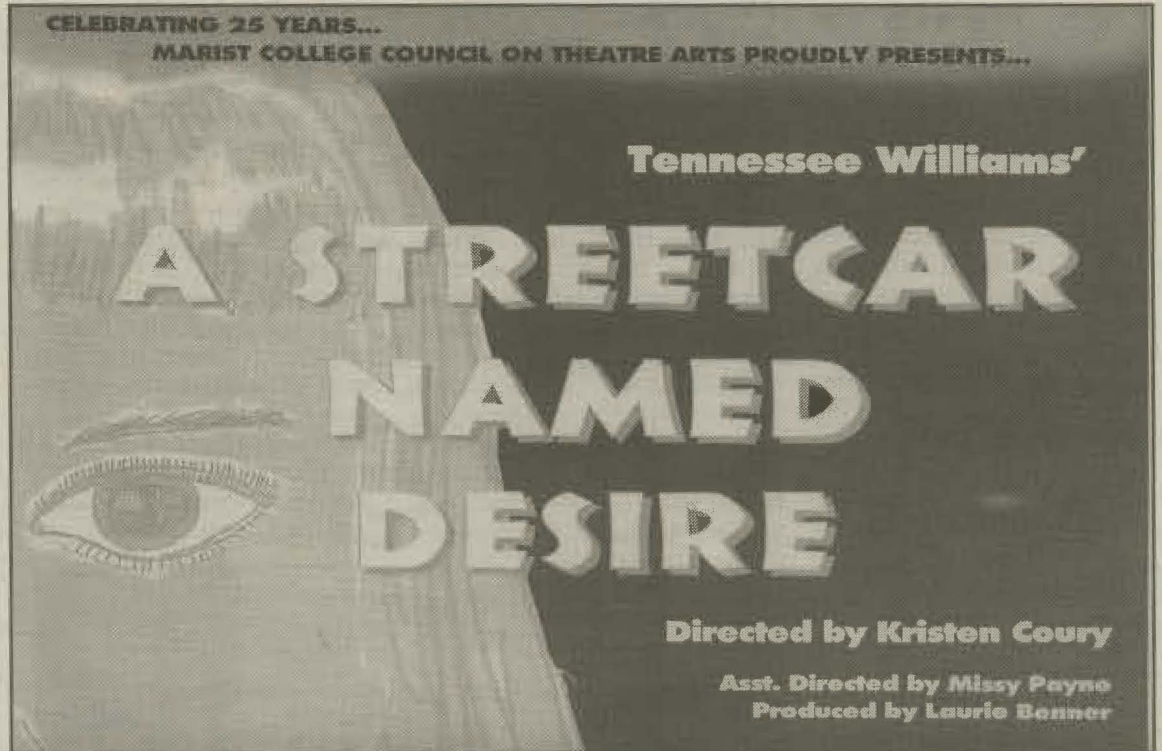


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Tennessee Williams, like some of the audience (there were some snorers), one could still enjoy the first rate acting and char-

acter development. Directed by Kristen Coury and Missy Payne, *Streetcar* showed Marist audiences that theater isn't always

associated with a happy ending. However, the actors took a somewhat depressing play and performed it passionately.

Making fun at Marist with comedian Jamie Lissow

by **DAVID LISSOW**
Staff Writer

On Feb. 8, comedian Jamie Lissow came to Marist and performed as part of the SPC Comedy Club.

The 25 year-old called aptly dubbed "The best writer since Seinfeld" and a version of "Adam Sandler without the guitar" performed for a full house in the Cabaret.

Jamie, a newcomer to the comedy scene, has already opened up for headliners Neil McDonald, Chris Rock, and has performed on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, where he was also a writer.

The first jokes started with making fun of his surroundings,

saying the plants in the Cabaret "need some sunlight, water - something to keep them from turning white", to the black background stage curtains, saying, "Watch out! They're all uneven! Oh no!"

Jamie had a lot to say about college life, as he was a Law School dropout himself before transitioning to stand-up comedy. He even told jokes on his own background, saying that his Psychology major in college "really matters a lot now."

Mostly though, Jamie chose Marist and Poughkeepsie as the crux for most of his jokes. Mentioning that he was driving on Route 9, he said, "So I passed a Hoe Bowl - can anyone tell me what that is or what goes on there?"



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Do you guys go there a lot? I think I would if I went here. It sounds like a place I would like to get to know."

