



## Presidential candidates show grace under fire in debate

By ALEX PANAGIOTOPOULOS  
Campus Editor

Class of 2007 president Mary Ellen Conway and Vice President for Athletic Affairs Todd Bivona debated Tuesday night on MCTV for the contested position of SGA president.

Students can vote in the election on the Marist College website beginning on March 6 at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. on March 8. Two questions apiece during the debate were posed by Louis Ortiz of MCTV, Steve Waiculous of Marist Radio, and a humble representative from the Circle. Many of the questions revolved around confusion over the SGA budget and its assumed influence in award-

ing money to clubs. In their opening statements, Conway said her goal on campus was a sense of unity and common respect, while Bivona proposed a "Campus Crawl" for SGA members to visit dormitories and meet students.

Conway said that she has a plan for coming up from funding for clubs. "I believe that small clubs can become successes," she said. "Every club adds to diversity among people [on

campus]... building and strengthening is all that is needed to be implemented."

Bivona said that Marist needs to analyze where it is spending its money.

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—MaryEllen Conway  
Student Body President candidate

"I don't feel that any clubs should be cut totally," he said. "I think something that needs to be expected is to let us know, let us hear your voice, saying that we can't afford to cut any of these programs; they are what make Marist College unique."

However, despite the verbal

ripostes that were thrown around on Speech Night on Monday, funding for clubs is provided for by hundreds of thousands of dollars drawn from every student's activity fee.

The SGA has input but certainly not the carte blanche that has been suggested by some candidates' speeches and the rumors flying around campus regarding the Black Student Union and ARCO. Bivona proposed giving each

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club access to debit accounts, with Marist controlling allocations.

A strong point in Conway's answers was proposing to keep the SGA office doors open, "to [get] a more personal, heart to heart side with students... I want to listen to their concerns."

Bivona said that as president he would encourage unity among the campus media, making The Circle, MCTV, and WMAR a conglomerate that worked together on

stories and pooled its resources.

Conway and Bivona agreed a negative trend is the lack of contested posts in this SGA election.

"I think that it's important to have healthy competition," she said. "We need to grow, to learn [from that competition]. I think that more publicity... would create more [student] enrollment."

Todd Bivona said that the students are the SGA's 'boss.'

"We'd like to think that government represents all cultures on campus," he said. "Our voice is heard on certain issues [at board of trustees meetings]. It's time for us to go to your guys... because you're our boss, so we want to hear what you have to say."



TODD BIVONA - The Circle

Vice-president of Student Life Siobhan Skeritt and Vice-president of Club Affairs Matthew Hittenmark present Jake Marshall, a St. Jude's patient, with a gift from the Marist community during SGA's St. Jude 'Up Till Dawn,' Friday, Feb. 24.

## Students stay 'Up 'til Dawn'

By CASSI MATOS  
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As students entered McCann's grey gym, Friday, February 24, everyone was handed a hospital bracelet with Jake Marshall's name, age, and cancer type.

The bracelet, much like the one Jake Marshall wears when he is a patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, was a visible symbol that everyone present was joined together under the same cause.

'Up 'til Dawn' is an event that takes place on college campuses across the nation and is the culmination of four months of fundraising on behalf of St. Jude. This student-led, student-run fund-raiser is hosted by over 150 colleges and universities nationwide, and this year, for the first time, Marist College took part.

The first event, held in October, is a letter-writ-

ing campaign, the All Team Meeting, where students address letters to friends, family, local organizations and anyone they think can help in order to explain what St. Jude is all about and to ask for donations. The letter-writing campaign is done in teams; approximately 22 teams took part.

Most of the teams were made up of students involved in resident student council, while some were just groups of friends who decided to come out for the cause. The team to write the most letters during the night was Team

MCCTA.

At the end of the fund-raising year, campuses host a finale event and stay "Up 'til Dawn" celebrating their achievements.

Marshall was joined by his family and more than 300 students, during "Up 'til Dawn," where Matthew Hittenmark, assistant director for the event, was pleased to announce Marist has raised

## Marist students journey to Mexico, aim to help village

By CLAIRE SEMDER  
Circle Contributor

Spring break has new meaning for a group of Marist students as they venture to Mexico, not to lounge on the beaches of Cancun, but to aid the people in the small fishing village of Progreso.

The trip, set up by Marist Global Outreach, is composed of eight students and led by Jamie Williams, Campus Ministry's head of community service. Global Outreach is a student-initiated, non-profit organization that has regularly sent missions abroad in the past but has not done so in recent years.

During their trip, the students will be helping those less fortunate meet local needs, from repairing and cleaning houses to spending time with families. Marist students will be the only American support team working and living in Progreso during the week of March 11 to 19. However, Universidad Marista, whom the Global Outreach group works closely with, is only 30 minutes away in Merida, Mexico.

The students will immerse themselves in the culture and lifestyle of the people they help, living in a rented house in Progreso. Maggie Brittle, a freshman International Communication major going on the trip, said the group will see traveling from a different perspective.

"It's so easy to go to another country as a traveler, where you stay in your first class hotels," she said. "But to really get your hands dirty and to live with the people, it's a once in a lifetime experience."

Sophomore Eric Zedalis said he feels both excited and scared about the trip.

"[I'm] excited for the oppor-

tunity, and I'm hoping that this experience will tell me more about where I am and where I am going," he said. "[I'm] also

scared because I don't really care for Mexican food and all everyone keeps telling me is 'don't drink the water.'"

He also feared he would not have his passport in time because it expired, requiring him to pay an extra fee to have it expedited.

The interest in the trip to Mexico was high, which made it difficult to choose a core group. Williams said she selected the group she thought would work best together as a team and specified that fluency in Spanish was not a requirement.

"We were really looking for a good mix of people who had

both service experience and also had experience combining service with reflection," Williams said. "We really tried to pick people as they might fit into a group."

According to Zedalis, the application questions were "deep and thought-provoking. They really wanted to mold us into a team and to know our motivations."

During fundraising activities, Aurora Israelson, the student leader of the group, noted that other students did not fully understand the objectives of the trip. She observed that many scoffed at the word Mexico, believing they were paying for another student's "vacation."

"A lot of the world's poor live in some of the most beautiful places under creation," Williams

explained about the misconception of the trip and its location. "What's going on here that it's such a beautiful place where people are suffering so much?"

She wants the group to think critically about this idea while they are there.

The Marist community has not only contributed to the Global Outreach trip with donations but also with time. On February 17, Pass the Broccoli Grandpa, a band composed of three Marist students, performed at a coffee house near Vassar College called The Cubbyhole, where they accepted contributions to help fund the trip.

According to Danielle LaMountain, a sophomore who represented the group at the concert, "The students were very

generous with their donations," making the event a success. The group has also

held a 50/50 raffle and a letter writing campaign to raise money.

Fundraising efforts will continue on campus until the group leaves in order to lower the out-of-pocket expenses for the students. "We need all the help we can get," Zedalis said, "If you see any of our fundraising activities please donate."

Williams wants the students to gain a "heightened sense of global citizenship" through their experiences. She hopes to make annual trips to places around the world where people are in need and for Marist College to continue its service internationally.



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## Security Briefs: SGA says: We can rebuild John Gildard *We have the moustache technology*

By BRIAN SABELLA  
Goddess of Love

To my little lambs,

It's your general here again, Brian "Webster should have been on the air a lot longer than it was" Sabella. And let me say, this week was rough.

John Gildard and I did not get to have our weekly meeting and I feel as if a part of me is missing because of it. In his honor, however, I have put in the "What John Gildard Might Have Said" quote of the week. I hope to do the big man justice.

Also, I am very proud of all of you. There were NO fire alarms because of burnt food this week. I would like to take this opportunity to take complete credit for this because of my ridiculing all of you. I applaud myself on all the hard work I put in.

Enjoy.

2/22 — Marian 4:05 AM

This is what I love about Marian. Its 4 o'clock in the morning and they're still getting in trouble. This time, an unauthorized guest from Staten Island tried to get in using a friend's ID. Even though the security guard was half asleep, he still caught the perp. That's pretty bad if you can't get past the security guard at 4 in the AM. Better luck next time hoss.

2/22 — Champagnat Hall 3:15 PM

Here is one that brings a tear to my eye because I'm just so proud of these little lambs. A student was caught trying to bring in a 24 pack of Bud Light in a shopping bag. WOW! Not only was it a WEDNESDAY when this happened, but it was THREE IN THE AFTERNOON! These students were going beyond pre-gaming. This borders on alcoholism.

2/23 — McCann 11:23 PM

A student reported that someone had stolen his bike from the McCann Center during the basketball game. He proceeded to scour the campus for it, but turned up nothing. A security guard on patrol noticed a vintage Hulk Hogan Big Wheels parked next to Leo that fit the description of the stolen bike. It was returned and all is well in wrestling land.

### THE "WHAT JOHN GILDARD MIGHT HAVE SAID" QUOTE OF THE WEEK

2/24 — West Cedar Street

This one makes me proud to be an upper classmen. A student was seen walking down West Cedar Street carrying a stop sign. Yes, a stop sign. Complete with post and all. Security was notified, they confronted the student and said "NO SIGN FOR YOU!" The boy walked home sad that he had carried that heavy sign and didn't even get to keep it. Here, I would think John Gildard would say "Probably was gonna set up a driving school in his living room or something."

**First of all, I have been to this "Red Bar," and it is definitely not red. Second of all... well I really have no second of all. BUT IT'S NOT RED!!**

### \*\*Brian's Brief of the Week\*\*

2/24 — McCann and Sheahan Parking Lot

Here's one for the record books. A student was seen standing next to a Jeep in the McCann lot and talking to the people inside. He suddenly bolted away and ran towards the Sheahan staircase. The Jeep followed in hot pursuit and beat the student to the stairs. When security confronted them, all the student would say was "You may have won, but I beat you off the line."

2/24 — Gartland

Here is one that really makes you think. A student left his house at 5:30 PM and returned at roughly 9 PM to find a shuttle bus sign from the basketball game in his living room. He left again and returned shortly and found the sign was still there, and now one of the pillow covers from his couch cushions was missing.

There are so many things to make fun of here I don't even know where to start. My main question is, however, if somebody came into your house

once, wouldn't you lock the door so they couldn't do it again? How are you not living in Marian, buddy?

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2/25 — Champagnat 1 AM

You crazy freshman. There is one who walks amongst you crazier than all the rest. This young lady was found by security highly intoxicated. When asked how she got this way, she said she had been to the "Red Bar" and consumed two bottles of vodka while there.

Huh? First of all, I have been to this "Red Bar," and it is definitely not red. Second of all... well I really have no second of all. BUT IT'S NOT RED!!

