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# Giving tree helps county families

By ALYSSA LONGOBUCCO  
Staff Writer

Marist students will be a factor in providing some Christmas miracles this season, as the 19th annual Giving Tree ceremony quickly approaches.

A charity program run through Campus Ministry, The Giving Tree, has become a tradition on Marist College campus, providing students with the opportunity to reach out to families in need throughout the Dutchess County region during the holiday season.

Work for The Giving Tree, which is co-chaired this year by Campus Ministry board members Deirdre Hicks and Dave Amiri, began in September, when local agencies were contacted in order to gather a group of families to sponsor this holiday season. In what will be one of Marist College's largest donations to date, 27 families were selected, including 64 children.

While accumulating the 744 requested gifts sometimes seemed like a daunting task but it was full of rewards as well, knowing she was part of bringing Christmas joy to others less fortunate than herself.

"It really is an honor to be so involved in something such as the Giving Tree program," Hicks said. "Dave and I, along with the rest of the Campus Ministry Advisory Board, worked hard all semester to make it possible. It's such a great way for Marist students to give back to the larger community we are a part of."

A large portion of the Giving Tree program relies on student participation, without which, Amiri maintained, the program wouldn't be

such a success. Student volunteers donated their time to cutting out ornaments, assembling trees, and keeping track of each family's accumulated gifts.

The gifts are divided into three categories. The first category, represented by yellow ornaments, is compiled of household needs, which are determined by the parents or adult members of the family. The other two categories, represented by red and green ornaments, are gifts that the children ask for.

"Each child is allowed five 'need' gift requests, and three 'wish' requests," Amiri stated. "It's at this point where you see how blessed so many of us are. When you see a child asking for sneakers, or something else that so many of us take for granted, as a wish, it really makes you think and be thankful for all that we have."

Any students who wished to participate in the Giving Tree program simply had to take an ornament off one of the trees located on campus, purchase and gift wrap the item, and then drop it off at the chapel.

"Despite the large amount of gifts requested this year, we've had great participation from the students. As of right now about 95 percent of the ornaments have been taken off the trees," Amiri said.

Items that are not purchased through volunteers will be bought with a combination of Campus Ministry funds and donations, ensuring that every family receives their requests.

The program culminates in a Giving Tree Ceremony at the end of the semester. The ceremony, which Hicks called "a very rewarding experience", is used to bless the donated gifts before they are picked up



ANDREW OVERTON/THE CIRCLE

Sophomore Nicole Armbrust and senior Chris Cimino, MCTV members, examine the Giving Tree located in the lobby of Lowell Thomas. For the Giving Tree fundraiser, MCTV bought a \$100 camera for a nine-year-old girl. A raffle and small donations from MCTV members made the purchase possible.

by the agencies and distributed to the families, just in time for Christmas. This year, the commencement ceremony will be held in the Marist

chapel on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 13, where all are invited to attend to celebrate another charitable holiday season.

# SGA promotes online club unification

By CAITLIN NOLAN  
Web Editor

The Student Government Association is working towards a unification of all Marist club Web sites under one system. The project, which has been underway since last semester, is just one of the efforts being made by the current Student Body cabinet to unify the student body and encourage involvement across campus.

"This [project] started last April," Student Body President Steve Townsend said. "There are a lot of clubs that are functioning and this

will make it easier to put information online without having to be technologically savvy."

This is a result of combined effort from the Information Technology department and the SGA. Currently, the clubs are under the 'Activities & Organizations' heading on the Web site, but after clicking on that initial link; it is not a guarantee that what you're looking for will be found. Some clubs and organizations are not linked to anything further while others have completely functioning Web sites full of information.

Under the new plan, a heading

which will read "Marist Clubs and Organizations" will lead those interested to a Web site with every club, club sport and organization on campus and their information. Intramurals will still be found under the Athletic Web site and have not been included in the renovation.

"This will create a better venue for students who already go here to get involved and prospective students to see what is available, which will help Admissions," Townsend said.

He went on to say that clubs have been extremely supportive of the project and almost every organization has collaborated with SGA to

produce a great finished product.

"Originally, this was going to happen in November," Townsend said. "Now, we are shooting for Friday [Dec. 11] at the very latest. We want to make sure all the clubs are there and ready to go before going live."





## THIS WEEK

Thursday, 12/10

**Student vs. Faculty Basketball**  
Charity game, \$3 per person  
7 - 10 p.m., McCann Center  
Proceeds to benefit meningitis re-  
search

**HuMarists Show**  
"It's All in Your Head"  
9:30 p.m., Nelly Goletti Theatre  
\$2 per person

Friday, 12/11

No Events Posted

Saturday, 12/12

**Men's Basketball Home Opener**  
Boston University vs. Marist  
2 p.m., McCann Center

Sunday, 12/13

**Small Ensemble's Recital**  
12 p.m., Nelly Goletti Theatre

Monday, 12/14

No Events Posted

Tuesday, 12/15

No Events Posted

Wednesday, 12/16

No Events Posted



## Security Briefs

# Vassar students pay more, learn less

By CHRIS RAIA

Ah, the last week of first semester. I never know how to feel about this time of the year. I am completely caught up in the Christmas spirit; my Facebook status the other day was "anything can happen on a snow day," taken from the movie appropriately named Snow Day. I admit this because I apparently have no shame. I think I've heard Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" around 800 times in the last three days. All of those are good things. Yes, even Mariah Carey. But - there's always a but - I've also forgotten that even though there was snow on the ground a few days ago, I am still a college student. Most of us are going to force ourselves to learn an entire semester's worth of information in less than a weekend. Have a good break, everybody. Thanks for a good semester; I can't wait for the next one.

### 12/2 - Champagnat

A visitor tried to enter the building after 1 a.m. on the weekday, and the security guard wouldn't let her pass. Instead of going back to wherever she belongs, she decided to try and pull a fast one. She put her hood up and tried again. Considering the security guard is alive and not blind, this was a horrible, horrible decision. It's okay for Miley Cyrus to put on a blonde wig and pass off as a completely different person, but that's because she does that on a fictional television show on the Disney Channel. 10 points

### 12/3 - Sheahan

I want to apologize for calling the Sheahanites out on never doing anything. Over the weekend, one Sheahan student had three bottles of Old English and a 12 pack of Bud Light confiscated at the door.

