



Relay raises cancer awareness, record funds Campus organizations raise \$53,000 for American Cancer Society

By ASHLEY SHAFFER
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Raising \$53,000 for the American Cancer Society, the third annual Relay for Life, Friday, Apr. 21 to Saturday, Apr. 22, brought together a multitude of the campus's organizations.

Relay for Life, among the most successful fundraisers in the world, had over 400 students and community members gathered on the campus green to support cancer victims and their families.

Junior Jessica McNamara led the team Notes for Survival and said she was pleased to see so many students there to walk.

"Our team had 33 members, which is doubled from last year's team. This is such a great cause, and it's wonderful to see all these people here to support cancer victims," said McNamara.

Created in 1989 by Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma colorectal surgeon, the Relay for Life has become a leading fundraiser for cancer research in the country. It is an overnight event used to celebrate survivorships and raise money.

The festivities in front of the Rotunda included raffles, barbecues, and musical entertainment from bands such as Modern Tradition and Four Days from Now.

Sara Gunn, the Relay Coordinator for Marist College, said that the American Cancer Society has over 3,300 relays across the country, and now they have even gone international. In 2005, the Relay for Life raised over \$300 million for cancer research.

Marist raised \$35,000 as last year's amount. This year, Marist exceeded its goal and raised \$53,000, the greatest amount of money raised for Relay for Life in the past three years.

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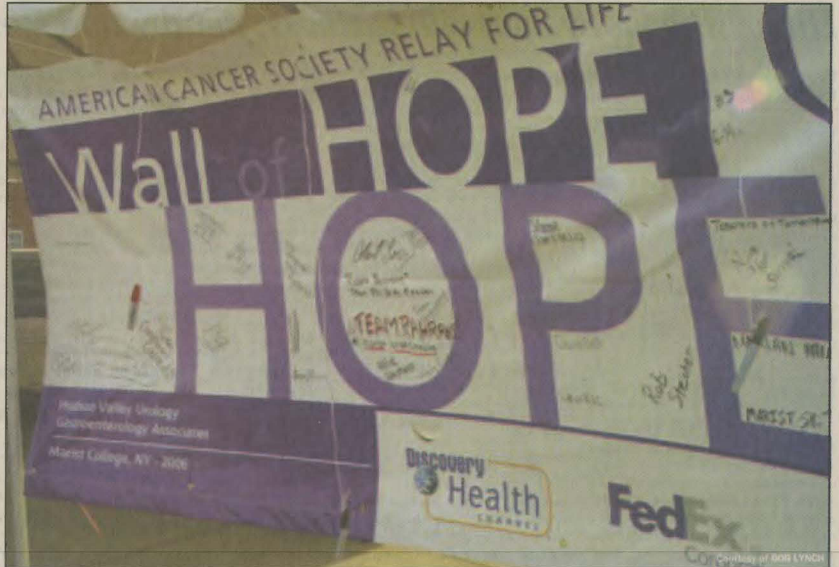
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Fox Fest introduced as undergrad alternative to River Fest

By NATHANIEL SKOG TATUM
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In years past, River Fest has been the only springtime celebration for students at Marist College. Since alcohol is served at the event, only students over 21 can participate.

This year, Marist is introducing Fox Fest, an event for undergrads that will take place at the same time as River Fest. It will be held on the campus green beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 28.

The event is being planned by resident directors and resident student councils from the freshman and sophomore residences as well as freshman and sophomore class officers.

Meagan Elsberry, resident director of Leo Hall, said she thinks the event is a great opportunity for younger students to socialize and have fun before the stress of finals.

"Everything is free for students," Elsberry said, and "there will be plenty of free food."

In addition to free food, Fox Fest will have a DJ, games, prizes, inflatables, and a lip syncing contest with a top prize of \$200. Later in the evening

Wedding Crashers will be shown on a screen outside. Freshman Avalon Mertens said she thinks the event is a great idea and she plans to attend.

"It sounds like a good time to hang out with friends before the end of the year," she said.

Sophomore Joanna Biron said that Fox Fest is a positive event because it discourages students from holding their own parties that involve alcohol. Like

Mertens, Biron believes she'll attend the event.

"If it involves the word 'free,' I'm there," she said.

While Fox Fest is all about providing an opportunity for undergrads to get together and celebrate the year together, it is also designed to discourage younger students from wandering near the River Fest activities.

"We want to pull people under 21 away from Gartland," said

Elsberry.

Fox Fest will be looking to build on the success of two separate events held alongside River Fest last year — Freshman Fest and Sophomore Fest. The events were similar to what Fox Fest will be, but much smaller in scale.

According to Elsberry, most people wanted to expand the events this year with more activities, and combining them into one extravaganza was the best way to do that.

Resident Director Sarah English agrees that the event provides a positive experience

for undergrads, and is happy to see a renewed interest in providing a celebration for undergrads.

"Years ago we had Marist-by-Moonlight, an off-campus dance for freshman and sophomores," said English.

The event was initially a hit, but gradually declined in popularity and was eventually abandoned.

Anti-racism activist shares perspective on societal inequalities

By LINDSAY STRAUB
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After decades of undeserving privilege, it is time for the white community to give back, said journalist and anti-racism activist Donna Lamb.

"White people get an extra boost in society simply for the color of their skin," said Lamb. "It's like being in a club—we're the members and blacks are on the outside."

Students and faculty personnel participated in Lamb's interactive lecture titled "White Privilege: What Is It, and How Does It Show Itself?" on Tuesday April 11 in the Nelly Goeltz Theatre.

Lamb dedicates her work to recognizing the injustice of society to African-Americans and her responsibility as a caucasian to rectify it. In order to make reparations to the black community, Lamb first deals with internal and most times, subconscious, bias and then attempts to expand her revelations.

The focus of her work is not what caucasians are able to feel and experience because of their skin color, but what caucasians do not have to experience because of their skin color.

"White people are familiar with the practices and beliefs of the American culture," said Lamb. "A person of color, however, is forced to think about race and more importantly, racism."

Freshman Victoria Banks, newly elected president of the Black Student Union, responded to Lamb's view that most caucasians are unaware of the privileges they are given.

