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# Students arrested for fire violations

## May face prison time for tampering with Leo Hall sprinklers

By DAVID MIELACH  
Staff Writer

Residents of Leo Hall received an unexpected wake-up call Friday, March 6 when a fire alarm activated the sprinkler system, forcing students to spend the night in the cafeteria.

The incident, which occurred at 2:32 a.m., was investigated by Poughkeepsie Police and Marist Security, who determined it was intentional.

Juniors Jonathan Van Dyke, Corey Perkins and Anthony Dinelli were arrested and charged with second degree criminal mischief and second degree falsely reporting an incident, both felonies. The students were also charged with fifth degree conspiracy, a misdemeanor. Van Dyke is listed on the Marist Web site as the Resident Assistant for the third floor of Leo Hall.

"All we can say now is what was in the police report since there is still an ongoing investigation," said John Gildard, Director of Safety and Security at Marist College.

Slight water damage can still be seen on the ceiling of this Leo Hall stairwell. On March 6, three Marist students purposely set off the fire alarm system, causing flooding to the dorm. The elevator was damaged and housing staff said it hopes it will be fixed before move-out day.



ROBIN MINITER/THE CIRCLE

"The students involved, however, may be facing possible prison time depending on how things play out."

The scene inside however was confusing for residents.

"When the alarm went off we thought it was just a regular fire alarm," said freshman Tiffany Santana, who lives on

ated and students were allowed to return to their rooms floor-by-floor Friday, after the authorities had determined foul play was involved.

"All we can say at this point is that a criminal act occurred in which the sprinkler system was tampered with," said Patricia Houmiel, Assistant Director of Housing and Residential Life. "There was a significant amount of water damage which originated between the roof and the sixth floor at the East End of the building. The elevator was damaged extensively and will hopefully be ready for the move out at the end of the semester."

Although the majority of the damage was not to student rooms, those affected are currently being fixed.

"Few student rooms were affected," said Anthony Izzo, Resident Director of Leo Hall. "The damage was most prevalent in the staff apartments, stairwells and elevator. The tiles and walls were water damaged but most of the damage has been fixed at this point."

the fifth floor. "It got unusual, however, when the one stairwell was wet with dirty water and we had to walk to the other stairwell to get out. We waited on the lawn for over an hour before realizing this was not normal."

The incident forced the entire dormitory to be evacu-

# Endowment suffers significant financial setback

By KRISTEN DOMONELL  
Staff Writer

The effects of the economic downturn have spread from Wall Street to North Road.

The investment pool at Marist has declined 23 percent since the end of June, but administration is confident the college will continue to thrive.

Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer Jeanne Plecenik said Marist's investment pool, which includes the endowment and other reserves set aside over the years, is at \$90 million, a sharp decline from \$117 million in June 2008.

"That is a huge loss obviously, but not as big as some other schools or the market in general," Plecenik said. "It is still obviously very painful."

Most colleges are dealing with economic problems. One recently released survey on 791 American public and private colleges reported that endowments fell 3 percent in the fiscal year ending June 30,

and a smaller group estimated a 23 percent drop in the first five months of fiscal year 2009, which began in July.

At Marist, pool funds are invested and five percent of the interest earned each year is used to maintain and improve the campus. Plecenik said schools with endowments in the billions have been hit harder, since they rely on those funds for operation.

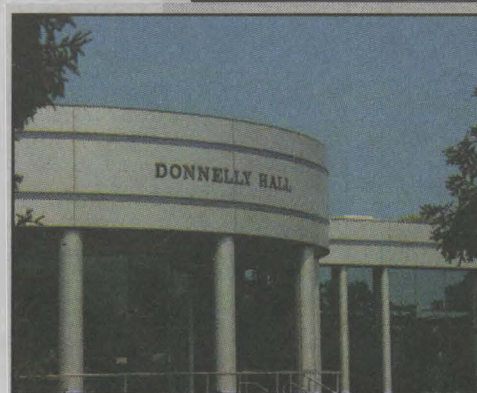
Recently, less than five miles away, Vassar College had to eliminate seven staff positions and decided not to renew 16 adjunct faculty contracts that end June 30. Marist has not made any faculty or staff cuts.

Executive Vice President Roy Merolli said the difference between Marist and schools like Harvard, Yale or Vassar is that Marist does not use its endowment to support any operating expenses.

"Marist operates primarily on tuition and fees generated by enrollment," Merolli said.

"The more you take

**"Will families be able to afford a private college education?"**



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Like most colleges, Marist has experienced trickle-down effects of the failing economy. School administration, located in Donnelly Hall, has reported a loss of \$27 million since June 2008.

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operating budget, the more this is going to hurt you."

Merolli said the goal of administration has been to maintain the same academic and student services despite the economic situation. He said he believes Marist offers a good value for the tuition it charges and that the college tries to keep its price reasonable for a private college.

One concern Merolli has is that some students may choose to attend public schools, but he said spring enrollment is strong and fall 2009 applications are up from 2008.

"With the economy being the way it is and with people losing their jobs," Merolli said, "Will families be able to afford a private college education?"

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## Security Briefs

# Cat burglar disturbs peace during spring break

By TYLER THURSTON  
...funnier than you.

3/18 – Campus

While mostly all was quiet on campus during spring break, mostly due to the whole not everybody being here sort of thing, there was one isolated incident that occurred in a warehouse on campus. The burglary alarm sounded twice, opting security to check out the situation for themselves. Upon arrival, the culprit was apprehended, and it turned out to be a cat. Yup, top story of the week is about a precocious feline. This is what I'm working with, a renegade kitty. Body shots in Cancun, random hookups in South Beach, and cat invasions in Poughkeepsie. Crazy times.

3/23 – Champagnat

Some alert Champagnat residents reported seeing a suspicious person loitering outside Champagnat, smoking cigarettes and pacing back and fourth. When questioned by security, the man in question said he was waiting for a cab to the train station. Really? Pretty sure the last guy I saw pacing frantically and chain smoking was waiting for his meth dealer, but maybe I just run with the wrong crowd. He very well could've been waiting for a train. Probably to take him to his dealer, but really, one can only hope.

3/23 – Campus

Two students were involved in an accident on campus, when the wind forced one

driver's door into the door of the other car. I mean, it's only the end of March, why wouldn't the wind be howling at 20 mph? Although, so far the only accident the wind has caused that I know of is for me to accidentally miss class. I mean, I love to be whipped in the face by a nice gust as much as the next guy, but there's only so much weather I can take. And when the scenic views of the Hudson start to rival "The Perfect Storm," that's where me and Mother Nature need to talk. And by talk, I mean vicious screaming and a few shots straight to the face. Preferably with a giant draft of wind, if only for the irony.

3/24 – Lower West

There was a noise complaint in Lower West, with

the party in question agreeing to quiet it down. Well, that was a letdown. It's like the kids who go straight to bed right after mom tells them too. At least mix it up a bit. Maybe bring a cat into the situation, that will at least get you top billing.

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# Politics

## Special election draws down to the wire

By HEATHER STAATS  
Politics Editor

As the days wind down in New York's 20th Congressional District's special election, both candidates are working hard to get out the vote. So far, the biggest issue at hand seems to be President Obama's stimulus package.

Volunteers for Democrat Scott Murphy and Republican Jim Tedisco are pushing ahead with traditional methods of making phone calls and knocking on doors. They are also using technology to their advantage by adding friends on social networks and using Twitter to communicate electronically with voters. Because voter turnout is historically low in special elections, volunteer efforts are crucial.

Joseph Mercurio, a New York City-based political consultant, said to the *Times Union* that, "The March 31 election could come down to a few hundred votes."

Another way that parties are reaching voters is through campaign ads on television. According to the Associated Press, the National Republican Congressional Committee has spent \$329,000 advertising against Murphy.

"I don't live in the 20th Congressional District, but I have seen a lot of the ads on TV from both parties," said Meghan O'Neill, sophomore. "It seems like both candidates are concentrating on tearing each other down and it certainly turns me off to both of them."



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Democrat Scott Murphy (left) and Republican Jim Tedisco (right) see the home stretch in the special election for the 20th District.

Tedisco disagrees with Obama's stimulus package. "What we should have done was go back to the drawing board," Tedisco said to the *Times Union*, "get a stimulus package that truly creates jobs, invests in infrastructure and the economy."

Conversely, Murphy stands behind the president. "The right choice was for the federal government to help us through this crisis with the stimulus," Murphy said to the *Times Union*. "This is the shock absorber that could start to turn the economy around."

This election is an important one for both parties. Although the Democrats have a wide majority in the United States House of Representatives, this election will help to unmask public opinion about Obama's economic stimulus plan.