I'm dumb, so I just asked my roommate what Old English is. His response, "It's what ghetto people drink while playing dice on their stoops." Okay, Sheahan. Props. Bonus points. Don't call it a comeback... 25 points

### 12/4 - Gartland

At the beginning of the year, Gartland was practically invisible in the security reports. Or maybe we were just invincible and couldn't be caught. But lately, we've been blowing up almost as fast as Sheahan. This week, a guest was caught trying to bring two 30 packs of Bud Light into a Gartland apartment. The beer wasn't hidden at all; he just carried it in. Thanks for the easy points, but you should have thought that one through. So to show everyone I'm not a biased point-awarder, I'm taking away 10 points for stupidity. 50 points

### 12/5 - Security Office

At 1:23 a.m., a man stumbled through the doors of Marist security in Donnelly Hall. When asked who he was and why he was there, he responded honestly: "I go to Vassar College, and I honestly have no idea how I ended up on this campus." Haha. That's awesome. Vassar security was called, and this student was taken home. In Vassar's face. They pay, like, a million dollars a year for an education, and Vassar kids still end up at Marist without a clue as to how they got there. We lure our every foe...into the Red Fox hole. Rah, rah, rah... 0 points to Vassar

### 12/5 - Champagnat

A Champagnat resident called security in the middle of the afternoon and reported that a stranger was asleep in his bed. The stranger was woken up, told security that he "smoked a lot of marijuana,

thought he was dying, and fell asleep." This week was interesting. Lots of new stories. 15 points

### 12/6 - Midrise

The security guard on duty went up to the fifth floor in the morning, and he found a surprise. All throughout the hallway, there was shaving cream spread on the walls and the floor, Ramen noodles, both cooked and uncooked, scattered around, and at least three tubes of toothpaste emptied on the floor. I am really trying to come up with a scenario as to how all of this happened, but honestly, I have nothing. Absolutely nothing. So I'll just say what probably actually happened. People in Midrise drank a lot. That's it. 15 points

### 12/6 - Leo

This is where we will end the last installment of this article until next semester. A student tried a few times to swipe into Leo and failed each time. The security guard asked how much he drank. He responded, "I had over 10 beers and a lot of mixed drinks." I love the honesty of everyone this week! But, yeah, he was transferred to St. Francis. 15 points

Here are the final standings. Drumroll.... Champagnat wins! Champagnat - 155; Gartland - 153; Leo - 140; Midrise - 113 Mar-ian - 85; Fulton - 75; Sheahan - 46; Foy - 41. Congrats, Champ. Or maybe... Congrats, Foy. It all depends on how you look at it. First semester, ya done. Merry Christmas, Marist.

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# Rising club aims to make leaders of all

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Members and the faculty advisors of the Business Leadership Initiative, a rising club on campus, were invited to come together on Monday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. for the installation of the officers who have been elected.

The club is opened to all freshmen, sophomores and transfer students of the Marist School of Management and is meant to provide an opportunity to develop leadership skills early on in students' business educational careers.

According to faculty advisor Dr. Susan Kochanowki, the purpose of this event was not only to install the officers, but to acknowledge the fact that the club is about to go through the process of being approved by SGA as an official club.

Also present at this event was the dean of the Marist School of Management, Dr. Elmore Alexander.

"I had a dream about starting a group like this," he said in his address to the members of this new club.

Alexander said that he was first inspired early on in his teaching career at Marist, while teaching a freshmen business class at the 100-level.

"One student really gave me some insight about issues that freshmen students have. The transition process of becoming a part of a university is hard,"

Alexander said.

He described BLI as a place where underclassmen and transfer students can come, where they do not have to compete with juniors and seniors for leadership positions. It is also a place where students can develop a set of activities for interests that they have in the business world.



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Dr. Elmore Alexander, the Dean of the Marist School of Management, shows enthusiasm for the new Business Leadership Initiative club.

Officers said they hope to do a lot next semester, including scheduling field trips, having guest speakers and hosting fun, social activities.

"I am excited to launch this new club," said Ruben Garcia, the president of BLI. "When I first applied for president, I wasn't really sure about it. Now I am really excited. It's not just a business club, we are here to have fun."

## News Briefs

### Marist Economic Survey shows wage freezes

A wage and benefit survey conducted by the Marist College Bureau of Economic Research shows businesses in the Hudson River Valley slashed wage increases by more than half, with many companies instituting wage freezes this year. The picture remains mixed for 2010, with fewer firms freezing salaries but increases that are below the national average.

The Marist survey found that in 2008, wage increases among participating companies ranged from 2.5 percent for the manufacturing and production groups up to four percent for the management group. Overall increases were in line with the reported national average of 3.9 percent.

This year, wage increases dropped to a range of 1.2 percent for production and manufacturing employees to 1.6 percent for managerial, professional and administrative/clerical employees. Forty percent of participating companies reported a wage freeze in 2009, which was in line with the 37 percent reported nationally.

### Hudson River Valley Institute publishes "America's First River"

The Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College has published its first book, "America's First River." Co-edited by Dr. Thomas Wermuth, Colonel James Johnson and Christopher Pryslopski, the book is comprised of 18 articles taken from the past 25 years of the Hudson River Valley Review.

The Institute publishes the Hudson River Valley Review, a peer-reviewed journal of regional studies, twice a year. The Review was previously published at Bard College under the title of the Hudson Valley Regional Review. America's First River incorporates articles from both publications on the subject of the Hudson River.

"With the upcoming holiday season, America's First River is a great gift idea for a those interested in the story of the Hudson River Valley," said Pryslopski, a research associate for HRVI. "From the Native Americans to the leaders of the 20th century, America's First River touches upon all that has made the Hudson River Valley the landscape that defined America."

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### Marist Poll: Obama's Hope to Unite Falls Short

Registered voters nationally are divided about President Barack Obama's job approval rating. Forty-six percent approve of his job performance while 44 percent disapprove. One in 10 voters is unsure.

This is the first time the president has lost majority support on this question since taking office. When Marist last asked this question in October, 53 percent of voters gave the president high marks. Partisanship is alive and well here, but Mr. Obama has slipped slightly among voters in both parties. Seventy-seven percent of Democrats approve of the president's job performance compared with 12 percent of Republicans. Two months ago, 84 percent of Democrats and 21 percent of Republicans gave him a thumbs-up. Independents remain divided, 41 percent approve while 44 percent disapprove.

"As 2009 comes to a close, President Obama's goal of unifying the nation and reducing the partisan divide is coming up short," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, director of the Marist College Poll.

### Marist Poll: Economic tides turn from Obama

For the first time since President Barack Obama took office, a majority of registered voters nationwide — 51 percent — disapprove of the way the president is handling the economy. Forty-five percent, on the other hand, approve of his financial management.

When Marist last asked about Obama's handling of the economy in October, the electorate was divided. Forty-eight percent thought the president's management was on track while 47 percent believed he was off the mark. The perception of Mr. Obama's economic prowess has been on the decline. In August, a slim majority — 52 percent — thought he was handling the economy well. Prior to that time, the president received majority support for his dealing with the economy.

Partisanship is in play on this issue. Seventy-five percent of Democrats say the president is managing the economy well while 84 percent of Republicans report he is dropping the ball. When it comes to Independent voters, 55 percent disapprove of Obama's economic vision while 40 percent approve.