### \*\*GUEST BRIEF OF THE WEEK\*\*

by Annie "I love We Didn't Start the Fire" Foakley  
2/25 — Champagnat 1 AM

Oh, Champagnat. Not only have you garnered a reputation as a nationally ranked STD dorm, but you breed some of Marist's finest intellectuals.

On Saturday, 2/25, a student reported a "large amount" of money stolen at 1am. When security asked this mentally acute freshman how this could have happened, the student replied that the room was "locked but unlocked." I, for one, applaud this student of their understanding of subjective reality. But lock your doors, kids.

2/27 — Midrise 9:58 PM

Here is why Marist is ranked among the top colleges in the country. A group of Midrise kids tried to be sneaky and get their two unregistered guests in by swiping their cars quickly without notice.

When the security guard noticed this craziness, the little rodents ran for it. That's right, a track meet began. When security went to the suite and found the two unregistered guests and forced them to leave, one student could be heard saying "If only Alex Huot was here. Then we would have gotten away with it."



### Upcoming Campus Events

Thursday, Mar. 2  
Poet, Memoirist:  
Mark Doty  
8 P.M.  
Nelly Goletti Theater

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11 A.M. Mar. 6 - 7 p.m.  
March 8.  
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Tuesday, Mar. 7  
Sex Lecture: Elaine Pasqua  
7 P.M. PAR

Wednesday, Mar. 8  
SPC Broadway Trip:  
Hairspray  
Tickets on sale for trip that  
will be on:  
Sunday, March 26  
10 AM Departure  
\$25 with Marist ID

Friday, Mar. 31  
O.A.R.  
Ticket Prices:  
Marist students: \$10  
Other students: \$15  
Public tickets: \$25  
Student pre-sale: 2/27  
General on-sale: 3/7

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## Marist takes sixth place in 'Battle of the Regions' College Bowl

By MARIANNE SHAFER  
Circle Contributor

On Saturday, Feb. 25, the ACUI, Association of College Unions International, Region 1 and Region 2 "Battle of the Regions" College Bowl was held in Donnelly Hall.

Seventeen teams from colleges and universities across the country participated in the College Bowl, including a team from Marist.

Marist's region two team placed 6 out of 17 with a record of 5-3, according to Michelle Fischetti, assistant director of student activities.

The team players for Marist included Joe Gentile, Greg Harris, John Briggs, Mike Diaz, and Masha Mitsengendler. Gentile was the top scorer for Marist.

"The tournament is really fun, but it's a lot different from the way that we play it in school,"

Mitsengendler said. "When we have it as a campus-wide tournament, people are more relaxed and just have fun with it, whereas at the regional tournament, some of the other teams get really intense about it."

New technology was used at the tournament, including a screen to display the questions for a hearing impaired student at RIT and an interpreter to voice his answers to the officials.

"RIT was very thankful for the

accommodations and the other teams were open to the format and displayed great sportsmanship," Fischetti said. "The players, coaches, and volunteers did a wonderful job."

The questions asked at the tournament included topics of general knowledge such as science, history and politics.

"The questions got progressively more difficult throughout the first day," Marist team member Briggs said. "They included

a lot more science, which was the weak point of our team. My favorite question was about Danny Glover, and him starring in the Lethal Weapon series. I thought it was random, and hilarious."

"I would say that overall, the tournament was a tremendous success," states Fischetti.

The first place team for Region 1 was UMass Lowell and the first place team for Region 2, and the overall winner, was St.

Bonaventure University.

"We started off the competition going 4-0, but then we faced the three toughest teams in the tournament. I'm just glad we stayed above .500," recalls Briggs. "I am very pleased with our performance, the team did well and we worked hard."

"Four months of hard work ... and it's over," Fischetti said.

## Marist band celebrates twentieth anniversary with joy, reflection

By JAMES MARCONI  
News Editor

It has been twenty years since the conception of the Marist College Band – twenty years of growth, dedication, and fun, according to its current director and members. Two decades later, the band is celebrating this anniversary with gusto. From 1986 to the present day the band program has grown from a two trumpet ensemble to 140 students participating in 12 different ensembles, the largest of which is the Marist College Band.

The band program's story begins one January night in 1986 when Arthur Himmelberger received a phone call from the then-director of the Music Department, Professor Dorothy Anne Davis. Himmelberger (now Director of Music and

Bands) was asked to consider joining the Marist faculty and direct its band. He accepted the offer, and came here to get his ensemble ready for a performance at a basketball game in Madison Square Garden. At that point the band, Himmelberger said, consisted of two young trumpet players. Not daunted by the challenge, he prepared those two trumpets to play during the game.

That game, Himmelberger said, "was the beginning of the legacy of the Marist College Band. We played some trumpet cheers, and when we got back I asked them if they wanted to continue. They said sure."

From those humble beginnings to the present, the band program and the music department in general have high ambitions, according to Himmelberger.

Celebrating twenty years of success not only means looking back at the band's struggles and achievements, but also looking towards the future. Himmelberger said that it is his hope to continue to push the music program to greater success.

"It's the process of trying to attain a life goal, and that goal is still out in front of us," Himmelberger said. "Our quest is that of climbing a hill; no matter where we're at, we're only halfway there." But, he said, "If we use [superior music programs] as models and attain that level of excellence, then we'll go where it is we're supposed to go."

The strides taken so far has been encouraging, said Mike Napolitano, Manager of Music Department Operations. In the

past five years alone, he said, the number of students involved with the band program has nearly doubled. Additionally, Napolitano said that the band's technical skills continue improve, enabling it to play a wider range of pieces.

"I've been here for quite a few years and it's great to see that the quality of the students keeps improving," Napolitano said. "It's a great thing to see the progress of the program. It's kind of a labor of love." And especially during this particular year, Napolitano said that he feels "a lot of pride."

While striving to attain new heights, musically speaking, being a member of the band is more than just playing notes on a page. According to some of its members, the band is also a social entity, a family. And

Himmelberger, for some, has been inspirational both in and out of rehearsal.

"Band has always been a family for me," said sophomore Kate O'Connor. "You feel accepted, you feel loved, and there's just a common bond that you share with everybody. [Art] is like a father. Musically he puts so much passion into what he does, you just don't want to disappoint him."

Sophomore Amanda Rollizo agreed.

"I just think that it's an amazing thing...everyone coming together to share in their love of music. It's like a family, the band. I was kind of nervous [when I joined the band] because I didn't really play in high school."

Those initial feelings proved to be unfounded, Rollizo said,

because of the support system she found in the band and Himmelberger in particular.

"He loves you unconditionally, even if you mess up," said Rollizo. "It's important to have that sort of a relationship."

That sort of a relationship, according to Napolitano, is a sign of Himmelberger's faith in all his students.

"Art makes you take some sort ofonus on the music; he makes you feel that you are a part of a product," Napolitano said. His obvious passion for the music makes band members want to perform well, want to accomplish the most that they possibly can in music and in life. "He doesn't want students to give up on themselves," Napolitano said. "He always sees the best in people."

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## 'Up Till Dawn' for a good cause

\$25,565 so far this year. He hopes the school will be able to reach \$30,000 before the school year is over.

A local St. Jude family, the Marshalls, attended the event to remind the participants why their hard work is so important to the world-renowned hospital. Shortly before his third birthday in 2000, Jake Marshall suffered a seizure at home. Tests soon revealed he had a brain tumor. Even after surgery and radiation, Jake was given a 30 percent chance to live. Then Jake and his family found St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which as his mother Kathleen will tell you, gave them "hope." Today, Jake has no traces of cancer and loves to ponder what he will be when he grows up. Jake's grandmother was also an employee of Marist College.

Hittenmark spearheaded this year's event after being invited to attend a conference for St. Jude in Tennessee this past summer. While at the conference, he met various patients and staff members and said hearing about their experiences was touching.

"It's really heartbreaking to hear some of their stories," Hittenmark said.

For Hittenmark, whose father died of cancer when he 10, this is a special cause.

"It makes you want to do whatever you can to help."

The entire event lasted from 6:30 until midnight and, in order to make the "Up Till Dawn" celebration something many students would like to take part in and attend, a talent show was organ-

ized to fill much of the night.

A range of acts performed, 15 in total, from the Marist College Dance Team, to the cast of "That's a Shame," as well as various band, solo and duet performances.

Dan Butler, senior, performed a duet with fellow senior Louis Ortiz, and said the talent show was the perfect opportunity for students to get involved.

"I had heard about 'Up till Dawn' last semester but was disappointed I did not get involved and when I heard about the talent show I could not think of any better way to participate than to donate my time and provide some entertainment in honor of the event," Butler said.

St. Jude is unlike any other pediatric treatment and research facility. The hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases

At St. Jude, where the cost of operation is \$1 million a day, no patient pays for treatment beyond what is covered by insurance, and those without insurance are never asked to pay.

The hospital is able to keep its doors open thanks to the generous donations made everyday.

At the conclusion of the night, the St. Jude Up till dawn executive board, Siobhan Skeritt, Catherine Graviano, Brooke Heithoff, Alex Hansen and Alyssa Oxford, along with the Student Government were presented with a three foot trophy in honor of their achievements, which now resides in the Student Government office for all the community to see. The engraving on the trophy, presented on behalf of Danny Thomas, founder of St. Jude, sums up the meaning of the night "No Child Should Die in the Dawn of Time."



Senior Louis Ortiz sang at 'Up Till Dawn' accompanied by senior Dan Butler on guitar, as part of the events entertainment.

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# GOP Governors worried about British gaffes

By VALERIE CAPULLO, KATE GOODIN, JOHN SULLIVAN, PATRICK TULLY, CHIRS YUSKO  
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Republican governors have expressed concern that President George W. Bush's latest missteps-ranging from the Katrina aftermath to the port security debacle-will affect the public's confidence in the party.

These and other concerns became apparent at the recent National Governors Association (NGA) meeting. The Katrina response and port security blunders and the infamous Vice-President Dick Cheney incident unnerved Republicans, especially during an election year.

Martin Shaffer, an associate professor and chair of Political Science at Marist College, said the Bush administration was not completely bad.

"The Bush administration isn't necessarily evil, it's incompetent," said Shaffer. "Their lack of ability to respond is a problem. They have been lucky with avoiding the dispute."

Melissa Seitter, political science major, Marist College, also said recent Bush blunders have severely affected the administration's image.

"It has become clear that in light of these recent events, more and more people are beginning to doubt the Bush administration and its intentions," said Seitter.