He continued on college life, adding, "You guys have a lot of people go to the gym? Do you see those guys with the really small shirts? You know them, they think it makes them look big. Well I think they should wear the really small shirts - ones that kids wear, like 'Daddy's Little Princess' and things like that."

The most interesting of the whole routine was Jamie's attempt to add in a "Whose Line is it Anyway"-type of improvisational comedy at the end of the show. He introduced three of his friends from home who were to "help" him with this part of the show. This was entertaining, as their combined abilities were not able to match the vulgar suggestions

from the audience. They all did their best, but in the end, the young minds of Marist students proved too fervent for their comical stylings.

The finale of the show utilized both Jamie's satirical wit as well as some his notable physical comedy. In finishing the showcase, Jamie took off his sweater, showed a small t-shirt he had joked about before and flexed his muscles. All in all, it was a very enjoyable show and Jamie Lissow showed why he is the comedic talent he really is.

The SPC Comedy Club continues with comedians Dave Russo on March 9, Vanessa Hollingshead on March 15, and Carrot Top on April 28.

Lines of love for Valentine's Day from a special someone

To the girls in Midrise 212, Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Katy

"Hey Kathryn, Allie, Vanessa, Lauren, Alicia and Stacey! I love you girls - we rock 210 and Midrise! I don't know what I would do without you! Have a great Valentine's! Love your favorite roomie, Jen"

Linds, I know we haven't been together that long, but it feels like we have known each other for a lifetime. You are the greatest girlfriend, and I am lucky to have you. Happy Valentines day, Cupcake :-)) -Sean

"Hey Darren and Sean! Happy Valentine's Day from your third roomie! Thanks for always being there for me! Love ya guys, Jen"

Marisa
"Happy Valentines Day, and nothing will ever stop me from loving you with all my heart!"
Love Russ

Dear Anthony, Thanks for a wonderful 7 months. I couldn't have asked for anything more. Your a great boyfriend and a great best friend... Our first Valentines day, and hopefully not our last. I love you, Lauren

Dear Stacey,
To a great roommate! The candy, flowers, and cards being delivered for you haven't stopped all day! Yur the best, Happy Valentines Day, Love Laur

Kathryn - I just wanted to wish you a happy valentines day, and thank you for all the advice you have given me, the support, and helping me adjust to Marist. I love you.
Your best friend forever, Alicia

To all the girls in Midrise 210, I love you guys like my sisters already..thanks for being there for me, i dont know what i would do here without you- Alicia

To Laur, See, I like poetry too...Love Ant

As I lay in my bed and stare into space,
The stars form an image that resemble your face.

So close to heaven, perfection you are,
The unity between us remains strong, no matter how far.

I may not get to see you as often as I'd like,
I may not get to hold you all through the night

The future is uncertain; will it be you that I hold?
Will we always be together and intertwine our souls?

Deep inside my heart I know that it's true,
No matter what I do, I will always love you.

To all, a very Happy Valentine's Day!



Arnold makes decent comeback in *Collateral Damage*

by PAUL LUKASON
Staff Writer

When I went to see Jet Li's *The One* I saw a preview for *Collateral Damage*. As soon as the reel started for the preview, people started laughing and did not stop laughing until it finished. Arnold just isn't the box office hero or draw that he used to be in such movies like *Terminator 2*, *Total Recall*, and *Predator*.

With that in mind also consider the fact that *Collateral Damage* was pushed back from its original October release date because of its content similarities to that of the attacks on September 11th. I have to agree with Warner Brother's decision to push the

release date to February 8th. The content was inappropriate at the time, and feels to be more of an enjoyment now than it would have been back in October.

Andrew Davis, the guy who brought you *Under Siege*, directs the movie. Under Siege happens to be one of Steven Segal's better movies. While the story is simple, it still remains entertaining. The script, on the other hand, suffers from cliché phrases, and over simplified dialogue. Although, what Arnold movie is know for its great script.

Collateral Damage, an A-budget movie, delivers as the perfect B-film. Our hero Gordon Brewer (Arnold Schwarzenegger) is introduced to us as a first-rate firefighter who has saved a great deal of



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Arnold's back in new action flick!

people's lives. He is happily married with a cute son. Gordon is on his way to pick up his wife and son at the hospital when terror strikes. A Columbian terrorist, The Wolf (Cliff Curtis of *Three Kings*), has planted a bomb outside of the hospital that explodes killing nine and injuring dozens. Among the nine deceased are Gordon's wife and son. Arnold's life is destroyed by

the disaster, and Gordon Brewer is now out to seek *Collateral Damage*.