## Tiger Woods plays the field

By DANIEL PEARLES  
Staff Writer

Want to know how much I care about Tiger Woods? Not at all. Not even a little bit. I don't care why he crashed his car, I don't care about his argument with his wife, and I sure don't care about his alleged affair. None of that is important to me, because I don't make it important to me. In no way, shape or form does Tiger Woods' personal life affect me. Greatest golfer of all time? Absolutely. Most dominant player of his respective sport today? The argument could definitely be made. Role Model? Nope. Never has been, never will be. That last part is what bothers me the most. I can tolerate the people whose lives revolve around the personal lives of athletes and celebrities. I don't see the value of what they do, but I can tolerate them. What I can't tolerate, is the people who look up to famous people as role models, and are shocked when these people turn out to be far from perfect.

Tiger Woods never did anything to be considered as a role model. Neither did Michael Phelps, Andre Agassi, Michael Vick, and the list goes on and on. Athletes should never be looked up to outside of the world of sports unless

they have actually done something respectful. Want Tim Tebow to be your role model? That's fine, as long as your decision is based on all that he has done off of the field, and that is a lot. Through his involvement with the University of Florida 'Goodwill Gators,' he has attended many community service events and has made many hospital visits. But let's get back to Tiger Woods. He's a great golfer, and I respect him for that, but I challenge you to give me something that he has done off of the golf course that merits his status as role model. Winning golf tournaments doesn't count for anything here. I've seen enough athletes with personal scandals to know that these guys aren't worth looking up to. I'm just not naïve enough to expect them to be flawless. If anything, I'm surprised when a star athlete does not end up having an affair, getting into legal trouble, or doing drugs. I understand that not all athletes do these types of things, just as I understand that nobody in or outside of sports is perfect. But to make someone a role model based upon how far they can hit a ball or swim across a pool isn't justified. That's just foolish, and anyone who sets themselves up to be disappointed like that deserves it.



KEITH ALLISON/FLICKR.COM

Woods' alleged infidelity evokes questions of his character, especially from his fanbase.

If you're looking for a role model, look to other places. Look to your parents, teachers, police, firefighters, members of the military, or just ordinary people who do admirable things. Looking up to athletes is fine, but only if you have a greater knowledge of their personal lives. Hopefully this

Tiger Woods situation is the final lesson. Hopefully the day will come when we are no longer surprised when athletes' personal lives fall short of their lives on the field or in the arena. Hopefully that day comes sooner rather than later, because our world could use some new role models.

## Lessons learned: Intern reflects on past and present



By DEANNA GILLEN  
Opinion Editor

Today was surreal. Looking over the resumes of interns to interview for this position next semester, I felt something that I never would've imagined: Pangs of jealousy. These bright-eyed interns will come in, terrified during the interview, lost amidst the seemingly endless hustle and bustle of the newsroom during the first couple of weeks, and then, before they know it, everything will click. They will feel at home. They will be competent. They will change. They will learn so much, and will make what I hope will be lasting friend-

ships with the people in the newsroom. Then, in what seems like a blink of an eye, it will be over. Just as they get their footing, it will end and they will be sent out into the world again, in hopes of forging their own way. Before this started, I never would've dreamed that this is the way I would feel today. With the semester coming to a close, and our looming capping deadlines making us all a little nuts, I can't help but think about one project my two friends, Emily and Moira, did for the semester. They made a documentary capturing the "life lessons" that we learned here at Marist. I must admit I was stumped when prompted to think about the lessons that I learned here. Did I learn how to be an adult, to go out into the "real world" and forge my own way? I'm not sure. My time

here at Marist has changed me, but I know deep down that over the past semester I have changed considerably, not because of our college, but rather, because I have gotten a chance to see the unadulterated place that so many have come to call the "real world". As seniors, we are all in the same boat; juggling the pressures of internships, capping, GREs, Graduate School, LSATs, and the big scary concept that lies just out of reach, our futures. What really made an impression on me was that their film really captured all of the things that my own column cannot express. Their film, "Life Lessons of a Red Fox: the fox trot to the real world" premieres this Thursday, Dec. 10 in the Student Center room 348 from 7 to 8:30 pm. I strongly suggest that any underclassman who wants to get a dose of what we all have been

going through this semester to go and see it, and see first hand what the future has in store.

As the semester comes to a close, our capping projects winding down, the pressures of finals leaving even the most level-headed person teetering on the edge, I can't help but feel nostalgic for the days gone by. I guess we all must look at this as the end of one chapter, and the beginning of a whole new one. A chapter entitled "What Happens Next". To end, I think it is appropriate to quote from the man who taught us as youngsters that even the most far-fetched fantasy could someday become a reality. Walt Disney once said, "All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to pursue them." Here's our time senior class. Let's take this opportunity and run with it.

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## How to overcome cultural challenges while abroad

By **BRYAN TERRY**  
Circle Contributor

Entering an entirely new environment is seldom an easy task. Most students have experienced this with the transition from grammar school to high school and from high school to college.

Traveling abroad, however, proves to be a far more drastic change.

James Bartosik, a junior at Marist, is currently studying abroad in Spain with the Madrid program. He says that the classroom environment is much stricter than he had anticipated.

"In class, we are not allowed to use the bathroom or come late. We are also not allowed to miss any classes," Bartosik said.

He also added that in the U.S., it is much more lax, in that if you have plans that interfere with class, it's not usually a big deal.

Tom Poalillo, a senior at Marist who studied in Florence, Italy last semester had a very different ex-

perience.

"Italy was pretty relaxed compared to [America]. For instance, if we were being loud people would just yell out the window to us rather than filing a complaint," Poalillo says.

Looking at these two cases, it is not difficult to see why travelling abroad could prove to be a challenging experience in terms of adjusting to a different way of life.

Carol Toufali, coordinator of International Programs at Marist, says that the number one piece of advice her abroad students come back with is to "expect the unexpected." She says that there inevitably will be differences, but students need to go with an open mind.

"It's human nature to make comparisons, but we should be looking for differences and not making judgments," Toufali said. "You have to see the reason behind why different cultures do different things rather than jumping to conclusions."

Poalillo experienced a culture clash first hand.

"One of my friends was at a café and had her shoulders exposed. Someone called her out on it because that's not appropriate in Florence." He added that students should not take anything that anyone says personally.

In addition to being mentally prepared, there are many things that should be done in preparation for each specific culture. For instance, Madrid is a very language-intensive program. "If you are studying in a country where they do not speak the same language as you, study up before you go," Bartosik said.