However, the main issue at the NGA meeting was the takeover of terminals at six U.S. ports by a United Arab Emirates-owned company. This raised important security questions, since the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was home to two of the Sept. 11, 2001 hijackers and Dubai banks transferred funds for that operation.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, recently disclosed the Coast Guard's report on the impending purchase of Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company (P&O), the British-owned cargo terminals, by Dubai Port World (DPW), the UAE-based company. A recent CNN.com article indicated the Coast Guard's reservations about the purchase.

"There are many intelligence gaps concerning the potential for DPW or P&O assets to support terrorist operations that precludes an overall threat assessment of the potential merger," the report said.

Collins expressed her own concern with the lack of attention paid to the Coast Guard's report before the DPW transaction was approved.

"I know the administration disagrees, but I can only conclude there was a rush in judg-

ment," Collins said.

Vernon Vavrina, associate professor, political science, Marist College, said some good can come of the port security issue.

"The good side of the issue is that we're giving attention to a topic that needs investigating," he said.

Republican governors are also concerned with the reconfiguration of the National Guard. A recent New York Times article stated that Congress authorized 350,000 positions in the National Guard, but the president's budget will only cover 330,000 of positions.

Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne said governors should have more input in these decisions.

"Governors should be involved in these decisions," said Kempthorne. "There has been too much we learned outside the loop. It's time we were inside the

loop."

But the port security debate and National Guard budget allocation are not the only issues worrying Republicans. The Katrina incident still dogs the Bush administration. The delayed response to hurricane victims outraged the nation and precipitated questions, particularly about why there was not an immediate response.

Bob Taft, R-Ohio, said putting FEMA under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security was shortsighted.

"It was a mistake to bury FEMA under the Department of Homeland Security," he said.

Democrats hope the public will notice the Republican party's missteps.

Kathleen Sebelius, D-Kansas, in a CNN interview, said there is some uncertainty associated with the Republican party, made apparent by the Katrina incident.

"I do think there's a considerable degree of skepticism about what's been happening at the federal level," she said.

Marist Sophomore Chris Mullins, said the Republican party should not be too concerned. Mullins said he saw the humor in the Cheney quail-hunting incident, but said it does not greatly affect the Republican party.

"I think [it] is funny," he said. "It hurts them a little bit, not much at all. It's just that right now it's fresh in everyone's mind."

Brian Deysher, a freshman digital media major at Marist, also said Bush's mistakes will not affect the elections.

"It doesn't really matter at this point... Whoever hates the Republicans will still hate them, and whoever doesn't, doesn't," he said.

## National concerns over ports grow, Marist takes its own stance

By MARGAUX LIPPMAN, SERA LAGANELLI, JENNIFER BUAK, AND SCOTT TOOHLIL  
Circle Contributors

With the rapid development of the sale of six major U.S. ports to Dubai Ports World, a company rooted in the United Arab Emirates, national concern over our safety and economy are growing. However, the Marist campus has a decidedly different outlook on the situation.

Nationwide, concerns over this issue reverberate and, as more facts surface, opinions on the issue fluctuate. Issues such as safety, economy, the withholding of information and the missteps of the Bush administration are drawing major attention from the media and the public.

Despite years of counterterrorism measures including the passing of the Patriot Act, this new deal seems to much of the American public to be a direct contradiction of what the Bush

administration has stood for. David Osipovich, Ph.D. Philosophy, Assistant Professor of Philosophy says, "The [Bush] administration isn't really committed to the things that they claim they are committed to," he said, citing the administration's stance on counterterrorism and other matters. He warns, however, that there's no contradiction in stances due to the "lackadaisical way they go about security."

Not only are the security of the United States and the controversy surrounding the six U.S. ports key issues, but the safety of the economy is at hand as well.

The U.S. economy is dependent on the flow of goods in and out of her ports. Philip J. Crowley, Senior Fellow and Director of National Defense and Homeland Security at the Center for American Progress said, "Any interruption in the global movement of goods, whether because of terrorism, a storm or dockworker strike, can instantly

cause billions in economic losses."

Dubai Ports World's control of six U.S. ports could potentially have detrimental effects on the world economy if security was breached. Crowley said, "If a nuclear or radiological device were smuggled into the United States through one of these shipping containers, it could shut down the world economy."

Many on the Marist campus find a threat caused specifically by Dubai to be unlikely. Lynn Eckert, Ph.D. Philosophy, Assistant Professor of Political Science said "The larger question isn't about Dubai. It's 'are our ports safe?' The answer is no, irrespective of if we're talking about Norway, Latin America or the Middle East occupying our ports."

Alfie Mancuso, a sophomore, mirrored her sentiment and believes that the ports may now be safer than ever because "the great attention that has been paid

to this issue will most likely ensure that both the government and the company will step up security at the port." Junior Chris Arena had a similar outlook, saying that "merging the ports would allow for the corporations that have interest in these ports to hire their own personal security within the area, which could do a better job in keeping the area secure."

Another issue of concern with the proposed sale of the currently British-owned ports is that the Coast Guard has been concerned about intelligence gaps and safety since December of 2005. On Monday, Congress met to discuss the issue more in-depth. Apparently, the apprehension felt by the Coast Guard in December was not enough to warrant a need for a 45-day investigation since the Coast Guard is not a Cabinet-level agency. The Coast Guard felt the need to alarm due to worries that not enough information had been obtained to ensure that

there would be no breach of security.

The report, issued in December, was never given to the Bush administration's review panel, who then approved the deal on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Senate panel chairwoman, Susan Collins (R-Maine), citing from an unclassified portion of a Coast Guard document said, "There were many intelligence gaps concerning the potential for DPW or P&O assets to support terrorist operations that precludes an overall threat assessment of the potential merger." According to Coast Guard administrator Thomas Gilmore, all of their concerns had been addressed from December.

Unlike the majority of Americans, Marist faculty are less concerned with the threat of terror than they are with the missteps of the administration. "People are hysterical and they shouldn't be" said David

Osipovich, Ph.D. Philo., Assistant Professor of Philosophy. "But," he said, "it deserves public attention."

Lynn Eckert, Ph.D. Philo., Assistant Professor of Political Science, however, believes that the mentality of those in Dubai isn't a problem due to the fact that they are a "poster child of westernization." She goes on to note that Dubai is "where you go if you want a taste of the west." Eckert believes that the treatment of the situation with Dubai "smacks a little of racism" and that

"Dubai is a beacon for the rest of the middle east, even as they face resentment" for investment in the western world. "To, he, we need to evaluate our own gaps in security before addressing any matters regarding a "terrorist" outlook.

## Red Cross Katrina reactions raises apprehension about organizational skills

By GREG HRINYA, JAMES PAFUMI, RYAN RESTIVO, SARAH SANDSTEDT  
Circle Contributors

Concerns surrounding the American Red Cross' history of disorganization were heightened after its reaction to Hurricane Katrina.

According to the Associated Press, an October 2001 e-mail advised Red Cross chairman David McLaughlin to solve the disorganized group's internal disputes. The e-mail came after the Red Cross, the nation's largest charity, lost its Chief Executive Officer Bernadine Healy who resigned due to charges of mismanaging September 11th donations.

A report from the House of Representatives said that the Red

Cross' response after Hurricane Katrina was "overwhelmed by water, food and supply shortages." The report indicates that internal disputes have hindered the Red Cross' ability to handle the world's recent natural disasters.

Senator Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, Senate Finance Committee chairman and overseer of charitable organizations, said the Red Cross Board of Directors could not continue as they were currently functioning.

"Business-as-usual cannot continue," Grassley said.

Similarly, some Marist College students such as sophomore Geoff Watkinson, claim Hurricane Katrina was not handled correctly by the Red Cross.

"Too many lives were lost. They should do a lot more with

the resources they have," Watkinson said.

Corey Reynolds, sophomore, criminal justice major, said that Hurricane Katrina was not handled correctly, but does not blame the ineffective reaction of the Red Cross on the internal disputes.

"The most important negative effect was the impossibility of handling a natural disaster such as Hurricane Katrina," Reynolds said. "Any time people are unsatisfied with the way in which an organization handles that type of situation; they look inside rather than outside to place the blame."

John James Fahey, associate professor, communications, also supports the Red Cross.

"The Red Cross can only do so much," Fahey said. "They respond to any state's request for

help. Going into New Orleans was like going into a war zone."

James Chappas, social studies teacher, Roy C. Ketchum High School, argues that internal disputes are not the most important problem the Red Cross faces.

"The Red Cross will begin to have a better response time as soon as they restructure their hierarchy of command," Chappas said.

Like Chappas, Assistant Professor of Communication, Mary Alexander, Ph.D, claims the pecking order within the Red Cross is the source for many of its problems.

"There isn't a clear hierarchy of communication and control within the Red Cross' administration," Alexander said, "The Red Cross is in a stage of advanced bureaucracy that needs

to be revised."

To appease several criticisms of the Red Cross' administration, the charity's representatives told the AP Monday that they would do all they could to improve.

"The American Red Cross is committed to learning from our prior challenges and making the necessary changes," the representatives said.

The Red Cross also said that it will fully cooperate with the Senate committee's review and improve coordination with FEMA and local charity groups.

Uncertainty with the Red Cross' distribution techniques stemmed from the tragedy of Sept. 11. According to a November 2001 CNN report, the Red Cross raised over \$1 billion after Sept. 11 and only disbursed \$34 million of these funds.

Furthermore, only \$564 million was raised for the Liberty Fund, a charity exclusively for responding to Sept. 11.

Alexander, assistant professor, communication, justified the Red Cross' actions during the aftermath of Sept. 11.

"I don't think the scandal surrounding Sept. 11 was a malicious act," Alexander said, "Something went wrong, and people responded as such."

Chappas, the social studies teacher, also defended the Red Cross by highlighting its positive actions during Sept. 11.

"The Red Cross was very quick in its response to Sept. 11," Chappas said, "It was the Red Cross that began to search for survivors."

## Growing international role of People's Republic of China merits understanding of CCP

By JEFF ZIMMERMAN  
Circle Contributor

Imagine a political organization that boasts 1 out of every 100 humans as members. In China it's known as the "Gong Chuan Dang" in the West it's known as the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). China's growing role on the international stage necessitates an understanding of who's governing it. The key to understanding China is understanding the CCP. For almost all purposes there is no distinction between

the Party and the government. The three key aspects are its environment, membership, and organization. Recently, these three areas have been evolving and in some ways are currently at a breaking point.

Globalization and economic development have placed great strains on the Party's external environment. Trade and marketization have given rise to a strong private sector. So far, the all-controlling Party has struck a "Faustian bargain" with the people. They will continue to allow freer markets and a rising middle

class, so long as there are no attempts to democratize. This situation has worked so far, but cannot continue. Either the middle class will rise to demand democratic reforms, or some downturn in the current economic trajectory will cause massive strife and turmoil. In the mean time, enjoy the status quo, while it lasts.