The privileges Lamb considers

for caucasians include unspoken respect and approval in society, better hiring and advancement opportunities in the workplace, and more freedom in general.

"These privileges are not common knowledge," said Banks. "White supremacy is an ongoing problem that must be addressed."

Fellow BSU member, junior Christie Melton, identifies with Lamb's idea that people of color must adjust their lifestyle to conform to the "ideals of white supremacy."

"White people are never challenged," said Melton. "We must know how to conform and how to conform well."

According to Lamb, undeserving privilege is the quietest form of white supremacy, and was built into society many years ago. It has been institutionalized through the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, which have been interlocked to protect and support caucasians.

The U.S. Supreme Court decided the Dred Scott case in 1857,

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Campus

Security Briefs: 4/20 surprisingly devoid of trouble *Hitler's birthday met with laziness, apathy and Pink Floyd*

By BRIAN SABELLA

The happy ending to the massage of life

To my orange frosted cupcakes,

It is I again, Brian "John Gildard has a much better moustache than Alex Trebek ever did." I'm here with you this week bringing you the next to last installment of this years security briefs.

It's very emotional, but next week is when we can all watch Lifetime and cry about it. For this week, it's go time.

4/18 — Townhouse B
10:30 PM

This semester has had more fire alarms than a dorm at Vassar. This week was no different with out friends in Foy setting off the alarm. The cause was unidentifiable, but I've been told it wasn't noodles because this group was smart enough to go to Alex Huot's workshop last week.

4/18 — Champagnat
9 PM

Our first alcohol confiscation of the week here kids. And this one is pure class. Student were caught with two 40 oz. bottles of, get this, Old English.

I've also been told that the students had brown paper bags taken from them so they couldn't even put water bottles in them and look gangster with their friends. Poor guys.

4/19 — Leo

3:20 AM

Some students were stuck in the elevator and maintenance responded and had them out of there by 3:45 AM. Let me say that this irks me. My ceiling was leaking for two weeks before maintenance came and fixed it.

What makes these Leo clowns so special? We'll see the next time I bake them cookies on Valentines Day.

BRIAN'S BRIEF OF THE WEEK

4/19 — Leo
7:40 AM

Here is easily the greatest thing I have ever heard. A student was found sleeping by a cleaning lady on the concrete outside of Leo. He did not stir despite repeated attempts to wake him by the good Samaritan. However, when security arrived he popped right up.

turn out he and a friend were doing a project for psychology.

They were studying how people reacted to someone sleeping on the ground. Let me say my hat is off to you gentlemen. Find job.

4/19 — Leo
7 PM

Is it me or is Leo always doing something wrong? This time a student reported \$40 missing from his wallet.

Now I can't confirm a connection to anything, but I've been told that Alex Huot treated his friend Walter to a fine noodle meal that evening. The investigation continues.

4/20 — Midrise
5:30 AM

Here's a creepy one. Two students reported that a random male had entered their room and, when confronted, apologized and left quickly.

If I teach you kids nothing else before I depart, let it be this: LOCK YOUR DOORS!!!! It's 5:30 AM and unless you're waiting for the milkman, there's no reason for the door to be unlocked.

4/21 — 2:15 AM

Security on patrol reported one of the Adirondack chairs on the campus green was broken into pieces. Now, Alex Huot is fat, but not that fat.

Whoever broke it should be ashamed. Picking on a poor defenseless chair. Next time take on a tree or something, then we'll see how tough you are.

JOHN GILDARD QUOTE OF THE WEEK

4/21 — Champagnat
4:30 PM

Students on their way in were found with quite the assortment

of alcoholic beverages. A bottle of Capt. Morgan, a half bottle of Smirnoff Vodka, and (get this) a bottle of Black Label Scotch. John "I taught Bill Cosby everything he knows about humor" Gildard had this to say: "They thought Happy Hour would start early. Looks like it really was cut off early." Touche salesmen, touche.

4/22 — Midrise 11 PM

This one makes me chuckle. Two former students attempted to get in roughly an hour apart from each other. They may have been separate, but they had one thing in common: they both tried to use their old ID's.

That is easily the worst plan I have ever heard and the fact that two people tried it makes me want to cry.

4/23 — Sheahan Hall
1:19 AM

Our last brief of the week makes me proud to be a Sheahan Hall alum. On the first floor (where I spent my freshmen year), all was quiet. Then someone had a little roid rage and decided that the sink in the bathroom was looking at them the wrong way.

The next logical step was followed, and the juiced up student proceeded to rip the sink out of the wall. When I was a freshman, someone defecated in the third floor hallway. This, however, is much, much worse. Stupid vagrants.



Upcoming Campus Events

Wednesday, April 26
Coffeehouse: Scott Celani
9 PM PAR
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Friday, April 28
Saturday, April 29
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Sunday, April 30
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Sunday, May 7
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7 PM
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News Briefs

World News

Iranian government threatens to eject UN nuclear watchdog from country

Iranian nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani told the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that his country will hide its nuclear program should actions be taken against Iranian nuclear independence. The threat comes on the heels of a U.N. deadline demanding Iran to stop enriching uranium by Friday. Larijani stated this Tuesday that Tehran would not meet this deadline and if sanctions were imposed by the U.N. Security Council, Iran would halt all cooperation with the IAEA. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has also said he is considering withdrawal from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Bin Laden tape condemns withdrawal of aid to Hamas, calls for Islamic fighters in Sudan

U.S. officials believe a newly broadcast audiotape of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden to be authentic. The tape, released on Sunday on Arabic news network Al-Jazeera, angrily protested the United States' recent halt of aid to the Hamas-led Palestinian government. A spokesman for Hamas declared that the organization follows a "different ideology from that of al-Qaeda. Bin Laden also called for Islamic jihadists to fight the U.N. peacekeepers who are slated to go in September to Sudan to try and stem the genocide occurring there. He urged mujahedeen fighters to defend Sudan from what he termed "invaders and plunderers."