The district is mainly conservative. It is composed of a mostly white, rural, middle class constituency which has elected Republicans for years, including George W. Bush twice. Things changed in 2006 with the election of Kirsten Gillibrand over controversial John Sweeney. Gillibrand won re-election in 2008 and the district has been a bit more

left-leaning since, narrowly electing President Obama over opponent John McCain.

Tedisco is the minority leader in the New York State Assembly. Because of this, he has name recognition on his side. However, he resides just outside the 20th Congressional District, something that he is criticized for.

Murphy is a venture capitalist. He is relatively unknown, but was criticized for a company that he started in India, and for tax warrants on a former company.

The research institute at Siena College published a report on March 12 stating that Murphy has cut Tedisco's lead from 46-34 percent to 45-41 percent. This puts the race within the margin of error and shows that this election may be closer than originally anticipated.

Marist students who are registered to vote in Hyde Park or Red Hook may vote at polling stations next Tuesday, March 31. For more information on each candidate and for local campaigning opportunities visit their Web sites, jimtedisco.com and scottmurphy09.com.

## On Marist's mind

Would you date somebody outside your political party? Why or why not?

By ROBIN MINITER  
Photography Editor



Jess Biercevic  
Freshman  
Mathematics

"I would because I am open to new ideas. I don't judge based on political beliefs - just on their heart and the foods they eat."

Talene Inejan  
Freshman

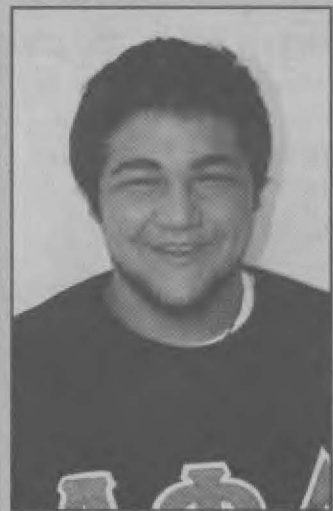
Psychology/ Special Ed.



"Political beliefs are important - I wouldn't want to be with someone who supported the war, but was 'pro-life,' and rejected me for getting my groove on."

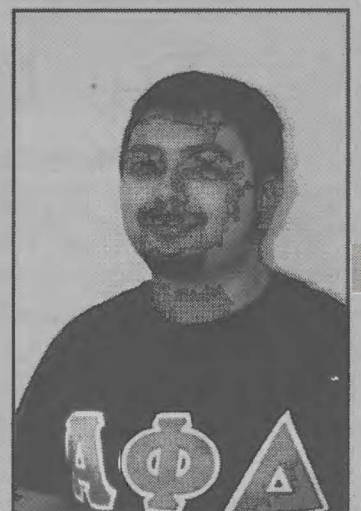
Tony Naclerio  
Freshman  
Biology

"Sure, but we'd argue all the time, but I love arguing. It's fun."



John Vigliotti  
Sophomore  
English/Writing

"I wouldn't press my opinions on other people. I would date them if it were someone I really cared about. That's the beauty of living in America."



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# It's my party, and I'll love who I want to

By JOSEPH GENTILE  
Staff Writer

If opposites truly attract, then it should be assumed that everybody could get along. Sportsmen could serenade vegetarians, dog-lovers could share their umbrellas with cat-lovers, and liberals could seduce their conservative sweethearts. These things all "could" happen. But if they do, they are called exceptions. For somebody of distinct political stripes, such as myself, it matters to me that the guy I date gives a damn. Even still, with such a limited pool of suitors, ideological litmus tests tend to limit my options. Why should it matter to me if a cute guy cast his ballot for a Republican, or if he considers a policy of President Obama's to be socialist?

Just as others might hesitate at the first hint of bad breath, I can be just as turned-off by party affiliation. Or, as the title of a Facebook group I joined reads, "Every Time I Find Out a Cute Boy is Conservative, a Little Part of Me Dies."

Whenever I'm asked about

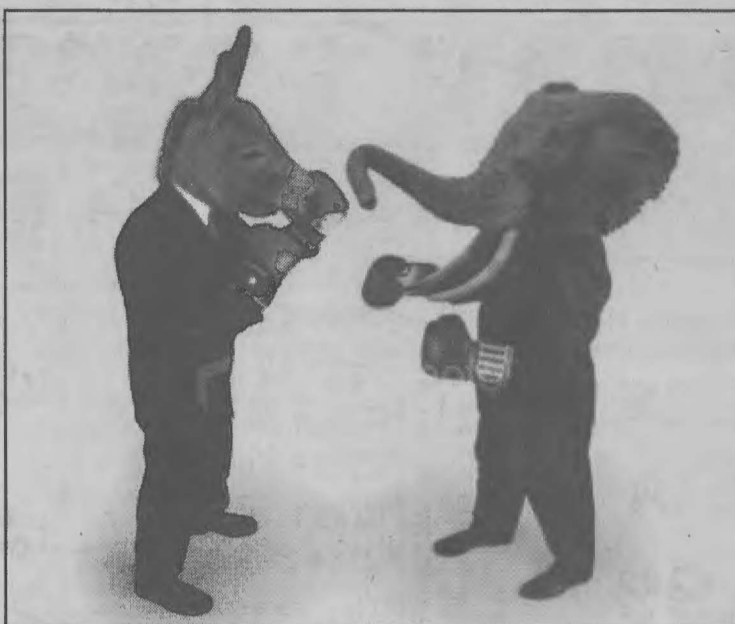
my favorite oxymoron, I go with the traditional stand-by of "gay Republican." For the life of me, I cannot begin to understand why these gays fumble their dignity for a group that treats their civil rights like a football up for grabs.

So, when I meet a guy that merits my attention, I want to see his true colors before I dim the lights. They either compliment my blue-state swagger, or harshly clash against it.

Then again, if you open a box of crayons, no two blue or red shades are exactly alike. Certain hues stand out more brightly than others. Combined together, the integration of coolness and heat create a pleasing, regal purple that gently massages the eyes.

However, as with most things, the importance of moderation cannot be emphasized enough. That is because the harder I keep pressing, the more wildly he swerves, and the image of us gets muddled by muddy overtones.

Subsequently, it is not the intensity of the color, but the temperament of the artist that



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Can the donkey and the elephant ever see eye to eye... in bed?

matters to me the most. Once he and I understand the colors each of us refuse to compromise upon, the sooner we may find the shades that suit us both. Fortunately for myself, my four years at Marist taught me

I can loosen my kung-fu grip and not let go of my principles altogether. Most of the men I met were not nearly opinionated as me. But that is certainly not to say there were not disagreements to be had.

Because they could not speak tolerance, several acquaintances were too toxic to continue. Others I sabotaged for my youthful obsession with the need to be right. Time and time again, life experiences shatter what seemingly should not bend, and molds must reshape.

Ultimately, I say do not be afraid to sometimes make exceptions for exceptional people.

But if I discover he did not bother to cast his ballot, then I hope he finds the floor comfy.

## Dalai Lama drama

By MIKE NAPOLITANO  
Staff Writer

It saddens my heart to hear that the South African government will not allow the Dalai Lama to participate in a peace conference in Johannesburg. In a statement, the South African government wrote that they did not want to stress their relations with China, an important economic ally to the country. Although it is difficult for the country to rectify its role as a leader of the developing world, I would expect better from their government.

Although South Africa has only been a democracy for 15 years, they have demonstrated great pragmatism in the field of human rights and peace. As the spiritual leader of millions of conflict ridden people and one of the most respected peace advocates in the world, the Dalai Lama is the symbol of harmony and hope in the world; barring him from participating in the conference would be a distinct step back for South Africa.

This decision on the part

of the South African government is being described by some solely as a "business" decision. This is quite clear as the South African government is engaging in a very poor attempt to please the Chinese government, one of South Africa's largest trading allies. As a nation that has overcome so much oppression and segregation, South Africa should understand the importance of peace.

Many Nobel peace prize laureates who were planning on attending the conference are now planning on not attending because of the absence of his holiness. Desmond Tutu, the former archbishop of Cape Town and a Nobel peace laureate, is one of the absentees who was quoted in saying that excluding the Dalai Lama is "disgraceful."

One issue that is clearly not being addressed here is that peace is not something that a government can deny on the basis of business. Although the Dalai Lama advocates

for a free Tibet, it doesn't mean that he is going to slander the Chinese government during the conference nor does it mean that South Africa's relationship with China is going to be jeopardized.

More than anything else in the world now, peace is something that we should all be striving for. Through all the turmoil of the global society, with the interconnectedness of the world becoming ever clearer, peace is becoming more of a necessity. Excluding his holiness from the proceedings at this conference is not going to achieve any additional positive outcome for the world.