Two distinct patterns arise out of analyzing the membership of the Party over the past 50 years. One, the Party has failed to attract the popular support of the younger generation. Only 22

percent of party members are under 35. Some have dubbed it the "Grandpa Party". Two, it's drastic shift from its traditional worker/farmer base to the wealthy and academic elites. In the mid 1950's 83 percent of the party was, by occupation, an industrial worker or farmer. By 2002 that number had dropped to 45 percent. The party had abandoned its ideals for money and power. Now, on average Party members enjoy a higher level of education, larger houses, and more savings, than non-members.

Recently the organization of the party has changed drastically. Signs that the Party is fracturing have begun to show. There has been an increase in political corruption, infighting, and a deteriorating ideology. 80.3 percent of party members support growth over socialist ideology. There is also a disconnect between how the president Hu Jintao acts in certain arenas. He must show one face to promote the interests of the wealthy to appease them, and he must show another to the rural poor (he spent much of the recent new years holiday touring

the countryside). However when these interests clash he usually chooses the latter.

The Party, as well as the country as a whole has important crossroads and thresholds to deal with. So far, the economic development and the gradual withdrawal of Party control over certain areas seems promising. But, there are still numerous challenges to China's economic, political, and environmental situation. Anyone who claims to be sure of what exactly what will happen in China doesn't know China.

# Common sense can alleviate security concerns of ports deal

By JAMES MARCONI  
News Editor

When you get right down to it, issues of security, especially national security, boil down to common sense.

Take this whole ports issue, for example. A British company, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company (P&O, for short) currently manages operations at six major ports in the United States. Recently, stockholders from P&O voted to accept an offer to sell the company to Dubai Ports World for 6.8 billion dollars. Through this financial transaction, the management of operations would be transferred from P&O to Dubai Ports World. Really, when you get right down to it, the deal was simple, clean, and quite legal.

There is, however, a slight problem, one which has Congress up in arms. Dubai

Ports World is a state-owned business based in a Middle Eastern country, the United Arab Emirates. Now officially, the UAE is an ally in this part of the world, and an ally in the increas-

**President Bush has expressed concerns about alienating a valuable ally without justifying the security risk posed.**

important war on terror. U.S. Navy ships frequently stop there, and the country is a supply depot for troops stationed in Iraq. Unofficially, though, the UAE has questionable ties to terrorists. Two of the 9/11 hijackers came from the UAE and the country is largely considered to be a thoroughway for terrorist business transactions. The UAE has also been accused of shipping nuclear materials to North Korea, Libya, and Iran, and was one of three countries worldwide to recognize the Taliban in Afghanistan

as a legitimate government.

Given these concerns, a bipartisan group of lawmakers on Capitol Hill has decided that turning the management of some of the most vital ports in America to a company owned and based in the UAE could pose a threat to the safety and security of the United States. President Bush has expressed concerns about alienating a valuable ally without justifying the security risk posed should DP World take over the ports. Bush has even threatened to veto any and all legislation passed to do so.

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ough review," Frist said last Tuesday. (www.cnn.com)

The Bush administration continues to argue, though, that the deal was properly looked into, and poses absolutely no threat to the safety and security of the United States. President Bush has expressed concerns about alienating a valuable ally without justifying the security risk posed should DP World take over the ports. Bush has even threatened to veto any and all legislation passed to do so.

World deal. If he made good on that threat, it would be the first veto he has used during the course of his presidency.

I really hate to say it, but I'm with Senators Frist, Schumer, and Clinton on this one. It's not that I have anything against the UAE in general and DP World in particular. From what I can glean from news sources and DP World's own website, the company seems to be doing very well at managing ports around the world. In short, it is exceedingly good at what it does. The questions surrounding the UAE's connections to terrorism is ample justification, though, for looking into the matter a little further.

For complete peace of mind, a slight postponement before the deal goes through is definitely in order. Really, it's just common sense; if you have questions or doubts about something, you will naturally want to get answers for your own satisfaction.

As it happens, actually, DP World and P&O themselves have requested a 45-day investigation into the deal itself and the operating standards of DP World.

"We recognize that there are concerns regarding DP World's acquisition of P&O's U.S. terminal operations," said the company's COO, Ted Bilkey. "We are confident that the further review by [the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States] will confirm that DP World's acquisition of P&O's U.S. operations does not pose any threat to America's safety and security." (www.cnn.com)

As far as I'm concerned, that pretty much clinches it. While the acquisition was initially approved by the Treasury Department, this case still merits further review. Congress has expressed an interest, the people have expressed an interest, and

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# Republican control may be reason for Bush's reluctance to veto

By DAN BLACK  
Staff Writer

In his five-plus years so far as president, Bush has never exercised his executive right to veto. Numerous threats have been made, each of them never realized. How has such a pro-active president been able to avert using perhaps the job's most fundamental tool? Many conceivable answers have been offered, of course the only rational one coming from the Democrats.

The basic story you'll hear from the President's side includes fairy tales of how efficiently today's government is

functioning without the need for such extreme measures. Because Republicans control every branch of government, it follows that they have a common agenda, see eye to eye on the best way to govern, and perform well together with very few bumps along their predetermined path. Clearly this is a model for other democratic nations to follow. Bush still is in charge and must keep the underlings reminded of that by occasionally making a show of force to keep the rest of the group moving in his step. What a lovely, warm-fuzzy image that engenders in my heart.

This is far from the true reasoning behind Bush's never needing to veto. Recall the purpose of a president's power to veto, and immediately the absence of vetoes from a time period exceeding an entire presidential

**Bush's crimes as president are parking tickets in comparison to this new order of conducting business.**

is not a crime. It's a crime to be a criminal. I've seen the president, what has actually taken place here, at the hands of numerous corrupt Republicans and the lobbyists that influence their policy, is called a "paradigm-shift," the altering of an established system. In this case,

the Republicans have refashioned the government's very schematic to streamline their own corrupt practices. I feel that one should always be willing to propose the unorthodox to explain a president's suave and efficiency, who never needs to evoke one of the nastier talents of his trade, while simultaneously plummeting in the polls and clearly suffering from acute neurological deficiencies.

To fix what has been defaced, I draw a correlation between this condition and corrosion. The refined government, cast by our founding fathers, has begun to rust. Fortunately, this is an elec-

tion year where the tables of the Senate and Congress can be shifted; through our votes, we can sandblast and refinish the parts of this machine so that it functions the way it was intended. To Dispose of the worn out, degenerate components and replace them with new state of the art ones; in other words, vote as many of the criminals out of office as possible and make the crooks the minority. This way, Bush will need to sully his own name to impose his injustices, rather than anonymously choreographing them amidst the complacent masses of like-minded cohorts in the legislative branch.

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# Irrelevant Dubai port security concerns amplified by conservatives

By IGOR VOLSKY  
Circle Contributor

Port security matters, the Dubai controversy does not. If a president and his party choose to secure our nation's ports at pre-9/11 levels, then they are operating in a pre-9/11 mindset.

According to Karl Rove, "that doesn't make them unpatriotic—not at all. But it does make them wrong—deeply and profoundly

and consistently wrong."

In 2002, when the Coast Guard estimated that it would cost "\$1.5 billion for the first year and \$7.5 billion over the succeeding decade" to adequately secure our ports, our War President ignored the request and asked Congress for a mere \$46 million in his 2005 budget, a figure below 9/11 levels. Since then, the federal government has allocated just \$708 million to

improve port security. Such Congressional generosity has met one-fifth of our security needs and has created a funding gap of over \$3 billion.

On the contrary, the President has spent more than \$200 billion securing Iraq. In recent days he was surprised to discover that the Dubai government in the United Arab Emirates is preparing to operate several U.S. ports. On homeland security, George Bush

is as uninformed as the next guy, his prompt support for the Dubai deal leaves him at the outskirts of public opinion.

Just "17 percent of Americans believe Dubai Ports World should be allowed to purchase operating rights to several U.S. ports... 64 percent" of respondents consider the UAE's recognition of the Taliban and its vulnerability to infiltration from Al-Qaeda troublesome, and they

oppose the takeover (according to a Rasmussen Reports survey).

The public is in good company. The election year has formed a bipartisan Congressional coalition in opposition to the acquisition. Never mind that security would remain at the mercy of U.S. agents and the President's funding, Republicans and Democrats remain critical of an Arab country operating our

In the real world, it's the

Republicans who can't be trusted: they invaded a non-threatening country, radicalized Muslim Jihadists and slashed funds for homeland defense. But these Republicans are unique in their ability to project their failures on the opposition. Since budgetary constraints prevent the leadership from walking and chewing gum at the same time, the

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Letters to the Editor

# Social Change class urges tolerance, acceptance in response to racist attack

To the editors and the Marist community:

Two weeks ago an African American student living in Foy Townhouses on campus was the victim of a racist attack. One of the student's housemates friends, while claiming to be under the influence of alcohol, wrote the following on a beer pong table: "Fucking Black Asses, and Niggers." The other housemates may have witnessed this act. When the African American student saw this writing security was called. When security arrived the two students

of color living in the house, who should have been addressed, were interviewed as much as they should have. Instead, the attention was directed to the person who was accused of writing the racist remarks. One of the security guards even ventured to make jokes about selling the table back to the students at the end of the year since a student said was so "pretty."

Last week President Murray addressed the campus community by e-mail and firmly stated that Marist College is not the place for these racist attitudes and actions. While we commend

this statement, the students in Dr. Bruce Luske's Social Change class do not feel it goes far enough. We want to ensure that this incident is not swept under the rug. If we as a campus don't take more interest in educating those of us around us who hold such racist views, then more damage will be done to the entire student body in the long run. Somebody needs to stand up and say this is not right! Somebody needs to stand up and say this racist behavior will no longer be tolerated at Marist! And the students in our Social Change class are willing to be

the first to do so.

We also have some questions: Why did almost two weeks pass between the date of the incident and the President's e-mail addressing it? What is going to happen to the person who made these racist remarks? Why does Marist employ a security guard who responds by making light of the incident? Most important, what do all of us in the Marist community—students, professors, administrators, and staff people—think should be done to stop something like this from happening again? How can we ensure that

this unfortunate incident becomes the occasion for a genuine collective learning experience?

One proposal discussed and endorsed by the students of the Social Change class is the idea of building a freshman seminar into the core curriculum—perhaps called "Self and Society"—where all aspects of racial, ethnic, social class, and gender relations in American society are problematized and studied. We also believe that such a course ought to be required for every Marist student.