The Wolf retreats to the safe quarters of Columbia. Arnold plots out his trip, and travels down to Columbia to seek revenge. We are treated to an explosion extravaganza, and super-hero abilities that would rival that of Rambo. Gordon is an unstoppable force merely from his L.A. firefighting training. With the L.A. firefighter program being of such high caliber, they should be training U.S. Marines. During one of Gordon's struggles, Andrew Davis pays homage to Mike Tyson. Gordon is handcuffed and his only utensil he has at the time is his teeth. He uses his teeth to bite the ear off of one of the Columbian gorillas.

We are also able to enjoy a

unique yet chilling death with the aid of a snake. The story further evolves into a somewhat predictable adventure, but the support of a plot twist helps change the stereotypical ending.

While not the greatest action movie of all time, it is certainly a step in the right direction for Arnold, and his career. It is one of his better movies to date. Even though the critics may have bashed this movie, I'm hoping, once again, that word of mouth helps spread the news of how descent this movie actually is.

Hopefully 2003's *Terminator 3* will prove to be a more worthy movie title for Arnold.

Grade: B

Mothman Prophecies provides a first hand scare

by NICOLE SCALZO
Staff Writer

Even typing the name, "Mothman", after seeing the movie, freaks me out. If anyone does not know the movie I am talking about, it is the commercial where Richard Gere is talking on the phone, he whispers into the phone, "What am I holding?" and the deep, mysterious voice answers back, "Chap Stick".

When I first saw the commercials for the movie, "*Mothman Prophecies*", it caught my attention. A few days later, however, the creepy commercials for just a movie, turned into "Based on Actual Events". This definitely got my attention. I read a few reviews hearing the same old stuff, "good story, weak script..." no explana-

tion of what were the "actual events" the movie was based on? It is not everyday we get phone calls from creepy sounding men who know what is in our hands!

I went to see the movie at night. I was not happy with this choice after I saw the movie.

The movie takes place in Washington D.C., where reporter John Klein (Richard Gere) and his wife (Debra Messing) are house hunting for their first home together. On their way home, Mary (Debra Messing) sees a black image with red eyes in the road, upon slamming on her breaks she smacks her head against the windshield. At the hospital she finds out she has a rare form of cancer in her brain. John Klein (Richard Gere) deals with the aftermath of his wife's illness by looking at her journal and seeing pictures drawn over and

over, of what we come to know as the Mothman.

He goes on a drive one night to Richmond, which is not a long drive from Washington D.C. He winds up in Point Pleasant, West Virginia and has no clue how he got there. He meets local characters and encounters many strange occurrences in the town of Point Pleasant. All of the strange occurrences center on this Mothman. He even is contacted by the Mothman, sees the unthinkable and hears these "warnings" of disasters that will occur in the future.

I think this was one of the most frightening movies I have ever seen in my whole life. How much of that is attributed to the fact that it was based on "actual events", I will never know. All I do know is on the way home, driving, I screamed about every thirty seconds driv-

ing home when another red light crossed my driving view.

The movie moves quickly, not a lot of time is spent developing the character's personality; therefore each character lacks depth. Everyone in the movie theater screamed at least once, both women and men. There were harmonious screams, followed by nervous laughter in the theater. Certain parts of the movie were drawn out, but others had me hiding my eyes and covering my ears.

It is not a blood and gore thriller, but rather a psychological thriller that is sure to really scare most that go see it. I enjoyed the parts of the movie that revealed something unusual had happened without us even knowing. I did not enjoy the long drawn out solo scenes Richard Gere had, especially his overacted crying scene. It might not be



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Richard Gere is on the big screen once again

Oscar worthy, but it is worth watching for entertainment, especially because there is the creepy possibility that the Mothman is real. The movie leaves you to question the things you think you know about life. If you feel like a good scare, go see "*Mothman Prophecies*".

The movie is rated PG-13 for terror, some sexuality and language.