National News

Bush halts gas deposits to government reserve, outlines plan to overcome country's 'addiction to oil' and protect consumers

In the midst of rising gas prices, President Bush has announced that he will delay deposits to the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve. His hope is that with more gasoline on the market, prices at the pump will drop to more manageable levels for consumers. Citing the American 'addiction to oil' as a matter of national security, the president also called for conservation, further expansion of domestic production, and the development of alternative fuel sources. Bush has ordered a federal investigation into possible price gouging or manipulation of the gasoline market in order to further protect consumers.

Hayat declared guilty of giving 'material support' to al-Qaeda at Pakistani training camp

Hamid Hayat, a 23 year old migrant farm worker, was convicted Tuesday of providing material support to terrorists. A federal grand jury found Hayat guilty of attending an al-Qaeda training camp in Pakistan for three years, and lying to FBI agents. Hayat's father was also in trial for lying to FBI agents about his son's involvement with al-Qaeda. Those proceedings ended in a mistrial after a jury deadlocked. Prosecution and defense lawyers are scheduled to meet to determine whether to hold another trial. Both men, United States citizens, had given taped confessions during interrogations last June.

Port workers to receive background checks

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff unveiled a plan to further secure the nation's ports. After criticisms regarding security gaps at seaports, the Bush administration said that it will perform background checks on over 400,000 port employees working in sensitive areas. Security cards will also be provided for 750,000 workers as an additional security precaution.

Financial services offices to be built

By **CAITLIN TANSEY**
Circle Contributor

The new Student Financial Services center is on its way to becoming a reality. The Student Financial Services will be a combination of the Student Accounts office and the Financial Aid office. Not only where there be a name change, there will also be a physical change for these offices.

After the spring 2006 semester is over, construction will begin. Over the summer, there are plans for the wall, separating both offices located in Donnelly, to be torn down. By tearing down this wall, it will create one large office for Student Financial Services.

Joseph Weglarz, the director of Financial Aid, says that the physical reconstruction of these offices will help the traffic flow go much easier and create less confusion for students and parents.

"We hope to create a one-stop shop and a better way to serve our customers," Weglarz said.

Sean Kaylor, Vice President of Admissions and Enrollment Planning, is the head of this new idea.

"This will improve the way we serve our students and families," Kaylor said.

In total, approximately 90 percent of Marist College students have some sort of financial aid or loans. Seeing the need for quality services in the Student Accounts and Financial Aid, Kaylor and Weglarz proposed

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Marist parent

the creation of Student Financial Services to the President of Marist College.

Weglarz and Kaylor were interested in this renovation, because

they had seen the success that schools such as Notre Dame, Boston College, and the University of Philadelphia experienced by having Student

Financial Aid and Student

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Director of Financial Aid

Financial Services.

By the fall 2006 semester, Weglarz says the Student Financial Services will have a waiting area with student workers available to answer financial questions from students, guests, workers, and parents. This office will also contain a few computers for self-service.

The customers will also have the opportunity to proceed farther into the office, in more private rooms, if their questions were not yet answered.

"We want to get away from the counter philosophy, and have an

area that is more private and confidential for families," Weglarz said.

The staff workers from both the Financial Aid and Student Accounts offices are excited, yet nervous for the up and coming changes.

"Change is good, but challenging. Over the next year, the staff members of the two offices will get together once a week and cross-train," Weglarz said.

Parents will be notified of the Student Financial Services renovation by a newsletter being sent this summer.

Dianne Buscema, mother of a student at Marist, says she is looking forward to the Student Financial Services.

"I think the new office is a wonderful idea. Hopefully it will create less confusion between the offices. Change is always good," Buscema said.

Jeopardy champ offers trivia tips, humor

By **MIRANDA MCAULIFFE**
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Perhaps most people would not guess it because of his smarts, but 74-time Jeopardy champion Ken Jennings is a regular guy who enjoys reading comic books and watching movies. On the morning of Wednesday, Apr. 19 the members of the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce also learned that Jennings is a confident public speaker with a keen sense of humor, at their monthly breakfast held at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel.

"I can't believe how much fun that was," Alex North, Marist College junior and son of Chamber President Charles North, said after playing against Ken Jennings in a mini Jeopardy game during the breakfast. His

parting gift: a "Can you beat Ken?" board game and trivia book.

Jennings gave an enthusiastic presentation as the breakfast's keynote speaker, sharing anecdotes about his days on the show and what he has learned from the experience.

Jennings also engaged the audi-

'I know lot of people at home picture me on the John studying an almanac. But you can learn a lot about the world by being an inquisitive person and by being more attentive to the world around you.'

— **Ken Jennings**
74-time Jeopardy Champion

ence by sharing Jeopardy facts unknown to most. For example, the buzzer: if a contestant buzzes in too early it will lock you out for a fraction of a second, lessening your chances of being able to respond. Fortunately for Ken, he practiced buzzing in ahead of time in the comfort of his own home, using his one-year-old

son's toy as a buzzer and the top of his recliner as a podium.

Jennings' speech contained a few pointers for college students, such as use flashcards. "Potent Potables," a Jeopardy category on mixed drinks, posed a problem for Ken.

"I don't know if you've ever been to Utah, but we don't know much about potent potables," he said with a laugh.

Three weeks prior to his first show,

Jennings' wife used flashcards to help him prepare for this category.

Jennings also advised the audience to be inquisitive. Just as contestant members are required to respond to Alex Trebek in the form of a question, Jennings suggested that everyone should live their lives in the form of a ques-



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No apparent downside to bloodless surgery

By ADAM GUARINO
Co-Health Editor

Medical advances in surgery, machinery, and skills are constantly being upgraded as more and more practices are finding new and inventive ways to decrease risks in the operating room.

One traditional source of concern for complications has always been in blood transfusions. Recipients would run the risk of their bodies identifying the new blood as a threat and attempting to remove it, therefore rejecting the blood needed to save their life. Furthermore, it

has been documented that blood stored outside the body degrades and deforms, hindering the flow through blood vessels, and lessening its ability to carry oxygen.

Patients who choose the no-transfusion option eliminate the risk of blood-borne infection and complications from clerical errors. They also have been shown to get out of the hospital an average of one day earlier and avoid potential transfusion related complications including immune system suppression, inflammatory response, and renal or respiratory failure.