Sincerely,  
The Monday & Wednesday Social Change Class

Juniors: Suzanne Acosta, Jennifer Araujo, Zaira Benjamin, Jeremiah Bissessar, Jessica Boucher, Francine Canteen, Christine DeRiso, Lesley Frank, Eamon Goodwin, Lindsay Komornik, Yuvelqui Rivera, AnnMarie Sperrazza, Hannah Tilton.

Seniors: Nicole Judd, Karl Minges, Kelly Murray, Anthony Tripicchio.

# MCCTA member corrects misrepresentation, invites students to attend show

Dear Editor:

I would like to clear up something regarding the piece published in "The Circle" on the week of February 23 regarding MCCTA's next production,

"Songs for a New World." The headline it was given, "Student written play depicts America in trying times" was misleading. "Songs for a New World" is the work of renowned composer and lyricist Jason Robert

Brown. Although the title says otherwise, Brown is not a student at Marist College. He is a professional composer who has written other shows such as "Last Five Years" and "Parade," for which he won the 1999 Tony

Award for Best Original Music Score. I hope that this does not deter anyone from coming to see the musical as the members of MCCTA have been working extremely hard to bring to this campus a production that will

entertain and inspire our audience. See you all on March 3, 4 or 5.

Thank you,  
Colleen McAllister  
Managing Director of ETG  
Marist College Council on Theatre Arts

From Page Five

# Recent ports controversy can be easily solved with common sense

both companies involved have expressed an interest in seeing this issue finally resolved with not one shadow of a doubt remaining in anyone's mind. I say, take DP World up on their offer; they claim they have nothing

to fear from an investigation. This country has everything to gain by proving that fact to our satisfaction, and very much indeed to lose through ignorance and negligence. It does not make any sense, then, to leave this

matter to chance and hope for the best. The most sensible course of action remains to investigate and make a rational determination based on the evidence. I really could not care less how confident President Bush is that

DP World is no threat to national security – I still want to be as close to sure as possible because of independent confirmation.

It's kind of like leaving your house, driving a block, then wondering if you left the stove on or

the toaster plugged in. You're pretty sure that the stove turned off and you unplugged the toaster, but you're not one hundred percent positive. At best, your memory is correct and everything will be fine when you get

back home. At worst, the house might burn down. The potential risk, therefore, justifies taking the extra time to drive home and check. This healthy dose of common sense is just as applicable to national security.

# Dubai ports lead to exaggerated security concerns made by Republicans

Republicans have chosen to veto important domestic security measures in favor of fighting the war on terror "over there." As Media Matters for America has documented "[New York Senator Chuck] Schumer proposed an amendment to the 2004

Homeland Security Appropriations bill, which would have provided \$70 million for research and development to stop nuclear materials from entering U.S. ports." The Republicans defeated his measure. Under their leadership, the contents of

only 5.6 percent of containers are annually inspected and the 9/11 Public Discourse Project (the successor to the 9/11 Commission) gave the Bush administration a "D" for their efforts in screening cargo. According to Kim Petersen,

president of the nation's largest maritime security consulting company, the Coast Guard "doesn't have either the people or the necessary physical resources to provide the in-water patrols that are so desperately needed."

Republicans hold the unique distinction of de-funding homeland security, and recruiting terrorists faster than they can capture them. Instead of securing our ports, Congress has demanded a review of the Dubai company. Considering that Dubai

would have little influence over port security, they're wasting our time at the expense of our security.



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# Marist Red Foxes head into MAAC tournament with third seed

his play," he said. "He's made so many plays in every game. He's a legitimate candidate for player of the year."

Jordan was joined on the All-MAAC first team by three "combo" guards: Collins, KeeKee Clark of St. Peter's, and Steve Burt, Jr. of Iona, all of whom averaged over 25 points a game. Marist will have to face at least two of them to

win the MAAC championship.

"The MAAC has a history of under recruited, small guards who turn out being great players," Brady said. "It's not just Marist's inability to guard them. We have to make sure they work hard for everything they get."

Brady said that junior center James Smith will not play as much if the team

draws Canisius in the first round, due to their small lineup and a propensity for pushing the ball.

Loyola has two forwards, Michael Tuck and Hassan Fofana, which Smith will be better suited to bang against in the low post.

"We need James to be a better defensive rebounder and low post defender,"

Brady said. "He's become a good low post scorer, more so than at the beginning of the season, and his shot selection has improved."

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## Antidepressant transdermal patch approved

By ADAM GUARINO  
Co-Health Editor

Traditionally, patches have been linked with pirates and cat names, but the 21st century has proven to re-associate these claims along with much of the health and science world as we know it. Patches are invaluable to our society, providing necessary advancements, from birth control to quitting smoking, as well as being easily hid on the body and boasting a high effectiveness rating. As time and technology continue to unfold, the patch has yet another purpose.

On Tuesday, federal regulators approved the first antidepressant skin patch, providing a different way to administer the drug. The drug of choice, interestingly enough, is selegiline, a drug already used by Parkinson's disease patients. The drug belongs to a class of medicines that is rarely a first or even second choice to treat

depression.

So why exactly would selegiline then be prescribed to help with depression? Selegiline, approved by the FDA in 1989 to help treat Parkinson's disease, is a monoamine oxidase inhibitor, or MAOI. Typically, MAOIs are prescribed only if patients don't respond to other antidepressants, including selective serotonin reuptake

**... Though health officials insist MAOI's are safe when used correctly, the drugs can have harmful interactions. Sudden and severe rises in blood pressure can lead to a stroke when the substance tryamine is consumed ...**

inhibitors like Prozac, Zoloft and Paxil. Because of this different approach, the patch can have a much more pronounced effect.

The selegiline transdermal patch will be marketed as Emsam, according to Somerset Pharmaceuticals Inc., which developed the drug, and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., which will market it.

In addition, according to CBS News, the drug will be required by the FDA to have a "black box" warning of the risks of suicidal thoughts and behaviors in children and adolescents treated with antidepressants. The drug is meant for use only by adults.

Using the patch will also require a bit of reading homework. The label also contains a long list of food, drinks, and other drugs that should be avoided in conjunction with the patch. These warnings are typical for the class type Emsam falls under.

Though health officials insist MAOI's are safe when used correctly, the drugs can have harmful

interactions. Sudden and severe rises in blood pressure can lead to a stroke when the substance tryamine is consumed. Tryamine is found in draft beer, red wine, fava beans, salamis, aged cheese, and soy sauce.

Bristol-Myers and Somerset explain that patients using the six-milligram or lowest strength patch, shouldn't have to watch their diets. However, those using the larger nine- or 12-milligram versions of

the once-a-day patch must do so.

This breakthrough in researcher's ability to effectively concentrate selegiline will undoubtedly prove to be the miracle it is. Ideally, depression and the methods used to combat it will advance in scope, preventing unnecessary deaths and ensuring a happy future.

### Science Briefs

By ADAM GUARINO  
Co-Health Editor

#### LIGHT PEN ZAPS ZITS BEFORE THEY FORM

The DermaStyle, a thin plastic housed light pen promises to ease the appearance of blemishes. Produced by Luniport, the DermaStyle retails for a moderate \$149 online through the company's website www.luniport.com. Weighing in at a meager 4 ounces, the DermaStyle touts portability and discretion as its top two selling factors. The light pen operates on a rechargeable battery which powers the twin tone bulbs housed in the pen's protective front. A mixture of red and blue light wavelengths boasts superior acne fighting capability. The red wave lengths penetrate deep within the dermal layers as the blue wavelengths destroy acne causing bacteria. Luniport reports a 70 percent success rate for users within the first twenty four hours of use. The DermaStyle meets all FDA guidelines and emits zero harmful ultraviolet rays. Currently the device is marketed to adults, who make up over sixty percent of the customer base, however, Luniport is looking to expand its corporate horizons in the near future.

#### SEVENTH GRADER UNCOVERS DIRTY ICE IN SOUTH FLORIDA FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS

After collecting ice from five different fast food restaurants near her south Florida home, seventh grader Jasmine Roberts submitted the samples to the University of Southern Florida for bacterial testing. The ice was compared to water samples taken from the same restaurants' toilets. In all five cases the results were clear, the water used to make the ice was actually dirtier than the water found in the toilet. Several cases found traces of E. coli, the dangerous bacterium found in human waste is known for its devastating health complications. "These bacteria don't hang there," said Dr. David Katz, medical contributor to "Good Morning America." "It's not cause for panic, although it is alarming because what she found is nothing new. You're not more likely to get sick now. But she's done us a favor by sounding the alarm." Researchers pointed to one reason for the tainted ice: employees not washing their hands. The involved restaurants were notified of the results and several involved have taken measure to clean up their acts. A few of the selected restaurants have asked Jasmine to return for a follow-up examination of their facilities.



Courtesy of BBC.CO.UK

## Optimism promotes longevity

### Half-full attitude tips the scales in health's favor

By JESSICA BAGAR  
Foreign Correspondant

As it turns out, you don't have to drink from the Fountain of Youth if you want to live a longer life.

Dutch researchers said Monday that "men with a bright outlook on life seem to be less likely to die of heart disease or stroke than their more pessimistic peers," Reuters Health reports.

These findings were published in the Archives of Internal Medicine and support an earlier study in which the same Dutch researchers found that older adults who have generally optimistic attitudes are at a lower risk of premature death.

During this study, 545 men between the ages of 64 and 84 were followed for up to 15 years, Reuters explains. Researchers found that "those who were judged to be optimists at the outset, based on a 4-item questionnaire, were about half as likely to die of cardiovascular disease during follow-up as men who were more pessimistic by nature."

The four questions that were used to assess optimism were "I still expect much from life," "I do not look forward to what lies ahead of me in the years to come," "My days seem to be passing by slowly," and "I am still full of plans." Each participant was asked whether they agreed fully, partially, or not at all with each of the four statements.

Overall, Reuters explains, men who were optimists in 1985 were 55 percent less likely to die of heart disease or stroke by 2000. Other factors, such as general health, smoking and family history of cardiovascular disease were of course taken into account.

Dr. Erik J. Giltay, the study's lead author, believes that optimists are better at "coping with adversity, and may, for example, take better care of themselves when they do fall ill." Indeed, optimists are generally better at coping with hardships such as illness or the loss of a loved one.

There are also other factors that are believed to strengthen the link between optimism and better health. Aside from genetic factors that "may underlie both heart health and a person's tendency to be optimistic or pessimistic," a person's disposition may also affect health. Researchers explain that a person's disposition influences the nervous, immune, and hormonal systems.