'Count' on *Monte Cristo* as memorable movie

by CHRISTINA DIAS
Staff Writer

Despite the fact that the film *The Count of Monte Cristo* is but a watered-down version of the original intricate plotline found in Alexandre Dumas' book, it's a fantastically mesmerizing movie and will undoubtedly be among the finest of the year. One can't truly blame the producers for not trying to cram over 450 pages of text into a roughly 2-hour long movie. The full depth of the characters, however, is conveyed skillfully.

The Count of Monte Cristo is the story of an innocent man, Edmond Dantès, deliberately framed by his "friends" out of jealousy and greed, right at what seems to be the greatest point in his life. He is sent to the torturous Chateau D'If prison for thirteen years. There he befriends the Abbé Faria who teaches him all he knows. The immense misery Dantès faces is heartrending. Once he has left the prison he begins to avenge his suffering.

Director Kevin Reynolds, producers Gary Barber, Roger Birnbaum

and Jonathan Glickman do put on a spectacular show of extravagance once the Count finds himself living among Paris' aristocracy. This portion of the plot is where the film strays though, tying up loose ends and cutting to the chase much faster than necessary. One better love sword fighting too, as the sword was the weapon of choice in the 19th century.

There's plenty of slicing, yet far fewer people actually dying. It's a shame the movie ends at the point that it does for *Monte Cristo*'s compassionate side is barely touched upon. In the original novel, he rewards those who were loyal to him before he partakes in any vengeful actions, yet in the movie the reverse occurs.

A thousand casting directors could doubtfully come up with a better actor than Jim Caviezel (Angel Eyes, *A Thin Red Line*) to play the role of the Count. His youthful innocence changes to menacing vengeance flawlessly over the course of the film. His dark features fit perfectly his countenance. One has to wonder what the wardrobe crew was thinking, though,


when they donned the Count in flamboyant red and gold robes when his character is well-known for wearing only brooding black garments and having definite restraint.

Mercedés, played by Dagmara Dominczyk, somehow doesn't seem beautiful and elegant enough to invoke all the chaos that she does as Dantès fiancé. For all the acting awards she has received she somehow disappoints in this role. Perhaps it is the fact that over the course of 16 years she appears to not have aged a day. While the Count and other characters have acquired wrinkles and streaks of gray hair, Mercedés still looks like a teen. Guy Pearce (Rules of Engagement) superbly plays *Monte Cristo*'s main foe, Fernand Mondego, whose vicious selfishness makes one cringe.

The motives behind much of the action are not always made clear to the viewer. The ending makes the Count's quest for revenge seem incomplete but maybe only for the most sadistic, obstinate audience members who believe that nothing is sweeter than revenge.



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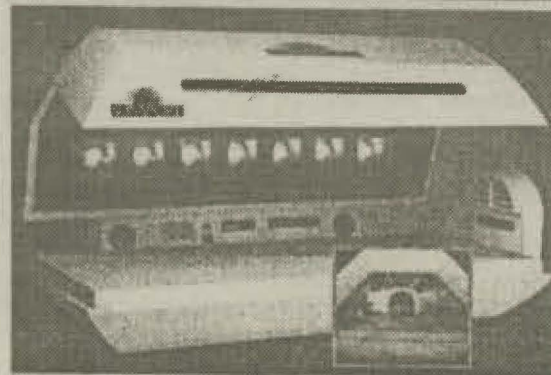
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Olympic hockey adds excitement to the Games...Finally

by SCOTT DESIERE

So far the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games have delivered plenty to its viewers.

They have delivered great theme music, a star-studded opening ceremony filled with power anchors and national celebrities, and the always inspirational lighting of the Olympic Cauldron, this time by the 1980 men's hockey team, which authored the "Miracle on Ice" by defeating the powerful Russians and capturing the gold medal that winter in Lake Placid.

They have featured a controversial ruling from a panel of pairs figure skating judges that either reek of collusion or were just not paying attention, although collusion seems evident, with the French judge allegedly making a Louisiana-Purchase type blunder, only this time choosing to deal with Russia, the untriumphant yet nonetheless emotional final run of Picabo Street's great career, and a whole slew of Russians that can figure skate, Americans that can snowboard, and Austrians that can ski.

What they have not delivered, however, is intense athletic competition. And while an obligatory smile from the face of Katie Couric and a stream of tears running down the face of robbed Canadian skater Jamie Sale combined with Scott

Hamilton ranting uncontrollably might be enough to keep some Olympic viewers satisfied, most have been left unfulfilled due to the lack of any real intense competition or rivalry.