So why has this bloodless surgery option only recently

become available to the public? The answer may surprise you. Many states have had bloodless surgery centers or hospitals that perform no transfusion surgery for quite some time now. However, these procedures were only offered to Jehovah's Witnesses who believed the Bible forbids transfusions. It was never an option for the general public. Hospitals now though, are able to offer bloodless surgery to 90 percent of its patients who want it, joining a small but growing number of bloodless medicine programs around the country that also serve the general public. Advocates put the

number at about 120.

"The trend toward avoiding transfusions is gaining momentum among doctors and patients," said Dr. Patricia Ford, director of Pennsylvania Hospital's Center for Bloodless Medicine & Surgery. "Transfusions are lifesavers during emergencies, but they can be avoided in most elective operations," she said.

The techniques used may vary depending on the type of operation, but can include efficient heart-lung bypass machines that circulate a patient's blood during surgery, using high-tech scalpels that clot the blood as they cut tis-

sue; or freezing tissue before it's excised. During surgery, blood that gets suctioned or sponged out of the body cavity is salvaged, and highly efficient pumps keep blood circulating while the heart and lungs are stopped. Before the operation can commence, however, doctors must start seeing patients weeks in advance for pre-surgery planning.

The best no-transfusion candidates typically are those needing only one procedure; repair of a single heart valve or a single bypass, for example. While it can be done in more complex situations, the success rate drops and

many preliminary tests would have to be completed in order to ensure the successful use of the method.

"There's no downside to it that we can see, and there's certainly no downside that's been documented," said Dr. Charles Bridges, a Pennsylvania Hospital cardiologist who has performed multiple bloodless surgeries.

Ford concluded by saying, "transfusions are like getting a transplant; they can be risky and should be a last resort. Frankly, all of the things we use are available to every hospital. The hope is that every hospital will do this eventually."

Chemical enhanced flavoring linked to lung disease

By ALEXANDER TINGEY
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A flavor enhancing chemical which simulates the taste of butter has been linked with numerous cases of a fatal lung disease among food industry workers.

In a chemical in question, has been widely used in the food industry for some time now, and although it is found naturally in many food sources, the concentrated synthetic version may be a major health risk for workers facing long exposure to it.

According to the AP, the threat

was first discovered in a Missouri popcorn plant when the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health was called in to investigate the large number of workers who had come down with the fatal disease. Bronchiolitis obliterans, a disease which constricts airflow within the lungs, is responsible for the death of at least three of the nearly 200 workers who were treated for serious health risks in association with long term diacetyl exposure.

Diacetyl is responsible for the thickening of the cell walls with-

in the lungs, often leading to rapid growth of scar tissue, and is nearly irreversible. In some cases the only treatment option is a lung transplant.

The NIOSH is now moving their investigation from the small southwestern Missouri factory onto the national scale. Among those who are slated to be inspected are the factories which manufacture or use diacetyl in their everyday processes.

The AP interviewed Dr. Kathleen Kreiss, chief of the field studies branch of NIOSH's division of respiratory disease

studies, who, in response to the growing number of cases being discovered, said "...now we've got cases of bronchiolitis obliterans among workers in other plants that use and make flavorings."

New cases of bronchiolitis obliterans are showing up on a near weekly basis. Included in recent reports were cases from Baltimore, South Carolina, Missouri, and Cincinnati. Each of these were filed by workers at factories which used diacetyl in the food manufacturing process.

The NIOSH is concerned that

the food industry is neglecting the health and right to a safe working condition for its employees. In a report to the Baltimore Sun, Kreiss reported that "we [NIOSH] need to get into some of these plants because we don't have confidence that the flavoring industry has taken steps to actually prevent this disease, and we need to determine how widespread the exposure may be."

So far the NIOSH and OSHA have been involved in the ongoing investigations. Food industry executives feel that enough is

being done, and have not joined the effort. OSHA's labor department spokesman, Al Belsky, indicated in a press release that it is the vapors from the flavorings which may be harmful to the workers health. OSHA has instructed its inspectors accordingly. Belsky also indicated that no new regulations would be needed to monitor the safety of workers at these facilities.

The AP, however, felt otherwise. After contacting David Michaels, an epidemiologist at George Washington University's

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Science Briefs

By ADAM GUARINO
Co-Health Editor

HIV BLOCKING GEL

With the near epidemic proportions of people infected with HIV in South Africa, a new attempt at curbing the spread of the disease has come underway. A safe and effective gel allowing women to protect themselves from the AIDS virus may be available by 2010, at the earliest, if current trials involving thousands of women are successful, researchers said Sunday. According to U.N. figures, HIV infection is rising more rapidly among women than men in many parts of the world. Half of all adults living with the virus that causes AIDS are female. Gita Ramjee, director of the HIV prevention research unit at South Africa's Medical Research Council, said microbe-killing vaginal gels offered huge potential for stemming the epidemic, especially in societies where men are reluctant to use a condom. The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has calculated that a microbicide that is 60 percent effective against HIV and used by only 20 percent of women in 73 developing countries over three years could prevent 2.5 million infections.

NEW HOPE FOR FOP SUFFERERS

A rare disease called FOP, or fibrodysplasia ossi-

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MtvU three-band tour to make stop at Marist

By JUSTIN CALDERON
A&E Editor

MtvU's "Campus Invasion Tour 06" makes a stop at Marist this Sunday, April 30. Motion City Soundtrack, Straylight Run, and hellogoodbye have been touring campuses across the country since April 4 and finally make it to Marist.

According to a recent press release mtvU's Campus Invasion tour will bring the three bands to thirteen states while making twenty stops in just over a month.

MtvU's Communication Manager, Jason Rzepka stated the importance of the tour for new artists and its Mtv legacy.

"This is the twelfth annual Campus Invasion tour," said Rzepka, "Although it's only been under the mtvU banner for three years."

The tour has been a pedestal for new bands over the past years and helps create a lasting impression with college audiences. All the bands are generally geared toward a college audi-

ence and this tour gives them the chance to break big.

Stephanie Tasy, Marist College senior is one of the many students looking forward to the tour.

"I've been listening to [Motion City Soundtrack's] new CD for the past month," said Tasy, "I'm obsessed."