Unfortunately for those who are truly pessimistic by nature, personality traits remain stable over a lifetime. Because of this, Giltay suggests that older adults "focus on heart risks they can alter, like smoking and inactivity."

So to live a longer and healthier life, try to eat healthy, exercise often, and always remember that the glass is half-full.



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## See all the sights, be your own adventure

By **ALYSSA TUCCI**  
Circle Contributor

Imagine crossing the city on your way to class and being able to catch a glimpse of the Eiffel Tower, the symbol of Paris. Or how about this scenario: it's Friday night and your friends and you are at a loss for what to do so you pay a visit to the Louvre, the biggest museum in the world. Now envision yourself walking to the place you will call home for the next four months and see-

ing, in a near proximity, the Arc de Triomphe, the arch built in 1836 in honor of Napoleon's victories. For some people it would be a stretch to visualize all of this. For me, this is my life for the next four months.

In one month I have visited more historical places and monuments than some people will witness in his or her lifetime. I have seen priceless works of art such as the Mona Lisa by da Vinci and sculptures such as Venus de Milo and the Great Sphinx at the

Louvre. I have witnessed original Impressionism masterpieces by Monet, Renoir, Manet, and Van Gogh at the Musée d'Orsay. Paris contains as much beauty on the inside of its building as much as it does on the exterior of its constructions.

The history to be found in this city is astounding. A Twelfth Century wall constructed to enclose and protect Paris, remaining intact on only one side, stands as grandiose as ever in the middle of the city. One of

my classrooms is situated mere steps away from the gothic masterpiece, Notre Dame, which first began its construction in 1163. The Louvre, which is in the spotlight today because of the world-renowned book "The Da Vinci Code," was first opened to the public in 1793. This captivating city is a museum within itself. It contains so many historical monuments and yet so much modernization.

Do I miss America? Every day. But nothing can begin to com-

pare to living in what was once the capital of Europe. Despite the homesickness, I would not give up this experience for all the gold in the world. You are young and your responsibilities are limited. Go. See the world. Do not limit yourself to what you know and that which you are comfortable.

At first it will be difficult, and at times you will want to go home, but anything worth having is worth working for. It is a challenge which everyone should take. Experience the world first-

hand. Become emerged into an unknown culture. Do not worry about missing out on a semester at Marist College. Your friends will be awaiting your return. The world is indeed a book, and if you have not traveled, you have yet to read but only one page. Do not pass up this opportunity of a lifetime. It is anything but ordinary.

### The Hangover

## Revitalized with "Last call" and absurdity in the light of the Biggie duets

By **PATRICK MAGUIRE**  
Staff Writer

It's four o'clock in the morning and I've got my car pressed to the floor during the third rendition of "Shoot." Sitting on the edge of my heels, gesticulating to the off beat rhythms, I twist my body in a manner worthy of Animal House. I might as well have been in a fraternity as earlier that night I called some chunky kid Flounder and even asked him to shoot the Dean's horse.

Accompanying me six inches from the hardwood surface is the face of a pleasantly intoxicated Glaze, and in a rare appearance the gaily-featured Dill. I say rare because Dill is one of those friends that scarcely makes it past midnight without either going home with his ex-girlfriend or passing out close to his bed. But nevertheless, here he is, equally embracing a friend and a beer at a time he would normally be asleep.

The song signals its build—"A little bit louder now..." And

we start to rise, a flumming tripod rhythmically rising from the floor, arms over shoulders in a melodic bliss only Otis Day and the Knights could provide. The veins in Dill's neck bulge as he screams out the lyrics, oblivious to anything but the effort of breaking the windows by sheer vocal strength. We finally made it up to a full stand and began swaying back and forth, bellowing to the tune as other people began latching onto one another in a similar fashion. I hoisted a lukewarm bottle to my lips and

took a hefty swig, the bottom of the bottle passing the neon light above. As I tilted the bottle back down and the auburn eclipse of the glass waned, the song choreographically mellowed, gently closing its final crescendo. Along with the end of the song came the frightening sound of three jarring rings of a bell and the words, "LAST CALL."

With nothing left to do but either heckle the bartender with obscenities or stand around with no beer and no music, Glaze and Dill mouthed the words, "let's

go," and began making their way towards the door. Sullen but energetically buzzed from the music, I felt like the recipient of premature ejaculation—aroused, but not quite finished. But just as my right foot passed the doorway, like the pivotal shift of a great novel or a disastrous tale, I heard the two most pleasing words: "Biggie duets!" accompanied by rumbling bass; apparently the night was unfinished.

I careened around and saw Tuck, e-liz, and Christy getting

more beers and waving towards us. Lindsay and Leigh were on top of the bar splashing around bottles of liquor onto an unprepared crowd, carelessly missing the open mouths beneath them. I grabbed a bottle out of some random girl's hand, took a heavy swig and squeezed my way towards the bar, gently edging towards the extension of an absurd night.

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## \$8,265 budget makes waves for WMAR

By JUSTIN CALDERON  
A&E Editor

WMAR, Marist College's radio station, has been approved by the Student Programming Council (SPC) for an \$8,265 budget that will provide new technology ranging from a digital sound board to a new laptop. The non-commercial student run radio station that frequencies both an AM and FM frequency is readily available to Marist students who are interested in the radio industry or seeking DJ experience.

The news of the approved budget is highly anticipated and will guarantee a more sophisticated and professional radio station on campus. Station Manager Paul Vikan commented that the budget is long needed and "will bring [WMAR] from 1996 to 2006."

WMAR has already started making several major changes in its format and program distribution by linking up web casts so that students can hear radio shows straight off of iTunes. Some students suggest that the budget couldn't have come sooner, especially for the run down FM station. WMAR member Nick Canale, also known as Nicky Cymbals, who has an alternative rock show for the station, said that new equipment has been needed.

"I would like to see a 3rd working CD player and a new computer so I don't have to bring my laptop in," he said. The proposed new digital soundboard is worth an estimate

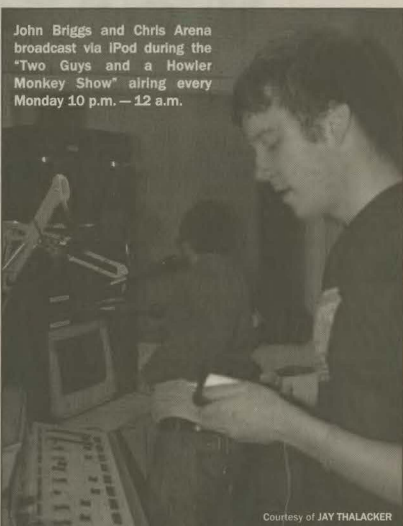
of \$5,200 and will arrive around April this year. "[We are using] another \$1,500 on a computer," reported WMAR treasurer Steve Waiculonis, "and also sending [students] to broadcast the MAAC tournament next week in Albany."

Yet, the biggest news comes from the infamous new technology known to all as the iPod. "Our student equipment will revolve around the new digital board [fine tuning the] ability to [use] iPods," states WMAR advisor Dr. Bradley Freedman. WMAR will have perfected the ability to let students plug and play their iPod directly onto the airwaves making the DJ's life ten times more efficient than it was 2 years ago.

Freeman exalted, "most of the industry is moving digital [and] we are slowly making that transition."

This widely distributed format of music technology that has already begun to widely replace archaic devices such as CD players will eventually change the music industry as we know it. Symbols stated briefly, "[this will] make radio a lot easier for sure."

The budget will without a doubt cast new waves of entertainment over the campus in the near future. Vikan announced, "[a] large budget [like this] is unheard of [and] largely credited to SGA staff member Patty Webster." For more information you can log on to www.maristradio.com, which now includes the link necessary for WMAR web casts and DJ schedules and show times.



John Briggs and Chris Arena broadcast via iPod during the "Two Guys and a Howler Monkey Show" airing every Monday 10 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Courtesy of JAY THALACKER

## Mahoney's crowd goes 'Nuts' for local cover band despite cold weather

By CHRISTINA WILLIAMS  
Circle Contributor

The crowd was buzzing with excitement at Mahoney's Pub for the Saturday, Feb. 25 Mardi Gras celebration in Poughkeepsie. Yet the anticipation was obviously for Nuts in a Blender rather than the inevitable free beads.

While this was not their first show at this venue, cover band Nuts in a Blender proved that they know how to get a party started, and how to keep it going, and going, and going some more.

The crowd formed early and so did the line that nearly enclosed all of Dooley Square. Fans were waiting over an hour in temperatures less than 25 degrees, clad in jackets, gloves, and hats just to see the show.

Once they finally arrived through the door, the band's eager following shed their wintry attire and partied like it was the middle of July. While there proved to be less flesh for beads than at other Mardi Gras celebrations, it was apparent that Nuts in a Blender made the temperature

rise for all those in attendance.

After accompanying other party girls on stage to dance, local resident, Briana Ceppi excitedly described her "Nut" frenzy.

"I never miss a 'Nuts' show," said Ceppi. "They are the best party band in the area by far."

Despite lead vocalist Bryan Seeley's illness that led to the cancellation of the previous night's performance at Bourbon St, no one seemed the least bit disappointed by his energy on Saturday night. The band

brought in a female songster, Vanessa, to sing some of the higher parts to compensate for the affects of Seeley's lingering illness.

Vanessa was given her moment to shine when she performed, Alanis Morissette's, "You Oughta Know." While this was not necessarily the climax of the Nuts in a Blender show, Vanessa attempted to provide the many females in the audience with the angst and energy of Morissette herself by affording them with the trashy lyrics they could all

sing along to.

From the opening to the closing rifts, Nuts in a Blender covered nearly every musical genre as they drenched the crowd in sweat, free t-shirts, beads, and baseball caps. By performing "I Wish," by Skee-Lo for the first time, the audience was able to see a slightly different side of the band, as the usual rockers jammed to the R&B beat. But fans were soon reminded of shows past as they were saturated in rock n' roll sweetness, from Fall Out Boy's "Sugar We're

Goin' Down" to Def Leppard's "Pour Some Sugar on Me."

Wearing colorful hats reminiscent of Mardi Gras, all of the members of Nuts in a Blender gave the crowd what they had come to see: a true party band, buzzing with energy, color, and Fat Tuesday fun.

Don't miss Nuts in a Blender, on March 18th, when they follow up this stellar performance with a St. Patrick's Day celebration, sure to prove Mahoney's is the only Irish Pub to party at in Poughkeepsie.