Alas, here come the NHLers - Canadians, Americans, Russians and Czech Republicans (I suppose that is what you call them) - and with them comes some good old fashion competition, a whole lot of intensity, and a little bit of animosity, just for kicks.

The men's hockey tournament promises to have the intensity and tension of a staged pre-fight boxing press conference stare down that inevitably ends in a brawl. For all intents and purposes, the battle for gold comes down to the four powerhouse hockey nations previously listed. Each nation has a legitimate shot, with loads of talent compromising maybe the best teams ever assembled. But in the end, I believe it will be the Russian team that comes away with Olympic gold.

Let us begin with the team from the Czech Republic. In Nagano, they surprised everyone and came away with the gold medal. This year they return with a far more talented team, as youngsters Patrick Elias, Martin Havlat and Tomas Kaberle join Roman Hamrlik,

Jaromir Jagr and Dominic Hasek, the hero from 1998. But in Nagano, they had two factors working for them. They had the element of surprise and they had a goaltender, Hasek, in the midst of one of the most torrid streaks a goaltender has ever had, a streak that not only propelled his team to a gold medal but also propelled a mediocre Buffalo Sabres team to the Stanley Cup Finals.

This year, they will not surprise anyone, and while Hasek is still one of the best, asking him to duplicate his performance from Nagano is like asking Da Vinci to paint the Mona Lisa again. Other teams, especially Canada, will not be taking them lightly this time around and will most likely come after them with a bitter taste in their mouths and revenge on their minds.

Speaking of the Canadians, stacked with all the talent anyone could ever want, Lemieux, Lindros, Sakic, Yzerman and friends will be gunning to make up for the disappointment of Nagano. But the team made an enormous mistake leaving Joe Thornton off of the team and an even bigger mistake alienating Patrick Roy. Nobody is better in the pressure and the spotlight than Roy. Martin Brodeur comes from the Devils, where each night he sees so few quality at-

tempts. In Salt Lake City, on an ice surface the size of open prairie, facing the very best offensive talent the world has to offer, Brodeur will struggle.

The United States might struggle as well. Their team is loaded with premier power forwards like Tkachuk, LeClair, Guerin and Deadmarsh. In the NHL, power forwards win Stanley Cups, but they do not win gold medals at the Olympics. The size of the rink is not to be understated, so having a team loaded with power forwards is not nearly as advantageous as one would think. The U.S. defense is also a little on the older side and may not be able to keep up with the speed of teams like Russia. And if anything happens to Mike Richter, the U.S. is in real trouble.

There is another factor for the U.S. team - pressure. The whole country will be pulling for them - myself included. Given the scope of things in this country, the pressure that Team USA will put on itself to win will be astronomical. It is never easy to perform under that kind of self inflicted pressure.

There is another factor at work for Team Canada and Team USA. They are so intent on beating the other that they lose track of the other teams and get surprised, like they were by the Czech Republic in Nagano. And while they will say all the right things, like that they are looking past nobody, if one could get inside the collective brains of the two teams, it would likely reveal that they look at each other as the team to beat, leaving the door open for someone to surprise.

And here come those pesky Russians, who are no doubt less than thrilled to have to see the highlights from 1980 replayed more often than a mediocre movie is replayed on the Marist television stations.

Led by the hottest (currently playing the best, that is) goaltender in the NHL, Nikolai Khabibulin, and talented names like Bure, Fedorov, Yashin and Kovalev, the Russians will shine. The only real downside to these players is that they have trouble playing in traffic. Once again the whole gigantic rink thing comes into play. A bigger rink means less traffic, more room and lots of goals by Russia.

They also have electric rookie Ilya Kovalchuk, and anyone who saw the young stars game over the All-Star weekend got a little preview of what this guy can do on the open ice, which will be plentiful next week in Utah. Sergei Samsonov can move as well, and should be equally potent. Unmatched speed and skill, an underrated defense and the big man in goal should have the Russians standing on the middle podium when it is all said and done.

But let us not forget this one important factor - I could be wrong. It could be Canada making their hockey-crazed country proud, or the Czech Republic coming up with a repeat gold, or Team USA coming through with a victory that would be as emotionally charged and inspirational as the "Miracle on Ice."