We will only achieve peace if we all strive for its attainment, people and government.

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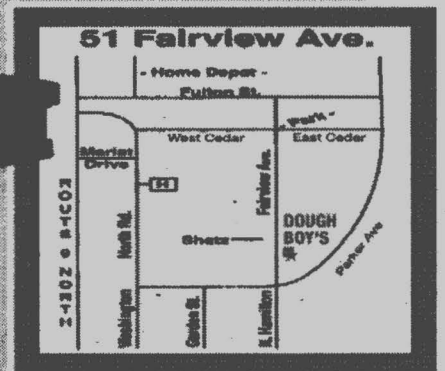
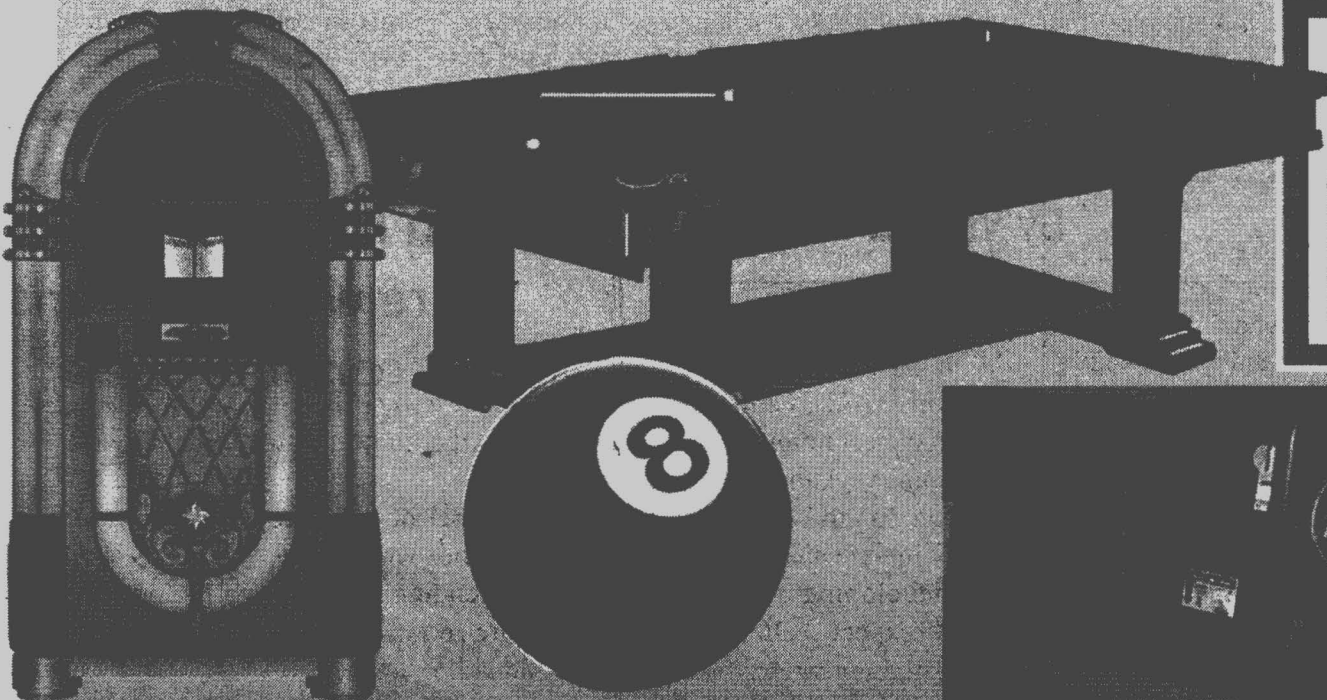
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# Features

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## The early tweeter gets the news: Twitter gains popularity

By KAIT SMITH  
Editor-In-Chief

Now that Myspace is officially old news and parents have taken over Facebook, the time has come for a new breed of social networking that doesn't involve invasion of privacy and embarrassing photos from the bar. Luckily, that new breed has already arrived.

Enter: Twitter.

Twitter.com, a social networking Web site, allows users to post updates (often referred to as "tweets") about anything — as long as it's under 140 characters. Users often share news, interesting links, inspirational quotes, or even what they are eating for dinner that evening.

Once a user joins, he or she can subscribe (or "follow") friends and other Twitter users and get their updates instantly. Some people update several times a day, while others do it once every few days.

In a recent column, *New York Times* technology columnist David Pogue discussed his initial confusion with

Twitter, including what some refer to as the "rules" of Twitter usage as determined by "tweeters" (Twitter users). One rule, Pogue said, told users to market their businesses on Twitter. Another rule by another user said to never do such a thing. A different rule said to strictly use Twitter to tell others what you're doing; a few clicks later, Pogue found a rule warning not to do such a thing.

To clear up his uncertainty, he spoke with Evan Williams, a co-founder of the site, and came up with his own conclusion.

"It can be a business tool, a teenage time-killer, a research assistant, and a news source—whatever. There are no rules, or at least none that apply equally well to everyone," Pogue said.

Put simply, there is no right or wrong way to use Twitter — and that's the beauty of it. According to Twitter's Web site, "People follow the sources most relevant to them and access information via Twitter as it happens—from breaking world news to

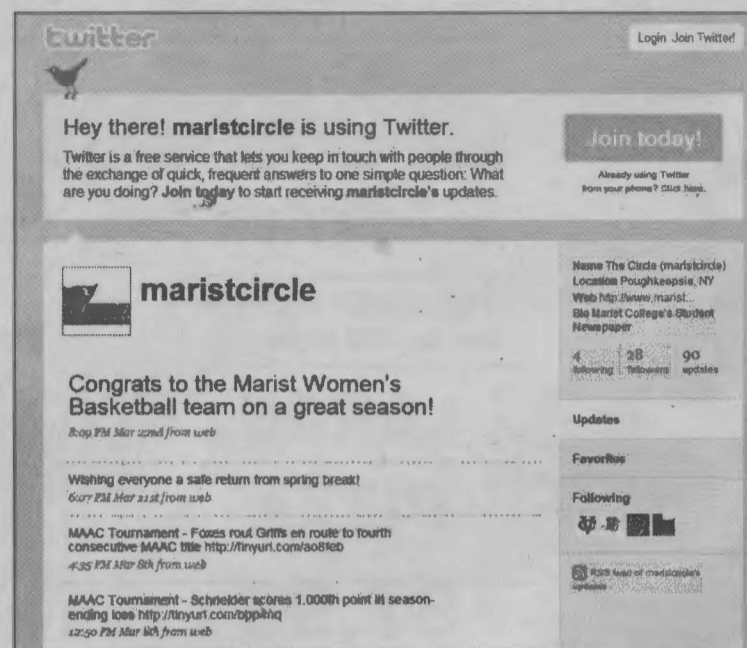
updates from friends."

The use of Twitter to share news has made it a go-to source for breaking updates on current events. Twitter users became the prime source for updates on the "Take Back NYU" campaign and on the Flight 1549 crash in January.

Don't believe it? Get on Twitter and find out. According to the *Boston Globe*, one of the first reports of US Airways Flight 1549's emergency landing in the Hudson River on Jan. 15 was made by Florida businessman Janis Krums: "There's a plane in the Hudson. I'm on the ferry going to pick up the people. Crazy."

Krums published this brief statement of disbelief via Twitter.

Since updates are in real time, it has become a form of live microblogging. Krums' "tweet," which included a picture of the passengers standing on the wing of the fallen plane, was shared by way of "re-tweeting" the information. The news, which had yet to reach some major media outlets, was soon being shared