There are many tips that Marist International Programs has for students that span across the cultures. These suggestions from Toufali will help people who are going abroad seem less like tourists and blend in more easily:

1. Tone down the American clothing (i.e. baseball caps, sweat-shirts)

2. Be discreet/speak softly: Americans tend to be loud talkers and it sticks out in other cultures.

3. Cover your guidebook: A guidebook screams "tourist." Hiding it in some way helps reduce this label.

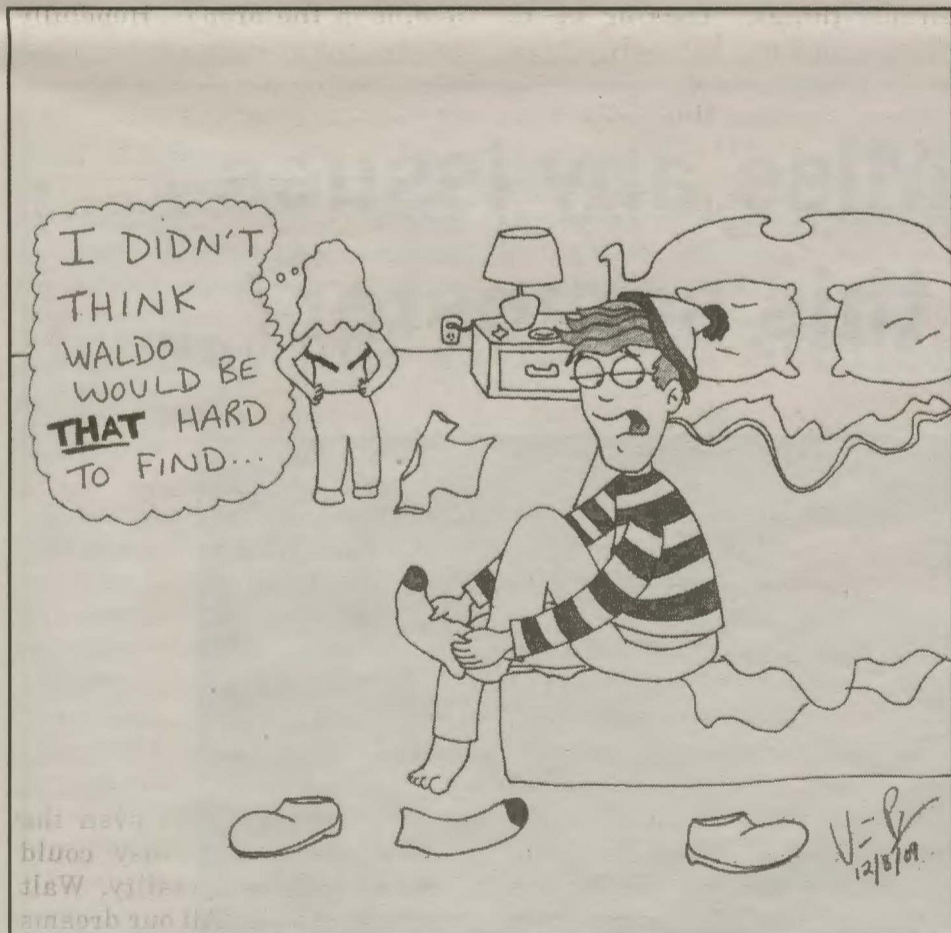
4. Get a check-up with your doctor before going: Being sick can add a great amount of difficulty to the adjusting process.

Other than these suggestions, Toufali says to simply stay informed.

"Be aware of what is going on in the U.S. as well as around the world. People will ask you about current events happening here in the States because America is as big in the news in other countries as it is here."

Toufali adds that each individual will handle the abroad experience differently, but studying abroad is a life-changing experience and those who put themselves out there have the best chance of getting the most out of that experience.

### cartoon corner By VINNIE PAGANO



## Talking Tarot: Celebration is in the cards before break

By **JENNIFER MEYERS**  
Staff Writer



We are down to the week before finals, and all of us are getting anxious. We want to throw our books out the window, grab together our greatest of friends and have a wonderful Christmas celebration. Well,

go ahead. That is what the Three of Cups stands for—CELEBRATION!

We have studied day and night for these final exams, but if we don't honor the last weekend that we have left with our friends here at Marist, it could be valuable bonding time gone to waste.

Remember that some of us will only be here for another semester and some of us might be going abroad. Yes, schoolwork and final exams are important, but stressing out about them won't do us any good.

So here's what you do: assuming that you've studied enough this week, study for a good deal of time all day Friday and Saturday too.

After you have done what you think is a sufficient amount of studying and you feel confident enough about your exams, go out with your best friends and don't feel guilty about it.

Just as in the illustration, you are emerging from your isolated hole of a room (which is what the fish represents) and you start the celebration and embrace others. This represents the conclusion in

plenty—you've done enough, enjoy.

The three of them express a toast to one another as if saying, "Here's to us!" and that is exactly what we should be doing after finals are over. Soon we'll return home to our families and have our favorite holiday dinner.

But who else can share the deep relationship that could only be shared between friends? Our friends give us a certain type of identity and belonging to a group that we feel comfortable with.

We share deep secrets and promise to keep those secrets with us. So embrace these friends because soon they could be off to start their own lives or traveling abroad to beautiful places like France and Italy.

There's always going to be a "shadow" side to these cards, and the only one that the Three of Cups tells us is to those who haven't studied and prepared for their finals. This is where the celebration should stop if no work has been completed—sorry.

So now that the Three of Cups has come upon us to share its wisdom about friendship and merriment, let us go forth, grab our dearest friends, and enjoy this holiday season.



From the Deviant Moon Tarot

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## Review: Disney's 'A Christmas Carol' 3D



FROM ROTTENTOMATOES.COM

Jim Carrey voices Ebenezer Scrooge in Disney's 3D adaptation of "A Christmas Carol."

By **CHRISTINA O'SULLIVAN**  
Staff Writer

For Disney's "A Christmas Carol," I wore the new, black, Ray-Ban-like 3D glasses with extreme dread. This was my first 3D movie since a traumatic experience when I was five-years-old involving the Disney World ride "Honey, I Shrank the Audience." I've never cried harder in my life than when the giant rattlesnake snapped its fangs inches away from my nose that fateful day.

So, it was a great surprise when, instead of a friendly inventor circling my head, the 3D featured disembodied ghost heads popping out of doorknobs, spirit's lost limbs floating, and the Grim Reaper-like Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come chasing Scrooge through the winding streets of 19th century London, eventually leading him to tumble into his own grave.

**Warning:** this movie is scary! But it is still a visually stunning interpretation of the Charles Dickens novel. The movie's major fault is that it gets carried away in its quest for beautiful shots. Too many scenes were included simply because they are aesthetically pleasing and look cool in 3D, not because they advanced the story. Therefore, although there is constant action in numerous different settings and chase scenes, it can be somewhat boring because the plot isn't going anywhere.

Jim Carey, who also voices the spirits, fantastically embodies the cold-heartedness and vulnerability of wrinkly, scowling Scrooge. "A Christmas Carol" uses the same animation as "The Polar Express," but improved technology has allowed characters to not look as robot-like, giving them fuller expressions and greater relevance to the audience.