I happen to believe, however, that there will be no American miracle, no Czech repeat and no Canadian triumph - just a lightning-fast, slick-passing, sharp-shooting bunch of Russians backed by a stonewall in goal coming away with gold.

Whatever happens though, there will be no collusion amongst judges, no big-air jumps or triple-axles and no need for power anchors and celebrity appearances. Hockey will offer none of that.

Viewers will simply have to settle for intense battles and heated competition.

Runners set records at St. Valentine's Invitational meet

by ROB McGUINNESS
Staff Writer

For the second time this season, Boston University proved to be a record-setting site for members of the Marist men's and women's track teams, as five school records were eclipsed on the team's most recent trip to Massachusetts.

In January, senior Mike Nehr shattered his own 3,000-meter school record and qualified for the IC4A championships against stiff competition at the Terrier Classic. That same weekend, the distance medley relay team of Nehr, Chris McCloskey, Pat Driscoll and Brian Perrella also met the IC4A qualifying standard.

Nehr continued on his record setting pace last weekend at the St. Valentine's Invitational, breaking McCloskey's recently established 1,000-meter record with a time of 2:29.53. Nehr's time also qualified for the 1,000-meter run at the IC4A championships, becoming the first Marist athlete ever to do so.

Nehr has had a part in breaking five school records over the course of the last three meets, and men's coach Pete Colaizzo said that Nehr has no intention of slowing down.

"Mike has had one of the more amazing string of races in our program's history," Colaizzo said. "But he's not done yet. He's eager to chase more records and help the team in any way he can."

This weekend, Nehr will be called upon to complete the grueling 5000-meter, 3000-meter double at the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championships in Manhattan. Colaizzo expects that Nehr will rise to the occasion, despite the daunting task of competing in both long distance events.

"There is much more that needs to be accomplished, and he knows it," Colaizzo said.

McCloskey also managed to rise to the occasion in Boston, breaking Ben Hefferon's four-year-old record in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:55.28. The previous mark, set in 1998, was 1:56.44.

"Chris is one of the hardest workers in practice and toughest competitors in meets, and he has been racing very well of late," Colaizzo said.

Also among the record-setting Red Foxes was freshman Adam Pakiela, who broke his own school record in the 400-meter run with a time of 50.97 seconds. Pakiela, who first broke the 400-meter record at the Seton Hall Invitational in December, has been an asset to the

team during his first collegiate season, according to Colaizzo.

"Adam has really burst onto the scene nicely for us and he brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the program," Colaizzo said. "We're setting high goals for him to strive for in the remainder of indoors and in outdoor track."

Members of the women's team also had strong performances at the St. Valentine's Invitational, as junior Sue Golden and freshman Alison Keller established new school records and qualified for the ECAC championships in their respective events.

In the 1,000-meter run, Golden easily met the ECAC qualifying standard (2:57.54) with her second-place, 2:53.81 performance. Keller was victorious in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.36 seconds. The two will accompany 5,000-meter qualifier Liza Grudzinski to the ECAC meet in March.

According to women's coach Phil Kelly, this season marks the first time that three Marist women have met the ECAC qualifying standards.

Fortunately for the Red Foxes, the IC4A/ECAC Championships are also held in Boston.

On Saturday, both teams will compete in the MAAC Championships at Manhattan College.

Equestrian team competes at Centenary College

by JESSICA BALDWIN
Staff Writer

The Marist College Equestrian team attended its first Zone II, Region I IHSA horse show of the semester on February 9 at Centenary College. Among the fourteen schools, such as Drew University and the United States Military Academy, Marist placed third with a collective 22 points.

Mara Halley placed 1st in class

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compete in play-in games.

Marist finishes off the regular season with two home games, after traveling to Lawrenceville, NJ, to face Rider on Saturday.

8A Open Fences. Amanda St. Pierre placed 6th in class 8B Open Fences and being the point rider, scored one point for Marist.

Later in the competition, St. Pierre won 1st place in class 7D Open Flat, winning seven points for the team.

Lauren Klinger placed 5th in class 4A Novice Fences. Amanda Von Haugg placed 3rd in class 4B Novice Fenced and scored four points. Jessica Duggan placed 1st in class 7A Open Flat.

Laura Kalnicky placed 3rd in class 2A Beginner Walk Trot Canter. In class 1A Walk Trot Nikki Heron placed 1st and Amy Snell placed 5th. In class 1B Walk Trot Maria Ianne placed 1st and Jessica Baldwin placed 2nd. Baldwin was the point rider, scoring five points for the team.