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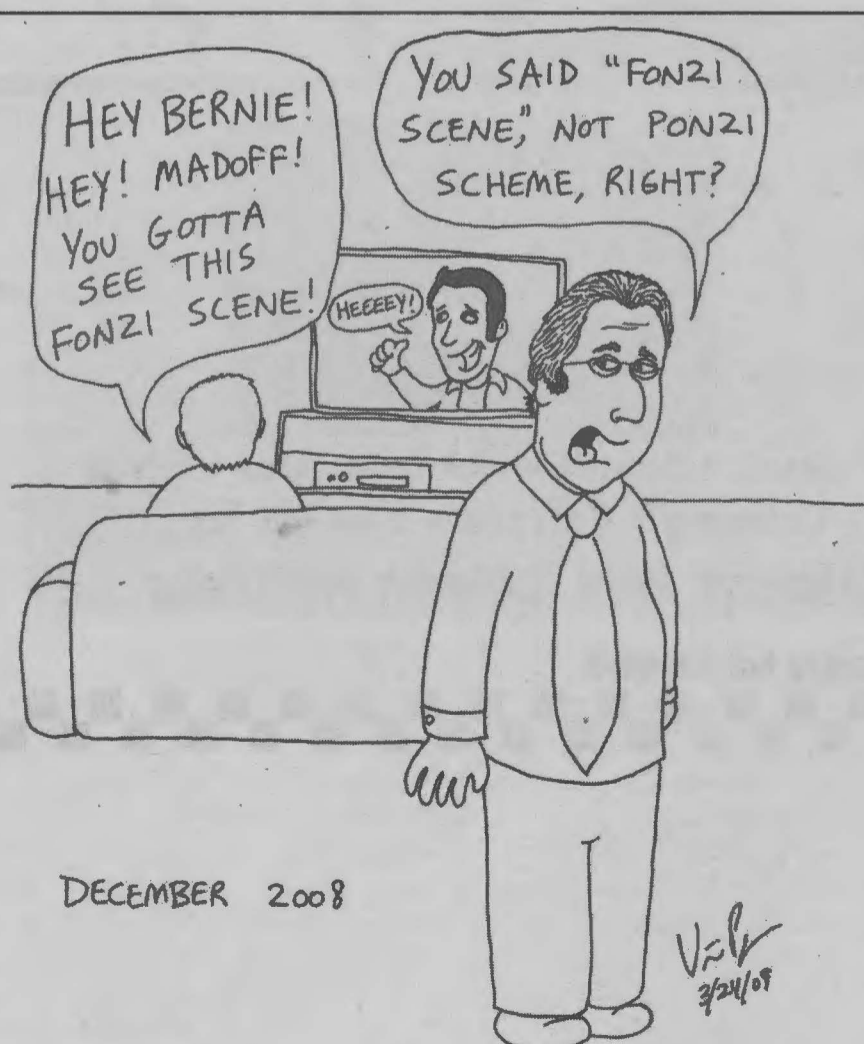
News on Twitter isn't strictly reserved for citizen journalists, however. Media outlets like the *New York Times* and CNN use Twitter accounts to share the latest headlines and breaking news. College media outlets, like Marist's *Circle* and WMAR, have also started "tweeting" to promote club activities. If you're more into "infotainment," you can follow gossipers like Perez

Hilton and get the latest celebrity news right on your Twitter feed.

In the end, Twitter is what you make of it — at least, that's what Pogue says. Whether users choose to follow the *New York Times*, celebrities or friends from home, the instant gratification of microblogging is becoming a valuable source of information for all who choose to "tweet."

### cartoon corner

By VINNIE PAGANO



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# Senior Spotlight: Social networking helps with job search

By CLARE LANGAN  
Staff Writer

As graduation approaches on May 23, Marist College seniors are increasingly using online social networking sites to connect with industry professionals. Sites like Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter allow students to develop contacts with companies and network with alumni. As the job market continues to plummet, Marist students are looking for new ways to connect to potential employers.

Online social networking has been popular among college students since the launch of Facebook five years ago. Such websites allow users to build personal profiles, post photos, and message other users. Originally created for college students, these sites have prospered during the social networking boom in the last few years. More recently, social networking sites have jumped into the professional world.

Previously, a resume and a cover letter was all a student needed to get a job. Online social networking has made this personal information public. As Marist seniors start looking for internships and jobs, many students choose to alter their Facebook profiles by deleting pictures, editing their profiles, and "blocking" certain users. These privacy settings are precautions students take, as many employers search these sites during the hiring process.

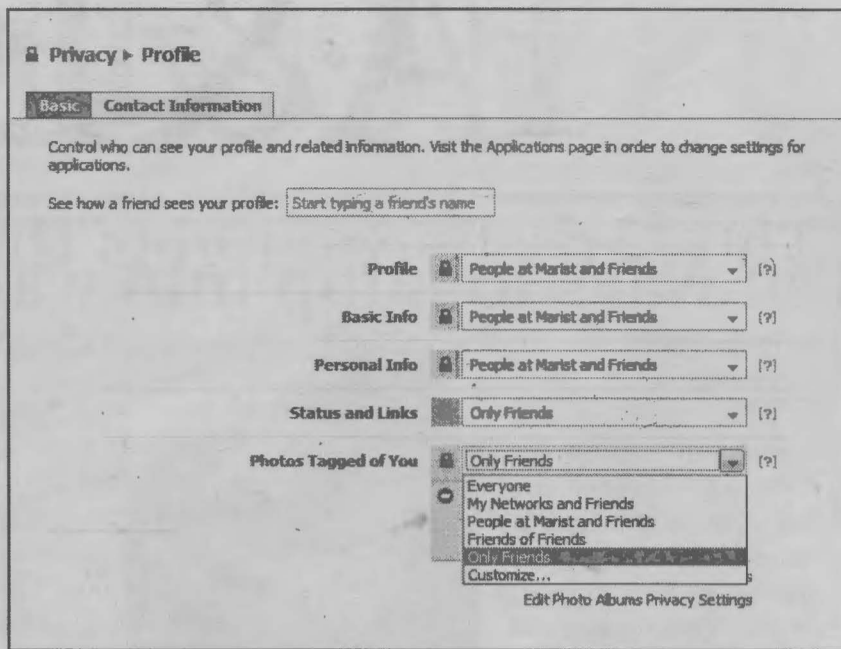
Senior public relations major Billy Burke is conscious of the "professional image" of his Facebook profile, "it's definitely worth it to consider what image you're offering to those potential employers and monitor your photos from parties."

In response to these privacy concerns, a new kind of social networking was introduced. The website LinkedIn, a "professional network of trusted contacts," has changed the way people connect with

colleagues. Marist students have joined the site as another outlet to network, but without the risk of giving away too much personal information.

Senior public relations major Robyn Notarstefano recently heard of the site and plans to join. "I think Facebook and MySpace are too informal," she reasons, "...LinkedIn seems much more professional."

Another recent phenomenon in online social networking is Twitter. The concept is simple – people post their answer to the question, "What are you doing?" As a career building tool, students can connect with potential employers to stay informed of the latest company developments. Senior art and advertising major Susie Gagnon began using Twitter this year for her internship and the online



ISABEL CAJULIS/ THE CIRCLE

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social networking site Unigo. Gagnon says that Twitter allows her to stay in contact with her employer and other interns.

While some Marist seniors view these sites as beneficial to their job search, others take a more traditional approach. Senior political science major Stephanie Venezia plans to keep her online social networking to just that – social. Venezia, who

is attending law school after graduation, does not think she will use social sites like Facebook for professional purposes. Like many students, Venezia has chosen to place privacy settings on her profile. She reasons that she will still use online social networking after graduation, but only to stay in contact with friends.

## My life as a New York City intern: Five simple tips that can further your interning experience

By KELLY LAUTURNER  
Staff Writer

Every internship has its highs and lows. Sometimes you don't realize it until you tripped crossing 42nd Street and you fall flat on your face. The key to interning is having perspective. After interning for half a semester, I've become a fountain of advice and knowledge, which I will now pass on to you.

### 1. Be Prepared.

Preparation is the difference between being a good intern and that kid who is given the work nobody wants. By being prepared, I don't just mean anticipating your supervisor's every need, although if you can do that, you are amazing.

Being prepared starts the day you interview for an internship. You need to do your research about the organization/company. If you can find out any information about the people you're working with, that is even better. Then the key is to use this information to your advantage. Even if it's just casual conversation with a fellow employ-

ee in the elevator, you're putting yourself out there as a knowledgeable and well-rounded person.

By being prepared, you also know the train and bus schedules if you're commuting and you arrive at work on time. Even though your supervisors might come in a little later, you can make a strong impression by being there and ready to work early.

### 2. Get Connected.

Talk to other interns, even if they work in other departments. Also, talk to people that have jobs in the company and get to know them. Ask what they do in their job because chances are there might be other areas of the company you're interested in learning about.

Internship contacts are useful for seeking a job, even if you're looking for a job at another company in the future. While I tend to be a little shy in a room full of unfamiliar adults, I sat in my floor's kitchen last week and made some friends. It can kind of be unnerving, but I really recommend branching out and striking up a conversation with strangers, even if it's

in an elevator.

The more people you meet, the better odds you have at finding a job. With today's current economic state, the larger network of contacts you have, the better the chance you'll get and keep a job.

### 3. Accept things as they come.

No internship is perfect. You will not spend every minute being busied by your work, or love every task you're given. Expect some times you will be completely busy. But also realize you may be idle for a few minutes. Embrace those moments and get some coffee or a snack.

When you are doing work, remember that you don't always get to do the big glamorous things other people might be working on. Sometimes you have to make the copies or look up the files. We've all been there. This is part of paying your dues. But when you do get to work on a big project, really pull your weight. If you have questions, ask them. It's always better to ask 100 questions and prevent mistakes than to just assume you understand what's going on. If

you do make a mistake on some project, tell your supervisor. It's better to get things out in the open and ask for someone's help to fix it than to keep quiet. You show you can take responsibility for your mistakes.