I'm somewhat cynical, so whenever I watch any version of "A Christmas Carol," I think to myself, "Scrooge, you had it coming." He refuses to donate to the poor, rudely declines his nephew's invitation to Christmas dinner, scorns any possibility of happiness, and shuts up a charming group of carolers with just one of his Scrooge-iest scowls. He has been a heartless, crotchety, fun-sucking leech his entire life, it is about time someone (or four spirits) motivates him to change.

I had to groan when halfway through the film, a giant ginger lumberjack named The Ghost of Christmas Present shows Scrooge what Christmas is like for his underpaid, overworked, verbally abused worker, Bob Cratchit. Spoiler Alert: he's poor! And Scrooge finds this shocking. So when his son, the adorable Tiny Tim hobbles in and says something like, "Gee, we have half a chicken this year, it's a Christmas miracle! Ow, my crippling illness," Scrooge begins to have the teensiest regret about treating his dad like the scum of the Earth.

Fast forward to Christmas Day, after various spirits have scared Scrooge into turning nice, and he is giving Tiny Tim a piggy-back. Please. Am I the only one still mad at Scrooge for being a complete jerk every day of his eighty-something years except today? Bah humbug.

**Bottom Line:** Fantastic 3D, beautiful effects, yet somewhat slow, cheesy, and not for the whole family. **B-**

## currently singin'

By **RYAN RIVARD**  
A&E Editor

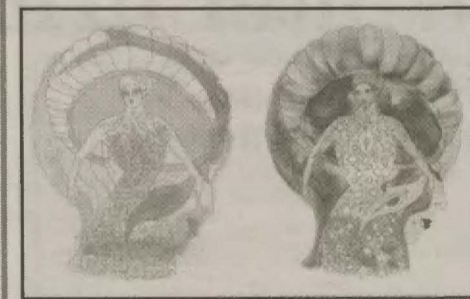


**Lady GaGa "Christmas Tree"** – With Christmas right around the corner, there is only one pop princess I want to hear serenading holiday cheer, and that is Ms. Poker

Face herself, Lady Gaga. We get the Christmas carol of the Aughts through the combination of Christmas classicism and modern pop. GaGa's trademark playful take on sexuality shimmers through her words as she sings "The only place you wanna be is / Underneath my Christmas Tree."

**Leona Lewis "I See You"** – In a shameless commercial attempt at replicating the monstrous success of the "Titanic" theme song, Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On," James Cameron has selected Leona Lewis' "I See You" as the "Avatar" theme. Hopefully the film isn't as laughably awful as this song, or else its \$500 million dollars down the drain, which would make it the biggest disappointment in movie history.

**Lil Wayne "On Fire"** – Weezy's long delayed "rock" album "Rebirth" looks like it is actually coming out at the end of the month. This latest single adds to the rapper's ever-growing list of song titles referencing fire. This firestorm samples the "Scarface" soundtrack gem "She's On Fire" by Amy Holland. All its 80s glory paired up with Wayne's slow warble in Auto-Tune certainly doesn't make it another "A Milli," but it's interesting to say the least.



FROM ROLLINGSTONE.COM

Billy Corgan and the current members of the Smashing Pumpkins have officially started their 44-song album "Teargarden by Kaleidyscope" with the first single "A Song for a Son." The album will be released one song at a time through free downloads. According to Corgan, the project is set to last three years.

**Smashing Pumpkins "A Song for a Son"** – The taste from Billy Corgan's ambitious 44-song album, "Teargarden by Kaleidyscope," can now be heard. "A Song For a Son" is the first single, and it sounds like "Stairway to Heaven" Pt. 2. It starts off with an intimate, classic rock feel, before catapulting into all sorts of places. Delving into psychedelic rock, this epic sets the tone for what is to come from this project. Corgan says he plans to release the entire album in a series of free downloads, with the next one coming soon.

## Holiday gift guide for students on a budget

By **KELYN BORTZ**  
Staff Writer

As a college student, I know how hard it is to find the perfect present on a limited budget. This gift guide will give you a few ideas on great buys that your friends and family will love.

### Parents

Many of us overlook the fact that our parents still exist when we're at school. The best part about buying gifts for parents is that most of them are not concerned about how expensive or big the present is. And, since we have been away for a few months, the more personal the gift, the better. Some inexpensive yet creative gifts include:

1. Personalized ornaments, which you can find in any mall. (\$)
2. Gift cards to their favorite restaurant (\*\*)
3. A picture frame with a family photo. (\$)

### Friends

Friends are probably the easiest to shop for, especially college friends, because you know them so well. Even if you cannot afford something extravagant, you can still find presents your friends will enjoy.

### Female Friends

1. Yankee Candle votive holders are beautifully decorated, and can be found for every season. (\$)
2. Bath and Body Works gift sets can be found in all of their incredible aromas. (\$, \$\$)
3. Winter accessories- Scarves, gloves, and hats are always needed at Marist once it gets cold. (\$, \$\$ depending on the material)

### Male Friends

1. Baseball Caps. Just make sure it's not white. (\$\$)
2. Video games are usually a universal gift for any college boy. (\$-\$\$\$\$ depending on the system)
3. iTunes Gift Cards so your friends have money to download their own music instead of stealing it from each other over the break. (\*\*)

### Significant Other

Because boyfriends and girlfriends are expected to buy something really romantic and expensive, we may be pressured to spend a lot of money that we do not have. But that doesn't have to be the case with these sweet, yet inexpensive gift ideas.

1. Photo Books from Snapfish.com can be designed in hundreds of different styles with your own pic-

tures. (\$-\$\$)

2. Jewelry- a watch for him and a necklace for her are universally loved gifts. (\$-\$\$\$\$)
3. Handmade coupons that he/she can use whenever they want for things like homemade dinners, a movie night, or just a hug. (0-\$\$, depending on what they are made out for)

### Siblings

Siblings, like parents, are another overlooked group of people in the lives of college kids. But your brother and sister enjoy knowing that you care just as much as your friends do.

1. Gift cards for iTunes, restaurants, etc. are always a necessity for any teenager. (\*\*)
2. A DVD that you know he/she has been wanting. (\$\$)
3. Games, like Apples to Apples or Scrabble, which you can play together. (\$)

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## When heroin hits home: Facts about the fix

By MEGHAN BARBOUR  
Circle Contributor

Last year, the usual Christmas tradition that my brother, Michael, and I share was broken. Last Christmas, I woke up early and went to see the presents under our tree without him. This is because Michael was one of the world's 2.3 million heroin addicts and decided to check into drug rehabilitation.

Last September, during my first semester at Marist, my family and I learned that Michael became addicted to heroin over the summer. I denied this knowledge when I first found out but the track marks on the undersides of Michael's arms proved me wrong.