Athlete of the Week

Mike Nehr broke the school record for the 1,000 meter (2:29.53). His time qualified for the IC4A Championships, the first ever Marist athlete to do so

Quote of the Week

"I don't know what we were doing down the stretch defensively. What were we doing? What the heck were we doing? Why weren't we communicating more? Why weren't we doing a better job on things that we've done time and time again this year?" Men's Basketball coach Dave Magarity on his team's performance on Monday

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Men's basketball falls to Canisius, hosts top-ranked Rider

by SCOTT MONTESANO
Staff Writer

The box score shows that Sean Kennedy played a strong game, but the statistics fail to tell the complete story.

Despite recording a triple-double, it was Kennedy's inability to hit free throws late that helped to send the Foxes to a 69-63 loss to the Canisius Golden Griffins February 11 at the McCann Center.

With a minute remaining and Marist down 64-63, Kennedy failed to deliver, missing two free throws. Kennedy finished the game 6-11 from the charity stripe.

The Foxes' hopes were stifled even more with 48.0 left when Matt Tullis was whistled on a questionable charge call.

"I just think it's the worst loss of the year," Kennedy said at the post-game press conference. "Down the stretch, I'm a senior. I have to make my free throws and get to the rim. I didn't finish."

Kennedy finished the game with 14 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, to record his second triple-double to the season. His first came January 5 against Niagara, a game that Marist lost in an eerily similar fashion.

That game too saw the Foxes falter late, unable to pull out a close

win. Marist is only 5-7 in games decided by single-digit margins.

With 8:36 remaining Marist had built a game-high nine point lead and appeared to be cruising. However, the game seemed to take a turn when Canisius' Andy Bush scored and was fouled after apparently traveling. Canisius gained the momentum and Marist never recovered.

Marist missed 15 of 16 shots down the stretch and was only 4 of 7 from the foul line. The Foxes shot only .298 in the second half and .302 for the game.

The Foxes poor shooting was coupled with a three-point shooting exhibition put on by Canisius. Similar to when the teams meet in Buffalo in January, the solid three-point shooting by the Griffis was a factor.

After being cold from beyond the arc in the first half, the Griffis found their range late in the second half. Toby Foster nailed back-to-back

three pointers to make it 59-57 with three minutes left.

Then, after a Nick Eppheimer basket, Brian Dux hit a three with 2:22 remaining to make it 61-60 in favor of Marist.

Dux gave Canisius the lead for good at 64-63 by hitting two free throws with 1:16 left.

The Griffis shot .387 in the second half on their way to the comeback win.

"I'm real proud of our team," Canisius head coach Mike MacDonald said. "We hung in there. I thought we did great things down the stretch."

MacDonald added that this was the type of game the Griffis would have lost by 15 points in January. Hodari Mallory led the Griffis with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Mean-

while, Matt Tullis came off the bench to give Marist 16 points and 11 rebounds.

While offense was a problem for Marist, head coach Dave Magarity was infuriated more by his team's defensive play.

"I don't know what we were doing down the stretch defensively," Magarity said. "What were we doing? What the heck were we doing? Why weren't we communicating more? Why weren't we doing a better job on things that we've done time and time again this year?"

Marist junior guard David Bennett played the game while his wife Shannon was in labor at Vassar Brother's Hospital awaiting the birth of the couple's first child.

The loss dropped the Foxes to

10-4 in the MAAC, a half game behind Rider for first place.

Canisius' comeback snapped a four game winning streak for Marist, which was coming off a 79-71 win at Iona on February 6. Marist shot .463 from the field in that game and Sean Kennedy poured in a team-high 21 points en route to the win and season sweep of the Gaels.

Marist plays Rider at the McCann Center on February 17 at 4:00. The Red Foxes won the first meeting between the two teams this season, 80-69. Kennedy had a team-high 20 points while Bennett added 16.

Marist returns to action February 14 when the team battles Fairfield (7-15, 8-8) in Bridgeport, C.T.



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Sean Kennedy recorded his second triple-double of the season, but it was not, as the Red Foxes fell to Canisius for the second time this season.

Women's basketball faces Loyola and Rider this week

by PETER PALMIERI
Sports Editor

After a stunning 5-3 start to conference play, the women's basketball team has dropped its last six Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) match-ups, most recently falling to St. Peter's on Sunday.