### 4. Speak Up.

Your experience is what you make of it. Don't sit by and wait to be told what to do. Volunteer to take on tasks. In the morning, I ask my supervisor if there's something he has for me to do or I offer to continue on other projects we've talked about before. When you show that you are self-motivated, other people will notice.

During my mid-semester intern forum, one of the speakers pointed out that being young is an advantage. I was skeptical to believe her at first, but I realized that in my twenties, I can offer a fresh opinion on projects. As younger workers, we bring a fresh perspective to people who have been in the field longer. We might bring ideas to the table they haven't considered before or have a new perspective on an old idea.

### 5. Be Professional.

The office is quite different than the dorm. Even if you work at the most casual office, there are some things that are just not good to do. Talking away on your cell phone at your desk is one of them. I've seen interns do it, and not only is it rude to your fellow workers, but you look like a brat. Also be careful about forwarding e-mail jokes and telling them to people.

Something you might think is so funny might be really offensive to another person. It's better to keep your co-workers liking you. In conclusion, being a professional means looking the part. It seems tempting to wear your sweats to class one day, but that is not appropriate for the office. Some companies like mine have casual dress code, but I make sure to dress up my jeans with a cute top/sweater and some jewelry. I don't have to dress in a power suit and pumps to prove I'm a professional, but I still look sharp.

## Ten ways to jump into warm, spring weather

By KELLY GALLUCCI  
Circle Contributor

While Poughkeepsie seems to be stubbornly holding onto a 41 degree temperature, Mother Nature will soon take it's course and lead us to greener and warmer pastures. When that time comes and you need to stretch those legs and shed the layers – here are some fun places to explore outside of our lovely campus.

**Debra T's Ice Cream Café** – If you're in the mood for a sweet treat this is the shop to go to! Located on 141 Overlook Road, it's a mere ten minute drive from campus and is well worth the trip. The café serves homemade fudge, burgers, fries, salads, burritos and, of course ice cream. Flavors vary from the common moose tracks to the exciting black raspberry and once you've forced yourself to come to a decision you can plant yourself in either a purple booth or outdoors under an umbrella.

**Sculpture Park** – Imagine: a beautifully sunny day, a picnic lunch, some good friends and some quirky art. Created by Wendy Klemperer this park is the perfect way to spend a



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A unique sculpture can be found at the artsy Sculpture Park, located in Poughkeepsie.

free Saturday taking pictures and playing critic with your friends. Considering it's barely a five minute drive (at the intersection of Main St. and S Bridge Street), it's well worth the trip.

**Bargain Box** – This savvy little thrift shop is a great place to spend a rainy day. Bring a camera, some friends and discover your retro roots! There's a 25 cent box and dollar days are held twice a year. Plus the store is run by volunteers and all sales go to help the Junior League of Poughkeepsie – an

organization aiming to improve the community through leadership and effective action. 794 Main Street, Poughkeepsie.

**Krafted Kup** – This is a personal favorite of mine. It's a cute little shop with a bright atmosphere and friendly service. The menu consists of espresso, coffee, tea and the best Pineapple Paradise smoothie I've ever had. Add a cookie, scone or muffin for another two dollars and you're set to go relax on one of the comfy couches in the back. Located at 44 Raymond Ave. In the mood for something more artistic? Two doors down is the Cubby Hole, which boasts open-mic nights on Tuesday, poetry readings every third Monday and chess nights on Wednesdays. Filled with student artwork, boardgames and notebooks open for customers to scribble in – this is a perfect artistic getaway.

**Apple Pie Bakery** – This little gem is located right next door to us at the Culinary Institute. It's run by faculty and students and is completely down to earth – meaning

sneakers and jeans are more than acceptable attire. Salads, soups, sandwiches and a to-die-for selection of desserts is offered – as well as the exotic, homemade breads that this café specializes in. Lunches average between \$7 and \$10, while desserts range from \$3 - \$7. 1946 Campus Drive, Hyde Park.

**Vanderbilt Estate** – If you feel like taking a quick drive to Hyde Park, you might as well stop off at 4097 Albany Post Road to check out this beautiful piece of architecture. A tour of the mansion will run you \$8, but if you're short on funds don't worry – a walk around the grounds is free and the Italian Gardens are breathtaking. The mansion closes at 5 p.m. and the grounds are open from sunrise to sunset.

**Soul Dog** – While I am admittedly not a hot dog fan, even I can't deny the charm of this place. The staff is welcoming and the ambiance is warm – so whether you're in the mood to sample one of the sixteen available toppings or if you're just grabbing one of their delicious looking cup-

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By RYAN RIVARD  
A&E Editor

In spirit of the Nine Inch Nails and Jane's Addiction tour this summer, the partnership has released a new EP for free. The cleverly titled "NINJA 2009 Tour Sampler" features previously unreleased material from both bands.

**Jane's Addiction's** pair of tunes can be traced back to their live 1987 self-titled debut. Fast-forward 22 years later, and we finally have proper studio versions with help from the production team of Trent Reznor, Atticus Ross, and Alan Moulder. "Chip Away," driven by pulsating tribal percussion and Perry Farrell's primal chants, chases the listener frantically through Jane's jungle. The band has never sounded this punchy and full of life on "Whores" which packs a defiantly rocking jab to the ears.

**NIN's** contributions to the EP were also tracks that never got a proper studio recording. "A great big superstar / Is what you think you are / We love you anyhow / But you're not so pretty now," Reznor sings on the up tempo "Not So Pretty Now." The tune sticks to the industrial punk-pop sound of their 2005 release complete with a Sonic Youth-like noise breakdown in the bridge. On the other hand, "Non-Entity" slows things down to a droning drumbeat.

**Lil Wayne "Prom Queen" (Russ Castella Piano Version)** – Weezy's first single off his "rock" album isn't exactly his best work, and it looks like rock stardom will still be Wayne's fantasy, not reality. With the help of Russ Castella, "Prom Queen" gets an upgrade with a new piano part that works more smoothly with the vocoder than the backing rock band. Think of it as "Prom Queen 2.0."

## MCCTA presents Shakespeare "As You Like It"

By MONICA SPERANZA  
Circle Contributor

William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" illustrates traditional pastoral themes. As the director's notes in the program, "Most of us spend a lifetime trying to balance our lives of worldly ambition with the solace of home and hearth. We search for, discover, lose and rediscover love and its place in our lives. We seek wit and wisdom while holding the forces of cynicism and melancholy at bay."

In MCCTA's rendition of "As You Like It," some actors brought characters to life, while others struggled to feel comfortable with Shakespeare on a contemporary stage. What impressed me the most was how well the actors did Shakespeare justice, keeping my attention through a nearly three-hour show. The enthusiasm and energy never regressed. In fact, some actors drew momentum from the length and became better as the play went on.

The play opens with a

"court" scene, which looks like a city-chic penthouse with a backdrop of a city skyline. The very first moment in the play was initially awkward due to the contrast between the Shakespearean language and the modern décor. This was quickly dissolved by the delivery of lines that displayed understanding of the text and great inflection to emphasize meaning. The quick recovery was not surprising, because after looking at the biographies of the cast, I felt secure in what quality to expect since the vast majority of the cast had much experience with theater.

The first material aspect of the play that caught my attention was the costumes. They effectively reflected modern-day social status that matched the hierarchy of characters. For example, the character of Oliver, played by junior Justin Santore, was dressed in a collared shirt covered by a blue sweater with slacks and his hair parted and slicked like a pretty-boy. Orlando, on the

other hand, was dressed in casual jeans and a worn polo.

Some of the costumes seemed just slightly out of place. The most glaring examples of this to me were the first costume of Duchess Fredricka (senior Amy Kate Byrne) and the court costume of Rosalind (sophomore Kim Birch). The dress of Duchess Fredricka looked a tad matronly and out-of-date, rather than royal. The costume of Rosalind shocked me. Yes, it did reflect Rosalind's high status—she could surely afford sexy, expensive clothes—but the ideal Shakespearean Rosalind is so strong, wise, and confident that she should not need a revealing dress, showing her physique to display her femininity.

These critiques are quickly overshadowed when scene transitioning from court to "Arden," a beach scene, complete with gazebos, a boardwalk, long grass, and a beautiful sky backdrop. Duchess Senior (sophomore Jessica Turgeon) and her entourage

enter from the house in bright beach attire that perfectly hits the mark. The getups and equipment they carried, such as "Shakespeare for Dummies," was unexpectedly funny.