## 'Songs for a New World' adapted to portray national complexities in aftermath of Spet. 11

By JOSEPH GENTILE  
Circle Staff

Crossing that fine-line which separates acting from the actual, Jason Robert Brown's musical "Songs for a New World," as directed by Ryan DeFoe and sponsored by the Marist College Council of Theater Arts, synthesizes real life drama with song this weekend as it takes the Marist stage. Although "Songs"

focuses on the respective trials and tribulations of the individual, the collective strength of this dynamic ensemble of singers reinforces the humanity which binds us to one another.

Originally composed ten years ago, it's adaptation to the present day by DeFoe and company explores the innumerable complexities facing an uncertain nation in the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Portraying people, exposed to the sudden and sharp realities inflicted by "major turning points" in their lives, DeFoe aimed to centralize their stories into a single location, building off of

Ground Zero as a metaphor for raging internal conflict, and the resiliency of the human spirit. Addressing the discouraged attitudes of the American people in a post-9/11 era, "It's my way of trying to make sense of why I feel like a stranger in my country sometimes," said DeFoe, "It's like we're stuck and we don't know where to go."

Yet, conveying cautious optimism, DeFoe expressed his hope that audiences will be motivated to go out afterwards and find their place in the American fabric.

If anything, it's about "a country on the precipice" analyzing how we cope as a "community" by approaching it "individually."

Showing a unique cast of characters from diverse backgrounds, including a wife

trapped in a soulless marriage, an aspiring young basketball player, and a sailor on the deck of Spanish sailing ship from 1492, the different settings are united by the similar cathartic struggle towards epiphany. A collection of songs, spanning several of his projects, that somehow melded together to create a rich harmony about the human encounter with reality, playwright Jason Robert

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## 'Songs for a New World' in Nelly Golletti this weekend

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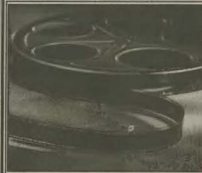
"It's about one moment. It's about hitting the wall and having to make a choice, or take a stand, or turn around and go back. The moment you think you know where you stand, the things that you're sure of slip from your hand, and you're suddenly a

stranger in some completely different land."

Supported by the talented cast of Stephen Cubbellotti, Julia Graham, Eddie Grosskreuz, Jeff Hogan, Michael Kohl, Heather Martyn, Katie McSherry, Allison McCullough, Caryn Shatraw, and Susan Yzquierdo, Songs for a New World will be showing

Friday, March 3, and Saturday, 4 at 8:00 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m.

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## Movie Trivia Madness

*In Legally Blonde. Reese Witherspoon's character, Elle Woods, wears 40 different hairstyles throughout the film.*

*In the classic film, Office Space, Chotchkie's gets its name from the Yiddish word meaning a cheap trinket or knick-knack.*

*In the 1971 film The Godfather, the town of Savoca, outside Taormina, Sicily was used for shooting the scenes where Michael goes exiled to Italy because Corleone, Sicily was too developed even in the early 1970's.*

*There were no White Castles in the filming location so a building was trucked in for Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle.*

*The dead elephant carcass used in The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King is reportedly the largest prop ever built for a motion picture.*

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# Red Foxes hope to make history at the Pepsi Arena once again

By ERIC ZEDALIS  
Layout Staff

Two years ago at the Pepsi Arena in Albany, NY, the Marist Red Foxes took home a Women's Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championship and earned itself an NCAA Tournament berth.

This year, the team returns to this arena and will even be at the same hotel they stayed at two years ago during that triumphant weekend.

However, head coach Brian Giorgis said his squad is not about to get nostalgic, especially with thoughts of last year's one-point loss in the championship game still lingering.

"I feel the kids are extremely focused. I don't think they need a lot of motivation after what took place last year," he said. "They've been working hard, and they're ready to go. They wish they could play tomorrow."

Unfortunately for the Red Foxes, who have beaten their last two opponents by an average of 30 points, they will have to wait almost a week to play their semifinal game on Saturday.

Giorgis said that while he knows a long lay-off like this can be detrimental, he is not concerned because it allows the team to focus on what it has to do to prepare for the tournament instead of worrying about the other teams.

"It's possible we could have a

let-down, anything can happen," he said. "Right now, the kids are just focused on working on the things that we need to get better at. When the time comes for us

**'Basically, everybody is 0-0, and you can't afford to lose one. We just have to hope that we can continue doing the things that we've been doing.'**

"I just hope they don't want it too bad to the point where they allow any type of adversity in a game to cause problems," he said. "But if we don't win, it's not because we didn't leave everything out on the floor."

— Brian Giorgis  
Head Coach

Marist this year, matched a season high for wins with 21, and set a new record for MAAC wins with 16.

The Red Foxes only two MAAC losses during the season came to Saint Peters (5th seed)

and Loyola (3rd seed). Marist swept its season series against Canisius and Iona, the second and fourth seed respectively.

Giorgis said the keys to winning the tournament will be Marist's ability to stay out of foul trouble, play defense, and rebound. So far, they have done all these things successfully, but there is no room for error in the tournament and every team is given a clean slate.

"Basically, everybody is 0-0, and you can't afford to lose one," he said. "We just have to hope that we can continue doing the things that we've been doing."

The team is looking forward to the tournament, having played well all year, according to Giorgis.

"Even the two games we've lost, I don't know that we played particularly well, but we were very competitive in both games," he said. "I think the kids are confident, and determined, and just ready to get after it."

Giorgis and the Red Foxes are also excited to have fans coming to support them this year, especially since last year it was difficult to send fans to Buffalo.

"[Albany is] closer for our fans to come to, it's a lot harder to bring our fans to Buffalo," he said. "We kind of hope the student body comes. I think the athletic department is putting together a great package for students to come watch the men and/or the women, so hopefully the kids take advantage of it."

# Diego Cuencas breaks school record in the mile run at NYU Fastrack Invitational

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David Raucci broke the school record in the mile run last Friday night at the NYU Fastrack Invitational.

Finishing third in the race in 4:15.19, Raucci was able to surpass the previous 2002 mark set by Mike Nehr. Nehr held the three-year record with a time of 4:15.23.

The freshman has qualified for this weekend's ICAA Championships in the 3,000 and

5,000-meter runs.

Head coach Pete Colaizzo said Raucci needed to compile a strong finish for the team.

"He needed to pop a good mile for the race," he said. "It gives him confidence for the 3,000 relay. Equally important as the school record, he had a good mile time which should translate into a good 3K run."

Raucci also competed in the 3,200-meter relay team that qualified for the ICAA Championships, placing second in the event with a time of

7:50.51. Alongside Raucci was junior Mike Bamberger, sophomore Bryan Dixon and freshman Corey Ennist.

Colaizzo said the NYU Fastrack was meant to prepare the team for the ICAA Championships.

"It was a kind of sharpener, a tune up for the ICAA Championships and it went beautifully," he said.

Junior Mike Bamberger has qualified to compete in the 800-meter run, and freshman Girma Segni qualified for the 5,000-meter relay at the ICAA

Championships.

In all, the men's track team will be sending eight athletes, including four individual qualifiers and one relay team.

"We now have the largest contingent of athletes going to the meet in school history and I'm pretty happy about that," Colaizzo said.

Raucci was not the only name being put into the record books. Junior Bryan Quinn finished with the second-fastest time in school history, in the 500-meter dash with a time of 1:05.67. For

Quinn, it was the first time competing at that distance.

According to Colaizzo, Quinn asked to be placed in the event and "wanted it as a challenge," said Colaizzo.

"It was a good sharpener for the 1,000 meter and we figured it wouldn't take as much out of him. So he went on in the 4 by 400 relay (1,600 meter team relay) and had the fastest split time."

The 4 x 400 relay team of Quinn, junior Pat Carroll, sophomore Shaun Kippins and junior

captain Brian Demarco placed fifth with 3:21.67, the second-fastest time in school history.

Coach Colaizzo said the team needs "to keep building on the successes we've had over the past few weeks," going into this weekend's ICAA Championships.

The men's track team will compete at the ICAA Championships at Boston University this weekend, starting Mar. 4.

# VanWagner pleased with men's swimming and diving team's third place finish

By DAVID HOCHMAN  
Staff Writer

The Marist men's swimming and diving team closed out its successful season with some of the best performances of the year.

If anyone spoke to head coach Larry VanWagner about the last championship meet of the season, they would have thought the men won the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) title.

"The men were just outstanding again," he said. "They had such a good meet at the MAAC's and another great meet even with

the short turnaround."

The men did not win the ECAC's, but they did finish in third place behind only Johns Hopkins and Yale. The Red Foxes very easily could have secured second place, but according to VanWagner had one little error.

"We were unfortunately disqualified in the 400 medley relay," he said. "We had the fastest heat going in, so that was potentially a 40-point turnaround. The false start was only by a matter of inches."

Since Marist finished only 7.5 points behind Yale, that race could have all but guaranteed a

second-place finish. Johns Hopkins scored 541 points though, a fair distance ahead of the two runner-ups.

Although final team scores may matter a significant amount to some people, the times the individuals put up this past weekend were what really mattered.

Junior Pat Collins tied the school record in the 50 freestyle on the first day of events with a time of 20.93. VanWagner pointed out that it has not happened at this meet before.

"Pat's race was very exciting," he said. "I have never seen that [type of previous record] happen before."

Although it is great to see a tie in swimming, because it almost never happens, seeing a record broken can be even greater.

That happened on the second day of competition when senior Joe Pilewski broke the school record in the 100 breaststroke with his time of 56.97.

Besides breaking this record and winning the race, Pilewski also completed a victorious weekend.

Pilewski won the 200 IM on day one of competition at 1:52.13, and he took fifth in the 200 butterfly as he clocked in at 1:52.59 on the third and final day of competition.

Pilewski's performance over the weekend certainly pleased VanWagner.

"The most outstanding performer of the meet was Joe Pilewski," he said. "He swam great."

Pilewski was the cherry on top of the senior class that closed out their careers in Pittsburgh. All four seniors on the roster qualified for and competed at the ECAC's with top times and VanWagner, as he has all season, quickly credited his class of 2006 swimmers for the team's success.

"Our successes this year were dictated by the senior class," he said. "This is one of the best jobs

of leadership I've ever witnessed in our school's history. And once again, they led from start to finish at ECAC's. It's going to be extremely difficult to replace these four seniors."

The season wrapped itself up for the swimmers and divers at ECAC's, but VanWagner and his coaching staff still have work left to prepare for next season.

The Red Foxes are in the middle of recruiting and have already received three verbal commitments from high school seniors. Hopefully, according to VanWagner, four more will be on their way.