"Hellogoodbye will open with a 30 minute set, Straylight Run with a 45 minute set, and Motion City with an hour set," said Rzepka, "They plan to play fan favorites as well as some new songs."

MtvU is the largest television network geared toward college students and broadcasts to "730 colleges across the country, with a combined enrollment of over 6.8 million," according to the press release.

This isn't mtvU's only tour this year. The network has plans to continue their annual Tailgate Tour as well as the Gamers Ball, a tour that features new video games and gaming tournaments.

Student tickets are \$5 at SC 373 and gates open at 4:15 p.m.



Actors Stephanie Speranza and Joe Matero during "Speed Demons."

By NICOLE GOGUE
Circle Contributor

Marist College students bring fictional characters to life in the festival, "One Touch of Nature," held in the Nelly Goletti Theatre.

Opening Thursday, April 20, the program lasted for three nights featuring a collection of student-written plays selected by Professor "Dean" Cox's Theatre Workshop class. Play submissions were given to Cox then narrowed down to eleven or twelve selections. Finally, the students in the workshop voted for the ones they thought should be staged.

Meagan Donoghue, a student in the class and director of "The Pastor's Wife," was involved in the entire selection process.

"We, as a class, look at a number of different factors when making our decision such as: character development, conflict resolution, and if there is a clear message," she said. "We also look at these plays as works in progress... if we can find promise and a playwright who is also willing to accept their play as

unfinished and will revise to produce a stronger script, then we will lean toward those."

Prior to the production, all seven writers had varying levels of experience. Playwright Rachel Newman extended her practice of writing short stories to writing scripts with her play "Stormy Weather."

"I was able to see something I had created come to life," she said. "It was a great experience to work with people who took my ideas and made them real." John Norton, director of "Trippingly on the Tongue," and writer of "I Do," differentiates between the experiences of writing and directing.

"As a writer your main goal is to get your story told," he said. "As a director...you must take care of mood, movement, and you must work with your actors very closely as you all grow together."

The playwrights and directors credit the program for giving them a greater understanding of what is necessary to bring the scripts to life and communicate the intended message. Melinda

Student written, directed plays performed at spring theater festival

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— John Norton
Director, "Trippingly on the Tongue"

Martinez, a student in Cox's Theatre Workshop, and director of "Speed Demons," expressed the need for interaction between the writer, director, and cast members.

Having done smaller scenes for directing class, the bigger production proved "just how collaborative theatre is," she said.

Smaller cast sizes and smaller production teams equates to more unity.

"Without meaning to sound cliché, we really do become a family. This experience was certainly no exception," said Norton.

Norton cites his combination of experience with different aspects of theater including, acting, directing, and writing as integral to his success.

"Because I've directed before I've dived into playwrighting, it's affected my writing...in a positive way," he said. "I know how characters need to move on stage and how the overall picture needs to look, so because of this, as I'm writing, I can visualize my words coming to life on stage."

Although the majority of indi-

viduals involved in the production had taken other production classes or been involved with Marist College Council on Theatre Arts, the production still taught students about stage acting and personal style.

Newman made changes to the character's dialogue to make it flow better, and "the blocking and setting of the end had to be changed to fit stage adaptation," she said.

Expressing her admiration for the quality of Neil Simon's slapstick comedy, "I could never compare to Simon," Newman said. "But I love his style and I wanted to have a play that made people laugh and forget their troubles for a few minutes."

Martinez explained that to earn a director's role, the students had to submit their top three choices of plays for directing to Cox along with an analysis of the plays. She was awarded the opportunity to produce her top choice and uses a thematic quote from "Speed Demons" to convey her interpretation of the play's meaning.

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Journalist, anti-racism activist lecture

which interpreted the Constitution in such a way that excluded blacks from the rights of citizenship, and stated that no African had any rights a white man was bound to respect.

Other laws and instances continued to pass throughout history, creating what Lamb refers to as the "white race, and further suppressing the rights of colored people."

"Because of actions taken by government and society, even now, to be white is to have racial prejudice," said Lamb. "We are constantly inundated with messages from society."

Professor Isabel Rose teaches social inequality at Marist. In her class, Rose teaches that before the white community can change its subconscious attitudes towards black people, it must first understand what race is.

"Most people do not know race is a social concept," said Rose. "Race is a basic piece of knowledge that can enlighten and change us."

As an anti-racism activist, Lamb advocates for reparations to the African-American community. She has had the opportunity to turn against the system that originally gave her the privilege. Although an individual might eliminate racism from his or her mind, it may still be at the core of his or her heart, said Lamb.

Lamb has developed a strategy to begin reparations, in which an individual begins with self-examination, then reaches out others, and eventually alters the institutional form of racism.

"We must examine ourselves moment to moment, and rather than deny it, own up to it and

work at it," said Lamb.

Throughout her studies, Lamb has found that depending on the individual, the first step may be the hardest. Rose agrees with Lamb's strategy for reparations, and the idea that self-actualization is typically a difficult process.

"Although it is best to recognize our inner-racism, it is often the most frightening task," said Rose.

Lamb was not always involved in the anti-racism movement. After a long history of drug-abuse, she has been sober for thirty-three years, and has since dedicated her life to "making the world a better place."

"My heart is in the right place," said Lamb. "I now live for much more than my own pleasure."

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"Sane is a relative term, some people are just more forward about it than others," she said quoting main character Jordan, played by Garrett Thibodeau. "The play is a comical view on how some people are so cynical, [the play] reminds us to be open-minded in a negative situation, there may end up being hope."

The thread of humanity in the individual performances "unites the plays in some fashion, it gently hints at the universality of human experience," writes Cox in the production's program. "The plays present real people in real situations, or almost real settings, searching for love, for meaning, for truth."

"Students are free to write their plays about whatever narrative or idea for which they are passionate or have been moved," said Cox.