Jaques, played by senior Kate Costello, is an interesting character often described as melancholy. Costello's performance was melancholic, but it was aggressive rather than sad or sympathetic like expected. Costello's delivery was unique and enjoyable, with each line stinging.

The character of Eve (freshman Lina Kirby) gave me comfort. Eve exuded motherly warmth that gave purpose to her and Orlando's relationship. Kirby was very at ease with the Shakespearean language, which was a talent not shared by some of the other actors.

Orlando, having been all but kicked out by his brother, is a difficult role to play. I felt nervous at first for senior Kurtis McManus, as he was

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## MCCTA's "As You Like It"

Kurtis McManus, as he was shaky in the first few moments of the play. He quickly shook it off, and delivered a delightfully lovesick Orlando. McManus clearly cared about the character, which was obvious by his careful and energetic acting, and he made the audience love him.

The character of Celia/Aliena (junior Alexa Mullen), impressed me. Celia was probably my favorite character, since Mullen was so comfortable with the part. She did not overact. In fact, Celia upstaged Rosalind in the beginning—this, unfortunate-

ly, made Rosalind look bad, as she should be the standard others are measured against. However, this evened out when Birch improved as the play went on, but by no means did Mullen's quality lessen.

Overall there were more highlights than letdowns. Overlooking these incidences, there were several moments when I thought things worked well. A favorite moment of mine was the great exchanging of wits between Jaques and Orlando. The line deliveries were perfect and it left me wanting more.

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## Fight frostbite and embrace spring

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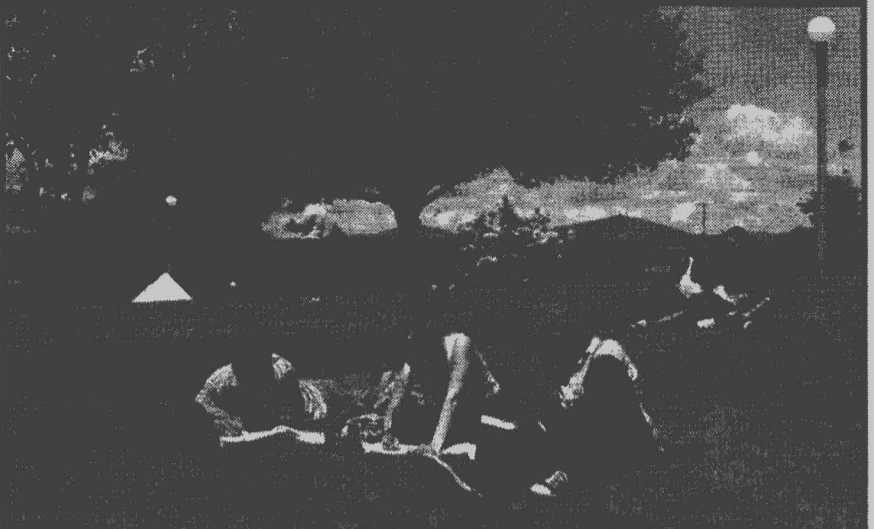
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## Running from winter: Trails around campus

By COLIN JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Welcome to spring ladies and gentlemen, the season sent from above to save us all from the icy grip of winter.

Now as we all know it is still a little while before the sweatshirts and gloves can be safely packed away, but who cares. My personal philosophy is to dress the way you feel, or the way you hope it feels outside. Therefore I will be gallivanting to class every morning in shorts and sandals until the weather decides to catch up with me.

And speaking of catching up with me, spring is my personal favorite season to lace up and run. In part because I get to trade in my embarrassing running tights for equally embarrassing, but slightly more comfortable, running shorts. The main reason of course is the weather and the

options it opens up for runners everywhere.

Now for those of you who have decided to pick up the torch and leave the confines of the treadmill for the first time, listen closely, or read...unless someone is reading this to you, in which case...never mind, just pay attention.

The area around Marist College is home to some of the more scenic routes that I have been lucky enough to venture out on. However, if you are not willing to rack up some serious mileage, one must only look outside their front door for a great running experience. Campus itself has a few great running routes that are both scenic and convenient.

Campus is a little under a mile in length from end to end, however if you run that distance via any of our "direct" pathways or roads, it can easily be made into a mile or more.

Maybe take a turn down Midrise hill and add on to your run down by the beautiful Hudson. However, if you are looking for a purely enjoyable experience, Midrise hill will surely put a damper on your day. Not to worry, on the return route from the river simply head towards the back of the cafeteria and behind Leó. Make sure you yell "BEEP" to aggravate any fellow peers who may be relaxing, and of course watch out for the real cars.

But the roads can get a little repetitive so it is important to change up your route if you want to make running a regular activity, otherwise it is easy to get discouraged. Another tip is to make it something you and your friends can do together.

Now for anyone who is feeling adventurous, there is a small series of trails in the woods beyond Gartland. In



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Explore trails around campus to break out of your winter workout.

order to reach them you just make a left up the driveway in the North End parking lot and it's a straight shot from there.

Despite a few small hills the trails are not very challenging and they provide a great escape from the roads. On the trails you are bound to notice some nice flowers, a large pond, and even the occasional deer.

Just make sure to take note of which paths you take as to

not get lost, in which case just backtrack. The trails are small so any error in direction is easily corrected.

Beautiful weather is hopefully just around the corner and the outdoors are calling. Make sure you get out there and enjoy it in every way possible.

In the meantime keep a look out for me, I'll be the guy whose legs and feet are frozen stiff on the walk to class.

## The daily grind and adventures while abroad

By AMY WHEELER  
Staff Writer

After a night out on the town for the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade, the rest of the Marist students and I woke up bright and early to catch the train to the Blue Mountains, a national park east of Sydney.

Lew, a teacher from Australia Catholic University who owns the beautiful Silvermere Guesthouse where we would be staying, picked us up at the train station. When we arrived, Lew's wife, Cath, had pastries and lunch ready for us and we headed to the trail.

Before we even started the hike, we saw one of the best views we would see the entire time (somewhat defeating the point of the hike for me, but it was still fun).

On the 5-hour hike (yes, I, Amy Wheeler, hiked for 5 HOURS) we saw a few waterfalls, put eucalyptus leaves up our noses (apparently they help clear up colds), climbed down 7 sets of steep ladders, some with cages around them, and the boys went swimming in the freezing cold water. It was extremely strenuous, for me at least, but definitely worth it.

The night ended with a

relaxing bath and a filling dinner of kangaroo stew (which basically tasted like tender, slightly stringy beef).

Tuesday I was back to work



AMY WHEELER / THE CIRCLE

The view from the outlook point, overlooking the Blue Mountains.

at the internship, transcribing an interview the editor did with Hugh Jackman (who is starring in the upcoming *Wolverine*) and serving wine at a book launch for one of the writers at the magazine.

Friday the 13th satisfied all of the superstitions about that day. When I woke up at 9, my computer was frozen, and CTRL/ALT/DEL would not work. After restarting it, an error message came up. To make a very long story short, my hard drive, in my brand

new computer, was faulty. The computer guy said they most likely would not be able to save what was on the hard drive... a.k.a. all of my pic-

ly relate to my feelings (as I was still having a breakdown while talking to him), and then after half an hour of diagnostics, politely told me that unfortunately they would not be able to have a hard drive shipped, nor was I covered under warranty because I was in a foreign country. Awesome, chipper Dell man.

There was a happy ending to the story though, when the computer store called me back and nonchalantly told me that not only was my computer ready, new hard drive in place, but they had been able to recover everything from my old hard drive. I was ecstatic and reassured him that he made my day. I backed up my hard drive faster than you can say, "Amy, you're the luckiest girl I have ever met."

Following the computer debacle, I decided to take the weekend off and lounge on the beach, first Manly, and then Maroubra with my Spanish friend, Isabel. Thursday, I jetted to Melbourne, an hour and a half plane ride south. I stayed with Maxine, another Marist student who is studying at Deakin and living in an international house.

On Friday, I went on a tour of the Great Ocean Road, including posing with the

Twelve Apostles, admiring koalas in their natural habitats and walking in the rainforest. The next day, Maxine and I did a tour of Phillip Island, including a wine tasting, playing with kangaroos, watching the infamous "penguin parade" and making friends with some Dutch guys. Melbourne and Sydney, rival cities among their residents, seemed very different to me, but I can't quite pinpoint what the difference was; both have their strong points and I think I would have been happy studying in either city.

A screening of the film *Knowing* with Nicolas Cage for my internship, online class homework, figuring out how to move out of my homestay (things have gone downhill in that department), planning for my vacation to New Zealand, and making sure I enjoy the warm weather while it is still here (we are headed into winter) is what this week will consist of. I am starting to realize how quickly time is going to fly by here and am trying to make each day count (yes, that was a shameless Titanic reference).