Diesha Seidel was the only Red Fox to record double digits, scoring a team-high 10 points while pulling down eight rebounds. Sarah Tift, Stephanie Del Preore and Nina Vecchio each added eight points for Marist.

Marist jumped out to an eight point lead early in the first half, but fell behind by as many as 17 points, as the teams headed into the locker room with the Peahens ahead 38-21.

The Red Foxes held a distinct advantage in shooting percentage, but was out rebounded 48-30. Layla Willis had a game-high 18 points for St. Peter's, who also received a 12-point performance from Tanesha Seaton and 11 points from Tyiana Sears.

With the loss, Marist fell to 5-9 in MAAC play and 9-14 overall, while the win marked the seventh conference victory in a row for St. Peter's and improved the team to 20-4 overall.

Up next for Marist are two crucial conference games against Loyola (this evening in Baltimore) and Rider on Saturday. Loyola is

stuck at the bottom of the MAAC with a 3-10 conference record, while Rider has a one-game lead over Marist.

Back in January, Marist easily handled Loyola, winning 64-46. Vecchio exploded for a career-high 23 points while dishing out three assists. Del Preore added a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Nine different Red Fox players tallied points in the game.

On January 27, the team lost a tight battle to Rider, 72-70, at the McCann Center. Marist kept the game close with two late-game three-pointers, but could not pull any closer. One of the differences in the game was poor free throw shooting by the Red Foxes (.455).

Seidel led Marist with 17 points, with Del Preore contributing 15 and Marie Fuscini adding 10 in the first meeting with Rider.

Two victories could give Marist a huge boost heading into the final week of the season when the team has match-ups against Iona (6-16, 4-9) and the regular season finale against first-place Siena (19-3, 14-0).

If the team manages to win three out of its last four games, it could secure them a spot in the quarterfinals round of the MAAC Tournament, as the bottom four teams are forced to

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Men's tennis team takes two out of four at Cornell Winter Classic

by PAUL SEACH
Staff Writer

Last weekend the Marist Men's team competed at the Cornell Winter Classic at the Reiss Tennis Center in Ithaca, New York.

The team played four matches losing to Cornell and St. Bonaventure, but played strong and defeated Binghamton and the University of Buffalo.

The top six players on the team competed for Marist, in a tune-up for the MAAC championships that are only a few months away.

David Slater and Alex Ilchenko outlasted their singles opponents to contribute to a 4-3 victory over Buffalo. Prior to that match, the team fell to Cornell, 7-0.

The highlight of the four-day event was the superior play of doubles team Nick Bass and Victor Sapezhnikov. The team won two doubles matches and won important singles matches against Binghamton.

With those victories, the team was able to outlast Binghamton 4-3, while also improving its overall record to 7-3.

Head coach Tim Smith was very

pleased with his team's performance.

"This early in the season I am extremely happy with they way our team competed even though we only won two of the four matches," Smith said.

One of the most exciting matches lasted three hours as freshman Nick Bass defeated Binghamton's senior Evan Gotlob in three sets. With Bass down in the tiebreaker in the first set, Bass stormed back to win 10-8, capturing the set. He was not as successful in the second set, dropping it 6-4.

However, Bass was able to overcome the loss, taking the third set 6-4.

"(I was) extremely pleased with the poise (of Bass) as a freshman," said Smith.

Bass was excited just to get the opportunity to play.

"(This weekend) was a really good experience as a freshman, playing some of the top schools in the East," he said.

As for the team, Bass is excited to play with a "good coach and a group of guys that get along well."

Smith had similar praise for the doubles team of Bass and

Sapezhnikov.

"Sapezhnikov and Bass continue to grow and become our premier third doubles team as they get to understand each other's strengths and weaknesses, and tactics."

Bass agreed.

"We are not completely 100 percent as a team, but we are on our way to becoming a good team and I am happy with our progress so far."

The tournament, with its unique style of having five singles matches and one doubles match allowed the players to spend 60 hours of indoor tennis which will help a great deal in preparation for the MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) tournament," according to Smith.

The team will begin conference play on March 3 and culminate with the MAAC Championships beginning on April 19.

Next week, the team will play at the University of Vermont, going up against Providence, the University of Hartford, and the University of Vermont. Everyone on the team will be competing in the event playing six singles and three doubles.

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