According to the National Drug Intelligence Center, heroin is an illegal, highly addictive, and rapidly acting opiate, which is a drug that is derived from opium. Heroin is processed from morphine, a substance extracted from the seed pod of certain varieties of poppy plants. The National Institute on Drug Abuse explains that heroin is typically sold as a white, off-white or brownish colored powder or as a "black sticky substance know as black tar heroin," and can be injected, snorted or smoked.

Heroin is referred to in many terms such as Big H, China White, Diesel, Good H, Hell Dust, Horse, Junk, H, Mud, Poppy, Smack, Thunder, Train, White Junk, Chiva, or Dead on Arrival. Today, it is used by over 76,000 individuals ages 12 to 17. However, it is more commonly used by 474,000 individuals ages 18 to 25, which is a range that embodies college students.

Heroin can cause slow and shallow breathing, convulsions, coma, and even

death to first time users or regular users. Users run the risk of contracting HIV, AIDS or other diseases from sharing needles or other injection equipment with individuals. Over time, one develops a tolerance to the drug and begins needing increased doses to achieve the same intensity or effect that he/she received when first using it. In addition, addicted users who stop using heroin usually experience withdrawal symptoms that include craving, restlessness, muscle pain, bone pain, and vomiting.

Heroin also causes individuals to with-

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drawal from family confrontations or spending time with friends or even long-term romantic partners. These people may notice the heroin user to engage in secretive behavior and spend more time alone. Treatment4Addiction.com explains that change in attitude is very common because many addicts begin to have angry outbursts, mood swings, irritability and other types of manic behaviors. Also, users commonly neglect usual activities such as school work, sporting events and clubs. Lastly, physical appearance is affected because along with droopy eyelids, impaired night vision, and bruising, track marks develop on the skin from repeated injections.

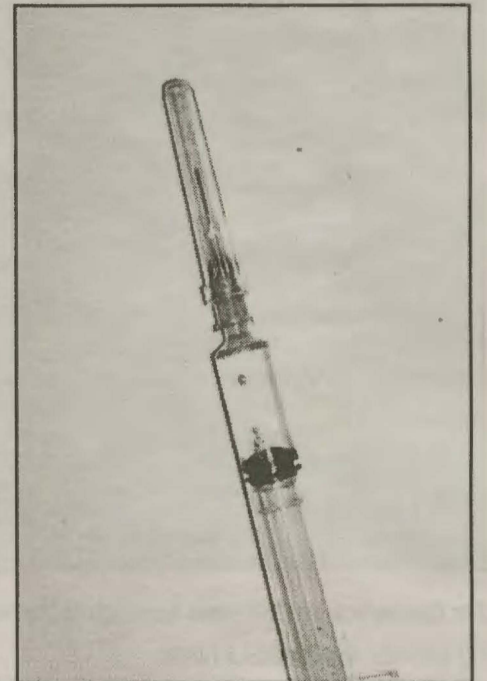
Now that we have covered the ways in which heroin affects users, lets discuss

addiction treatments. The first step in treating any drug addiction is to admit the problem. Many choose to tell loved ones that they are suffering and need help. However, since it is difficult for a user to admit that they have a problem, it may be easier to speak with a school counselor or psychologist first. This way, the user can comfortably break the ice and come clean to a professional who deals with addicted patients on a regular basis. Services such as these are free and available to any student at Marist College. For appointments, contact Health Services at 845-575-3270 or at [health.services@marist.edu](mailto:health.services@marist.edu) to schedule.

Also, if a loved one informs you of a drug addiction, don't walk away from them. It is important to listen to this person and direct them to professional help because they are in a time of confusion and need guidance. In addition, there are many rehabilitation centers in the United States that offer support, individual counseling, and twelve-step recovery programs. My brother attended such a program at The Florida House in Deerfield Beach, Florida, where he stayed until March of this year.

Other ways to treat addiction is to channel self-destruction energy into yoga, meditation, exercise, prayer, and local anonymous support groups. Lastly, regular group counseling sessions with specific dates and times help users like my brother remain on the road to sobriety.

In conclusion, heroin is a lethal drug that greatly affects users. Recovering and maintaining sobriety is a lifelong process. For my brother, this is a battle that continues to shadow him in his daily choices. I am thankful that he told my parents and I about his drug problem because without this first step, he



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A quick fix can turn into a lethal injection

may not have received the help he did.

This year, Michael will be with our family again on Christmas.

### Resources

Health Services:  
845-575-3270  
[health.services@marist.edu](mailto:health.services@marist.edu)

[Treatment4Addiction.com](http://Treatment4Addiction.com)

## Winter drink recipes

### Spiced Hot Dark Chocolate

Serves 4

1 quart soy milk  
6 ounces dark chocolate, coarsely chopped  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom  
1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper  
1/8 teaspoon coarse salt

In a small saucepan, combine all ingredients and whisk over medium-low heat until the chocolate has melted completely and the mixture is steaming hot, about 5 minutes. Serve.

### Sparkling Pear and Cranberry Cocktail

Serves 8

2 tablespoons dry cranberries  
1/2 cup organic pear nectar  
32 ounces Moscato d'Asti wine  
8 small sprigs fresh rosemary

1. Put cranberries in a small bowl; add 2 tablespoons warm water. Soak until cool, about 15 minutes. Drain, pat dry, and refrigerate until serving.

2. Divide pear nectar evenly among eight tall champagne glasses. Add cranberries, and then gently pour the Moscato d'Asti into the glasses. Garnish each with a rosemary sprig.

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# Broncs escape late surge from Marist

By JIM URSO  
Staff Writer

Trailing by just one basket, the Marist Red Foxes had a shot at their first win of the season against MAAC foe Rider on Sunday.

Daye Kaba missed a midrange jumper with four seconds remaining which would've tied the contest at 53.

"We spaced up, ran the dribble drive, and when they switched our goal was to attack the lane," coach Chuck Martin said. "We got the look we wanted, it just didn't go down."

Two Rider free throws sealed a 55-51 loss, Marist's sixth consecutive to start the season. Marist fell to 0-6 (0-2) in MAAC play. Rider, picked to finish third in the MAAC coaches poll, advanced to 6-3 on the season, notching their first MAAC win.

A late game surge fueled by three-pointers from Dejuan Goodwin and Sam Prescott cut an eight point lead with 1:41 remaining to one with 12 seconds left.

"Our players left that game with more belief in the coaches and with more belief in themselves," Martin said. "They saw that if they do the little things and work together, they can compete even though they're young guys."

Prescott led Marist with 14 points on 6-for-13 shooting. Kaba added 13 points and nine rebounds off the bench. Goodwin finished with nine points.

In arguably their best performance of the season, Marist was again hindered by their inability to play well at the start of the game.

Marist trailed 10-2 to start the game, scoring 15 total points in the first half, while accumulating 15 turnovers in the first 20 minutes.