# Red Fox Softball suffers 4-1 loss to Western Michigan, finish 1-4 in Stenson Tournament

By GABE PERNA  
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The Marist women's softball team suffered a 4-1 loss this past weekend to the Western Michigan Broncos in the final game of a five game stretch where they played in Deland, Florida at the Stenson Tournament.

Marist got off to a fast start and

held an early 1-0 nothing lead in the contest thanks to a Christyne McHugh homerun in the bottom of the first inning off Broncos starter Krysten Shumaker. The homerun was the first of the season for McHugh.

However, unfortunately for the lady Red Foxes the blast would be one of only two hits during the entire game for them. Shumaker shut down the Marist

offense and went the distance for the Broncos. The Western Michigan sophomore sensation pitched seven innings, allowed two hits, and struck out nine batters.

After holding the one run lead for three innings, Marist starting pitcher Megan Rigos gave up two earned runs in the top of the third inning. Broncos outfielder Kristi Strange drove in two runs

off a single to center field.

The two runs would be enough for Western Michigan to win the game but they got two more runs in the top of the sixth as insurance.

Again in this inning Strange was in the middle of the action as she drew a walk from Rigos to begin the inning. Then first baseman Lauren Fuller singled to right field. After they both advanced a base, they even-

tually scored off an error at second base.

Rigos held her own and played a complete game for the third time in the young season. The sophomore hurler pitched seven innings, gave up five hits, two earned runs, and struck out five. Her record with the loss is 1-2 on the season.

The loss was the last game for Marist of the five game three day

Stenson tournament where the Foxes went 1-4 with their only win coming against Winthrop. The tournament was the first action for Marist softball all year as the tournament in Martin, Tennessee hosted by Tennessee-Martin University was cancelled. The Foxes next game is against Army next Tuesday at 2:30 in Poughkeepsie in their home opener.

# Marist men's tennis still struggles in singles play, loses 6-1 to the Black Knights in West Point

By NATE FIELDS  
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The Marist men's tennis team faced a daunting opponent just down the river last Monday as they met the Black Knights of Army.

Coming into the meet, the Foxes had fell victim all thirteen times the two schools had met, and their struggles continued Monday.

Marist lost all six singles matches and posted an overall 6-

1 loss.

The Foxes have now lost their last four matches by a combined score of 23-5.

Although no Red Fox claimed victory in singles competition, several talented players stood out. Junior Ray Josephs and third doubles partner sophomore Greg Marks continued their impressive play, winning 8-5.

consecutive sets 6-2.

In a strong showing at fourth singles, senior Mark Santucci narrowly missed victory in both his sets, losing both 7-5.

Marist's lone point came from a doubles match which has been his strength throughout the season.

Genovese and senior Leo Rodriguez notched a victory in

first doubles, winning 8-6.

Junior Ray Josephs and third doubles partner sophomore Greg Marks continued their impressive play, winning 8-5.

The pair has won seven of their eight doubles matches this spring.

The Foxes have struggled in singles play throughout the spring, facing tough competition seemingly every week.

Monday's competition marked the second in a row Marist has been swept in singles play.

A week earlier, the team faced a tough Brown squad ranked #43 and boasting a 9-2 record.

Despite the team's struggles thus far, they still own a 2-0 mark in the MAAC, and have a favorable schedule in the upcoming month.

The weekend of March 11, they travel to South Carolina for the Hilton Head Tournament, and then have three straight home contests to round out the month before getting into the meat of conference play in April.

Upcoming Schedule:

Friday - Sunday, Mar. 10 - Mar. 12 - Hilton Head Tournament

Tuesday, Mar. 14 - vs. Buffalo at Hilton Head S.C., 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Mar. 25 - vs. Boston University, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 26 - vs. University of Rhode Island, noon

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## Four Hood dunks cap season sweep of Fairfield Stags

By JOE FERRARY  
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Junior Jared Jordan lead the way with 19 points and red shirt sophomore Ryan Stilphen tallied a double-double to propel the Red Foxes to a 67-61 victory over Fairfield on Saturday at the Arena in Harbor Yard.

Stilphen had 11 points and 10 rebounds while Jordan dished out seven assists. Junior Will Whittington scored 12 points on four three pointers and senior Carl Hood had a career-high six assists.

Senior Terrance Todd of Fairfield scored a game high 22 points on 8 of 16 shooting from the floor. Michael Bell was the Stag's leading rebounder with eight boards and 14 points. Also joining Bell and Todd in double figures was Dewitt Maxwell with 11 points.

The Red Foxes jumped out to an early lead on the road holding a seven point lead (23-16) with 10:18 left in the first half. The Stags would score the next four points to make the score 23-20.

Fairfield would eventually tie the game at 28 with 2:23 to go in the first half. The Red Foxes regained the lead on a Jared

Jordan three-point play. Fairfield would end the scoring in the first half with two Todd free throws.

Marist found themselves leading the Stags 31-30 at halftime.

Marist opened up the second half on a 7-0 run highlighted by a

5:24 left in the second half. That would be as close as Fairfield would come the rest of the half as the Red Foxes closed out the game with a six point win.

For the game Marist shot 49 percent from the field and 33.3 percent from three point land.

Fairfield shot 42.3 percent from the field and 31.8 percent from three point land.

On Monday, Jared Jordan was named the first team all Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) squad. He was the first Red Fox to receive this honor since Sean Kennedy accomplished the feat in the 2001-2002 season. Jordan leads the team in scoring, averaging 16.1 points a game while he leads the nation with 8.7 assists per contest.

Fellow teammate Will Whittington was named the third team all MAAC squad. Whittington is second on the team in scoring averaging 15.3 points at night.

With the win, Marist finished the season 18-9, 12-6 in the MAAC. Marist will be the number three seed in the upcoming MAAC Tournament as they will play host to the winner of the Loyola-Canisius game Saturday night at 10 p.m.



Hood dunk and the Red Foxes found themselves leading 38-30 with 16:57 left in the second half. Marist would continue to pour it on as they went on a 13-6 run over the next six minutes as their lead grew to 15 points (51-36) with 11:01 left in the second half.

The Stags would hack away at the lead over the next five minutes and found themselves down only four points (58-54) with



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Junior guard Jared Jordan scored 19 points in the Red Foxes' regular season finale, Marist defeated Fairfield on the road 67-61. Jordan was named to the All MAAC first team. The Red Foxes await the winner of Loyola Canisius in the second round of the MAAC Tournament.

## Women dive into history

By DREW BUDD  
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The women's swimming and diving team won the ECAC Championships for the first time in school history this past weekend in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Red Foxes captured first place with a 535.5 point finish. Harvard finished in second place with 483 points and Seton Hall placed third with 436 points.

The big race this weekend came in the 200 breaststroke when junior Lauren Malski won the event with a blazing time of 2:16.10. Her time met the NCAA consideration standard and broke a school and ECAC record in that event.

Another great match for Marist came in the 200 backstroke. There were three Red Foxes that placed in the top ten. Sophomore Jamie Falco finished in second place in 2:07.42 followed by senior Karen Fleckenstein in fifth place and junior Ashley Papuga in seventh with times 2:08.65 and 2:09.66, respectively.

Senior Jackie Fountaine had yet another good finish in the 100 freestyle. She placed fourth in the event with a finish time of 53.23 seconds. Junior Kim Koehler took the tenth position coming in at 54.49 seconds.

Both Fountaine and Koehler along with Falco and freshman Sandra Bujalski were part of the 400 yard relay team that finished in fourth place with a time of 3:33.76.

Bujalski also placed ninth in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:09.86.

Freshman Catherine Hartford had a very strong rookie campaign this season and helped the Red Foxes win their third straight MAAC championship. Hartford was named to her first MAAC Swimmer of the Week award this past week.

Hartford placed tenth in the 1,650 yard freestyle with a time of 18:10.67.

Marist diving continued their strong season with senior Meghan Duffy, junior Anna Sanner, and sophomore Melissa Mangona placing in the top ten in both the one and three meter diving events.

Mangona finished in second in the one meter with 235.85 points with Duffy finishing in third with 216.65 points. Sanner placed fifth with 214.40 points. Duffy finished second in the three meter, accruing 264.90 points with Mangona and Sanner placing third and fourth. Mangona finished with 235.80 points and Sanner with 224.55.

With the MAAC and now ECAC championships in the grips of the Marist women there is not much more they can accomplish. The NCAA zone qualifier diving championships will be held this weekend in Annapolis, Md.

## Red Foxes await winner of Greyhounds-Griffs matchup

By ALEX PANAGIOTOPOULOS  
Campus Editor

of practice to both teams this week.

Brady said that the team's failures against Canisius are not being dwelled upon.

"We beat 'em up there this year," he said. "The kids are comfortable and confident. We're going to play well."

An encouraging sign is that he isn't on crutches this year.

Marist goes into the MAAC tournament with the third seed and a healthy Jordan, awaiting the winner of the Loyola-Canisius battle. Marist has lost five of its last six games to Canisius, including last year's first-round MAAC tournament loss, and split its season series with Loyola.

After that, a trip to the national tournament will have to come by beating the second and first seeds, Iona and Manhattan, against whom Marist was 2-2 this season.

"Canisius is definitely the better defensive team and has Kevin Downey, an all-league player," said Brady. "Loyola is more explosive offensively. We're going to draw a quality opponent in this game."

Canisius features four double-digit scorers, led by Downey, who averaged 15 points, five rebounds and 3.5 assists on the season. They ranked dead last in scoring at 70.9 points per game (ppg) and fifth in defense, at 75.3 ppg.

Meanwhile, 5'11 all-MAAC senior Andre Collins has torched Marist for 30 and 29 points, and finished second in the MAAC in assists with 4.7 a game. Overall, they ranked second in points at 77 per game and last in defense, at 78.3. Collins is their only double-digit scorer.

The team will dedicate one day

of practice to both teams this week. Jordan played 26 minutes off the bench and drained a flat-footed, desperation three from straight away in the final minute, but the team ended up losing 62-60. Center Will McClurkin missed an agonizing turnaround jumper from close at the buzzer.

Despite its importance to the team, Brady said he played Jordan almost 39 minutes a game this season without too much worry.

"Ideally, I'd prefer his minutes to be at 30 or 32," he said. "Like all terrific competitors, Jared would prefer to be in, and we're most productive when he's in the game. His fitness level is very high so he can play the whole game."

Jordan managed to stay healthy in Marist's last two games, victories against Niagara and at Fairfield, racking up 29 points and 18 assists against six turnovers. Jordan led the NCAA in assists per game with 8.7. He also tallied 16.1 points and almost five boards a game coming as a bonus.

Brady said that without a doubt, Jordan is the most important player to his team in the MAAC.

"Jared's play has been ... it's hard to find words to describe

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