Until next week, enjoy the start of spring; it is one of the things that all of us abroadies are going to miss dearly.

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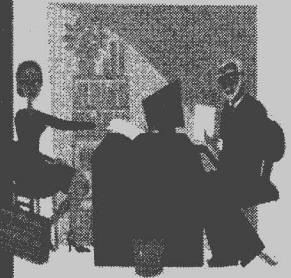
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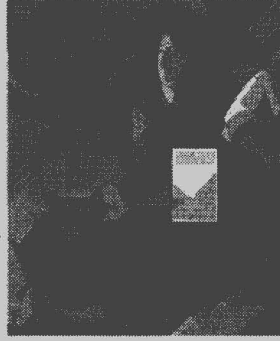
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# Women's lacrosse wins three straight

By MATT SPILLANE  
Editor-in-Chief

Many college students use their spring breaks to travel, going on road trips and taking vacations in exotic locales and foreign destinations. Spring break trips are usually high on relaxation and low on work.

The Marist women's lacrosse team did some traveling of its own over spring break, but it was not to a glamorous or relaxing trip.

The Red Foxes spent their week off in the Carolinas, extending their winning streak to three games with victories over Davidson and Presbyterian. Marist's three-game winning streak is tied for longest in program history, and began with a 12-11 win over UConn on March 10.

Given that North Carolina and South Carolina are two different states, it was fitting that Marist's two wins over Davidson and Presbyterian were polar opposites.

Marist's 11-9 win over Davidson on March 18 required a second-half turnaround, including an 8-0 run in a span of 12:53 in the middle of the half. Trailing 6-2

with 25:54 remaining in the second half, the Red Foxes initiated the scoring spree with 20:24 left in the game.

Davidson cut Marist's lead to 10-9 with 3:49 remaining, but the Red Foxes staved off the Wildcats' comeback attempt and senior midfielder Stephanie Garland provided an insurance goal with 18 seconds left.

Marist's defense held the Wildcats' attack at bay throughout the contest, but the Red Foxes' offense overcame a slow start and gained momentum after the half.

"I think we just focused on taking better shots," Garland said. "We weren't finishing as many in the first half. We were really focusing and working on the scrappy things, like ground balls and draw controls and getting the ball in our possession."

Garland led Marist (5-1) with four goals, while senior attack Kate Noftsker and junior midfielders Lauren Ciccarello and Erin Wilson all tallied two points each. Freshman Kelsey Thoms made a season-high 11 saves in goal for Marist.

It was the third time this sea-

son that the Red Foxes overcame a second half deficit to take home the victory. However, they did not need a second half turnaround, or any comeback for that matter, against Presbyterian.

Marist easily disposed of the Blue Hose, coasting to a 21-5 win on March 20. The Red Foxes scored the first nine goals of the game and took a 13-1 lead into halftime.

Marist had 11 players tally points, led by Garland (five goals), senior midfielder Cristin Begley (four goals, three assists), and freshman defender Kelly Condon (two goals, two assists). Thoms stopped four shots in goal, and the Marist defense held Presbyterian to just 13 shots, as opposed to the Red Foxes' 42.

For their performances in the two games, Garland and Thoms were named Offensive Player of the Week and Defensive Player of the Week, respectively, by the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). It was the first such award for Thoms, while Garland earned the accolade for the second time this season.



MATT SPILLANE/ THE CIRCLE

With its current three-game winning streak, the Marist women's lacrosse team has tied a program record. The Foxes continue MAAC play with upcoming games against Manhattan and Iona.

Garland moved into fourth place on Marist's career goal-scoring list, and leads the Red Foxes this season with 22 goals. However, she said that she is not the "go-to" player that the offense has to run through, noting that there are a number of upperclassmen starters alongside her.

"I think that helps that we're now the upperclassmen that have had four years under our belt," Garland said. "Our

attack is very good this year; we have anyone who can score."

Marist began its MAAC schedule at Siena on Wednesday, March 25 after The Circle went to press. The Red Foxes continue the MAAC slate on Friday, March 25 at Manhattan and home against Iona on Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m.

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## Red Foxes can't upset Virginia



GREG DUBOIS/ THE CIRCLE

Erica Allenspach had a great run at the end of the game to pull the Foxes close, but it was too little too late. Marist lost 68-61.

to, and shoot from the outside."

The Red Foxes defensive effort in the second half was a

different story, as Virginia used a 16-3 run to propel them to victory.

"They (Virginia) really

stepped it up," Giorgis said. "Their athleticism and length showed and it got them some easy baskets."

"Once they started hitting threes in the second half, it forced us to extend a bit and it helped their inside game."

Ariana Moorer scored 12 points in the decisive second half for Virginia. The freshman guard was not initially scheduled to start the game, but was forced to play due to the absence of senior Britnee Millner who was benched after violating team policy.

"We weren't counting on Moorer," Giorgis said. "She wasn't even a part of the game plan. When she stepped up with 16 (points) it really hurt us."

Fitz, Marist's leading scorer and two-time Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) player of the year was highly ineffective in the second half of play after scoring 13 points in the first frame.

She scored just four points in the second half, and the first of those points did not come until nearly 15 minutes in.

"We had such a hard time getting her the ball, especially inside," Giorgis said. "They did a great job finding her and

denying her the basketball."

The Red Foxes loss was only their fourth of the season, and it came in a year when they won 29 games.

Marist was coming off a program-best 32-3 year just a season ago. The Red Foxes advanced to the second round of the tournament last year after beating DePaul in their first round game.

Just a season prior to that, during the 2007 campaign, Marist defeated Ohio State and Middle Tennessee State en route to a Sweet 16 appearance.

"Expectations for us should have been high," Giorgis said. "We knew that we were going to have tough games. We went in there with a game plan not expecting to win, but knowing that we had a good chance to win."

Regardless of expectations, the Red Foxes knew that playing on a national spotlight would be difficult.

"I think the kids were disappointed," Giorgis said. "But it doesn't taper the feelings that overall it was a great, great year. To win 29 games with such a young team makes me extremely proud of how hard these kids have worked."

### Women's Lacrosse MAAC Standings

Siena	6-1
Fairfield	6-2
Marist	5-1
Manhattan	5-2
Canisius	4-6
Niagara	3-6
Iona	2-6

# Offense leads Foxes to sweep

By **JIM URSO**  
Staff Writer

A combination of consistent hitting and strong relief pitching carried the Marist baseball team to a weekend sweep of Iona. The Red Foxes opened up their home and conference schedule at the McCann Baseball Field with a doubleheader Saturday and a third game on Sunday afternoon.

## Home Opener

Trailing by one run in the first game, sophomore center fielder Michael Gallic led off the third inning with a double, setting up freshman Jon Schwind for his first collegiate homerun.

"He can do a lot of things on the field, and at times plays like an upperclassmen," said Coach Dennis Healy of his prodigious freshman. "He's definitely a guy we're building our future around. He does a lot of things you can't teach."

Marist never looked back, adding one more in the frame when sophomore third baseman Ricky Pacione singled to drive home freshman George Agostini. Marist added a security run in the sixth and three runs in the eighth to solidify a 7-1 victory. The win snapped a five-game losing streak.

Senior left-hander Josh Rickards started and went the first six innings, earning the

victory to improve to 3-1 on the season. Rickards was relieved by freshman right-hander Jake Rifkin, who pitched three scoreless innings

RBI single by junior left fielder Ryan Gauck.

Iona rallied back by scoring three runs in the second inning and two in the fifth to take a 5-

ing up a leadoff triple, Wiley battled back, striking out the next two batters and inducing a groundout to earn the third out.

"He's a guy we give the ball to in those situations," Healy said. "I'm excited for him; no one works harder than him."

In bottom of the eighth, a one out single to left field by Gallic scored senior left fielder Brian McDonough with the winning run, lifting Marist over Iona, 6-5.