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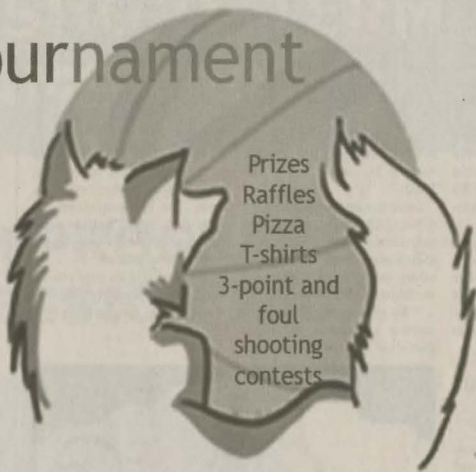
School of Public Health who examined OSHA's handling of popcorn workers' sickness, they found that the administrations inaction was "criminal."

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Currently there have been 150

lawsuits filed against individual manufacturing companies and factories, with over 100 million dollars in jury awarded verdicts. The most recent suit, filed last February, takes aim at the Flavoring and Extract Manufacturing Association, who claimed to have been involved in a cover-up attempt to hide information regarding the health risks involved with their products. However, there seems to be little supporting evidence for the conspiracy at this point.

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Women's tennis falls in the championship match

By NATE FIELDS
Staff Writer

After a perfect 7-0 record in conference play, and the regular season Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) title, the Marist Red Fox women's tennis team suffered its first loss against a MAAC opponent in Sunday's championship match against Siena.

The ladies started their week-end off by pouncing St. Peter's 6-1 on Friday, dropping only one singles match, and taking all

three doubles matches convincingly.

Aside from third singles, where junior Megan Gureck fell in three hard-fought sets, the Foxes outscored the Peacocks 60-6 in singles play, and 24-6 in doubles.

Saturday's match-up against Fairfield had similar results, as Marist players did not surrender a single point to the Stags. The Foxes again swept through doubles, and continued to dominate in singles.

Interim head coach Tim Smith, who is also the men's tennis head

coach and had expected his men's team to claim victory in their quarter and semifinal matches, felt the same way about the women. He knew the team had success earlier in the season against St. Peter's and Fairfield, and expected nothing less than to move on to the final.

"We beat Fairfield 4-3 two weeks ago, and then beat them 4-0 in the tournament," he said. He then added though, "I was very happy with the progress the team made since I took over less than a month ago."

The undefeated women carried that progress into a Sunday showdown with second-place Siena College.

The team got off to a slow start, surrendering all three doubles matches, all by close scores.

"The doubles were crucial," Smith said. "And we barely won those matches at Siena a week ago. Once we lost the doubles point, I felt we were in serious trouble."

Smith's premonitions came true, as the situation did not improve in singles play. The

Saints took the first three singles matches, giving them four total team points and securing victory.

Although the scores were not pretty, Smith insisted that the team played well.

"The score was not indicative of the play. Erin Godly, at number 3 singles, had won the first set and was ahead in the second."

Unfortunately for Godly and her teammates, Siena had already secured the championship trophy by a 4-0 score.

Smith attributed part of the team's disappointing finish to the

coaching shakeup that occurred mid-season.

"If we had had another month to train and prepare, it could well have been a different outcome."

The team loses both its captains, Inge Le-Grange and Yana Tikhonko to graduation, but four featured freshmen, two sophomores and a junior from this year's team will all be back in action next season.

Men's tennis loses its third straight final to Manhattan

By NATE FIELDS
Staff Writer

What started as a promising weekend ended with disappointment for Marist's men's tennis team, as it fell in the championship of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Tournament on Sunday. Had the team won, it would have advanced to the NCAA tournament.

The Foxes built momentum Friday and Saturday, breezing through the quarter and semifinal rounds. They dismantled Loyola 7-0 in the quarterfinals on Friday, outscoring the Greyhounds 72-16 and 24-4 in doubles play. No Loyola singles

player won more than three games in a set.

On Saturday, the Foxes took down Fairfield 4-0, winning every match they played, and ensuring victory after just three singles and two doubles matches.

Seniors Leo Rodriguez and Mark Santucci dominated their opponents at second and third singles, 6-1, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-1 respectively.

Coach Tim Smith was pleased with his team's effort, but his expectations went beyond the first two rounds.

"We played well on Friday and Saturday, but those are teams that we should dominate, because we did not lose any matches to them in the regular

season," he said.

The team advanced to its eighth straight MAAC championship appearance, and faced the Jaspers of Manhattan, MAAC champions for two years running.

The Foxes got off to a strong start, sweeping doubles play behind the efforts of Rodriguez and junior Pedro Genovese at first doubles, and junior Ray Marks and sophomore Greg Marks at third doubles.

Marks then dealt Manhattan's Filip Szymik a stunning 6-1, 6-0 defeat at fifth singles that really seemed to give Marist a spark. Smith pointed out that Sparks was at his best in this match after having lost to the same player

two weeks ago.

"He played as good a match as he's played all year, and beat a player that beat him in straight sets two weeks ago, so he was really in the zone," he said.

Things started to go downhill there however, as the Foxes failed to secure another singles victory. Several matches were extremely hard-fought and close, including Pedro Genovese's first singles.

While several players, including Genovese, won their first sets, they could not prevail in the second sets, and Marist's top four singles players all tasted defeat. Manhattan claimed a 4-2 victory and the MAAC title.

Despite the loss, Josephs was

pleased with his team's effort in the championship match, and said he has noticed marked change in the team since his arrival on campus three years ago.

"Overall, we played very well," he said. "This was my third year going to the MAAC tournament, and I think we've improved every year."

While it has been frustrating to lose the last three championships to the Jaspers, Josephs said this year was especially tough.

"This year was the first year I thought we had a legitimate chance to beat them," he said. "We were as close to winning, without winning, as we possibly could have been."

The disappointing end to an otherwise outstanding season also marked the departure of five integral members of the team.

Sunday's competition was the final one for seniors Santucci, Rodriguez, Federico Rolon, Alain Boletta, and Brendon Van Wasbeck.

Their talent and presence will not be easily replaced, but the team remains hopeful for redemption next season, as a nucleus of young talent is returning, hungry for another crack at the Jaspers and a MAAC title.

Women's lacrosse suffers heartbreaking loss to end season

By GABE PERNA
Staff Writer

The Marist women's lacrosse season came to an abrupt end this past Monday when they lost a heartbreaker to the Manhattan Jaspers 12-10 at Dietz Field.