FILE PHOTO/THE CIRCLE

Marist awaits the return of point guard R.J. Hall, who is academically ineligible for the semester. With Hall unable to play, Dejuan Goodwin has stepped in to play point guard.

Slow starts have been a recurring theme this season for the young Foxes. In their six games, Marist has been outscored by only 10 points combined in the second half.

However, they've been outscored by 73 points in the first half.

"We're just not getting stops to start the game," Martin said.

The Red Foxes are hurt by the absence of sophomore point guard R.J. Hall, who is academically ineligible for the fall semester. Marist has turned the ball over 37 times in their last two games, and average 16 per game.

"Dejuan has done a good job in a very difficult situation," Martin said of Goodwin, who traditionally plays

shooting guard.

Many of these errors are unforced by defenses and are a byproduct of timing and spacing issues young teams face.

The Foxes held NBA bound Ryan Thompson to just 1 point on 0-for-8 shooting. Martin credits assistant coach Paul Lee for his proficiency in scouting Thompson, and his players for executing on defense.

"Paul found the places he [Thompson] likes to shoot from, and we committed to the zone to take those spots away from him," Martin said.

Marist gained some momentum from their Dec. 3 Thursday night MAAC opener against Fairfield. Marist fell 70-61, but was competi-

tive for the duration of the game. Fairfield was tied for fifth in the MAAC preseason rankings.

Goodwin scored 18 points on 6-for-9 shooting. Freshmen Rob Johnson and Candon Rusin added 13 and 11 points, respectively.

With 14:04 to play, a three-pointer by Dorvell Carter tied the score at 38 apiece. A three-pointer by Rusin gave Marist a 45-44 lead with 8:07 remaining. However, the Foxes wouldn't score another field goal until 3:32. By this point, the stags had gained control of the game.

These last two games were two incremental steps in the Foxes' continuing growing process. Marist has seen considerable maturation since a 37 point debacle against Hartford. These improvements just haven't manifested into a win.

A number of players have shown their ability to step up and score points. No player is averaging double digit scoring, but five players are averaging between seven and nine points per game. This shows that consistency from game to game is a missing element.

"Our guys don't feel like they're 0-6," Martin said. "They're very enthusiastic about improving." Martin hopes they can maintain the momentum from two competitive conference games.

Their loss against Rider ends a brutal six game road trip to start the season. Four non-conference games within that stretch may turn out to help Marist in conference play.

This Saturday, Dec. 12, Marist will make their home debut against America-East opponent Boston University. BU is 3-6, but was picked to finish first in the America East Conference. Tip-off is slated for 2 p.m.

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## Women's basketball begins homestand following weekend

floor.

Marist started the second half by making five consecutive shots, including a 3-point play from Rachele Fitz and two consecutive threes from Lynzee Johnson to give Marist a 42-25 advantage.

"If you're open, you've got to shoot," Johnson said. "Like coach always says, 'You're in there to shoot the ball, so shoot. Because if you don't, I'm going to take you out.' If you're not on, you just have to shoot into your rhythm."

The Red Fox advantage ballooned to 21 points, 48-27, following a Maria Laterza layup with 12:53 remaining.

Larrissa Williams, who led the Golden Hurricanes in scoring with 20 points on 7-of-16 shooting, trimmed the Marist lead to 15 following a jump shot and two converted free-throws on back-to-back possessions halfway through the second half.

Marist soon embarked on a 7-0 run over the next two minutes, including a 3-point shot from Elise Caron, to increase the lead to 21 points again.

At the 9:25 mark, Best connected on a jump shot in transition that



RYAN HUTTON/THE CIRCLE

Senior Rachele Fitz is averaging 21.7 points per game this season and has led Marist in scoring in all but one of its eight games this year.

gave the Red Foxes their largest lead of the game with a 22-point advantage. Tulsa got as close as 15

points for the remainder of the contest, and Marist held on for the 69-52 victory.

Marist outrebounded their opponents 47 to 43, an area that the Red Foxes have struggled with early on this season. Even though Marist edged its opponent in the category during this game, there is still room for improvement.

"We still lost our bodies, the defender, a lot when we were trying to box out," Fitz said. "We knew they [Tulsa] were a good rebounding team both offensively and defensively"

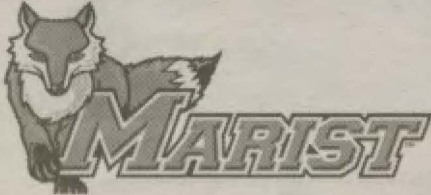
Guard Katheryn Lyons, who previously attended the University of Maryland, saw her first action in a Marist uniform early in the first half as she subbed in for Johnson.

The redshirt sophomore was cleared by the NCAA a day before the game after transferring during the 2007-2008 season.

"I was definitely excited to be out there," Lyons said. "It's a little different. I haven't played a game in a year-and-a-half, so it's different. Practice isn't the same as a game."

"I'm just glad to be out there and glad to be back."

After a 61-43 loss to the St. Bonaventure Bonnies on Dec. 6, Marist now currently holds an overall record of 4-3.



# The Fox Trot

## Quick hits of the week in Marist athletics



FILE PHOTO/THE CIRCLE

Captain Colin Frederickson placed third in the 400 meter dash and helped Marist place second in the 1600 meter relay in last year's MAAC championship. Frederickson skipped the meet this weekend to take the Law School Admission Test.

The Marist men's and women's swimming and diving teams entered the **swimming and diving** H2Ounds Invitational at Loyola University over the weekend, taking on Loyola, Delaware and Iona.

The men's team struggled overall as they finished the tournament 0-3. But there were some excellent individual achievements.

"Our goal going into these competitions was to try to achieve as many season best times as we pos-

sibly could," coach Larry J. VanWanger said. "And we did that on the men's side, achieving over 70 percent season best times."

Junior Brian Bolstad and senior Mitchell Katz finished first and second respectively in the 3-meter dive, while senior Kevin Quinn scored in the top 10 in the 200-yard backstroke as well as the 200-yard butterfly.

The women's team left Baltimore with a 2-1 record, beating Loyola and Iona.

The Marist track team performed winningly at their indoor season opener in the Yale Invitational held on Dec. 5. Several athletes recorded personal bests in their respective events, marking a positive start to the upcoming season. Junior Alexander Cuesta stood out, running a personal best of 2:01.28 in the 800 meter. Cuesta also placed seventh overall in addition to winning his heat.

The Red Foxes exhibited dominance in the 3,000 meter run, placing seven runners among the top eleven finishers. Junior Nick Webster finished in third, the highest of the Marist runners. Freshman Alex Ward finished fifth, besting his lowest time by a generous amount. Sophomore Michael McCloskey was Marist's top finisher in the 60-meter dash, placing 18th, and also sprinting his way to a personal best. Freshman Matt Panebianco came in seventh in the mile run with a time of 4:40.14.