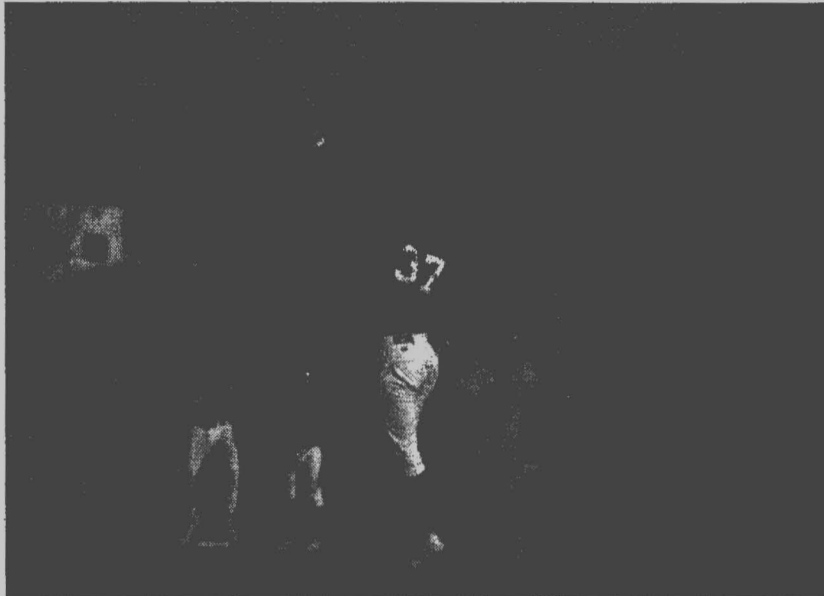
## Fourteen Hits Overcome Fielding Miscues

In the series finale, six Red Foxes had at least two hits, led by Agostini, who went 3-for-5 and scored two runs. Gauck, Pacione, Nugent, McDonough, and senior first baseman Kenny Anderson all recorded multiple hit games, helping Marist to a 9-6 victory and sweep of the Gaels.

McDonough finished with three RBI, while Pacione and Nugent batted in two apiece. Pacione scored three runs, while Agostini, Gauck and Nugent had two apiece.

The Red Fox bats overcame five errors, two of which helped the Gaels tie the score at five in the fourth inning.

"We didn't play great, but fortunately swung the bats pretty well," Healy said. "We can't continue to make miscues like that and expect to win."



JAMES REILLY/ FILE PHOTO

The Marist baseball team has posted a 9-8 record so far this season. With a .297 team batting average, the Red Foxes have scored 125 runs in their first 17 games. The team has 13 home games remaining on its schedule.

to earn his first collegiate save.

## Gallic Gets Game Winning Hit

The second game of Saturday's double header needed extra innings to decide the victor.

Marist gained an early 4-0 edge, continuing its hot hitting from earlier in the day. In the first inning, an RBI single by redshirt sophomore Bryce Nugent put Marist on top. A two-run homerun by Gallic in the second expanded the lead to three. Marist added one more in the inning with an

4 lead. Marist tied the game in the bottom half of the sixth when McDonough came home on a single by senior right fielder Kyle Meyer.

Strong relief pitching would play a decisive role in Marist's second victory of the day. Sophomore right-hander Kyle Putnam started for Marist and went the first 4.2 innings. Putnam was relieved by senior lefty Peter Barone, who did not allow a hit over the next 2.1 innings. Senior Jacob Wiley entered in the eighth, and his resilient performance kept the game tied. After giv-

# Mens lacrosse climbs The Mount

By **CODY LAHL**  
Staff Writer

The Marist men's lacrosse team used a four-goal first quarter to pace the Red Foxes to a 7-4 win over Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md.

The Red Foxes were led by juniors Ryan Sharkey and Matt Teichmann. Sharkey contributed two goals and one assist while Teichmann added two goals.

"It felt great to get those goals," Teichmann said, "especially so early in the game. It helped a great deal to boost my confidence."

Sharkey assisted senior Dan Lang in scoring the first goal of the match seven seconds into the first quarter. It was Lang's first goal of his career and Sharkey's first assist on the season.

Teichmann followed Lang's goal with two of his own shortly after, scoring unassisted with 10:27 and 9:26 remaining to give Marist a 3-1

lead. The 2007 MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) co-rookie of the year is now second on the Red Foxes in assists (two), third in points (five), and tied for third for goals (three).

"This is what we expect out of [Matt] Teichmann," said Marist coach Scott Nelson. "We expect a few goals a game because he's got the skills to do it. He is a very skilled player and if he continues to play like this the team will keep getting better and better."

Sharkey closed out the first quarter scoring with his first and Marist's fourth goal of the game with 1:35 remaining in the quarter after Mark Stapor and Christian Kellet notched goals for the Mountaineers.

For the quarter, the Red Foxes and Mountaineers each recorded five shots. Marist scooped up four ground balls to Mount Saint Mary's three, won six of the eight face-offs, and turned the ball over eight times to the Mountaineers'

five while earning a 4-3 goal advantage.

Over the final three quarters, Marist only recorded three goals. However, the defense held Mount Saint Mary's scoreless in the second half as Red Fox senior goalie Ryan Penner made 11 of his 16 saves during this scoreless stretch.

"We shut them out for 35 straight minutes," Nelson said. "They took a lot of shots in the end but none of them were quality shots. We have an excellent goalie in Ryan Penner and if we can make our opponents take poor shots he is going to save them every time."

Penner, the MAAC lacrosse league defensive player of the week, currently leads the MAAC in saves per game (14.4) and save percentage (.655) while he is second in goals against average with 7.55 per game.

"We have great leadership on defense in Penner, Lang and James Taylor III." Nelson

said. "Not only has he played well saving the ball but he has helped us become a great clearing team. If we continue to combine good, solid defense with our clearing abilities we can be competitive in every game."

For their next match, the Red Foxes (2-3 overall, 2-0 MAAC) travel to Staten Island, N.Y. to face Wagner College (1-7 overall, 0-1 MAAC) on March 28 at 1 p.m.

## Upcoming Men's LAX Schedule

3/28/09 at Wagner

3/31/09 at Lafayette

04/04/09 vs VMI (Home)

04/11/09 at Holy Cross

04/15/09 at Providence

## Roarin' Red Foxes

Marist's top male and female performers of the week

Ryan Penner  
Senior  
Lacrosse



The senior was named MAAC defensive player of the week after making 16 saves in the Red Foxes recent victory over St. Mary's.

- This was the second straight week that a Marist men's lacrosse player has earned a MAAC Lacrosse League weekly award.

- Marist holds a 2-3 overall record on the season, but both of their victories have been against league opponents.

Jessica Green  
Senior  
Softball



Earlier this season, the senior overtook the Marist RBI record after driving in two runs against the Temple Owls.

- In a recent doubleheader against Yale, Green reached base four times in the two games.

- This weekend, the Red Foxes begin a stretch of five home matchups, all of which are doubleheaders.

- Marist has posted a 6-14 record this season.



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## Foxes' tournament dreams cut short

BY PHILIP TERRIGNO  
 Sports Editor

Everyone loves an underdog, especially during March Madness.

After all, it's the period of the year when small schools, like Marist, get their opportunity to compete against, and possibly even upset, bigger and higher ranked schools in the NCAA Division 1 basketball tournament.

While playing as the No. 12 seed against No. 5 seeded Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) power Virginia, the Red Foxes were unable to emerge as victorious, even after manufacturing a furious rally late in the contest, as Marist fell to the Cavaliers, 68-61.

With 3:06 remaining in the game, Marist trailed Virginia 61-45. The Red Foxes would never retake the lead in the game, but five three-pointers

and two successful free throw attempts over that span would bring them within seven points of Virginia at the end of regulation, closing a gap that had been as big as 17 points at one point.

"The kids didn't quit," Marist head coach Brian Giorgis said. "There is no quit in our kids, and they kept making big shots."

Over the 17-7 run that Marist produced, sophomore guard Erica Allenspach, who finished with a game-high 18 points, scored the first eight



GREG DUBOIS/ THE CIRCLE

The Red Foxes ended the regular season with just three losses, and entered the NCAA tournament as the No. 12 seed. Unable to upset No. 5 Virginia in the first round, their season ended in the first round.

points of the effort.

"Erica had an outstanding second half," Giorgis said of his second year player that did not score a point in the first half.

Virginia was not always in command of the contest, however. During the first half, Marist

showed that although they were undersized against the Cavaliers, the young Red Fox squad had seen this stage before, and were capable of playing well on it.

"Virginia is a very talented team," Giorgis said. "We went into the game believing that we could win the game."

Junior Rachele Fitz opened the scoring in the contest that took place at the Galen Center in Los Angeles, CA with a three-point play after making a layup and getting fouled by Kelly Hartig. She converted the free throw opportunity

successfully.

The Cavaliers soon answered with a 6-0 run after baskets from Chelsea Shine, Ariana Moorer, and Aisha Mohammed to take a 6-3 lead with 16:37 remaining in the first half.

The lead changed seven times before halftime, and neither team held more than a five-point advantage in the first half.

Marist employed a 3-2 zone defense that was able to stifle the Virginia offense, and in particular slow down the offensive production of Monica Wright and Lyndra Little, two players who average over 20 points per game. The two combined to shoot just 2-for-17 in the first half.

"They [Wright and Little] got into foul trouble in the first half, which helped," Giorgis said. "It forced them to make more passes than they wanted

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