With a spot in the MAAC tournament on the line, both the Jaspers and the Red Foxes were literally playing for their collective seasons. However, it was the Jaspers who held on to the game after taking the lead midway through the contest.

The Foxes came out of the gate on fire and took an early 3-0 lead. Scoring for Marist in the

early-going was sophomore Lindsey Diener and freshman Kate Nofsker. Diener scored an unassisted goal off the opening draw, and 26 seconds later Nofsker joined the fray and tallied her first goal of the day.

Both Diener and Nofsker set the tone throughout the day, each adding five points. After Marist took the 3-0 lead, the Jaspers cut the lead to one off goals from Molly Pheterson and Alicia Psillos making the score 3-2.

The action continued at a frantic pace as the Red Foxes added two more goals midway through the half. Scoring again was Nofsker, who was assisted by

Diener. Nofsker then got an assist by setting up fellow freshman Stephanie Garland to extend the lead to 5-2.

Unfortunately for Marist, the Jaspers turned the game around at this point and fired off five straight unanswered goals. Lauren Civardi began the scoring burst for the Jaspers, scoring two straight unassisted goals and cutting the Marist lead to one. Then Brenna Tinari and Pheterson added goals of their own in the final minutes of the half and gave the Jaspers their first lead of the day. The half ended with the Jaspers on top 6-5.

As the second half started the

Jaspers scoring machine did not skip a beat as Jenny Carman added yet another goal.

Finally Diener and Nofsker put the Foxes back on the board, scoring back to back goals and tying the contest at seven. Then it was back to square one with just over twenty minutes left in a game that had very much a playoff atmosphere.

The Foxes surrendered three straight goals within a matter of minutes to Civardi, Carman, and Psillos. However, Marist did not go down without putting up a fight.

Garland and sophomore Val Amodeo scored two straight free

position goals and cut the Jasper lead to one with just over ten minutes remaining in the contest. But then the Jaspers defense kicked it up a notch, and Psillos added another goal to make the score 11-9.

Sophomore Jessica O'Brien scored the final goal for Marist off an assist from Diener. The Jaspers clung to the one point lead until Psillos scored her fourth and final goal of the evening with 33 seconds remaining to make the final score 12-10.

Burkhard finished with 13 saves between the pipes on the game for Marist. Freshman Kyle

Jansky stepped in net for ten minutes and made two saves. Manhattan's Ashley Devins played all sixty minutes and made ten saves.

With the loss, the Red Foxes' season ends with a 5-11, 3-4 record and a fifth place finish. The season saw Marist get off to a tough start as they dropped six of their first seven contests, but then they recovered and won three of their next five, including thrilling wins over Siena and Villanova. However, Marist lost their last three of four and fell just short of qualifying for the playoffs.

Emerel and Geist battle rainy conditions to give personal bests

By DIEGO CUENCA
Staff Writer

The Marist men's track team competed last week at a rainy St. John's University for the Metropolitan Championships and were lead by the personal best-time finishes of freshman Alex Emerel and Kris Geist.

In the meet's longest event of

the day, Emerel was able to get ahead early in the 10,000-meter run and it eventually led to his third place finish in 33:19.87. This also marked the first time that the freshman had completed the long distance event.

Fellow freshman Kris Geist was able to finish strong with a sprint over the last two laps earning him a personal-best time of

10:11.49 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Alongside Geist in the 3,000-meter steeplechase was freshman John Keenan, who also ran a personal-best time of 9:41.93 in the event. Keenan has already qualified for the event for the upcoming USA Junior Championships.

But the freshmen were not the only Red Foxes to record personal-

best time finishes.

Junior Patrick Carroll ran his personal-best of 57.93 seconds that placed seventh in the 400-meter hurdles, and freshman David Raucic placed fifth in the 1,500-meter run with an outdoor personal-best time of 4:01.99.

Raucic's mark was also the sixth best individual outdoor time recorded in the event this

year, within the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).

Sophomore Joseph Tarantello, who also competed in the 1,500-meter run, said the team tries to ignore the weather conditions and does not change its approach.

"It was pouring so much that they had to cancel the field events," he said. "But we try to

Suddenly Seymour wins dodgeball tournament

Suddenly Seymour outlasted 14 other teams to take the 2006 Dodgeball Tournament title presented by Rossi's Deli and Dr. Keith Strudler's PR Class.

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series would take home the title. After each team split the first two games, Suddenly Seymour ultimately proved to be too good for 2BG.

"The tournament was a huge success," Tom Riedel of the Dodgeball Tournament Committee said. "We had a great turnout and everyone had a great time. We would like to thank everyone who came out to participate and we would also like to thank our three sponsors,

Hungry Fox, Doughboy's, and Rossi's Deli."

The tournament featured 14 teams and 70 players. All of the teams packed the Grey Gym in the McCann Center to watch the tournament, and this helped to provide a very competitive atmosphere.

Team Suddenly Seymour received championship t-shirts, and The House, best costume winners, got a gift certificate.

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Foxes fall to Hawks, three regular season games remain

By JOSEPH FERRARY
Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's University Men's Lacrosse team had five players score multiple goals to pace them to a 15-5 win over Marist on its senior night last Saturday at Leonidoff Field.

The Red Foxes were led by senior captain Bill Duerr as he tallied two goals and added an assist.

With the loss, Marist's record fell to 6-6, 4-2 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic

Conference (MAAC) while Saint Joseph's record improved to 6-8, 5-2 in the MAAC.

Saint Joseph's took control of the game early and never let go. The Hawks scored the first four goals of the game, which included three goals in the first quarter.

Marist would not go away easily as they cut the lead to 4-2 with 7:34 left to play in the first half on goals by Andrew Walsh and Tim Iuculano.

But the Hawks would respond with two more goals of their own in the last five minutes of the

first half to reclaim its four goal lead at 6-2 going into half time.

Saint Joe's would continue to pound Marist as they outscored the Red Foxes 9-3 in the second half, including a 6-2 advantage in the third period.

Marist Head Coach James Simpson commended the Hawks

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Head Coach

for a well-played game.