Marist came through strongly in the pole vault event. Senior Max Carow placed fourth with an impressive 4.12 meter distance. Freshman Henry Zhang also did well, vaulting his way to an eighth place finish with another personal best of 3.82 meters.

The track team has plenty of time to rest after an eventful season opener. They will begin competing again next year at the Armory on Jan. 8.

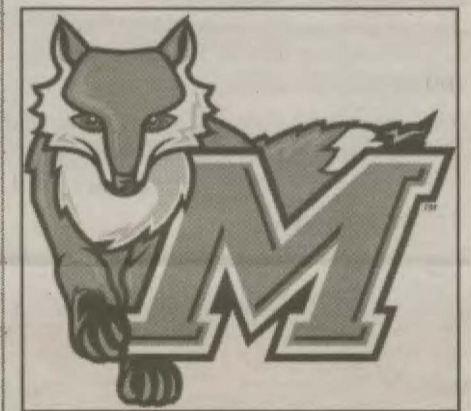
-Compiled by Chris Eisenhardt

The Marist College Dance Team will be holding its Student vs. Faculty Basketball Game this Thursday, Dec. 10 from 7-10 p.m. in the McCann Center.

The game, featuring the student team, New Cali, and the well-rounded faculty team led by Desmond Murray, will be held in order to raise money for the National Meningitis Association. Students who are attending may donate to the cause as well, and will receive a raffle ticket upon entry for a chance to win gift cards from several local sponsors.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the foundation in memory of Caitlin Boyle, a former dance team captain who passed away from the disease in 2005. Come down and help the Marist College Dance Team in their fight against meningitis.

-Compiled by Rich Arleo



## Red Hot Fox: Marist's star athlete of the week

By VINNY GINARDI  
Staff Writer

From the sound of the gun to the moment she crossed the finish line, the Marist sophomore never trailed, winning her first race of the season in convincing fashion. Addie DiFrancesco of the Marist women's track and field team placed first in the 3,000-meter run at the Yale Season Open at Coxe Cage on Saturday.

"She's a pretty talented runner. She's coming off a very strong cross country season and it carried through into this race," coach Pete Colaizzo said.



**Addie DiFrancesco**  
Sophomore - Cross Country

DiFrancesco crossed the finish line in a time of 10:19.99, 30 sec-

onds ahead of Julie Lanning of Quinnipiac, who finished second, and nearly a minute ahead of third place finisher Kishouri Mahulika, also of Quinnipiac.

DiFrancesco paced extremely well throughout the race, running her 1,000 meter splits in almost identical times. For the first 1,000 meters of the 15 lap race, DiFrancesco ran the distance in 3:27.6. She then covered the next 1,000 meters slightly faster, in a time of 3:26.6 and finished the final five laps in 3:27.

"That's her strength," Colaizzo said. "She's able to lock into a pace and hold it."

Senior Holly Burns led the sprint-

second place in all of Saturday's relays. Freshman Katie Conard finished first in the 200-yard backstroke with sophomore Allison Kreho close behind in fourth. The 200 yard breaststroke saw freshman Chelsea Unger finishing in second place, two seconds ahead of teammate Katie Larkin.

Marist will travel to Bethlehem, Pa. to take on Lehigh on Jan 1.

-Compiled by Scott Atkins

ing performance for the Red Foxes, placing 5th in the 400 meter dash in 1:01.1 and 9th in the 200 meter dash in a time of 29.64. As for the field events, sophomore Brooke Kristensen finished fourth in the triple jump (9.71 meters) and seventh in the long jump (4.40 meters).

"It was an early season meet and a good way to get everyone going for the season ahead," Colaizzo said.

The Marist women's track and field team's first meet is followed by a long break. The Red Foxes will be back in action on Jan. 8, where they will travel to the New York City Armory for the NYU Metro Collegiate Coaches Invitational.



## Red Foxes weather Golden Hurricanes

By PHILIP TERRIGNO  
Sports Editor

Over the course of a Marist women's basketball season, two things are certain: the wins will be plentiful, but they will not all be picture-perfect.

In its 69-52 victory over the visiting Tulsa Golden Hurricanes on Dec. 4, Marist took advantage of its opponents shooting woes to overcome its own struggles in what was a contest marred by poor offensive displays from both sides.

"It wasn't pretty, but we'll take the win," coach Brian Giorgis said.

Marist shot 27.3 percent from the floor in the first half, while Tulsa compiled a 22.6 percent shooting effort, including going 0-for-6 from 3-point range.

Playing against a lengthy, lanky Conference USA opponent, the Red Foxes were unable to execute the game plan they prepared for prior to the game.

"We knew the scout, and we still let people do things they like to do," Giorgis said. "A lot of it was our frontcourt [players] that really struggled knowing and understanding the scout."

Marist was hoping to force the Golden Hurricanes to shoot the ball, an area in which they had struggled. It was not Giorgis' wish, however, to allow the taller, more athletic Tulsa squad to cut and slash its way to the basket.

"Even with the guards, we're getting beat off the dribble," Giorgis said. "We want these people [Tulsa] to shoot from the perimeter because they're not good shooters. They haven't shown good shooting percentages."

Marist remained tied at two with Tulsa through the first 2:55 of the game until a Rachele Fitz layup gave the Red Foxes a lead that they would not relinquish for the entire contest.

Nearly halfway through the first half, with Marist leading 9-7, forward Brandy Gang went down under the visiting hoop, grabbing her left ankle. Marist medical personnel helped Gang off the court. The sophomore did not return to the game, but has practiced since the incident.

Kristine Best and Lynzee Johnson connected on 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions to give Marist a 7-point lead with 6:33 remaining in the contest.

Best's performance was certainly needed for the Red Foxes, who were playing without junior Erica Allenspach. Averaging nearly 14 points per game, Allenspach was sidelined due to an ankle sprain.

Finishing with 13 points on 4-for-7 shooting, it was Best's career-high in points.

"She had a great game," Giorgis said. "Seven assists, she had the one bad turnover at the end, but other than that she had a great game."

Illustrating the offensive struggles by both sides, there was a stretch starting immediately after Johnson's 3-pointer until the 4:58 mark in which the two teams combined for seven missed shots and one turnover.

Although the Red Foxes held the Golden Hurricanes to just two-field goals during the first 11:06 of the game, Tulsa clawed back into the contest, and trailed by 10 at half-time.

Getting the first start of her career, 6'4" freshman Kate Oliver finished with just five points on 2-of-13 shooting, but contributed with three blocks, two steals and two assists.

Sophomore guard Corielle Yarde, who scored 28 points against Oklahoma State University during the



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Following a 80-58 victory over the George Washington Colonials in the Bahamas, Marist followed up with a 69-52 win over Tulsa, a Conference USA team.

Red Foxes recent trip to the Bahamas, connected on two free-throws, but was 0-for-7 from the

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### MARIST INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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