"They played an excellent game," he said. "As a team they are clicking at the right time of the season."

Saint Joe's was led by Keegan Wilkinson, who scored two of his three goals in the third period while dishing out five assists on the night.

"Wilkinson is one of the better players in the conference," Simpson said. "We tried to play a zone defense, but that didn't work. He was able to set the tone early for them as he scored

the first goal of the game."

Andrew Four and Steve Varga joined Wilkinson with three goals apiece. Steve O'Brien and Alex Lopes rounded out the multiple scorers with two goals a piece.

Nick Hautau scored a goal and added an assist in the losing effort. Despite the loss, Marist controlled the ground balls by a margin of 31-22 and Dan Needle won 17-23 face-offs, a game high.

Coach Simpson only had one message for his team after the game, and that was to play consistently.

"There were times in this game when we played well," said Simpson. "However, we have to start playing well on a consistent basis and play with a sense of urgency."

The Red Foxes will travel to Buffalo on Saturday April 29 to take on Canisius in the MAAC regular season finale.



Second seed secured for Marist water polo

By DAVID HOCHMAN
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The Marist water polo squad closed out its regular season on a five-game winning streak against conference opponents.

The Red Foxes finished the season with a 21-12 record, while going 8-2 in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play, with their only losses at the hands of Wagner. Marist has a chance for redemption this weekend though, as the MAAC tournament comes to Poughkeepsie.

By cleaning up the pool this weekend, the Foxes assured themselves a number-two seed in the tournament. They did this by beating Siena and Iona on April 22 and taking out Villanova and St. Francis (N.Y.) in exciting fashion the next day.

Sunday's games were as highly entertaining as any all year. Marist trailed by five goals to Villanova but stormed back to win 9-7.

Junior Jillian Jeffers led the way for Marist with three goals, two assists, and two steals. Freshman Katelyn McCahill and senior Mary Grisey also had a big day with two goals each.

Freshman Kari Weston continued her season-long great play with two steals, and sophomore goalies Elizabeth Davis and Katy Zweifel split time in net making seven and ten saves, respectively.

The Red Foxes played the last game of the regular season with great poise, jumping out to an early lead and never relinquishing it. They led 7-1 at halftime and ended up winning 12-7 behind a balanced scoring attack. Weston, McCahill, and sophomore Allison Rader each had two goals, and six more Foxes each chipped in one goal.

McCahill put forth another all-around performance as she also picked up two assists and two steals. Due to her great play all weekend, the MAAC named McCahill Conference Player of the Week for the second time this season. Davis and Zweifel split time again, this time combining for 15 saves.

On April 29, Marist will challenge Iona in one semifinal match for the MAAC Championship. The winner will move on to the title game on April 30 versus the winner of the Wagner-Villanova game.

Upcoming Schedule

Saturday, Apr. 29 — at Canisius, 7 p.m.

*Friday, May 5 — Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championships, Buffalo, N.Y., TBA

*Sunday, May 7 — MAAC Championships, Buffalo, N.Y., TBA

* Team finishing in Top 4 of regular season standings.

Duke lacrosse experiences trouble, accused students from tri-state area

By GABE PERNA
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The situation practically sets itself up for disaster and an obvious clash of cultures. It's a shame because stuff like this really brings out the ugly side of people.

Consider this situation: A prominent college consisting of mostly upper to middle class Caucasian born into privileged living in the midst of a predominantly African-American, poor working class city.

It almost sounds like I am talking about Marist College and Poughkeepsie, N.Y. And that was actually one of my first thoughts when I heard of the situation. I kept thinking, "Wow this could easily happen to Marist."

However, in this case I am of course talking about the strained relationship between Duke University and the City of Durham, N.C. For that clash of cultures, all it took was a bunch of raucous lacrosse student athletes, a paid exotic dancer, and a whole lot of alcohol. And let's not forget rape was involved, or at least accused rape.

That was the spark that fueled a scandal that has rocked the core of the previously prestigious Duke University. A scandal that has almost made the Kobe Bryant rape scandal from years ago seem fairly tame by comparison.

When news broke out that some of Duke's white male lacrosse players were accused of sexually assaulting an

African-American stripper from Durham, the surrounding community cried foul. Protests against the privileged lacrosse players and the school for not taking immediate action were aplenty. Many sided with the accuser claiming it was a hate crime and the lax players are guilty.

Meanwhile, on the opposite side many were quick to defend the lacrosse players citing a lack of evidence. Others on the side of the accused said the media has overreacted. Character assassinations on both sides have been used and obviously Duke has not been spared in the brunt of the jarring.

But, the result of the scandal has become an ugly debate where no matter what the court decision is, no one is a winner. It doesn't matter if you are white, black, yellow, orange, red, green, and turquoise, all involved are losers.

Let's look at the main players of the situation and why no one wins in this unattractive situation.

The accuser, a 27 year old, exotic dancer, mother-of-two and part time student at nearby N.C. Central University might get retribution in the court. Sure that might very well happen. However, the drawn out court situation will likely not get settled for months, years.

The emotions the accuser must be currently feeling, I can not even attempt to sympathize with. I can't imagine how she will feel if this case goes through several years of the

penal system. I can't imagine the amount of court dates she will spend on the day she got raped will make her feel too jolly. I can't imagine her being happy her kids also have to suffer through this ordeal as well.

The accused, 20 year olds Colin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann, both are from upper class backgrounds in the tri-state area. With high priced lawyers and the ultimate realization this case will take a long time to settle in court, the Duke duo might get away with nothing but fines and probation.

However, like many other athletes before them, they are not or never will be winners in this situation. Their names will forever be attached to this scandal. Even if they are innocent, many will brand them as guilty rapists for years to come. They could go onto become the Bird and Johnson of lacrosse and they'd still be attached to this scandal.

Duke University and its lacrosse program will forever be tarnished because of this scandal.

The relationship between Duke and Durham might take years to restore. Even the people on both sides of the case are not going to concede. You either think they are innocent or you don't. Just like the infamous O.J. Simpson case it's that simple.

As you can see, there is no winner, except maybe the media who wins by getting a story. But even that's a stretch.

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